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Dear Lt. Kirk:

I have completed the time for January and February for this report. A good share of my time has been spent in reviewing your files here before i proceeded at the library so I wouldn't repeat a lot of what I had already done. I had heard about the book the Billingsleys in America but hadn't seen it in browsing the shelves for books on your various family names in the 929.273 books. This time I checked the catalog to see if such a book might be copied on film and it was so I was excited to see if the connections we needed to earlier ancestors for you might be in there.

Between the time I had to take in reading large portions of the book The Billingsley Family in America on film 1036124 item 2 and the time it took to sit at a photocopy machine and make duplicate copies of the extensive data, I had taken better part of a day. I found indeed, the connections that tie your Virginia Lee Billingsley's ancestry to connections in many states and across the ocean to Salop(now Shropshire) county, England in colonial times. I have typed up an updated pedigree chart series for you to include all the new generations and also to show additional data that I found in another book on your Marsh last known ancestor, Allen J. Marsh.

I am not taking time to update pedigree on the Kirk as I still have some loose ends on that side of your lines. Also you will find the maiden name of J. L.(found to be in Billingsley book Jesse L. Brazil) Brazil's wife Achasah(Axie) Ann Sessions. With this new finding I can now go into Alabama records and more Ark. records looking for the new surname Sessions.

The book Billingsley Family in America was compiled by Harry Alexander Davis. The index gave indication as to generations on the various given names so to locate any particular party I looked for the more uncommon names first like, Virginia Lee Billingsley. There was a sheet on her and her husband, George Washington Brazil. This gave his siblings and his mother full name (given names and maiden name) but incorrectly states that he was born in Ala. whereas J. L. in the census of 1850 shows that he was born in Georgia and in 1860 same state given. However,

rest of data is ok. With information that she was born in Brundidge I checked a map for Alabama and found that it is in Pike county. Therefore, I can as part of the continuing searching for you do records in Ark. and Pike county, Ala. on Sessions names. Will also be on the lookout for the marriage there in case the marriage of J. L. took place there. If that would change our circumstantial case for Mansfield Braswell/Brazeil being his father, will keep you posted.

On the Billingsley I think the book copies from Billingsley Families in America, which were filmed including title page and many copies of pages two at a time from book included 18 sheets with two pages of book for each sheet. I will not review the ancestry since I have reconstituted it for you on the direct lines on the pedigree charts. There are many well documented families in this book. However, some of the earliest generations in County Salop, now Shropshire, England lack a lot of dates and references. The data on families in America is more well documented. However, keep in mind that the further back in time unless, one has royal lines, the harder it is to get dates and places. Your Billingsleys are from England originally and not Ireland as claimed in the Southern Ark. history book previously cited to you and photocopied for the biography on Jesse G. Billingsley, naming his parents and grandfather, Thomas.

The compilers of the Billingsley book did not have the 1850 census data on Your Thomas and had him born in Onslow county, N. Car. where the 1850 census data from Sevier county, Ark. gives a different age than in the family history (67-1850) and birthplace in that census as Tenn. In the further data in book his birthplace as Tenn seems to bear credence on the history page of his parents with early land deeds in Tenn during that time frame. Therefore, I would tend to disagree with book and state that I would be inclined to go along with his age and birthplace in census.

As previously mentioned I searched a book on the Marsh's called John Marsh of South Carolina and research Notes also copied on film 1598184. I located by reading extensive 1850 census abstracts of Marsh's in the book your Allen J. Marsh listed with his parents Elijah Marsh and Mary A. in Madison county, Tenn in 1850. I was pleased to get information and the Allen J. was just exactly same age as yours in the 1860 census in Sevier county, Ark.

I then did the index to 1840 census for Tenn by Sistler which lists also the census data in the index(976.8X2s) Elijah was in Madison county pg. 110, pg. 108 in same county Joseph Marsh and Hiram Marsh, pg. 103 John Henry Marsh. In the 1850 abstracts for Madison cited above also an older, Joseph Marsh 66 born in North Carolina, wife Elizabeth. Elijah in 1850 57-1850, wife Mary A. 42. He is listed as born in Georgia and she as born

