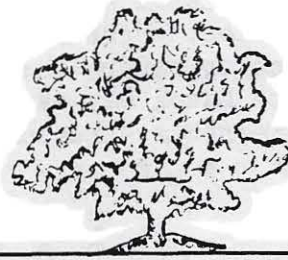


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CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

As new Editor of "The Chestnut Tree" and Publicity Chairman for the Pierre Chastain Family Association, I want to personally thank the officers of the Association for the tremendous job they are doing.

I met our President, J. E. Chastain, at the reunion and I was impressed with his sincerity and his deep belief in what the Association was trying to do. He admits he's "new at this sort of thing" but he wants to help in whatever way he can.

And you wouldn't believe the workload Geraldine Buland has been carrying as our Secretary-Treasurer. She could sure use some help. She and her husband, Joe, planned the Chastain Reunion on September 5th and both worked hard to get things ready. This was in addition to her already burdened schedule. Any volunteers?

Elby F. Bowman, our genealogist, has also been carrying quite a workload. In addition to the research he does for the Association, he put out the first three issues of "The Chestnut Tree" and he has made Family Group Sheets on every Chastain family he's come across. He brought eight volumes

of these worksheets to the Reunion so that everyone would have a chance to see them. He informed me he had almost as many volumes at home as those he brought.

I think the Association is lucky to have officers of this caliber working in behalf of its members. Loyce Coolidge

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

We would like to thank the following members who have made contributions to the Association during the past year:

Elby and Pauline Bowman, Virginia Duff Calk, Mrs. Louise H. Chastain, Lowell B. Chastain, Fredda C. Cremean, Helen Ingle Ezell, Bess C. Forney, Mrs. A. V. McGown, and Helen F. Sanders.

DUES REMINDER

If you have received four issues of "The Chestnut Tree," it is time to renew your membership dues. According to our by-laws, our dues are renewable on the Reunion anniversary which is the Sunday before Labor Day.

ANCESTRY

One who boasts of his ancestry praises another.

(Seneca, "Hercules Furens.")

The Pierre Chastain Family Association welcomes all Chastain descendants and invites them to join our organization. Membership fees are \$5.00 annually, payable upon joining and renewable on or before the date of our annual reunion which is scheduled for the Sunday before Labor Day each year. Members will receive "The Chestnut Tree." Write our Secretary-Treasurer for applications/information.

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PIERRE CHASTAIN FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

Twenty-seven members and guests of the Pierre Chastain Family Association met at Phelps Grove Park in Springfield, Missouri on 5 September 1976. It was well worth the effort to get there just to meet the people you've corresponded with for years.

Plan to join us next year. It will be held at the same place. Attendees this year were:

J. E. and Wanda Chastain, Geraldine and Joe Buland, Elby and Pauline Bowman.

Troy M. and Frances Chastain, Loyce Coolidge, Mrs. Dorothy McKinney Deck, Mary E. and John W. Fields, Mrs. Ruth Gaddy, Mrs. Effie B. Gay, Mary Chastain Hasty, Jon Keller, Mrs. W. L. Mills, Jane Per Lee and Dan Milner, Alice Per Lee Morrow, Pam and Martin R. Pace, Mary Foree and Dan Reinero, Mrs. Jeanne Short, Jane Wallace, and Lina Wills, editor of "Ozark Genealogy" in Springfield, Missouri.

NONAGENERIAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Flora Chastain Moody celebrated her 91st birthday in Victoria, Texas, at a party on Saturday, 14 August. Many of her relatives were present. Her parents were Nancy Margaret (Williams) and Elam Frazier Chastain. She was born in Henderson Crossroads (now Norrene), Tennessee. Her husband was the late Jesse Alexander Moody, Sr.

Present were Odes McFarland and Opal Lee Moody, Pete and Ada Moody, J. A. (Jr.) and Willa Moody, Peggy Hurdle, O. T. Cunningham, Loyce Coolidge, Jeanne Nelson and Susan, Shirley Shanks, John and Judy Shanks, Carolyn and D.E. Roberson and Karen, Sherry and Charles Sherman; her sister Angie Smith with her grandson and his family, Ross Smith, Nannie Belle and Dick Harris; and friends including Harry Longuet.

