

16 Dec 1996
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Dear Lt. Kirk:

Thank you for your checks entered into my account for 30 Oct 1996 and for 29 Nov 1996. The bank had notified me of these payments to me. Part of my last report included the time sent for Oct. With this report the time for Nov and Dec will be spent. No additional billing. Part of this time I will give to you for the holidays without additional billing. I hope that you and your lovely wife have a great Christmas together.

I am enclosing a photocopy of 6 pages from a small book called The Braswell Family. Included in this volume and photocopies you will find a pedigree chart showing connections to earliest parties that that author has traced with that surname. Note that earliest reference is to parties that lived in provence of Ulster, Northern Ireland at a point in time. Note also that the Valentines that intrigued me in a previous report that I mentioned to you in Northampton county, N. Car. colonial records are also cited in that pedigree and that across the Virginia line from Northampton is the Isle of Wight county, Virginia. these people are very likely to be ancestors of your last known circumstantial ancestor, William Bird Braswell, rev. war vet who ends up in Georgia after the war.

Since I wanted to see if I could extend the Alford Line for you, Julia Ann who married in Sevier county, Ark in Oct 1860 to Jesse Granville Billingsley. In previous searching also had found a Julia Ann in the 1850 census for Bradley county, Ark. living with a Hugh Wooldrige Family. Julia and Jesse are your Virginia Lee Billingsley's parents.

I checked the International Genealogy Index of names submissions for Ark. and found that the library had picked up the Alford Billingsley marriage from the filmed original marriages on file here that I had checked. Also found that someone had submitted the Family of Hugh Wooldridge from the 1850 census which included your ancestor in original census, computer batch number 7034908 sheets 28-29. Early Wooldrige marriages in this index in counties of Randolph, Union and Lawrence for Wooldridge names. No Alford names for a marriage before 1842 when your ancestor was reported in census for have been born.

In previous searching I had looked up all the Alford families from the statewide census index to Ark for 1850, then spread out my search and found Julia in Bradley county. Note map which I enclose to show where different records show the Alford name in early census or court records of some type. A number 4 or 5 indicates that Alford's were in either 1840 or 1850 census in that county. Only Wooldridge names in 1840 census index were in counties of Pulaski and Union none for Bradley.

Since I hadn't had time to do the 1840 censuses for Conway county and Pulaski county, Ark. previously and had covered available records for Bradley, looked up those two counties for 1840 (film 002474) In Conway county pg. 59 William Alford a single man living alone 20/30, no females listed with him. He could have married just after the census? In Pulaski county pg. 96 Thko. Wooldridge 30/40, wife 20/30, one son under 5. Pg. 98 Robt. Alford one male 20/30, no females listed, one son 5/10.

With your Juila Ann having been born between the 1840 and 1850 censuses, checking the 1840 for possibilities helps to tell us who was marriageable age and could have been having children in 1842.

Book Arkansas Marriages Early to 1850 compiled by Precision Indexing, no. 976.7V22am Pg. 3 earliest references to surname Priscilla E. Alford marr. Robert W. Shepherd 1 Dec 1850 Union county. Sarah A. Alfred marr. James T. McQuiston 17 Jan 1850 Pulaski. Early Billingsley marriages in counties of Washington, Clark, Saline and Union. Pg. 124 Kirk early marriages in counties of Jackson, Independence, Pulaski, Dallas, Washington. No known family names.

Arkansas Tax lists 1830/1839 by Accelerated Indexing, bk. no. 976.7R48J, volume 2 No Alford's. Pg. 52 All Billingsleys in Washington county 1836/1838, Christopher, James, John. No Doggett names. Pg. 77 John J. Brazil, Saline county 1838 tax list. IN Pulaski and Saline Valentine Brazels. William Brazil in Lawrence county 1831.

Goodspeed's Biography and Hist. Memoirs of Western Ark., publ Southern Hist. Press, 976.7H2bu includes Conway county, indexed for each county, no Alford's or Woolridges. Genealogy Bits of Conway county by DAR booklet 976.7A#1 94, nothing. Gen. Records Conway county 1837-1845 by James Logan Morgan, Chancery 1842-1867, probate 1837-46, indexed nothing. Land patents abstracts Conway county, 976.7R22a, nothing. Marriage Abstracts Conway county, Ark. 976.731V2g, nothing.

