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Dear Dr. Peeples

I am writing you at the suggestion Joannae Harley. Joanne informs me that you are one of the top historians of the Robert (Robart, Roberts) family. I have been trying for some time to run down the source(s) of the following chart:

Jean Robert and Elizabeth Margaret Dixon m. 1730  
| { 1750-1826 }  
s/o Joannae deBourdeau (Robert)  
John Robert (1742-1826)

Abraham Robert (b.1721 French Santee, SC, d. 1757 Georgetown District)  
m. Elizabeth Shepart (Shepard) b. abt 1721 SC, Died Aug 14, 1785 Georgetown  
daughter of William Shepard  
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John Abraham Robarts b. Feb. 2, 1741/2  
Abraham Roberts b. 1745 Georgetown Dist, SC  
Zachariah Roberts  
David Robarts

What I do know is that Elizabeth Married James Shepard of PonPon, Colleton Co., SC prior to 1752 (they had a son Thomas Shepard, b. 9 Nov. 1752 - Shepard Family Bible), that only John Roberts and Thomas Shepard are named in James Shepard's will (probated by Elizabeth Shepard in 1759) and that only John Roberts and Thomas Shepard are named as sons in her will probated in Liberty County, Georgia by Francis Brown.

I would like to find written documentation (not a listing) as I expect it to help me solve some mysteries about Elizabeth Shepard such as "Who is William Shepard?" I do not believe he is her husband but he is found in the membership of Midway Congregational Church (as is John Roberts, Elizabeth Shepard, the Lambrights, and Thomas Shepard's family) I do know that Thomas Shepard was the executor of William Shepard's estate and married his widow. I think William Shepard may have been his paternal uncle but have no proof. I would also like to find documentation that she did die in Georgetown district SC not Liberty Co. Georgia.

Reading between the lines about the Robarts line of Robert's in "Three Pioneer Rapides Families", I wonder if Elizabeth was married to Abraham, the son of Elias, rather than Abraham, the son of Jean Robert. I also strongly suspect that her husband died in

Colleton Co. rather than Georgetown District as, as a widow, she married a resident of Colleton Co. We do know that there were Robert(s) in PonPon during this time.

I have in my genealogical collection, Our Family Circle, "Pioneers", and Stanley Barnhill's study of both the Shepherd and Robert(s) Families. I also have a photo-copy of James Shepard's will from the S.C. Historical Archives. Barnhill raises the same questions but I have very little confidence in his "answers" though his original documentation is outstanding. I do know that in the Shepherd materials that he had a William from another family marrying the wife of Thomas Shepard's son, William Shepard, so I do know that his guesses are sometimes wrong. Though I think he may be correct in surmising that some Robert genealogists combined two Abrahams (both, perhaps, descendents of Pierre Robert) into one person.

Any help you can give me in untangling this mystery would be quite appreciated. I am a direct descendent of the above mentioned Thomas Shepard (son of James and Elizabeth Shepard, half-brother to John Roberts – Robarts).

Thank you for any help, or any insights, you may be able to provide  
With best wishes,



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