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Dear Scott & Melanie:

I have received Melanie's check dated 22 Sep 1997 for \$50.00, thank you. This week I have completed the time for the funds, also donated some time to review all of your families which I have compiled work sheets on to determine before beginning another work project that I have concentrated on the threads that could possibly be extended and where problem areas are that most of available work has been completed.

On the Kirk side of your ancestry that side of your line goes back in time to Orange county, North Carolina according to someone who submitted a child into the International Genealogy Index of names submissions for a son, Young Kirk of Stephen and Anna Kirk born in Orange county, N. Car. born 7 Feb 1787. I had approximated your Stephen as born in about 1773. If that date is right for Young's birth, then your Stephen would be older than approximated, or we could have Two Stephens in a row one older and one younger.

The earliest census in North Carolina is 1790 and in Orange county at that time on page 92 are James, Lewis and William Kirk. No Stephen Kirk. In Chatham county which was formed from Orange we find on pages 85-6, Hillsborough district George and Joseph Kirk. Pg. 105 Hillsborough district of Wake county we find Valentine Braswell. Wake county borders Chatham which is where Bird W. Brazil/Braswell enlisted in continental forces in 1776 and fought in revolutionary war. He received his pension and land grant in Georgia. Grant in Wilkes county which he sold, then moved to Hancock county where your William was married to Creasy Tilman(Lucretia).

For this search I reviewed some early tax lists on film to see if any other Brazil/Braswell/Tilman/Tillman/Kirk names might be listed. Film 007131, Hancock county, Ga. original tax lists. First ones began in 1795. Some of film water damaged, but I could read most of the returns. Capt. Barron's distr, Hancock county Fort creek(where an early Stephen Kirk was in Hancock deeds) IN Capt C. Raines district were Valentine Braswell and Britton Braswell. Note in previous paragraph a Valentine Braswell in Wake county, Hillsborough distr which borders Chatham where Bird W. Brazil/Braswell came from and into Georgia.

In 1795 tax lists continued from previous page for Hancock county, Georgia in Capt. Kirk's district, pg. 99 was John Kirk with 7 negroes, 420 acres in Hancock and adjoining property of Francis Lewis Sr. Francis Lewis Sr., 200 acres Hancock county bordering Kirk, on S. Ogechee watercourse, Fort creek, 200 acres. This intrigues me with your Stephen's grandson named Levi Louis(Lewis) Kirk.

On the same film 007131, the next tax list was for 1802, none for 1797-1801. In Capt. Slaughter's distr. Bird Brazill, 130 acres adjoining McDaniels property, pg. 93 Capt Dixon's company, Robert Dixon was one John Tilman 200 acres Hancock county on Little Ogechee, adjoining Wood. Indexed no Kirk or Marsh names. Pg. 112 or 118 supposed to be a Nichoolas Sessoms (their spelling). No page numbers and I read whole film but didn't find Nichoolas for 1802 or the Valentine Brazelle that was supposed to be on a page 125, but here again read whole film, no pages numbers.

Final tax lists on the film above cited(007131) was for the year 1813. Too bad so many early lists missing. This was indexed pg. 89 Capt Smith's district Bird and Mansfield Brazil, listed together, adjoining Cureton lands. Many Lewis's here. No Marsh names. Pg. 94 Capt Smith's district Frederick Tilman-data blank for him, next name James Tilman, 157 acres Hancock, Little Ogechee watercourse, adjoining Page's.

In previous searching on your Tilman(Lucretia, Creasy) she was born in 1802. Previously located earliest deed for a James Tilman for that year. Others for later time frames. John's estate is settled in county and he had not child, Lucretia or Creasy mentioned. John's daughters and their spouses were cited in his estate settlement for feel that he is eliminated. Frederick selling land and on tax list with James. Frederick and James sell land to John in material found in previous searching. Tax lists don't give us an idea as to age except to see that they would be legal age(21) or older to appear on a tax lists.

On the Sessions families we have previously(guess I should say I) found that Jesse Larkin Brazil, son of William B. Brazil and Lucretia(Creasy) Tilman married Achsah Ann Session, daughter of Richard D. Sessions born 1802 in South Carolina. His wife Sarah was born 1813 in North Carolina. In checking the 1810 census for Sessions families with sons under 10.

I did in my last search check 1810 censuses for all of South Carolina counties where the surname Sessions/Sesson/Sisson was mentioned and looked up original censuses. IN Williamsburg county pg. 253-254 were heads of families Ann Sessions, John Sessions, Sarah Sessions and Ann Sessions(appears to be a duplicate of other Ann reference as name and family size the same. Ann and John each had sons under 10. In Williamsburg

county in 1820 census 975.7X2s(abstracts) pg. 305 John Sessions had son right age to a possibility for Richard D.

