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RFA 2004 REUNION CANCELLED

RFA regrets that it is unable to hold a reunion this year. It is not easy to find a hotel willing to serve a group as small as our reunions and many hotels schedule their meeting rooms a year in advance. If there is someone out there who would like to be host in Salt Lake City UT in 2005 please let President Bill King know. His phone is 804-472-2454; e-mail is kinge@rivnet.net.

Death of Arthur Ward Reynolds 8 January 2004.

Born in Maine on 18 Apr 1927, the son of Alger P. Reynolds and Leola M Ward, Art had been a resident of Dunnellon, FL for several years. He died after a brief illness at the Monroe Medical Center in Ocala, FL.

Art joined RFA in 1993 as member number 2594, a descendant of Electious Reynolds (RFA Line 19). Known for his sense of humor and entertaining emails, Art will be sorely missed.

From The President By Bill King

For a number of years a few RFA members have worked extremely hard to make our association a vital organization. These efforts have been to keep RFA a highly visible and professional group, to produce six newsletters each year, and to plan and organize interesting and informative annual meetings at various locations around these our United States. An attempt always has been made to do these things at minimum cost to our members.

We need all of our members involved to make these things happen. The few that have been carrying the workload in RFA cannot continue to make these efforts forever. We need your help, energy, and volunteerism, so let's hear from you.

The most immediate need is for an increase in membership. Let's each of us make an effort to enroll

one new member this year.

The second need: RFA has a real need for persons to serve as officers and members of the Board of Directors. It needs persons "in training" for positions that must be filled by Board appointment or by election. RFA members have been very generous in continuing to serve year after year because no one volunteered or nominated themselves or another person, but we do tend to burn out and need to take a break now and then. The only way RFA can serve until 2092 (its 200th birthday) is if there are enough persons to serve as officers and maintain continuity of the "corporate memory."

Nomination For RFA Positions For 2004

Members may nominate themselves or others for any one of the elected positions of:

President
Executive Vice President/Registrar
Executive Secretary/Historian
Treasurer
3 Directors

The above positions constitute RFA's Board of Directors. Present officers are identified on the back cover of this newsletter. All positions are voluntary, and no officer receives salary or travel expenses related to attendance at the annual reunion meetings. All officers begin terms of one year on January 1 to serve for that calendar year. Out-going Board members serve in *ex officio* capacity during Nov-Dec of the election year.

With the loss of a Board member, the position may be filled on an interim basis by appointment and consensus of the remaining members of the Board, to serve for the remaining year.

Election schedule:

Nominations must be received by 1 July 2004.
Ballot in Jul-Aug must be returned by 1 Oct 2004.

Election results will be published in Nov-Dec 2004 newsletter.

All nominations must include a short biography of the nominee, and an indication that the nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

Nominations should be mailed to reach the Executive Secretary, Sybil R. Taylor, 4004 Javins Drive, Alexandria VA 22310 by 1 July 2004.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda Morse, PO Box 446, Richmond MA 01254; email: lmorse2@berkshire.rr.com . (RFA 3206). RFA line 20, John of Watertown.

Georgia Reynolds Raddant, 250 Windway Drive, Walled Lake MI 48390. (RFA 3207). NY: John Reynolds m. 1791 Rachel Hinckley.

Sandra H. Folger Wallace, 427 Ventana Way, Aptos CA 95003. email: sandyhwallace@msn.com. (RFA 3208). RFA line 19, Electious of MA.

John F. Wolfgang, 40 Sawmill Pond Rd, Fitchburg MA 01420. (RFA 3205). RFA line 18, Henry Reynolds and Prudence Clayton. email: jwolfgang@shelburnerplastics.com

WELCOME BACK

Darlene Barr Lord, PO Box 17702, Boulder CO 80308 (RFA 3149): John R. Reynolds (1802 TN, m Jane McHaffa.

LINE UPDATE

Ellen A. Divine (RFA 3084) is a member of RFA Line 20, John of Watertown MA

NEW ADDRESSES

Emma-Jo Davis, 268 Bunker Arch, Williamsburg VA 23188.

Phyllis Reynolds Goelz, 220 West Cota St., PMD 210, Shelton WA 98584.