in Tenn. In addition to child Allen J. Marsh 23, farmer born Tenn. was Drucilla 18 and David M. Marsh 8, all born Tenn. Joseph and Elizabeth Marsh in that same census had twins, Joshua and Sarah Marsh age 19. I read almost the whole book to see if additional generations could be located for you in back of Elijah Marsh and didn't find any definite connections for him to his parents in this book. The author of the book states on the page of 1850 census abstracts for Madison county, Tenn. in a note on page that Joseph Marsh was probably grandson of Robert Marsh of Chatham county, N. Carolina who had a will dated in Chatham in 1801. That Robert was listed in 1790 census in Chatham county, also. In reviewing pgs. 165/6 for the family of Robert Marsh as cited from his will oldest son, Charles went to Tenn, 2. John went to Georgia, see Jones county, Ga.; 3, William born 1751, Rev. war vet and died in Chatham 24 Nov 1854; 4 Robert Marsh Jr. died before 1806. His estate was settled 13 Nov 1806. He married first Rachel Stewart and 2nd Margaret Kirk; 5. Joseph went to Georgia and Tenn; 6. Henry went to Georgia and Tenn; 7 Alexander to Georgia and his estate admin. in Clarke county 1813; Elizabeth marr. a Brantley; 9. Barbara marr....Griffith; 10 Mary born 1760 marr Daniel Hackney; 11 Nancy marr....Dillard; Martha marr John Lambert; Sarah marr....Daviskj; Frances marr....Taylor; Eliza marr....Stuart and Henrietta Marsh.

With os many of the family going to Georgia and Tenn. it is certainly possible that your Elijah Marsh could be the son of one of these men who married and went into Georgia and then Tenn. That will be part of my continuing search to see if I can locate his parents in Georgia and the Carolinas. The older Joseph in Madison county, Tenn. 1850 census with ELijah is right age to be an older brother, and if so the family moved sometime between his birth in North Carolina in 1780-s to Georgia by 1793 when Elijah was born. I read most all of that Marsh book, too.

There were some loose ends on other searches that I completed for this search too. I had made a note to check Virgil White's abstracts War of 1812 pensions(973M22i, vol 2) to see if the Lyons referred to in Georgia military book previously checked could be located with a pension. Reference in Georgia book was Edmond Lyon, 3 company, Feen's, private, Ga. He wasn't in this book.

Next I checked the updated International Genealogy index for names submissions for Alabama to see if Jesse L. or J. L. Braswell/Brazil's marriage might have been picked up by someone and it wasn't. Many Braswell's in Marengo county.

Next checked the international genealogy index for Georgia to see if an Elijah Marsh might be listed born in 1793 and he wasn't there. I then kept in mind the Marsh book stating that Robert of 1801 will in Chatham had sons, John, Joseph, Henry and

Alexander who went to Georgia. Henry went from North Carolina to Georgia and Tenn. Charles went to Tenn. Your Allen J. had a son, Charles. In the 1790's in the Georgia IGI I found John Marsh and Abigail having children in 1820's-1840's in Warren county. I found a Thomas Marsh and Elizabeth having children in 1790's in Warren county, Georgia. Thomas and Elizabeth had children John, Robert, Samuel, William Marsh.

Checked international genealogy index for Tenn next no Allen J. Marsh birth or marriage. One Elijah Marsh marr to a Polly Harris 18 Apr 1844 in Dickson county, computer batch 7217107 sheet 33. This marriage too late to be right for your Elijah and Mary A.

Checked International genealogy index for North Carolina for Marsh names. No Elijah Marsh. Joseph Marsh was submitted from will of his father, Robert Marsh, 14 March 1801 in Chatham county, N. Car., computer batch #7701930 sheet 97. I will look up this entry and see who submitted the data as part of my continued research.

With your Mary Ann Lyon being born in 1815 and married in Harris county, Ga. 27 Feb 1837 to John W. Doggett, I decided to complete the early census data in Georgia I had not had time to complete to see if the Edmund that I find in Sevier county, Ark. who is guardian of the children of John W. Doggett and Mary Ann Lyon Doggett and who has those children living with him in Sevier county, 1850 census may have a daughter right age in earlier Georgia censuses to have been your Mary.

The 1820 census Columbia county, Ga. on film 175766 item 3 pg. 26 shows an Edmund Lyon in same county where one of your Doggett had a will. He is 26/45 and wife 11/26. They have a daughter under 10. On same page in same census also John Lyon he and wife 26/45 and children older, no daughter under 10. Thomas Lyon he and wife 26/45. They have a son and daughter, under 10. In same census on page 47 Dixon Lyon, 45 up. Children - 2 females 16/26; 1 female 10/16; 1 male and one female under 10.