"LITTLE OTTER TO LOST RIVER"

LITTLE OTTER TO LOST RIVER is a history of the Chastain family of Washington County, Indiana, compiled and privately printed by Claude E. Cook, 1976, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gene Cook has spent years of diligent research on the Chastain family. Copies of his book have been limited to the Washington County Historical Society, Salem, Indiana; Indiana State Library Genealogical Division, Indianapolis, Indiana; and the Pierre Chastain Family Association which our genealogist, Elby Bowman, has in his possession. This work consists of a short history and genealogy of Pierre Chastain, the immigrant and his sons John, Peter (Jr.) and Rene, and thence to descendants of William and Sary/Sara Chastain of Franklin County, Virginia, and Washington and Scott Counties, Indiana.

Our thanks to Gene Cook for his very fine work of compiling LITTLE OTTER TO LOST RIVER and for his contribution of a copy of his book to our Association.

CHASTAIN REUNION

(Reprint from "The Miller Press," August 26, 1976)

The seventh annual Chastain Reunion was held Sunday, August 8, at the Mt. Vernon Park.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Pennington, Anthony and David Hill, Mrs. Earl Chastain, Wilma, Kathy and Arlene, Mike and Linda Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. David Kilmer and children, of Miller; Lloyd Dodson, Senatobia, Miss; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dodson, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chastain and Linda, Lee's Summit; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ogden and family, Mrs. Oma Morris and Norma, Mrs. Edna Pennington, Debbie and Carmen Fuget, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chastain, Marvin Chastain and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson and family, Carthage.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Henry and family, Susan Chandler and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hill, Mt. Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Elgar Liles, Mrs. Pearl Chastain and Agnes, Mrs. Bonnie Myers, and Mrs. Bonnie Mullet, Springfield; Mrs. Lela Cochran and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chastain, Henry Chastain, Jerry Jennings, Kansas City, Mo.; Pauline Clevenger, Ginger Cannady, Mr. and Mrs. Linzy Chastain, Belton; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hibner and family, Pleasant Hill; Betty Dodson, Delores Cannady, Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, Robbie Sewell, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill and Kevin, Peculiar; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Delzell, Seymour; Melvin Morris and sons, Neosho.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Chastain, Nevada; Worth Chastain, Anita, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duzan, Lamar; Richard Wegnar, Palo Alto, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chastain and children, and Elizabeth Chastain, Freeman; Henry Roller, Walnut, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson, Oakland, Iowa; Mrs. Mag Hill, and Mrs. Nina Foust, LaRussell; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chastain and family, Independence; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fergus and children, Kansas City, Kans; Mr. and Mrs. Joe White and family, Republic; Brad Bodenhammer, Drexel; and Mrs. Karen Erwin and children, Fair Grove.

APPLICATION FORMS

Completed application forms are needed to complete our records from the following members. Please complete the forms and return them to the Secretary-Treasurer.

CHASTAIN, Flora	CHASTAIN, Troy M.
CHASTAIN, J. Erskine	CHASTAIN, Wilton
CHASTAIN, Ola	DINGMAN, Adina
CHASTAIN, Paul	EZELL, Helen Ingle
CHASTAIN, Raymond E.	MILLER, Nina C.
	PACE, Martin B.

OUR EMIGRANT ANCESTORS

(Continued from Vol. I, No. 3)

As mentioned in "The Chestnut Tree," Vol. I, No. 2, April 1976, Dr. P. M. Agee in his "The Agee Family," published 1937, states that Mary Ann Chastain, daughter of John Francis Chastain and Frances Jane Reno or Regnault, married Daniel Isaac Faure.

