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Dear Clients:

You will each receive a copy of this report with my comments about the sources searched, My thoughts about the findings, my suggestions for additional checking, etc. In the first place before beginning all of this checking, I read the instructions from Stephen, checked the maps that he and Billye had sent for me to study along with my own checking for them, also checked the notes off the Kirk side of the research for Scott to be sure of not charging for things already done, unless I felt a recheck might clarify things for me in some way. I also read the many pages Billye had sent to me from Max Kirk's book on his ancestry.

Where I had loose ends of things from previous work I felt it necessary to address some of those matters in case a clue might be found that would help you in further establishing another connection from your last known Stephen to his possible parents with the idea possible from Stephen's theory that the name might be a Joseph Kirk with possible Sherin/Shearin ties, etc.

Then I got into the work sheets that I have compiled over the years for Scott having to do with Kirk families. I determined which ones I hadn't filled out or sent because of what I considered a lack of data to send with satisfactory proof from sources at this point. Some sheets I had in a previous report to Scott I have where I had wills or other probates matters compiled the last known sheets I could find in various early Georgia and North and South Carolina references. I would recommend that Scott review some of my last reports to him wherein I had taken a lot of time compiling some of those Colonial and early families of Kirk's from earliest references to 1830's approximately in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, North and South Carolina.

I hadn't sent a sheet on the Stephen who died in South Carolina, showing up as early as the 1790 census in Camden Distr. York county, pg. 30(975.7X2h) and next page a widow, Sarah Kirk. Further the 1800 census index and returns for South Carolina shows Stephen Kirk in Chester Distr., pg. 84. In bordering county, Lancaster in that census year heads of families, Lewis Kirk, Matthew Kirk, Robert Kirk. (975.7X2t) Index 1810 Census South Carolina(975.7X2p) in Chester county, David Kirk, two Stephen Kirks, In bordering York county Young Kirk. In bordering Lancaster county, Joshuah(their spelling_) Kirk and David Kirk.

I site this to indicate statewide census indexes checked in previous research for Scott. Also Martha Lou Houston's Index to South Carolina Wills excluding Charleston wills was searched for all Kirks, then where possible looked up the wills and abstracted the data on work sheets to study against known family data on your last known Stephen Kirk.

In addition in later checking searched statewide census indexes for South Carolina for 1820 and 1830. Then looked up the original probates or abstracts of the probates for all Kirk/Kierk/Keirk names, etc. See updated work sheets for latest data on the additional families with your family surname in various records searched for South Carolina.

Note the James Keirk/Kierk sheet shows he died in Laurens county, South Carolina by 3 March 1800 when his will was proved, it was written 30 July 1799. Therefore, we know approximately the time frame that he died. His wife, then his wife's 2nd husband's will plus her will state the names of the children pretty well.

Then from previous research, Stephen's data from the search made by Max Kirk in South Carolina probate packet from the county record copied for him, is coupled with my examining our probate packets on film here and also the will of his wife who died in Richland county, South Carolina. She is listed as a head of family in 1830 census which matches up nicely with a time frame about when her first husband has died before that census year and his appearing in the census from 1790 through 1820 censuses. Once again I noted that he died (the older Stephen of York and Chester counties) after your Stephen did.

Note the updated family group sheets from my references and Max Kirk's probate abstracts from South Carolina records abstracted by someone in the county record office in Chester. The David Kirk who had a will also was checked and he cited no children at all in his will. No mention of children either, so assume he died without issue or they had died before he did.

I have checked the Warren county, North Carolina References that you had interest in Stephen for possible links to your ancestry, possibly an early Joseph? Also took a lot of time in searching the judgement docket for earliest original documents. For a complete listing of all sources searched to try and verify the connections for you, I covered all the older Warren county, Chatham county, Caswell county, Orange county, etc. references, then compared again previously checked materials sent to me by Scott or Stephen dealing with early Kirk's and Womacks.

I have a set of photocopies for all three of you and would appreciate being reimbursed for just the cost of what it cost me to make the photocopies as billed later in this report. I have spent the funds that you have sent to me through Stephen and Billye and there was just too much to cover to complete all the left hanging problems on making the connections. I did check history books for the counties where the earliest Kirk's lived in Orange, Chatham, Caswell counties in North Carolina looking for localities of earliest church records & where they might be housed today, if still in existence. Not time to go into any references not previously already cited from

the book which you sent me copies to study from Max Kirk's writings.

Also previously had searched the Newberry county, South Carolina wills for a Rebecca Kirk, original wills volume L, film 024265, pg. 451. Children cited in that will included Rebecca Lake, Isaac Jenkins, John Jenkins(their father Isaac Jenkins dec'd). Daughter, Anna Barrett, wife of Thos. Barrett, dau. Phebe Mendenhall, wife of Dr. M. T. Mendenhall. Her will dated 2 Nov 1834 and proved 12 May 1837. See Work sheet

See abstracts of Rev. war Pension records by Virgil White to see if any possible connecting links of Shearin/Sherrin/etc. to parties with surname of Kirk. See enclosed photocopies, title page, abbreviations and page for Shearins, 3 pgs. each. Note the earliest parties by that name from Warren county. As in previous research the earliest parties by that name once again were from the area of Warren county in North Carolina. Searched for Kirks and Womacks in that source previously.

Note another overview the Index to 1850 census for Ark. which gives a listing of all Kirk families in that census year. Most of them from South Carolina previously, although one from Ireland, some from North Carolina(a young Joseph), Penn., Virginia.

Note another photocopy two pages from Records of Washington county, Georgia, John Kirk dated issued 6 Aug 1787 adjoining land of Thos. Hill and Brantley. In North Carolina land records these same surnames on bordering properties in Chatham and other nearby counties. See my complete listing of all North Carolina references checked.

Considerable checking in series North Carolina Colonial and State records to see why a Joseph Kirk was petitioning the court. See filmed copy which explains that he and Simon Terrell had been ordered by the court to bring in someone to appear before a judge and they did that but the court reporter in error didn't record the event so they were hauled into court to pay a fine,etc.

The Caswell county, N. Carolina photocopies from books dealing with deeds, marriages and wills, show that there was an Aaron Shearin there for a time. The Josiah Womack was not your relative rather the Abraham Womach who died in North Carolina & married the Stubblefield.

