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LAZARUS-CALDER CORRESPONDENCE

1842-1871¹

Many people confuse the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society, Inc. and the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc. The Society's purpose is to preserve the records and disseminate information about the people of the Lower Cape Fear while the Foundation works to promote and save the community's architectural heritage. Hopefully, the following article will demonstrate how both organizations can work in tandem to emphasize the importance of local history and preservation.

On May 26, 1967, the Foundation (HWF) contracted with Wake University² to carry the mortgage of the Lazarus House at 314 Grace Street. HWF recognized that this architecturally significant building, ca. 1817³ should be saved and held until a buyer could be found who would properly restore the property. In 1983 the City of Wilmington provided CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) workers who labored to prevent major structural damage.⁴ The Lazarus House is for sale and interested buyers can call (919) 762-2511 for further information.

The correspondence which follows is but a fraction of the many letters contained in the Lazarus-Calder Records on file in the LCFHS's Archives. Perhaps the publication of excerpts from this correspondence will not only reveal something of the personality and character of some of the first occupants of Lazarus House but provide another glimpse of Wilmington life in the Nineteenth Century.—D.C.C.

The December 16, 1802 *Gazette* carried a prominent advertisement promoting "the assorted goods" available from Mr. Aaron Lazarus. Ninety-four years later the *Weekly Messenger* quoted "Wilmington's walking encyclopedia"—Col. James G. Burr,⁵ who recalled Aaron Marks Lazarus (1771-1841), as a wealthy merchant of the 1830's, who did "a tremendous business with the West Indies . . . the first to establish a steam driven planing mill in partnership with Mr. John Allan Taylor."⁶ Col. Burr went on to characterize Lazarus as a "man of strictest integrity . . . splendid financial ability and fine judgement . . ."

Aaron Marks Lazarus was born in Charleston, South Carolina,⁷ the first child of Marks (1757-1835) and Rachel Benjamin (1762-1847) Lazarus. His father, a native Charlestonian, had fought in the American Revolution and been taken captive by the British after

the siege of Fort Moultrie. Both parents were buried in Charleston's old Hebrew Cemetery and Rachel Lazarus's tombstone noted that at the time of her death she left 173 descendants.

Aaron Marks married Esther Cohen,⁸ daughter of a wealthy Charleston merchant, on May 10, 1803, and the newlyweds moved to Wilmington. The first of their eight children, Gershon (1804-1868) was born eleven months-to the day-later. Benjamin (1805-1806), Phila Cohen (1806-1888), Rachel (1807-1883), Washington (1808-1831), Angelina Green (1809-1887), Maria Cecelia (1811-1872), Almira Emma (1814-1888) followed. In May of 1816, Aaron Lazarus bought the entire block between Third and Fourth Streets and Grace (then known as Mulberry) and Chestnut Streets and Grace (then known as Mulberry) and Chestnut Streets.⁹ Presumably the land was bought for a house site, but Esther died in November of the same year. By 1819 there were references to the impressive brick house in the Federal style¹⁰ on the Lazarus property where the widower Lazarus had moved with his seven children.¹¹

In 1821 Aaron married Rachel Mordecai of Richmond and four children followed: Marx Edgeworth (1822-1896), Ellen (1825-?), Mary Catherine (1828-?), and Julia (1830-1873). Family letters indicate that the 20's and 30's were happy years for the close knit family who lived in comfort. Nancy Reagan Ping's dissertation on Antebellum music in Wilmington refers to the wooded grove on the Lazarus house property as being the site for May Day festivities so it is easy to imagine children's laughter and song as a part of the house's past.

In 1841 Aaron Lazarus died while traveling in Virginia. He left no will and it appears that as a result of his death the house was abandoned, fortunes changed, and the children scattered. A letter in the deRosset¹² papers commented on the sad events:

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MEETING

Date: Sunday, October 23, 1983

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Place: Thalian Hall

Speaker: Mr. Tony Rivenbark

Topic: The James Adams Floating Theater (This is the famous "Show Boat" immortalized in the novel and musical.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since my last letter a great deal has occurred. A new slate of officers and directors has been elected and are already at work, eager to implement new projects within the framework of the new budget, but limited by meager funds, and the need for fuller membership participation.

