

March 24, 1956

Office of the Registrar - General of Births,
Deaths and Marriages,
Somerset House,
The Strand,
London, England.

Dear Sirs,

May I ask you if you have the record of the death of Mr. Arthur Remington Robert who, I believe, was a resident of London until ten years ago or later. He was (or is) the grandson of Christopher Robert, the American founder of Robert College of Istanbul.

I am gathering materials for a book on the history of the College and I have been informed that Mr. Arthur Robert had interesting documents in his possession which I should like to be able to consult.

In case there is a record of his will in the Probate Registry I should be grateful to have information relative to his heir or heirs resident either in England or the United States.

I am not familiar with the amount of the fee charged for such investigation but I enclose a cheque for five shillings in the hope that this will be sufficient.

With thanks in anticipation for your kind assistance, I am

Truly yours,

H. L. Scott

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Wilfred Davis, Esq.,
Rock House, Pond Square,
Highgate Village,
London, N. 6,
England

Dear Wilfred,

I am writing to ask your advice relative to locating a gentleman living in England who may have information and documents to which I should like to have access.

I have been charged with writing a book about the history of Robert College. A good deal has already been written on this subject but our Trustees wish to have a new treatment of it to be published shortly before our centenary in 1963.

As perhaps you know the College is named after Mr. Christopher Robert of New York City who was the first man of means to interest himself in founding a college in Constantinople. I have heard through a very indirect channel that a certain Mr. Arthur Remington Robert, grandson of Christopher, lives in England and that he has letters and other documents pertaining to the founding of the College.

Do you know of any means whereby I might trace this man? Of course it may be as simple a problem as spotting his name and address in the London telephone directory. He probably lived in London at one time but of this I can't be sure. If you do find his name and address in the London directory please send me the address so that I can write to him. I, however, imagine it won't be as easy as this.

If there is any agency which traces names and addresses I should be glad to have the information. I presume it would be presumptuous to ask for the good offices of the Metropolitan Police and Scotland Yard, even though they were once headed by Sir Harold Scott.

Mr. Arthur Remington Robert may well have died some years ago, as he must have been born in the 1870's or 1880's. He might, however, have descendants. Somerset House, which has records of wills and the heirs of any propertied person who is deceased, might supply information in case Mr. Robert has died.