Next document in triplicate to be sent with other previously cited from Chatham county, North Carolina deed book D, pg. 623, film 0259407. This deed involves John and Elizabeth Welch(his wife) and Joseph Kirk. Dated 5 Feb 1790.

History and Genealogies of Old Granville county, North Carolina, 1746-1800 by Thomas MCAdory Owen, note Joseph Shearin will, formerly of Brunswick county, Virginia.

Then note photocopies from Warren county, North Carolina abstract books Deeds, volume 2, 2 pgs., Bute & Warren county marriages 4 pgs. Estates Warren county, North

Carolina, 7 pgs. of Shearin's, no Kirks

Since I had located in old Wilkes county and Hancock county, Georgia court abstracts mention of an Elizabeth/Eliza Kirk, widow of Yorktown, York, Penn. I checked for parent county of York to see if many Kirk names and there were many, see enclosed book of abstracts for Chester county. York county wills would need to be checked also. 7 pgs. of Chester abstracts. This certainly shows that potentially there were a lot of Kirk families in southern Penn.

From Southern Penn. counties many emigrants and descendants of emigrants traveled into the valley of the Virginia, so called and went further south and west from there. Many of my German emigrants went through the port of Philadelphia, southern counties of Penn. and then into Frederick county, Virginia. I cite this to show migration patterns. Even as Max Kirk has cited some of the early Virginians came to what is called the Tidewater Virginia coastal counties and then drifted inland in Virginia, following the great road themselves to get into the Carolinas and further south some ending up in Georgia, Miss., etc. & other states. Earliest mention of proof of an emigration pattern in the records of Wilkes county, Georgia was mention as previously cited to you a widow lady, named Elizabeth Kirk who had previously come from Penn. In the one deed Yorktown, York, Penn. is even cited as where she was from and one of her three children, a son named Caleb is cited.

The Stephen Kirk of Wilkes is the same Stephen who ends up in Hancock county at a point in time because he is mentioned in deeds with his father in law, Joel McClendon, in both counties which I had cited in previous reports to Scott.

South Carolina Index to 1800,1810,1820 census books checked to review for your convenience the various families of Kirks in that state during that time. (Total 6 pgs.)

Final photocopies from abstracts registers of North Farnham parish and Lunenburg parishes, Richmond county, Virginia, see enclosed. Since Max Kirk seemed to want that checked by me to see if additional Kirk names there I did so for your files. If he wants a copy of the photos you are free to copy, one of you and send on to him. Title pages, map early Virginia area, and page where Kirk's listed.

This gives you each a rundown on the extent of the photocopies enclosed plus updated family group sheets and new family group sheets not previously sent to you.

Now as to a definite connection between last known Kirk and Shearin families, the only definite connection was one which Stephen and I both before we started sharing had found about the Curtice Shearin who married into the Kirks and is mentioned in Warren county records both searched by Stephen and myself and reviewed in part again as part of this report to see if any additional data to tie more members of the two surnamed families together, either in Warren, Bute (parent county of Warren and Franklin) or nearby areas. Then I followed through in original land deed indexes in Chatham county and went through all possible spelling variants for surname

Kirk and Shearin. There were no Sherin/Shearin etc. names in the Chatham deed indexes either buyer or seller indexes.

I searched a judgement docket of original papers page by page and found references to lots of Shearin's but not Kirks. This I know is not what you folks had hoped for in the research.

Earliest original deed which I located in Chatham county was for a Joseph Kirk in 1790 and which I am sending along to you all from the filmed original copy. Also in 1790 in Georgia records of the Long Creek Church in Warren county, Georgia(975.8625K2h) previously sent to Scott in a report showed in 1790 members of that church in Georgia included John and Joseph Kirk. That church had been established in 1786. I cite this to show Joseph's early in Georgia as well as those in Chatham and parent counties in North Carolina.

In the hopes of finding the marriage of Stephen Kirk to Anna Womack since her father moved into Georgia quite early according to his revolutionary war pension papers I have rechecked the many volumes of early Georgia Marriages by Maddox and Carter, some just also by Joseph Maddox. Then went into the abstracts of individual Georgia marriages by counties including records for Washington county(none early enough survive to help in that county because of records destruction), Hancock county(none early enough to help), Greene county(showing a marriage of a son of the other Abraham Womack who married Martha Mitchell), Wilkes county. I had in past thoroughly searched the marriages for counties of Jones, Monroe, Putnam, Jasper, Baldwin, & Crawford counties. No marriage for Stephen Kirk marrying an Anna Womack or an Elizabeth McClendon, dau. of Joel McClendon(also spelled McLendon)

Then I went into once again the county histories of our main target areas in North Carolina and Georgia to see what early churches existed during the time of the marriages that we seek and unhappily the Presbyterian early churches in the Orange area and bordering counties have been destroyed. Didn't say when etc. just that early church records are not available to be searched. Then read about the Episcopal church records, formerly called the Church of England before the revolutionary war. Little survives of the parishes for the time frame that we need. The baptists have some church records but not in the area of our concern early enough to help. For what records I was able to locate & see the bibliography for the baptist records.

The main churches in Georgia early and North Carolina were those cited. There was a colony of quakers in the area that originally was in Orange county, North Carolina but when Alamance was formed in 1849 the area now is in that county. I did search for Scott in one of my previous reports the Quaker records for that area and didn't find your Kirk's listed on those records. These records from the large series called the American Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy by William Wade Hinshaw, covering many volumes. Two volumes just dealing with quakers in North Carolina early Monthly meetings, other volumes for other states. I didn't get into the quaker records for Penn. on the Kirk name to see if an Elizabeth married a Kirk and had a son, Caleb listed in those records.

What we do know from a lot of searching is that your Stephen of Anna was appearing first in Jasper county, then Jones and Monroe county records in Georgia. We know that a Stephen with Joel McClendon and the Abraham Womack who married Martha Mitchell were mentioned a lot in Greene county and Hancock county, Georgia records. We know that the Stephen of Greene county had previously been with the McLendons/McClendons' in Wilkes county. We know that an Elizabeth Kirk was listed in early grants and applications for land records in Wilkes county and that an S. Kirk witnessed some of those deeds. We know that she was of Yorktown, York, Penn. and had three children , one mentioned by name, Caleb Kirk.

