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Dear Lt. Kirk:

I have been working diligently on your genealogy and have finally found a block of time to prepare a report for you. First of all the bank had notified me of payments on 26th Aug and 30 Sep of \$50.00 each, thank you. I am assuming when the bank finally sends our Oct. listings that there would be a payment for that month, too. It is my pleasure working with you on your family lines.

I keep rechecking into the International Genealogy index of names submissions anytime I get a new given name or surname to check on your family lines just to see if anyone is working off any of your family lines that we might contact or if they might have any new clues I could work on for you. I noted to my surprise in the IGI a Young Kirk born 1787 with a father Stephen Kirk so I looked it up. Young is listed as a son of Stephen Kirk and Anna your last known Stephen's and his wife's name, who ended up in Jones county, Ga. If that information is correct then your Stephen would be older than originally thought from ages in early census in Ga. See computer strip.

I then took time to look up the batch number and find out who had submitted the information and found that Ruth Elizabeth Vaughn, 1908 W. Tomah, Porterville, Calif. 93257, had submitted the names, not date of submissions. she had Young's wife as born about 1789 of York county, S. Car. and that she died in 1831, age 30 in Maury county, Tenn. She had a marriage date approximated at 1837 in South Carolina. Young's death dates is given as 28 Mar 1850 in Lewis county, Tenn. Children listed for the couple were Stephen S. Kirk born 11 Apr 1807 of York county, S. Car. who married Dorothy Kates; Peter Akin Kirk who married Elizabeth Locke 26 June 1828 and died 1860 or 70 in Perry county, Tenn; Hugh Cain Kirk born 25 Apr 1812 of Dickson county, Tenn and he died 4 Nov 1873 in Maury county, Tenn; Robert Bunnell Kirk born 28 Jan 1823 Dickson county, Tenn, marr 8 March 1848 Margaret Blanche Carroll 8 Mar 1848 and died Oct 1876 Lawrence county, Tenn.; Martha Kirk born 1827 Dickson county, Tenn, marr 12 Oct 1843 Joseph M. Pennington; Cynthia Kirk b. 1829 Tenn, marr Jessie B. Kirk Apr 6, 1835.

This is very interesting in view of the fact that the Above Stephen S. Kirk ends up in Ark where your direct ancestors were at a point in time. She lists as her sources for the names submissions Family bible (doesn't state what bible or where it is located at that time) and court records (Doesn't state what court records or where.)

Young Kirk is also lived as marrying 2nd Frances Ann Bailey who was born 1807 in Virginia and died 27 Sep 1873. She had previously been married to John J. Pickard on 3 Jan 1828. 1 Children of 2nd married were Frances Carolina, Lucy A., Mary (Lou), Nancy Eveline. (born 1836, 1834, 1838, 1843) Why oldest child is not listed first on this family of 2nd marriage I don't know.

I next turned to continuing research to see what additional I might find. In the index to Rev. war Service records by Virgil White in book 973M2wv I read all Brasil/Brezeal, data. No William's or Bird's for North Carolina. Read all Kirk names and there were no Stephens. Pg. 1552 John Kirk 1st N. Car regt; John Kirk 1st S. Car regt.; John Kirk private 6th S.C. regt. Some Kirks from Virginia, Maryland and Penn. No Stephens.

Abstracts Rev. war Pensions by Virgil White, 973M28g, vol 2 Byrd Brazel file no S31571, North Carolina line, applied 7 Jan 1833 from Hancock county, Ga., at age 69, enlisted from Chatham county, N. Car. Born in North Carolina but date and place not given. Several Kirk names, but none from N. Car. Several from Virginia and ending up in Kentucky when they applied for pensions. None ending up in Georgia after war. No Stephens.

