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Dear Lt. Kirk:

I have completed a full day's time for you to take the funds you allot for Sep and Oct at once. Since I am getting into the holiday order season and have gotten a lot of orders ahead decided to put in two half days for you to be sure your time wouldn't be neglected again for so long like my surgery recuperation.

In the first place I have concentrated largely on the Gray - Marsh and Tillman lines for this time, also some loose ends on the Lyon/Lyons families of early Georgia. In the first place I reviewed again all of notebooks for you and will not charge you for that in regards to the above family names. Also noted some loose ends to complete in Tenn. in known areas to try and get additional on the end of line Brooks and Crawford families.

In past research in the Georgia Gen. and Hist. Magazine I had come across several early Marsh men who had served under Colonel Elijah Clarke and who got certificates from him which qualified them for bounty land for service in the revolution in the state of Georgia. This land was granted in Washington county. Names were Elijah, John and Nathan Marsh. Also in the book Ga. Roster of rev. I had previously located on pg. 120 Nathan Marsh on bounty list with certificate of Elijah Clarke, Colonel 8 Sep 1784 in Wash. county; John Marsh cert. of Elijah L Clarke, too 8 Sep 1784 Wash. county. Same book pg. 387 certified list Ga. rev. war troops Elijah, Jno. Nathan and Sol. Marsh.(975.8M23k) I am mentioning this to recap for you what is already known.

Your last known Marsh - Elijah in the 1850 census in age would have been born about 1793 in Georgia. Any of these above men were in Ga. records prior to the birthdate of your Elijah. According to records in the Ga. archives and cited in John Marsh of Craven and Kershaw counties, S. Car.(929.273M353M, pg. 179 cites these vets as receiving bounty.(Elijah, John and Nathan, 287 1/2 acres - 20 Aug. 1784) Washington county.

I wanted to know therefore, where Elijah Clarke served from to determine what state the Marsh vets served from and help in

narrowing down more information on them. I checked the following looking for Colonel Elijah Clarke

Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army, 973M23h - April 1775-Dec 1783 by Francis B. Heitman, see enclosed photocopy - 5 pages. Note the Colonel served in the Georgia Militia and was made a Brigadier General in that Militia 1781-1783. He died in 1805. Battles that he served in are cited. Battle at Musgroves Mill was fought in South Carolina. I am not sure at this point where the Aligator Creek and Woffords Iron Works battles were fought.

Officers and Soldiers rev. Army, 973M23c. Publ. originally 16 Jan 1828. Indexed no Marsh names. Pg. 82 in french regiment - Armonds regt. John and Joseph Mash, privates(supposed to be spelling variation of Marsh?)

Pierce's register, 17th report National Society Daughters of the American rev., 973M2up, Many Marsh names and Many Kirk names but none with specific given names I was looking for our needs.

Resolutions, Laws and Ordinances to Officers and Soldiers of Revolution, 973M2uh, indexed nothing.

Officers Continental Army by Ronald Vern Jackson, 973M2of, pg. 58 Elijah Clarke, Off. Ga., Rev. war 1775-1783.

Pensioners of rev. war Struck off Roll, 973M24Uss, pg. 91 Georgia names, none of family names there.

Rejected or Suspended rev. Pensions by Gen. Publ., 973M24ur, Read all N. Car., South Carolina and Georgia pages, nothing.

Rev. War Pension appl., 973M24n, supplement by Sady Giller nothing on Lyon or Marsh names.

Next checked the book Colonial Georgia Marriages from 1760-1810 by Frances Ingmire, 975.8V2i Checked for Tilman, Marsh, Kirk names. Nothing on known given names that we are looking for at this time. No early male Marsh names at all.

English Crown Grants in St. Paul Parish, Ga. by Ben W. Fortson, Jr., 1755-1775, no Tilman, Marsh's.

Georgia Marriages early to 1800 by Liahona research, 975.8V2lr bk. 975.8V2lr, no early Tilman or Marsh names.

Early Georgia Marriage Roundup by Maddox, 975.8V2m nothing. book 137,000 Early Ga. marriages by Maddox and Carter, Pg. 165 Jones county David Tillman - Rebecca Douglas 5 March 1820; Richard Tillman - Eliza Lumpkin 5 Sep 1826; William J. Tillman - Eliza Morris 24 Jan 1826. Earliest Marsh marriage pg. 140 Jefferson county - Little Berry Marsh - Martha Woods 18 Feb 1812, John Marsh Elizabeth Palmer 11 Sep 1817.