In 1810 in Horry county census originals there were many Sessions/Sissions families. Pg. 141 Robert Sessions, Joseph Sessions, both with children approximate right age(under 10). pg. 147 Robert R. Sissions, son right approx. age. Pg. 148 Benjamin Sessions two sons right approx. age. Pg. 150 Giles Sessions and George Sessions. Giles had a son right approx. age. George had no sons in that right age.

Georgetown distr. 1810 census, S. Carolina pg. 211 Ranson Sisseons, nothing just name. Pg. 217 Edward Sessions, son in approx. right age.

Fairfield county, S. Car, film 181421 pg. 183 Samuel Sessions 3 sons in approx. right age grouping.

Sumter county 1810 census pg. 183 Samuel Sessions 3 children in approx. right age of under 10. In 1820 census abstracts 975.7X2s) pg. 120 James Sessions had two sons in approximate age grouping of 16/26, or 16/18.

In comparing this data against the 1800 and 1790 censuses for South Carolina I find that Ann Sessions was widowed before 1800 so she can't be mother of someone born in 1802(Richard D.)_ so that eliminates one of heads of families. There is a Richard Sessions in Lancaster county in 1800 but he is not there in 1810 or 1820 and he is 26/45 before your child, Richard D. was born.

Rest of Sessions in 1800 in area of either Georgetown or Williamburg, South Carolina. One name, Stephen Sisson in Marlboro county.

In 1790, earliest census pg. 50 in All Saints parish, Georgetown distr. there are families of Soloman Sessions, Absolum Sessions and John Sessions. In Pike county later when your Richard D.as was there, there was an Absolum Sessions much younger in 1850 census in Ala. Pg. 56 Georgetown distr., Prince Georges parish John Sessions, Joseph, George and Frederick Sessions. There was a will also for Frederick Sisson and I looked it up and your ancestor was not named.

I am recapping a bit here to continue from where I left off so you can follow what I have continued from previous searching. In the book Alabama's Pike county previously sent to you there was a good section on early Sessions of Pike county. However, since your man left Pike county between 1850 and 1860 the descendants in the area didn't include him in their writings as to who his ancestors were. However, in stating what was known about early parties by that name we find one Josias Sessions applied for revolutionary war pension in 1832. He was born in

Georgetown distr, All Saints parish Craven county, abt 1764. In 1777 he was drafted to join Capt Daniel Murrell's company, attached to General Francis Marion's brigade(famous swamp fox).

Major Joseph Sessions was officer in 1st regiment of Militia of Mississippi Territory in 1807 and at that time Miss. territory included Alabama. Lt. Phillips Sessions was member of same Regt. These are earliest mentions we have of Sessions coming into Ala. Also mention of earliest South Carolina military vets in Revolutionary war.

Earliest mention in census in Alabama in first census, 1820 is one William Sessions in Conecuh county, Ala. William was over 21 and two women with him were over 21, 2 males and one female under 21. In 1820 Richard D. would be about 18.

Next theory in book of Alabama's Pike county is that three brothers came to Pike county early. John Sessions born 1770 and died in 1840's, William Isaac Sessions born 1779 and died 1853 had nickname Buck and William Jack Sessions 1780-1857.

History states the three brothers and families came to Alabama as early as 1816(territory). History states that William Isaac was in Conecuh in 1816. By 1830 had returned to Columbus county, N. Car.(?) Children Sarah, Margaret 74-1899 married William Farnell. Obit says she born in Wilcox county, Ala. Son, William Harry, killed at Vicksburg, married Mary Weldon, dau. Anna P born 1832, married John Session, son of William Jack Sessions, Susanah born 1833 marr. Robert Farnell, Mary born 1834 marr. Cornelius Gray, Isaac William(Ike) born North Carolina 1835, marr. Ella Henrietta Smilie in 1858, He enlisted in 37th Ala, CSA, 12 March 1862, and last child, Rhoda no data.

William Jack Sessions born 1780 came to Alabama about 1815 and married a Miss Manning and then returned to South Carolina. First child, Solomon born 1816 in South Carolina. Other children Louisa A. born 1818 marr. Solomon Johnston, Jane Agness born 1820 in S. Car. marr. Samuel J. Shields, Absalom born 1814 S. Car marr. 1st Mary Barnett and 2 Mary Johnson, John Hanse born 1824 Ala marr. 1st Anna P. Sessions, dau. of Buck Sessions and 2nd Martha Faulk, William Harry Killed at Vicksburg, 7 Newton, went to Louisiana, and last child Jasper born 1833 marr. Margaret Johnson, 2 Ann E Williams, 3. Mary J. Taylor.

