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ABOUT THE REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

From the Editor

One volume of Recollections is behind me. I have enjoyed putting together every issue. I will admit the dozens of complimentary letters I received came just when I needed them most. Thank you for the support. Thanks also for the Christmas and New Year greetings.

Many, many of you know how far behind I am with answering my correspondence from you. Permit me to "whine" a bit as I tell you that I have a full-time job outside the home, which requires quite a bit of traveling, and still spend about 36-40 hours a week on RFA, as does Sue Clement. For a month before the reunion in October there were more than 40 hours a week spent printing out the RFA databases to take to the reunion. After the reunion, except for getting out the last 1991 issue of RR, I did take a vacation from RFA until the new year.

Until I finish my portion of the Centennial Collection, (and before Sue Clement has my head), I will remain behind in my correspondence. I beg your continued patience. Believe me, I haven't forgotten you.

Answers To Questions From Members

I have received through letters and in person at the reunion a number of questions whose answers may be of interest to all of you.

Who writes the articles for RR? The editor does all items except those that contain the by-line of someone else.

Who does the research for RFA? The bulk of the research is done by the editor and Susan Clement, the Executive Secretary; however, there was an enormous increase in data submitted by members in 1991 and we are extremely grateful for this assistance. As reported in past issues, we have a lot of information in the files, but little in the way of proof.

Who does the data entry for RFA? The editor and Susan Clement.

When is expiration of membership? The membership year runs for 1 January to 31 December. If dues are not paid by 1 June of the year, person is dropped from mailing list. The mailing label on your issue of RR will tell you the year for which you are paid, e.g. pd 91 25. "Pd 91" means paid for the year 1991. The "25" space contains a code

number RFA has assigned to the different family lines. In this instant case, 25 means "unknown."

In 1991, RFA spent a large amount in postage to send at least two reminder letters to members who were lapsed. RFA does not have sufficient funds for these mailings, so please watch your label. If it still says "pd 91" you now owe for 1992.

Are print-outs from the database (RFA Archives) available to RFA members? Complete print-outs (data dumps) are not available to anyone. The data base is for the use of RFA in attempting to tie families together more quickly and efficiently. Data in the computers comes from copyrighted material as well as from members who may be planning to publish their own family history. Any information that seems remotely related to a members' family will be passed on to the member, except in cases of some "protected" information when a member will be put in touch with the owner of such protected information.

Who should I contact in RFA?

About Membership: Steve Roth (see inside back cover).

About Newsletter: All questions pertaining to Recollections, including non-receipt should be addressed to the editor, Sybil Taylor (see back cover return address).

About the RFA Archives: Susan Clement, 19 Hemlock, Swansea MA 02777, or the editor, Sybil Taylor (see back cover return address).

Will my family be in the "Centennial Collection"? It is not intended to bring the included family histories into the present to include living individuals. In most instances we do not have enough information to do so. Our goal is to provide as much concrete evidence as possible for the early families.

How Many of Your Family Belong to RFA?

In this issue we are welcoming 6 members of Norris L. Reynolds' family! After Christmas, I thought things like "Gee, why didn't I give xx an RFA membership?" Notice that I didn't think of this until after Christmas. But I am looking now at the 1992 birthday and/or Christmas lists.

THE "CENTENNIAL COLLECTION"

A flyer and order blank were included in the Nov-Dec issue of RR. We must have a minimum of 125 orders before we can print. Note that the prepublication price expires 1 March.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS 27 OCT 1991 - JAN 1992

EMILY BAKER, 10814 Cedar St, Omaha NE 68144 (Caleb Reynolds b 1771, d 1858, m 1815 Dighton MA Mary Ellis Williams)

JOHN BROOKS, 28 Greenfield Ave, Bronxville NY 10708 (John of Watertown)

JOANNE CALDWELL, 2125 Fairmont Ave, New Castle IN 47362 (Reynolds of (Washington) MD)

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GAIL EVANS, 2410 Vine St, Orlando FL 32806 (Samuel Reynolds Sr, d 1815 (Monmouth) NJ, m Catherine; son Samuel Jr m Deborah Jeffrey)

LYNDA REYNOLDS FISHER, 156 New Estate Rd, Littleton MA 01460 (Ebenezer T. Reynolds b 1803? Durham NH, d 1852, m Abigail Wyatt b Wenham MA)

FRED GRAHAM, 110 Shore Court B310, N Palm Beach FL 33408 (James of N Kingstown)

RUTH LATHROP, 1310 Whenona Dr, Madison WI 53711 (William Vincent Reynolds b 1821-5 PA, m Mary Elizabeth Wilson b 1837, d 1927 Plymouth IN)