Since your last known Lyon name was Edmund Lyon and since in bordering county to where your guy was early was another older Edmund Lyon decided to check for more records in Lincoln county and see what could be found on the older Edmund.

Lincoln county, Ga. marriage abstracts by Frances Ingmire, 975.8165V2L Edmond Lyon Mrs. Hancy Hester 29 Nov 1819; Edmond Lyon Prudence Peak 6 Sep 1830. Thomas Lyon - Mary Winn 18 Dec 1816. Earliest female marriage Lucy Lyon - Richard Harrey 18 Feb 1816. No Marsh male names at all.

Next I checked the Lincoln county, Ga. wills, 1796-1877, 975.8165S2s, see enclosed photocopies, 3 pages, note two early Lyon wills, one for an Edmond. His wife's name is Nancy so above cited marriage would be his 2nd marriage. No son Edmond cited. Only daughters cited in his will. No sons mentioned or named.

Also a Thomas Lyons will and no children cited specifically except to state that they were under age.

Since previous research indicated that early Marsh's would be in Washington county and some Tilman's in Warren county, took time to check the library catalog for references to books and films for those counties. Then determined to check to begin the ones that would have the most valuable sources. Unhappily most all of the records of Washington county were destroyed by Sherman's March to the sea during the civil war.

Warren county, Ga. marriages compiled by Frances Ingmire, 1784-1849, bk. # 975.8625V2i, no Tilman names

Warren county, Ga. wills 1790-1890, abstracts compiled by the Georgia Pioneers, P O Box 1028, Albany, Ga. 31702, arranged alphabetical by surnames in too. No Marsh, Tilman or Lyons probates. Abstracts will book A 1794-1810 Warren county, Ga. compiled by Marilee Beatty Hageness, #975.8625P2hn, nothing.

Long Creek church, Warren county, Ga. compiled by Marilee Beatty Hageness, #975.8625K2h, no Tillman/Marsh names John and Joseph Kirk cited as members but no years given.

Warren county Ga. Genealogy II by Daniel Nathan Crumpton. Many Marsh's, no Elijah. Pg. 159 William Smith, attorney at law, will dated 9 March 1807, proved 4 Jan 1808, wife Milley; heirs Mary Tilman; executor Milly Smith; wit: John Smith.

Washington county, Ga. burnt out county abstracts Records of Washington county, Ga. compiled by Marie DeLamar and Elisabeth Rothstein, 975.8672R2d, indexed no Marsh names at all. Pg. 23 Littleberry Tillman 1790, Stephen and Stephenson Tillman 1789.

Washington county, Ga. tombstone inscriptions, 975.867V22m, read through whole book, all Marsh names in 1870's or later too late for our needs.

Records of Washington county, Ga., by Delwyn Assoc., 975.8672R2d, nothing, indexed.

Estate records Papers, Washington county, Ga., 1829-1903 compiled by Elizabeth Pritchard Newsom #975.8672P28n, indexed, nothing.

History of Washington county, Ga., 975.8672H2c compiled by Washington county Hist. Society, indexed to family histories and none for Marsh's or Tillmans.

I next checked a book entitled, State Census, North Carolina, 1784-1787 compiled by Mrs. Alvaretta Kenan register, # 975.6X2r. Since I hadn't checked this reference for your names also checked for Kirk and found only two references, pg. 67 Halifax county, Isaac Kirk(This Isaac died in Georgia and heirs mentioned as being from this county) Other than head of household he had 2 white male under 21 and 5 females. Pg. 101 Montgomery county, John Kirk #133, no return data. Pg. 89 only Benjamin Gray in Johnston county, along with Israel and Sarah Gray. None listed for Edgecombe county.

Next checked 1790 census for North Carolina, 975.6X2r. Had done this reference for Peale, and Kirk names. This time checked for Benjamin Gray's. Pg. 36 Fayette Distr., Anson county Benjamin Gray. Pg. 77 Halifax distr., Warren county, Benj. Gray and William Gray. None for Edgecombe county cited.

