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Dear Lt. Kirk:

My jury duty was one day and then they didn't empanel me for the trial. I would have been interested to serve but got a chance to be called in a 2nd time anyhow.

My husband's report from bank which seems to be slower every month has notified me of your \$50.00 payment dated 17 July 1996, thank you. In accordance with my promise I have completed two half days and will not try to report on my various findings.

In the first place with new family names on the Kirk and older men in deeds with your Stephen Kirk, who married Anna and lived in Hancock, Baldwin, Jones counties in Georgia I checked the updated family search program IGI for those given names other than Stephen on deeds early in Georgia with your Stephen of John, Joseph, and Isaac. An early Isaac Kirk, son of George Kirk and Mary chr. 27 Nov 1745 North Farnham parish, Richmond, Va. I found this intriguing in view of previous searching in N. Carolina counties land records where I found all of those given names for Kirks represented in deeds.

Another Isack Kerck(their spelling) son of Jacharias Kerck and Sarah Spier was born 19 Sep 1778 in Belleville, Essex, New Jersey. An Isaac Ephriam Kirk, born 1790 Montgomery county, Va., son of Joseph Kirk and Martha Harless.

Found a Joseph Van Kirk, son of John Van Kirk and Ursula Park, born 1771 in Monmouth county, New Jersey. Joseph Kirk born 18 Nov 1774 in Cecil county, Maryland, son of Abner Kirk and Ann Allen.

Found Stephen Kirk, born 2 Sep 1736 in Buckingham twp., Bucks, Penn, son of Isaac Kirk and Elizabeth Twining. That Stephen would be too old to be possibility for our last known Stephen appearing earliest on deeds in 1794-1797 in Georgia. Another entry which intrigued me was a Stephens Kirk, with wife Elizabeth McClendon, born about 1771 and of Hancock county, Ga. This was a recent submission and submitters name not available right now. Since I feel that your Stephen was in Hancock county before he ended up in Jones county where he died, I wonder if he

could have married Elizabeth McClendon first and then your Anna or there could be a multiple given name here of Elizabeth Anna McClendon? In any case I think that this is your Stephen.

Since Stephen's son, Levi married Rachel Peele in Jones county in 1826 I took time to search into the book The Descendants of Robert Peele I and Allied Lines, compiled by Melinda A. Spiron, book no. 929.273P345m. Earliest Peele one Robert Peel born about 1635 in England and died in Nansemond county, Va. after Nov 1674. Governor Richard Bennett, overseer of his will, 15 Mar 1676. Probated 3 Aug 1676 in England. I noted in the book that some members of these families of descendants were quakers and had attended Chuckatuck meeting in Nansemond. I spent a lot of time reading in this book, well indexed for both Peele's and those that married into the Peeles. No Kirk names at all disappointingly. Descendants moved into north Carolina counties of Northampton, Wayne, Edgecombe. Others settled in Isle of Wight county, Virginia. None of those accounts of families showed any as having moved into Georgia.

I next checked the computer IGI for Rachel Peele. Found one Rachel in Wayne county, N Car. marr 113 Dec 1783 to Benjamin Peal. Another Rachel Peale born 1777 in Annapolis, Anne Arundel county, Md., parents Charles Willson Peale and Rachel Brewer. Another Rachel Peele born 1 Dec 1764 in Rich Square meeting, Perquimans, N. car. parents Robert Peele, Charity. Rachel Peele born 1 Dec 1764 Northampton county, N. Car. parents Robert Peele/ Charity Dickinson. Might be duplicate entry from previous item.

I noted in Peel data in Georgia parents John Peel and Sarah Gamble were having children reportedly in that state approx. 1770's-1780's, no county cited. Some of children of couple born later were reported born in Burke county which is parent of Hancock county.

I turned my attention then to early statewide census index books which I had checked on Kirk, Marsh, Brazzell, but not on Peele/Peale etc. I did Index 1820 census Ga. 975.8x2p by Accelerated indexing. No Peeles in Jones or Hancock. William Peale in Irwins pg. 198; John Pell and Richard Peel in Jefferson pg. 292 in Louisville town. In the index to 1820 census by compiler Georgia Hist. Society 975.8x2p, I noted same data as from other index book except one William Peale in Jasper county, no page number cited. Jasper county borders Jones on a map.

In the book Reconstructed 1790 census Ga. from tax lists, notices, etc., book 975.8X21, pg. 104 Glynn county, 1790 Wm. Peal, Lt. Bradley's district, pg. 5 Headright grants Burke county Wm. Peel, 1790-1795.

