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Dear Lt. Commander Kirk:

First of all I want to thank you and your wife, for your kind thoughts and nice card about the death of my mom. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated.

Secondly I want to state that I have read and reread all the good materials which you sent from cemetery pictures, land records and the birth cert. which you sent. I went to my work sheets and to my computer sheets to compare against previous research. There were some new facts but also some duplication from previous research.

For instance the Cerro Gordo cemetery is abstracted and on file here and I had already checked that reference for you. However, I hadn't copied out the Thomas family so have abstracted that on a family group sheet for us for future reference.

There were many pages of the pictures of the headstone which were not readable of else just barely readable for the names but not for all the dates and other data. I did my best to go over these hard to read stones and would have to say that I just couldn't read some of them at all.

In addition I don't know how some of the stones are related to you. For instance the Virginia and Evelyn with parents headstones one a Tolison? How are they related to your family? Then there is the stone for Grace Bolinger. How is she related to your family?

On the sheet for J. C. Billingsley I could read his information all right but the headstone on same page I couldn't read for the most part. I could read the word died and the surname of Billingsley ok but given name unreadable. Under word died I could read March 6 but not year.

On another sheet which was very clear for Cerro Gordo Cemetery I am also needing to know how Henry F. Weaver and Birdie I Smithson Weaver might be related to you? Sheet very easy to read but could not find on your work sheets any Weaver marriage to a known relative in my records.

I am returned therefore, the sheets that I cannot read at all and keeping those easy to read or partly readable for my records.

I had access to the records also of the Union Cemetery at Lockesburg, Ark. and had sent you photocopies from the cemetery's abstracts.

I have read your interesting Historical Timeline for James Lester Kirk and Shirley Jean Barnes Kirk. I also read the Historical timeline for Francis Edward Kirk and Dorothy Bernice Weaver Kirk. Is that where the Weaver stones came in is in some way related by marriage to your Kirks?

Also read your Historical timeline for Rufus Harrell Kirk and Lois Melba Grumbles Kirk; and for Kenneth Ray McMaster and Marion Marjorie Kirk McMaster.

Those Timelines that you did were all very interesting reading and I am sure the family members of those families would appreciate your good work.

The Homestead application and cert. was very interesting on your Jesse G. Billingsley taken at land office Camden, Arkansas, 13 June 1882 and signed by President Chester Arthur.

Enclosed you will find updated printouts of family group sheets with your information and my latest information from my most recent research in April in your behalf. As per your request I have input the data you sent into my computer program which has your genealogy on a disc. I couldn't get the gedcom which you sent to be read on my computer so took to the library and the experts there made it possible to read and print it out here at home I am sending you our updated a gedcom with the printouts in case of a problem with our disc transferring to your computer. I had to take the "data disc" which you sent to Kinko's to get a print out of it & it turned out to be your Timeline. I have been unable to read and print the third disc called "Kirk.Paf" and "Kirkz.Paf" Do I need the internet to read this one?

I next reviewed at the library a series of Old Southern Bible records, books which had been filmed on film 896773 items one through 4, 4 volumes. There were several Brooks bibles but at this point could see no connection to your Brooks line. I have kept the data for future reference in case I see a connection later. No early Kirk, Doggett, Marsh, Millsaps lines at all in bible abstracts. This was disappointing.

Next decided to see if any additional data could be located on Asa Dogget's line and wife Elizabeth Eubanks, both of Columbia

county, Ga. when they married. I had done some will abstracts and marriage abstracts in the past for you on these names.

Columbia and Richmond counties, Ga., Superior Court Land plats, 1791-18724; land Grants 1784-1785 on film 234631

pg. 111 John Eubanks warrant 22 acres from Robert Randolph and Peter Crawford, dated 6 Aug 1798. (Asa & Elizabeth married in 1803) see enclosed photocopy of original plat in book B, pg. 111, bottom of page showing survey of John Eubank.

Pg. 244 Note in same source - grant by Honorable John Houston, Captain General Governor and commander in chief, granting to Major Eubank and his heirs, 200 acres. See enclosed photocopy. Dated 17 Dec 1784 and signed by Governor 17 Dec 1785.

These men were both in county before the marriage of Elizabeth Eubanks to Asa Doggett and therefore possibilities for her parent, or other relative?

I checked the index to Columbia county, Ga. deeds and copied out most interesting references that I felt might help us in getting more on the Eubanks or Doggett families living there early. Index 1792-1860, film 515,965.