Then in some of my last searching I noted our Charles Womack, your Anna's brother was also cited in Hancock county records as a witness to a deed. Therefore, implication is, if in fact that Charles is your relative, then also the Stephen who married the Elizabeth is your relative. If that is the case then he would have been a great deal older than Anna whose age is approximated from her age in early census previously located in Georgia after her husband had died. Then we have the terrible problem if there was only the one Stephen in Wilkes, and Hancock county, then why didn't a marriage for your Anna show up in extant marriages on one of those counties? If Stephen married an Elizabeth McClendon as someone said in IGI then why did they not cite their source references that I could check the original data for you? All of that is personally very frustrating to me.

With no Stephen Kirk in North Carolina in 1790 or 1800 and your Stephen with his wife, Anna in early 1800's in Georgia, the only Stephen in available census was the man who lived from 1790 through 1820's in York and Chester counties's areas in South Carolina.

Stephen felt that your Stephen possibly married Anna before her parents left for Georgia. However, here again Abraham Womacks Revolutionary war records indicate that he was living in Chatham county when he enlisted. On 1 Jan 1786 he moved to Hancock county, Georgia, then to Jones county, Georgia, & finally after 1825 moved to Monroe county. This would seem to imply that his daughter would have to have married Stephen Kirk in Georgia. If she married in Chatham county, then she would have been under 16 and the marriage bond would involve a parent's consent before the marriage could take place. Nothing like that in records I searched.

Then I had another thought and that was what if your Stephen married his first wife in South Carolina on the way to Georgia, if his family sojourned in South Carolina part of time? If so perhaps there might be a possible relationship to the older Stephen. Then we recall that there was no mention in the probate packet of the older Stephen dying in late 1820's to a son, Stephen, or to a deceased son, Stephen's children getting anything from the estate like some other grandchildren were cited in that manner in the estate packet. Then for this report I verified his(the older Stephen's) 2nd wife's will & still no reference to family members in Georgia. Suppose your Stephen could also have gone into South Carolina following an uncle that would be his namesake because his own parents were dead, or he wasn't on good terms with them? A lot of theory here trying to make the known facts make more sense.

Went into more references in Wilkes county, Georgia, see my bibliography at back of this report. In Reference The Wilkes County Papers, Georgia, 1773-1833, #FHL, 975.8172N2d, I was interested to note among earliest references for your family surnames, pg. 4 Caleb Kirk suing John McVay, in superior court minutes, 30 July 1790. Pg. 13 Allotments of ceded land in county, Eliz.h(their spelling) Kirk, 100 acres Augusta 22 Nov 1773 with Robt. Stuart, Thos. Harkins, Thos. Childre, Moses Stevens, Zach Phillips, Sam. Rutherford, Silvan-r Walker, Jno. Thomson, Frederick Williams and Sam'l Harris. Pg. 221 In William L. Clements Library, collection Abner Hill deceased estate, inventory 2 Oct 1788 by John Kirk, Stephen Darden and William Curton. Pg. 174 Order for ejectment in Richard Smith(Abraham Wommack) versus William Stiles(Peter Clima) involves 300 acres Harding Creek.

These references show a land allotment for Elizabeth(spelled Eliz.h in reference) in 1773. John Kirk cited involved in 1788 with estate settlement of Abner Hill. Also in 1790 on Caleb Kirk suing in county.

There were also McClendon and McLendon names but none tied to the Joel McClendon. In the past reports had shown Scott the mention in court matters which connected Joel McClendon to his daughter, Elizabeth Kirk.

The marriage abstract book dealing with Wilkes county, Georgia marriages, a fairly new looking book don't show marriage prior to 1792 in the book. Checked thoroughly and no Kirk males or females in the book at all. Frustrating here.

With all the early Georgia Marriages in printed form covering all the counties formed early in the 1770's - 1790's I didn't find your Kirk Womack marriage.

I will write to the archive of the Presbyterian church and see if they have any additional records than what I read in the county histories which might help us in finding your Abraham Womack's marriage to Judith Minter; marriage Anna Womack to Stephen Kirk; Stephen Kirk to Elizabeth McClendon/McLendon.

When I receive an answer from them will let you know what they say about a possible search in Chatham county area in North Carolina and Wilkes and Greene county areas in Georgia for the Stephen Kirk two marriages.

For this time completed the remaining references to early Kirks in the series North Carolina Colonial and State records which I had looked up in the index but hadn't taken time to complete. The reason I looked up the references to Joseph Kirk was to see if trouble with the law might have had something to do with the Copeland murder and it didn't as previously cited in this report. Then there was a reference to a Lewis Kirk in 1782 petition to the House of Commons with others, including upper board of auditors Salisbury Distr. Committee referred to petition by Quakers in Eastern Quarter.

The Chatham county, North Carolina deeds indexes, then looking up original deed books in trying to get more proof for us on the Joseph Kirk idea, involved several hours of time by the time I looked up the indexes for Kirk, Copeland and Shearin. No Shearin/Sherrin names at all.

Chatham County original deed book A, 1771-1775, film 0259406, pg. 1. A badly damaged deed with tape across part of it so could have missed something. Land sale 2 Sep 1779 between Thomas Copeland of Orange county(Orange parent county of Chatham & referred to as Orange county in this Chatham county deed) to Joseph Kirk, for 100 pounds proclamation money. Grants Joseph Kirk plantation in Orange beginning at a white oak, 225 acres. Witnesses partly blurred out.

Read all Copeland deeds in this deed book A, pg. 232 deed for Josiah Copeland and wife, Margret of Orange county, 17 March 1771 sell to Thomas Tucker for 50 pounds tract of land north side Haw River, deed granted originally to Benjamin Clemons, 486 acres, dated 1758, 121 acres.

Chatham county, deed book B, film 0259406, item 2
Read all Copeland deeds in this deed book, pg. 265 William Copeland Sr. is granted tract of land 25 acres an Island surrounded by Waters of Haw River, beginning at a hickory tree, 1 July 1779.

