



# RFA Dispatch

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*by Tommy Joe Reynolds*

Greetings, Reynolds cousins!

We look forward to seeing many of you online on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for our 2022 RFA reunion. As of today, 50 members have registered to attend. Almost 60% of those that have registered note that this will be their 1<sup>st</sup> RFA reunion. An article herein provides further event details and info on how to register to receive an invitation to the online event.



Best regards,  
Tommy Reynolds  
President

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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](mailto:Joe.Reynolds@ReynoldsFamily.org)!

#### We would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

3457 Margaret Claire Gammon .....October 2  
3597 Robert Minson Reynolds .....October 4  
3333 Paul Michael Reynolds .....October 4  
3415 Kerry Edward Reynolds .....October 5  
3316 Michael Allen Reynolds .....October 5  
3458 Darla Sue Reynolds .....October 5  
2558 Harry Bradford Goff .....October 6  
3559 Holly McClellan Reynolds .....October 8  
3453 Larry Wayne Luckett .....October 8  
2384 Melody Lynne Reynolds .....October 10  
3371 Margaret Reynolds Cannon .....October 11  
3367 Lynne A Harrison .....October 11  
3547 Carleton Sherwood Reynolds III ....October 12  
3241 Melava Lola King .....October 14  
3465 Mary Louise Astle .....October 15  
3507 Dr. Glenn Whiley Reynolds .....October 15  
3561 Vincent Murray Reynolds .....October 16  
3368 Kenneth Gary Reynolds .....October 17  
2114 Margaret Reynolds Nesbitt .....October 19  
2910 Johnny & Susan Reynolds .....October 20  
3560 Carleton Reynolds Howk .....October 21  
3439 Harvey LeRoy Reynolds Jr. ....October 21  
3381 Sandra Jean Arnold Waguespack ...October 23  
3121 Phyllis Diane Reynolds Goelz .....October 24  
3635 Leslie M. Stewart .....October 25

2763 Harriet Reynolds Rariden .....October 25  
 3406 Robert Warner Reynolds .....October 26  
 3343 Margaret Louise Reynolds Dahlke .....October 27  
 3377 Bruce Chute .....October 27  
 3345 Julia Anne McAleer .....October 28  
 3452 Clarence Bruce Reynolds .....October 29  
 3503 Dan Ray Reynolds .....October 29  
 3436 Christopher James Davis .....October 30  
 3500 Dr. Rolland Clinton Reynolds Jr...November 2  
 3421 Susan Jane Cruse .....November 8  
 3456 Patricia Joanne Oeser .....November 8  
 3493 Sydney Phillip Reynolds .....November 9  
 2069 Roland Edward Rhoades Jr. ....November 10  
 3430 Tammy Louise Hensel .....November 10  
 3580 Myra Roper .....November 11  
 3318 Angela Marie Reynolds Gibbs ...November 11  
 3320 Mr. John Leonard Leaven Jr. ....November 12  
 3556 Janice E. St. Clair .....November 12  
 3302 Willard Francis Reynolds .....November 13  
 3531 Lawrence Harold Reynolds .....November 14  
 3555 Thomas Arthur St. Clair .....November 15  
 2360 Linda K. Laurence Reynolds .....November 16  
 3105 James Henry Grace .....November 16  
 3360 Jordan Canfield Reynolds .....November 16  
 3607 Claude Eugene Reynolds III .....November 17  
 3272 Matthew Patrick Conlon .....November 17  
 3578 Elizabeth Darlene Spencer .....November 18  
 3501 L A Mercer .....November 19  
 3393 Sherry L Reynolds Erickson .....November 20  
 3398 William Walter Reynolds .....November 21  
 3591 Micah Travis Reynolds .....November 21  
 3334 Alice Perkins Mortensen .....November 22  
 3488 Richard Brockway Reynolds .....November 22  
 3593 Alfred Reynolds Wentworth Jr...November 24  
 3484 Michael G Reynolds .....November 24  
 3096 Roger Jay Reynolds .....November 25  
 3483 Donald Charles Reynolds Sr. ....November 25  
 3166 Cynthia Iris Nason .....November 25  
 3355 E. Wayne Bussell .....November 26  
 3567 Diane Elizabeth Emich .....November 26  
 3410 Jonathan Lee Reynolds .....November 27  
 3461 Frances Annette Yancey .....November 28  
 3428 Kay A Hafner .....November 28  
 3562 Joseph Paul Arnold .....December 1  
 3354 Ann Reynolds Bergeron .....December 1  
 3402 Thomas Leroy Reynolds Sr. ....December 3  
 3332 Ms Lynn Arden Loughney .....December 3