I checked the extensive index to Georgia Gne. Magazine series, index for volumes 1-46 to see if your Stephen Kirk was listed and he wasn't. Although there were many Kirks cited in index. bk. no. 975.8B2gg. Nov 3-6 pg. 181 registrants land lottery Chatham county Thomas Kirk, John and Henry Lyon. Vol. 7-10 same series pg. 446. Montgomery county land lottery 1805, Asa Doggett, John Doggett Jr. and Sr., Jesse, Reubin and Garner Doggett.

Found an interesting reference in Book Georgia revolutionary War Soldiers Graves, 975.8M2ah, 2 volumes pg. 314, volume one Hancock county #13 Byrd Brazill born abt 1764 and died in Hancock 1845. Served 2 1/1 years 10th Regt. N. Car. Cont't line under Col. Abraham Shephard, pensioned from Hancock county. This was exciting since I had traced one Mansfield Brazzell/Brazil/Braswell to that area and his father was reported to be Bird Braswell. Mansfield in my previous searching for you had sons, William and J. L. which fit your requirements from known families in Ark. that you descend from already proven.

In volume 2 Ga. Rev. War Soldiers graves cont'd on page 101/2 was one John Lyond in Chatham county born 1758 and died 1804, pg. 389 William Lyons #35, enlisted 1782 on Lytle's company N. Car. troops, buried old cem. 5 miles west of Louisville.

Next checked Index War of 1812 Service records for volunteer Soldiers in Georgia, 975.8M22k, abstracted by Judy Swain Krotovil. pg. 79 several Kirk names Jesse, John in Jenkins company, 2; Joseph Kirk Bowlings Detach. artificer; Willie Kirk Wooltons, pvt.; Willia Kirk Jenkins 2nd, Volunteers and mil. prv. Pg. 86 Edmon Lyond, Edward Lyon(Cavalry Freemans squad); Thomas Lyon 1st Harris, prt., John 1st Harr, prv. No Marsh names.

In previous searching note in early Hancock county, Ga. deeds that your Stephen had bought land when it was formerly part of Baldwin county so checked some general references for that county. Earliest marriages and wills abstracted on film 897,455 item 4, nothing. Baldwin county, Marr book A and file on film 415153, indexed no Kirk names, no Marsh, no Peale, etc. Also checked original wills Baldwin county on film 415161 and found nothing.

I did the 1840 census for Harris county, Ga. to check to see if Jeremiah Hallam, guardian for the Kirk boys was there and also other Kirk, Doggett or Lyon families on film 007044 item 8. Pg. 262 an E. Lyons 40/50 with wife same age. children male 15/20 male 10/15 and female 10/15, about right age to be your Mary Ann Lyon. Lao in census pg. 243 W. Lyons, pg. 267 A. Lyons, pg. 277 families B. F. and N. B. Lyons. Pg. 270 in Templeton J.

Hallam. He has males in right age groupings to be children of Levi Kirk dec'd, or he has children about that age?

Jones county, Ga. 1850 census on film 007071 checked for family of sister of Levi Kirk, Alexander J. Hunt 43, Lucinda M. 28 born Ga. and children (some perhaps from husband's previous marriage) William B. 16, Thomas J., 8, John T. 7, James L. 5, Mary E. 3 and Alexander L. 5 months.

Next examined the index to Grantees and Grantors for Jones county, Ga. that I had checked for Kirk names and then went to original deeds. 1. Grantee index 470009, grantor index 47005, Kirk For the Peale names films 470006, 470010.

In deed book B on film 470012, item 1 Pg. 232/3 Sheriff, James Riley, Jones county 5 Sep 1809 was selling to Stephen Kirk, land mentioned in a court case, plaintiff William Bell - def. Benjamin Raney. Land formerly Baldwin county #34, 2 1/2 acres, 10th distr. Pg. 313-4 Robert Langman of Tattnall county, to Stephen Kirk of Baldwin county, sells 202 1/2 acres in Baldwin county #28, 10th distr. 1 Pg. 603 Asa Rogan and wife Cynthia of Baldwin county sell to Stephen Kirk last 202 1/2 acres, 10th distr., originally Baldwin, now Jones county #38.

Jones county, Ga. deed book F, film 470014 Pg. 176 Stephen Kirk of county sells to William Hunt land in county 11 and 11/100 acres beginning at a read oak, 26 Apr 1811.