The 1830 census for Columbia county, Ga. on film 007036 item 14 shows a lady Fanny Lyon on page 338 with family size similar to Dixon Lyon in the 1820 census so he must have died between censuses. Pg. 341 also Lucy Lyons another widows 40/50, listed with her a female 30/40 and a male under 5.

I followed through on the 1840 census for Columbia county, Ga. on film 007042 item 18 and found only Lucy Lyons on page 294. no males just a female 50/60 and a female 40/50. The 1850 census for Columbia county on film 007062 showed a Frances Lyons, a male age 50 a stone maker born in Ireland. Pg. 264 George Lyons 21, overseer, Ga. The other Lyons families by 1850 had either died or moved.

I then turned to Harris county, Ga. where your Levi Kirk and his wife, Rebecca Peel moved after their marriage in Jones county, Georgia in 1826 and where Levi died. In 1830 in Harris county, Ga. census on film 007038 item 4, pg. 178 William Peel 50/60 or born 1770-1780; 1 female 20/30; 1 male 15/20. This older Peel would be a possible parent or uncle to your Rebecca, who was born abt 1805. Rebecca died in Harris county. in this same census pg. 183 one David Lyon -he and wife 20/30. Pg. 177 James M. Lyon 20/30 and wife 20/30. One daughter 5/10.

In Jasper county which borders Jones on a map in 1820 in Georgia on film 175,765 item 7 pg. 208 Garren Doggett 26/45 and others a female 16/26; 2 males and 1 female under 10. Pg. 178 Jesse Kirk he and wife 45 up. other in household 1 female 26/45, 1 female 16/26, 2 males 16-18; 1 male and 1 female 10-16; 3 males and 1 female under 10.

1830 census Lincoln county, Georgia on film 007037(borders Columbia county on a map) pg. 71 Edmund Lyon he and wife 30a/40 born 1790-1800. This Edmond not old enough to be one that shows up in Ark. that was born in Georgia and had guardianship of Doggett children. Pg. 73 Thomas Lyon 30/40 and children. Pg. 73 183rd distr. Milly Lion 70-80, born between 1750-1760 and others. This woman could be one of oldest residents to area.

1840 census Lincoln county, Ga. pg. 217 Edmund Lyon 30/40 and wife 30;/40 and children. pg. 218 Thomas Lyon 50/60; wife 40/50 and family. 1850 census Lincoln county, Ga. pg. 343 52nd distr. Edmond J. Lions 43 overseer, born Georgia, wife Prudence 40, born Ga. and daughter Mary A. 10, born Ga.

In Muscogee county, Columbus city, Georgia in 1830 I had previously looked up Kirk names this time look up on film 007039 item 13, pg. 218 James R. Lyons 30/40o, wife 20/30 and children. pg. 288 Richard Lyons 50/60 and wife 50/60, children males 1 20/30, male 2 15/20/ 1 male 10/15, 1 male under 5. No females. Pf. 279 James Peel 30/40, wife 20/30 and one daughter 5/10.

1840 census Muscogee county, ga. on film 007045 772nd distr, item 21, pg. 319 John Lyon 40/50 and family, pg. 285 James R. Lyon 40/50 and wife 20/30 and children.

1830 census Monroe county, Georgia on film 007039 item 10 Pg. 191 Willis Peal 1 male 10/15, no others. Pg. 194 James Lyon 30/40, wife 30/40 and small children. 1 Pg. 199 David B. Peel 20/30, f 20/30 and small children.

Since Billingsley book referred to Billingsley sojourning in Guilford county, N. Car for a time checked index to deeds for Guilford county, 1771-1833, on film 019042 and grantor on film 019044 for Billingsley and Brook names. These indexes were in terrible condition on film, very faded. Grantor index showed

James Billingsley 1788 - Thomnas Moreland pg. 98 book E; James Billingsley and wife - Henry Billingsleys book E pg. 458.

Also since Billingsleys in a history stated a sojourn in Montgomery county, N. Car. for a time checked catalog for sources for that county, too. Some records destruction in that county. Montgomery county abstracts of Land entries, 1778-1795, book no. 975.674R2p Entry # 171 Henry Jacobs enters 100 acres Montgomery county on branch Clark's creek, 28 Sep 1779, bordering Sias Billingsley. Read all references with family name. Sias's land entered 100 acres 16 Aug 1779 no. 429 near Pee Dee river between William, Elias and John Thompson. Checked Montgomery county, N. Carolina Heritage book, 975.674H2h, 2 volumes no Billingsleys.

