

Extract of a letter written by Daniel Carroll, Esq., of Rock Creek, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, to Mr. James Carroll of Ireland, 20 Dec 1762:

" Upper Marlbro', Maryland,
December 20, 1762:

"As you express a particular desire of having a particular account of your relations in this country, part of the world, the following may be agreeable to you : —

My father died in the year 1751, and left six children, viz.: myself, Anne, John, E. W., Mary, and Betsy. He left me lands amounting in value, to between £4000 and £5000. Some time after, I married a lady of our name, E. W. Carroll, to whom I was contracted before my father's death. The fortune was £3000 in money. I had been returned two years before, from Flanders, where my father had sent me for my education, and had been there six years. I have a son named Daniel, about ten years old, and a daughter named Mary, about eight years old. The lady I married is a daughter of Daniel Carroll, son of Charles Carroll, Esq., of Carrollton, who came from Ireland, and settled in this country. His ability and prudent conduct, procured him some of the best offices under the Government, for then the Roman Catholics were entitled to hold places in the Province. By this means, his knowledge of the law, and by taking up large tracts of land, which have since increased in value more than 100 per cent., he made a very large fortune. Two of his sons only survived, out of a great many children — Charles and Daniel. The latter, my wife's father, who died in the year 1734, and left three children, Charles, E. W. (my wife), and Mary. Charles inherits about £600 per annum, will not probably marry, and Mary is married to one Mr. Ignatius Digges. Charles Carroll, Esq., eldest brother to my wife's father, is living, and is worth about £100,000, and second richest man in our Province. He has one son, named Charles, who has had a very liberal education, and now finishing his studies in London. In case of his death, that estate is left to my son Daniel, by Charles Carroll, Esq. "My eldest sister, Ann, is well married to one Robert Brent, in Virginia, a province to the northward of this, divided by the Potomac ; he lives about 60 miles from us. They have one child, named George. My brother, John, was sent abroad for his education, on my return. E. W., likewise, my second sister, is married very well, to" one William Brent, of Virginia, near my eldest sister ; she has one girl. My sisters, Mary and Betsy, are unmarried, and live chiefly with my mother, who is very well.

"This account of your friends, I hope, will be satisfactory to you."

Daniel Carroll, 1730-1796, the letter writer, was one of five men to sign both the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. He was the son of Daniel Carroll, 1696-1751, and Eleanor Darnall, abt 1703-1796, and the brother of my 4th great grandmother, Ann Carroll.

Daniel's wife's father, also Daniel Carroll, was the son of Charles Carroll the Settler, the first Carroll in that branch of the Carroll family to come to America. The Charles Carroll mentioned in the letter as now finishing his studies in London was Charles Carroll III, one of the founding fathers and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

His father was Daniel Carroll, son of Keane Carroll of Ireland, and his mother was Eleanor Darnall, daughter of Henry Darnall II and Anne Digges

The oldest son, brother of Daniel who wrote the letter, was Henry Carroll who drowned when young

Daniel was educated at the College of St. Omer in Saint-Omer, France, at that time in the county of Flanders, near Calais and Dunkirk, the school attended by many Catholic sons from Maryland and Virginia.

Daniel mentions his sister Ann (1733-1804) in the letter who is married to Robert Brent (d.1780). He also went to St. Omer and his plantation in Stafford County, Virginia was known as "Woodstock". My descent is from their youngest child, William Brent.

He mentions his brother John, sent abroad for his education. John will later become Archbishop John Carroll, the first archbishop in the United States and the founder of Georgetown University.

Daniel's "second sister" is Eleanor Carroll, born in 1737, and married to William Brent, 1733-1782, of Virginia, a great grandson of Giles Brent. Their plantation was "Richland" in Stafford County.

Daniel's unmarried sister Mary later married Notley Rozier (Rozer) Young. Their oldest child, Mary, married Robert Brent, son of Daniel's sister Ann, above, who would become the first mayor of Washington D.C.

The youngest daughter, mentioned as Betsy, was Elizabeth Carroll, 1743-1821. She never married.

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