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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Tommy Joe Reynolds



Greetings, Cousins!

I hope your Reynolds research efforts have been productive this year. I want to share with our members that RFA's YouTube Channel has been populated with the recorded sessions of our December 2022 virtual reunion. These files were uploaded a few months ago, but I've now organized them to make the topics easier to see and navigate. The vids cover background on RFA, suggestions for advancing Reynolds research, tips on applying to lineage societies, Reynolds research case studies, tips on compiling and publishing your own family history book.

Over the past months, we're aware of researchers making progress on their Reynolds lines using the land and probate records that are being published online FamilySearch. We used to have to order microfilm by mail and wait for it to arrive at our local library or family history center. Now we can peruse deed indexes and books at home in the middle of the night:)

If you haven't done so in a while, you may want to check out RFA's growing list of most distant known Reynolds ancestors. If yours is not listed, submit a request using this Google Form.

Please note in this issue the explanation by Nancy Wallander of Scholarships for YDNA testing that are available to Reynolds that can trace their lineages back to the "old world". Check out her article for details. If you know a candidate, please connect with Nancy to take advantage of the scholarship.

Wishing you all the best.

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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!

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

William Joseph Reynolds, Jr.....Jul 01
Christopher Reynolds.....Jul 02

Julia A Broeders.....	Jul 02	Benjamin Marshall Reynolds.....	Aug 05
Pamela Jean Adams	Jul 03	James Smith Miller	Aug 07
Stephen Charles Reynolds	Jul 03	James Edward Phillips	Aug 08
Judith Carole Augspurger	Jul 05	Todd Neal Theis.....	Aug 08
Donna Marie Hughes	Jul 06	Diane Ellen Isaacson.....	Aug 09
Ilse Landa Reynolds.....	Jul 06	Marc Allen Reynolds	Aug 10
Barbara Crew Hutton	Jul 07	Ella R. Emery.....	Aug 11
Maria Kim Hong	Jul 07	Harold Chatfield Reynolds III	Aug 11
Janet Ewing Deaton	Jul 08	Janet L. Smith	Aug 11
Donald Clifford Lemen Jr.....	Jul 09	Maria Suzanne Ashmore.....	Aug 11
Weston Blake Miller	Jul 10	Brian Alan McCullough.....	Aug 12
David Franklin Reynolds	Jul 12	John M Reynolds	Aug 12
Emily Stokes Rowe.....	Jul 12	Edward Reynolds III	Aug 13
Gary Scott Reynolds	Jul 12	John Michael Reynolds.....	Aug 16
Don Wilson Conover Reynolds	Jul 14	Eric C Koch.....	Aug 17
Randall Jay Reynolds.....	Jul 14	Laurie Cathleen Conner	Aug 18
Ruth Emily Reynolds.....	Jul 14	Nona Marie Smith.....	Aug 19
Shirley LaRee Olson	Jul 14	Susie Helen Reynolds	Aug 19
Robert Seaholm Bayers.....	Jul 15	Rolfe Eric Reynolds I.....	Aug 20
Rebecca Lynn Redmann	Jul 16	Harold Wayne Whitten	Aug 21
Nathan William Reynolds.....	Jul 17	Caroline Anne Cannon.....	Aug 22
Larry Joe Reynolds	Jul 18	Bernard Charles Smith Jr.	Aug 23
Jeffrey David Hendricks	Jul 19	Cynthia Louise Reynolds Murdock	Aug 23
Della Reynolds Woods	Jul 20	Bruce Clayton Reynolds	Aug 24
Mary Louise Ormerod Eppers	Jul 20	Roberta Reynell McCarter	Aug 24
Michael B Caron	Jul 20	Cheryl Lynn Jensen.....	Aug 26
Don Edmund Reynolds.....	Jul 21	David Todd Reynolds	Aug 26
Janice Marie Reynolds.....	Jul 21	Clay Courtney Reynolds.....	Aug 27
John Frederick Woodward Jr.	Jul 21	Donna Joyce Shunkey.....	Aug 27
Marnie Reynolds-Bourque.....	Jul 21	Susan Reynolds	Aug 29
Elaine Thurman Belyea.....	Jul 23	Barbara Jane Jones.....	Aug 30
Larry Jago Stetson Jr.....	Jul 24	Michael Ray	Sep 01
Mary Amanda Johnson Hofferbert	Jul 24	Nancy McGuff Thomas	Sep 01
John Timothy Reynolds	Jul 25	Rita Reynolds Steele	Sep 02
Mary G. Reynolds.....	Jul 26	John Willis Streeter.....	Sep 03
Albert Allen Reynolds Jr.	Jul 27	Gardiner Bannister Reynolds VIII	Sep 04
Frances Marlene Langley Ellsworth	Jul 29	Joel Clint Reynolds.....	Sep 05
Jerry Edward Reed.....	Jul 29	Kathleen "Kathy" Suzann Johnson	Sep 06
Valerie Ann Black.....	Jul 29	Linda Irene Reynolds	Sep 06
Sharla Marie Reynolds Gardner.....	Jul 30	Donna Jean Reynolds Harding.....	Sep 07
Ursi Barbara Lorine Reynolds	Jul 31	Marie Antionette Elizabeth Yerzy	Sep 08
Ann Cornelia Stanford.....	Aug 01	Brenda Alice Slaughter Reynolds.....	Sep 09
Carol Jean (Goodwin) Smith	Aug 01	Richard Anthony Meredith	Sep 09
Kevin Malcolm Reynolds	Aug 02	Richard Paul Green.....	Sep 09
Leanne Reynolds ha.....	Aug 02	Michelle Joann Carroll.....	Sep 10
Ron Larsen.....	Aug 03	Terry Gene Reynolds	Sep 10
William Charles Jones Sr.....	Aug 03	Theresa Marie Reynolds	Sep 10

