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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Tommy Joe Reynolds



Greetings, Reynolds cousins!

A sincere thanks to everyone who joined our online April meetup of Robert of Boston descendants. It was great to connect with researchers and family members across many branches of that Reynolds line! The online meetup was the first in what we anticipate will be quarterly gatherings for RFA members. Watch for the article in this edition of the Dispatch that notes topics and dates for some future RFA online meetups.

RFA is also pleased to announce an expansion of the YDNA scholarships that are available to RFA members as part of the Larry Joe Reynolds YDNA Scholarship fund. See the article by Nancy Wallander for details on this.

In this issue, we also continue to publish a series of biographical sketches written by RFA members. The story this quarter is of the Benjamin Reynolds (1743-1774) that married Mary Job (1739-1812). It was co-authored and edited by Barry Reynolds, Matt Conlon, and Stephen Reynolds Burns. These gentlemen have compiled a very engaging story and we are most appreciative of their efforts to share their Reynolds family history with other members via The Dispatch. Benjamin 1743 is the grandson of the Henry Reynolds 1655 that married Prudence Clayton (RFA Line 18). Based on YDNA testing in the Reynolds Surname YDNA Project, direct descendants of Henry match Reynolds Family Group R 16.

The biographies in this series will also be linked to RFA's online list of most distant known Reynolds ancestors on our website. We invite all members (in particular, those that were listed in the 'Stonewall'

group) to add your most distant known Reynolds ancestor to this list by completing this online form. We also invite all RFA members to submit biographical sketches of their Reynolds ancestors for dissemination in future Dispatch editions.

Happy Reynolds family history researching!

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If you celebrated a birthday this quarter and it was not listed, we do not have it. Please send your birth date to Joe Reynolds at Joe.Reynolds@ReynoldsFamily.org!

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to

3356	Thomas A. Green	Apr 4	3515	Leslie Lee Cargile	Apr 30
2461	Jimmie Ruth Hunter Butler	Apr 5	3291	Patricia Kay Smith Egert	May 2
3342	Daniel Michael Hogan	Apr 5	3473	Alyce Reynolds Finley	May 2
3396	Gregory Charles Reynolds	Apr 5	3558	Bradley Jansen	May 2
3307	Deborah Reynolds Herring	Apr 6	3481	Charles Wofford Howell	May 3
3412	Shane Michael Donohue	Apr 9	3536	Christopher J. Ellis	May 4
3425	Dr. Harrah Robert Reynolds	Apr 10	3579	Mary Frances Eggleston	May 5
3504	Alan Anthony Reynolds	Apr 11	3471	John Rennolds Schell	May 5
3407	Newell Wadsworth Wright	Apr 12	3489	Ione Stewart Whitlock	May 5
3449	Andrew Rocco Melillo	Apr 13	3171	Anne Kelly Morris	May 7
3539	Susan Henderson	Apr 14	3525	Gordon Reynolds White	May 7
3312	Robert Morris Reynolds	Apr 14	3537	Billy Joe Reynolds	May 8
3535	Charlotte Smith Carlile	Apr 16	2636	Brian Andrew Reynolds	May 8
2679	Jean Ferguson Norton Dickman	Apr 16	3467	Nancy Beatrice Williams	May 8
3587	Theresa Maria Harter	Apr 17	3569	Linda Loring Morse	May 11
3414	Joseph Frank Reynolds II	Apr 18	2424	Margie Ellen Reynolds	May 11
3508	June Marie DuCharme	Apr 19	3306	Marie Johanna Abajian	May 14
3409	Ernest John Mortensen	Apr 19	3492	Ann Robertson McConnell	May 14
3519	Charles Henry Reynolds II	Apr 20	2038	Timm Robert Reynolds	May 15
3382	Rev. John Allen Reynolds Sr.	Apr 20	2400	Joyce Ann Reynolds Thompson	May 15
3411	Donna Jane Parker	Apr 21	3595	Melanie Dolmans	May 16
2190	Sandra Jean Evans	Apr 22	3279	Richard Quinney	May 16
3576	William Caldwell Reynolds Jr	Apr 22	3283	Charles Edward Reynolds II	May 16
3324	Tina Marie Torres	Apr 23	3479	Stuart Erwin Reynolds	May 17
3298	Michael Eugene Reynolds	Apr 24	3512	Alexander Garber Reynolds	May 18
3549	Joanna Morning Star McCloud	Apr 25	3521	Frederick Andrew Reynolds	May 18
3534	Angela Asher	Apr 28	2530	Ann Thompson Willaman	May 18
3544	Bryant F Hall	Apr 28	3011	Joan Lorraine Reynolds Barrow	May 19
3589	Peggy Marie Nicholson	Apr 29	3387	Tracy Lynn Reynolds Kime	May 21
			3545	James L. Cotterman Jr.	May 23
			3523	Susan Lee Hart	May 23
			3295	Ms. Jean Corrine Smock Harwood	May 23
			3199	Samuel "Sam" Morrison Reynolds	May 23
			3197	Debra Ann Reynolds Jones	May 24
			3204	Thomas Matthew Reynolds	May 26
			3495	Allice Louise Burns - Reynolds	May 27
			3585	Tami Reynolds	May 27
			3506	Patrick Hamilton Reynolds	May 28
			3314	George Robert Reynolds	May 29
			2207	Sharlene Reynolds Santo	May 29
			3551	Dorothy Lorraine Holmes	May 30
			3533	Dr. Frances Elyse Reynolds M.D.	May 30
			3478	Lonnie Ray Reynolds	May 30
			3529	Deborah T. Prichell Lueders	May 31
			3357	Christine Stoffels	Jun 2
			3335	Vincent James Castelli III	Jun 4
			3403	Jeff Reynolds	Jun 9