Chatham county, deed book C, film 0259406, item 3 pg. 245, North Carolina Grant from Richard Caswell, Governor to Joseph Kirk, 350 acres in Chatham both sides Richland Creek waters of Rockey River, 31 March 1780. Land south Philip Brantley's line. Pg. 326 Phillip Brantly to John Kirk, for 100 pounds grants tract of land and plantation in Chatham beginning at a red oak on Joseph Kirk's line, 588 acres. 1783, recorded in court 6 Aug. 1784. Pg. 300 George Kirk of Chatham to Joseph Cole for 200 pounds sells tract head of Rockey Branch, & prong of Terrells creek. Beginning at Barzeirs corner north to John Piles line, 200 acres.

Same book pgs. 329/330 Joseph Kirk sells to John Kirk, 1783, land and plantation Chatham beginning at a white oak, 225 acres. Wit: Jos. & William Brantly, reg. in court Aug.1784.

Chatham county, N. Carolina deed book D several deeds involving Kirk's and Brantleys. Read all deeds for Copelands. Pg. 116 Benjamin Brantley for 30 pds from Joseph Kirk sells tract of land in county North side Rockey River beginning at a white oak, 12 May 1785. Several tracts which John Kirk sold in 1780's. Pg. 601 North Carolina State Grants by Governor Samuel Johnston, Capt. Gen. And commander at Edenton, 18 May 1789 to Travis Harper and Joseph Kirk, 125 acres Chatham on waters of Darnells's creek. With the wording Governor and Capt. General on a North Carolina Grant that usually indicates land for revolutionary war service, though unusual to cite two people on a grant like that? Pg. 623 as previously cited a deed of John Welch and his wife to Joseph Kirk in 1790.

Chatham county, North Carolina deed book F, film 0259407, item 3, Joseph Kirk and wife, Polly, selling to Lemuel Smith, 12 Nov 1792. The land was where they were living at the time beginning at a black oak, Johnson's corner east along Wilcox's line, to Henry Welches's

corner, 80 acres formerly granted Enock Lewis from Earl of Granville, 18 Feb 1758.

Went into deeds from the indexes into the deeds through 1830's. One of deeds involved an Edward Lindley who was owed a debt by Joseph Kirk so he sold him some property. Then a later deed, sheriff's sale for property of Joseph Kirk dec'd deed book A-CI, pg. 408, film 0259414, 8 Jan 1833, to get the taxes owed. Absalom Rogers offered to pay the taxes. Several deeds for Joseph Kirk's. Some referred to as Joseph Kirk Sr. and others Joseph Kirk Jr.

For complete listing see bibliography at back of this report overview. Granville county references checked for possible Shearin/Kirk connections found none. Did find a Joseph Shearin's will, his son John to get land in Brunswick county, Virginia which opens up another kettle of fish to check. For Granville checked abstracts marriages, wills, history, etc.

Reviewed again the Orange county, N. Carolina marriages and found nothing new there on Kirk's that I hadn't already located in previous reports.

Concentrated most on Chatham county and Warren county, North Carolina records where you seemed most interested in getting more data if possible. See my bibliography for complete listing of all Warren county, North Carolina sources (previously called Bute, also Bute included part of Franklin county, too.) The original deed index for Warren county has to be one of the worst filming I've seen in a long time. Most of it faded right out and totally unreadable on many pages. Still I read more than once and did discern some mention of Kirks. Earliest deeds mentioned that I could read in index 1772-1775 John Kirk - Sarah Benson 77; George Kirk.... 110; 1774-1776 George Kirk....Dinwoodie 97; John Kirk - Robert.... 239. Rest not readable even in part.

Photocopies from Warren county, North Carolina books at library previously cited already in this report. Very little on any Kirk names at all except what Stephen had already sent about a John Kirk dec'd in 1779. In same volume of Warren county abstracts, pg. 173 Bk. 6, Daniel Sledge 26 Nov 1791 will pr. 1793, names his children. Lucretia Sledge to get Homeplace bought from George Kirk. Read all Shearin/Sherrin materials and looked up all pages in references.

Max Kirk's good work in his book regarding the will in Culpepper county, Virginia for a John Kirk, then the deed where Joseph in North Carolina releases his rights to the family property in Virginia good work on that connection. I would be more inclined to think the early Joseph a son of John, than the Carroll series which has the early Joseph as a son of a George.

The theory about your ancestor passing through South Carolina to get to Georgia is a possibility, but we would be sunk to find the marriage unless in church records not destroyed. The Lancaster county early court records in South Carolina all destroyed in a civil war battle. Most South Carolina counties did not keep track of marriages in the counties at all until after the civil war for the most part, Charleston being the exception. No early Chester county marriages at all. No early York county marriages. In writing to Presbyterian archive at Monteat will inquire

about the South Carolina Presbyterians in the northern part of the state where the early Kirk's lived.

The long road through the facts and theories to get to the heart of the matter is tough with so few actual deeds, probates to tie to these early people. Some family bibles would have been good like the ones for the Kirk's who settled at a point in time in Montgomery county and their wills be registered in a historical society.

With Abraham Womack in Chatham county during the revolutionary war period and until 1786 Jan 1st the Kirks and he could have traveled from that area with others possibly Brantleys who also showed up early in Georgia records. The mystery of the marriages has not been solved though I have done a lot of checking and rechecking to be sure I hadn't missed anything which would help you all in your quest.

There would be references to check for Brunswick county, Virginia if you would wish another time. Also as soon as I find out about what the charges might be to search in the Presbyterian archive, Will advise you all and you can decide if you would consider the costs worth your while. Areas in North Carolina, South Carolina(York, Lancaster and Chester) and older county areas in Georgia where we know Abraham Womack lived early should help in locating the marriage if it is recorded in that churches minutes.

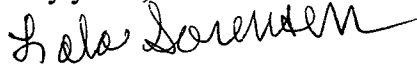
I shall await your having time to check these various matters, then perhaps to discuss it together on your E-Mails or phone calls, then get back to me as to your wishes, if any for the further searching I have suggested. Note the large number of Kirk wills in one of the older counties in Penn. Additional checking could be done in York county another time if you wish. If you would rather I check the Culpeper county deeds, etc. in Virginia I could do that, also. In addition I have the three volume series of the book by Lyman Chalkley, Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, Augusta county court abstracts from earliest about 1745-1800. Some records predate that 1745 date and some records go a little beyond the 1800 date on some of probate matters. Culpeper county is the parent county of Augusta so some additional clues might be found there, if you wish a check into those records too.