In Georgia records not previously checked I did a film on Jones county, Ga. Administrations, guardian records from 1811-1815, on film 454238. Indexed no Kirk, Braswell, Lyon; Marriage license index to book one 1809-1821 two John Kirk marriages previously located in book abstracts found, pg. 228 to Mary Reeves, lic 20 Nov, marr 21 Nov 1813, pg. 270 John Kirk - Lucy Hendricks and lic 22 Dec, marr 23 Dec 1819. Several Braswell marriages.

Next turned my attention to Wilkes county, Ga. records since a clue in previous research had indicated a Stephen Kirk was there early and someone had sent in a query to a genealogy publication wondering if that Stephen were same one as yours who ended up in Jones county, Ga. later.

Wilkes county Georgia cemetery abstracts compiled by Fm. M. Nell and Newsome, bk. 975.817V22n, all cemeteries listed in index. No Brassell, Brazel or Kirk Family cemeteries. No indexes as to interments so decided in interest of time not to read whole book.

Wilkes county Ga. - Chronicles of Wilkes county, Ga., from Washington's newspapers, 1889-1898, bk. 975.8172H2c, transcribed by Mary Boudurant Warren, Indexed, no Kirk, Peele names.

The Wilkes county, Ga. papers, 1773-18833, compiler Robert Scott Davis Jr., bk. 975.8172N2d Pg. 4 Caleb Kirk versus John McVay 30 July 1790, superior court minute,s. pg. 221 Inventory 2 Oct 1788 estate Abner Hill dec'd by John Kirk, Stephen Darden, William Curton. Pg. 300 Loose papers at Ga. state archives reel 241-58 # 169 Francis Billingsley; #170 John Billingslea, #171 Samuel Billingslea.

Early Records Wilkes county, Ga. bk. 975.817N2d compiler Grace Gillam Davidson, Vol I pg. 268 Byrd Braswell of Richmond county to Wm. V. Nurnelee of Wilkes, 400 acres on Beaverdam creek. Original grant to Braswell 1785, 1 July 1787. Pg. 40 folio 12 Samuel Lemars dec'd, Samuel Brazel appt'd admr. 15 Feb 1784. Pg. 290 Arthur Smith to Joel McClendon 100 acres both sides of Fishing creek. wit; John O'Neal, S. Kirk. pg. 2391 John Todd and Arthur Smith to Joel McClendon, 24 acres Fishing creek, 12 Mar 1788; wit. S. Kirk, Benj. McClendon. Note by photocopy of page 17 which indicates in court 1773 Eliza Kirk from Penn has 3 sons from 16 to 9 - 250 acres Little river on path to Hardins creek. In volume 2 notice photocopy page 113 states Elizabeth Kirk a widow of Yorktown, York, Penn giving deed of gift to her son, Caleb 2 Aug 1784. Note photo on page 215 Jas. Mendinghall received funds for surveying 250 acres on Reedy creek for Elizabeth Kirk 2 June 1777.

In previous research in IGI someone had submitted a Stephens Kirk who had married an Elizabeth McClendon and was born in 1770's. This above S. or Stephen is involved with a McClendon in court transactions in Wilkes and could well be the Stephens who married Elizabeth McClendon. This Stephen is about right age to be yours but with a wrong wife's name. If this Stephen is a son of the Elizabeth formerly in Wilkes county from Penn, then he is not likely to be yours who is reported to have been of North Carolina prior to coming to Georgia and ending up in Jones and Hancock counties in Ga. If this Stephen is yours, then only way would be if he had married Elizabeth McClendon first, then as a 2nd marriage married Anna. However, if IGI reference from a family bible is right, then Young Kirk was born in 1787 in Orange county, N. Car. and would have been married to that Stephen in the 1780's early. If Young Kirk is your Stephen's son, then your Stephen is older than we originally thought and Anna also and he would have been born say in 1760's instead of 1770's with a son born in 1787.