No one has submitted a Benjamin Gray in North Carolina IGI references. Also checked IGI for one of newer names on your line, the wife of John Billingsley - Jean Milsaps, marr in IGI for Guilford county 2 June 1772. Three main families of Millsaps/Milsaps, etc. who had children about right time to have had a Jean but saw none. there was a Jane(often used interchangeable for Jean) Milsaps daug of Robert and Ellender King Millsaps who was reported to be born about 1764. If that date is close to right, then this would not be your Jane who married in 1772.

Next I turned to Land patent abstracts for Colony of North Carolina compiled by Margaret M. Hofmann, 975.6R2hm and noted , during volume 1735-1764 several Tilman/Tilghman names. Earliest #811 one Benjamin Tilghman 31 March 1755, 500 acres in Johnston county on north side of Great Cotentney creek. Also Moses Tilman #919, 10 Oct 1755 patent book 2, 64 acres Johnston county, south side Neuse River. There were many for Moses Tilman I am just citing earliest reference. #5871 John Tilman 23 Oct 1761, John Tilman 300 acres, south side Trent River in Craven county.

No Kirk names in that volume. This shows the Tilman's were in North Carolina quite early. Next Colony land patent book by Hoffman, 1765-1775, 975.6R2hm, #3242 Stephen Tillghtman(their

spelling) 75 acres in Dobbs county between south west Creek and Trent River, south side little Swift's creek, patent book 20.

Since your Brooks families could have come into Tenn. from North Carolina (Catherine Brooks married John Crawford Billingsley and she was born in 1805 in Tenn. and died in 1840 in Illn.) I rechecked the general reference book to early N. Car. wills abstracts by Fred Olds and wrote down the Brooks wills for future reference. Also rechecked for all Gray names in the area of Edgecombe county and other counties north and east of Edgecombe. There were many Gray and Gay wills for Edgecombe but none citing a son, Benjamin. Only will citing a son, Benjamin Gray was in eastern county of Jones, pg. 164 of book, will of Israel Gray 1796 May - mentioned in Will-William, Benjamin, Joab, Joseph and Thomas Gray. Feb. 1778 will Joseph C. Gray will, wife Zilpha; Elizabeth and Israel Gray.

Next went to Edgecombe county records, North Carolina Edgecombe county early marriages, North Carolina by Griffin and Williams, #975.646V28i. No marriage cited for a Benjamin Gray. Earliest marriage pg. 81 William Jeffreys marr. Mary Gray, July 1773, bondsman for marriage bond, Simon Gray.

Original deed index Edgecombe county, N. Carolina, both direct and reverse indexes on same film, 1759-1920, film 370234

North Carolina land grant to William Braswell, 1779, vol 3, pg. 431; Many Gay surnames in this index none with given name of Benjamin

Earliest Gray reference - 1770 James Gray bk D, pg. 262,519; 1774 James Gray to Simon Gray bk 2, pg. 178; 1777 thomas Gray from John White bk. 3, pg. 108; 1777 Ethelred Gray, bk. 3 pg. 139.

Benjamin Gray reference in land index Edgecombe
1785 Benjamin Gray from Henry Lancaster, bk. 4, pg. 277
1793 Benjamin Gray to Thomas Guion bk 7 pg. 316
1804 Benjamin Gray from Jesse Gray bk 11, pg. 263
1805 Benjamin Gray Jr., - Hilliary Morris bk.11, pg. 323
1805 Benjamin Gray from Renison Tisdale bk. 11, pg. 462
1810 Benjamin Gray from Jesse Jones bk 13, pg. 306

Estate Records Edgecombe, N. Car., 975.646R2u, pg. 113 Benjamin Gray Jr., inventory, dec'd, administrators John and Hardy Horn, Nov. court 1808. Division among claimant, Phebe, Nancy, Henry and Milbry Gray (widow) Feb 15, 1813. (This is not your Benjamin Gray with the will in 1817, see family group sheets with this report. Also in same book, pg. 114 John Gray inventory, taken by James Gray Jr. 15 July 1777, same page Simon Gray inventory by Eth' Gray, administrator, Dec 1777, same page William R. Gray inventory by Jacob Battle, admr., 26 Nov 1796, principal buyers Charlotte and Charles Gray. (One of heirs of your Benjamin Gray cited as a grandchild was a Charlotte Gray.) Whether that

indicates a possibility of their being relatives or just a coincidence I don't know yet.

