

QUERIES

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**JOHNSON/ROBINSON** - Can someone help with this query? - Elizabeth **Robinson Johnson** (1828-1922) is my great-great-grandmother. She was born in Washington Co., VA, daughter of Moore and Catherine **Robinson**. She married Benjamin Oaks **Johnson** (1815-1887). He was from NC and was married before to Mary? who died before 1863 in Johnson Co., TN. For some reason they moved to Grayson Co., VA along with his children by Mary. The mystery is that I can only find one Risden Keys (R.K.) **Johnson**, who married Amanda **Edwards**. They are buried in **Felts** Cemetery and from what I can find he was a "traveling preacher". The others just "disappeared". Also wonder if grandma's family was connected to the **Robinsons** in Carroll Co., VA. Does anyone have any info on any **Johnsons** in Surry Co., NC that might be this family? My mother used to tell me about how much work her grandmother would go to, to house "Preacher **Johnson**" who would come once a year for revival at Shiloh church. He would bring his entire family with him. I'm sure she said they traveled from North Carolina.

(E-mail Esther Johnson, epdj1@embargmail.com)

MORRIS/CURTIS - Nathaniel Morris was born about 1735 in New Jersey and died in Surry County in 1802. I am looking for any bit of information that I can possibly get on his family. He settled in Surry County, NC in about 1779. I believe he was there prior to that but actually what they called settled there for good about March of 1779. There is very little known on him and I need so desperately to find more information on him because I believe that he is my 5x great-grandfather. I know who my 5x great-grandmother was prior to marriage and I know that she married a **Morris** and have proof of that but do not have any proof telling me which Morris she married but a number of things that I have simply leave indications that it was Nathaniel but yet there is absolutely nothing telling me for certain who it was. The will that Nathaniel left in 1802 in Surry County doesn't tell a wife's name but just refers to the female/wife as the children's "Mother"... My 5x great-grandmother was Judith Curtis, daughter of Charles & Margrey Curtis, of Guilford County, NC. I have a copy of Judith's father's Will and in it he names my 4x great-grandfather and my 4x great-uncle and in it he wills them some land. No mention of Judith's husband, just her name and the two grandsons and then of course Judith's brothers and sisters. He names the one daughter's husband as an executor but that is all. I made a trip to the North Carolina Archives this past fall but found very little. I feel pretty certain there was more documents there at one time but they did not have much. I do want to try to come up with more information. Does the courthouse in Surry County still have

the old records available to the public? Or does the library have copies of the records? I just need to know where would be the best for me to start. The Archives was not much help and pretty well told me that what they had was all there was.

(Sharron Morris Cross, 701 Maple Street, Princeton, KY 42445. Phone 270-216-0256, e-mail, <u>sharron342@bellsouth.net</u>)

TAYLOR/HARRELL - I've been trying to locate more information on my Taylor family that lived in Forsyth County. We have an old letter that says John Taylor was our immigrant who was English by birth but married a full Irish woman. Their son George was born in Halifax County, VA and the letter says when he was 12 the family moved to Randolph County, NC. I can't make the connection to Randolph County nor can I find anything on John or his wife. I know George Washington **Taylor** lived in Forsyth and died there in 1861. He was a veteran of 1812 but can't find the records. He married Elizabeth **Harrell** but I can't find a marriage certificate. She was born near the Albemarle Sound in NC. I was told at the Forsyth County Library that most of the **Taylors** went to or were from Surry County, but I'm not sure. I've been researching five years and have found all their children, have lots of wills, deeds, etc., but can't find more. My uncle did family tree DNA as well as ancestry.com DNA and we are awaiting those results. Any tips would be greatly appreciated! (Jennifer and Jon Faust, e-mail, stljenandjon@hotmail.com)

WHITAKER - I am researching the Whitaker family and have looked at the book "The Descendants of William Whitaker and his brother Jonathan Whitaker I of Surry County North Carolina" by Hester Bartlett Jackson. Here is what I need to know. On page 159 of the book regarding Jesse Whitaker, it stated that Jesse's children are not known. Neither he nor Mary left a will mentioning them. The names of four of them are known from other sources. It listed some of the children in the 1880 census living with other kin. There is also David Whitaker listed in the 1860 census, House # 177, in the Hotel District. He is 35. I need to know if this David is one of Jesse's children. If so, what sources did she get it from? This David Whitaker is my great-great-grandfather. (Query in e-mail to Esther Johnson)

(Howard Johnson, 126 Chester Drive, Danville, VA 24541, 434-791-4094)

74-43rd St. Sacromento, Ca 95819 March 18, 1980

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Dear The Camin,

I would appreciate receiving your for for research in North Carolina.