Work in the Archives continues to go forward and has been enhanced by the volunteer service of Miss Merle Chamberlain, a retired professionally trained archivist.

Mr. James Robert Warren and his Incorporators' Garden committee have met several times and are excited at the prospect of having a nationally known consultant for period gardens prepare a garden plan; however, it is critical that money be raised to carry off the project in the proper manner.

It is also hoped that the Society will be in the position to contact with another consultant to assess the interior design and furnishing of the Latimer House, but this, too, will depend on acquiring adequate funds.

Mr. Robert Coleman III has met with considerable success in the membership campaign. A new computerized mailing process has resulted in members contributing more and the corporate campaign has been quite successful, but individual memberships are lagging. Please invite your friends to join and help bring former members back into the fold.

Once again Mr. Warren has put together an outstanding Candlelight Tour, which as you know, is the Society's big fund raiser, but the success of the event depends on volunteers. Please call Mrs. Scott at Latimer House 762-0492 and offer to lend a hand.

This year the Wassail Bowl will be given to raise money and to thank the property owners who participate in the tour. The benefit will be available for \$35 a person so we are hoping that more of our members will participate in this festive evening.

As we begin a new year with a realistic new budget it has become evident that in order to implement all our plans we will be operating at a deficit. In order to be in the black and to fund garden plans and hire the Latimer House consultant it is imperative that individual memberships increase and the Candlelight Tour and Wassail Bowl enjoy good turn out. Please help us to achieve those goals.

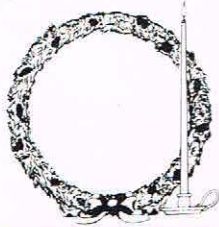
Not only do we need funds but we need volunteers. So many visitors now tour the house that it is impossible for Mrs. Scott to fulfill her administrative duties and conduct all the tours without volunteer assistance. Mrs. Donald Pike, Docent Chairman, has agreed to provide training and scheduling for volunteer tour guides. Please sign up to assist in this important phase of our work.

In summary, we are on our way to an exciting busy year, but the burden can not be carried by the Board alone. We need your help. Let us all work together!

Sincerely,
Frank Conlon

In Memoriam

Mrs. Louise Swann Bland
Mr. Albert F. Perry



**10th Annual Tour
OLD WILMINGTON
BY CANDLELIGHT**

December 10 and 11, 1983
4:00-9:00 P.M.

GIFTS AND LOANS TO THE SOCIETY

The Society gratefully acknowledges the following gifts and loans:

LOANS

From the H. G. Latimer Family: Original furnishings from the Zebulon Latimer house—two chairs, small sofa, and sewing table in the Rococo Revival style; Empire chest with mirror and double bed; oval marble top table; Latimer Coat of Arms by H. G. Latimer and a pastel portrait of Zebulon Latimer's sons H. G. and Edward Latimer.

From Mr. John Robert Lane, Jr.: Three mid 19th C. brass candlesticks and an engraving from the same period.

GIFTS

From Mr. James Robert Warren: cornshuck mat.

From Mr. James Robert Warren and Mr. John Robert Lane, Jr. given in memory of Mrs. Louise Swann Bland: one pair candlesticks, ca. 1845.

From Mr. Charles Woodward: cast iron coal grate, ca. 1852.

From Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cross: 19th C. hand towels, a pair of lace mits, and a Chinese silk shaw.

From Ms. Mary Lou Hurst: 19th C. pitcher.

From Mr. E. M. McEachern: Books and records from the collection of his late wife, Leora Hiatt McEachern.

From Mr. Eugene C. Hicks: *Sir Ellis Hicks, Capt. John Ward, John Wright, Philip le Yonge and 7,812 Descendants*, compiled, edited, and indexed by Eugene C. Hicks (See Footnote 19).

From Miss Willa Dickey: Papers, photographs, postcards of old Wilmington with emphasis on Babies Hospital and James Buren Sidbury, Sr., M.D.

**Latimer House Garden Restoration
Committee Notes**

Through the generosity of Mrs. Albert F. Perry, Mr. Rudy Favretti, professor of landscape architecture at the University of Connecticut has just completed a plan for the proposed Incorporators' Garden, which has been approved by committee chairman, Mr. James Robert Warren and his committee composed of consultants Mrs.