It is a pleasure to work with you people and it is sad that so much checking can be done and only a few clues here and there gleaned for this search. I have not charged you for all the time in compiling the cover report and compiling the work sheets on my other computer. If any questions about any phase of report please refer me to page number and subject that you would like to discuss further, etc. Any questions on the work sheets please give me the name of the husband and wife and I will be able to bring up the material and see about additional checking for you.

The filmed copy of the deed from Chatham was 20 cents, one filmed copy on the original deed and other sheet from the North Carolina Colonial and State records concerning Joseph Kirk and a court case, 20 cents, rest of photocopies from books not filmed, 45 sheets, 5 cents a sheet.

Total for each of you for photocopying with this report-\$2.65. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Lola Sorensen/AG

photocopies referred to in body of letter

Bibliography of Sources searched for this report Apr. 2003

1. Read all of combined client's work reports and letters to and from me to them to avoid as much as possible duplication of their efforts. Read Max Kirk's book abstracts sent to me by Billye Jobe. Read all photocopies Stephen Kirk has sent to me previously. Read my file notebooks which I have compiled working for Scott Kirk dealing with the Kirk line.
2. Made an outline of the various localities which client's had shown interest and wanted me to check additional sources. Checked library catalog for Family History Library on my computer in preparation of attending library to make the searches. Noted references which I had no time previously to complete on some of the end of line Kirk families.
3. Filled out work sheets and added data where I could to work sheets started, then took them to the library with my catalog references to check.
4. Genealogical Abstracts of revolutionary War Pension Files, Virgil D. White, abstractor, vol 3, 973M28g, Noted Shearin names. Reference to names from area of Warren county, where will indexes in previous searching had also shown all the Shearin probates. 3 pgs. photos
5. Handybook for Genealogists by Everton Publishers, 6th edition, checked for reference to known counties in Ark. where your relatives lived, Georgia, North and South Carolina counties where they were mentioned in early court records already checked in part previously.
6. Arkansas 1850 census Every-Name Index by Bobbie Jones McLane and Desmond Walls Allen Photocopied the Kirk names to see where they had been born prior to coming into Arkansas as an overview.
7. Checked the index to 1840 census for Georgia by Accelerated Indexing, 975.8X22j. Was looking for some Kirk's mentioned in one of the books that was not complete in Cobb county noted John and James Kirk.
8. Index 1850 census Georgia by Accelerated Indexing, #975.8X22jg In Cobb county Robert Kirk pg. 20, California twp., and John Kirk -Cobb county pg. 173.

9. 1850 census California Distr., Cobb county, Georgia, film 0007062, pg. 220 Robert Kirk family, next door Andrew I. Kirk family. Pg. 220 John Kirk 60 born North Carolina, younger wife, Emily 36 born South Carolina and children.
10. Marriages of Hancock county, Georgia, 1806-1850, printed with land lottery list for 1806, by Martha Lou Houston, #975.8623V2h. No Kirk names at all.
11. Georgia Marriages Early to 1800 by Liahona Research, Inc., #975.8V2er. Pg. 28 Only Kirk marriage-Mary Anne Kirk - Capt. William Samson 4 Apr. 1776 in Effingham county. Pg. 54 Mancil Womack(son of Abraham Womack and Martha Mitchell from my previous research) married Sarah Rogers 11 Sep 1790.
12. Early Marriage records of Georgia before 1810, compiled from records in the Georgia Genealogist with indexes, #975.8V25g. Pg. 45 William Samson, capt. of a vessall(their spelling) - Mary Ann Kirk 4-4-1776.
13. 37,000 Early Georgia Marriages by Maddox and Carter, #975.8V2m. Only one Kirk marriage in Pike county pg. 209 Lawrence Kirk - Margaret Scott 11 Jan 1831. Pg. 227 Putnam county G. Isom W. Sherrin - Mary Odem 14 May 1827. Pg. 230 several Womac/Womack marriages, none for known family members.
14. 40,000 Early Georgia Marriages by Maddox and Carter, #975.8V2me, pg. 112 Green county, John Kirk married Barsheba Tyler, 14 Aug 1820. Pg. 292 Richmond county Peter Shearin - Rosanna Mitchell 10 Jan 1850. Read whole thick book for counties in Georgia formed early.
15. Recheck book Long Creek Church Early Members, Warren county, Georgia, church established in 1786, #975.8625K2h, pg. 4 John and Joseph Kirk on list of early members. Not any vital data given on church members just their names.
16. Inferior court Minute book 1, 1794-1814, Warren county, Georgia by Marilee Betty Hageness. Indexed no Kirk or Shearin names
17. Marriage book A, 1794-1814 Warren county, Georgia by Marilee Lee Beatty Haginess, #975.8625V2h, read all no Kirk or Womack names.
18. Cemeteries and Genealogies Warren county, Georgia and Immediate Vicinity, 1792-1987, author, Daniel Nathan Crumpton. Well indexed no Kirks.
19. Records of Washington county, Georgia, compilers Marie DeLamar and Elisabeth Rothstein, #975.8672R2a, indexed Many Brantley names. Pg. 15 Headright and Bounty grants, John Kirk 1798. Pg. 49 Heads of Families in 1820 federal census James Sherlin, pg. 148; many Brantleys. Pg. 149 Thomas Kirk. Pg. 86 extant surveyors records, Thomas Hill 1787, adjoining Jno. Kirk and Brantley. Read all including census indexes through 1850.

