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Dear Scott and Melanie:

I have completed the time that you sent me funds for this month. As you requested most of time was spent on obtaining filmed copies of original marriage records. I received Melanie's check dated 5 Nov 1997 for \$50.00, thank you. Therefore, decided to do this right away since this month is short with Thanksgiving holiday and then next month you and your wife will be gone for awhile. If you wish to save the \$50.00 you normally would send for Christmas spending that is ok and I could start again in earnest in January. If you wish me to do some hours in Dec. then I will proceed with unfinished projects from previous reports to complete the time.

I consulted with a friend of mine who is a computer specialist and who helped with formulating the 3.0 system for Personal Ancestral file users. I have the old manual and am trying to get the hang of all the various options and hangups of the 3.0. We now have two computers. this one I prefer for reports of this type and the other I prefer for showing pedigree and family group sheets and making discs.

However, Ed Romney, says that for you to be able to have your computer input the PAF program into your computer, you would have to have that program, then I would need to make a GEDCOM file to send you to have your computer accept the data. The 3.0 program is \$20.00, plus already a problem has developed with the program and there is a supplement to it that we had to get.

The other computer was used recently to try and input all of your data so I could prepare a disc to send you, then I was appraised of the problems above. To make these purchases would take over half of your funds for next search with the addition as well as cost of original program. If you authorize me to make these purchases, then I would do so and send them to you in the mail, which includes a manual. However, that lovely program you have which you sent me copies of when we first started working together I consider a fine program. There are advantages and dis-advantages to both.

My daughter and I went to the library on a Saturday recently to make the copies in the early morning hopefully before the big crowds materialized to make the copies for you on the film copiers of the original marriages.

Also you asked about detailed maps. The most detailed map that I could find for Little River county and Sevier county, Arkansas was a township atlas showing the counties and townships. I have underlined the two target counties. I will check to see what the county histories for Sevier and Little River counties might cite about locations of cemeteries and advise you.

Our library from the federal government has a large series on film of maps, these maps often show locations of cemeteries, but I don't know how good a filmed copy might be of any one map. When I get back to your next time frame will examine the maps and see what the two counties's maps look like on the films.

Now to the filmed originals which I enclose for marriages;

1. Jesse G. Billingsley - age 25 - Julia Alford age 18, marr. by minister of Baptist Church of Christ, 31 Oct. 1860 Sevier county, Ark. Sevier county, Ark. marr., pg. 216, film 1007942.

2. Sevier county, Ark. marr. same film(1007942) pg. 366 marriage Mark Kirk and Savannah(?) Steele. Wife's name unreadable except for surname which was clear. Given name may be Savannah or Hannah? Marriage 10 April 1884, Bapt. church.

3. Sevier county, Ark. marr, same film 1007942, pg. 142, marriage Calvin A. Lindall of Brownstown, Sevier county 29, Mrs. Emma Alice Kirk of Brownstown age 20, license 31 Dec 1886. Marr 15 Feb 1887 by Alex Luther of circuit court. Emma Alice, evidently a widow from wording.

4. Sevier county, Ark. marriages film 1007941, pg. 467 Marriage of George W. Doggett age 27 and California F. Hickman age 21, license 13 Dec 1877, marr same day by I. O. N. Preston, a regularly ordained minister of the Gospel.

5. Sevier county, Ark. marriages, film 1007941, pg. 417 William A. Kirk, age 21 to Mary H. Marsh, aged 18, license 10 Jan 1877, marr. 11 Jan 1877 by Jas. H. Denson, minister of regular Baptist Church of Christ.

In the DAR Misc. records of Rutherford county, N. Car. on file at National headquarters on film 893722 item 2 at family history library I found some Doggett History which mentions your last known emigrant and his origins in the old country. In the

past I had tracked your line back to this Benjamin L. Doggett. In this account was get a birth date and place on him in England plus his father's name and a little biographical data on him which I thought would be of interest to you. The children which are cited as not your lines as they don't have his family as complete as we did from parish registers in Lancaster county, Virginia. 2 pages

I am enclosing photocopies of the index to South Carolina censuses for 1800 and 1810 for Kirk name. In 1800 a Stephen Kirk in Chester county. Most Kirk's in bordering county of Lancaster John, Lewis, Matthew and Robert. In Pendleton distr, Hyrum Kirk. The 1810 census shows David Kirk, Chester county, two Stephen Kirk's in Chester and one Young Kirk in York on page 267. York and Chester border one another on a map. This would tend to show that it is likely that the Stephen who had son, Young was in South Carolina when your Stephen was in Jones county, Ga. Your Stephen was in Jones county as early as 1808 according to land and jury duty records. Here we have many Stephens and the man who wrote the book on the Kirk's which I have in the past sent you showed two Stephens in what I believe now to be at least 4-5 Stephens. If there are two Stephen's married to Anna's then we are really in trouble. However, according to other records searched in South Carolina one of the Stephens was married to a Susannah.