The "Widow Faure," born ca 1652, probably in the Province of Berri, France, came to Virginia with the Huguenot Immigration in the first ship "The Mary and Ann," along with most of the French Huguenots to Manakin Town, Virginia, in 1700. Issue:

1. Pierre Faure, b. ca 1680 St. Severe, Province of Berri, France, married (1) Mary Elizabeth Agee, daughter of Anthony Agee and Judith Chastain. He married (2) Judith _____. Some say she was Judith Godwin, daughter of Isaac and Ann Godwin; others say she was Judith Bingli, daughter of Joseph and Judith Bingli. He and his wife and one child came over on the ship "Le Nassua." (Brock's "Huguenot Emigration to Virginia," p. 31.)

2. Daniel Faure, b. ca 1682, St. Severe, France, married Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson, widow of William Hudson, who died in 1701. ("The Huguenot," No. 8, 1935-1937, p. 186.)

*3. John Faure, b. ca 1684 St. Severe, France, married Mrs. Mary Martin, widow of John Martin and daughter of Walter Scott and Ursula Goode. ("The Huguenot," No. 8, p. 187). This John Martin was a brother to Judith Gevedon, nee Martin, who married Rene Chastain, Sr., as her second husband.

4. Rhoda Ann Faure, b. ca 1686, St. Severe, France, married, as his second wife, Jean Pierre Bondurant. ("The Chestnut Tree," Vol. I, No. 3, July 1976)

5. Daughter Faure, b. ca 1688, St. Severe, France, whose name or additional information is unknown to us. Perhaps she died shortly after arriving in Virginia. That there were two girls is proven by the entry "A List of the Refugees who are to receive of ye miller of Falling Creek Mill one bushel a head of Indian meale monthly as settled at or about King William Town to begin in Feb. 1700(1701)." which lists "Ffaure, his brother and 2 sisters. (Brock: p. 26)

*NOTE: "The Huguenot," (No. 8, p. 180) mentions "the widow Faure and her four children," and goes on to state (p. 186) that "John Fore, whom we now find to have been the son of Daniel Fore, the elder, was presumed to be another of her sons," and then goes on to credit this John Fore as being the son of Daniel, Sr. Be it remembered, as stated above, that Pierre Faure came over separately from the "Widow Faure, she having come over on the "Mary and Ann," whereas Pierre came over on the "Le Nassua." That Pierre Faure (Peter Ford) Sr., had a brother, John, is established by the following: "Conveyance from Peter Ford, Snr., King William Parish, Goochland County, planter, 7 March 1728, to my dear and well beloved brother John Ford of the Parish of St. James, county afsd., 150 acres of land in sd. Parish of St. James." (Recorded 18 March 1728, Book 1, page 66.) (See "The Huguenot," No. 7, 1933-1935, p. 193). The Faure name has been carried down as Fore, Ford, Foree.

Elby F. Bowman
(to be continued)

"CHASTAIN FAMILIES OF MANAKIN"

By Cameron Allen, published in Vol. 39, December 1963 in "THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST." (Continued from Vol I, No. 3, "The Chestnut Tree.")

M. Burckard points out that even though these entries came from the Roman Catholic registers, the use of certain Biblical font names, such as Isaye, Elie, and Judith, revealed very clearly a Protestant background of those so named. Unfortunately, he located no records which place Estienne Chastain of Virginia, although it is interesting to note that the name Estienne was used among the Chastains at Vesc.

M. Avezou of the Dauphiné Archives at Grenoble located a couple of items referring to certain of these Chastains at Vesc: A will of 8 Jun 1687 which mentions the widow and heir of "Sr. Helie Chastain, bourgeois du lieu de Vesc, en Dauphiné" (Archives de l'Isère, III.E.1092/2, fo. 80 v^o, minutaire Rosset). Observe that Elie Chastain, aged 80, had been buried 10 Dec 1686. Mention is again made of this widow of Elie or Helie Chastain, whose goods were bid in by another Claude Chastain, "habitant dudit Vesc," in the sales which were held to dispose of the abandoned property of Huguenot fugitives in 1688 (Registre de procès-verbaux d'enchères pour les baux des biens de rellionnaires fugitifs, Judicature de Die, Archives de l'Isère, II.C.997).