3431 Douglas Ray Harris .....December 3  
 3571 Timothy Francis Ahlgrim .....December 7  
 3442 Alton Overall .....December 8  
 3594 Patricia Ewing Hammond .....December 10  
 3180 Edward Alfred Gloor .....December 10  
 3413 Lana Olivia Runnels Knor .....December 10  
 3518 David G. Harris .....December 11  
 3263 Tina A. Sanders .....December 11  
 3573 Virginia Shorey Stubbs .....December 12  
 3331 Mrs. Dancy Lee Girot .....December 13  
 3626 Donald Ray Reynolds Sr. ....December 14  
 3432 Jane Romney Mayntz .....December 15  
 3605 Antonia Klein .....December 15  
 3517 Sandra West Thompson .....December 17  
 3340 James "David" Reynolds III .....December 17  
 3469 Rita F. Silva .....December 20  
 3443 Tommy Joe Reynolds .....December 20  
 3169 LCDR Gary William Reynolds ..December 23  
 3524 Cheryl Reynolds Linck .....December 27  
 3195 Dr. Allen Lee Schlamp .....December 28  
 3475 Jonathan Kimball Reynolds .....December 28  
 3297 Sherry L. Bigalow .....December 29  
 3550 Robert John Reynolds .....December 30  
 3420 Lisa Reynolds Zarse .....December 30  
 3293 Alice Reynolds Henegar .....December 31  
 3383 Steven Howard Reynolds .....December 31  
 3496 Ty Palmer Martin .....December 31



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE**  
**REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION**  
**VIRTUAL REUNION**  
**DECEMBER 3RD, 2022**

The Reynolds Family Association has held "Reunions" 87 times since being founded in 1892. An RFA Reunion provides both an opportunity for socializing between branches of this great family and an opportunity for Reynolds family historians to collaborate and learn about our shared (and distinct) Reynolds family history.

On Saturday, December 3rd, 2022, we will host our second \*virtual\* RFA reunion on Zoom. You do

not need to own or purchase Zoom software to participate in the event. You can participate using your browser of choice or with a free Zoom software download. Our program of events will begin at 10am (Eastern) 9am (Central). We expect to have a handful of presenters lined up that will cover a range of topics related to Reynolds family history research.

While the program is not yet set, below is an indicative list of topics:

- Quick Tour of RFA Resources: Online and Elsewhere
- Tips for Advancing and Sharing your Reynolds Genealogy
- YDNA Testing for your Reynolds Research: Making Sense of and Using your Results
- Breakout Discussions on Reynolds Research in Geographic Areas and Key RFA Lines

To receive the event link, you must complete this [online registration form](#). I will distribute the program (agenda) and the meeting link by email to all registrants in advance of Dec 3rd.

We intend to video record each of the sessions so we can make the recordings available online for folks that are unable to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Tommy



**REYNOLDSFAMILY.ORG**

First of all, I would like to apologize for our website being either down or not all pages working for the past few weeks. The .php software edition that I used some years ago to write the pages of the website with is no longer going to be supported by our hosting service. Long story short, I am going to have to completely re-write our entire website. At

the present time this consists of some 1,826 pages of .php.