Betty J. Swindle, 17762 FM 195, Blossom TX, 75416.

Mea culpa Department: Last issue we erroneously listed Erdine Reynolds' email address as

enugeMt@alveus.com; when it's actually enugeNt@alveus.com. Sorry, Erdine!!

JULIA F. DEAN

RFA Line 30

1784 James & Mary Bannon, Margaret & Andrew Forgey, Ellen & Mr. McDaniel of County Louth, Ireland and Knox Co., TN

In response to the request for information about Julia Dean in the Jan-Feb issue, the following was received:

I am a member of her line; my RFA number is 2360. Julia contacted me after I put in a query re: my husband's line in the early 1990's. She gave me tons of information, and my husband and I visited her in Tulsa in 1994, I believe. The last communication I had from her was a Thanksgiving card in Nov. 2000. There was no Christmas card from her in 2001, and the 2002 card I sent her was returned, "deceased" written on it. My sister-in-law researched the social security records, and found Julia had died on 21 June, 2001.

Palma Scheumack also found another descendant of Hugh REYNOLDS. The address I have for him is Kenneth L. EDMONDSON, 2855 S. Extension, #158, Mesa, AZ 85210

Julia had so much research for our line! At the time we visited she introduced us to her niece, who was to take over the genealogy info. I don't remember her name. I believe she had a nephew named David SHEEHAN, who lived in Tulsa. Julia suffered from many health problems, but rarely talked about them.

I hope this helps. Linda Reynolds, P.O. Box 349, Somis, CA 93066

SPOTLIGHT ON RFA MEMBERS

Megan (Smolenyak) Smolenyak of Williamsburg, VA is a very busy person. She writes for a number of genealogical publications, is a consultant for the U.S. Army's Repatriation project, and is currently working on her fourth book.

Her books include *They Came To America*; *In Search of Our Ancestors*; and *Honoring Our Ancestors*. She is also a contributor to Ancestry Magazine.

She joined RFA in September 2003, just about the time she sustained significant damage from Hurricane Isabel. Her schedule for May includes the following:

Westchester County Genealogical Society (8 May 2004, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.)

Central Jersey Genealogical Club (11 May 2004, Mercerville, N.J.)

Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2004 (28-30 May 2004, Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Many of her articles, including one on her Jersey City Reynolds line (HQ Sep/Oct 2003), can be found on the Library page of her website at <http://www.honoringourancestors.com>.

REYNOLDS FAMILY "FLORIDIANS" Submitted by Carolyn Caprio

From *Highlands Today* (Lake Placid), Sunday 14 July 2002:

The members of the **Charles Reynolds** family exhibited a love of Florida and pride in its heritage last week by becoming the second family to join the "Floridians" program of the Florida Heartland Heritage Foundation, a program that will honor pioneer families of Florida.

The Reynolds family moved from Stewart Co., GA, to Polk Co. FL in 1861, when Shadrack Meshak Reynolds was 8 years old. In 1833, Shadrack had received 80 acres and 31/100 of an acre from the Internal Improvement Fund, and in 1884 received a Homestead Certificate for 120 acres and 45/100 of an acre. He farmed this land on the outskirts of the small settlement of Lakeland.

Shadrack married Adelia E. Anne **Holloway** and had five sons and four daughters. The eldest son, Charlie Washington Reynolds was born in Lakeland in 1877. Charlie followed in his father's footsteps, farming the land. He married Leona Wary **Gordon**, eldest daughter of John Eli Gordon and Sallie **Buffington** Gordon. They mainly grew strawberries and some citrus.

Their eldest son, Charles Leorian "Orlan" Reynolds, Sr., was born in Lakeland in 1919. In the 1930s, when the family started raising gladiolas and calla lilies, they took a trip south to look at land on which to grow gladiolas in the winter. It was 1937 and Orlan had just graduated from high school.

They bought muck land on the south end of Lake Istokpoga. There was no road on the east side of the lake where some farming was being done, so getting crops to the market was difficult. The elder Reynolds remained in Lakeland and Orlan moved to Lake Placid to work the new farm. He married Eloise **McClelland**, of Lorida, a descendant on her father's side of Silas McClelland, who came into Florida in the 1830s, and on her mother's side (**Elliott**), a descendant of Annis Lastinger of the Lastingers, who first settled Lake Placid.