3344	Michael Lee Stills	Jun 10
3444	Tom Cook	Jun 12
3434	Col (Ret) Barry Lee Reynolds	Jun 12
3337	Michele Colson	Jun 13
1905	Linda Reynolds Stangel	Jun 14
3240	James A. Kimble	Jun 16
3572	Dr. Timothy James Reynolds Sr.,	Jun 16
3448	Audree Ellen Decamp	Jun 18
2847	Larry "Joe" Reynolds	Jun 19
3359	Merrill Reynolds	Jun 19
3462	Ralph Laurence Thompson	Jun 20
3394	Carolle Reynolds	Jun 21
3450	Chad Jay Reynolds	Jun 23
2517	Cynthia A. "Cindy" Thomas	Jun 25
3280	Stephen Monroe Reynolds	Jun 29
3582	James Robert Carter Jr.	Jun 30
3310	James "Gary" Dean	Jun 30
3541	Brad G. Johnson	Jun 30
3472	Karl Howard Reynolds	Jun 30



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the 1921 Annual
100 years ago!

EDWIN REYNOLDS, LL. D.



(Of the James of Kingston Line through Christopher; Samuel; Thomas; Samuel; Joseph;

Joseph; James) of Milwaukee, Wis., eighth generation of James and Deborah Reynolds of Kingston, R. I., was born in Mansfield, Conn., March 23, 1831; died in Milwaukee, February 19, 1909; buried Mansfield.

He m. 1st: Mary Spencer, Sept. 28, 1853, Mansfield, Conn., dau. Nicholas and Sally (Slate) Spencer, who was b. Aug. 30, 1833, Mansfield, and d. there Nov. 27, 1903. Children:

Edwin Spencer, b. Aurora, 111., May 27, 1860; d. there Aug. 5, 1860. Luella, b. Mansfield, Dec. 4, 1861; d. Boston, Dec. 22, 1864. Edwin m. 2nd: Nellie Maria Nettleton, May 30, 1904, Milwaukee, who was b. Oct. 30, 1852, Astabula, O., dau. Harvey J and Jane (Empey) Nettleton.

In 1847, when Edwin was but a young farm lad of sixteen, A. D. Kenny, a Connecticut thread manufacturer, encouraged him to become a mechanic, and gave him a place. Edwin's own ability, supplemented by an inherited predilection for mechanics and invention, which has been notably displayed in other branches of the family, caused his steady rise to distinction and wealth. He spent some years (1857-1861) with Steadman & Co., Aurora, 111., where he laid the foundation for a substantial career. He was in the Civil War. Then, after only four years with the Corliss Steam Engine Co., Providence, he became General Superintendent in 1871. He invented and developed the famous Corliss Engine which bore the name of his Company. By 1877 his inventions and executive ability attracted the Directors of the Edward P. Allis Co., Milwaukee, who induced him to come to Milwaukee to develop their important business, manufacturing steam engines and motive machinery. Here his ability in finance was recognized by a Directorship and Vice-Presidency in the new Allis-Chalmers Co. As well as President of the Milwaukee Boiler Co., he was Director of the

German-American Bank of Milwaukee. His numerous inventions and ability in expanding the Company's business won him universal recognition. In 1901 he was elected President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In 1885 the University of Wisconsin conferred upon him the highest honorary degree, LL. D., and his name was placed on the frieze of the new Engineering Building there.