John Sessions was listed in Pike county in 1840 census east of China Grove where Isaac was. He was 60/70 then or born about 1770-1780. his wife was 40/50 so she might be a 2nd wife?. Children at home in 1840 two females 15/20; 2 females 10/15; 2 females 5/10.

I could not find in the index to 1840 census for Alabama Richard D. Sessions and this puzzled me because he and his wife had children born before the 1840 census. Therefore, in the past reports I had taken time to read page by page the whole of the 1840 census page by page for Pike county and he wasn't listed.

In reviewing the indexes for both 1840 and 1830 censuses in Alabama I note a Daniel Sessions in Clarke county, pg. 224 in the 1830 index. Also other Sessions families were listed in both 1830 and 1840 censuses for Wilcox county, Ala.

From a previous search also I located in 1860 census for Clarke county, Ala. On page 697 one James Brazzle 34 was listed as born in Pike county, Ala. Pg. 633 Grove hill showed a family of John Scisson 76, farmer born S. Car, wife Rhoda 67, born Georgia and in same house Byrd Brazil 22, farm laborer born Georgia. In same town pg. 606 Richard Brazel, 22 born Georgia.

Here again we see a Scisson family with a Bryd Brazel in their household. Thinking this over I went to the newer International Genealogy index of names submissions for 1992 instead of older 1988 and found an exciting new family in there not previously cited in names submissions.

In my previous searching I was still intrigued with possibility that your William B.(could stand for Byrd) Brazil and be a son or uncle of the rev. war vet, William Byrd Brazil who served from Chatham county, N. Car. enlistment and applied for Revolutionary war pension and died in Hancock county, Ga. where your William B. was married in 1824.

For this search I checked the Master Index to the Georgia Gen. Magazine, book no. 975.8B2gg. In the past I had checked this index for Kirks and Doggetts. This time I checked for Lyon/Lyons, Marsh, Braswell, Brazil, etc., Tilman/Tillman, Sessions. There was not time to look up all of those names and see if additional clues might tie more into your known families by those surnames. In issue 15-18 there were references to James and Jeremiah Tillman on same page 1128. In issues 19-22, pg. 1265 James Tillman and Lewis Tillman on page 1386. It might take a half day to look these all up and determine if these references would help in our continued quest or not. However, as part of continuing work can look up those references for another search.

Also in previous search had checked Hathaways digest Index for the North Carolina Historical and Gen. Register, 975.6D25na. This time I checked the first volume which cited which had cited references to Sesshans and Sessions names to see if clues on the Sessions families that you come through might be found. In the Pike county, Ala. history which included Sessions data the family genealogist on the Sessions data had stated that the families had

lived in both North and South Carolina. In North Carolina in the county bordering South Carolina, Columbus.

In volume one of Hathaway pg. 978 an early colonial power of attorney from William Frost to Edward Berry was to take charge of lands and chattells by the children, 2 June 1711. Witnesses in Chowan county were John Sesshons and Richard Sessions. Pg. 145 John Sessions 1715 John Sessions petitions for letters of admin. on his sister, Mary Berry's estate, granted in 1715 data.

From the index to North Carolina wills, The Testators which I previously checked I have completed the Edgecombe probates from this index for Sessums.

Abstracts of Wills of Edgecombe, North Carolina, see photocopies show some of main Sessions. 5 pages Checked Braswell names and Lyon names. Estate Records Edgecombe, N. Carolina 1730-1820, 975.646R5w checked for Peele, Sessoms References. Pg. 241 Col Isaac Sessums, inventory taken by Thomas Hodges, including cert. for attendance at General assembly, May Court 1785, sale returned May court 1785.

The International Genealogy index of names submissions for North Carolina shows family Soloman Braswell - Rachel Byrd. Soloman Braswell Sr., first wife Rachel Bird and 2nd wife Elizabeth. Edgecombe, N. Car. marriages 24 Dec 1765. Children William Byrd, Elizabeth wife of Thomas Boykin, James Braswell, James Braswell, Richard, Mary, wife of William Brett, Nelley Braswell, Admiral Braswell, Reddick Braswell, Topping Braswell, Charity Braswell, Winney Baswell, Levi and Samuel Braswell.