Edgecombe Kinfolks by Watson, 975.646R2u, had previously located the reference on the estate settlement in the deeds for Molly Gray, widows of Benjamin and the children including the wife of John Peel, Rebecca, Godetha and Elizabeth Brown and Peter Gray(then in Jones county, Ga.) I had found that in index while looking for Peele names. This time rechecked for rest of reference to early Grays. Pg. 196, from deed book 20 pg. 102, Phoebe Chancellor, wife of Gilbert Chancellor of Wilcox county, Ala., stated as a daughter of Benjamin Gray dec'd, 19 Nov 1830. Note above reference from probate estates for a Benjamin Gray Jr. with a daughter, Phebe.

This Benjamin Gray Jr. could be a younger Benjamin living in same county part of time as your Benjamin, or he could be a son of your Benjamin. Benjamin Jr. died before your Benjamin so that would explain why he wouldn't be named in the father's will, if a son.

I next checked a book called Abstracts deed Edgecombe, N. Car., 975.6R2h, pg. 21 and found earliest Gray in Edgecombe was John Gray, surveyor and his wife Ann of Bertie Prect.(parent county of Edgecombe county) to Buckley Kimbrough of Edgecombe, 10 Aug 1738/9, 350 acres two deeds south side Marratock River, joining John Rosenberry, Thomas Whitmell and lands of said Gray.

This would indicate the surname Gray in area of Edgecombe very early.

I next read the early deed book D, film 018878 Read Gray deeds on pages 262/4, Sheriff Samuel Ruffin selling to James Gray to settle a suit by Mary Deloach over estate Charlton Stretor, reg. court 1770, pg. 5181/519 deed by Sheriff, Sherwood Haywood, by writ to sell 583 acres which was sold to James Gray; witness Simon Gray, James Pulliam, 13 Aug 1772.

Next read Gray references in Edgecombe deed book 3, film 018879, pg. 108 John White of Tarborough, Edgecombe, taylor, sells to Thomas Gray of Duplin county, two 1/2 acre lots in Tarborough, 15 April 1777. Pg. 139 Newel Pilman sells to Ethelread Gray of Surry county, Virginia, 21 Sep 1777, land south side Tar river; wit Simon Gray, Lott and Hardy Pilman or Pitman.

Edgecombe, N. Car. deed book 4, on film 018881, pg. 277/278, see enclosed photocopy which didn't come off too well so I had to trace a lot of it so you could read it as the original was extremely faded. Note Henry Lancaster selling to Benjamin Gray 177 acres south side Tar River, dated 23 Feb 1784. (Note above Gray also with land on south side of Tar River)

Edgecombe, N. Car. deed book 7, film 018884
Pg. 316 Benjamin Gray of Edgecombe sells to Thomas Grior(Green)
land south side Tar river, 177 acres, 30 Sep 1793. This is land
Benjamin purchased of Henry Lancaster in 1784.

Edgecombe county, N. Car. deed bk. 11, film 018889
Pg. 263 Benjamin Gray, sells 2 Nov 1799 to Jesse Gray land in
county on prong of Williamson's branch, 153 acres. wit: Miles
and Elizabeth Draughen.

pg. 323/4 Hillary Morris sells to Benjamin Gray Jr. 4 Sep
1802 land south side Williamson's branch beginning at a black
gum. wit: Howel Horn and Jesse Gray. Previous deed cited a
Benjamin Gray selling land to a Jesse Gray on Williamson's
branch, so these may be deeds for Benjamin Gray Jr?

pg. 462 Renison Risdale sells 24 July 1805 land to Benjn.
Gray, 13 acres beginning at a red oak, Isaac Braswell's corner.

Edgecombe county, N. Car. deed book 13, film 018890
pg. 306 Jesse Jones sells to Benjamin Gray, 15 May 1799, tract
south side Maron's(blurred so might not be right spelling) mill
creek, 150 acres, south side John Mariss's line, west Cahoon's
line.

That completes the printed and original probate and deeds
for Edgecombe, plus marriages on the Gray names.

Next references refer to the Millsap searching after finding
out your John Billingsley married Jean Millsaps in Guilford
county, N. Carolina 2 June 1772. Bondsman in addition to the
groom to be was William Draper.

i went to Guilford county, N. Carolina deed book one,
975.662R2g, abstracts by William D. Bennet and found on page 236
Robt. Millsaps and his wife Ellender of Rowan county selling to
Thos. Millsaps of Guilford 150 acres waters of Uwarry. Witness
to this deed was William Draper and Henry Wade, 16 Sep 1773.