In deed book I Columbia county, Ga. deeds on film 847820 note enclosed photocopies of original deed, pgs. 116-118 regarding Wm. Walton to Asa Doggett for 209 acres, recorded 12 March 1799. William Walton and his wife Sally sell to Asa Doggett for \$313.50, sell plantation 209 acres. Land originally part of tract granted William Johnson in 1774. (3 pgs.)

Also in deed bk. I pg. 106-107
Land sale 10 April 1794 Jeremiah Lamkin sells to William and Elizabeth Dixon, administrators of William Dixon estate late of Columbia county, dec'd. (Dixon a child of Doggett's in Ark. later)

Deed book N, Columbia county, Ga. on film 847821, note two pages filmed original deed 18 Aug 1806, Reuben Doggett & Garner Doggett sell to John Doggett for \$2000, land in county part of 402 acres tract containing 134 acres. land left by John Doggett(their spelling) senior in his last will and testament to be divided equally between John Doggett, Reuben Doggett and Garner Doggett. Diagram of land on 2nd page of document.

Columbia county, Ga. deed bk. P, pg. 266, film 847821 item 3, Deed between Reuben Eubanks and James Eubanks, executors of will of Major Eubanks, late of county, 4 April 1812. Selling 230 acres of land to John Lyon on waters of Key Creek, dated 11 May 1802. John Lyon paid one dollar. Wit: William Eubanks Jr.; James and John Gray.

I next checked on film 847844 original filmed wills for Columbia county, Ga. which were arranged alphabetically. I had

in past done a book series which had some will abstracts in it for that county.

Noticed John Doggett will and nothing new in original will that hadn't been in abstracts in book.

On the Eubank families there were two wills as follows; Major Eubank will dated 11 March 1810, wife Esther; children Thomas, Major, Reuben and James - oldest sons, Fanny Lyon, Rhoda Eubank and son in lawLyons(deed previously cited would seem to indicate given name of Lyons was John. proved 2 July 1810.

John Eubank will dated 10 May 1808, wife Rebecah; children - William, Joe and Isham; brother Richard Eubank; witnesses Major Eubank, John Germany.

Columbia county, Ga. early marriages, published by Georgia Pioneers, P O Box 1028, Albany, Ga., 31702; #975.8635V25g.

Asa Doggett- Elizabeth Eubanks 3 Nov 1803, son of John and Ann Doggett; Garner Doggett married Tabitha Norment 6 Dec 1805, son of John and Ann Doggett. Richard Doggett and Mary Elizabeth Yarborough, probably son of Asa and Elizabeth marr. 17 Oct 1833.

That concludes the sources for Columbia county that I thought might give us additional clues. Hope that you find the deeds interesting. I did.

I next did the International Genealogy Index of names submissions for Mississippi to see of any of new names you sent might be listed for Howell-Barnes related lines there. Since Hardemon county, Tenn. borders Miss. I wanted to check both Tenn. and Miss. index to see if any additional clues might be located for you, then also into North Carolina IGI for Wayne county references. No Daniel Wells Barnes in either Miss., Tenn. or Carolinas. On the Howell checked for same areas in Miss. and Tenn index IGI. Many Howells names in Miss. counties DeSoto, Marshall and Tunica counties bordering or near Tenn. border. Checked for Majors/Major and Bass names, too.

See enclosed Index Miss. 1870 census by Accelerated Indexing systems for Howell and Barnes names 5 pages. Next read the index to 1920 census for Miss. on films 1826653/4 for all Barnes names. Looking for a son, Daniel Wells Barnes about 8 and there were no families with a son, that name. Most of the Barnes named families in Mississippi on these two filmed were black families.

Next turned by attention to state of Tenn. references to see what additional I might find on the new family data which you most recently sent on the nice family sheets and pedigrees on your Howell and related lines.

In recent past I had read the index to 1920 censuses for both Miss. and Tenn. I didn't find a family in Tenn. with a son, Daniel Wells Barnes.

With Daniel Wells Barnes not born til the 1910's I figured his dad would be born about 1890 or before. The 1890 census was largely destroyed by fire only fragments remain.

Latest book census index for Tenn. is the 1870 census for checked that to see if any in Hardemon county for names of Barnes and there wasn't a single one. There were several Howel/Howell families in Hardemon as early as 1870. I have underlined them for your convenience in studying the names. 5 pages photos including a page explaining the county codes. I then did the index to 1880 census for Tenn. 448788, film and located A. E. Howell in Hardemon county Distr. #12, ED 57, sheet 11. Wife H. M. and children, see family sheet for data.