Estienne Chastain fled apparently to the British Isles, for on 14 May 1699 "Estienne Chatain" took the oaths of supremacy and allegiance to the British Crown in the Court of King's Bench, required of those seeking to take advantage of "An Act for encouragement of Protestant strangers to settle in this Kingdom of Ireland" (4 Wm. III, Chap. II: 1692) (Huguenot Society of London, Publications, 18:353). Despite the

common occurrence of the name Chastain, and the possibility that this was another Estienne Chastain, it is felt that the chances are rather good that this was the Estienne Chastain who settled the next year in Virginia, for among the subscribers under the same act were Jean Morriset, Anthoine Maton, Antoine Rapine, and Francois (De) Clapie, all of which names occur at Manakin Town in 1700 (ibid., 18:350, 351, 353).

Estienne Chastain seems to have been a single man on his arrival in America (Ship List, Mary and Ann, VHS, Collections, n.s. 6:65-67). He and two other single men, Jonthier and Farcy, are lumped together in the Falling Creek Miller's List of February 1700/1 (ibid. n.s., 5:26). On the other hand, Byrd on 10 Nov 1701 lists "Steph. Chastaine and his wife" in the colony (ibid., n.s. 5:45). If these three lists are accurate, then Estienne married (1st) ca 1701 Marthe _____. On 10 Jun 1714 Stephen Chastiane was granted 280 acres, and on 16 Jun 1714 he patented 138 acres (Virginia Patent Bk. 10, pp. 295, 298). On 17 Aug 1720 another 37 acres was granted him (ibid., 11:46), and on 5 Sep 1723, 200 acres and 219 acres "joining to the land where he now lives" (ibid., 11:247, 248). Further patents to him followed on 2 July 1730 of 400 acres and a second 400 acres; on 28 Sep 1730, 400 acres; and on 5 Jun 1736 he patented an amalgamation of several of the preceding tracts totaling 544 acres, only 36 of which were newly granted (ibid., 13:464, 465, 494; 17:106).

The King William Parish records contain frequent reference to Estienne Chastain. In 1710 he helped in the construction of the church edifice. In 1713 he was paid for a bottle of wine which he brought from "Willmsbourg." On 25 Aug 1718 he was elected to the vestry, and on 20 Apr 1720 Church Warden for the year. He was elected to a second one-year term as Church Warden, 28 Aug 1728.

On 24 Oct 1730 the vestry "agreed with Francoi Jams that he build a church. The church wardens and Louy Soblet and Estienne Chastain were appointed to make a contract with the carpenter next Saturday." Indicative of the esteem which he enjoyed in the eyes of his fellow vestrymen was the appointment of "Mr. Estiene Chastain....to go and present to Mr. the Governor a petition to fix the boundary of our parish of King William. He was promised 4 shillings per day." On 18 Aug 1733 he was again elected to a year's term as church warden. (KWP Vestry Bk., VMHB, 11:300, 438; 12:28, 243, 375, 380; 13:68-69, 73.)

Estienne Chastain's first wife Marthe _____, whom he had married apparently in Virginia ca 1701, died 24 Dec 1725, aged 52 or 53 years. They were childless. In 1726 he married (2nd) Marthe Dupuy, daughter of Bartholomew Dupuy. (Benj. H. Dupuy, The Huguenot Bartholomew Dupuy and His Descendants, Louisville, 1908, p. 179, gives her mother as "the Countess Susanna Lavillon." Passing over the question of nobility, it is not without point to mention that Bartholomew Dupuy's son Jean-Jacques Dupuy is known to have married Susanne LeVillain of Manakin Town, and as the identification of Bartholomew's wife is by sources of tradition only, there seems every likelihood that some Dupuy descendant remembered the Susanne Le Villain name and in its slightly mangled form Susanna Lavillon and assigned her to the prior generation.