Pulaski county, Ark. records checked looking for Alford-Wooldridge - Index Chancery court records, Pulaski county, Ark.

film 1302850, 1839-1879, nothing; Christ church Little rock History, 1839-1899, book 976.773L1K2e, nothing. Mt. Holly Cemetery, Little Rock, Ark. bk. 976.773/Li V3c, indexed nothing. First Lutheran Church Little rock, Ark. book 976.773K2s, nothing.

Checked original deed index Pulaski county, Ark. 1819-1906, film 1302635, grantor(seller) Earliest reference robert T. Alford - Frances A. McWilliams 29 Apr 1836 bk. M. pg. 251. Many for R. T. and his wife going through year 1856 so this can't be possible parent to your Julia as he is still alive in 1856. Index deeds Pulaski, same film grantor Woolridge - Elizabeth Woolridge and others sell to Noah H. Badgett 21 Aug. 1856, bk Z pg. 394, selling interest in estate of James Fletcher dec'd.; Thomas Wooldridge and wife, sell to George Peil 15 Nov 1848 rec. 25 Nov 1848 bk. U. pg. 107. Thomas Wooldridge selling to Pamela Fletcher bk G or S , blurred pg. 363, 10 July 1854.

Deeds index Pulaski county, Ark. grantee, same years covered as for Grantor indexes, film 1302646 Earliest reference robert T. Alford gets a grant from United States, patent, 15 April 1837, bk K. pg. 235. On film 1302650 Pulaski county, Ark. W-Z Several James Woolridge's entries in 1860's too large to help. Earliest reference Thomas Woolridge from James Fletcher and his wife 1848-1849, bk. U. pg. 271. Book abstracts Ark. Land Patents Pulaski county, no. 976.773R22a, pg. 15 Robert T. Alford land office Little rock 15 Apr 1837. No Woolridge's listed.

Early Pulaski county, Ark. marriages 1838-1901, Publ. Stanley company, 976.773V22e Indexed Vol I A-D Index both by male and female marriages. Alford marriages all in 1890's and 1900's too late to be possible parents to your Julia.

Pulaski county, Ark. Probate abstracts, indexed on film 1302564, 1849-1859, No Alford, Wooldridge. Abstracts of Wills Pulaski county, Ark. 1820-1841 by James Logan Morgan, indexed nothing. Genealogical Records abstracts Pulaski county, Ark. by James Logan Morgan, nothing.

This was frustrating still I didn't want to leave a stone unturned if it might net us a clue or answer to the parentage of your Julia. Since Julie married in Sevier county, I decided to also check the index to deeds on film 1009434, covering 1830=1860 and see what Alford's might be listed and there were none. Also no Wooldridge names in index either. No Doggett or Braswell/Brazil names. Direct Index deeds, Sevier county, Ark. book 2, index 1860=1895, film 1009435, No Alford. That completed the threads that I had hoped might solve the Alford problem and I didn't solve it. Last data therefore, remains the 1850 census in Bradley county, Ark. 5 counties away from Little River and Sevier counties in Ark. on a map. Whether you would want me to delve into all the counties in between in the hopes of finding a deed

or will to connect your Julia to her parents, I am not certain. I will have to think about that, whether I would consider it worth our time to in so many more counties. You might advise me as to your thoughts about that when you have time after the holidays to study this all out.

On the Billingsley searches in past Had been successful in locating the parents and grandparents lines off Virginia Lee Billingsley's family. Her grandparents were John C. Billingsley and Cathrine Brooks and Catherine was reported to have died in Illn. in 1840. I had done some extensive indexes to Illn. court and early census and had located a John Billingsley in same county as a George Brooks. Since Julia Alford Billingsley reported her father born in Tenn in the 1880 census, I also decided to not only check for Billingsley more in Tenn. records but also for Alford's to see if the families might have come into Ark. from close areas in Tenn previously. However, Billingsleys were in Illn. from Tenn. and then into Ark.