My biggest problem is the “Membership Management” software that I need in order to have a Member’s Only website. We need something that is secure, however something that is not that expensive. If any of you use or perhaps your employee uses some Membership Management software, please let me know the name so that I can look into it.

Again, please except my apologies and I assure you that I’m working on it as fast as I can.

Joe



## **WANTED**

### **REYNOLDS MALE FOR YDNA TEST**

Some Reynolds history hunters are looking for other collaborator-cousins to share traditional research and test YDNA hypotheses.

One Reynolds ancestor that remains a bit of a mystery is the William Reynolds that married Martha Cole in Culpeper Co., VA, and left a will naming over a dozen children in Pittsylvania Co., VA, in 1791. While strong evidence exists connecting William as the son of John Reynolds—whose will was proven in Culpeper Co. in Aug 1784.

Another Reynolds ancestor that we’d like a YDNA signature for is the Henry Reynolds that was born circa 1757 and lived on Camp Creek in Greene County, TN, in the early 1780s. He died there in before January 1835, when his will was proven naming wife Charity and children: Henry, Patsey, David, Sally, Ellander, William, Joseph, and Richard. Henry was the recipient of pension S4079

for Rev War service and is DAR patriot A095719. He had at least two wives (Catherine Skiles and Charity McNew) and may have had an earlier wife as well. He may be the Henry Reynolds that receives 50 acres on Sulphur Fork Creek in Adair Co, KY, in 1804.

We'd like to uncover the YDNA signatures of these groups of Reynoldses and to collaborate on further research. If you are connected to this Reynolds line, please be in touch with

[tommyjoereynolds@gmail.com](mailto:tommyjoereynolds@gmail.com).



## REVOLUTIONARY WAR ROLLS

Reynolds who fought for American Independence  
taken from:

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4282>

| Name            | Military    | Place         | Rank     |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| Justus Reynolds | Nov 1779    | Connecticut   | Private  |
| Justus Reynolds | Dec 1779    | Connecticut   | Private  |
| Meles Reynolds  | Feb 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Jan 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Dec 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Mar 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Apr 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | May 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Jun 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Jul 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Aug 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Sep 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Oct 1779    | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Jan, Feb 79 | Virginia      | Private  |
| Miles Reynolds  | Mar-May 79  | Virginia      | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Jun 1779    | Rhode Island  | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Jul 1779    | Rhode Island  | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Sep 1779    | Rhode Island  | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Oct 1779    | Rhode Island  | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Jun 1779    | Rhode Island  | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Jul 1779    | Rhode Island  | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Aug 1779    | Rhode Island  | Private  |
| Mingo Reynolds  | Sep 1779    | Rhode Island  | Corporal |
| Nathan Reynolds | Oct 1779    | New York      | Lieut.   |
| Nathan Reynolds | 1779        | New Hampshire | Private  |
| Nathan Reynolds | Jun 1779    | New York      | Lieut.   |
| Robert Reynolds | Jul 1779    |               | Private  |
| Robert Reynolds | Aug 1779    |               | Private  |
| Robert Reynolds | Sep 1779    |               | Private  |
| Robert Reynolds | Nov 1779    |               | Private  |
| Robert Reynolds | Jan 1779    |               | Private  |

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|------------------|------------|--------------|---------|
| Robert Reynolds  | Feb 1779   |              | Private |
| Robert Reynolds  | Mar 1779   |              | Private |
| Robert Reynolds  | Apr 1779   |              | Private |
| Robt Reynolds    | 1779       |              | Private |
| Robt Reynolds    | May 1779   |              | Private |
| Robt Reynolds    | Jun 1779   |              | Private |
| Robt Reynolds    | Jan 1779   |              | Private |
| Robt Reynolds    | Mar 1779   |              |         |
| Sampson Reynolds | Jan 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Feb 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Mar 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Apr 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Jun 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Jul 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Aug 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Sep 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | May 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Jun 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Jul 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Sep 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Oct 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Sampson Reynolds | Dec 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Samson Reynolds  | May 1779   | Rhode Island | Private |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Jan-Apr 79 | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Jan 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Feb 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Mar 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Jun 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Jul 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Aug 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Sep 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |
| Simeon Reynolds  | Sep 1779   | Connecticut  | Drumr   |