JUDITH MAYFIELD, 2814 Huckleberry, Pasadena TX 77502 (Joshua Reynolds m Abigail Pennoyer, anc in (Chenango) NY in 1860, TX in 1880)

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HUGH E. REYNOLDS, 50 Palo Alto Ave, San Francisco CA 94114 (Samuel Reynolds Sr, d 1815 (Monmouth) NJ, m Catherine; son Samuel Jr m Deborah Jeffrey)

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ROBERT NORRIS REYNOLDS, 8588 SW 115th Pl, Miami FL 33173 (Samuel Reynolds Sr, d 1815 (Monmouth) NJ, m Catherine; son Samuel Jr m Deborah Jeffrey)

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JEAN REYNOLDS, 26 Plymouth Rd, Summit NJ 07901 (John of Watertown via 2 lines)

MARGARET L. STEPHENS, 14259 E Arkansas Dr, Aurora CO 80012 (James of N. Kingstown and Robert of Boston)

JOYCE R. THOMPSON, 3208 Coachman Rd, Wilmington DE 19803 (George Reynolds Sr m Eleanor Hallanger?, Woolford?)

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ROBERT L. REYNOLDS, died in August 1991 in Overland Park, Kansas.

THELMA REYNOLDS, widow of Robert Jarrell Reynolds, and sister-in-law of RFA member Mrs. Sarah Reynolds Pert, died Saturday 16 November 1991 in Newport News Virginia. She was 91 years of age and is survived by one son and one daughter by a previous marriage, and several grandchildren.

FAMILY NOTES

YESTERDAY

GEORGE A. REYNOLDS, 92, Confederate veteran and pioneer resident of the county, died at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday morning [16 Mar 1932] at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marion Brown, 313 Pine Bluff Street, where he had been confined with illness the past month.... Surviving Mr. Reynolds are his daughter, Mrs. Brown, a niece and six nephews. Born in Kingsport, Tenn. in 1839, Mr. Reynolds came to Texas in 1849 with his mother, three sisters and three brothers. Mr. Reynolds' family was one of four to make the trip from Tenn. down the Miss. River in a flat boat. The party left Tenn. Christmas day 1848, but because of numerous stops for trading purposes and because of navigation difficulties the small group did not arrive at Pine Bluff on Red River until 13 Jul 1849. On 21 Dec 1861, Mr. Reynolds enlisted as a private in W.P. Connor's Co. F, Merrick's Battn. of Dismounted Cavalry--part of the first regiment recruited in this section.... Because of ill health resulting from the hardships of the campaign west of the Mississippi, Mr. Reynolds was assigned to duty at Marshall. Later he rejoined his command, which had been ordered to Houston, just as word of the surrender at Appomattox reached Texas. Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Mary Sumner, sister of J.M. Sumner of Paris, in March 1869 before he settled near Caviess. Out of this union were born two daughters, only one of whom survives Mr. Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds died in 1894. For many years Mr. Reynolds was engaged in farming and cattle raising at Belk [TX]. [The Paris [Texas] News, Thursday, 17 March 1932. Submitted by RFA member, Betty Jo Reynolds Swindle.]

TODAY

ALBERT REYNOLDS. Dublin, Ireland (AP). Members of Ireland's dominant Fianna Fail Party met today to vote on whether to oust Charles Haughey as party leader and prime

minister. There was no indication when the 77 Fiana Fail members of the Dail, the lower house of Parliament would vote on the no-confidence motion against Haughey. The prime minister who is facing his most serious challenge in 12 years as party leader and four terms as prime minister, last week fired two cabinet ministers who announced they would support the motion. Finance Minister ALBERT REYNOLDS, a longtime loyalist, was dismissed on Thursday... [Fall River Herald News, Sunday 10 Nov 1991.]

GENEALOGY: THE SEARCH FOR A PERSONAL PAST

Sometime between 1980 and 1985 the editor was given a copy of an article by Peter Andrews from American Heritage, whose title was the same as this article. It is certainly worth attempting to get through your local library.

The purpose here is to take some comments from this article to remind us of why we are the RFA.

"For years American history was the story of the top 10 percent of the people. Now thanks to genealogy, we are learning about the other 90 percent," stated Professor Pat Bonomi of New York University.

"There is no point in digging up an ancestor if you're not going to make him live," stated Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda of the New York Historical Society.

If we are going to make these ancestors live, we are going to find a few that we might wish were on someone else's family tree, but to deny their existence is to deny our heritage, all of which -- good and bad -- it took to bring us to ourselves today.