Jones county Ga. Deed book J pg. 261, film 470015 item 2, pg. 261, Stephen Kirk of county for one dollar on 2 Oct 1816 sells to John Kirk tract of land 194 and 3/10 acres lots #38, 10th distr, adjoining lot #39, Se; Wit: William LB. George, John Cabiness and William Kirk.

Jones county Ga. deed bk k on film 470016 item one pg. 138 Henry B. Cabiness, Robert Mcgaugh, Potetiet Cabianess, admr. and admirx. of estate of George Cabiness sr. late of Jones county, dec'd sell to William Kirk, land formerly in Baldwin county, now Jones county, 10th distr., 30 Feb 1819. Same film item 2, bkL William Hunt sells to Stephen Kirk 26 April 1811, tract of land in county 11 and 7/10's acres beginning at a forked dogwood.

Next reference I have photocopied for you because of interesting data in deed on your family. Jones county Ga. deed book M on film 470017, item one 14 Jan 1822 John and William Kirk administrations and Anna Kirk Administratrix, estate of Stephen Kirk sell to William Whatley. William and John Kirk selling land back and forth to each other in this deed book also.

Jones county, Ga. Deed bk N, on film 470017 item 2, pgs. 22/23 have photocopied for you, also a very good historical deed. In this document John Kirk, William Kirk, administrators and Anna

Kirk, admrx., of Stephen Kirk estate, late of Jones county sell to William Hunt, land witnessed by your Levi Kirk, Alexander J. Hunt and Thomas Hunt. Note your Anna signs her x so she couldn't read or write. dated 24 Jan 1824 and recorded 8 May 1824. Also page 23 Wilkins Hunt(borther in law of Levi) sells to Thomas Hunt land in Jones originally Baldwin county. this document also witnessed by Levi Kirk and John Kirk, so Levi still alive in Jan 1828. This pins down his death date more closely.

Final photocopies of documents from Jones county, Ga. deeds from deeds book N, pgs. 42/43 on film 470017 item 2 Your Levi witness to sale of land by administrators and admrx. of Stephen Kirk estate, dec'd.

In Jones county Ga. deed book O, on film 470018 pg. 352 your Levi Kirk sells to Alexander J. Hunt, his brother in law, 12 Nov. 1830 land 10th distr. lot #30 containing 101 1/4 acres, known as McGough place, adjoining William Hunt and John Thomas.

I found those deeds very interesting and hope that you enjoyed them too. that concludes the Georgia checking for this report.

Since your John Billingsley was supposed to be in Illinois in the 1840 census I checked for both John Billingsleys and Brooks names together since his wife is Cathrine Brooks. Index to 1840 census Illn by Accelerated indexing, 977.3x2j. Only John Billingslee in Macon county pg. 9, also in Macon in index Harrison and William W. Brooks on page 7 and 67 in Macon. No Thomas Billingsley. Also checked on film series of early Illn. Court and census records film 1001609 for Billingsley and spelling variations. In southern tip of state on Miss. river and up from Tenn and Mo. were many Billinglseys early in Union county. No early John or Thomas cited in this filmed series. On film 1001618 searched for Brook and Brooks names. Brook names also in Union county. In Wayne county Isaac Brooks in 1850, 29 born in Tenn. In 1850 census in Union county Larkin Brooks 35 born Tenn. In 1850 census Union county William Brooks 39 born Tenn.

next checked some references for Macon county, Illn. mar1829-1870, on film 983,123, 1837 marriage Harrison Brooks to Darlina Harrison. No Billingsley marriages. Macon county, Illn. grantor index deeds, 1830-1865, on film 985,765, no Billingsly or Brooks names at all in index.

I next rechecked the index and census abstracts for North Carolina for 1790 looking for a Bird Brassel, Brazil, etc. and for Alford names. Had previously done the Kirk families. Pg. 153 salisbury distr., Guilford county Henry Billingsley and Jacob Brasel. Pg. 173 Salisbury distr., Rowan county Ruth

Billingsley. Since some of previous references stated Bird Braswells name was William Bird Braswell, also checked for that. Pg. 69 Halifax distr, Nash county William Braswell, Jacob(2), Robt. Braswell. William had one male above 16, one male under 16 and 4 females. Mijajah and Dempsey Braswell also on same page. Pg. 105 Hillsborough distr., Wake county Valentine Braswell.