Montgomery county, N. Car. index to deeds 1838-1917, film 432980; too late to help as yours would be in Tenn by then. Montgomery county, N. Car. cross index wills, 1845-1934, wills books 1-4, film 433531, nothing.

Next did a series of statewide abstracts of early Tenn. marriage books to see if some of direct ancestral missing marriages could be located on Marsh and Billingsley names. Book 35,000 Tenn marriage by Lucas and Sheffield 976.8V2t, nothing. Early East Tenn Marriages by Sistler, vol i grooms, 976.8V2s pg. 231 Washington county- Henry Marsh Scynthea Ann Kirk 6-21-1835(their spelling) James Marsh Delila Marsh 18 May 1829 Greene county. Jonas Marsh Catharine Kennedy 8- May 1827 Green county.

Early Middle Tenn Marriages 976.8V2sby, volume one grooms pg. 344 Elijah Marsh Polly Harris Dickson county 18 April 1844. Also in Dickson county, William Marsh - Sally Spicer 24 July 1835. William Marsh - Clarissa Marsh 13 April 1826 Lincoln county.

Early West tenn marriages by Sistler, 976.8V2sb, volume one grooms. Most Marsh's in Hardemon county Henry marr Hannah Cain 18 Sep 1828; Hiram Marsh - Jane Martin 14 Feb 1839 and others later. In Madison county James W. Marsh Mary C. richardson 8-1847. John M. Marsh Harriet Isom 27 June 1837 Madison county. Joshua B. Marsh Sarah Butler 3 April 1848. Thomas P. Marsh Mary A. V. Toone 29 Dec 1842 Madison county. Munford S. Marsh Caroline Jones 17 Nov 1829 Hardemon county.

In Index tenn wills and Admin. by Sistler, early to 1861 on book 976.8P22s Pg. 229 Marsh wills All in Greene county and Washington counties. Will look them up for another search. index to early Tenn tax lists by Sistler, 976.8R4s, pg. 1256 Marsh names in counties White, Greene, Washington. No Elijah's cited. No Joseph's cited. pg. 126 John Mash Sullivan county 1797. Pg. 15 Billingsby;Billingsley;Billingsly names. Thomas in

Giles county 1819. Earliest Billingsley's listed in Sullivan county in 1797.

Did index to 1830 census tenn by Accelerated indexing 976.8X2p still in Madison county Elijah Marsh pg. 83 and Joseph Marsh pg. 81. Next did index to 1820 census Tenn 976.8X2pa by Accelerated indexing and checked for all Marsh names. Marsh's in counties Smith(Charles), Dickson(most), Lincoln, Humphreys, White, Giles and Hickman counties. No Elijah cited or Joseph.

Madison county, tenn. has had some records destruction so no early marriages available. This was a disappointment. Bokok Severla genealogical, Vignettes of Madison county, Tenn. by Jonathan K. T. Smith read. nothing. Wrote out names of early churches in case they might have our missing marriages. Book Genealogical Miscellany, Madison county, Tenn by Jonathan K. T. Smith, 976.827D2sm, nothing. The Historic Denmark Bapt Campground and church, Madison county, Tenn compiler Jonathan K. T. Smith, 976.827K2s, nothing. Historic Madison, Tenn by Emma Inman Williams, 976.827H2w, nothing.

Since Billingsleys supposed to be in Washington county, tenn. early did the index deed which included both direct and reverse indexes, on film 825, 522. Copied out countless references to early Billingsley deeds.

Washington county, Tenn marriages by Burgner, 976.897V2bu, no early Billingsley marriages. Washington county, Tenn. deed abstracts 976.897R2r volume one Southern Hist. Press 1775-1800. Pg. 153 Elijah Cox 6-6-1794 sells to John Billingsley Sullivan county 162 acres. That was earliest reference. Washington county, Tenn tax books on film 825,545, originals, many years. missing beginning with 1778 on film. No Billingsley until Samuel 200 acres Dry Fork Sinking creek, 1795. Others later time frames up to 1819. No Thomas's listed.

This completes this search which turned out to be longer than I realized. Hope that you will be pleased with the large extension of pedigree on the Billingsley and related lines. Also with parentage of Allen J. Marsh and maiden name and full given names on the last known Brazil couple.

By now as previously stated with this report this will cover the payment for January and also February. Will continue your searching again in March. It is my pleasure working with you on your on your family lines. Give regards to your lovely bride. If you have any additional ideas for me on any of this please see that I receive it the first past of March. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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18 pages Billingsley book