In the Marsh side of your line I have reviewed carefully all the material thus far to see how many early Marsh families were in Georgia by 1793 when your Elijah was born. Further I have reviewed the Chatham county, N. Carolina references to see what clues might be there. During this week sometime I will write to Sadie McDaniel of Medon, Tenn. who has the records of the Medon Missionary Bapt. church and see if we can come up with Elijah's, son's bapt and marr. there. If I get anything will forward the material to you when you will have returned from your trip.

Since a deed in Madison county, Tenn. stated that Allen J. Marsh was selling his land in Madison from Clarke county, Ark. I will finish the records for Clarke county that I haven't had a chance to do as part of next search.

With reference to the one book on the Marsh's which I have previously sent you photos from which included your Elijah with son, Allen J., there in 1850 I had searched many of records for Madison county, Tenn. In the tax lists as early as 1824 Minor Marsh and Elijah Marsh are listed together. Also on early lists there Henry and Joseph Marsh(born in N. Car. in 1780's).

Earliest reference in Georgia bounty land certificates who got land for revolutionary war service from North Carolina I was interested in Georgia Archives reference to Elijah, John, and

Nathan Marsh, 287 1/2 acres for Washington county, certificates issued to all three. Early records for Washington county destroyed so that makes it tough to prove a probate or further data from land records in the county.

I have checked the index to the Georgia Genealogical Magazine series for the more recent surnames to check Tilman, Marsh, Sessions, Peele. As part of continuing search will look up those references and see if anything in those volumes would help us in establishing more definitely.

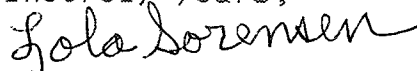
In the book Georgia Roster of the Revolution previously searched on page 387 there was a certified list of Georgia troops which included Elijah, Jno., Nathan and Sol. Marsh. In the Marsh history there was reference to a John Marsh with a son, Minor, who died in Georgia. I am hoping yet to get a copy of that will and see if your Elijah might be one of sons, since there is Minor Marsh in early tax lists in Madison county, Tenn. with your Elijah in 1820's.

On Elbert county, Ga. muster roll of 1793 there is a Gilbert Marsh. Later in Jackson county ga. tax records 1799-1810 Elbert and Bird Marsh up to 1804. 1820 census Dickson county, Tenn, a Gilbert Marsh, whether same man is not proven at this point. This would be yet another possibility for parent of your Elijah since he was in Ga. by 1793. Gilbert's will in Dickson county, Tenn. refers definitely to three children, Soloman, Joel and Minor, a John another possibility,.

To recap from previous history of John Marsh previously sent to you, there was mention of will of Robert Marsh in Chatham county in 1801, many of his children moved to Tenn. or Georgia. Oldest son, Charles went to Tenn, John went to Georgia in Jones county, William - rev. war vet died in Chatham county, N. Car., Robert Jr. died before 1806, Joseph moved to Georgia and Tenn (could be Joseph with your Elijah in Madison county in 1850 census?) Henry moved to Georgia and Tenn. Alexander moved to Georgia and his estate was adm. in Clark county 1813, rest of the children were daughters, Elizabeth, Barbara, Mary, Nancy, Martha, Sarah, Frances, Eliza and Henerietta. These male names are certainly similar to the ones in the estate settlement in deeds in Madison county for a Henry Marsh. I feel the Henry who died in Madison county is likely to be the son of Robert.

Will continue to try and obtain the remainder of the marriages you requested in coming reports. All good wishes to you both for Thanksgiving.

Sincerely yours,



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1 page township map showing Sevier and Little River counties
and townships

marriages from films 1007941 and 1007942, filmed originals
5 pages

Doggett History from Rutherford county, N. Car DAR records,
two pages.