From the same article, Andrews stated "Obviously, generational distance smooths over the rough edges of family history. If one's mother runs off with a traveling salesman, it is scandal. If one's great-great-great-grandmother did so, it is romance. Each generation draws its own distinction between passion and propriety."

Few of us can descend from the "greats." J. Gardner Bartlett, a pioneer specialist in British research said, "Of the 5,000 heads of families who came between 1620 and 1640 less than 50 or not 1 percent are known to have belonged to the upper gentry of England, and less than 250 or not 5 percent can be considered as from the minor mercantile or landed gentry. No peers nor sons of peers, no baronets nor their sons, but one knight and no sons of knights, were among the founders of New England."

Donald Lines Jacobus wrote "It is a queer commentary on human nature, that people who would be shocked by illegitimacy in an American forebear would be so eager to believe that an ancestor was the illegitimate son of the Prince of Orange."

The enormous growth in genealogical research since the American bicentennial is a fact, traced to many reasons, but the editor agrees with Andrews: "I think the reason is simpler and more basic. We are interested in genealogy because to ask who we are and where we belong in the scheme of things is the most natural and elemental of

questions. ...The surprise is not that Americans have discovered an interest in genealogy but that they had lost it for so long. What seemed a European affectation was actually a human need.

"We feel as people always do, especially when they are feeling list and perhaps a little frightened.

"We want to go home."

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 30-31]

BRITISH CONNECTIONS PROJECT

by Susan E. Clement

One project of the RFA, coordinated by this writer, is to search records and gather documentation of all Reynoldses (any spelling) in Great Britain, including England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The goal of the project is to identify connections between American branches of the family with the family in Britain, and hopefully prove or disprove claims made by various Reynolds researchers over the years. Articles with noteworthy information of this sort will appear in RR as space allows and discoveries warrant.

Many statements have been published setting forth the English ancestry of one branch or another of the Reynolds family. Most frequently cited is the genealogy proposed by Colonel Stephen F. Tillman in his Reynolds Family 1530-1959 published in 1959, in which most known colonial branches of Reynoldses are traced to "Christopher Reynolds of Kent Co. Eng., born about 1530." William Glasgow Reynolds heartily disagreed with Col. Tillman's proposed ancestry and published his Reynolds Family History Annotated 1475-1978. Mr. Reynolds contended that Christopher Reynolds of VA in 1622 had a sister Cecily who had arrived in VA in 1610, and that they were the children of Thomas and Cecily (Phippen) Reynolds of Dorsetshire, Eng. Another source states that Thomas was the son of Joseph and Alice (Pierce) Reynolds.

The Reynolds of East Berghold, Suffolk, England

Acceptance of Col. Tillman's ancestral outline has been widespread, despite an obvious lack of documentation. No records have been found to date to support or refute his information, and his Reynolds ancestry will be dealt with in future articles.

Some researches have gone one step further than Col. Tillman, however, and have identified the father of Christopher Reynolds of Kent Co. (1530) as Robert Reynolds of East Bergholt, Suffolk. Based on documents found by this writer as well as by RFA member Earle K. Smith of Horringer, Suffolk, Eng., this claim can be laid to rest. Much appreciation goes to Earle who has offered his research assistance to RFA and this project.

Robert Reignold of Estberhold, son of Robert Reignold, was assessed 5s. in the Subsidy Return of 1524. Robert, the elder, was also of Estberholt in 1524 and was assessed L15. Robert the father is almost certainly the Robert Reynolds who was buried in the chancel of Bergholt church in 1524, who, by his will, desired his son George, also assessed in the Subsidy, to glaze "all the wyndows in the nethir storie of the north side of the cherche at East Bergholt att my coste and charge."

Robert Reignold, the younger, purchased the manor of

Illarius als. New Hall in East Bergholt in 1542. He also owned the manors of Stratford, Great Wenham, Capel, Butley, Holton and Brantham. He died in 1548 when his will was proved: "Robert Reignolde, Esquier. Of East Bergholt." He directed that his wife Mary have the manor of Hyllaryes otherwise called New Hall. His son Robert was to have his manor of Spencers. The will was pronounced null and void in 1550, and another will was proved, perhaps because son Robert had died.

Robert married four times. His first wife was the daughter of Sir Thomas Brewse of Little Wenham, sister of Sir John Brewse. They had one son, George, who probably died young, since there is no further mention of him.