Shirley Ann Keister.....	Sep 14
Rebecca Reuben Dyer.....	Sep 15
William Grover Bates	Sep 15
Robert Rey Reynolds	Sep 16
Barron Wayne Tenney	Sep 19
Burton Charles Reynolds	Sep 19
Wayne Allen Reynolds	Sep 20
David Johnson Reynolds.....	Sep 25
John Hughes Reynolds IV	Sep 25
Elizabeth Diane Schafer Ph.D.....	Sep 26
Janetta "Jan" Jane Wilson	Sep 26
Nancy Beth Wallander.....	Sep 26
Ross Howard Reynolds.....	Sep 28
Jane Reynolds Landreth.....	Sep 29
Paula Kathryn Boone	Sep 30



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the 1983 Reynolds Recollections
40 years ago!

The After-Dinner Address
Mr. Henry Suydam Reynolds

*Ladies and Gentlemen, Members and Friends of the
Reynolds Family Association:*

A Reynolds Family gathering is to me distinctly a novelty. Some years ago, when I started this work of research in family history, I had no Reynolds relatives so far as I knew. Now my Reynolds relatives' number in the hundreds and I have lost all count of my Reynolds kinsmen.

I am glad that I have one of the few old New England names which have not been usurped by the Jewish and other foreign elements of our population who seek to conceal their origin. My name might have been Harris. That is the name of a good old New England family to whom I am closely related. I think some of them came from around New London. However, if your name is Harris today most people think you are Jewish before they will believe you are

a Christian. Why, my Harris relatives have considerable difficulty reserving rooms by telegraph at the various summer resort hotels which do not cater to Jewish people. I do not know just why the name of Reynolds has escaped in this way to date. Surely it is just as simple and adaptable as Harris, or Lewis, or Rogers (other family names of mine), which have been largely appropriated by these people in New York City. All we can hope is that it will remain a name unquestionably Anglo-Saxon as it is today.

This is a family gathering. and I told Mrs. Ripper that if I were to speak, that all I would pretend to do would be to chat in formally about a few salient things which had impressed me while engaged in this work of family research.

The last Reynolds Family Association Annual contains a little article which I wrote about the line of James Reynolds of North Kingstown. When I started work on this article, I found I had a good many things to learn. Never having been a traveling salesman or a Newspaper reporter I was not very well equipped to approach the people I wanted to interview. Born and brought up in the city. I got on fairly well with city people. but I was not very successful when I tried to talk to the country relatives. There always seemed to be a reserve which I could not penetrate. However, I have reason to believe that I must have improved in this respect because a few weeks ago when I was on one of my investigating tours I had a conversation with one of these country relatives in the most rural of rural districts, and after talking with him some time he said:

"I suppose you come from somewhere around these parts?"

I replied. "No I come from New York City."

"Well," he said. "is that so? I never would have thought it. It certainly seemed to me that you were corn-fed!"

Therefore, I feel that I must have progressed to win this recognition.