Flora Ann Bynum of Old Salem, Mr. John B. Flowers III of N.C. Archives and History, Mrs. Joyce Christopher, president of the Cape Fear Garden Club and LCFHS representatives Mrs. Dorothy Bonitz, Mrs. W. G. Broadfoot, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Graham, Miss Margaret T. Hall, Mr. John Robert Lane, Mrs. Albert F. Perry, and Mr. C. Heide Trask, Jr.

The Favretti Latimer House garden plan will be featured at the Old Salem Landscape Garden Conference to be held in Winston-Salem, October 27-29, 1983. Mr. Warren will introduce the program—"Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes" to be followed by Mr. Flower's presentation of the historical background of the garden and Mr. Favretti's discussion of the garden's restoration.

— training program available —

**Be a Guide
for Latimer House**

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LAZARUS-CALDER CORRESPONDENCE

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November 9, 1841

The Lazarus family have all left—everything is to be sold—house and all . . . The girls are very distressed at leaving—they all looked miserably—Maria and Almira are to spend the winter with Anna,¹³ who lives in the neighborhood of Beaufort—Rachel stays in Charleston—they will be very much missed here and poor Mr. L. a great loss to the town—Mary and Julia remain in Richmond to finish their education and Ellen stays here this winter . . .

Separation stimulated lively correspondence and Phila Cohen Lazarus Calder (Mrs. William Calder) proved a faithful correspondent.

PHILA to her sister ALMIRA in Pocotaligo, S.C.

Wilmington, May 1, 1842

Here's a May Day greeting to you, my dear Almira. . . Won't you congratulate me when I inform you that I have at last shaken hands with a skillful Dentist and my much dreaded job has been well executed. A Dr. Slovner? from Philadelphia who has met with so much encouragement here that he thinks of making this his place of residence—and what is more he has a very pretty, lively and agreeable wife as an acquisition to our society.

Susan Brown of Smithville was married last week to Robert Rankin—and on Thursday the all celestial Celestina Langdon¹⁴ is to be united in holy wedlock to Armand Young—Govr Dudley escorted his daughter Eliza Ann¹⁵ on to Charleston last week to purchase her wedding paraphernalia they returned today and I should judge by the cart load of baggage that passed, King St.

had been pretty well swept! She is to be married this month to a brother of Dr. Purnell's—Mrs. Orme and Mary Dickinson¹⁶ accompanied them to Charleston, but I don't know whether they too have returned—it was only a maneuver of "Lady Mary's" to have a finger in the pie.

Tomorrow in celebration of May Day there is to be a great coronation spree out at Paradise, and I shall have to decorate my little queen for the occasion—. I have not yet taken off her Merino frocks, owing to the changeableness of the weather—the scarlet fever, or something approaching it—has been very prevalent all about me and that makes me more timid than I should otherwise be. Tell Anna I have just made up the little mousline de laine . . . I have just had to make a whole entire new wardrobe of frocks for the young lady as not one of her last summer's stock will go near her.

Mrs. Savage's¹⁷ family all took tea with me a few evenings ago and she and Elizabeth all made kind enquires after you.

Mr. C. has been pouring over "Zanoni"¹⁸ all day and has now stepped out for a short walk.

On December 9, 1844 Phila's husband William washed overboard and drowned at sea and the young widow's fortunes dramatically changed. She was left with three children: Catherine Theodosia, age four; Robert Edward, age two; and six month old Washington Lazarus whose name she changed to William Calder, Jr.¹⁹ For a time Phila lived in Rhode Island, but returned to Wilmington in 1846. During this period she addressed herself to a serious study of the Bible in order to prepare herself for rearing her children in her Jewish faith; however, the more she studied the more convinced she became that the Prophets clearly had made known the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. She and her brother corresponded at length upon theology and he was disturbed that she seemed ready to renounce her faith; however, their differences in opinion did not diminish their affection and they wrote regularly despite the fact that she was confirmed an Episcopalian by Bishop Ives in March 1847 at St. James.