## FROM RFA ARCHIVES

### ALEXANDER HAMILTON AND MRS. REYNOLDS

Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson were bitter political enemies, both with aims of destroying the other politically. By the end of 1791 charges began appearing in the National Gazette, edited by Jefferson supporter Philip Freneau of Monmouth County, that Hamilton was using his office as treasury secretary for personal gain, most notably buying up certificates from Revolutionary War veterans. These certificates had been issued as promises of payment for service in the Army during the American Revolution. But a bankrupt Congress

had never repaid them and their value had dropped to 10 cents on the dollar.

Hamilton was accused of buying them up shortly before he, as secretary of the treasury, announced the government would repay them at 100 percent value. The congressional investigations were getting nowhere when Jefferson's followers got a break. JAMES REYNOLDS of New York was arrested for trying to defraud a Revolutionary War veteran out of his certificates. From jail Reynolds hinted that in return for his release he 'had it in his power very materially to injure the Secretary of the Treasury.

One of the Congressional committees investigating Hamilton was made up of James Monroe of Virginia, a friend of Jefferson; Fredrick Muhlenberg of Penn.; and Abraham Verable of VA. They visited Reynolds in prison. There his wife produced signed checks from Hamilton to her husband totaling \$1,100. Reynolds' claim was that he had been part of Hamilton's scheme to buy up the certificates.

On Dec. 15, 1792 the committee walked into Hamilton's office in Pennsylvania and told him of the charges and their proof. Hamilton asked them not to go public until he told them his side of the story. They agreed and the next day behind closed doors Hamilton appeared with Oliver Wolcott as his witness.

Hamilton and his witness explained that during the summer of 1791 while Hamilton's wife was in Albany, N.Y., with their children, a woman named Maria Reynolds had come to his office. According to Hamilton, she sobbed that her husband had deserted her and she needed money to return to NY City. She asked if Hamilton could make her a loan. Hamilton told her he did not have the case at his office but he would bring money to her apartment. That night he did and in his words as he entered her rooms he felt 'that other than pecuniary consolation

would be acceptable. After this I had frequent meetings with her, most of them at my own house."

Hamilton continued, 'One day, I received a letter from her ... intimating a discovery by her husband. It was a matter of doubt with me whether there had been really a discovery by her accident, or whether the time for the catastrophe of the plot was arrived ... The same day, being the 15th of Dec. 1791, I received from Mr. Reynolds the letter ... by which he informs me of the detection of his wife in the act of writing a letter to me, and that he obtained from her a discovery of her connection with me, suggesting that it was the consequence of an undue advantage taken of her distress."

After several meetings Reynolds still would not spell out what he wanted from Hamilton. Finally Reynolds made Hamilton a proposal in a letter, which Hamilton presented to the congressmen. Reynolds' letter said, 'Sir I have Considered on the matter seriously. I have this preposial to make to you. Give me the Sum of thousand dollars and I will leve the town and take my daughter with me and go where my Friends Shant here from me and leve her to Yourself to do for as you think proper."

Hamilton said he had made the blackmail payment, which matched the ones Reynolds had produced for the committee. The three congressmen decided this was a personal matter not to be made public. What Hamilton had said would not leave the room. According to Hamilton, "The result was a full and unequivocal acknowledgement on the part of the three gentlemen of perfect satisfaction with the explanation and expressions of regret at the trouble and embarrassment which had been occasioned to me."

Hamilton thought the matter closed, but over the next several years as his power grew and it became clear his eyes were on the nation's highest office,

his enemies became desperate to stop him. In 1797 a pamphlet came out with the full story of Hamilton's affair.