When I started in with this work I never had any idea of the length of time it would take to prepare even such a short article as I have written. It is extraordinary the amount of time spent in various ways without result. A year or so ago I had been making a research trip up New York State and was just ready to step into the automobile and start home, glad that I had accomplished as much as I had, when I learned of two old men who lived far back in the Adirondack mountains and who were said to know more than any living person about the Reynolds family in that part of the country. There was nothing to do but head the automobile north instead of south. Although we were told we ought to reach our destination about two or three in the afternoon, it was nearly six in the evening when, after a wild mountainous ride, we pulled up at the house which we were seeking. After making ourselves known I asked, "Is there an old gentleman named James Reynolds living here?"

"Nope, he's dead."

"Perhaps you could tell me where his brother, Mr. John Reynolds, could he found?"

"Nope, he's dead, too. Died last month."

It was late that night before we got back to Glen Falls, where on this account, with nothing gained, we were a whole day longer than had been expected.

It is sometimes hard to find town clerks who have the records. I remember the first time I was at Wickford and wanted to go out to the office of Mr. George Money, the town clerk of Exeter. When I found that

he had no telephone, we started out in the car to go and see him. After a long ride on narrow, sandy roads, through woods, and over bridges which I was afraid would not hold the car, and after getting lost only twice, we reached the Money's farm. There was no one in sight but the chickens. When I finally routed out someone, I found that Mr. Money had gone to Providence for the day. There was nothing to do but leave a note asking that he would let me know when I could see him. When I received his answer he made an appointment for the second day following. This meant in all a stay of two more days than I had expected in order to go over the Exeter records.

Speaking of records, most of us here know of the unfortunate fire in 1870 which so seriously injured the North Kingstown records, with the result that some are irrevocably lost and others can only be deciphered with the greatest difficulty. As a matter of fact, records and relics are being lost every day in many different ways. Often they are lost in some manner wholly unexpected, as the heart of Louis XIV. The French revolutionist who carried away the heart of Louis XIV at the looting of the church of Saint-Denis where the French kings were buried, sold it to an English nobleman. The Englishman took it to his English home, where on special occasions it was brought out and shown to his guests. One evening at the close of dinner it was thus passed around the table. and in due course handed to the Dean of Westminster. The Dean was an absent-minded old gentleman, and at the time talking to his neighbor. Therefore when the heart, which in the course of years had shrunk to about the size of a hazelnut, was handed to him, without more ado he popped it in his mouth and swallowed it. Since the heart was undoubtedly quite indigestible, and the Dean died shortly afterwards, it would seem that the heart of the French king is now reposing in the body of the Dean in Westminster Abbey.

But records are lost even when we think we have taken the greatest care. I had a great-great-grand father who was Quarter-master General under Washington at the beginning of the Revolution in New York City after the Battle of Long Island. He left two orderly books. The family some years ago loaned them the interesting one of the two to an author who was writing a history of the City of New York. They thought that with such a person this priceless relic would certainly be safe. Before the book was returned, the author died. The book was never found among his effects, and of course it was lost forever. Relics kept at home are always lost sooner or later, because there always comes in some generation someone who says:

"I'm not going to bother dusting these old things any longer. They are no use and they are only filling up space, and making extra work." And out they go--lost forever!

I speak of this loss of relics and records because I want to ask you who are here, that *if you have at home any such relics or records, and that if you know any other people who have any such relics or records, please don't keep them in your home from sentiment, please don't hide them in a safe-deposit where no one can have access to them but yourself, but please turn them over to some Genealogical or Historical Society where they will be preserved for all time in a fireproof building, and where everyone now and hereafter may be able to inspect them.* That is where they will do the most good. Unless this is done, I can assure you all these records and relics are ultimately doomed.

We are all here because we realize that there is something more in genealogy and family history than our personal interest in a collection of facts and dates of birth, death, and marriage. Study of family history means more than being able to say that our ancestors came over to this country in the sixteen-hundreds. I

say this because of the wide-spread attitude of criticism by the world at large towards this work, ranging from amused tolerance to downright antagonism. When we meet this criticism it should not go unchallenged. Only the other day a new neighbor calling at my home saw the last Reynolds Family Association Report lying on my table with "1632-1922" on the cover, and the effect on him was such that he remarked. "There you are, that is the trouble with the New Englanders - all they can think of is the fact that their ancestors came over in 1632! They don't realize what a small part that plays in everyday life. All these people who are using crests and coats of arms to which they have no right, and trying to figure out family trees showing they are descended from Charlemagne or Julius Caesar, make me sick!":

This man does not understand what the study of my family history really means to me. Personally, I don't give a tinkers damn - and if that be profanity. make the most of it! - whether my great-great-great-grandfather was related to royalty or whether he was a serf tied to the soil. I don't care whether he came over in the "Mayflower", or whether he came over in the steerage. But he was my grandfather, and as my grandfather I care a whole lot to know where he lived and what he did, whatever it may have been. If by any chance these ancestors really did something worth while and better than their descendants can do it, it isn't going to hurt me or anyone else to think about it. The power of such thought should prove a stimulus to try and be worthy of them.