GERSHON LAZARUS to PHILA L. CALDER

Charleston 15th November 1846

. . . Well, I don't know whether to congratulate you or not on your return—for I was under the impression that the North held out advantages beyond those of the South in point of climate, facilities of education and cheapness of living, but I may have been mistaken. At any rate you will doubtless find more congeniality of spirit and of sentiment in Wilmington—old, familiar faces will greet you—early scenes of childhood will surround you and you will feel less like a stranger in a strange land. I have ever echoed to the common adage "there's no place like home"—but alas! how changed that home—what melancholy associations it engenders! When I was last there, the place looked like a gloomy waste! The old Homestead presented a gloomy aspect—I scarcely think I could ever feel reconciled to live there again: the population itself appeared changed; it seemed as if every other face was a strange one . . .

PHILA COHEN LAZARUS CALDER to
GERSHON LAZARUS

Wilmington 20 November 1846

My return to Wilmington is indeed a subject of congratulation. No words can convey the comfort and relief I feel in being once more "at home". The North afford-

ed me none of the advantages which were so alluring in prospective. I found some very kind friends there, but the climate proved very inhospitable to us and "dear living" was the universal watchword where ever I went. In point of education, my children will enjoy full as great facilities here, for the charitable institution of "Odd Fellows" affords the town a first rate seminary on the most approved system, where Children receive a first rate education (including some of the ornamental branches) for Sixteen dollars per year, which includes "fuel and stationery"—boys qualified for college at a very small advance. At the North schooling is free but the books and etceteras, are found by the Parents, so that the one almost balances the other. I am boarding with my friend Mrs. Lippitt²⁰—which is in the very heart of the neighborhood I would most prefer to be in—meanwhile I keep on building air castles that is to say, dreaming of the snug little cottage that I hope to build some day . . .

My correspondents would cease to wonder at the neglect of my pen, if only they could realize my situation. I have no nurse or servant in any capacity, and besides the nursing, I have all the sewing to do for all three children—and my baby is at the most troublesome age, cutting his last and worst teeth . . .

PHILA CALDER to ALMIRA

Wilmington, May 23, 1850

How incredibly fast does time fly . . . Kate DeRosset²¹ and Gaston Meares were married on Monday night the 13th inst, commemorating at the same time the anniversary of her Mother's wedding day—it was the biggest sort of wedding that has ever taken place on this side of the Atlantic I guefs. There were 6 or 7 hundred invitations issued—the ward robe and the entertainment on the most magnificent order. As Theo was invited (being one of Kate's Sunday School scholars) I accepted the invitation for the sake of gratifying her, as she had never been at a wedding, but I was apprehensive of becoming both a jelly and a jam before I got home. There were seven rooms thrown open, but during the ceremony the dense squeeze exceeded everything ever I was in, in my life. I was favored with a bird's eye glimpse of the bride while plighting her troth, which is more than one quarter of the company could boast. She looked very pretty, very sweet and very happy and all that. Her dress very elegant, but did not make much show after all—Everybody was surprised at them having such a wedding so recently after Magdalene's death, which you know occurred early in March—but—so it was. The day before was saddened by the death of Eliza Lillington²² from some affection of the heart, but it did not seem to check any of the merry making for the week. Mary Bacot London²³ was the May Queen, having chosen May day for her marriage—Mr. Purson, the favored swain is quite likely and makes a very favorable impression, but poor Mary has been in miserable health for sometime and her beauty is sadly faded—her eyes have become very singularly affected . . . She went on to New York just before her marriage to a celebrated oculist, but he could do nothing for them, said their restoration must depend on her health, she has taken her departure for her new home, Carthage, in the upper part of the State and perhaps the change of scene and life may reinstate her.

WILLIAM CALDER to his mother PHILA L. CALDER

March 23, 1865

My last hurried note to you was written while awaiting orders to move on Saturday morning the 18th. We march-

ed that day 14 miles to Bentonville. The next morning Sunday we marched three miles and formed a line of battle . . . Sunday morning was occupied with building breastworks and occasional shelling from both sides . . . About Noon the enemy assaulted our line and were easily repulsed. In the afternoon the army of Tennessee composing our right wing advanced upon the enemy in a gallant charge . . . At that same time two brigades of our division were thrown forward against the enemy . . . Taylor's Batt. made one of the finest charges made that day and advanced to the breastworks of the enemy. They were not properly supported however, and had to fall back, after loosing nearly all their men. The loss in the battle was very heavy. Only four officers and seventy men are left. Lieut. Col. Taylor²⁴ lost his left arm. Capt. Rankin²⁵ I fear is mortally wounded, and every Captain in the command was wounded. Zack Ellis²⁶ was left on the field killed or wounded. Brad Jewett²⁷ is among the missing. When I reflect on how providentially I was spared from participation in this charge, and how manifestly the hand of Providence has been handed out in my behalf on so many occasions my heart is filled with awe and wonder, and every day I think more and more that I am being spared for some particular work, and I pray that God may point out this work to me and endow me with grace to do my duty well.