20. Early Georgia Marriage Roundup by Joseph Maddox, #975.8V2mj. Checked for counties formed in late 1700's. No male Kirk or Womack names in the counties of Camden, Chatham, Glynn counties.
21. Phillips Mill Baptist church, Wilkes county, Georgia constituted 10 June 1785, original members list No Kirk or Womack names. (975.817K, neglected to get complete number there)
22. Wilkes County Papers, Georgia, 1773-1833, #975.8172N2d, pg. 4 Caleb Kirk suing John McVoy 30 July 1790, superior court minutes. Pg. 13 Eliz.h Kerk(their spelling) allotments of ceded land, 100 acres Augusta, 22 Nov 1773.
23. Wilkes county, Georgia Cemeteries by Fm. M. and Nell H. Newsome, #975.817V22n, index to Kirk, Womack.
24. Early Georgia wills, Wilkes county, #975.817S2s, No Womacks, no Kirks, some McLendon's.
25. Marriages of Wilkes county, Ga., 1792-1925 by Larry Raymond Butler, 1792-1925, and Janice Butler Turner, #975.8172V22b, alphabetical by both bride and groom's names. Nothing
26. North Carolina Colonial and State Records collected by William L. Saunders, secretary of state, 1769-1771, film 0874160, Viewed several volumes and read all Kirk data. Some of material just stating the names of John Kirk's who served in Revolution but not giving any genealogical data on them or where they lived in North Carolina when they served. Vol. 17 of series, 1781-85 deals with photocopies enclosed about Joseph Kirk.(film 0874174)
Vol. 19 same series, film 0874170 pg. 63 House of Commons petitions in 1782 including petitioner Lewis Kirk, James Archer, Jno. Griffith and others of Upper board of auditors Salisbury Distr.
27. Colonial Bertie compiler Mary Best Bell, deed abstracts, #975.6163R2b, indexed no Kirk names
28. Bertie county, North Carolina Wills, 1761-1780 #975.6163P2a, this county parent county at a point in time to many of early North Carolina counties. No Kirks or Womacks.
29. Reviewed several Caswell county, North Carolina reference books since it too was cut off Orange county, like Chatham was at a point in time. Remember in a past report found another Abraham Womack who died here and had married a Stubblefield? Caswell county, North Carolina Deed Books 1777-1817 abstracts by Katharine Kerr Kendall. Note an Isaac Kirk in 1805 during same year I had found in Georgia an estate settlement of sorts for an Isaac who had formerly been from Halifax county, North Carolina.
30. Caswell county, North Carolina marriage Bonds, 1778-1868 by Katharine Kerr Kendall, have

underlined Kirk names not early enough to help us with Kirks.

31. Caswell county, N. Carolina Will Books, 1784 tax list, guardians's accounts, #975.6575P28K, volume one, authors Katharine Kerr Kendall and Mary Frances Kerr Donaldson, Note an Aaron Sherrin mentioned in a court proceeding 1803. (Aaron Shearin's mentioned in Warren county, North Carolina references with this report)

32. Chatham county, North Carolina Grantee index deeds A-C film 0018453, earliest Copeland deeds - 1771 Joseph Copeland - Thos. Blyth, bk. A, pg. 51; John Copeland 1774 - John Landrum, bk. A, pg. 163, blurred? Many listed for North Carolina Land Grants, earliest James Copeland 1779 bk. B, pg. 354. Six grants to Copelands in 1780. Many beyond the revolutionary war time frame when the murder of the Copeland was reported and Joseph incarcerated by the British during Revolution(1776-1781) Grantor Index Chatham ,film 0018459, 1771 Thomas Copeland - Joseph Kirk Bk. A, pg. 1; 1771 Joseph Copeland - Thomas Tucker bk. A, pg. 55. Many Copeland deeds.

33. Chatham county, North Carolina original deed indexes Grantees, 1771-1935, film 0018454, Kirk names examined and studied in relation to where the Copelands were. Earliest Joseph Kirk 1771-Thomas Copeland, Bk. A, pg. 1; 1779 George Kirk - North Carolina State Grant Bk. G, pg. 370, another state grant 1779, Bk. G. pg. 194; North Carolina State Grant - 1780 Joseph Kirk, Bk. C, pg. 245. 1783 John Kirk - Madglin Newman by Sheriff bk. G, pg. 509. 1784 George Kirk - Joseph Cole, Bk. C, pg. 372; 1784 John Kirk - Philip Brantley Bk. C, pg. 326; 1784 John Kirk - Joseph Kirk bk. C pg. 329. 1785 - Joseph Kirk - Benj. Brantley bk. D pg. 116 Many references in the index for Joseph Kirks. They may not be for all the same person? Chatham county, Grantor index deeds, film 0018460, Read all Kirk deeds and looked up earliest ones in my notes for future reference if necessary.

34. Chatham county, N. Carolina Grantee Index deeds, early 1771-, film 0018,455, No Shearin/Sherrin names at all. Chatham county, N. Car. Grantor index deeds, film 018461, No Shearin names at all.

35. Chatham county, North Carolina deed book A, 1771-1775, film 0259406, pg. 1 Thomas Copeland of Orange county for 100 pounds from Joseph Kirk sells Joseph plantation in Orange beginning at a white oak, 225 acres. Pg. 232 Josiah Copeland and wife, Margret of Orange sells 17 March 1771 to Thomas Tucker for 50 pounds tract of land north side Haw River, granted originally to Benjamin Clemons, 486 acres dated 1758, 121 acres

36. Chatham county, North Carolina deed book B, same film, 0259406, item 2 Read all Copeland and Kirk deeds. Pg. 265 William Copeland Sr. is given a North Carolina state grant of 25 acres, an Island, surrounded by waters of Haw River, beginning at a hickory tree, 1 July 1779.

37. Chatham county, North Carolina deed book C, same film 0259406, item 3 , read all Copeland and Kirk deeds, including pg. 329/330 In 1783 Joseph Kirk sells to John Kirk for 150 pounds

tract of land and plantation in Chatham beginning at a white oak, 225 acres. Wit: Jos. And William Brantly.

38. Chatham county, North Carolina original deeds continued bk. D, 1786-1790, film 0259407, Read all Copeland and Kirk deeds. See filmed copy of one deed, pg. 623 John Welch and wife, Elizabeth sell to Joseph Kirk.

39. Chatham county, North Carolina original deed book F, pgs. 155/156, film 0259407, item 3, Joseph and Polly Kirk, his wife ,sell to Lemuel Smith land where they were living beginning at a black oak, Johnson's corner, east along Wilcox's line, along Henry Welches line north, south Perkins corner, 80 acres. Enock Lewis got a Earl of Granville grant originally for this land 18 Feb 1758.

40. Chatham county, N. Car. original deed book G, film 0259408, read Josiah Copeland Sr. deed to Thos Stokes north side Haw River, 150 acres, 1 March 1794, pg. 13/14 George Kirk of Chatham sells to Joshua Hadly, land waters of Little Cain Creek, 27 Feb 1792.