Hamilton wrote at once to Monroe, "There appears a design at all events to drive me to the necessity of a formal defence -- while you know that the extreme delicacy of its nature might be very disagreeable to me. It is my opinion that as you have been the cause.

Monroe would only say that he had sent to papers to "friend in Virginia." He himself hadn't released them. Hamilton went public, saying, "My real crime is an amorous connection with (Reynolds') wife, for a considerable time with his privity and connivance .... This confession is not made without a blush. I cannot be the apologist of any vice because the ardour of passion may have made it mine. I can never cease to condemn myself for the pang which it may inflict in a bosom eminently entitled to all my gratitude, fidelity and love."

But Hamilton was ruined. He would never again hold an important office. And who was Monroe's 'friend in Virginia? Who had leaked the affair and destroyed a political opponent with a sex scandal? The Sage of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson.

*[The Sandpaper. Nov. 6, 1991, Vol 16, No 44, pp 30-31J*



## LINE 11

### JOHN REYNOLDS OF WEYMOUTH, MA AND STONINGTON, CT.

by Mrs. Mary Reynolds Fosdick, founder of the RFA  
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*(Continued from previous Edition)*

## FIRST GENERATION

JOHN REYNOLDS of Stonington, Conn., the first ancestor of this family so far found in New England, was born, probably in England, about 1625-30. His earliest appearance here is at Weymouth, Mass., where he had a grant of five acres of land in the first division of Dec. 14, 1663, numbered the 77th lot from the "Brauntry lyne" and a lot of 15 acres, numbered the 14th, in the second division of the same date. He does not appear in previous divisions of 1636 and 1651-2, though he perhaps lived in the town soon after the latter date, about which time his oldest son, Thomas, was born. But one child, Mary, b. March 15, 1660, is recorded to him and his wife, Anne Holbrook, in Weymouth, though two or three older children may have been born there.

The parentage of Anne, wife of John Reynolds, appears from the will of Thomas Holbrook of Weymouth made Dec. 31, 1668, proved April 24, 1677 (Vol. VI, p. 201, Suffolk Prob. Recs. Boston), who mentions his wife Jane; sons John, Thomas, William and daus. Anne Reynold, Elizabeth Hatch, Jane Drake; naming also grandsons John, Peter, William to whom he leaves respectively his sword, gun and musket. In original lists of passengers to New England we find the following entry: "Weymouth ye 20th of March 1635-6." Then follows a list of 106 passengers of whom are: 66. Thomas Holbrook of Brouday, 34 years; 67. Jane Holbrook, his wife, 34 years; 68. John Holbrook, his sonne, 11 years; 69. Thomas Holbrook, his sonne, 10 years; 70. Anne Holbrook, his daughter, 5 years. [for further discussion of the Holbrook family see 1922 RFA Report]

September 8, 1664, John Renolds, carpenter, and Anne, his wife, "of Weymouth," sold to Edward Grant of Boston, shipwright, and Sarah, his wife, their property in Weymouth, consisting of a dwelling

house, barn and cow-house, with about 20 acres of orchard, and planting land and pasture thereto belonging, together with an acre of meadow and one common lot, "formerly John Osborne's," the deed to take effect the succeeding March 31, 1665 (Suffolk Deeds, IV:276).

About the latter date of shortly before, John Reynolds appeared in Westerly, RI, making preparations to settle. This was the same year in which James Reynolds of Kingstown appears in Kingstown, RI, some few score miles away. Westerly was in territory the right to which was being contested between Connecticut and Rhode Island, but especially at the time of John Reynolds' arrival, when commissioners had just been sent over by the King to settle disputes of this kind between the colonies. John Reynolds had therefore arrived at an unfortunate time and the succeeding period, about two years of his stay in Westerly, was not a peaceable one, his experiences at that time resulting in an appeal to the courts in 1670. It is to the evidence given in the trial which ensued that we are indebted for several important particulars throwing light on him and his family. His case is thus summed up by Dr. J.W. Trumbull, in a note, Colon. Recs. of Conn.: Vol. II:166.