Stephen Chastain made his will 10 Jan 1732/3, the probate thereof taking place 21 Aug 1739 (Goochland Deeds and Wills, 3:236). In it he mentions only his wife Martha and his daughter Mary Magdalen Chastain. His death must have occurred between 7 Apr 1739 when he attended his last vestry meeting (VMHB, 13:182) and 10 Jul 1739 when his widow Marthe had a black baptized (VHS

Collections, n.s., 5:98). The vestry minutes of 20 Aug 1739 refer to the fact that "The late Mr. Chastain left by will to the poor of the parish of King William" E5 (VMHB, 13:183). His widow Marthe did not long survive him. Her will, made 23 Apr 1740, probated 20 May 1740, mentions "my daughter M(ary) Magdelane Chastain" and "My brothers Peter Dupuy, J. James Dupuy and John Lavilain Junr my brother-in-law" (Goochland Co., Va., Deeds and Wills, 3:285; set out in full in Dupuy, The Huguenot Bartholomew Dupuy, pp. 152-4). Inventory of the estate included "A parcel of French books" (VMHB, 7:301). Though secondary sources have referred to Estienne Chastain as "Dr." this appellation almost certainly belonged to Pierre Chastain, not Estienne.

Issue of Estienne and Marthe (Dupuy) Chastain:

- E 2. i. Marie Magdelaine Chastain, b. 23 Aug 1727, godparents being Mr. Barthelmie Dupuy and Mar(the?) Dupuy his wife (KWP Register, in VHS Collections, n.s., 5:79).
- ii. _____ Chastain (a boy), b. 3 Nov 1728, bp. 27 Dec 1728, godparents being Guillaume Sallé and Elizabeth Sallé (*ibid.*, 5:81); d. before Jan 1732/3.
- iii. Estienne Chastain, fils, b. 1 Mar 1729/30, bp. 12 Apr 1730, sponsors being Jean Jacques Dupuy, the child's uncle, Estienne Farcy, the child's cousin, and Philippe Dupuy (*ibid.*, 5:83); d. before Jan 1732/3.

E 2. Marie Magdalaine Chastain, b. 23 Aug 1727 in King William Parish, was married (1st) bond dated 19 Apr 1742, in Goochland County, to James Cocke, b.

ca 1719, son of James Powell and Martha (Herbert) Cocke (William and Mary Quarterly, 1:7:99). Cocke died in Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg Co., Va., leaving a will dated 30 Apr 1753, probated 3 Jul 1753 (Lunenburg Co., Va., Will Book 1:96) The will mentions his daughters Martha and Elizabeth and his sons James, Chastain, and Stephen.

Issue of James and Marie Magdalaine (Chastain) Cocke:

- i. Chastain Cocke, b. 13 Nov 1743 (VHS Collections, n.s., 5:104); m. Judith Archer.
- ii. James Powell Cocke, d. 13 Jan 1829; m. (1) 29 Nov 1767 Elizabeth Archer (who d. s.p.); m. (2) Sep 1777 Luch Smith.
- iii. Stephen Cocke, named for his maternal grandfather; m. Jane Segar Eggleston of Amelia County, Va.
- iv. Martha Cocke, m. William Cannon, of Buckingham Co., Va.
- v. Elizabeth Chastain Cocke, m. Henry Anderson of Amelia Co., Va.

A few months after Cocke's death, his widow Marie Magdalaine married (2nd) 17 Jan 1754 to Peter Farrar, b. 6 Jun 1730. They settled in Amelia County, Virginia.

They had issue (VMHB, 9:323; 10:87):

- vi. John Farrar, b. 8 Nov 1754; m. 1 Apr 1775 Rebecca Warthen
- vii. Judith Farrar, b. 31 Apr 1756
- viii. Mary Farrar, b. 1 Dec 1757; d. 31 Jan 1758
- ix. Mary Farrar II, b. 20 Aug 1759; d. 5 Oct 1765
- x. Samuel Farrar, b. 23 Aug 1762;

d. 6 Apr 1818; m. Betty, dau. of Richard and Mary (Chubb) Eggleston

- xi. Rebecca Farrar, b. 28 Dec 1764; m. Robert Porterfield of Augusta Co., Va.