The Reynolds's homestead on Lake Istokpoga was at Marland where a spur of the Seaboard Railway, which ran from Lorida to Okeechobee, stopped at their packing house.

They planted two bean crops a year and a crop of greens between farming year round. They have three children, Charles L. Jr., Barbara and Terry Reynolds. When Charles was going to first grade, they moved to town.

Orlan Reynolds and Uncle Luke **Smith**, husband of Beulah (**Gordon**) Smith his aunt, formed a partnership, Reynolds & Smith, a drag-line operation that also did construction work. Joe **Stidham** later joined the partnership. Locally, Reynolds & Smith did the original grading and road bed of County Road 621. They also bid around the state. Some of their jobs include work on the Caloosahatchee River, parts of the dyke around Lake Okeechobee, sections of Alligator Alley and work at Crystal River.

They branched into citrus and became pioneers on much land from Sebring, Okeechobee and Arcadia. Joe Stidham was killed in a dragline accident, and the partnership later phased out of that business, divided assets and established their own companies.

Today, Reynolds Farms concentrates on citrus and cattle. Charles Reynolds Jr. established Reynolds Fruit Co. in 1966. He married Anne **Nichols** and they have two children, Greg and Leigh Ann Reynolds. Their son Rob is deceased. Barbara married Steve **Bullard**. They have two daughters, Marcy Bullard and Missy **Howes**. Missy and Harry have a son, Harrison Alexander Howes. Terry married Kelly **Disbro**. They have three children, Emily, Amanda, and Zackery Reynolds.

Farming is a risky business, but it has been good to the Reynolds family. It's in their blood and it has passed to another generation. Greg Reynolds has also chosen to continue this legacy.

The "Floridians" is only open to individuals or families who have been at least 50-year residents of the State.

Reynolds, Mayflower & Leavitt Connections by Roland Rhoades

I am a descendant of Robert & Mary Reynolds of Boston 1630 (RFA 2069 since 1983), and also have Mayflower and Leavitt lines. I've been a member of all three organizations for about 20 years and I find them very helpful and worthwhile. I'm also writing a similar article for the Leavitt newsletter. Both Leavitt and Reynolds associations are very affordable at \$10/year with very healthy-sized newsletters and annual reunions, and both are looking for more members. The National Assn of Leavitt Families (<http://www.leavittfamily-nalf.org>) covers all branches of immigrants Thomas and John Leavitt of NH and MA, and the address to join is NALF c/o Dick Leavitt, 23 Beacon Hill Rd, Windham NH 03087. Mention this RFA notice. The next Leavitt Reunion is June 16, 2004 in Vermont.

The RFA genealogist for my branch actually told me that I was descended from Edward Doty of The Mayflower. My line is Robert¹, Nathaniel²⁻³⁻⁴, and Thomas⁵ b 1719 who married Mayflower descendant Betty Turner 1748 in Bridgewater MA, Thomas⁶ who married into my Leavitt line and moved to Winslow ME, Abigail Reynolds⁷ m Rufus Rhoades, John Bryant Rhoades⁸, and Roland Rhoades⁹⁻¹². This Mayflower connection is documented in the Mayflower Society's Edward Doty silver books through both Edward Doty's son John and daughter Mary. The connections are Edward Doty¹, John², Elizabeth³, Elizabeth Morse⁴, and Betty Turner⁵; and also Edward¹, Mary², Hannah Hatch³, Japhet Turner⁴, and then Betty⁵ again.

By the way, for anyone with connections back to Pilgrim Richard Warren, which my other Leavitt line ties into, his wife was recently proven to be Elizabeth Walker. See The American Genealogist April 2003 p81-86.

I welcome any correspondence on these families at seeker@maine.rr.com or 10 Blackberry Lane, Gorham ME 04038. Does anyone else have Mayflower connections to share?

Thomas Reynolds of South Carolina And Mississippi

by Charles Felder Reynolds, Jr.