I then did the index to superior court deeds and mortgages

for Wilkes county, with direct and reverse indexing (grantor and grantee) on film 163600 Elizabeth Kirk - Caleb Kirk 250 acres Reedy creek 1784 bk HH pg. 131. Caleb Kirk - David Sidwell 250 acres Reedy creek 1794, bk PP pg. 89. Wilkes county Ga. court of Ordinary land grants bk. A pg. 166 Bird Braswell 400 acres, warrant 10 Oct 1784, executed 18 Oct 1784. Wm. Moses borders land to north, all other sides of land vacant. Pg. 199 Sam's Braswell 200 acres, Wheatland borders Clowers land to north all other sides vacant. warrant 10 Dec 1784. (film 163597)

Wilkes county Ga. court of ordinary grants land cont'd book C (163,597 film item 2) John Kirk's land 250 acres, land bordering to west Jos. Kirk, land bordering south Thomas Brantley, land bordering to each Michael Harvey, warrant 6 May 1784. Pg. 91 Joseph Kirk's land 200 acres, north bordering land of Jno. Kirk and Thos. Brantley, land borders west, east and south vacant, warrant 6 May 1784. None for a Stephen Kirk.

Wilkes county Ga. court of ordinary general index estate on film 163527 No Kirk names at all in index; no Brasswell/Brazil. Edward Lyon return 1833 day book 1830-36 pg. 261; John Lyon, Mary Lyon admr., bond 5 Mar 1805, bond 5 March 1805, appr. and sale 19 Apr 1805 - bk. 1806-7 pg. 113; Mary Lyon will 30 Dec 1813 wills 1810-1816 pg. 131; John Lyon will 29 Apr 1823 wills 1819-1816 pg. 136; Elizabeth Lyon will 4 Feb 1822, book 1819-36, pg. 89. No Billingslea.

Wilkes county Ga. Miscellaneous church records on film 163586 including Philips Mill bapt church, Washington, Ga. 1785-1822, not indexed ready page by page from earliest to May 8, 1802, nothing on known family names.

Wilkes county wills book HH 1810-1816, list of admin. bonds 1785-1798 on film 493588. Filmed pages of original documents each page mostly totally unreadable.

Wilkes county Ga. ordinary tax digest 1790's, film 465187, item one 1790, originals no Braswell, Lyon, Alford, Kirk, etc names at all. Wilkes county, Ga. Texas 1787, 1792-94, 1801 on film 159194 In 1787 John Brazzell 200 acres; Frederick Brazzell. In 1792 #56 Wm. Billingsley In 1793 Capt Turner's distr. #3 William Billingsley, William Barker, #3 Hugh McCain #4 Samuel Billingslea. Capt Neels distr #9, #8 Byrd Brasswell Wilkes. List of Col. Alexanders regt. defaulters of taxes Louis and Briant McClendon. 1793-94 lists Francis Billingsley. No Kirks at all.

Wilkes county Ga. court of ordinary wills, 1786-1806 on film 163529 item 2 pg. 201 Frances Billingslea will children Samuel, Sarah Norris, William, Walter, Francis, James, John, Polly, Howell Bilingslea no date of will, pr. 4 Jan 1799.

No Kirk wills in here but two McClendon wills, neither named a daughter, Elizabeth married to a Kirk.

Early Georgia wills and settlements of estates, Wilkes county by Sarah Quinn Smith, 975.817kS2s, nothing.

Georgia roster of American rev. vets by Lucian Lamar Knight, 975.8M23k. Only Kirk, a John Kirk with just named cited. On page 408, pg. 1420 on Harvey DAR list given in a talk to congress 1900-1901, 2nd session 56th congress. Names Bird Brasel, Byrd Brazil given.

With new clues for Penn. and checking on other given names of early Kirk's in land deed in Hancock and Jones county with your Stephen I went into Penn., Maryland, Delaware Kirk names. I had done Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina Kirk names previously. In Cecil county Maryland a William Kirk born 17 Apr 1783 with parents Joseph Kirk and Judith Knight was listed, however, same names and parents and date also cited as William born rather in Penn. Cecil county borders Penn.