THE CHASTAIN FAMILIES OF MANAKIN TOWN IN VIRGINIA -- continued in Vol. 40, No. 1, January 1964 THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST -- by Cameron Allen

1. "Pierre Chastain, sa femme et cinq enfants" were among the 207 French and Swiss passengers who embarked 19 Apr 1700 on the ship Mary and Ann of London, George Haws, Commander, which arrived at the mouth of the James River on 23 July 1700 after a passage of thirteen weeks (Virginia Historical Society, Collections, n.s., v. 6, pp. 65-67). The name of this first wife of Pierre Chastain who accompanied him across the Atlantic is not at present known to us; she appears to have been one of the group who died during the first winter in this strange land, their new home at Manakin Town, for in the "List of the Refugees Who Are to Receive of ye Miller of Falling Creek Mill one Bushel a Head of Indian Meale Monthly as Settled at or about King Williams Town to begin in ffeb. 1700" (1700/1: this last a charitable undertaking by their English neighbors to relieve their suffering), only "Chalaine & 5 children" are listed (ibid., v. 5; Chalaine clearly meant to be "Chataine," the common north French spelling of Chastain(e)). A total of six persons, hence no wife. In all probability, several of Pierre's motherless children shortly succumbed to the rigors of frontier Virginia life. William Byrd's "List of Ye French Refugees That Are Settled Att Ye Mannachin Town," dated 10 Nov 1701, enumerates "Mr. Peter Chalin, his wife & 3 chil'n" (ibid., v. 5, p. 45). This would indicate that Pierre lost

little time in contracting his second marriage. It is interesting to observe that Pierre Chastain was one of only five men among the 100 adult males in the settlement at this time whom Byrd chose to dignify by the title of "Mr.", the others being the two clergymen, De Joux and Philippe; one of the organizers of the settlement, Charles Saille; and the other magistrate, Nicod.

On "24th Octbr 1701 Upon Representation made, that ye french Protestants at ye Mannikin Town & Parts Adjacent want some to rule & govern them in all Causes, and Upon all Occasions, Ordered That Mr. Chalin & Mr. Abraham Nicod be Impowered Comissioned & authorized by his Excy to Rule & Govern them ye aforesd french Refugees Inhabiting at ye Mannikin Town & ye Parts Adjacent in all Causes both Civill & Military, And According to such rules, Orders & Methods, as his Excy shall think fitt consonant & Agreeable to ye Lawes of England & of this his Majties Colony & Dominion of Virginia." (Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia, 2:209). Several months later the French were still without their magistrates, and on "March ye 12th 1701/2 His Excellency acquainted the honble Council that he had been lately at Manikin Town where he had received several Petitions from the French Refugees inhabiting there relating to private differences amongst themselves, upon consideration whereof it is thought absolutely necessary that some Persons be appointed as Magistrates to govern the said Refugees and determine such cases, Therefore Ordered that pursuant to a former order of Council dated the 11th of November 1701 the honble William Byrd, Edmund Jenings and Benja Harrison Esqrs. and Mr. Benja. Harrison Council for the King do meet with all convenient speed, and draw up and prepare Mr. _____ Chalin and Mr. Abraham Nicod to execute such powers and authority as by the above recited

order is directed" (ibid., v. 2, p. 227: "Chalin" is transcribed as "Chaltin" in the same passages set out in the Calender of State Papers, Colonial Series, v. 19, p. 744).

The Chastain referred to was definitely Pierre, not Estienne. At about this period the very interesting journal of a Swiss visitor to Manakin Town, Francis Louis Michell, records the following, sometime between 2 Oct 1701 and 1 Dec 1702: "At Manigkintown....On the following morning I visited two French Swiss, named Nicon and Betoit. The first is lieutenant of the place... The Captain or head of the place is a surgeon by profession named Chaltin, who had long resided at Ifferton (i.e., Yverdon, Canton Vaud, Switzerland: "Report of Journey of Francis Louis Michell from Berne, Switzerland, to Virginia," MS in the city library of Berne, originally published in Neues Berner Taschenbuch auf des Jahr 1898, translated by the Rev. William J. Hinke, and published in VMHB, 24:122). A footnote in the latter says that "Chaltin is probably identical with Stephen (Etienne) Chastain." This is certainly in error; Chaltin was Pierre Chastain.