On the little Mansfield farm he grew up with five brothers and six sisters. The boys were noted over the country-side for their mechanical ability; practically all of them were in the Civil War. His next youngest brother, Benjamin Franklin Reynolds, had a most interesting career at sea; He was Chief Engineer of the Antarctic Expedition sent to the rescue of Sir John Franklin; and he was also in Arctic exploration. Benjamin's later years in Omaha, Nebraska, proved his inventive ability as well. He constructed and operated the present water works and designed special hydraulic machinery.



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QUARTERLY ONLINE RFA MEETUPS

Over the next year, Reynolds Family Association plans to hold approximately quarterly online meetups where Reynolds family history researchers can discuss and learn about topics of our family history interest. We will announce these meetings as topics and dates are selected to our membership

email list, in the Dispatch newsletter and in the RFA Facebook Group. Invitations will be disseminated to all RFA members via our membership email list and in the RFA Facebook Group.

2021 Meetup Dates:

- April 25: Robert Reynolds of 1600s Boston, MA
- June 27: Christopher Reynolds of 1600s Isle of Wight, VA
- August 15 (tentative): John of 1600s Watertown, MA, and Wethersfield and Stamford, CT

Subsequent dates and topics for meetups this year are to be determined. We look forward to seeing you online!



STONEWALLS

"Stonewalls" are stubborn Reynolds ancestors of members who refuse to be found or connected with a progenitor. This was an old section of "Reynolds Recollections" that I would like to see revived! We will continue these stonewalls in future issues. Send you Stonewalls to Larry "Joe" Reynolds at Joe.Reynolds@ReynoldsFamily.org. Please send help if you can, including source of information when possible. Responses will be published as received.

JOHN REYNOLDS b. unk, d. unk. m. Providence Millen, born about 1797, on 13 April 1819 in Delaware. (See Queries at the end of this Newsletter for more information.)



AN EXPANSION OF RFA'S LARRY JOE REYNOLDS YDNA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A goal of many American Reynolds researchers is to trace their lineage to the homeland of their Reynolds immigrant. British American Colony seventeenth and eighteenth century documents can be difficult to trace using traditional genealogy. As a result researchers have added DNA to their genealogy tool box. There are three types of DNA tests used for genetic genealogy, autosomal, mitochondrial, and Y-DNA. The Y-DNA test is best for a specific line to reach back in time because it is passed down directly without alteration from father to son, father to son, father to son (typically with the same surname).

To help with locating British, Scottish, and/or Irish connections, the Reynolds Family Association (RFA) has limited funds available for offering discounts on DNA tests. This funding is available to any male Reynolds living in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Republic of Ireland). There are \$100.00 stipends for either a Y-DNA 37-marker test (which is about \$100) or \$100 off a BigY test. Eligible recipients for this scholarship are required to provide a valid lineage chart. The intent is to expand Reynolds Y-DNA testing penetration in the UK, where most Reynolds surnamed lineages are believed to have originated. Hopefully, each of these newly tested UK Reynoldses will turn out to be a match to one of our 40+ existing Reynolds groups (that are predominantly American Reynoldses). The goal is to provide some evidence of pre-immigrant local origins for some of our Reynolds lineages.

In addition to the United Kingdom programs, RFA continues the \$50 scholarships to Reynolds Y-DNA Project members that take a high resolution BigY test. RFA has provided over 20 of these scholarships in the past three years and they remain very popular and useful.

The Y-DNA 37-marker tests for United Kingdom and Ireland candidates are advertised on the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) website and at all Genealogical Conferences (where ISOGG volunteers are in attendance).

Use https://isogg.org/wiki/Free_DNA_tests/Reynolds for access to the application for this test.

For additional information about any of these scholarship programs, please contact one of the Y-DNA Project administrators for the Reynolds Y-DNA Surname Project using the following website: <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/reynolds-surname-y-dna-study/about>.