The International Genealogy index of names submissions for Tenn showed the name Alford well represented in early 1800's in many counties including Williamson, Davidson, Claiborne, Lawrence, Hardin (Where your John Billingsley's father Thomas Billingsley had land and sold it when he had moved to Sevier county, Ark.) and Meigs county. Most of early names from Davidson and Williamson counties.

By the time 1820 census for Tenn, which is first statewide census not destroyed 1790-1800-1810 destroyed, there were Alford's listed in statewide census index with returns showing Alford's in counties of Lawrence, Perry, Rutherford, Davison (Davidson), Lincoln, Warren and Maury counties. Had checked for Billingsley previously but hadn't taken time to send you a photocopy so decided to do this with Alford sheet, too. Note that your Thomas and his oldest son, Edward are in Giles county. Other Billingsley's in Jackson county.

Since I had found a clue in early Tenn tax lists previously that there were Billingsleys in Green county, Tenn. early I thought I would check those records and see if additional could be found and if, so, if the Thomas there might be your last known Billingsley ancestor, Thomas age 67-1850 census born in Tenn about 1783. So far no clue in Ark. or Illn. records as to his wife's name.

Green county, Tenn records, marriages May 1780-Sep 1836. Your John, Thomas's son born 1804-1807 in Tenn so needed a marriage before that. No Billingsleys listed in marriage index at all. Greene county, Tenn wills, volume one Jan 1828 through Jan 1873, on film 944409, indexed no Billingsleys or Brooks.

Greene county, Tenn deeds index, WPA compiled 1785-1871, film 944411 Many Billingsleys in index

Samuel Billingsley - Jacob Kelaler 100 acres, vol 6, pg. 351; Thomas Billingsley - John Neace 100 acres vol 7 pg. 142; Samuel Billingsley and others - Benjamin Neel and others, vol 8, pg. 212; Thomas Billingsley James Jones Vol 9 pg. 166 Elijah Billingsley-William Blair vol 9 pg. 364. Thomas Billingsley William Billingsley 1803, vol 24 pg. 22; Samuel Billingsley-Thomas Billingsley vol 24 pg. 23; William Billingsley Samuel, Billingsley vol 24, pg. 47.

Decided to look up just those that might have most data in them from index reference as follows:

Green county, Tenn. deed bk 6 pg. 351(film 944,417) Samuel Billingsley of Washington county, Tenn to Jacob Keller of Green sells tract of land conveyed by Samuel Mear to Samuel Billingsley, land on branch of Lick Creek beginning on white oak, 100 acres, 20 Jan 1799. Same film volume 7 pgs. 142/3 Thomas Billingsley of Greene county, Tenn sells 1 Jan 1806 to John Neace tract of land in county on Lick creek between Plumb creek and churncomp creek, beginning at a white oak, 100 acres.

Greene county, Tenn. deed bk. 8(film 944418) pg. 212 James Billingsley of Greene county 16 Sep 1807 sells to Benjamin Neel and Frederick Smith tract of land on waters of Lick Creek, called plumb creek beginning at christian war path at a post oak, no acreage cited.

Greene county, Tenn deed bk 9, film 944419, pg. 166 Thomas Billingsley 8 Oct 1808 of Greene county sells to James Jones tract of land on lick creek beginning at a dogwood, 200 acres. pg. 364/5 Elijah Billingsley 9 July 1812 sells to William Blair land 200 acres in Greene one churncamp creek beginning at a tract of land where Benjamin Neel now lives, 200 acres.

Final book checked in original deed county, Tenn. deeds was book 24 on film 944426, pg. 22 Thomas Billingsley of Green county 24 Jan 1803 sells William Billingsley tract of land waters of Lick creek called campcreek beginning at a mash(their spelling) to a gum, 108 acres. Pg. 23 Samuel Billingsley selling 24 Jan 1803 land on waters lick creek beginning at a dogwood, 200 acres to Thomas Billingsley. Pg. 47 William Billingsley to Green 25 July 1803 sells to Samuel Billingsley tract of land waters of Lick creek called camp creek beginning at an oak; witness Alexander Williams Jr. and John Billingsley.