My branch of the Reynolds family migrated to Mississippi to what is now Amityville County THOMAS REYNOLDS - SC. Born Fairfield District SC 28 May 1776, died 1854 Amite Co. MS; m 9 Jul 1804 Mary **Meredith**. Tillman says son of William Reynolds of York Co., VA, but no connection found.

[The numbers beginning with T1 and T2 refer to the Tillman books of 1948 and 1959, respectively.]

T1-316 WILLIAM REYNOLDS, son of Thomas (315) and Susannah (**Rogers**) Reynolds, d 10-25-1798 Richmond Henrico Co. VA; m Mary **Perrine**, and settled York Co. VA; then Henrico Co. VA. His will is filed in York Co. VA; served in Rev War as Captain of Artillery (R-17380). Issue: Thomas who settled Charleston SC; Harriet who m Southey Littleton **Savage** (see T1-325); George Norton [T1-317]; Lewis; and Elizabeth [T1-329].

T2-6094 WILLIAM REYNOLDS, of (6093), d 25 Oct 1798 Richmond VA, m Mary **Perrine**. He will is filed in York Co. VA; served in Rev War as a Captain of Artillery (see Pension Claim R-17380). Issue: Thomas b 28 May 1776 [6094.1]; Harriet who m Southey Littleton **Savage** of par. 6113; George Norton [6095]; Lewis; and Elizabeth [6117].

T2-6094.1 THOMAS REYNOLDS, of (6094), b 28 May 1776 Fairfield SC and d 6 Sep 1854, m 9 Jul 1804 Mary **Meredith**, b 5 Nov 1782 and d 16 Dec 1873 and settled MS. Issue: Martha, b 25 Mar 1805 and d 21 Feb 1833; Abigail b 14 Sep 1806 and d 4 Mar 1845; Thomas M. b 29 Jul 1808 and 4 Oct 1840; William B. b 14 Jul 1810; John W. b 14 Apr 1812 and d 26 Feb 1881; Littleton Pickett b 24 Apr 18-- and d 14 Dec 1879; Margaret b 25 Oct 1816 and d Nov 1899; James Martin b 13 Nov 1818 and d 19 Aug 1862; Mary Ann b 9 Oct 1820 and d 30 Jun 1908; Catherine, d 2 Nov 1823; a second Catherine b 2 Jan 1823; a second Catherine b 2 Jan 1825 and 25 May 1896; and Elizabeth b 9 Jan 1828 and d 25 Jul 1914.

[SLT note: This Thomas has not been found in T1]

The Bible of THOMAS REYNOLDS (From Leonardo Andrea 1950 Files to Charles Felder REYNOLDS Jr: This Bible is owned by Mrs. EUNICE TOLER HINTON and came to her from her grandfather, the Rev. SILAS H. THOMPSON . Mrs.

HINTON lent Mr. JOHN T. CUPIT the bible and he made this copy and sent it to me from his home at Rosepine LA.... THOMAS REYNOLDS was born in SC in either Marion or Darlington Co... He was married in Fairfield Co. SC to Miss MARY MEREDITH and they settled in Edgefield SC and where the older children were born. ca 1815 THOMAS REYNOLDS removed to Amite Co. MS...If there was a wedding list in the Bible Mr. Cupit did not send it to [Andrea]:

THOMAS REYNOLDS was born May 28th 1776 and died Sept. 6th 1854

His wife

MARY MEREDITH was born Nov. 5th 1782 and died Dec. 16th 1873.

THOMAS REYNOLDS was married to Miss MARY MEREDITH in Fairfield Co. SC on July 9th 1804.

Their children

MARTHA REYNOLDS born 25 Mar 1805 died 21 Feb 1833

ABIGAIL REYNOLDS born 14 Sep 1806 died 4 Mar 1845

THOMAS MEREDITH REYNOLDS born 29 July 1808 died 4 Oct 1840

WILLIAM BRENT REYNOLDS born 14 Jul 1810 (No death date)

JOHN WESLEY REYNOLDS born 14 April 1812 died 26 Feb 1881

LITTLETON PICKETT REYNOLDS b 24 Apr 1814 died 14 Dec 1879

MARGARET REYNOLDS born 25 Oct 1816 died Nov 1899

JAMES MARTIN REYNOLDS born 13 Nov 1818 died 19 Aug 1862

MARY ANN REYNOLDS born 9 Oct 1820 died 30 Jun 1908

CATHERINE REYNOLDS I born 19 Apr 1823 died 2 Nov 1823

CATHERINE REYNOLDS II born 2 Jan 1825 died 25 May 1896

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS born 9 Jan 1828 died 25 Jul 1914

