

March 24, 1956

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Dear Barnaby,

I am most grateful for your letter of the 17th of this month and for your expressed willingness to help me in my search for information about Arthur Remington Robert.

Perhaps the most sensible move to make first of all is to request Somerset House to find out if he is in their death registry. It is more likely than not that he is no longer living, as he was an elderly gentleman the last time I heard about him. I will write to S.H. immediately. If they answer to the effect that they have no record of his death we can then insert the notice in the newspapers.

I know the old gentleman had information about our founder, Christopher Robert, as he supplied material some twenty-five years ago for the article on his grandfather in the Dictionary of American Biography.

Eveline and I were so sorry to hear about Evelyn's illness. I do hope she will take good care of herself and will recover her normal health very speedily.

We are having abnormally cold and bad weather for this time of the year. It's been either snowing or raining for two months. The sun seems to have forsaken us completely. I hope your spring will be a pleasant surprise.

Eveline joins me in affectionate good wishes to the three of you.

Very sincerely yours,

Harold Scott

HLS:st

17 March 1956

Dear Harold,

Wilfred has asked me to reply to your letter to him about the work you have undertaken in compiling a history of Robert College.

As I have been interested in genealogy for some years he thinks I ought to be able to make some suggestions, but I am afraid my searches have so far been confined to the past.

I propose that we should insert an inquiry in the Telegraph personal column such as this:-

"Arthur Remington Robert, Professor Scott of Robert College, Istanbul would like to get in touch with him". If this failed, a similar inquiry inserted in the Times a week later could be tried.

If he is dead, his name could be traced in the death registers at Somerset House. They will search five years for one name for a small fee, about 3/9 I think & one would start on the latest year which has been indexed and is available. This could be repeated for another five years if nothing is found.

If you have the approximate death ^{of a full name} of his father this could be traced & then the will. This would name the executor & the heirs & addresses at that time would be given.

If funds are available all these steps could be taken progressively & I would very willingly

do some of the search work myself as opportunity offered - in any case, if you wish, I will set such inquiries on foot: but you may have done so already.

Evelyn wishes to thank Welina very much for her letter & sends you both her love but she has been in bed for the last two weeks with Iritis & latterly with influenza also. She has had severe pain with the former but she is on the mend & we hope soon to be able to end the treatment which has put one eye entirely out of use - we are told only temporarily.

With love from us all to you both

Yours very sincerely

Barnaby Rost.

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