I took time this time to copy out all early Peele names from the IGI to compare against the data from the Peele book and from court records I already had on your last known Peele who married Levi Kirk in 1826. There were John Peeles born in the 1770's through 1790's in counties of Northampton, Johnston, Wayne, Perquimans, Bertie and Mecklenburg counties. There were William Peeles in same time frame in Rutherford, Bertie, Chowan counties. Since there was a Willis Peele in Ga. I notes Willis's in counties of Franklin and Wayne.

I then continued my checks into counties in North Carolina records. Colonial Bertie county, N. Car. by Mary Best Bell, abstracts 1720-23 vol I indexed no Kirk names pg. 4 Valentine Brasswell and wife, Jean to John Blackman 3 Dec 1722 adjoining John Pope, William Bryant, patent date 9 Mar 1717/8, rec. May 1723. pg. 63 Valentine Brasswell and wife, Jean to John Blackman, 3 Sep 1722, 150 acres purchased of Jeames Briant, patent 1 Apr 1719, wit Jeames Bryant, Sarah Bryant. Pg. 64 Valentine Brasswell and wife, Jeane to John cotton 15 Apr 1721, power of atty to sell land on Urharra Swamp, manor plantation of Valentine Brasswell to John Blackman. Also in same book deeds for Richard Braswell and wife, Eleanor in 1720's. Robert Brasswell in 1723, wife Sarah. Pg. 9 Nov A, orig. page 152 John Blackmon and wife, Elizabeth sell to Nicolas Badgett 12 Aug 1723, part of tract granted William Braswell 1 Apr 1714. Read all deeds mentioning Braswells. It was evident that one William Braswell had bought a large tract which he then sold to various parties from 1710's to 1720's.

The Bertie Index of N. Car. Land records in book 975.616R4

Shown countless names beginning in 1741 to Peele's. Robert Peele grantee --n Samuel Ruffin grantor bk F pg. 317, 1741; Robert Peel - John Ill, sheriff 1753, bk. H. pg. 9; Thomas Peele - William Picket bk K, pg. 299; 1762 John Peele - Thos Coggin bk. K pg. 303, Joshua Peele - Willis Grimes and wife bk K pg. 409; Joshua Peelle - John Peele and wife 1764, bk. K pg. 413; 1774 Josiah Peele - Joshua Peele bk. M. pg. 160; 1773 John Peel -- Joshua Peele Bk M pg. 223; 1777 Henry Peele -Joshua Peele bk K pg. 352 and others later.

The name Peele/Peelle, Peale, etc. appears to be quite common in North Carolina counties early so making that connection from Georgia backwards is going to be more complicated than I thought. For next search I will concentrate mainly on this while at this time I am just giving you an overview since I was looking in those references for Kirk and Braswell which is what my main part of this report is about.

Book Edgecombe county, N. Car. Kinfolks by Joseph W. Watson, 1788-1855, bk. 975.646R2w There were countless numbers of Peele names in this book to look up. No Kirk names at all. I spent a lot of time on this book. On page 146 of book was a reference to deed book 17 pg. 487 which really excited me.

Molly Gray widow, of Benjamin Gray, John Peele Jr. and wife, Rebecca Peel, Godetha Gray, all of Edgecombe county; Abel Brown and wife, Elizabeth Brown of Green county, N. Car. and Peter Gray of Jones county, Georgia, all heirs at law of Benjamin Gray dec'd, 2 Mar 1821. Pg. 220 referring to deed book 21 pg. 118, Willis Peal of state of Georgia, sold land by his attorney in Edgecombe, selling 1/2 land of James Peal, dec'd, 27 Aug 1822.

Here we have definite connections of Peele's and relatives going to Georgia and the Gray heirs, which included someone married to a Peele we find mention of our target county Jones county, Ga. I feel these parties are likely related to your Rebecca Peel who married Levi Kirk 14 March 1826 in Jones county, Ga. In fact I have wondered if your Rebecca could be this wife of John Peele Jr. and if, so, she would have a maiden name of Gray and Peele would be her name after marriage to your Levi. If so, then your line for Rebecca would be for a Gray line and she would be daughter of Benjamin Gray and Molly. Will continue with this theory for next search.