I am enclosing a map of Hardeman county, Tenn. showing the bordering counties with bodies of water and mountain ranges, etc. I page photo. Did index 1900 census Tenn, film 148649 looking for a Majors with child Mattie and didn't find.

Next did index 1910 census Tenn for Howell, film 1372991, couldn't find any of your known Howell families. Index 1920 census Tenn. film 1830299, many Howell names. Read all Hardemon county names for future references if needed. Found W. R. Howell family. Note 1920 census Civil Distr #6, old district #12, Hardeman county, Tenn. ED 41, sheet 2A, film 18211745, note family of W. R. Howell and wife, Mrs. Mattie with children. Husband, wife, children and parents of husband and wife all listed as born in Tenn.

In bordering county to Hardemon, of Fayette county, Tenn on filmed WPA abstracts of wills, pg. 210, film 024645, item 6, I noted a will for Kentchen T. Bass, dec'd of Fayette; wife Margaret; Some children under age. Three sons, Perue, James, Kinchen T. Bass, certificate from gov't for 80 acres, also tract in Crittenden county, Ark., 160 acres to Margaret Gilmore, daughter of his daughter, Synthia Gilmore, dec'd. dated 14 March 1852, proved June term 1852.

Next I spent the balance of my time mostly on a cemetery series- Cemetery Records Hardemon county, Tenn, compiled by Mrs. Robert S. Owen, Mrs. Ed Knox Boyd, Mrs. Howell Lee Davidson, all of Bolivar, Tenn., 38008, #976.828V3o, several volumes, read all. Note photocopies for Volumes 2,4,5. In volume two map showing the Hardemon county areas and cemeteries, etc.(6 pgs.) Vol IV, Majors families here; Bass names; Hebron Baptist church Cemetery records where the majority of your family members were buried including the family killed in the headon collision. Also the son who was a policeman killed coming out of his driveway. Also cemetery burial for Daniel Wells Barnes parents' in same cemetery and identified on his data and that of his parent's names also. I was excited to get the additional generation for you.(16pgs.)

Volume V Cemetery Records Hardemon county continued
5 pages of data. In this series copied out all older Howell,
Major/Majors, Bass, Barnes names for your references.

Happily the 1880 census for Hardeman county, Tenn. has been
transcribed by R. Harold Cox #976.828X29c, 9 pages, note
introduction page gives key to abbreviations in book, a map
showing census districts and railroads. Note Major, Bass(direct
line couple W. A. and Chelly), A. E. Howell and H. M. with
children(direct ancestors), W. H. Howell(brother to direct line)
and family.

Goodspeeds History Fayette, Hardemon, counties, Tenn. on
film 924,072, item 2. Pg. 818 Hardemon county referred mainly to
earliest settlements about 1820-23 by settlers from North and
South Carolina, Virginia and Middle tenn. Bounded North by
Haywood and Madison counties, east by Chester and McNairy
counties, south by Miss. and west by Fayette and Haywood
counties. Most of county in 10th surveyors district. Boundary
dispute with Mississippi settled 9 Nov 1839. Chester county not
formed until 1882. Hardemon county organized at Murfreesboro 16
Oct 1823. County seat established at Hatchie town, 1 mile north
of Bolivar on Hatchie River in 1823. Bolivar became county seat
after this and had a courthouse fire 4 May 1864. Other fires in
1876, 1878, 1885. Nothing on known family names.

Hardeman county Historical Sketches #976.828H2h. This book
really excited me when I found another generation on your Bass
line and additional data on the Howell families. photos 8 pgs.

Hardemon county, Tenn. marriages, 1823-1861, #976.828V2s
I photocopied Bass, Howell names. 6 pgs.

Extracts of Wills-Estate Settlements and Guardian Bonds of
Hardemon county, Tenn. compiled by Fayte Tennyson Davison, Fae
Jacobs Owens and R. Harold Cox, #976.828B1P29c, 5 pages showing
index to probate books. Nothing on family names in rest of book
of abstracts from court records.

This completes 2 1/2 days of time for you since I was so
long in getting to this account because of my mom's affairs
taking so much time. I hope that this is all right. You can
just send the payments each month as planned and I will work on
the account again when the current time is paid up in a couple of
months. I feel I can get things done better for you by doing it
this way when it has taken me to long to get to the account.

Hope you enjoy the new data and families which I have added
on from your information off the Howell, Bass and Barnes lines.
It is my pleasure working with you on your family lines.

Sincerely yours,

Lola Sorensen

Mrs. Lola Sorensen/AG

Encl/cited in body of report.

Family sheets enclosed 15, 3 pedigree charts, gedcom disc