I looked up the original deed on film 019,045 and enclose
two sheets. I got the film as clear as I can but old deed book
not as clear as more modern deed records would be.

Checked a Genealogy collection for Guilford county, N. Car.
collection by Rev. David Isaiah Offman and rev. Paul G. Kinney on
film 924,494, item one and read about the early families but no
data on Billingsley, Braswell, Millsaps or Kirk names, item two
same series continued nothing. Film 924,495, same series Section
III, nothing. All indexes by sections.

Guilford county, N. Car. will abstracts, 1771-1841 compiled
by Irene B. Webster, 975.662P28w, indexed. Pg. 62, original
volume A, pg. 373, will of Henry Thompson of 2nd creek, dated 22

July 1771, proved Nov 1771. To wife and children not named.
Wit; Thomas Millsap, William Draper.

These various documents tell us that William Draper witnessed a will in 1771 with a Thomas Millsap, that William was bondsman for marriage bond of John Billingsley and Jean Millsap in 1772 and that William Draper was witness to land deed on 16 Sep 1773 for Robt. Millsaps and wife, Ellender of Rowan county(parent county of Guilford) to sell to Thos. Millsaps.

I then turned my attention to the parent county records in Rowan to see if I could determine about how old Thomas and Robt. might be from early tax lists or other probate.

Note abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan county, N. Carolina 1753-1785, 975.671R281, photos 3 pages. Note Robert Milsaps registering his cattle brand Apr 1761 Note Robert Milsaps buying land on Uwharrie River in 1766.

I next checked the genealogical Collection called the McCubbin Collection of Rowan county genealogy - done by a genealogist some years ago and turned in to the Rowan county Public library and our library filmed from there. I checked the series on film for Billingsley, film 019,837, nothing, film 019840, Braswell, Brazil, nothing. Kirk film 019,867, nothing. Millsaps film 019,875, nothing. This was disappointing because if one finds the family name in this series the data is usually well researched.

I next checked the Marriages of Rowan county, North Carolina, 1753-1868, compiled by Brent H. Holcomb, 975.671V2h Only early male Millsaps names was enclosed, photos 2 pages, one William Millsaps marrying Ann O'Nail 23 Apr 1770, consent from Arthur O'Nail, 24 Apr 1770. This couple was marrying about same time as your Billingsley-Millsaps marriage in Guilford.

Abstracts of Wills and estate records of Rowan county, North Carolina, 1753-1805 and Rowan county tax lists, 1759, 1778 by Mrs. Stahle Linn Jr., #975.671P28Lj, volume one, see photocopies, 2 pages. On page 115, 1759 tax list Rowan names Robert, Thomas and Josh(I believe this is Josh. abbreviated for Joseph) Milsap/Milsaps.

These various references would tend to indicate to me that Thomas being on a tax list in 1759 would have to have at least been of age by then, therefore, could easily have been old enough to have fathered a Jean marrying in 1772 in Guilford. Further the deeds in Guilford tie the Thomas of Guilford to the Robert of Rowan in some manner? Whether Thomas and Robert are father and son, nephew and uncle, cousins is not clear at this point. Since the earliest tax list shows them there in Rowan in 1750's, perhaps earliest records of parent of Rowan, Anson county would

also need to be checked, then the route of the great road going through Virginia and ending up in the Shenandoah valley, etc. Some of earliest Rowan county emigrants came into the port of Philadelphia early, then through southern counties of Penn. and into the valley of the Virginia and then over the great road.

Now I will go into some South Carolina early references on Marsh, Tillman names as clues were found in counties in South Carolina early to parties who had later ended up in Georgia and might therefore, be possible relatives on these family names. I had previously done the Kirk names in South Carolina counties where a Stephen had been found in 1790 census in York county and a Stephen in Chester county during time your Stephen was in Georgia.

1790 census South Carolina, 975.7X2h, pg. 63 Edgefield county, Distr. 96 Sarah Marsh; Samuel Marsh and William Marsh, same page Stephen Tilman; Sam and Elizabeth Lyon families. Pg. 66 Edgefield continued Lewis Tillman, Frank Tillman, Valentine Brasel. Pg. 67 Edgefield county cont'd Fed Tilman and Frederic Tilman Jr. I copied out the returns for future reference. See family group sheets for what I have compiled to date. With so many Tilman names in this census I have photocopied this census for your reference and underlines the various family names and heads of families with data, 4 pages.