RICHARD S. REYNOLDS born 2 Aug * died 29 Mar 1862

SEABORN REYNOLDS born 18 Oct 1829 died 13 Mar 1918

MILDRED B. REYNOLDS born 23 Aug 1831 (No death date)

* The birth date for Richard S. Reynolds is typed as Aug. 2, 1824 but it was questioned and it seems 1824 is correct.

I have substantiated through public records and Bibles my lineage from my birth in 1918 in Bolivar Co. MS back to 6094.1 THOMAS REYNOLDS b 1776 (Fairfield) SC. I have not been able to effect the link between 6094.1 THOMAS and 6094 WILLIAM. I have copies of WILLIAM REYNOLDS' will recorded in York Co. VA, but it does not indicate heirs. I have copies of his pension claim from the National Archives; and have done research at the SC Historical Society in Charleston. Neither his will nor the pension claim make reference to his having been in SC. I also have copies of THOMAS REYNOLDS (6092?) will in Essex Co. VA. With the help of a genealogist in SC, I have established considerable migration of the family from Caroline Co. VA, spun off from Essex Co., to Edgefield and Fairfield SC. The names WILLIAM and THOMAS recur frequently in that research. However, none of that research indicated that 6094.1 THOMAS' father WILLIAM returned to the York VA area.

The possible linkage to Caroline Co. is substantiated by the fact that during the mid 1700's when the migration took place from Caroline to SC an often found name is PICKETT in Caroline. Both the Reynolds and Pickett families migrated together to Edgefield SC., and then there was movement back and forth between Edgefield and Fairfield before the migration to MS c1815. My great grandfather's name was LITTLETON PICKETT REYNOLDS. But my somewhat exhaustive research has not established an absolute provable line between the Caroline group and THOMAS REYNOLDS of Fairfield. It is unfortunate that Caroline Co. records appear to have been destroyed for that era. I have not been to the courthouse in Bowling Green but I have searched to quite an extent in the VA Archives and in the VA State Library, without much success, other than Tillman's reference.

The MEREDITH family also appears to have been in the same migration, although the Meredith linkage appears to have been more from Isle of Wight/Norfolk VA area. The Meredith family migrated with the REYNOLDS to MS.

One of SC's outstanding genealogists, Leonardo ANDREA, did considerable research before his death on the Reynolds family. His research is now part of the South Caroliniana Room at the University of SC. His

records verify my records on THOMAS REYNOLDS of Fairfield, but not beyond Thomas. Andrea does mention the possible linkage between the Edgefield/Fairfield SC and the Caroline VA but he did not continue. His client was able to establish suitable evidence on the Reynolds/Meredith families participation in the Rev War and did not want to continue. I would very much like to have information about the Amityville Reynolds families. [If anyone can provide any information to Charles, please write to him at PO Box 250, Manakin-Sabot VA 23103. (RFA Member 2379)]

Researching Reynolds Families In England

© By Dorothy Welch Smith

In researching for the first edition of *Descendants of Richard Reynolds and Benjamin Reynolds of South Carolina*, published in 1986 by my cousins **Annie Reynolds Day** and **Mary Kennedy Reynolds**, I made several trips to London in the early 1980's for research in the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Building, London.

My first priority was finding a record of the first **RICHARD REYNOLDS** who appeared in America at St. Helena's Parish, SC (Beaufort area) as early as 1695. This Richard Reynolds was born (birthplace unknown) circa 1672 as St. Helena's records gave his age at death as 86 and was buried there on April 16, 1758. Richard Reynolds married previous to January 18, 1702 (date of the birth of their first child) to **Mary Capers**, daughter of Richard Capers of SC and Mary Barnet, and he died in 1758. Their children were John, James, Constantia, Alice, Sarah, Charles, Jane, Benjamin, William, Zacharias and Phillip, all recorded in St. Helena's records except William. (see *Descendants of Benjamin Reynolds and Richard Reynolds of South Carolina* for complete genealogy.)

