

Athens, Georgia
February 4th 1953

My Dear Betty;

In Book G.G.G., pages 646-7-8-9, under date of September 28th 1784, in the Registry of Grants, in the state capitol in Atlanta, there will be found the record of the grant of twenty thousand acres of land (four grants of five thousand acres each) to Count D'Estaing, in recognition of his services to the American Colonies during the Revolution.

On the outskirts of Athens, Georgia, about three miles from town on the Danielsville road, there is a white marble monument, about two and a half feet wide and five feet high, bearing the following inscription;-

In Commemoration of

Count D'Estaing,

(Seal of the
(Daughters of Gallant French Ally of the Colonies during the
(of the
(American American Revolution, to whom the State of Georgia
(Revolution

in 1785 granted twenty thousand acres of this land

Department of
Natural Resources

Seal of the
State of
Georgia

Division of State
Parks, Historic
Monuments, Memorials

Elijah Clarke Chapter and Georgia Society, Daughters of
American Revolution

This land which ~~was~~ part of Franklin County (county seat Clarkesboro) subsequently became part of Jackson County. Later on this part of Jackson County became part of Oconee County. Subsequently it became part of Clarke County. It is now part of Clarke County.

We do not have the ^{exact} ~~exact~~ time that the following developments came about, but about the ~~turn~~ ^{turn} of the century, Count D'Estaing met and saw a good deal of a Madame Gouvain, who it seems had a good deal of property in the French colony of Martinique. At anyrate, D'Estaing swapped part of the lands granted to him by the State of Georgia to this Madame Gouvain. The land involved included the 1814 acres covered by the map which you sent me to identify. The monument ~~above~~ referred to is located on this tract. The map which you sent to me refers to the land as the same land which is covered in the will of Burrell Yerby. This will, as you will see from Mr Tolnas letter to me is found in the ~~records~~ ^{records} of Clarke County in Will Book, D, pages 100-04.

I am still endeavoring to find other interesting facts as regards this tract of land and if I can turn up anything on it I will advise you. I think however that I had best return the map to you, so there will be no change of its being misplaced. I am inclosing it herewith.

Love J.

It was badly torn, so I put on some tape to

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I note that you say that you are finding some interesting facts from the A.L.Hull's "Annals of Athens" I had a copy of this book but I can not locate it. I think that you will find in this book references to both Count D'Estaing and to Madame Gouvain. I am not sure of this however.

But the fact remains that the map that you sent covers 1814 acres of what is a rather interesting tract of land. If I find anything else about it I will advise you.

Now as regards the letter, signed by initials of some one now unknown, I am working on this. Cant promise anything, save as to who Henry Hull Jr was, but I've put out some inquires and expect to hear from them shortly.

I glad that you apparently had a very satisfactory trip to Savannah.

I'll keep in touch with you.

Lots of love.

Yours,

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I am enclosing letter from my friend O. J. Tolmas who is an attorney who has had occasion to deal with the lands shown by the map