41. Chatham county, N. Car. deed book K, 1798-1801, film -0259409, pg. 523/525 Deed between Zachariah Booth of Hancock county, Georgia 21 Oct 1797 selling to James Trice of Orange county, North Carolina, land waters New Hope, called Dempsey's Branch. This proves someone else moved to Hancock county, Georgia from Chatham and sold his land there.

42. Chatham county, N. Carolina original deed book T, film 0259411, item 3 , In 1815 Joseph Kirk and Hardy Pace sell to Henry Lutterbah land waters Terill creek, 125 acres, beginning at a hickory Isaac Brooks line. Same film also checked deed book U, item 4. In 1815/1815 Joseph Kirk and George Kirk involved in deeds. (Surname of Henry could be wrong because of blurred image on film. Also Terill's creek had been usually spelled Terrill's creek on some other deeds.)

43. Chatham county, North Carolina original deed book V, pg. 69 deed involved Reubin Rivers to James McMathe Jr., then to Joseph Kirk Jr., and others. Not a usual sounding deed.

44. Chatham county, N. Carolina deed book AB, film 0259413 , pgs. 123/4 Joseph Kirk Senior of Chatham 24 Oct 1828 to Edward Lindley, since he indebted to Edward.

45. Chatham county, N. Carolina Deed book A-C1, film 0259414, pg. 408 Land of Joseph Kirk dec'd to be sold for taxes. Absolum Rogers offered to pay taxes and charged amount two dollars and 15 cents. Jan 8 1833.

46. Chatham county, North Carolina Deeds compiled by Marilyn Poe Laird & Vivian Poe Jackson, #975.659R2l(small letter l) Pg. 25 John Brown & George Kirk witnesses to deed of sale of slave woman 15 Sep 1772, Greenberry Patterson of Surry county, North Carolina to William Lasater of Chatham county. Pg. 51 North Carolina State Grant to George Kirk, both sides Terrill's creek, joining Joseph Rogers & James Herndon. Pg. 53 Witnesses George Kirk and

George Herndon to Sarah Herndon giving slaves girls to her grandchildren, Joseph & Martha Herndon. Pg. 59 North Carolina State Grant to John Burns, 493 acres north side Indian Creek, joins William Brantley, Kirk's line, Clark's line & Harmon's corner. Pg. 60 North Carolina state grant 1 July 1779 to George Herndon, 500 acres waters Rocky Branch & Stinking Creek, east side William Clark, joins James Copeland. Pg. 64, North Carolina State Grant 1 July 1779 to Josiah Rogers, 640 acres both side Dry Creek waters, Haw River, joins George Kirk. Pg. 71, North Carolina State Grant, 1 July 1779 to George Kirk, 200 acres head of Rockey Branch prong of Terrill's creek, joins Brasiers corner and John Pyle.

47. Recheck of book Chatham county, North Carolina, 1771-1971 by Wade Hampton Hadley , Doris Goerch Horton & Nell Craig Stroud, #975.659H2hwh, checking for Shearin names, none. Section on Rev. War service, pg. 451 in Capt. John Birdsong's company names included Amos Hurly, Nicholaus Copeland Sr. and Jr., James Copeland, John Brantley, John Marphes, Ruben Copeland, Philip Brantley, Joseph Cole & others. No Kirk names.

48. Chatham County, North Carolina Wills, Nov 1798-May 1808, #975.659P2w
Pg. 88 Joseph Brantley will dated 27 March 1807, no wife cited. Executors Cat Riddle, John Minter, William Brantley. Children cited, some living some deceased. Martha Duty, and son Joseph alive when will written. Children William and John deceased at time of his will. No mention of any connections to Kirks or Shearins. Pg. 47/48 John Pyle will dated 13 June 1792 mentions daughters but not named, sons, John, Nicholous, William and Jehu Pyle. Pg. 50 John Minter Sr., wife, Elizabeth, children Joseph, John, Morgan, Agnes Evans, Judith Womack, Elizabeth Berns, Jane Riddle(6 children), dated 14 June 1797.

49. Chatham County, North Carolina, Will book 2, Nov 1818-May 1822, Pg.24/25 Joseph Minter, dated 25 Sep 1822, proved May term 1822, wife-Fanny, sons Abner H. and John M. Minter, Mary marr. John Farrar of Virginia. (This would appear to be your John's son, Joseph)

50. Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868 by Ruth Smith Williams & Margarete Glenn Griffin(parent county of Granville), #975.646V25wr. No male Kirk names or female names.

51. Abstracts of the Wills of Edgecombe county, North Carolina, 1733-1856, by Ruth Smith Williams and Margaret Glenn Griffin, no Kirk names, Sherrin/Shearin, etc.

52. Kinfolks of Edgecombe county, North Carolina, 1788-1855, #975.646R2w by Joseph W. Watson No Kirks at all.

53. Estate Records of Edgecombe county, North Carolina , 1730-1820 by Joseph W. Watson, 975.646R5w, no Kirks.

54. Franklin county, North Carolina marriage Bonds abstracts compiled by Utah Genealogy Society, #975.654V25h, No Kirk male or female names. (This county broke off of old Bute as Warren county was so checked for their marriages, too.)