If you have questions, please reach out to Nancy Wallander (wallandern@gmail.com).



REYNOLDS IN THE CIVIL WAR

As many of you know, I'm a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and in doing research I have found many Reynolds' that fought on both sides of the war. If you have any information on any Reynolds who was a soldier during this time, please contact me.

Tilton C. Reynolds
Captain

Company H, 105th Regiment Pennsylvania
Volunteers (Wild Cat Regiment)

Tilton C. Reynolds was born to Thomas and Juliana Reynolds of Winslow Township (later Reynoldsville), Pennsylvania, on October 26, 1843. He was the eldest of seven children. Upon the organization of the 105th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers (known as the "Wild Cat Regiment" because recruits came largely from an area of individual oil explorations known as "wildcat" operations) in September 1861, seventeen-year-old Reynolds enlisted and was assigned as a private in Company H. After initial training Reynolds was detailed as a clerk at the headquarters of the First Division, Third Army Corps. He kept this post until the Battle of Fair Oaks on May 31, 1862, where he fought and was one of three members of his company taken prisoner. He was exchanged in

September 1862, after serving time in prisons in Libby and Belle Isle, Virginia, and Salisbury, North Carolina. Reynolds had a leave of absence before rejoining his company in December 1862 and remained in its service until the end of the war. He was promoted to sergeant-major on September 23, 1864, and commanded Company H after receiving a captain's commission on November 25, 1864. Captain Reynolds was mustered out with the soldiers of the 105th Regiment on July 11, 1865.

Reynolds returned to Jefferson County, Pennsylvania after the war. On April 16, 1878, he married Ida McCallister, with whom he had two children. In Reynoldsville he was known as a staunch supporter of the Republican Party, and he served as an officer in the Pittsburgh Commandery of Masons. In the early twentieth century Reynolds was employed as a member of the state capitol police force in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He died in 1913 and is buried in Beuhela Cemetery in Reynoldsville.

During the Civil War, Tilton Reynolds corresponded extensively with his family, especially his parents. Thomas Reynolds Sr. (1807-1881) and Juliana Smith Reynolds (1828-1888) were married in 1842. Thomas opened the first store and was named the first postmaster in Winslow Township. The town was renamed Reynoldsville for him in 1850.

Besides their eldest, Tilton, Thomas and Juliana Reynolds had six other children: Arthur Park Reynolds (1845-1874), Clarinda (Clara) Emiline Reynolds (b. 1848), Margaret (Maggie) Jane Reynolds (1850-1920), Thomas Reynolds Jr. (1856-1911), John (Johnny) Dougherty Reynolds (1858-1866) and William (Willie) Reynolds (1859-1903).

Thomas and Juliana Reynolds had an extensive family in Central and Western Pennsylvania, many

of whom served in the Wild Cat Regiment during the Civil War. Many of their letters appear in this online collection. Orlando Gray (dates unknown), the husband of Emiline Smith, Juliana's sister, entered Company H of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers as a first lieutenant on August 29, 1861. He was appointed adjutant on September 15, 1861 but resigned from service due to poor health on August 26, 1862. John S. Smith, Juliana's brother, is believed to have been a member of Company G of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers from October 25, 1861, to February 23, 1863.

Juliana's nephew, Dr. David Ramsey Crawford (dates unknown), joined the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers on October 23, 1861, and served as a hospital steward until receiving a discharge on September 25, 1864. Two of Juliana's cousins also joined Company H of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Hiram P. Sprague (d. 1862) joined on September 1, 1861, but was killed on May 31, 1862, at the Battle of Fair Oaks. John Conser (1823-1864) joined on September 9, 1861. He was promoted to captain of Company H on April 20, 1863, commissioned major on May 6, 1864, and killed at Boydton Plank Road, Virginia, on October 27, 1864.

Little is known about the friends who corresponded with the Reynolds family except Joseph F. Green (b. 1842), a family friend who joined Company H of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers on August 29, 1861. He was captured at Boydton Plank Road on October 27, 1864 and died in a Confederate prison.



DONALD LINES JACOBUS ON NAMES

National Genealogical Society Newsletter
Sep-Oct 1986

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SURNAMES

Because surnames were derived in various ways - from patronymics, from landed property (in the case of the aristocracy), from places of residence, from occupations, from physical traits, from habits of dress, it should never be assumed that two persons with the same surname have a common ancestry.