"John Reynolds, some time previous to 1667 came to Misquamicut (Westerly) where he bought a house and lot of James Babcock. In 1667 he was dispossessed by the Constable of Stonington as an intruder on lands belonging to that town and within the charter limits claimed by Connecticut. Reynolds subsequently submitted to Connecticut authority, became an inhabitant of Stonington, and, as he alleged, hired of Mr. Roger Plaisted the same land he had formerly purchased from James Babcock. In September 1670, he complained to the County Court at New London against Jonathan Armstrong, a Rhode Island man, "for unjust molestation and

contemtuos improving of the said Renolds land, etc." The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff of £14 and costs, with liberty to the defendant to review at next Court. The Court, June 1671, confirmed the former verdict. Armstrong appealed to the Court of Assistants in October following. The Court of Assistants reduced the damages allowed to Reynolds to £10-15-6, from which Armstrong appealed to the next General Assembly."

The Assembly refused to interfere further in the matter at its next session, expressing its opinion as follows:

"They find it too apparent that the sayd Armstrong as well as others of those people of Squamacuk, have been troublesome, injurious and provoking to this Colony, and their settlement and manageing there is no other but an intrusion and so very offensive which might call for severity, etc."

Going back to the time of John Reynolds' arrival in Westerly, we may learn some of the circumstances attending his first settlement there from the testimony of John Osborne, already mentioned:

"This deponent testifieth that when John Renolds came first to Squamecute to settle, being destitute of habitation there, he went to James Badcock, Senior, to see if he could procure a place to be in for the present; and this deponent being present he heard the sayd Badcock offer to sell the above said Renolds his sellar he lived in: and he lett him the land he had then broake up for that yeare: for both which, to witt the purchase of the sellar and hyre of the land he demanded forty-five shillings which sayd should satisfye him full for his paynes the which the Aforesd John Renolds Agreed to give him and this Deponent sawe John Renolds paye partt of the forty-five shillings in cloth unto James Badcock the rest he Ingadged to paye when his wife came up to Squamacut. And this deponent sayth

further that the Seller aforementioned is the seller that Jonathan Armstrong afterwards lived in."

It thus appears that John Reynolds went from Weymouth to Westerly in the early spring of 1665, leaving his wife and children, the oldest then thirteen, to follow as soon as he should have made provision for their reception. As both Weymouth and Westerly were near the sea, their journey is quite likely to have been taken by water, which would furnish the easiest means of transporting them and their goods. With wise caution, to which he was no doubt partly influenced by a knowledge of the unsettled claims to that part of the country, he began by hiring land and procuring a temporary home. The settlers on that side of the Pawcatuck River were divided in their allegiance, some having come from Rhode Island, acknowledging the jurisdiction of that colony, while others, considering themselves as in a part of Stonington, held to Connecticut. John Reynolds, having emigrated from Massachusetts with no bias in favor of Rhode Island, early submitted to the authority of Connecticut and steadily adhered to that colony.

The King's Commissioners on their arrival in 1665, inclined to the Pawcatuck boundary and John Reynolds could have hardly more than have taken of the land he had leased, before, by their orders, he and others on that side of the river, were dispossessed, but by subsequent arrangement with Mr. Roger Plaisted, the Massachusetts grantee of the land he occupied, he was allowed to remain as his tenant. After about two years, Rhode Island still continuing to assert her authority, John Reynolds was arrested as a Connecticut man and finally compelled to remove his residence to the west side. This, according to the testimony given, was in April 1667. His departure seems to have been a hurried one, for he left behind some of his goods and part of his livestock. It was Jonathan Armstrong's conduct

at that time, throwing down and cutting up the timbers of his "seller," throwing the goods "oute of Dore," shutting up the swine, etc. which led to the appeal to the General Court for redress. Thomas Renolds and Hannah Renolds, the two oldest children, the former aged 18, and the latter "17 yeares or thereabouts" testify Sep. 21, 1670:

"Jonathan Armstrong forced our father's family from five acres of land which he intended to plant,so that we were forced to depart and leave it to him and were exposed to great extremities for want of corne that year and several goods left with him."

