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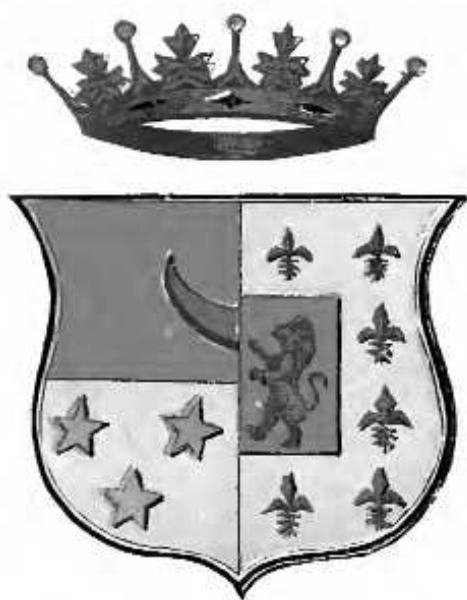
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INTRODUCTION.

As will be readily seen, the greater part of this book is copied from the manuscript memoirs of Francis L. G. Roulhac, to which I have added bits of information gleaned from old letters, Bible records, etc., that were collected years ago, by my grandmother, Mrs. T. B. Slade, of Columbus, Ga. She was a granddaughter of Psalmet Roulhac, who was the first of the name to come to America. It was grandmother's pride of birth, and the principle of "noblesse oblige," that she tried to instill into all her descendants, which induced me to save from oblivion to future generations, these, to me, very interesting data concerning our French ancestry. I have tried to give a short sketch of all in the past generations, but of the present, only names and dates, as they are here to speak for themselves. As a historical fact that ought to be recorded, though, I have mentioned the part each took in our civil war.

I give the coat of arms, without embellishments, Gregoire on the right, and Roulhac on the left.—Crest, an Earls coronet, or, (gold). Gregoire—on a field, gules, (red) a lion rampant, or: border, an azure field, fleur-de-lis, or: Roulhac—on a field, azure, three stars, ar, (silver); on a chief, gules, (red) a crescent, or. Outlines and divisions, black. No motto.

For convenience, the American branches of the family are divided into three parts, Psalmet, John or Francis Roulhac, being considered the 1st generation of the part of which he is the ancestor. To ena-

ble one to trace out any family or individual, the left hand column of figures runs consecutively through each part, and the figures in parenthesis after each name refer backward for a parent, or forward to a child. The right hand figures only locate the members of an individual family.

"My poverty, but not my will consents" to charging for the cost of publishing this little book. The work of collecting, arranging, etc., I give as a loving tribute to the memory of my revered grandmother.

H. M. P.

GREGOIRE DE ROULHAC.

- 1st Gen. JEAN DE ROULHAC, Procureur au Presidial, b. in the 16th century, m. Anne Rouquier, and by her had six children, of whom
- 2nd Gen. GUILLAUME DE ROULHAC, m. Anne Gregoire, and the name Gregoire was added "forever after" to that of Roulhac. Of their four children,
- 3rd Gen. JEAN GREGOIRE DE ROULHAC, m. Marguerite Waulimier. They had nine children, of whom,
- 4th Gen. PIERRE DE JAQUES GREGOIRE DE ROULHAC m. Leonarde Maynard, and had three children. A son,
- 5th Gen. GUILLAUME GREGOIRE DE ROULHAC, m. Marie Marelle Moledea, (or Maldant). They had five children, the eldest, (who died) Joseph, Francis Leonard, Peter Paul and a sister; known by the name of Deputisson, of these,
- 6th Gen. JOSEPH GREGOIRE DE ROULHAC was born in 1721, m. May 20, 1750, Marie Jeanne Dumas de la Vaille. He died 1781. They had thirteen children, an account of whom follows in the memoirs of Francis, the 12th child.

From the M'ss Memoirs of Francis Leonard Gregoire de Roulhac (1849).

"These sheets are by the Author written to leave behind him to his children, a memorial of the variegated events of his life, and to make them acquainted

with their ancestors and the individuals of the numerous members of the family to which he belongs. It is very natural for all men to feel an interest, I may say, even pride in the history of our own country, then why should we not feel the same in hearing of those who are so nearly related to us, and have preceded us on the scenes of this world? If they had virtue, talents etc., even in a humble walk of life, it ought to be an incitement to follow them in these. We have, all of us, a conscious pride in the glory of our native land, be it in war, in peace, in sciences, in arts or in laws and civilization and why? It is because we identify ourselves with it. Can it be then wrong to feel a noble pride, if it can be called so, to know of the virtues, talents and consideration which belonged to our progenitors in time past, and to value ourselves for belonging to such family? My children know that I was born and raised in France, and consequently I must have brought, at 26 or 27 years of age many ideas, (prejudices you may call them), natural to a Frenchman, raised and educated under a different government, different laws, customs and manners, from those which exist in this country. Our ideas of propriety and rights are generally formed from what we see and hear in early life, and in fact depend mostly on education. The French Revolution threw me here, not an Englishman or Anglo-American, but a mere Frenchman with his native prejudices or prepossession. This will account for the value I have always put on the advantage which really exists in belonging to a respectable family, although my reason and common sense teach me that as we receive nothing from our ancestors but life, and sometimes property, consequently the pride or vanity of being well born, as it is called, is absurd and ridiculous when to the virtues of our forefather, which are foreign to us, we join meanness and vices, which are our own. I confess that I am not so far divested of family prejudices not