In Fulton County, Georgia on December 20, 1864 Phila's brother Gershon legally changed his name from Lazarus to Larendon. Phila received news of this in early 1866 and wrote her sisters Julia and Almira after she returned to Wilmington after refugeeing in Hillsboro, N.C.

PHILA L. CALDER to ALMIRA and JULIA

Wilmington, March 29, 1866

. . . Well, thank God we are home again—and are only just beginning to realize the fact for we come back to bare walls and had a long siege of viscissitudes, hardships and discomforts to pass through, everything so changed around me and so desolate that I felt as if I had been asleep and woke up in another century. By slow degrees we have nearly got the house furnished with such articles as were indispensable and are getting along very snugly thanks to the good . . .

I was very much surprised to hear of poor Aunt Adeline's (1802-1865) sudden death . . . how pained and annoyed she would have been by my brother Gershon's renouncing his family name, I know the ruling spirit there, but weak as I knew he was, I did not that he was weak enough for that . . . revered as our father's name was in this community, this preceeding jars upon the feelings of our friends generally—they exclaim "Why is he insane?" Good luck to the Larendons . . . I hope they build up their fortunes as their name . . . La French, Don Spanish and the whole English. Is he indeed gone daft?

PHILA L. CALDER to her son WILLIAM

Wilmington, Sept. 9, 1869

. . . Mrs. Boatwright²⁸ sends her love, and enjoyed parts of your letters I read to her—She and I have constituted ourselves "Town-Surveyors," and go on an exploring expedition almost every evening—Yesterday I commemorated my 63rd anniversary by a most remarkable pedestrian's feat! first we treaded Front Street up as high as Dr. Freeman's²⁹ and then . . . took a due Southerly course and walked down Front Street as far as "Castle" street (almost to the mills) through Castle

to 3rd and so on home but the root of the matter which enabled me to perform such a prodigy of valor was first a goblet of ice tea and afterwards a cup of strong hot coffee that fortuitously presented itself to my lips . . . Mrs. Davis³⁰ plans are fully matured, and our rooms all located—on the 1st floor the SE room is to be the parlor, the NE to be occupied by John Anderson, his wife and 3 children . . . back of that is Mrs. Davis' apartment and back of the parlor Miss Sally's and Miss Becks! on the 2nd floor, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton . . . Mrs. Boatwright and Alice—on the 3rd floor, "Mr Jimmie," John Rankin, Harry Boatwright, George Davis, Joe Watters, Sam Frink, Dr. Everett, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Angell and Wm. Anderson—pell-mall—will luxuriate in lofty state and look "Superior down," on the world below! As ever your devoted Mother.

PHILA L. CALDER to her sister JULIA

Wilmington, June 6, 1871

Our Seashore (Smithville) promises to be a very popular resort this summer—Boarding Houses are being established there for the accommodations of visitors—and the regular Steamboat communications just organized affords very tempting facilities for all pleasure seekers . . . it devolves on me to inform you of his (William's) engagement ever since January to Alice Boatwright³¹ . . . my dear son's happiness is of course the first consideration—Alice is the only daughter of a widowed Mother so of course they must not be separated . . . I am really sorry dear Julia that Dr. Freeman did not see you . . .

From your loving sister
P. C. Calder

Phila Cohen Lazarus Calder died September 28, 1888, the last surviving child of Aaron Marks and Esther Cohen Lazarus.

FOOTNOTES

¹Lazarus Family Correspondence from the LAZARUS-CALDER records owned by William Atkinson, a descendant of William and Phila Cohen Lazarus Calder. With Mr. Atkinson's permission these records were copied by Mrs. Ida Brooks Kellam for the LCFHS Archives in 1959.