These critics seem to forget that interest, pride and loyalty, as to your family, is the basis of your interest, pride, and loyalty to that collection of families which go to make up our native country. It is the basis of our loyalty to the United States of America.

Then again the actual student of family history finds himself learning, in spite of himself, detail upon

detail of his country's history, which he would have never known, or passed over with but scant notice were it. not for the intimate relationship that family history bears to national history. Events take on a new meaning, places a new interest, when you know that some grandfather or grandmother participated in stirring events of the past in some particular place.

When at school I learned that the Battle of Saratoga was one of the fifteen decisive battles of the world, but the whole affair took on a new meaning and was brought closer to me when I discovered that it was my own 3rd great grandmother who was captured by Burgoyne's Indians, together with Jennie McCrea; and further that the British General, Simon Fraser, who was killed at Saratoga, was this grandmother's first cousin.

King Philip's War became more than a name to me when I found out that the eldest son of James' Reynolds of North Kingstown was killed by the Indians the night that war broke out. When I motor over the Mohawk Trail today, and go through Greenfield and Deerfield, all that district is more interesting to me since I have learned that I had three direct ancestors who fought in the Turner's Falls Indian fight near by.

When we consider all these things no one can gainsay that interest in genealogy and the study of one's family history means more than the bare fact that his ancestor came over in 1632, or any other time; but rather that it tends to make life fuller and more interesting, and hence one of the things that makes it happier.



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.



JULIAN SARGEANT "SARGE" REYNOLDS

June 30, 1936 – June 13, 1971

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J. Sargeant Reynolds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._Sargeant_Reynolds)



Julian Sargeant Reynolds of Richmond, Virginia was an American educator, businessman, and Democratic politician. He served in both the House and Senate of the Virginia General Assembly and served as 30th Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia under Governor Linwood Holton. He died of an inoperable brain tumor at age 34, while in office as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor.

Early and family life

Reynolds was born into wealth in New York City, the second son of Richard Samuel Reynolds, Jr. (president and CEO of Reynolds Metals Company), and Virginia McDonald Sargeant Reynolds. His grandfather had invented Reynolds Wrap and founded the metals company. His great-grandfather A.D. Reynolds of Bristol, Tennessee had been a successful tobacco farmer and brother of Richard Joshua Reynolds, who founded the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Sarge Reynolds was educated in Richmond, Virginia, graduating from St. Christopher's School in

1947, and from Woodberry Forest School in Orange, Virginia in 1954. He then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to attend the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania. In 1958 he graduated 9th in his class of 356.[1]

He married the former Elizabeth (Betsy) Weir Veeneman of Louisville, Kentucky. Before their divorce, they had four children: Virginia (Ginny) Weir, J. Sargeant, Jr., Jeanne Elizabeth (Liz) and David Parham Reynolds II (who died less than 2 months after birth). Reynolds then married Mary Ballou Handy Stettinius from Lynchburg, Virginia. They had one son, Richard Roland Reynolds.

Career

In 1958 Reynolds started his business career in the Market Research Department of the family's Reynolds Metals Company. In 1961 he became Assistant Treasurer and in 1965 he became Executive Vice-President of the Reynolds Aluminum Credit Corporation. He also taught economics at the University of Richmond to help him overcome shyness.[citation needed]

Political career

Reynolds began his political career with the Young Democratic Club, as the Byrd Organization struggled with the end of Massive Resistance. Reynolds first ran for elective office in 1965 and was elected as one of eight delegates for Richmond. In that election after the reapportionment required by Davis v. Mann as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1965, incumbents George E. Allen Jr., T. Coleman Andrews Jr., Harold H. Dervishian, Junie L. Bradshaw and Edward E. Lane won re-election, and Reynolds, E. B. Pendleton Jr. and T. Dix Sutton replaced fellow Democrat Fred G. Pollard (who became Lieutenant Governor) as well as Richmond's first elected Republicans in years--Louis S. Herrink Jr. (who moved to King

George) and S. Strother Smith Jr. (each of whom had been elected in 1963 and proved one-termers).[2]

