

Mary Martin

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Greensboro, N. C.
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Dear

The purpose of this letter is to give you a bit of information on those segments of your family on which I have been at work for some time.

Our granddaughter, Josephine Eagle Banner, is now a member of the Earl of Shaftesbury Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century. Her application, submitted on the Moore-Page line, was accepted by the Registrar of the chapter and the Registrar General of the national organization without a change or even a question.

Josephine, upon admission, asked the Registrar General to keep her record open. That is to say, available.

To come to the point, if you should at this time or any time in the future want the officially verified data on your Moore-Page line, all that you need do is to make the request of

Registrar General
Colonial Dames of XVII Century
1765 D Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

You would, of course, use Josephine's name and number, which is 236-5081, and pay a nominal fee for copying and postage.

That record meets the genealogical requirements of the Colonial Dames of America as well as those of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century. Both orders (on Josephine's papers as they are now recorded in Washington) will accept as your ancestor either Col. John Page or Walter Chiles I. Both men were members of the royal Council in the dominion of Virginia in the 1600's.

Josephine's table begins with her father, C. W. Banner, Jr.;
Son of Dr. C. W. Banner;
Son of William Martin Banner;
Son of Virginia Moore Banner (wife of John Banner of Bannertown, Surry County, North Carolina);
Daughter of Mary (Polly) Martin Moore, (wife of William Moore, Stokes County, North Carolina and daughter of William Martin.)

There are, as you probably know, Martins and Martins in North Carolina. Your William Martin was a brother of the cavalierly John Martin of the famed Stokes County Rock house and of General Joseph Martin for whom Martinsville, Virginia was named.

Your Moore line goes to Matthew Moore, whose brick house, built in 1800, stands today on Mulberry Road in Stokes County. Matthew's father was John Moore of Albemarle County, Virginia, a friend of Peter Jefferson and a guardian of Peter's son, Thomas Jefferson.

When at Williamsburg, take a look at the Page coat of arms in the vestibule of Bruton Parish church. Your ancestor, Colonel John Page, donated the land for church and churchyard of Bruton Parish's first church. The tombstone of Nathaniel Page is in the Page graveyard in

Abingdon Parish also bears the arms. The same arms mark the tomb of Francis Page in the church of St. Mary of the Blessed Virgin at Bedford in Middlesex County, England. The manor house of Pate's manor, standing near the little ancient Norman church of St. Mary, was once the home of your Pages. This manor house, built in the sixteenth century, is in good condition and occupied. The town of Bedford is less than twenty-five miles from London.

To those who are interested in the Page arms, a print in color, neatly framed, may be obtained for \$20.00 from the Universal Heraldic Studios, Box 277, Charlotte, North Carolina.

As you well know, you have a wonderful heritage from the Banners and McAnallys. You and your children may join the D.A.R. or the S.A.R. on the services of either Captain Charles McAnally or Joseph Banner. I can supply data for your eligibility. Mrs. Irene Freye, 5804 Bramble Road, Cincinnati, 27, Ohio, is taking the Banner line beyond Henry Banner who came to Stokes County from Pennsylvania in 1750.

W. Wade Smith, 3008 on Second Road, North, Arlington, Virginia, is now at work on your Roberts and Davis lines.

Irene and Wade are both natural born genealogists. We may expect results. Now who among us will follow up the Whitlocks? Dr. Banner has the Whitlock Bible and can give anyone who undertakes the study a start.

Affectionately and with every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

Elizabeth

Mrs. Charles W. Banner, Sr.