Other than the early tax lists these deeds are first documents that indicate a Thomas Billingsley in Tenn. at approximate time your John C Billingsley was born in Tenn between

1804-1807. The others by that surname that are buying and selling to him or that have land in same area on same watercourses are likely to be relatives of his. What relatives at this point I don't know. Too bad no wills or marriages to help us in Greene county. Since one Billingsleys referred to as of Washington county, Tenn. perhaps our marriages might be there?

These threads will be followed in my continuing searching off of your various family lines. If there is ever a particular line that you would prefer I concentrate on for a given month, please let me know and I would do that.

From Tenn I had done some general survey work in the past for early North Carolina land grants in Tenn., Rev. war vets records, and North Carolina wills abstracts by Fred Olds 1760-1800 checking for all of your family names including Braswell/Brasil/Brazil, Brazwell, etc., Kirk, Lyon, Doggett, Billingsley, etc. Also early 1790 census records were checked and abstracts of early tax records for N. Carolina were checked. A statewide index to probate was also checked by Thornton Mitchell. I had determined to check threads of Billingsley going into Anson and Guilford counties in North Carolina to see if any deeds, probate, marriages, etc. would mention early Billingsley who might have gone into Tenn. at a later date.

Anson county, North Carolina marriage bonds, for years 1786/1787, only compiled by Utah Gen. Society, book 975.675V25 pg. 1 William Lyons Sarah Sparks lic. between June 1786-1 June 1787. No Billingsley. Anson county, N. Car. deed abstracts by Brent Holcomb, 975.675R2h, pg. 48 King George 2 grants to Richard Lyon land north side Cataba 9 Mar 1754, No Billingsley names.

Abstracts of Land Entries Anson county, NH. Car. 975.6753R28p, by Dr. A. B. Pruitt, 1778-1795 pg. 8 #114 Sias Billingsley enters Land on waters of Clark's creek, Anson county, 2 Feb 1778. Several land entries for him in 1778, 1779.

Anson county Heritage book, North Carolina book 975.6753H2ac, #69 pgs. 88/89. Some Billingsley family data. Claim made Billingsley line goes back to 1481 in Com Salop 20th year of King Edward. Ancestor, Francis 1620 in Salop county, England(?), moved to Holland in large 1630's, then to Virginia prior to 1649, then to provence of Maryland in 1652. They were quakers. Edmund Franklin Billingsley ancestor was Clement Billingsley born 1729 in Maryland and died in 1762 by a falling tree. wife Mary Martin born 1730 and died in 1780's. Mary remarried to John Stedman. wife and 2nd husband moved to Anson county about 1775 with all of children, one of which was Sias Billingsley (1751-1836). Sias born St. Mary's county, Md. Sias married Elizabeth Wilson, she born 1758 and died 1835 and born in N. Car. Sias moved to Montgomery county, N. Car. abt. 1778. One of Sias's children was Elias Billingsley born 1778 and died 1860.

Marr. 1807 to Lucy H. Powell and they moved to Pike county, Ga. in 1830's. One of children of Elias and Lucy was David P. Billingsley, born Anson county 1810-and died 1851. references to compiling the biographical account was from book Billingsley Family in America; bible; register of deeds; Edmund and Ada Billingsley.

I will follow through on these threads and see if any of those family members might have gone into Tenn. Our library does not have that book on the shelves unless we have a filmed copy of it. When I next go to the library will check author/title and see. If not, we could write to the library of congress if you are interested and see if they have it copyrighted and if out of print, they will make a copy of the book for a fee, or we could try to track one down on interlibrary loan?

The other clue area for early Billingsley's in North Carolina was in Guilford county, N. Carolina. There was a large quaker colony here called New Garden after a meeting in Penn. Guilford county, N. Car. deed book one abstracts by William D. Bennett 975.662R2g; nothing. Volume 2 same series pg. 93 Hugh Robertson sells to James Billingsley, 5 Feb 1783, 320 acres waters of Maires fork of Haw river. Old Guilford N. Carolina court minutes abstracts by Nancy Hawlick Stein, 1781-1788. Many references for Henry Billingsley, mainly as a court witness or juror. One reference says of Haw River.

Guilford county, N. Carolina marriages, compiled by Utah Gen. Society 1771-1868, 975.662V2i

Henry Billingsley Elizabeth Gowdy 5-17-1784; John Billingsley Jean Millsaps 6-2-1772; L. D. Billingsley - Sarah Oakes 1-8-1839; Janet Billingsley John Carnahan 11-24-1788.