In the first place, while secondary sources have repeatedly referred to Etienne Chastain as "Dr." the contributor has been unable to locate a single contemporary source which thus denominates him. On the other hand, a couple of Virginia records do refer to Pierre as "Dr." On 20 Mar 1731 (subsequent to his death, it is true) James Robinson deeded land to John Twitty "bounded by the land of Doctor Peter Chastain" (Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, Wills, &c., 1:316). Then in the accounting made of the estate of Antoine Trabue on on "Dec. ye 8th 1727" the list of creditors includes "Doctor Chastaine, Stephen Chastain, John Chastaine" (Henrico Co., Va., Deeds and Wills, 1725-1737, p. 180). This wording

would seem to indicate that the Doctor was not Stephen.

Next, when we examine the censuses made of the Refugees in the Canton of Vaud in the 1690s (the residence of "Chaltin" at this period according to F. L. Michell) we find no Etienne Chastain (Chaltin) listed. We do find, however, in the "Dénombrément de 1693" for the Baillage de Vevey (not Yverdon, about twenty miles to the northwest; Michell could well have been that far off in his information on the residence in Vaud of this chance acquaintance of his) "Pierre Chatin, avec un valet," a native of Berry ("Les Dénombréments Generaux de Refugies au Pays de Vaud et a Berne, a la Fin de XVIIe siecle," Societe de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Français, Bulletin, 82:217). The 1696 Census lists for the "Ville de Vevey," "Sr Chattin, sa fme et cinq enf." (ibid., 85:52), and the "Denombrément de 1698" (taken 9 Sep 1698) finds at the same place under the occupational breakdown of "Appoticaire et Chirurgiens," "Pierre Chatain, 35 a(ns) de Charro (Charost) en Berry, chirurg. sa fme, et 5 enf." (ibid., 88:339). The increase in his family size between 1693 and 1696 from "avec un valet" to a wife and five children seems a spectacular one, but as Dr. Olivier says, by this time he had "been rejoined by his family" who were evidently elsewhere in 1693 (Dr. Eugene Olivier, Médecine et Santé dans le Pays de Vaud au xviiié Siecle, 1675-1798, Lausanne, 1939, v. 2, p. 883). Olivier in his "Appendice I: Lists des Paticiens," gives "Pierre Chatin (Chattin, Chatain), chirurgien et perruquier, réfugié, de Charon or Charro en Berry (Charost, Cher). En Mai 1690 it est recu a Vevey, admis a pratiquer comme les autres réfugiés." We get a glimpse of the rudeness of the profession to which Chastain was called from the very combination of skills, "chirurgien et perruquier," the former being etymologically the

origin of our word "surgeon," linked with "perruquier," here meaning not wig-maker but barber. This is a forceful reminder that surgery grew out of the trade of barbering and that at this period there was a natural alliance between the two.

After giving information from the three Refugee Censuses of Vaud on Pierre Chastain, in 1693, 1696, and 1698 Dr. Olivier lost track of him. This fits perfectly with the arrival of Pierre Chastain in America in 1700. It accords with Michell's description about 1701/2 of "Chaltin" the surgeon of Manakin Town as having resided in Canton Vaud; and it is in agreement with the fleeting references we have later to "Dr. Peter Chastain." To cap the matter of the identification of the two, we find that the tithe lists of King William Parish in 1730 and subsequently account for a negro slave belonging to Pierre's eldest son Jean Chastain bearing the distinctive name "Charo." When one first encounters this unusual name, he tends to assume that it is an example of the retention of his African name by a newly imported slave (of which the King William Parish records give several examples). Charo has, in fact, been listed, along with Yama and Limbo, as "perhaps African importations" (VMHB, 12:382). However, when one learns that the place of nativity of Pierre Chastain was "Charo" (i.e., Charost) in the Province of Berry, the conclusion is unescapable that the Chastains in a moment of nostalgia saw fit to remember their distant homeland by christening a slave child with the name of the beloved hometown which had no room for the Protestant likes of them.