The newer addition of North Carolina IGI, 1992 was also checked for Sessions. There was a family of an Absalom Sessions and wife in Columbus county, North Carolina. In Sampson and New Hanover counties family of one Richard K. Session and wife Esther Boon. Two different parties submitted the same family some claiming birthplaces of children as Sampson county and others at New Hanover county. Among children given names were Bathsheba, Betsy Winifred, Boone, David, Jesse, Joseph Ferdinand, Mary, Phillip J, Sarah(Sally) and William. The children of Absalom of Columbus county in index were Dorcas, Robert, Thomas and William Isaac(born 1810's-1820's) Children of Thomas Session and Martha Wingate included John born abt 1766, Joseph Sessions born abt 1762, Nancy born abt 1760, Richard born abt 1764, Sally born abt 1765, Wilmington, New Hanover, Soloman born abt 1767 Wilmington, New Hanover, Thomas born abt 1759, Uriah born abt 1795 and Zey born abt 1763.

As you can see there were several families by the names of Sessions in North Carolina in a county bordering South Carolina on a map. Several of these given names are familiar to the ones

we find in later censuses in Pike county and other counties in Ala. For the coming search I will complete the early records for census not completed in other counties of Ala. on the Sessions. Then will compare against family sizes of Sessions in Pike county, Ala. and South Carolina counties. If the remaining census and marriage records in Alabama fail to locate the wife of Richard D. we will have at least given it a thorough try.

Circumstantially the Braswell/Brazil could run like this starting with proven connection of William B. Brazell and Lucretia(Creasy) Tilman -
possible ancestry William Byrd Braswell/Brazil
wife, Jean
parents of William Byrd Braswell/Brazil
Soloman Braswell/Bracewell/Brazil
1. wife Rachel Bird
parents of Soloman Braswell
Richard Braswell
Elizabeth Bryant of Edgecombe county,N
Parents of Richard Braswell(hus. of Elizabeth Bryant,
Robert Braswell/ Sarah
parents of Robert Braswell(hus. of Sarah)
Richard Braswell - Sarah Sampson

Please consult with photo from previous report on Braswell book which shows a pedigree in it including these people.

I took time this time to read a book on Lodwick Houston Alford and his ancestry. Earliest Alford cited in this book was in Jamestown in 1624. Earliest ancestor of person preparing the book was James Alford of St. Peter"s parish in New Kent county, Va. No references in book(929.273Al28a) mentioning families in Tenn. which is place Juliann Alford mentioned as place of birth of her father in 1880 census.

I checked the International genealogy index for Tenn for John Alford. In Hardin county, Tenn a John Alford born 1820, no parents cited. In Knox county, Tenn John M. Alford born 9 Feb 1822, parents John Alford and Jane McElhatton. Other John's too old to be your possible father of Julianne.

In checking the index to 1820 census for Tenn by AISI, 976.8x2pa Alford names in counties of Laurence, Perry, Rutherford, Davison, Warren, Bedford, Claiborne, Bledsoe, Gibson, Knox, Lincoln, Humphries, Smith, White, Williamson, Dickson counties.

Read the index to 1830 census Tenn for Marsh in areas nearest target county of Madison and for Alford in any county. Since an early Minor Marsh had appeared on tax lists with your Elijah in Madison county, Tenn. I was intrigued to find in Surry county, N. Car. marriages- Miner Marsh marr Nelly Norton 1 July

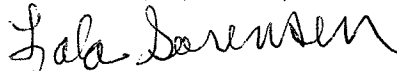
1818. Also checked Surry county, N. Car. will abstracts by Jo White Linn. Surry county, will abstracts 1771-1827 by Jo White Linn pg. 128/9 John March(Their spelling) will 13 Oct 1807, wife Mary. Children Elizabeth, Minor, John, Thomas, Daniel C. William, Jeremiah, dau. Winnifred, any variation.

As a last check for you I went into Clark county, Ark. since a previous deed in Madison county, had stated Allen J. Marsh was in Clarke county, Ark. and selling his land in Tenn county of Madison I took the time to look up records for Clarke county to see if additional clues might be found on him and his family. 1850 census(976.749X2) No Marsh names. Clarke county, Ark. marr, 1821-1879, compiler Bobbie Jane McLane(976.749V29m, pg. 66 James P. Faulkener marr Miss Merandah Marsh age 21, he age 22, marr. 17 Dec 1869. No marriage for an Allen J. Marsh to an Emily J. Index Clarke county, Ark. probate book G, 1841-1851, 976.749P22e)

The biggest find for this time is the connection from IGI, probate records and family histories connecting possible circumstantial connection from William B. Brazil/Braswell back several generations.

When your turn comes up again will continue the threads on the Sessions, Marsh and Tilman lines. All good wishes to you and your lovely wife.

Sincerely yours,



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