Since the index to Chester county, S. Car. probate packets showed a Stephen Kirk file 33 pkg. 507 and John Kirk, I decided to look these references up to see if any clues to your last known Stephen Kirk who married the Anna and was father of your Levi Kirk and grandfather of Levi Louis Kirk. (index film 023307)

Film 361714, file 33 Chester county, S. Car. probate pkgs. Estate Stephen Kirk, John Kirk administrator 9 Dec 1822. apt. 33, pt. 507. Appraisal bill 28 Dec 1822. Sales bill effects of Steven Kirk, most items sold to Mrs. Kirk (given name not given), also a gun to George Kirk. Return of estate of Stephen Kirk, 25 May 1824 by John Kirk. Funds to George Kind, 1824, Lewis Morris, William Foster, William Wilks, qualifying appraisers.

Same file Legatees of John Kierk, late of Chester Distrt. gave bond, administration granted to David Mitchell, 25 Jan 1829. Legatees listed as Susannah Kirk Senior, Nancy Kirk, George Kirk, Martha Kirk, Benjamin Franklin Kirk and John Stevens, all of Chester Distr.

same file State of South Carolina to Susannah Kirk, George Kirk, John Stephens and wife, Rebecca, Elias Mitchel -guardian ad Litum of his infant child and heir at law of Nancy Mitchel, Martha Kirk, Benjamin F. Kirk by his guardian - Susannah Kirk, David Mitchel and wife, legal heirs and rep. of John Kirk. 160 acres to be divided among those heirs, on waters Broad river, 19 Feb. 1831.

No son Stephen listed to this older Stephen. No Stephen listed as brother to John so don't feel these people are close relatives, if related at all.

Edgefield county South Carolina records #975.737D2r by Janie Revil, #975.737D2r, see photocopies, 5 pages. Mostly Tilman data and a little on some early Marsh's. However the Marsh data does not go before 1784 or during Rev. war period which is time frame your Marsh relatives were in Georgia. No early references in this book tying to your known Marsh's. Note the Tilman data. Early Jurors in 1780's were Frederick, Lewis, Francis and Stephen Tilman.

History-Annals of Edgefield, S. Car., #975.737H25a, published by Old Edgefield Distr. Arch. Chapter, South Carolina Gen. Society. Pg. 37 cited a George Tilman as a vet of War of 1812 from county. By this time your Tilman's in Georgia. Pg. 10 mentioned a Lower Long Cane Assoc. Reform Presby. church which had Rev. Martin from Ballymena parish, county Antrim Ireland preach there 1772-1775.

Abstracts Wills Edgefield county, S. Car. #975.737P28e No Tilman wills in book. Samuel Marsh will pg. 3, previously located dated Dec 1787 and proved 1789, wife Sarah. Children Sarah, Robert, Samuel.

Kershaw county, S. Carolina wills, 1782-1868, film 024,052, item one 1782-1823, indexed no Tilman's listed, item 2, 1812--1824, nothing. Item 3, 1840-1868, pg. 17

James T. Tillman will, brother John B. Tillman, sister Elizabeth Tillman, mother(not named but mentioned), dated 2 March 1842, proved 29 March 1842.

Kershaw county, S. Carolina marriage and obits from Marriages and Death notices in Camden, S. Carolina newspapers compiled by Janie Revill, 1822-1842. Read all references to family names but none seemed to fit out requirements.

That completed leftover references from previous searches in probate, newspaper obits, marr, etc. for some of these South Carolina counties. This completes pretty much available references for these counties with exception possibly of deeds, if available. Would you want me to go into original deed indexes and see if any clues to parties in Georgia?

The reason I ask is that deeds can be time consuming. If in a proven area of concern very worthwhile, but since we aren't sure of the migration pattern of some of these early people yet, I wonder about taking the time to do all of those South Carolina deeds for so many surnames.