Also in that Edgecombe Kinfolks book were references to William Braswell Sr. selling land to Jacob Braswell, 4 Nov 1789(pg. 3)

On same page William Braswell, Sr., deed of gift land to James Braswell and to William Braswell (Jr.), 1789. Pg. 26 deed book 8 pg. 596 Division of land for lawful claimants of William Bracewell, dec'd - numbered 1. Isaac, 2 Alexander, 3., Soloman, 4, Jacob, 5. Joseph Armstrong in right of wife, 7, William Clark in right of his wife, 7. William, 8 Orphans of James dec'd, Nov

1796. Also in same book heirs of one Soloman Bracwell dec'd 14 Nov 1795 cited, his wife Elizabeth named 30 Mar 1794. Pg. 30 william Bracewell of Kentucky state, son of Soloman dec'd selling 23 Oct 1797 of his brother, Soloman, dec'd, also. Read all deed abstracts for these surnames and copied out most pertinent to refer to later as needed.

The Granville Distr. N. Car. abstracts land grants by Margaret M. Hoffmann 1748-1768 checked since Orange county where clue on your Stephen Kirk found with this report is organized from part of Granville county needed to see about early deeds here on Kirks. Pg. 245 #3626 Joseph Brantley 2 Oct 1761, 650 acres Orange county, south side deep River joining Duncan Bohannon, John Brantley and said river; CC: Joseph Kirk, 2 Oct 1761. pg. 285 #4014 pg. 436 Joseph Kirk, 2 Oct 1761, 375 acres in Orange county, south side Haw river, joining Copeland's Island, both sides Kirk's creek; or; s. Joseph Kirk, surveyed 1760. CC: Tho. Brantley, Geo. Kirk.

Book Kinfolks Granville, N. Car. 1763-1826 by Zae Hargett Gwinn checked, no family names. Granville county, N. Car. wills, estates, 1746,1808, bk. 975.6535P2gzh, vol one checked, volume 2 also, nothing.

Orange county, North carolina Court Minutes, 1751-1761 compiler Wynette Parks Haun, vol I 975.6565P2h Pg. 433 Aug 1760 to lay out road from Robert Pattersons plantation to Collings ford on Haw River, among those cited Richard Braswell, Joseph Kirk, Joseph Brantley, Nicholas Copeland and others, pg. 585 May term laying out a road from Island ford on Haw River to Childsburg, among those cited Joseph Kirk, William Copeland Sr. and others, pg. 706 Feb term 1764 William Braswell grants license to have a tavern. Giving bond, William Mebane and John Kirk, securities. pg. 713 May term 1764 Joseph Kirk, overseer of road. Pg. 872 Aug term 1764 Road from Hodges ford to Copelands Island on Haw river opened and repaired, among those to help Richard Kirk and others. Pg 801 Nov term 1764 Joseph Kirk and others to be on grand jury. Pg. 817 Nov term 1764 Benjamin Bohannon against Joseph Kirk, #896 trial continued, judgement by defaault, Feb term 1765. Pg. 919 May term 1765 Joseph Kirk and others to lay out from William Johnston's store on Little River to Henry Brewer's ford on Haw river. Pg. 1010 Aug term 1766 George Keark overseer of road from Robinsons Creek into road near Hodges Ford.

In Orange county court minutes abstracts volume 3 book 975.6565P2h Pg. 1464 John McVey versus Wm. Douglas, among jurors Stephen Kirk, Aug term 1784. #1475 or page no august term 1784 Lewis Kirk among jurors, also # 1495. On May term 1785 #1533 Wm. Austin versus Rob Baldrige, among jurors, Stephen Kirk.

