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Subject: family portrait

Mr. Peery,

It's KDN again-

I was looking through your website and you and I are related through the Guenard family.

Here's a portrait of my Guenard ancestor's sister Marie Joseph.

The original is in the lobby of the Williams Research Library at the Chartres Street branch of the Historic New Orleans Collection.

the original is actually very realistic, I have a copy and my nephews thought it was a photograph of their grandmother.





Description: Hortaire J. Guenard (American/New Orleans, b. ca. 1827-1899; Active New Orleans 1850-1899), After Jean Joseph Vaudechamp (French, 1790-1866; Active New Orleans 1831-1839) "Portrait of Marie Joseph Guenard, Madame Domingo de Fleitas", oil on canvas, signed and inscribed "After Vaudechamp" upper left, 32" x 26". Presented in a giltwood frame. Provenance: Ex-collection William E. Groves, New Orleans, Louisiana; illustrated in *Louisiana Painters and Paintings from the Collection of W. E. Groves*, 1971, page 57.

If I remember correctly, your Nicholas is her uncle/ ... maybe his little sister???? (?) -
I'd have to look it up again, she's from the late 1700s-early 1800s.

In the 1800s she built the 3 story house that's on the uptown lake side corner of Royal and Dumaine in the French Quarter. The building is mentioned in George Washington Cable's story about "Tite Poulet". In the 1980's Andre de La Barre threw a reception for the Princess of Kent in one of the courtyards.

Her husband's name was actually Domingo de Freitas, but even Spanish history books mention that his name in Louisiana is written Fleitas.

Here's your relation to her:

Nicolas **Guenard** was born in 1757. He was the son of **Joseph Guenard** and **Marie Merant**. He married **Marie Julie Nezat**, daughter of **Pierre Nezat** and **Marie Magdelaine Prevost**, on 15 June 1788 at **St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana**.¹ He witnessed the marriage of **Antoine Nezat** and **Julie Felicie Barre** on 1 January 1789 at **St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana**.² He was buried on 5 November 1797 at **St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana**.³ He died on 5 November 1797 at **St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana**, at age 40 years.³ He was the subject of a succession filed on 11 April 1811 at **St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana**.^{4,5}