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MISS LILA CABANISS

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Miss Lila Cabaniss - Pioneer Artist
Supervisor Art & Teacher, (Ret.) Jackson Co. School
System (GA) - 1892-1947, Died 1969, Age 84
Savannah, Ga.



SAV. HGA. — Died 1939
Robert B. Cavanaugh, Jr.
Husband of (Age 21) MARIE L. WIEGAND
Great Grandson of Royal Gov. Alexander
Spotswood of Virginia at Williamsburg.
Son of Lucy Spotswood of
Spotsylvania Va. (Rich plantation
of the Rev. Charles E. Cavanaugh, Theology
U. VA.

ROBT BOLLING CAVANISS, SR.
Born: JAN. 17, 1884 Victoria, Tex.
Died: MARCH 11, 1939 SAV. H.

ACCOUNTANT ATLANTIC COAST. LINE R.R.,
SAV. H. GA.



24 W. Harris St.
Savannah, Ga. 31401
June 16, 1986

Dept. of Archives & History
330 Capitol Ave., S.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30334
attention: GAIL MILLER

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 1986, and the forms for ordering the pictures, etc. I will order later. Meanwhile, enclosed are: 2 pictures, one of my father + one of Miss Lila Cabanis, noted artist, both of whom are in the material for your vertical files which I sent you in March. please microfilm these & return them to me!

Enclosed are 6 pages of genealogy for the Department Archives to keep in the vertical files. They cover my ancestors from Henri Cabanis (CABANIS) one "S" in French, on to my granddaughter in Maine.

please file the material under CABANIS ^{GAR} & cross-reference in card file index WIEGAND and the SPOTSWOOD family. I will have more later on the Spotswood family genealogical sequence from Gov. Alexander Spotswood of Williamsburg, Va., etc., I will send it to you.

Thank you and with all good wishes, I am

A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY AND ROOTS OF THE
CABANISS FAMILIES DATING FROM 1700, THEIR
NAMESAKE FRENCH HUGUENOT HENRI (FRANCE AS
CABANIS) LANDING IN VIRGINIA; ROYAL GOV.
ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD OF VA.; GERMAN-MUSIC
NOTABLE JOHN WIEGAND OF HOMBERG TO DATE.

May 21, 1986
24 West Harris St.
Savannah, Ga. 31401
Charles Wiegand Cabaniss

hives

(1832) * 603 Randolph St.
(See attached CABANISS-ROBERTS HOME, Brochure, Huntsville, Ala.)
(Dr. Frances (Cabaniss) Roberts, ret. history prof., U. Ala.)

HENRI CABANISS, a French Huguenot, waded ashore at the mouth of the St. James River near Georgetown, Virginia, July 23, 1700, with a host of other Protestants pioneering a new frontier free from Religion and political persecution. Sword strapped to his waist, Cabaniss set out to conquer the adversities of the new world and establish his revered name in America. The goodsip MARY AND ANN had weathered many storms and months of hardships for all aboard.

Henri's son was MATTHEW CABANISS, born Prince George Co. Va., whose son was CHARLES CABANISS, born Amelia Co., Va., Dec. 22, 1773; died in Lunenburg Co., Va., 1815. Charles' son was SEPTIMUS CABANISS (middle initial "D") born 1807 at HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. Septimus was an attorney and Legislator from Madison Co., until 1861 when he became a colonel in the Intelligence Division of the Confederate Army. He died in 1891.

SEPTIMUS CABANISS had two sons, THE REV. CHARLES EUGENE CABANISS, Univ. Va., theology, born March 1, 1846, Huntsville, and ELBRIDGE QUERRY CABANISS, an Atlanta-Decatur, Ga., attorney.

REV. CHARLES EUGENE CABANISS on June 12, 1882, married LUCY SPOTSWOOD, who was born Huntsville, Ala., July 26, 1862, DIED Savannah, Ga. Dec. 20, 1938. MISS SPOTSWOOD was a direct descendant of ROYAL GOVERNOR ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD who served at Williamsburg, Virginia, from 1710-22. Born 1676, Spotswood was a colonel in the military of the Duke of Marlboro in England until chosen by King William III as Colonial Governor. He is credited with battling Blackbeard the-pirate to death south of Virginia shores. The Spotswood plantation was at Spetsylvania, Va. where he died in 1740. He had been knighted by the King as "Sir".

REV. CABANISS AND LUCY SPOTSWOOD CABANISS had one son, ROBERT BOLLING CABANISS, born Jan. 17, 1884, (died Savannah, Ga., March 11, 1939); and two daughters MARY and ELIZABETH CABANISS. The latter never married, Mary married Edward Lines of Mobile, Ala.) *Robert was an accountant, Acc. M.*

ROBERT BOLLING CABANISS June 4, 1919, married MARIE LOUISE WIEGAND, who was born Nov. 12, 1892, at Augusta, Ga., the youngest of two sons and five daughters born of PROF. JOHN WIEGAND and MARIE MAGDALENE (DOERING) WIEGAND, (born 1850 at Cassel, Germany). Prof. WIEGAND was born Homberg, Germany, 1841; son of Jacob and Lu Wiegand. (Another son was George Wiegand, born 1836) Homberg. Died New York 1912.

ROBERT AND MARIE WIEGAND CABANISS were married at her father's three-story brick house mansion at 24 W. Harris St., in historic old town Savannah, across from the Greene-Meldrim (Sherman's headquarters) block-long gothic home, now Parish House for St. John's Episcopal Church. (Robert-Marie and sons members).