Two years later, Reynolds ran for the Virginia State Senate from District 30, again representing Richmond City, Senator FitzGerald Bemiss having retired. Reynolds and incumbent fellow-Democrat Edward E. Willey thus became Richmond's two senators.[1] In the General Assembly, Reynolds advocated establishing the Virginia Community College System. In the 1967 election at which Reynolds moved up to the state senate, among Richmond's eight delegates, half changed. Thomas P. Bryan, Ernest W. Farley Jr., William Ferguson Reid and Richmond's first woman mayor, Republican Eleanor Parker Sheppard replaced Andrews, Dervishian, Reynolds and Sutton.[3]

Virginia's Democratic Party nominated Reynolds to run for Lieutenant Governor against pro-education Republican H. Dunlop Dawbarn in 1969, which proved to be a near-landslide year for Republicans. The Republicans concentrated their efforts on electing Richard Nixon President and Linwood Holton Virginia's governor (who outpolled Democrat William C. Battle), and succeeded with many other offices on the ticket. However, Reynolds broke the tide, polling 54% of the vote for lieutenant governor compared to Dawbarn's 42%, thus winning the 3-way race.[4] In a 1969 special election following Reynolds' resignation from the State Senate, fellow Democrat L. Douglas Wilder (who would later become Virginia's first African-American governor) won election to represent Richmond in the state senate alongside Willey, thus replacing Reynolds.[5]

Death and legacy

Shortly after taking office, Reynolds was diagnosed as having an inoperable brain tumor. Weakened by attempted treatments of the tumor in New York City,

Reynolds died of pneumonia. Reynolds asked to be buried at his great-grandfather's boyhood home. Dying in office, he was accorded a state funeral before being buried in accordance with that wish. J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, which serves Henrico County and metropolitan Richmond, was named in his honor after his death in 1971.



THE MESSAGE OF THE YEARS



Miss Celia Mary Reynolds

Who for many years wrote poems for the Reynolds Family Association.

*Down from the ancient ages.
From the great experienced past,
Come to us the swift years bringing
Messages of meaning vast.*

*Some pass one comprehending
Though we study them with care,
Some fall unheard, unheeded.*

Through our folly's murky air.

*But some we cannot parry;
Straight to our souls it bears
The thought of God's o'er-ruling
And the knowledge that He cares.*

*This, this the vital message
That the wise years fling aboard,
"Safety rests for men and nations
In obedience to God.*

*"Fallen empires, exiled peoples,
Individual's tarnished name, ---
We, the Years, in disobedience
See the reason of their shame.*

*"You from whose Christian standpoint
All these things are plain to view
Rise up to meet the challenge
Which that vision things to you.*

*"Yours is the glorious mission
In a high or humble place
To make your lives the channels
Of the Lord's abounding grace.*

*"He learned, himself, obedience
By the suffering He bore,
Then ascending to the heavens
Reigns in glory evermore.*

*"Point to Him the clashing nations,
Lift to Him the lawless World,
Till the red flag of rebellion
In obedience shall be furled.*

*"Then shall our voices, singing
The songs of souls' release,
Drift down the brightened future
In strains of love and peace."*

Celia Mary Reynolds



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).



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).

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



ARTICLES NEEDED

I need articles and stories for our next newsletter which will be published on November 15th. Let's keep our newsletter alive and interesting!

Thanks, Joe



QUERIES

Upon the writer's 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.

Dale O'Bear

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Still looking for definite information that John Harmon Obarr was the father of my grandfather, John Henry O'Bear. John Henry was born in 1881 and died in 1960. He was born in Lake City, Arkansas and later moved to Illinois. He married Rhoda Evelyn Rice in 1903. Someone in the Reynolds family posted that John Henry was the son of John Harmon Obarr. I am just trying to determine the facts concerning my Grandfather's parentage. Any hard evidence would be most appreciated. Who posted the information on the Reynolds Family page?

James Kimble

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Monroe County, Michigan Reynolds

I've been doing genealogy for about 40 years and have been a member of the Reynolds Family Organization for several of those.

My Reynolds line starts with my paternal 2nd Great Grandmother, Harriet Amanda Reynolds (1805-1900) born in New York and died in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio. She was the wife of Elisha Hayden, who she married in 1925.

Harriet's father was Joseph Reynolds (1781-1850) who was born in Seneca County, New York and died in Reading, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Joseph's father was Thomas Reynolds (1753-1845) born in West Greenwich Village, Rhode Island and died in Sodus Center, Wayne, New York.

I have quite a bit of information on these folks, however, am always interested in gathering more and sharing with others what I have. What I'm really anxious to get is data from bibles, diaries, etc. that are not always available on the net.

By the way, my birthday is June 16, 1937.

Thanks for any help you or other members can give.

Jim Kimble, Holland, Lucas, Ohio.



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