I noted in reviewing your files again a few sources yet to check on the Marsh's in Tenn., then I will have done what I feel I can on that side of your line. The big problem in getting backwards into Georgia from Tenn. is the early time frame and the lack of good records for Washington county, Ga. to prove which one of those bounty vets might possibly be the parent of your Elijah. I have tracked down the officer who served over those men all named Marsh and who signed certificates to show their worthiness to receive the military land(bounty) for revolutionary service.

Note the family group sheets on the various Marsh families which I have tracked down some references in Georgia and North Carolina on and you will see some similarities in naming to the early Georgians and the North Carolinians. Note also some of these early Marsh's were in Dickson county, Tenn. by 1820 census.

For this search I did a book called Obits from Tenn. Newspapers by Jill L. Garrett, #976.8V4g. Nothing on Alford, Marsh names.

Book Tenn. Bible records, Marriage Bonds, Cemetery records, 976.8D2aj, compiler Jeanette Tillotsen Acklen. Looked up all Alford, Marsh names in the index. Pg. 398 Dickson county marr. abstracts Gilbert Marsh - Dolly Cathey, no dates. Other Marsh marriages in the 1840's too late for our needs with your Elijah in Madison county by 1824 when he appears there on a tax list with Minor Marsh.

Rechecked the Giles county, Tenn will abstracts book, 1814-1900 for Crawford names and there were none. Already had checked for Billingsley and Brooks names.

Giles county, Tenn. Court Minutes, 1823-25, volume one, 976.861P2g, pg. 5 Monday 17 Nov 1823 William B. Brooks, David McCallum, Duncan Brown to work on road. Pg. 101 Thomas Rivers deed to John Brook proved in court 23 Feb 1824. Pg. 138/9 May 1824 Robert Brooks on jury duty.

Did original Giles county, Tenn deed indexes 1810-1931, film 968850. Noted all earliest deeds for Brooks names. No Crawford or Billingsley names at all.

Giles county, Tenn. Chancery court files, A-G, 1830-1900, compiled by Elizabeth W. White, 976.861P2w, nothing.

No deed book A cited for Giles county for surname Brooks Checked Giles county, Tenn. deed book G(film 968853) Sep 1812-Jan 1817. Pgs. 126 and 130, Matthew Brooks of Stokes county, North Carolina buying and selling land back and forth to William Sheppard of Orange county(N. Car.) Dec 1814, land on middle distr., Richland creek of Elk River. Pg. 126 deed dated 23 March

1793, pg. 130 22 March 1793 William Sheppard of Orange and Joseph Phillips of Stokes county, N. Car. sell to Matthew Brooks of Stokes county.

Also in book B(968,853) pg. 299/300 Gabriel Bumpess sells to William B. Brooks, 145 acres, 16 Feb 1816. Pg. 306 Henry Nave sells to William B. Brooks, Dec term 1815.

The 1820 census for Giles county showed several Brooks families but that of George which intrigued me at first didn't have a daughter right age to be your Catherine Brooks who married the Billingsley, however, William B. Brooks did. No early Billingsley deeds in Giles to compare against where known areas for Brooks were, etc. This was disappointing.

As previously noted, I have spent time for Sep and Oct with this report in completing a full day for you. I will judge that your turn would come up in my work orders again either in Dec. or first part of new year due to high work order assignments coming all close together since my surgery. If Dec. is tight because of Christmas let me know and I would get to the account in early Jan.

It is my pleasure working for you on your family lines. I believe that Thomas Milsaps is likely the father of your Jean who married the Billingsley and he is related to the Robert who sold him the land in Guilford.

I believe that one of early bounty grant vets on the Marsh is likely to be your name for Elijah Marsh's father, born in 1793 but because of poor records in the county where they got the bounty because of Sherman's march to the sea, we may not be able to prove which one of the vets you come through. I will inquire in continuing searching if the Georgia Archives might have anymore records than us about these men?

On the Tilman I feel it likely that you come through a Frederick or James as previously stated and that they could well be the sons of the Frederick Tilman of Edgefield county, S. Carolina. Deeds would seem merited in checking that county at least in South Carolina.

Dale will complete the family group sheets for me on the computer and make you a disc which will be mailed as part of this report. If you have any questions about any of this, please let me know.

It is my pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely yours,

Fola Lawrence, A.S.

encl/cited in body of report 2 pages original filmed deed from Guilford county, N. Car. Millsaps; rest book photos various sources, 20 pages; also from Edgecombe county deeds 2 pages filmed original deed on Benjamin Gray.

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