John Badcock, aged 26 years, testifies, Sep. 19, 1670:

"That hee Did heare Ann Renolds wife to John Renolds demand of Jonathan Armstronge one parcell of Swine that the sayde Armestronge had locked up in a cellar as she sayde, but the aforesd Jonathan Armestronge Denied and syde shee should not have them untell such time as shee had payded for some Damadges they had done unto him ... further this deponent testifieth that John Renolds was putt to very much trouble by Jonathan Armestrong and greate Damadge, and this Deponent did see the cellar that John Renolds lived in very much demolished and part of the timbers in Jonathan Armestronge's fence."

As appears from further testimony, the father went first to the west side, the wife and children remaining "at Osbornes' till they followed him" to Mr. Thomas Stanton's house, which seems to have been their first stopping place.

Having thus become an inhabitant in undisputed territory, John Reynolds took immediate steps to secure land and a permanent home, and bought first one hundred acres which had been originally laid out to John Gallup Senior, the deed dated Jan. 28, 1667. This grant lay along the east side of the

Mistuckset, a river or brook running into the Sound about two miles east of the Mystic, and was bounded on the north by land of Gov. John Winthrop. This land he retained through life, leaving it to his youngest son, John, together with about two acres, presumably not far distant, which is described as on the west side of Calkins Brook, having on it "a mation house," barn and mill, the latter, it may be supposed, a saw-mill used in connection with his business. This house lot is spoken of as bought of Robert Holmes, but the deed is not on record and the time of its purchase does not appear. A census of those in Stonington who were heads of families was taken in 1668. There were forty-three, among them John Ranols. "The mark of John Ranols his chattels and swine is a crop on the near ear right off," dated June 11, 1668 [Stonington Deeds I:15].

About twelve years after his first recorded purchase in Stonington "John Renalls, senior" received May 25, 1679 a grant of fifty acres, and a year later March 8, 1680, another of 100 acres adjoining it on the east. These lay in a different quarter of the town from his earliest grant, being situated on the north side of the Ashaway River, which formed the southwestern boundary of the fifty-acre lot. This river is in North Stonington, runs south, then southeast, and south again, emptying into the Pawcatuck at the state line. These lots may therefore have been in North Stonington or possibly in what is now Rhode Island. No deed of conveyance of them from John Reynolds Sr. appears and the 150 acres they contain may be supposed to be the double portion given to the oldest son, Thomas, to which the father alludes in his final disposition of his property in 1689-90.

One more grant that had been given to John Reynolds Sr. appears in his last recorded deed of sale, dated Nov. 14, 1690, not long, probably before

his death. It is described as "one twelve acre lott which was my grant from the Town of Stonington scituate & lying near to the Meeting house." It was sold to "Owen McCharta, Taner." His son, John Reynolds acknowledged this as "his father's act and deed" Oct. 29, 1692 before Samuel Mason, Assistant. Feb. 15, 1689-90 he had made the final disposal of his estate, before alluded to, by the deed of gift, equivalent to a will, and in it had spoken of his "age and crasie estate." His wife was evidently at that time dead.

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## QUERIES

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Hello,

My 4th great-grandparents were Bernard / Barnabas / Barnard Barnaby Reynolds and Monica Polly Brown. B.B. was born around 1792 in St. Mary's, Maryland to John Reynolds and Ann French. He died 12 Apr 1871 in Watertown, Wisconsin. He married Monica Polly Brown (17 Jul 1787 - 22 Apr 1882) on 6 Jul 1813. Monica was the daughter of Ignatius Brown and Ann Monica Reynolds. Do you have any information on these Reynolds? Yes, I know that BB and Monica may likely be first cousins. Do you need any other information from me as well?



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