The second wife was the daughter of Edward Mackwilliam of Stambourn Hall, co. Essex. They had two sons, Robert and Edward. Robert probably married Joan, daughter of John Nun of Tostock. He died before 1558, perhaps before 1548, and his widow married second John Beriffe of Colchester, Essex. Edward, who was called sonne & heyre" in the Visitation of 1561, may have married Rose Rosse in 1573. His children were Henry, Robert, Christopher, Francis and Anne, and at least four daughters.

Robert married third --- Spilman, probably of Norborough, co. Norfolk. Their children were Henry of East Bergholt and Belstead, Philip and Katherine. Henry died in 1587 and his will (dated 9 Aug 1585, with a codicil dated 22 Sep 1587, proved 13 Oct 1587) names many of his family members. Henry married three times: first wife unknown; second in 1563 Anne (Rous) Goldingham, widow of christopher Goldingham and daughter of Sir William Rous, who died 1573/4; third marriage to Elizabeth Withypoll, daughter of Edmund Withypoll of Ipswich, Suffolk. Henry had only one son by his third wife, Henry who was under age 21 when his father wrote his will in 1585. Philip was living in 1585 when his brother made his will. Katherine married first ---Warner of Dedham, co. Essex, and second Martin Browne. Katherine had died before her brother wrote his will in 1585.

Robert's fourth wife was Mary (Anne) Waller, daughter of William Waller of Ipswich and Ramsholt, Suffolk. Their children were William, Humphrey, John and Mary. William married Barbara Wentworth, daughter of Roger Wentworth. The lived in Shotley, Suffolk, and had one son, William. Mary married John Welman. John was probably living in Belstead in 1568, according to the Subsidy returns.

The will of Henry Reignoldes of Little Belsteade, Suffolk, Esq. names his wife Elizabeth; his late wife Ann and her former husband Christopher Goldingham; his father Robert buried in the church of East Bergholt; his first wife buried in the church of Much Ocle (Oakley); son Henry (under 21); cousin Francis in Norfolk; Francis's son Thomas; William Goldingham; Henry, son of his brother Edward; and Robert, Christopher and Francis his brothers; Henry Goldingham; Jonas Goldingham; niece Anne Reignoldes and her brothers and sisters of the whole blood; Children of his late sister Browne dcd.; Niece Anne Reignoldes as

one of the daughters of brother Edward; Rose and Mary Browne, and William Warner their brother, and Thomas Warner their brother, and Francis Browne; his cousin Sherman of Colchester; brother Philip; brothers William, Henry and Jonas Goldingham and their sister Hansarde Aldeham; children of cousin Francis Reignolde; cousin Richard Kempe; brother Edward Withipoll, Peter Withipoll and Benjamin Withipoll; brother Wolverstone; nephew Veasie of Burstall; sister Frances Withipoll; John Warner of Ipswich; William Goldingham to be Executor. Codicil bequest to niece Rose Browne and her sister Mary the wife of Heriche of Chelmsford.

The above documents clearly show that Robert Reignold of East Bergholt did not have any son named Christopher, and the Christopher born 1530 could also not have been his brother as the father, Robert, was buried in 1524. The only Christopher in this family is Robert's grandson, son of his son Edward, who was born no earlier than 1561, and after 1573 if this was his parents true marriage date, though was born by 1585 when his uncle Henry wrote his will. These dates make him too old to be the Christopher in VA in 1622. Neither of the Christophers proposed by Col. Tillman can be considered of this family.

Obviously the given names in this family are similar to many of those of the American colonist families. This coincidence bears further checking, particularly as Boxford, Suffolk is one of the proposed birthplaces of Robert Reynolds who was in Boston about 1632. There have also been numerous statements of the near kinship of the Reynoldses with the Sherman family of Dedham, Essex. Henry's will seems to indicate some familial relationship with the Shermans, but no further information has been found to date.

[Ref: John Corder, The Visitation of Suffolk 1561, London 1981; Henry F. Waters, Genealogical Gleanings in England, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969, Reprint Ed.; Walter C. Metcalf, The Visitations of Essex, London, 1878.]

THE TILLMAN PROJECT

IN SEARCH OF EVIDENCE FOR THE TILLMAN BOOKS

by Sybil R. Taylor

Another project of RFA, coordinated by this writer, is to search records and gather documentation of all Reynoldses included in the two books compiled and published by Colonel Stephen Frederick Tillman: THE RENNOLDS-REYNOLDS OF VIRGINIA AND ENGLAND 1530-1948; and THE RENNOLDS-REYNOLDS FAMILY ROSTER 1530-1959.

When new Reynolds family historians begin their search, probably the first compilations of Reynolds family information they discover are these two books by Col. Tillman. These books are of enormous assistance to tracing southern families. We are fortunate to have them.