Above John Billingsley's marriage would be in right time frame to be a possible parent of last known Thomas Billingsley born 1783 in Tenn. There was a John Billingsley as a witness to early deed in Green county, Tenn. However, at this point the matter is only conjecture and not proven as good proof found on the Kirk lines to connect from one place to another.

The Guilford county, N. Car. wills abstracts by Irene B Webster, 975.662P28w, pg. 5 Shows one James Billingsley will dated 5 Jan 1776 and proved May 1776. Children cited in will William, Martha, Walter, Barzil, married children James, Elizabeth, Clarence, Samuel and John J. Youngest sons, Walter, Barzil. Wife of James was Mary.

Since in a previous search found to many Peele names in North Carolina had found a document indicating that early Peele families coming into Jasper and Jones counties in Georgia had come from Edgecombe county, decided to see if any further clues in the parent county of Edgecombe, Bertie county deed abstracts,

975.6163R28b by Dr. Stephen e. Bradley Jr., 1757-1772 Many Peele references in this book from 1758 with Robert Peele having purchased land earlier mentioned in sale of Benjamin Cotton to Thomas Walker. In 1763 one Thomas Peel of Northampton buys land of William Pickett Sr. Read all Peele entries in both volumes one and two.

Bertie county, N. Car. marriage bonds compiler Utah Gen. Society 975.616V25bc. No Brasel/Braswell names, males. pg. 52 earliest entry in marriages for Peele surname - John Peele - Renny Harrell 23 Aug 1792. St. thomas episcopal church abstracts 1701-1990, windsor, N. Car., bk. 975.6163H2e, nothing. Bertie county, N. Carolina wills abstracts 1761-1780, bk. no. 975.6163P2a; Read all family names in index. No early Braswell/Brazil wills, no Peele wills, no Kirk wills.

Another book of will abstracts for Bertie 975.616P2g, David B. Gammon #22 Robert Braswell will dated 14 Sep. 1734-proved Nov 1736. Children Sarah Doughtry, Robert Braswell, Valentine Braswell, Jean Braswell, Mary Braswell, Godson Demcie Sumner

Also searched into Chatham county, N. Car. records looking for additional clues on William Bird/Byrd Braswell/Brazil who entered rev. war service from Chatham to see if additional might be found on him and county in a county History, 1771-1971 by Hadley Horton Stroud that in June 1758 in Orange county on waters of Cape Fear rivers in area now in Chatham county one richard Braswell had a permit to have a ferry at his plantation, that same plantation was lived on Feb 1761 by Henry Braswell and he was given a permit then to have ferry which Richard Braswell formerly had. Checked Chatham county, N. Car. Marriage bonds 1772-21853 compiled by James M. Black, no male Brasel/Brazil/Braswell names at all, no Kirk names.

Did Chatham county, N. Car. deed abstracts by Laird/Jackson volume one 975.659R2l 1 pg. 8 Henry Braswell of Chatham sells land of his inheritance 350 acres south side cape fear river to David Man of Wake county, 16 Sep 1771. Pg. 18 James Brantley and his wife, Hester sell to Valentine Braswell 11 MaY 1774 pg. 43 James Brantley and wife, Esther, sell 24 March 1777 to Benjamin Braswell, 130 acres. pg. 71 North Carolina state grant 1 July 1779 to George Kirk, 200 acres head Rocky branch.

Marriages of Early Edgecombe, North Carolina, 975.646V25wr, no early Peele names. Many Braswell names (these names cited in Braswell book with this report on pedigree pages) then read two books on Edgecombe county probates Estate records Edgecombe, N. Car. by Joseph W. Watson, 1736-1820, 975.646R5w. Read all Bracewell, Braswell, etc. matters and there were many. Also copied out Peele/Peale data. Nothing to tie directly to your last known names but wrote down in case the connecting link will one day be found. The other probate book was Abstracts of Wills

of Edgecombe county, N. Car. 975.646P2wr by Williams and Griffin. Read all Braswell, Peele wills no definite proof on any of those matters to tie into your last known Peele, Kirk, or Braswell families.