Certain types of changes and variations in surnames occurred. At the time of the first settlements in this country, it was English practice to accent the first syllable of a surname, moving quickly over succeeding syllables, where today we would accent the final syllable. When surnames were recorded as they were pronounced, spelling variations resulted. In some instances, shortened forms of surnames were adopted. The last syllable of a surname derived from a patronymic was often dropped, e.g., Atkinson/Atkins. The slurring of the final syllable produced such variants as Andrews/Andrus and even syllable changes such as Marvin/Marvell.

Changes in pronunciation of vowels was a common factor in surname changes, turning Clerk into Clark and Pierson (originally pronounced as in "pear") into Parson and then Parsons. A shift in consonants resulted in surname variants such as Lanqdon/Lanrton. Suffixes were anglicized, e.g., -ville to -field. A silent "en was added to some surnames in some cases, e.g., Cook/Cooke. Some surnames were spelled with and without a final "s," it being a matter of chance which form became the more prevalent.

It may be concluded that almost any name could be turned into almost any other name. But that would be too hasty a conclusion. The changes that occurred followed definite philological principles, ••changes of certain types were found, and changes of other types were not found.

GIVEN NAMES

It is almost more important to learn what changes took place in Christian names. It is essential to be able to recognize the various given names and nicknames with which he or she may have been recorded in original sources. In Puritan New England the most commonly used given names were Biblical names. Also, popular, especially for girls, were names intended to have a moral significance, e.g., Obedience, Charity and Thankful. Traditional English names, although somewhat used, were in disfavor because of their association with the Established Church. From the middle of the 18th century, changes in nomenclature began to occur with the reappearance of English names and the selection of names from classical and English literature. with rare exceptions, middle names are not found before 1700, and they did not become common until the end of the 18th century.

Given names had variants that were used interchangeably, e.g., Ann/Anna/Hannah and Ellen/Eleanor/ Helen/Helena. Austin was derived from Augustine and was sometimes changed back to Augustine or even to Augustus. Other variations that are common in modern times were not used in early American history. The French form Marie and the German form Maria were unknown in early New England as variants of Mary. When Marie is found in an early New England record it represents another way of spelling Mary. Annie was not used in early New England. When found in a printed source, it indicates that the transcriber probably misread Amie, an old way of spelling Amy.

It was not uncommon for a second child in a family to be given the same name as an older child who had died. Although less common, it was not unheard of for two living children in a family to have the same first name. Nicknames were frequently used in official records, e.g., Molly or

Polly for Mary, Patty for Martha. Do not conclude that Martha and Patty were two wives when they were in fact the same woman.



FROM RFA ARCHIVES
GREEN COUNTY TENNESSEE
MARRIAGES
1183-1840, BOOK 1

Transcribed 11 Feb 1939, Mary H. McCown

1786 #58 David Reynolds-Fanny Davis. Bond 15 Aug.
 1786 #58 Mary Reynolds-James McMurtry. Bond 22 Jul.
 1790 #192 William Reynolds-Jane Milligan. Bond 23 Aug.
 1796 #418 Henry Reynolds-Catherine Skiles. Bond 12 Oct.
 1800 #637 William Reynolds-Elizabeth Weger. Bond 9 Jan.
 1800 #638 William Reynolds-Ruth Woolsey. Bond 14 Jan.
 1805 #1019 John Reynolds-Mary White. Bond 29 May.
 1808 #1279 Henry Reynolds-Charity McNew. 3 May.
 1808 #1283 Joseph Reynolds-Leah White. 7 Jun.
 1808 #1304 Thomas Reynolds-Hannah Woolsey. 24 Sep.
 1810 #1403 Clement Reynolds-Margaret Harmon. 24 Jul.
 1812 #1537 David Reynolds-Betsey Melone. 14 Oct.
 1814 #1658 Reuben Reynolds-Anna Melone. 23 Aug.
 1816 #1757 Jesse Reynolds~Polly Melone. 2 Jul.
 1817 #1895 David Reynolds-Polley Kelley. 15 Nov.
 1817 #1901 Vincent Reynolds-Polly Kildea. 18 Dec.
 1821 #2269 John Runnels-Sarah Tillery. 30 Apr.
 1826 #2671 Thomas Reynolds-Martha Kent. 11 Jan.