Unfortunately, he provided very little source material in either book, and mistakes have been found by more

recent researchers. More unfortunate, all of his research papers have been destroyed. This is especially sad since Tillman spent over 30 years on his quest for Reynolds ancestors. Surely, he had access to then living people, Bible and other family records that are not extant today, leaving posterity with no way to confirm much of his wonderful rosters of the family. It also must be said that since 1959 there are source materials available that were not available to Tillman.

From his two books, we know little of the man who compiled them over many years. As a tribute to the tremendous efforts of Colonel Tillman, a short biography compiled from his obituaries, books, and personal knowledge is presented below.

STEPHEN FREDERICK TILLMAN

Stephen Frederick Tillman, 76, of Chevy Chase MD, a veteran of World Wars I and II and a government worker for 16 years, died Saturday, May 21, 1977, at George Washington University Hospital after a long illness. Mr. Tillman was the author of "Man Unafraid," a compilation of columns he wrote for the Army Times newspaper about the men who pioneered the military use of aircraft.

A native of D.C., Mr. Tillman served along the Mexican border in World War I. During World War II he served with the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field, TX; the amphibious command and helped to convert the Women's Air Corps from an auxiliary unit of the Army to a full service branch.

After leaving the Army in 1946 he went to work for the Bureau of Standards, the Railroad Retirement Board and the Veterans Administration, until his retirement in 1960.

During his government career Mr. Tillman continued to lobby for equal benefits for reserve and regular military personnel. Mr. Tillman became a colonel in the civil affairs military government reserve of the Army.

Books written by the author were "Tillman Family" (1928); "Writing for Publication" (1934); "Spes Alit Agricolam" (1938); and "Tilghman Family" (1947).

Mr. Tillman is survived by his wife, Florence, of the home in Bethesda [MD]; a son, John Stephen of Fairfax [VA]; two daughters, Susan T. Elliott of Portland Ore., and Nancy Tillman, at the University of Maryland, and sisters, Patricia Johnson (Mrs. U. Alexis) of Washington and Mrs. Ruth T. Marlin, and brother Robert Tillman.

Graveside service Tuesday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m. Interment Arlington National Cemetery.

[The Washington Post, Sunday, May 22, 1977, page B6; The Washington Post, Monday, May 23, 1977; Colonel Robert Jarrell Reynolds.]

The purpose of our project is to examine some extant records about some of these early Reynolds settlers. More questions than answers may be raised, and we beg anyone with other pieces of evidence to submit them to RFA. For ease of reference, Tillman's 1948 book will be identified as T1 and

his 1959 book as T2. His numbered paragraphs will be identified, for example, as T1-3 Thomas, T2-2 Richard, etc. Counties are in parentheses when written with the state. Maiden names of females are in parentheses when written with married surname.

Who Married Ann Harrison? Richard or William Reynolds?

The only William identified by Col. Tillman as a son of Christopher of County Kent was William Reynolds who married Esther Ruth or Roth and settled in Bermuda (T2-4162).

T2-4162 William Reynolds, of [T2-1] [Christopher¹ of County Kent, England], m. Esther Ruth - or Roth - and settled in Bermuda. From data furnished by Mrs. Thelma deShazor of Portland, OR, it is doubted if this William Reynolds ever actually settled in this country. Issue: Stephen [T2-4163]; Jonathan [T2-4442]; William [T2-4443]; Christopher; John [T2-4784] and James (twins), b 13 May 1625; Catherine [T2-4441]; and another daughter.

This William did not have a son named Nicholas.

Bermuda records located to date do contain information about one William Reynolds, but there is nothing in the records to lead one to identify this William as the William proposed by Col. Tillman.

The only marriage Tillman listed for Ann Harrison was to Richard in T1-1570 and T2-2.

T1-1570 Richard Reynolds, son Christopher (1) Reynolds, b 1575 England, d (York) VA; m 1605 Ann Harrison. Issue: T1-1571 Nicholas Reynolds; William Reynolds; and Gilbert Reynolds.

T2-2 Richard Reynolds of (1) [Christopher] b ca 1575 (Kent) ENG, m ca 1605 Ann Harrison, settled (Sussex) ENG, where he became head of a vast shipping and commerce business. This business had branches in VA, what is now the New ENG States, and Bermuda. It is legend with this branch of the family that Richard Reynolds d (York). But as to whether (York) VA or (York) ENG, we do not know. Issue: T2-3 William Reynolds b ca 1606 [twin] (Kent) ENG; T2-1279 Robert Reynolds b 1606 (Kent) [twin] ENG; Edward Reynolds; T2-1482 Nicholas Reynolds; John Reynolds b 1612; James Reynolds; Gilbert Reynolds; Christopher Reynolds; and several daughters.