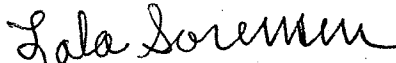
Read several Johnston county, N. Carolina books since it is one of two parent counties for Orange county where your last known Kirk was at a point in time lived. Johnston county Heritage book compiled by County Historical society 975.641H2h, nothing. Johnston county, N. Carolina court minutes abstracts, 975.641P2h by Weynette Parks Haun, 1759-1766, indexed no Kirk. Johnston county, N. Car. will abstracts by Elizabeth E. Ross, 1746-1870, 975.641P28r, volumes one and two, nothing.

Also looked up from previously searched deed indexes for Orange county, N. Carolina on earliest Kirk names previously copied. Lewis and Sarah Kirk are selling land in Orange to James Ball, waters Collins Creek, 29 Sep 1793(306926 pg. 531 North Carolina Land grant to Lewis Kirk 9 Nov 1784(305932) pgs. 254/6.

Orange county deed book 3, pg. 626, film 305925, book 3, pgs. 626 Isaac Kirk of Orange sells to Richard Stanford land in county waters Collins creek.

No deeds in this index or original books cited for a Stephen Kirk. Whether the Kirk's of your line emigrated early to Northern North Carolina or southern Virginia is not clear at this point.

Sincerely yours,



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encl/6 pages from Braswell history;

map Ark. showing where Alford's were in various records and Wooldridge.

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additional data to add to report same date;

Recap of some of family data thus far and best bets for ancestry various lines as follows:

Billingsley - Latest data claims Billingsley emigrant to Virginia, then to Maryland in 1640's. From England to Holland in 1630's and from there to Virginia, then Maryland. Emigrant Frances Billingsley, a quaker.

Descendant Clement Billingsley born 1729 St. Mary's county, Md. and died 1762 in an accident with a tree falling on him. His wife Mary Martin was born 1730 and died in 1780's. After his death she married John Stedman and they moved to Anson county, North Carolina in 1770's. They took her children from previous marriage in move. One of her children Sias Billingsley was born 1751 and died 1836. He was born in St. Mary's county, Md. He moved to Montgomery county, N. Carolina in 1778 and had 12 children. One of Sias's children, Elias Billingsley born 1778 and died 1860. He married Lucy H. Powell in 1807. Their son, David P. Billingsley was born 1810 in Anson and died in 1851.

The 1790 census for North Carolina showed only two Billingsleys (975.6X2r) pg. 153 Salisbury distr., Guilford, Henry Billingsley; pg. 173 Salisbury distr., Rowan county Ruth Billingsley.

With this report I had located in Guilford county marriage a marriage 2 June 1772 for John Billingsley to Jean Millsaps and the couple were not there in 1790 census. This would make them as a possible parent couple to your last known Thomas born in 1783 in Tenn. Henry also was old enough to have had children in age group to be contemporary with Thomas but Henry remained in North Carolina in 1790 so that eliminates him.

Guilford county, N. Carolina will abstracts 975.662p28W, shows an early James Billingsley with a will dated 5 Jan 1776 and proved May 1776 with wife Mary and children - married ones James, Elizabeth, Clarence, Samuel and John J; other children William, Martha, Walter, Barzil. (later two youngest sons) This tells us who John's parents were.

In tracking your Thomas Billingley threads in Tenn where he was born, I found a deed in Ark. which showed him as having land in Hardin county, Tenn. In the 1830 census he was in Carroll county, Tenn with older son, Edward, and some Brook families which may be related to Thomas's son, John's wife, Catherine

Brooks who was also born in Tenn. according to a child's statement in 1880 census. In 1820 census Thomas was in Giles county. The ages in the censuses seem to indicate that Thomas of Carroll and Thomas of Giles censuses were same parties and families.

Early tax abstracts to make up for missing censuses of 1790, 1800 and 1810 in Tenn. showing a Thomas in only one eastern county and that was Greene. With this report I have done most of best references in Library catalog for Greene and found that the Thomas there in deeds was buying and selling land at about time your Thomas would be reaching his Majority (20-21). Further he buys and sells to others with same surname which could be his relatives. Also found mention in early deed there that one of Billingsley's had previously been in Washington county so that that county will be searched in continuing work for you.