Family tradition suggested Richard Reynolds was the son of an English bishop and one descendant, Bernard Adams Reynolds in his *Memorials of the Reynolds Family* written during the middle of the 1800's, suggested the bishop in question was most likely Edward Reynolds, Bishop of Norwich.

In the library room of the Society of Genealogists I easily found information on the Bishop of Norwich. He was a very important figure in the history of the Church of England. Bishop

Reynolds was born November 1, 1599 and died in 1676, a period of time that was tumultuous in the political and royal upheaval of the government and the church. In America today it is hard to comprehend the lack of separation between church and state as bishops and kings squabbled with one another. Of course it may be just this that brought some of the first adventuring Reynoldses to this new country.

In the *History of King Edward VI School Southampton* by C. F. Russell, 1940, is an account of the family beginning with the great grandfather of Bishop Edward Reynolds and abstracted here.

First generation: JOHN REYNOLDS of Somerset whose wife was unknown and nothing else is known about him.

Second generation: JOHN REYNOLDS of Langport in Somerset and Southampton whose wife was unknown but she was thought to be from Southampton. They had four known sons: Augustine, Edward, Owen and Richard all educated at the King Edward Southampton School.

1. AUGUSTINE REYNOLDS of Southampton, first son of John of Langport, date of birth unknown but possibly before 1569 and still living in 1623. His wife's name was BRIDGET (last name unknown).

Augustine Reynolds was not a man of good character according to letters written by his brother Edward. Court cases of the period show Augustine to be involved in a number of unsavory scandals when he worked for the Searcher at the port and at one time he was held in contempt of court. His brother Edward called him "a monster" and did not want to live in Southampton because of him. Augustine and Bridget Reynolds had Edward and John and two daughters:

A. Bishop EDWARD REYNOLDS, first son of Augustine, born November 1, 1599 and died July 16, 1676 as Bishop of Norwich. Edward was educated at the Southampton School, matriculated January 26, 1615/6 at age 17; to Merton College Oxford receiving his B.A. in 1618 and his M.A. in 1624 and his D.D. in 1648 at Cambridge. He held many positions at Oxford; appointed Preacher of Lincoln's Inn in 1628 and Chaplain to the King at the return of King Charles II.

Bishop Reynolds was one of the Westminster Assembly of Divines in 1643; Canon of Worcester and after the restoration of the monarchy he was appointed Bishop of Norwich in 1660. Edward

Reynolds was in the beginning called a "leader of the Presbyterians" under the Commonwealth and a moderate thinker who never opposed the episcopacy. He was an acclaimed speaker and preached many well known sermons; known by Pepy he appears in the famous Pepy's Diary. Dr. Reynolds wrote extensively and one of his earlier works was *Meditation on the Holy Sacrament*. He was one of the authors of the Confessions of Faith and the Longer and Shorter Catechisms. Dr. Reynolds was the author of the *Prayer of General Thanksgiving* appearing in the English Prayer Book.

In 1627 Bishop Edward Reynolds married MARY HARDING daughter of Dr. John Harding President of Magdelyn College, Oxford. They had three children, Mary, born 1628 who married Thomas Gibbs, Rector of Ladbroke; Elizabeth who married John Caunant the Archdeacon of Norwich and a son EDWARD REYNOLDS (the third Edward in this family) of Kingsthorpe who became the Archdeacon of Norwich. (As you can see the English clergy during these times made appointments reflecting what we would today call nepotism but obviously acceptable and quite common especially in this Reynolds family.)

a. EDWARD REYNOLDS, III of Kingsthorpe and Archdeacon of Norwich, first son of Bishop Edward Reynolds, was born in 1630 and could have had a son born in 1672 (the date the first American Richard Reynolds was born) who could have come to the American Colonies but all of Edward's 12 children are known and well documented and none are named Richard, William or James (the names of the first Reynoldses in the American family). Edward III, married FRANCES ALSTON, daughter of John Alston of Pavenham, Bedfordshire and there is no indication he was married a second time or that he produced other children. Archdeacon Edward Reynolds III and his wife Frances Alston had:

(1) EDWARD IV, born 1664 and married Hannah Halford and had John, born 1691.