Sincorely, Virginia L. young

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74 - 43rd Street Sacramento, CA 95819 April 1, 1980

Betty J. Camin 3123 Childers St., Raleigh, N.C. 27612

Dear Betty,

I will be happy to have you research my North Carolina Becks. I tried doing it myself, but there are so many Becks that I soon gave up. I am afraid there is not a great deal to go on.

Many Jane on the chart was my Grandmother. I have ample information about my Grandfather's side, the Murphy's. But nothing on hers.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, uginea d. Virginia L. Young

## April 8, 1980

Dear Virginia,

Let's see if we can find any further information in Tenn. on John Becks family to help to bring him back to N.C. On your chart it says that Clarke Back was born in Marshall Co., Tn. in 1828/29. Marshall Co. was not formed until 1836. Do you know the nameofthe town where he was born? Marshall Co. was formed from Bedford, Lincoln, Giles and Maury Cos.

Clarke is an unusual name for that time period and leads me to wonder if his mothers maiden name was possibly Clark/e. Has anyone checked for a marriage record in Tenn. for Ginsey/John Beck?

Do you have a record of Clarkes siblings and their birth dates? John was about 37 years old when Clarke was born. This seemsa little old for a first child. It might help to set a marriage date for Ginsey and John if you have the age of the eldest child.

Need to find out if John went to Tenn. with his parents or alone.

Are there any property deeds in Tenn. for the family. These could lead us back to the approximate time the Backs left N.C.

Have spent about one hour looking into the Becks and can see that we will have to find more clues in Tenn. before we can successfully bring them back to N.C.

The above named cos were formed from Rutherford and Williamson Cos. and these two have records from 1803 and 1799.

We have some records on Tenn. Do you want to hire someone there to find out more about Becks or would you like to have me try and see what we have here?

Do you want me to refund your \$ or wait until you try and find some other clues.

We do have the early Tenn. census and census index which might tell us a little.

Will wait to hear from you before doing anything else.

Sincerely, Betty L. Camin'

Dear Betty,

Thank you for your letter. Some confusion has arisen as to my Great Grandfather Beck's name - whether it is Christopher C. or Clarke. I have another researcher working in Missouri, where they all ended up living.

If it is all right with you I would like to wait until this is settled, and then we will proceed.

I will write you again as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

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apr. 17, 1980

74 - 43rd St SaGramento, CA 95819 April 23, 1980

Betty J. Camin 3123 Childers St. Raleigh, N.C. 27612

Dear Betty,

I have decided to put all of the lines that married my Murphys into the hands of the research department of BYU. I had hoped to follow it myself, hiring people in different states. However, it just isn<sup>i</sup>t working out. I have run into some real problems with other lines, of their just not fitting.

I feel that I am too inexperienced to do this myself, and that it needs a professional overseeing the whole operation.

Thank you very much for your nice letter, and for your willingness to halp me. I much appreciate it. If you would refund the remainder of my money I would be grateful.

Good luck to you.

Sincerely, ana inia L.

April 28, 1980

DearmVirginia,

Will be glad to refund the unused portion of your deposit. Have worked a little over one hour.

BYU should be ablet o help you greatly. They have records from all county courthouses in the country --- or so I have been told.

As you can see, have not taken typewriter to be repaired - perhaps soon.

If you do bring any of your lines back to N.C. I will be glad to work with you.

Do not think that LDS has records of the Secry of State papers, and other of our vast and wonderful collection.

Have just finished hostessing a threed ay workshop here in Raleigh and both mind and body are on vacation today. Hope this makes sence.

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Sincerely,

Betty J. Camin

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