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Mr. Jas. W. Dozier
Norfolk, Virginia

My dear Mr. Dozier:

I expect you think me very rude for not having answered your letter of November 20, 1923 sooner, but I was hoping to get some further data on the early Doziers to send you, however, having failed to do so, I am going to enclose on a separate sheet all the information that I have.

I thank you for the information you sent me which is valuable. It is the first time in my 22 years of research work on the Dozier Family that I have been told just where they first settled. I have gone through all the libraries of Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, New York and Milwaukee and have written a couple of hundred letters to Doziers, historic societies, state libraries, etc., in Virginia, the Carolinas and through the South without much result.

I am very anxious to get the name of at least one of the two Dozier brothers who came from France, as I believe I can trace the family back a long way in French history in a large work in ten volumes which we have in the Chicago Public Library, "Noblesse de France."

In this work is a family named D'Hozier with about 100 pages devoted to their genealogies. Now Dozier and D'Hozier in the French language are pronounced exactly the same and most of the French who came to America in Colonial days changed their names to a more English spelling.

As you are so near the original home of the Doziers in America, I believe you can learn more of the first Doziers than I can way out here. I believe the Princess Anne Court House would contain the naturalization record of the first Dozier which would likely give his full name, where and when born, and possibly his parents' names. With this information I could trace the family back in the French genealogy book.

It also seems that some of the Virginia or North Carolina Doziers would have an old "family tree" or Bible record of the family. Also the early Doziers might be mentioned in a history of Princess Anne County or of the Huguenots of Virginia.

If you can discover the name of the father of either William Dozier, born 1723, or Leonard Dozier, born 1710, or any early Dozier, I would appreciate your sending me same.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) L. Dozier Willis