Orange county, N. Car. court minutes abstracts continued
Nov 1785 #1568 Stephen Kirk to help on road among others and
acting as a juror #1580 for case Thos Holden versus Wm. Pickett,
found for plaintiff. #1570 Nov term 1785 Lewis Kirk to Richard
Cate; #1669 Aug term 1786 State N. Car. versus Isaac Kirk, not a
true bill discharged in court.

Abstracts Minutes court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions,
Orange county, N. Car by Alma Cheek Redden, 975.6565P28c
Mark road from James Turner's to Col Alex Mebane's among those
assigned to lay out road Jno. Pickard Sr., Wm. Kirk, James Ball,
Levi Kirk, Archibald Campbell and others. Pg. 103 Execution of
deeds 26 Nov 1795, Lewis Kirk to James and Parham Kirk.

Fred Olds North Carolina will abstracts 1760-1800, Gen.
Publ., copy in my home rechecked for Orange county for Kirk and
Braswell. pg. 216 Orange county will Richard Braswell 1761 -
Valentine, Richard, William, Mary, Tabitha, Joyce.

Next since there were clues in Wilkes county, Ga. that an
early widow, Elizabeth Kirk had previously come from Yorktown,
York, Penn with three sons in early days I also checked the Penn
IGI to see what families by the name of Kirk I would find with a
wife and mother named Elizabeth, Eliza and a son, Caleb. Many
of the references I noted referred to parties in quaker records.
Caleb Kirk born 4 May 1734, son of William Kirk and Mary
Buckingham. Born Concord or east Nantmeal, Chester county.
In Nottingham, Chester county Joseph Kirk and Judith Knight had
several children. there was also a Levi Kirk with wife, Amelia
Mullen who had children born in Nottingham, Chester county, from
1790's into 1810's. An Isaac Kirk born 11 Jan 1762, Richland
MM, Bucks county, Penn. Parents Stephen Kirk and Phebe Fell.
No known Kirk names at all for Yorktown, York, Penn.

There were many Joseph Kirk's in many counties.
son of Isaac Kirk and Elizabeth Twining born 10 Apr 1743 Bucks,
Buckingham, Penn. Joseph Kirk born 25 May 1747, western distr.,
Chester, parents William Kirk and Mary Robinson. Joseph Kirk born
8 June 1769 Chester, East Nottingham, parents Joseph Kirk -
Judith Knight. Joseph Kirk born 1769, Chester parents Jacob Kirk
and Hannah Davis.

IGI Penn continued earliest Stephen Kirk born 2 Sep 1736
Buckingham, Bucks; parents Isaac Kirk and Elizabeth Twining.
Marr Stephen Kirk Phebe Fell 1772 Bucks county.

Roger Kirk and Rachel Hughs had in Chester Levi Kirk born 12
or 17 May 1790; Lewis Kirk b. 15 Nov 1793 Chester

In Chester county, Caleb Kirk Jr. born 3 Aug 1759, to
parents Caleb Kirk Jr. and Elizabeth. Also in Chester births 25

May 1747, from church records Joseph Kirk with parents William Kirk and mother Mary Robinson. In Chester county born 17 Apr 1783 William Kirk, parents Joseph Kirk and Judith Knight.

In Montgomery county, Penn IGI Isaac Kirk born 20 Sep 1735, parents John Kirk and Sarah. Isaac Kirk born 30 Nov 1771 Montgomery county, parents Jacob Kirk and Elizabeth Cleaver. John Kirk born 14 Aug 1755 Montgomery county, no parents listed. John Kirk born 23 Sep 1764 parents Jacob Kirk and Elizabeth Cleaver, Montgomery county.

Checked the 1790 census Penn, book 974.8x2 by Gen. Publ. and found in Montgomery county pg. 166 Isaac, Rynor and John Kirk; In Bucks county Isaac Kirk pg. 59. In Washington county pg. 257 Isaac Kirk. In York county, Newberry twp.; Isaac and Esequiel Kirk families. Pg. 103 Delaware county, Upper Darby twp. Joseph, and Samuel, Kirk. Pg. 269 Chanceford twp, York county, John Kirk.