You will note that Tillman attributed to Richard three sons in T1. In T2, he added Robert, Edward, John, James, Gilbert, Christopher, and several unnamed daughters.

Both Reynolds and Harrison families settled in (York) VA during the first half of the 17th century.

The will of a Jeffrey Harrison, proved in London, Dec. 17, 1605, mentioned his mother Susanna and the following brothers and sisters: William, Robert, Harmon Harrison, Thomasine Clere and Ann Reynolds. Ann Reynolds in 1605 was married to William Reynolds who was named as Executor in Jeffrey Harrison's will. At that time William had a son Nicholas Reynolds, called "nephew" of the testator.

William Harrison left his will in London on May 5, 1634,

in which he names children William, Tobias, Susan and Mary and his wife Mary. He also mentioned his two sisters Ann Reynolds and Thomasine Clere and his brother Robert.

A (York) VA deed dated June 10, 1641, reads "John Bell, of Queen's Creek, Planter sells Samuel Watkins his plantation and house in Queen's Creek, formerly purchased of William Reynolds..." Clearly, one of the early settlers at Queen's Creek settlement was William Reynolds. Others were the sons of Robert Harrison, the brother of Jeffrey Harrison and of Harmon Harrison and of Mrs. Ann (Harrison) Reynolds, the wife of William Reynolds.

The husband of Anne Harrison was William Reynolds, not Richard. The father of William has not been identified. William died in (York) VA about 1643 as documented by court records there, where Anne Reynolds, his widow and relict, is also named. The only documented child of William and Anne (Harrison) Reynolds is Nicholas Reynolds, also mentioned in the will of his uncle Jeffrey Harrison. Nicholas later appears in VA land grant records.

[Ref: Ray, Worth S. Colonial Granville County and Its People; Loose Leaves from "The Lost Tribes of North Carolina"; Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979. Mercer, Julia E., Bermuda Settlers of the 17th Century; Genealogical Notes from Bermuda; Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982]

STONEWALLS

"Stonewalls" are stubborn Reynolds ancestors of members who refuse to be found or connected with an American progenitor. We will continue these Stonewalls in future issues. Please send help if you can, including source of information when possible. Responses will be published as received.

GEORGE WILLIAM REYNOLDS - VA/WV. Son of Robert (b. 1874) and Nannie (Mooney) Reynolds; born Allegany Co., VA 30 Mar 1891, Died Seth, WV 11 Jun 1941; Married Bonnie Lyons. Son: Charles Edward Reynolds b Ironton, OH 6 Jun 1933. - C.E. Reynolds II

GIDEON REYNOLDS - NC. Born NC 1779; married Anna ---, b SC 1778; Son: David A. Reynolds b NC 1801, d IL 1853, m. Luticia Sutton. - D.D. Yates

HAMILTON REYNOLDS - TN. Born 3 Oct 1763, died 1845 McNairy Co., TN; married 1791 Rachel Clement, b. 1775, d. 1833. May be son of (not verified) Williams Reynolds of Maynola Co., VA who married Henrietta Hamilton. - E. Turberville

HENRY MILLIKAN (DOCK) REYNOLDS - KY Born Scottsville, Allen Co., KY Aug 1866, died there 30 Aug 1929, son of Cara and Martha (Stocklin) Reynolds; married Kitty Ann Strausburg b 1869, d 1918. Children: Eddie b KY 1885 m 1902 Macon Co., TN John Wesley Taylor; Mollie m Shep Oliphant; Hershal; Garland; Emma m Clarence H. Brown; Floy m Jess Keeling. - L.King

HENRY WILSON REYNOLDS - KY. Born Moreland Station, Lincoln Co., KY 25 May 1818, died Nashville, TN 17 Feb 1902; married 10 Aug 1843 Ceacy Doolin, dau. Thomas and Elizabeth (Knox) Doolin, b. 1826. Dau: Mary Malvina Reynolds b Lincoln Co., KY 1858, d. Nashville, TN 1937; m. 1879 Milford Elliot Doolin (changed name from Bratton after Civil War). - C.H. Hailey

HIRAM SHAW REYNOLDS - OH. Born OH 7 Nov 1825, Died Eureka, IL 1901-2; married Clermont Co. OH 12 Oct 1847 Elizabeth Ann Hines b MD. Ch: Laura F. b Cheviot OH 1848; m 1866 --- Dennis; James W. b 1851; William R. b 1853; m Sarah Huntington; Mary Esther b Marathon OH 1858; m 1893 Theodore J. Wright; Susan Katherine b 1861; m 1888 Jerry Powell; Charles Henry b 1867; m Angelina Cordes. - E.L. Smith