It follows that Pierre Chastain came from Charost in the former Province of Berri, now in the Département du Cher, very nearly in the dead geographical center of France. A letter to M. Jean-Yves Ribault, Directeur des

Services d'Archives Departementales du Cher et de l'Ancienne Province de Berri, at Bourges, France, elicited the following very kind and enlightening reply:

"Pierre Chastain was very probably from Charost, as the Swiss Archives declare. I have searched to find a trace of this person in the Archives of my Department. My research has unhappily not given all the results which I had hoped to transmit to you....There were many Chastain families at Charost, who have given many notaries to the town (Jean, Jacques, Etienne, Moise); there were also merchants and vineyardkeepers of the same name there. I suppose with some likelihood that these families Chastain established at Charost descended from a notary Chastain, who in the days following St. Bartholomew (the massacre of the Protestants on 24 Aug 1572) had to undergo in Bourges the excesses of the Catholics. It is known that his house in Bourges was pillaged and sacked on that occasion. It is probable that, fearing for his life, he fled from Bourges and installed himself with his family at Charost. An Etienne Chastain is recorded as notary at Charost from 1579 on. Later the Chastain family divided into many branches. The Catholic registers (l'Etat-Civil Catholique) mention them very rarely, as one would expect, because we are dealing with heretics. To my knowledge there was no (Protestant) Temple at Charost. The Protestants of the place had to go to see their pastor at Bourges or at Issoudun. Unhappily the archives of the Temple at Bourges never reached us; those of Issoudun, if they exist, would be at the Archives Departementales de l'Indre."

M. Ribault's unfamiliarity with the existence of a Temple at Charost is not to be wondered at, for in the most complete list of Huguenot congregations in France ever compiled, Charost is not listed ("Liste des Églises Réformées avec Date de leur Fondation," Société

de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Français, Bulletin (1957), 103:37-59, 113-130, 200-216).

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QUERIES

CHASTAIN -- Mrs. Mary E. Fields, Rt. 1, Box 330, Kellyville, Oklahoma 74039. John Dillard Chastain (1870-1965), son of John Shelton Chastain (1833-1904), and Joseph Maxwell Chastain (1866-1953), son of William Edward Chastain (?); cousins(?) What relationship? Need info William Edward Chastain.

CHASTAIN, MOORE, ROBINS -- Robert W. Leishman, 6560 Upham Street, Arvada, Colorado 80003. Need info concerning vital statistics on William Chastain, b. Va., son of Robert Ransom Chastain and Magdalin Moore, who m. Diedeimer (probably Robins?) and lived in Kentucky and later Orange County, Indiana where he died in 1847. Diedeimer was b. in N. C. (probably Edgecombe Co.) Known children: James Madison b. 10 Oct 1815 Ky., William b. 30 Apr 1833 Ind., Isaac b. ca 1837 Indiana, Massy, Rachel?, Mary, Laura, and possibly others.

CHASTAIN, MOORE -- Robert W. Leishman, 6560 Upham Street, Arvada, Colorado 80003. Need information on birth date and place of Robert Ransom Chastain b. ca 1770 Va. who m. 21 Sep 1791 in Franklin Co., Va., to Magdalin Moore. Also need info about Magdalin. Robert Ransom Chastain was the son of Wm. and Sara Chastain of Franklin Co., Va.

CHASTAIN, ALLEN, BARNETT, STATON, ROBBINS -- Robert W. Leishman, 6560 Upham Street, Arvada, Colorado 80003. Need information on parentage of William Chastain and his wife Sarah of Franklin Co., Va. as early as 1782 (was in Henry Co., Va., until Franklin was cut off in 1786). Sarah could be an Allen or Barnett. They had sons: George Chastain who m. Rebecca Staton, Valentine m. Mary Robbins, Rene m. Massy Robbins. Was William the son of Pierre Chastain, Jr.?