²Lazarus House file held at Historic Wilmington Foundation (HWF) compiled by R. V. Asbury, James D. Carr, Ida Brooks Kellam, Bill Reaves, Edward Turberg and written by Janet Seapker.

³Lazarus House—description by Tony P. Wrenn prepared for his forthcoming *Wilmington, North Carolina*, 1976 mimeographed first draft on file LCFHS.

⁴Interview with Mr. Deanes Gornto, President, Historic Wilmington Foundation (HWF).

⁵Col. James G. Burr (1818-1898)—brother of Talcott Burr, editor of the *Herald*, Col. Burr was cashier of the Cape Fear Bank, became a C.S.A. Colonel as a member of the Home Guards, Asst. Wilmington Postmaster during Grover Cleveland's administration, historian and author of 1871 "History of the Thalian Association" from *Chronicles of the Cape Fear River* by James Sprunt.

⁶John Allan Taylor (1798-1873)—prominent business man owned Cape Fear River ferry, Chairman of the Town Wardens of the Poor Committee (Civil War), builder of the Taylor House NW corner Market and Fourth, which was built for his bride Catherine McIlhenny Harriss in 1847, father of Col. John Douglass Taylor, Co. K 36th Reg. N.C. Troops who lost his arm at Bentonville—copied from the papers of Col. Andrew Harriss, Jr. by Diane Cashman 1981.

⁷Aaron Lazarus—all genealogical notes on the Lazarus family from Lazarus file, LCFHS.

⁸Esther Cohen—daughter of Mordecai Cohen, a native of Zamosc, Poland, emigrated to Charleston, S.C. where he was a prosperous merchant and city philanthropist for sixty years. Around 1803 he commissioned his daughter Esther's portrait, which was executed by an unknown artist the Benjamin West school. Under the aegis of

the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society it was exhibited in a show arranged by Mr. Henry Jay MacMillan at the Artists' Gallery, March 1959, through the courtesy of its owner William Atkinson.

⁹Lazarus House property purchase—New Hanover County (N.C.) Deed Book P, page 660.

¹⁰Lazarus House file (See Footnote 2.), HWF.

¹¹Lazarus-Calder Records, LCFHS.

¹²de Rosset family—The deRossets were French Huguenots, whose first American ancestor, Armand deRosset, M.D. emigrated to the Lower Cape Fear in 1735 as North Carolina's first certified M.D. One deRosset house which once stood on Third and Market served as Confederate Headquarters during the Civil War, another at Second and Dock was the residence of Armand John deRosset III, M.D. and is presently owned by HWF. deRosset papers are in the Southern Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina Library at Chapel Hill.

¹³Anna is presumably Aaron Lazarus' daughter, Angelina Green (1809-1887), who married Charles B. Moses (later changed to Moise). Lazarus-Calder Records, LCFHS.

¹⁴Celestina Langdon (1824-1880)—daughter of Samuel and Mary Jane Halsey Langdon married Armand deRosset Young (1814-1874) May 24, 1842. She was the great granddaughter of The Rev. Samuel Langdon, President of Harvard University. Langdon papers, LCFHS.

¹⁵Eliza Ann Dudley (1822-?)—youngest child of Gov. Edward Bishop (1789-1855) and Elizabeth Ruffin Haywood (1796-1840) Dudley. On May 16, 1842 she married Thomas R. Purnell of Halifax Co., N.C. Her father was a leading citizen, philanthropist, and politician who served in the 21st Congress and was the first N.C. governor to be elected by the people (1836-1841). The Gov. Dudley Mansion at Front and Nun Streets is the headquarters of HWF. Dudley papers, LCFHS.

¹⁶Mary Dickinson—probably the wife of "P. K." Platt Ketchum Dickinson (1794-1867), successful business man and driving force with Gov. Dudley (See footnote 15) for the Wilmington and Raleigh (later Wilm. and Weldon) R.R.

¹⁷Mrs. Savage and Elizabeth Savage—In all probability Mrs. Savage is Mrs. Timothy Savage who was listed in the U.S. Census of 1850 as being 50 years old. The Savages had emigrated to Wilmington from Connecticut. On June 29, 1843, Elizabeth Savage, daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth Savage, married Mr. Zebulon Latimer. The Zebulon Latimer House, headquarters of LCFHS is at 126 S. Third. The house next door at 120 S. Third is known as "The Savage House" built in 1851.