PROF. WIEGAND, who died at the family home in 1923, was an eminent composer of more than 1,000 Sacred and secular musical works played throughout the world and sung in the five languages WIEGAND mastered. At age seven, John Wiegand was concertizing in Germany as a pianist and violinist prodigy. At 14, he was a violinist alongside his father Jacob, in the Berlin State Opera House Orchestra known as the Royal Opera of Europe. At 18 in 1859, John Wiegand sailed to New York and was one of the founding fathers of the first New York Symphony Orchestra. His brother, George, earlier was director of the Band-On-The-Mall in Central Park composed and taught, one of his pupils being famed bandmaster Edwin Francis Goldman. The Wiegands settled in Augusta, Ga., in later years, moving to Savannah in 1898. George's wife was Amelia Meyer.

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HISTORY - CABANISS/SPOTSWOOD/WIEGAND FAMILY

Prof. John Wiegand, Jr., B. Augusta 1875, D. Savannah 1954, was a concert pianist, organist and cellist and his father were 32nd Degree life members of the Masonic Lodges. The elder Wiegand composed much of the degree music for the Masonic Order in America. He played wood the *Patron of Richard Wagner in Germany.*

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT BOLLING CABANISS had two sons, Robert Bolling Cabaniss Jr., b. June 5, 1920, and CHARLES WIEGAND CABANISS, b. April 13, 1924, both in Savannah.

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Robert, Jr., a prodigy pianist, played a weekly half-hour program on WTOG Radio (only station) atop historic Hotel DeSoto in Savannah in 1932, "Bob", as he preferred, chose the classical-popular music style and at 17 was pianist, arranger for top-name, smooth orchestras throughout the nation. His hobby was "breeding" Kentucky horses and training them. He kept "Dolly" and "Bushy" at his cottage in Beech Island, S.C., in retirement. Out for a ride Dec. 31, 1963, a freak storm caused the horse to slip on ice against a tree in the forest, striking his head. He was found the next morning frozen to death in 16 degrees. He never married.

Charles Wiegand Cabaniss, articulate in the piano classics, chose a 30-year career in journalism from 1945, the Miami Daily News, Savannah Evening Press, Princeton, (NJ) Packet, public relations in New York, Palm Beach Post-Times, and 1960-75 (retirement) the Chicago Tribune and Tribune-owned Ft. Lauderdale News-Sentinel and United Press International as news writer-columnist at Palm Beach.

CHARLES WIEGAND CABANISS married MARVAE DOROTHY STUDER of Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 11, 1949. She was daughter of THOMAS BENEDICT STUDER and PEARLA WILK, b. Sept. 25, 1932, on the Stander Ranch at Canadian, Texas. Miss Studer while still in high school at Colorado Springs, won a college scholarship in drama at University of Colorado.

They had a daughter, DEBORAH SPOTSWOOD CABANISS, b. Oct. 23, 1950, and a son CHARLES WIEGAND CABANISS JR., b. Sept. 19, 1954, both at Palm Beach, Fla. Deborah resides at Smithtown, L.I., N.Y.

CHARLES WIEGAND CABANISS JR. married GINA A. NUTT July 29, 1979. They have a daughter JENNIFER LEE CABANISS, b. June 24, 1980, Bar Harbor, Maine. Charles, Jr. studied wildlife and fishery management at Unity College, Maine. "MISS" LILA MARGUERITE CABANISS, daughter of ELBRIDGE QUERRY CABANISS and FLORENCE LAROCHE, b. 1875, Savannah, started a teaching career at 17 with Chatham County School System, teaching high school, introducing art into the curriculum, and was supervisor of art studies for the system many years before retiring in 1947 after her 55-year career. She was co-founder of the Savannah Art Club and her paintings are among the collection of many major art galleries. She died in 1969 at 94. She never married. She had a sister, MARY, also an artist and teacher, and a brother OLIVER, a Charleston, S.C., attorney, (all deceased)

*THE 21 1/2 HARRIS ST. FAMILY RESIDENCE, AND ALL ITS BELONGINGS OWNED BY THE UNDERSIGNED, IN TIME WILL BE "THE JOHN WIEGAND MEMORIAL HOME / SPOTSWOOD-CABANISS WITH A SEPARATE MUSIC LIBRARY-ARCHIVES, AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC VIEWING AS AN HISTORIC PLACE OF SAVANNAH.

P.S. Please excuse the typewriter and its fingers!!!

Charles Wiegand Cabaniss

Signed: CHARLES WIEGAND CABANISS

(My special thanks to DOROTHY SCOTT JOHNSON, certified genealogist, at Huntsville.)

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DE

PHYSIQUE ET DU MORAL DE L'HOMME

ET

LETTRE SUR LES CAUSES PREMIÈRES

PAR

P.-J.-G. CABANIS

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HUITIÈME ÉDITION

AUGMENTÉE DE NOTES

ET PRÉCÉDÉE D'UNE NOTICE HISTORIQUE ET PHILOSOPHIQUE
SUR LA VIE, LES TRAVAUX ET LES DOCTRINES DE CABANIS

PAR L. PEISSE

A PARIS

CHEZ J.-B. BAILLIÈRE

MEMBRE DE L'ACADÉMIE ROYALE DE MÉDECINE
ET DE L'ÉCOLE DE MÉDECINE, 17

LONDRES, CHEZ H. BAILLIÈRE, 219, REGENT-STREET

1844

Please file under CABANIS.