I next did Margaret Hofmann's excellent series of early North Carolina land patent abstracts for all your known family surnames. Provence patents 1663-1729, book no. 975.6R2hp, patent book i, orig. page 224, book page 3092 Stephen Scott 4 Sep 1714, 230 acres in Paskquotank prect., joining Thomas Kirk, and said Scott. A William Braswell in several patents in 1710 on Meherrin river, no county cited. Colony of North Carolina land patent abstracts cont'd 1735-1764 checked. #1988 pg. 8, George Downing 540 acres in Bertie county, joining Sizemore's, William Braswell, Richard Sumner, 4 Oct 1735. Robert Brawell in same area buying. In Craven County Richard Braswell 1741. Colony of N. Car. land patent abstracts 1765-1775. No Kirks in any of those volumes except first Thomas. In this volume in Mecklenburgh county #6862 James Peel 29 Apr 1768, sells land. On #1527 John Yelverton sells in Dobbs county 4 May 1769 land joining one William Brassell. On #7517 Patent pg. 88 of orig. book Silas Billingsley sells 4 Mar 1775 land in Anson county.

Checked next N. Carolina Colonial Land Entries compiled by Dr. A. B. Pruitt, 975.6R29pac. Many Brasswell entries in counties Edgecombe, Granville, Bladen and Cumberland counties. James Marsh warrant 640 acres in New Hanover county, 1735.

N. Car. marriages to 1800 by Liahona Research pg. 37 Henry Billingsley Elizabeth Gowdey 11 May 1784 and John Billingsley to Jeron Millslaps 2 June 1772 both married in Guilford county. Pg. 51 many Braswells. No Bird/Byrd or William in right time frame to be yours. Pg. 255 James Kirk Goodwin Nevels 12 deo 1785 Orange county and several ladies in approximate time frame from Orange county marriages.

I checked some Northampton county, N. Car. books, marriage bonds, 975.649V25n, no early Kirk or Peal male names. Footprints in Northampton county, N. Car. 1741-1776-1979, book 975.649H2f a Richard Braswell in area in 1706. Pg. 7 early Methodist circuit between 1763-1775; Devereaux Jarrott anglican minister of Virginia in area early too.

Halifax county North Carolina deed indexes on film checked on films 317023, item 2 H=L No Stephen Kirk in indexes. Isaac Kirk -n Wm. Sulivant Vol 14, pf. 494; Isaac Kirk to Jesse read Vol 17 pg. 380, isaac Kirk division of land vol 18, pg. 894;

Lewis Kirk -John Cartright vol 10 pg. 89; Halifax county deeds index M-R on film 317,024, NO early Peele names at all. Halifax county, N. Car. deed index on film 317032 reverse index Lewis Kirk Thos Tucker Vol 8 pg. 373; many for Isaac Kirk, earliest Vol 11 pg. 267; Natus Kirk from Patience Kirk vol 17 pg. 810; no Stephen Kirk. Halifax county, N. car. reverse index film 317033. No early Peele names at all.

Since earliest given names in Kirk records in Hancock and Jones counties in Ga. for Kirk males were Joseph, John, Stephen and Isaac I have searched for these names in other states in early indexes for deeds, probate, etc. In the Kirk book previously searched for you mention was made of a Stephen Kirk who was in Orange and then ended up in South Carolina in early 1120's and was still there when your Stephen was in Georgia. Further that Stephen was older than your last known Stephen.

Orange county indexes photocopied for you on the Kirk names for Grantee and Grantor for earliest references. Your youngest Levi had middle name of Lewis. note all the Lewis Kirks in these indexes. In the book Abstracts of Land entries Orange county, N. Car. 975.6565R28p I found references to Isaac Kirks, Lewis Kirks, Stephen Kirk(1778) and William Kirk land entries in 1770's and 1780's. I feel this is good area for where your last known Stephen's ancestors could have come and then descendants went into Georgia.

In book Orange county abstracts wills, books A(B)C, in book 975.6565P25a compiled by Dar Davie Poplar chapter reference A301 deed of Gift from Stephen Kirk to his son Jesse, Kirk 22 Oct 1783 of two negroes. Stephen Kirk to his son, Thomas, negro girl, 22 Oct 1783 witnessed William Kirk, Lewis Kirk and Jesse Brown. A-257 Amos Thomson will executor Lewis Kirk and Richard Cate. B-15 will Richard Hopson 1786 names sons in law Ephriam Barcor, Isaac Kirk and William Baucam.