¹⁸Zanoni—a popular novel published in 1842 by English novelist Edward G. E. Lytton-Bulwer, later known as Bulwer Lytton. In the late 1860's Mr. and Mrs. Louis deRosset of Wilmington were houseguests of the Bulwer-Lyttons.

¹⁹William Calder, Jr.—Notes on the children of William and Phila Lazarus Calder from *Sir Ellis Hicks, Capt. John Ward, John Wright, Philip le Yonge and 7,812 Descendants*, compiled, edited, and indexed by Eugene C. Hicks. Mr. Hicks donated a copy of this valuable genealogical reference to LCFHS in 1982. Copies are available through

Mr. Hicks, 2404 Confederate Drive, Wilmington, N.C. 28403.

²⁰Mrs. Lippitt—probably Mary Hostler Bernard Lippitt (1795-1854) (Mrs. William Henry Lippitt). Lippitt Papers, LCFHS.

²¹Kate—Catherine Douglass deRosset (1830-1914), daughter of Eliza Jane Lord (1812-1876) and Armand John deRosset III, M.D. (1807-1897), married Col. Gaston Meares (1821-1862) on May 13, 1850 at the deRosset mansion at Second and Dock. Mrs. Meares was president of N.C. Society of Colonial Dames of America and she published "A Group of My Ancestral Colonial Dames" in 1901. Her husband, a member of the 1838 class at West Point, was killed while in command of 3rd Reg., N.C. Infantry, C.S.A. at Malvern Hill, Va. in 1862.

²²Eliza Lillington—Listed in the U.S. 1850 Census of New Hanover County as a white 65 year old female residing with Joseph Lillington, farmer. In Sarah Ann Lillington's will probated 1839 Eliza is listed as "neice". She was a descendant of Revolutionary War North Carolina hero Col. Alexander Lillington. She was buried from St. James Church, Wilmington, May 14, 1839. Lillington papers, LCFHS and St. James Church records.

²³Mary Bacot London—daughter of John R. and Sally London was born June 14, 1824. She married Samuel J. Person May 1, 1850 at St. James Church, Wilmington. *St. James Parish Register 1811-1854* copied by Ida B. Kellam, 1958.

²⁴Col. John Douglass Taylor—See Footnote 6.

²⁵Capt. Robert R. Rankin. 1st Battalion, Artillery, Co. A. 36th Reg. N.C. Troops, C.S.A. Died at Raleigh March 26, 1865 of wounds received at Bentonville—from *New Hanover County Roster of Confederate Troops* by Jeannete Cox St. Armand, 1960.

²⁶Lt. Ellis Zack, 1st Battalion, Artillery Co. B, 36th Reg. N.C. Troops, C.S.A.—killed at Bentonville. *Ibid.*

²⁷Sergeant-Major Richard Bradley Jewett, 1st battalion, Artillery Co. B, 36th Div. N.C. Troops, C.S.A. *Ibid.*

²⁸Mrs. Boatwright—Mary E. Boatwright, widow of John H. Her daughter, Alice London, married William Calder.

²⁹Dr. Benjamin Freeman—homeopathist, who began Wilmington practice in 1863. *The Lonely Road* by Diane Cashman, Jean Poole and committee of N.H. Co. Medical Auxiliary.

³⁰Mrs. Davis—Probably Mrs. Ann S. Davis who is listed in T. M. Haddock's *Wilmington City Directory* of 1871 as operating a boarding house on Front Street near Princess. Several of the people cited as sharing the house with Mrs. Calder are listed in that Directory at that address.

³¹Alice London Boatwright (1848-?), daughter of John H. and Mary E. Boatwright, married William Calder at Mrs. Mary Boatwright's on November 27, 1872. The Calder-Boatwright courtship had its ups and downs—one valentine to Alice from William in the Lazarus-Calder records is a poem chiding her for her fickle nature. *St. James Historical Records (1852-1872)*, compiled by Lula W. Mathews, Leora H. McEachern and Curry K. Walker, 1976 and Lazarus-Calder Records, both on file LCFHS.

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