55. History & Genealogies of Old Granville county, North Carolina, 1746-1800 by Thomas McAdory Owen, #975.6535H2o, pg. 64 Joseph Shearin, will dated 1751, proved 1754. No mention of any Kirks.
56. Granville Marriages North carolina by Brent H. Holcomb, 1753-1868, #975.6535V2h, No Kirk Male marriages. Only Kirk in book pg. 235 Archelus Morgan - Mary Kirk 15 Sep 1836.
57. Wills & Estates Granville county, North Carolina, 1746-1808, Zae Hargett Gwynn, No Kirks mentioned in any probates in this book.
58. Orange county, North Carolina Marriages by Francis Ingmire, 1782-1868, #975.6565V28i, pg. 00032, earliest Kirks - James Kirk - Goodwin Nevils 12 Dec 1785; Elisha Kirk - Elizabeth Dorman 24 May 1802; Brides Mary Kirk - Daniel House 24 Dec 178-(full date not given); Mary Kirk - Thomas Thomas 19 Dec 1798; Rebecca Kirk - Archibald Campbell 24 Feb 1784. Others in 1810's & later.
59. Sate of North Carolina Warren County, Judgement Docket county court, 1787-1805, film 1730477. I read this whole film page by page to see if any possible data in the courts tying Kirk and Shearin's families together. Many Shearin references, copied out all for future reference if needed. Pg. 33 Soloman Green, plaintiff sueing for debt, John Kirken(their spelling) for 25 pounds and 12 shillings and costs, Warrenton Monday Feb. 1790. Pg. 87 Action of Debt Thomas Copeland, plaintiff against John Davis, defendant, judgment for plaintiff with interest to pay on 30 pounds Virginia money 2 Nov 1794. Many accounts dealing with an Aaron Shearin both sueing and being sued.
60. Warren county, North Carolina Tax lists abstracts, #975.652R4g, volume one no Kirk names. Many Shearon names(their spelling)
61. Records of Estates, Warren county, North Carolina, 1780-1805, indexed by David B. Gammon, abstracts in several volumes. No Kirks. Vol. 2 checked, 1805-1833, No Kirk names. Many Shearin read all but could see no tie in to client's problem. See photocopies of main Shearin probate abstracts, 7 pages from volume 1.
62. North Carolina Warren county, Cross Index to original deed books on film, 1764-1917, film 0020062, item one K-P, page one almost totally faded out, beginning years 1764(when it was Bute county)-1766;1766-1767-1766-1770-1770-1772, saw no Kirk references in this index for those years which indicated different early deed books. 1772-1775 #4 John Kirk - Sarah Benson 77; George Kirk 110. 1774-1776, #5, George KirkDinwoodie 97; John Kirk - Robert....pg. 239. 1778-1783 #7 George Kirk, 238. Large portions of index unreadable. Horrible index. Undoubtedly could have missed something here.
63. Warren county, North Carolina index deeds, 1764/1918, film 0454396, item one Copelands, but not early ones. Item 2, K-P surnames, Same data as reported above on Kirks.

64. Warren county, North Carolina County Court minutes, 1801-1805, filmed from Raleigh state archives, film 1730482, another film in horrid condition. Spent a time trying to read from page to page, then decided not worth your money or my time to spend hours on so stopped.

65. Marriages of Bute & Warrem counties, North Carolina, 1764-1868 by Clearfield Company, Volume one 975.65V2h, see photocopies 4 pages, only one Kirk marriage and that for Elizabeth to a Thomas Gardner. Many Shearins photocopied all.

66. Warren county, North Carolina Records, Volume 1, by Mary Hinton Kerr, Abstracts Records of Colonial Bute, Bute county marriages, 1765-1779. Pg. 23 Will book A original page reference 124, John Allen will of Bartie(misspelling for Bertie) to George Kirk, dated Halifax county, North Carolina, 12 April 1768. Wit: Wm. Moore, John Stainback, rec. May court 1770. Pg. 24 William Boyd of Chowan county to George Kirk dated 17 March 1769 sale of a slave: Wit: George Wells, John Allen. Vol. 2 see photocopy, 2 pages, Note Thos. House of Granville selling to Daniel Sledge of Brunswick county, Virginia in 1764, land in Granville county on Stonehouse creek, adjoining Geo. Kirk, Jos. Shearin, Nicholson, Turkey Branch Creek.

67. References checked regarding church records for possible checking in references not at library, book Baptist Ministers in North Carolina, 1790-1982 by Robert P. Hamby, #975.6K2h, Vol. 2, Ministers, pg. 5

Daniel Burford, Orange county, Haw River

Joseph Bush Caswell county line

pg. 6

Joseph Dorriss, Orange county waters of Haw River, 1790-1791

Francis Dorset - Chatham county, Rocky River

James Hebbenlin, Orange county, waters of Haw River

68. Handybook for Genealogists, 6th edition, North Carolina history about early churches. English speaking quakers from Virginia and Penn. and Nantucket, Mass., settled in Rockingham, Guilford and Chatham counties, from there moved to Ohio and Indiana. (Pg. 163)

69. North Carolina Colonial & State Records, volume 5, appendix, pg. 1193, #975.6N2n, Early Presbyterian Settlements in North Carolina cited. Presbyterians from North of Ireland not found in Virginia and North Carolina til after 1730, except in some small neighborhoods on Chesapeake. "The loss of the early records of Orange Presbytery has left us without means of ascertaining the precise years the Presbyterian colonies in Granville, Orange, Rown & Mecklenburg" began. As early as 1740 scattered families on the Hico, Eno and Haw Rivers that were Presbyterians. Land occupied in some cases a long time before grants and patents were issued. Pg. 1194 Early Presbyterians from Scotland settled along Cape Fear River. In Granville & Orange along the Eno Presbyterians from Scotland settled. Early Presbyterian ministers McAdin in Caswell, Pattillo along Eno in Granville and Orange and McCorkle in Rowan county.

70. North Carolina Colonial & State Records, Vol. 5, continued from previous paragraph because of length of data, on church records for Presbyterians in early N. Carolina, pg. 1195, appendix,

Alexander Clark, Presbyterian on Cape Fear River in 1736 to Cumberland county. Pg. 1196
Rev. James Campbell, born Cambelton, Argyleshire, Scotland, emigrated to Philadelphia port,
then to great road into North Carolina. He migrated in 1757 along Cape Fear River a few miles
above Fayetteville. Formed connection with Orange Presbytery, formed 1773 and served there til
his death in 1781. Pg. 1197 John Dobbin emigrated Philadelphia, married widow of David
Alexander in Penn., then moved to Winchester, Frederick county, Virginia, then to Cumberland
county, North Carolina area.

71. If you wish to write to the Episcopal Church Archives, Diocese of North Carolina, P.O.Box,
17025, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27619-7025 about your missing marriages any of you may do so,
or if you wish me to write to them I will.

72. There is the Presbyterian archive at Monteat to write also, but with missing data from Orange
Presbytery, don't know if they would have data on the Chatham area possible Presby. Churches.
I did not find in my checking the catalog a listing here for a Presbyterian church in Chatham. All
that I found about early Presbyterian churches was from the sources just previously cited. In the
Chatham county history no mention of an early Presby church there during time frame we would
need for the marriages we seek.

73. Sources left to check that I didn't complete in Granville, Brunswick county, Virginia and
possible early Georgia churches, not already located in the large series Georgia Genealogical
magazine series could also be checked another time to see if the Stephen Kirk two marriages
could be located in Georgia?