This points out in the census that the majority of the parties named Kirk from early church abstracts in IGI were still there by 1790 census and hence not good possibilities for the family of Elizabeth Kirk, widow and her known son, Caleb and two other sons, not identified yet for certain. One might have been a Stephen who married Elizabeth McClendon and other John or Joseph?

1790 census for South Carolina(975.7x2hf) read all Kirks pg. 29/30 Camden distr. York county Sarah Kirk one of two females; 0 males above 16; 2 males under 16, same page Stephen Kirk 1 male above 16; 4 males under 16 and 3 females. In Charlestown area Gideon Kirk(pg. 31) and two John Kirk's pg. 41,44.

With this report I have checked Virginia rev. war vets for Kirk and IGI references for Kirks and found no Stephens or Levi's. In a previous report had found some Kirk's in Botetourt county, Virginia tax lists and forgot to mail the photocopy to you. Some Penn. families went through Botetourt on way to places further west.

To recap the previous research on your Levi Louis Kirk, in previous research his parents Levi Kirk and Rebecca Peel were located. Extensive probate matters on guardianship of his under age children were found and sent to you. Also the next generation back was one Stephen Kirk and His wife, Anna. For this search we have located a possible older brother to your Levi named Younger Kirk. According to a family bible in family of descendants of Younger, his parents were Stephen Kirk and Anna and he was born in 1787 in Orange county, N. Car. I have gone into extensive searching in court minutes, wills and deeds trying to establish who his parents, Stephens and that of his wife,

Anna, as well as their daughter in law, Rebecca Peele might be also.

with Stephen Kirk who married Anna likely born abt 1760-1765, Orange county court matters mention from 1760's through 1780's in addition to your Stephen Kirk men with surname of Kirk old enough to be his father of Joseph, John, Richard and George Kirk, all involved in transactions in court in 1760's. Further in comparing deeds in Hancock county, Georgia and Jones county, Ga. for early Kirks I find in 1794-1797 Joseph Kirk, Isaac Kirk, John and Cathy Kirk, along with Stephen Kirk.

In Jones county where your Stephen died earliest deed on him there is in 1807. By 1824 probate court minutes he had died. This completes what references I can think of to try in Georgia quite thoroughly. Further in North Carolina I have completed extensive checking in abstracts for all books on shelves dealing with Orange county and parent county of Granville. Parent county of Johnston records not yet completed.

In the book on the Kirk's a Stephen is tied up as all one person, for the one of Orange, South Carolina and Tenn. However, my records show more Stephens than that and it has made things more complicated. The Stephen of York county, S. Car. in early 1800's cannot be the same as our Stephen who was in Georgia many years before that. Also he cannot be the same Stephen as the one with wife Anna in Georgia Early and also be the same Stephen as the one who married Elizabeth McClendon and ends up in Wilkes county early with an older Lady who came from Penn into Ga. by 1780's. Further the Stephen in Orange county, is he is yours who married the Anna, is also not the same one who ends up in Penn. early or in York county, S. Car. up to 1820 in South Carolina.

This is rather frustrating for me and has to be for you also. I will continue to track down the remainder of the references in Johnston county, N. Carolina and see if any further clues on the Kirks who would later be part of Orange county area broke off of Johnston and Granville.

On the Braswell/ Brazil/Brassell, etc families I feel that circumstantially our case of the J. L. being a son of William Bird/Byrd Braswell is good. However, I have not been successful in locating the marriages I would like to have had on all of those families.

Mansfield Braswell/Brassell/Brasswell, etc. born 1790
Richmond county, Ga. marr 20 Oct 1817 Hancock county, Ga.
wife Nancy Hughes/Haurt
children to date
Rebecca Braswell born 1828; James Lemuel born 1828, Hancock
county, since parents names, birth date and place all same they

must be twins; Larkin Braswell 1829 born Hancock; Mary born 1830 Hancock county, William Braswell born 1835 Hancock county, and Valentine born 1837 in Stewart county. This data adds an additional child in Larkin born 1829 from previous data.