ISRAEL A. REYNOLDS - PA. Born about 1803; married Sarah Whitney b 1805, d 13 July 1845 Milesburg Cemetery, PA. In 1850 Census, living in Spring Twp, Center Co., PA. Son: John Walter Reynolds b Bellefonte, PA 1834, d 1898 Trego Co., KS; served in Civil War from Tiffin, OH; m. Margaret Iddings b Bellefonte, PA 1836, d Wyandotte Co. OH 1870; Their son: James Whitney b. Wyandotte Co. 1866. - R.W. Reynolds.

JABEZ REYNOLDS - PA/WI. Born 1 Jan 1817, died Necadeh, WI 8 Dec 1887; married Eliza Jane Wilcox, b 14 Jan 1824, d 9 Apr 1905; lived in Erie Co., PA before moving to WI. Son: Lealton Reynolds b. 30 Jul 1850, d Rockford IA 26 Mar 1920; m. 17 Aug 1870 Clarissa Putnam. - R. Reynolds

JAMES REYNOLDS - RI. Born S. Kingstown, RI 4 Mar 1757, Died S. Kingstown 3 Dec 1846; may be son of Thomas and Frelove (---) Reynolds. Lt. in Rev. War, m. (1) S. Kingstown 27 Dec 1780 Rachel Peckham; m. (2) Eunice Austin. Children: Thomas b 1781; Timothy Peckham b 1783; Mary b 1785; Frelove b 1787; John; Elizabeth; James b 1794; Asa; William b 1797; William b 1798; Rachel b 1798; Joseph b 1800; Jonathan b 1802; Abigail b 1802; Eunice b 1804; Jesse b 1806; Sarah Ann b 1809; Elizabeth b 1812. - L.A. Riggs; G.V. Smith

JAMES REYNOLDS - CT. Lived in CT abt. 1776. Dau. Hannah b 23 Mar 1759, d. 27 Mar 1834 Putnam Valley NY, m. CT Philemon Smith, b 1760 Stamford CT, d 1834 Putnam Valley NY. - E.K. Smith Jr.

JAMES REYNOLDS - NC/KY. Born 1770-1775, Died after 1830; married bef 1794 Margaret ---; 1797 lived in NC; 1810 Barren Co., KY; 1814-1830 Christian Co., KY. Children: Alvin William b 13 Sep 1797 NC, m. Isabella Williamson; James Jr. b 1804-1810. Others unproved: Joel J. b @1794; m 1815 Diannah Cox; Michael b @1800; m 1819 Nancy Sheridan; John G. b 1810-15; 2 other sons, 1 dau. - M. Porter

JAMES REYNOLDS - NY. Born abt. 1804, Died abt. 1867; married abt. 1830 Laura Bullis, b 1810, d Plattsburgh, NY 17 Jul 1878; resided Clinton Co., NY - Plattsburgh, Beekmantown, Dannemora. Children: Harmon b Schuyler Falls, NY 16 Aug 1831; Amanda b 1833; John B. b 1839; Charles H. b 1845; Laura A. b 1847. - P.A. Taylor

JAMES REYNOLDS - NY. Born Madison, NY 4 Feb 1812, Died Jasper, NY 5 May 1873; married 28 Oct 1832 Eliza Prince, dau. Jonathan & Charity (Cox) Prince, b Washington Co., NY 10 Mar 1815, d Hedgesville, NY 3 Feb 1896 Son: Jonathan b Greene, NY 19 Jul 1842, d Corning, NY 8 Mar 1917. - Mrs. J.F. Reynolds

JAMES REYNOLDS - RI/NE. Married Carrie Roby. Son: Reuben Allen Reynolds b. Providence RI 29 Nov 1841, d. Hazard, NE 5 Mar 1921; m. 6 Mar 1866 Lydia Catherine Tracy, dau. William & Lydia Tracy, b. Perry Co., IL 1846, d. Hazard, NE. - Mrs. P. Goodwin

JAMES REYNOLDS - NY. Died in New York City in early 1890s Went to California in the Gold Rush of 1849, returning with enough money to invest in real estate; wife unknown. Ch: Mary Elizabeth b @ 1846; Thomas J. b NYC 1849. - W.E. Zittell

