

THE LE SERRURIER FAMILY AND THE GIGNILLIAT FAMILY

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Count Jacque LeSerrurier

A portrait of Jacques LeSerrurier that hangs in the home of James Jervey Ravenel, MD.

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COUNT JACQUES LE SERRURIER was a Huguenot who lived in France. Following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, he left France and settled at Charles Town, South Carolina. This was in 1685. One of the children of Count Le Serrurier and his wife (name unknown) was Susanne Le Serrurier. She married Jean Francois Gignilliat.

JEAN FRANCOIS GIGNILLIAT was born in Switzerland. In 1685, he left that country and settled on a grant of 3000 acres, located near Charles Town, South Carolina. Very likely Jean Gignilliat was a Huguenot, who, like Count Jacques Le Serrurier and Rev. Pierre Robert, came to South Carolina following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Jean Francois Gignilliat married Susanne Le Serrurier, daughter of Count Jacques Le Serrurier. He died in 1742. Jean and Susanne had the following children:

1. Abraham Gignilliat, who married Miss Smith. One of their children was John Gignilliat.

JOHN GIGNILLIAT, who married Mary Magdalen Dupree. One of their children was James Gignilliat.

JAMES GIGNILLIAT married Charlotte Pepper. One of their children was Mary Magdalen.

MARY MAGDALEN GIGNILLIAT married James Nephew. One of their children was Sarah Evelyn Nephew, who married Dr. Charles West, of Savannah, Georgia.

The Le Serrurier and Gignilliat families thus merged with the West family.