I feel therefore, that he have tracked back your Thomas to earliest references thus far in Greene county and will continue in Washington county records for next search. Further he is likely to be a descendant of Billingsleys of North Carolina and previous to that in Virginia and Maryland before coming from overseas. This line goes into the British Isle previously.

I am enclosing maps of both North Carolina and Tenn to show where the surname Billingsley, Brazil/Braswell, Bracewell and Kirk was found in early court abstracts so far. The Tenn map is for Billingsley families. The map for North Carolina includes areas where Billingsley, Brazeil/Braswelll, and Kirk(also Peele)_ families have been located in early records of those courts.

On the Braswell I have searched in Chatham county, N. Carolina marriages, deeds, wills since Byrd Braswell stated in revolutionary pension application that he enlisted from Chatham county. Note I found a Henry Braswell who obtained a ferry by inheritance that had formerly been owned by one Richard Braswell. Orange county is the parent county of Chatham and at time of ferry licensing that area that later became Chatham was in Orange county. When I found Henry had a son, William B. I thought I had found your ancestry but another reference states that William was William Blake Braswell and your William was William Byrd/Bird.

In the records I searched for Edgecombe for this time I was intrigued with several older Braswells who were married in 1762 in Edgecombe. With your William Bird being born in 1764 any of couples would be possibilities for ancestry. I was particular interested in the marriage of Soloman Braswell to Rachel Bird 25 Dec 1765. Others Samuel Braswell Mary Williams 30 Nov 1762, bondsman David Braswell; Sampson Braswell marrMoore 31 May 1762, bondsman Edward Moore; David Braswell Nancy Ratterford 14 Sep 1762.

Then I went into the probates including estates and will abstracts which was very time consuming but worthwhile. In those abstracts one Richard Braswell(see book photocopies) had sons Sampson, Solsoman, Richard, James, William, Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth. Then I notes the estate settlement for Soloman Bracewell Sr.s with administrator James Bracewell which listed heirs and among them a William Bracewell, who in part of these probate documents was out of state by 1794.

On the continuing searching for Kirk and Peele colonial families in North Carolina. I had found previously in early land patents earliest reference to a Kirk was in Pasquotank county with land patent for Stephen Scott 4 Sep 1714, his land joined that of Thomas Kirk.

With clues that your last known Stephen Kirk had a son, Young, born in Orange county in 1770's I notes that the Orange county records I have checked indicate in Aug 1760 jurors were richard Braswell and Joseph Kirk; 1763 Haw river Area Joseph Kirk; 1764 John Kirk involved with a bond for William Braswell to have a tavern, Joseph and Richard Kirk mentioned to help with roads; 1765 Joseph Kirk and 1766 George Keark(their spelling).

Then there seems to be a gap in the families of Kirk until Aug 1784 in Orange county with mention of Steaphen(their spelling) Kirk; Lewis Kirk; 1785 Stephen and Lewis Kirk; 1786 Isaac Kirk; 1777 Isaac Kirk took oath of Allegience to American colonies cause of revolution; 1778 Isaac, Lewis Kirk ; 1779 Lewis Kirk; 1780 Lewis Kirk; 1783 Lewis Kirk, Stephen Kirk, Jesse Kirk; 1786 Isaac Kirk; 1788 Wm. Kirk, Levi Kirk; 1795 Lewis, James, Parham Kirk.

It is interesting to note a Levi Kirk in early records in Orange county. With that name as given name for two of your direct ancestors on your Kirk line, it is possible they could have been named for this Levi?

In following through on the threads in Hancock county, Ga. and going backwards into North Carolina I found in a deed in Georgia settling a probate for an Isaac Kirk that Died in Hancock county, Ga. that his family were all living at that time in Halifax county, North Carolina. This would tend to show that the early Kirks previously from Halifax would not be your direct line. The 1790 census for N. Car., Halifax, Halifax distr. shows an Isaac Kirk there with 2 males over 16(would include father) and 3 males under 16 and 5 females(including mother of children).

This concludes my recap to be read after reading initial first part of this report.

Sincerely yours,

Lola Sorensen

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additional maps of North Carolina, Tenn.