JAMES REYNOLDS - OK. Married Lavonia Withers. Ch: Charles; William; Robert Eugene b Norman OK 1897, m. 1937 Mabel Margaret Wetzler; Lily. James had siblings: John; Tom (Thomas?) m. Ida Conyers; Billie (William?); Al (Alfred?); Mary; Emma m. --- Conors. - L.K. Reynolds

JAMES A. REYNOLDS - AL. Born 1823; married Elizabeth ---, b. 1823; Ch: Estel B.W. b 1846; William Wright b. 20 Jun 1848, d. Prattville AL 2 Jan 1927, m. Prattville 16 Dec 1880 Mary Tulula Doster, b. Prattville 4 Oct 1858. - K.A. Reynolds

JAMES BYRD REYNOLDS - NC/AL. Born about 1829 NC, mother Sarah (---) Runnels, married 6 Aug 1845 Benton Co. (now Calhoun Co.), AL Mary Ann Owens, b. abt. 1828 SC, d. after 1900. 1860 Census, living in Ashville Twp., St. Clair Co., AL. Ch: Catherine; Samuel N. or W. b @ 1847; Martha J. b @ 1849; Rebecca b @ 1853; James B. b @ 1856; John C. b 7 Dec 1862; Viola b @ 1866; Fanny b @ 1870. - S.R. Taylor

JAMES CARROLL REYNOLDS - VA. Born VA 1829/30, moved to IA before 1861, married Eliza Jane Carr b. IN 1835. Son: William Norval Reynolds b. 5 May 1861 Appaloose City, IA; d. 1942 Canton, IL, m. Samantha Mabel Smith. - M.R. Leddy, C.R. Parrett

JAMES MADISON REYNOLDS - TN/MO. Born TN 8 Mar 1846, Died Rogersville, Greene Co., MO; married twice, names unknown. Ch 1): James C.; Eathan Allen; Benjamin Frank; Ancil Barney; Wiley W.; William D.; Daisy M.I.; Susan E. Ch 2): Mary M. b Bradley Co. TN 1867; Thomas Jessy b Bradley Co. TN 1869, m.

Sara Rebecca Hollingsworth; Zebede b AR 1873. - H.E. Reynolds Jr.

JAMES T. REYNOLDS - NY. Born 1843-44 NY - ? Albany or Westerville, married 15 June 1878 Sarah Willie Fisher, dau. Edward and Martha Ann (Hartwell) Fisher, b. TN 1846, d. Rosa AR 1904. Son: Alfred Reynolds b. Nov 1881-2 Dyersburg TN; d. 5 Aug 1945 Blythesville, AR; m. 15 Oct 1919 Mary Leona Mansfield b. 9 Sep 1901. - L.C. Reynolds

JAMES W. REYNOLDS - SC/AL. Born abt. 1817-20 SC, died July 1899 to Feb 1900 Macon Co., AL, married 2 Oct 1842 Macon Co. AL Martha A. Tolen (Towlen, Toland) b. SC 1824/5; d. bef July 1899 Macon Co., AL. Ch b. Macon Co., AL: Chapman C. b 1843; Egbert b 1846/7; Emaline b 1848; Jerdine J. b 1849; Mary b 1853; Sarah b 1855; Elizabeth b 1857. E.M. Stevenson

JEDEDIAH REYNOLDS/RUNNELLS - CT/NH. Born CT 1720; d. ?Newport NH 1776, married Stonington CT 17 Jun 1741 Abigail Crandall. Son: Jedediah Jr. b. CT 15 Dec 1744; d. Cayuga Co., NY; m. Hannah ---. - R.B. Reynolds; B.W. Juzkin

JEREMIAH REYNOLDS - CT. Born about 1711 Greenwich, CT; died 1768, married Jemima Brown. Ch: David b 1756, Shubel b 1752 d 1839, m. @1771 Mercy Lounsbury; ?Jeremiah m. Elizabeth Daggett. - S. Lundie

JEREMIAH REYNOLDS - NY. Born 1743, died 24 Sep 1827 Avon, Livingston Co., NY; married Elizabeth Daggett, 1790 & 1800 Census in Pittstown, helped form Pittstown Baptist Church 1787; 1810 Census in Glenville. Mentioned in Rev. War Pension App. of Shubel Reynolds, named as Shubel's brother. Ch: Shubel b NY or CT 1775; ? Levi b NY 1777; ? Mercy; Asa Douglas b 1787 Pittstown or Glenville NY; John Hinckley b 1790 Columbus, Chenango Co., NY; Justus; Esther b 1795 Pittstown NY m. Joel Merchant, - G.G. Reynolds; J.Davis; R.C. Mahaney; D. Phillips; M. Plantz

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