1828 #2920 Stephen W. Reynolds-Polley McMurtry. 3 Jun.
 1828 #2914 Henry Reynolds-Sally Miller. 20 Nov.
 1830 #3222 Nehemiah Reynolds-Phebe Woolsey. 19 Dec.
 1831 #3266 William Reynolds-Sarah Woolsey. 1 May.
 1832 #3334 David Reynolds-Mary Ann Harvey. 1 Feb.
 1832 #3429 Thomas Reynolds-Elizabeth Winters. 10 Dec.
 1834 #3609 David Reynolds-Minerva Cannon. 30 May.



HOUSEKEEPING

Don't forget to send in your changes of address or email. We are also always looking for new articles. If you find an interesting article, please pass it on.



QUERIES

Upon writer request members' queries will be published without charge and non-members' will be published at discretion of RFA, also without charge. Queries may be edited and RFA assumes no responsibility for their accuracy. [Editor's comments will be in brackets.] Please address all queries to the editor.

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I have been searching for the parents, and the date and location of the birth and death of my third great grand father, John Reynolds. Some of the information on my Ancestry.com tree for John Reynolds is not correct. I am hoping for some help and I plan to edit the incorrect entries I made.

What I do know: John is the father of my second great grandfather, James Edward Reynolds, born 2 April 1832 in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. John married Providence Millen,

born about 1797, on 13 April 1819 in Delaware, according to Delaware Marriage Record. Providence Reynolds made a will in April 1845 and spelled out that she was the widow of John Reynolds, Cooper, of Brandywine Hundred and that their children were William Henry, John Wilson, Margaret Jane, Adelaide Matilda and James Edward. Since James Edward, my 2nd great grandfather was born in 1832, the youngest of their children, I was speculating that the father, John must have been alive in 1831.

I can place the family in several places:

The records from the Brandywine Manufacturing School, a school for the children of the duPont employees, cite Margaret Jane and Adelaide Matilda Reynolds as students in October 1834. The record shows their parent as Mrs. Providence Reynolds, her employment as Cotton Mill and their religion as Presbyterian. Note: the school record usually cited the fathers name in the parent column, so I am assuming that John was dead in October 1834.

Providence purchased property in 1844 on Poplar Street in Wilmington, the deed citing her as the widow of John Reynolds, Cooper deceased alias Providence Wood. She and her two daughters died of consumption soon after that, Providence and Margaret in 1845 and Adelaide in 1848. There were two codicils to Providence's will. Providence and her daughters are buried at Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery in Wilmington. There is no headstone for them but the burial permits are listed in the cemetery ledger. James Edward, my 2nd great grandfather, married Mary Ann Donaldson on 29 June 1851 by Rev. Joseph Carlisle, a Methodist Episcopal minister, in Marcus Hook, PA. James and Mary Ann lived in Brandywine Village in 1860, according to the Federal Census, James a waterman who then sailed on government ships during the Civil War. James died 15 Jul 1868.

In search of John's parents:

The names of the children of James and Mary Ann are a hint to researching the parents of my 3rd great grandfather, John Reynolds: John Wilson, Charles,

William Henry, Jr., Agnes Venona, and James Edward, Jr. My grandmother and I were named for Agnes Venona.

I found Jane Wilson Reynolds, her will in Brandywine Hundred of May 1795, cites two sons: William and John. Her will says she is a widow but does not name her deceased husband. Jane asks that her lands devised to her by her father, Thomas Wilson of Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania be sold. Thomas Wilson married Agnes Young on 7 Feb 1760 in Wilmington, Delaware. Could that be the origin of the naming of Agnes Venona?

I did find a John Reynolds buried at Wilmington Friends Meeting House, but their researchers said that was not my ancestor.

If you have questions, please let me know. Thank you in advance for any guidance you can provide!

Best,

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I am researching Reynolds family trees to find information about the parentage of Michael T. Reynolds who was born in Leitrim, Galway, Ireland in 1862. He married Jane Gannon in 1887 and died in 1940. A number of family trees seem to have this information, but no one seems to know who his parents were. If anyone here can help, I'd be most appreciative. They seem to be the missing link in order to connect to one branch of my family.

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Does anyone have a copy of "Reynolds Rainbow Heritage" by Sheral Rinta?

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