Next went to some South Carolina references - A Collection of Upper South Carolina Genealogical and Family records, 975.7D2c by James E Wooley, 3 volumes, indexed no family names. South Carolinians in rev. with service records and Misc. data, also will abstracts Laurens county, So. Cara. by Sarah Sullivan Ervin, film 1035,977 item 6. Lewis Kirk on Dar rolls as having served in Rev. from South Carolina compiled by state registrar, no other data on him.

Abbeville county, South Carolina probate abstracts on film 908980 item 17 by Pauline Young Read David Brasswell estate; Willis Breazeale will, Samuel Lyon and Elijah Lyon wills, nothing on known family members at this time but will keep in mind for future reference.

Edgefield county, S. Car. wills 1787-1836, 975.737p2W, PG. 164 Benj. F. Lyon will, wife Susannah, children mentioned but not named 1824.

Fairfield county, S. Car general index estates 1780-1865 on film 292430 checked., Will books checked on films 292431,292432 through 1804, nothing on known families.

Laurens county, S. Car. wills abstracts 1035977 item 6, pg. 157

James Keirk will, son John and grandchild mentioned. Dated 30 July 1799 pr 3 Mar 1800. Mentions cousin in N. Car.

Newberry county, S. Car. wills Vol L on film 024,265 pg. 451 Rebecca Kirk will, dau. Rebecca Lake. Children Isaa and John Jenkins, sons of Isaac Jenkins, dec'd. Dau. Anna Barrett of Ohio. Dau, Lydia Barrett. Dated 2 Nov 1834.

Richland county, S. Car. wills index check on film 024,335. Nothing of any value.

Next turned my attention to the earliest census indexes for Tenn that I hadn't checked on Thomas Billingsley. Index 1820 Tenn by Accelerated indexing only Thomas Billingsley in Giles county along with an Edward Billingley and a George Brooks. See census form I filled out for you. I think this is likely to be your Thomas. index 1830 census Tenn by Accelerated indexing 976.8x2p in Carroll county Thomas and Edward Billingsley.

I then did a general index to tenn probate in book 976.8P22s by Bryant Sistler, 1779 through 1861. Checked for Billingsley and Brook names. John Billingsley 1849 in Williamson. James r. Billingsley in Wilson county 1840 bk. B. Brooks names in Hardin, Hawkins, Weakley, Giles and Washington counties which I copied out names from index for future reference.

Rev. war Land grants in tenn book 976.8R2r in Tenn Military reservation, 976.8R2r, pg. 89 Bird Braswell warrant #1000 grantee Bird Braswell, book C pg. 259, Smith county, assigned to John Tait. (this may be Byrd of Georgia references of N. Car. and rev. war vet) Next check book tenn taxpayers by Sistler, 976.r4s. pg. 115, Thomas Billingsleys in Greene county 1805, and Giles county in 1819. May or may not be same parties. Will continue this search another time. Brooks names in Giles and Greene counties also early.

Did several references to Giles county, tenn early marriages 976.861V28p nothing on Billingsley pg. 7 John Brooks Susan Ingram 28 Oct 1833; Samuel Brooks Martha e. Wells 13 May 1840; William Bird Brooks Jr. Henrietta McLauriane 21 Feb 1833. Also checked Giles county Will Abstracts by Clara M. Parker, book no 976.861P2pc, nothing.

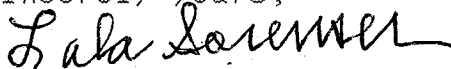
Since deed in Ark. tied your Billingsleys to Hardin county, Tenn (two counties away from Giles county on a map) I also checked some references for that county. Deaths 1820-1890 976.831,V2w Thomas Billingsley admr, appt'd 2 Oct 1865 (might be civil war vet?). Hardin county Tenn Oldest existing marriage records book k, 1859-1878, 976.831V2b, vol i, nothing. Hardin county, Tenn records compiler Thomas A. Hays, 976.831P2 h, nothing.

This completes my search for these two half days and current payments through July. I assume I will finally from the bank hear about any Aug payment from you later. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending that to my bank. I feel with this search we know where your Billingsleys were in Tenn in 1820 and 1830. further I have some leads in other counties to check on from early tax abstracts on Billingsleys and Brooks names.

In the Kirk families I have located more interesting probate on your last known family of Stephen and Anna from deeds most important of which I made filmed copies of for you. Also it would appear from wide search I have made in North and South Carolina that your Stephen is likely to have descended from those Kirks who lived in Orange county, North Carolina before moving further south and west into Georgia.

When I have more to report you will hear from me again. It is a pleasure working for you on your family lines.

Sincerely yours,



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