Mansfield's parents, William Byrd/Bird Braswell/Braswell and Jean were of North Carolina. He enlisted in continental army in 1776 in Chatham county and applied for pension in Hancock county, Ga. 7 Jan 1833 age 69, born therefore, about 1764. Known children to date(others possible) Nancy Brasswell born 1787 Richmond county; Mansfield Braswell born 1790 Richmond county, Ga. marr 20 Oct 1817 Hancock Co. Ga. Nancy Hughes/Haurt. William Braswell born about 1792 Richmond county, Ga. and Martha Brasswell born 1802 Hancock county, Ga. Byrd Brazill buried in Hancock county, Ga. served 2 1/21 years in N. Carolina continental line under Col. Abraham Shephard.

Circumstantial pedigree could go like this ?

J. Larkin Brazel/Braswell/Braswell
born 29 Aug 1829 Hancock county, Ga.
died 6 Feb 1870 Little River county, Ark.
marr 2. Achsah A. born 15 July 1840, Ala.

J. Larkin Brazel/Braswell, etc parents
Mansfield Braswell/Braswell born 1790 Richmond Co., Ga.
wife Nancy Hughes or Haurt marr. 20 Oct 1817, Hancock Co., Ga.

J. Larkin Brazel/Braswell, etc. grand parents
William Bird/Byrd Braswell/Braswell/Brazill born abt 1764,
N.Car. enlisted Rev. war from Chatham Co., N. Car. 1776
applied for Rev. war pension Hancock co. Ga. 1833 age 69.
Jean(vets wife)

Note in my research for this search that I found in the parent county of Chatham, Orange county minutes many references to the surname Braswell. Including a will for a richard Braswell in 1761 with children Valentine, Richard, William, Mary, Tabitha and Joyce. Granville deeds patent books showed in Orange county south side cape Fear river Hector McNeal and Braswell's line 29 June 1762 Henry Braswell's patent; cc Richard Adams and Valentine Braswell Jr. (975.6R28h)

Then going to the Northeast county of Bertie in earliest colonial abstracts for Braswell we find given names of Valentine, Richard, William, etc. similar to the bunch in later Orange and Granville land records. One Valentine Braswell and wife Jean in deeds before 1720's appear to be earliest in patents in that area. As part of continuing searches I will see if connections can be made better from probate or any other records I haven't completed with this research.

In the Peele research with my last research and this search, it would appear that the Peele's of Jones county, Ga. have ties with Peele and Gray families previously in North Carolina county of Edgecombe from a deed citing a probate matter for a Gray (Benjamin) in Edgecombe settled in deeds involving parties also as heirs in Jones county, Ga. Of particular interest was mention of a John Peele Jr. and wife, Rebecca. Wife was heir of Benjamin Gray. In early tax and other court records before marriage in Georgia of your Rebecca Peele to Levi Kirk Only Peele I could even find mention of in that county was a John Peele. In bordering county in early Jasper county census a William Peele.

This has taken a full day plus another half so funds for Oct. will complete funds owing for this report. If you have any questions about any of this please refer to page and paragraph number and I will go into the matter or matters more deeply if desired.

Let me send you and your bride my best wishes for a lovely fall together and many years of happiness. Our last single daughter's marriage took place in the Salt Lake temple and she had a reception in our daughter, Rosemarie's back yard. It was a lot of work for us but we were happy with the results. Since the groom's family were all having to come from out of town, our family furnished a dinner for close family and friends preceding the reception in the yard also.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Lola Sorensen/AG

encl/two sheets IGI on Young Kirk

Early Records of Georgia, Wilkes co., Vol 1 & 11, 6 pgs.

1787 Tax list in lieu of census Va. Botetourt co. Kirk, 2 pgs.