(2) JOHN, born 1669 and died 1688.

3) THOMAS, born 1671 and married Anne and had Edward, Joseph, Thomas and John plus six daughters.

(4) JOSHUA, born 1674/5.

(5) MARY born 1668 and married Robert Breton,

(6) FRANCES born 1661 and married Thomas Breton.

(7) ELIZABETH born 1663 and married Leonard Vow.

(8) DOROTHEA, born 1666.

(9) SARAH born 1667 who married Henry Barwell.

(Three other children died very young)

I did not trace the grand children of Edward Reynolds III as they were born after the first American Richard Reynolds, the object of my search.

B. JOHN REYNOLDS, second son of Augustine and Bridget was born 1606 and died 1676 and was the Archdeacon of Norwich. No record of his marriage or of children was found in this writer's sources. Further investigation should be made by someone using other resources as the title of Archdeacon is most important in the history of the English clergy and there are most likely records.

2. The first EDWARD REYNOLDS in this family, second son of John of Langport, was born circa 1562, attended the King Edward School at Southampton and took his degree at Oxford in 1581. Edward Reynolds I, was a very political figure and well documented in the history of the reign of Elizabeth the First's Royal Court. Edward Reynolds became the private secretary to the legendary Earl of Essex when Essex was only 17 years of age and was his advisor, confidant and private secretary on and off for the rest of the Earl's life. Essex was absent from court much of the time and Reynolds was left in charge of the Earl's affairs and represented the Earl in his dealings with Queen Elizabeth. Edward Reynolds petitioned the Court for other positions for himself and this correspondence along with many letters and other documents have been preserved telling of Reynolds' career. Documents show he was the mentor and provided funds for his namesake and nephew who became the Bishop of Norwich. Edward the first had influence with government to obtain positions for other members of his family. He married CATHERINE MILLS a widow with property and influence. They had no children but his story is important in genealogy because of his influence in the lives of his relatives.

When the Earl of Essex was found guilty in 1601 Edward Reynolds stood loyally at his side but did not take part in the violence previous to the beheading of Essex. Two others of Essex's friends, Henry Cuffe and Sir Gelly Meyrick were brought to trial and found guilty and beheaded as well. Edward Reynolds was never accused of any crimes but was thought

only to be a loyal employee. He went into seclusion after Essex's death but soon was busy again as secretary to the young son of the Earl, also the Earl of Essex, age 14. Back in Court and once again busy politically he was appointed one of the clerks of the Privy Seal, a very influential position and continued in this position until his death December 18, 1603. He was buried in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster where his brother Owen had been buried thirteen years earlier. (St. Margaret's, Westminster is within greater London).

This first Edward Reynolds son of John of Langport was the first in the family to attain political importance and to use his influence to gain many appointments both in the clergy and political world for his relatives and friends especially his nephew the Bishop of Norwich.

3. OWEN REYNOLDS, son of John of Langport lived near St. Margaret's Church, Westminster and his work seemed to be connected with the affairs of Parliament, perhaps in a legal capacity. After his death April 16, 1610 his brother Edward gave books and Parliament records held by Owen to Lord Salisbury. Owen was no doubt the beneficiary of his brother Edward's advice and influence. He married but there is no record of her name and they had Jane who perhaps never married as a letter is preserved showing she broke her engagement and returned a ring. Owen's daughter Selina married a Mr. Engler and is mentioned in her Uncle Edward's will as well as a letter she wrote to her father. Owen Reynolds is buried at St. Margaret's of Westminster.

4. RICHARD REYNOLDS, fourth son of John of Langport probably died before 1623 as he is not mentioned in his brother Edward's will. Richard's wife is unknown but they had three children:

A. LANCELOT Reynolds, the eldest son of Richard, son of John of Langport, was an executor and legatee in his Uncle Edward's will and is listed on a monument to Edward in St. Margaret's. (No record of descendants.)

B. JUDITH, a daughter.

C. THOMAS, the youngest son of Richard Reynolds. (No record of descendants...)

No further information on the family of Richard Reynolds, son of John of Langport, was found in *A History of King Edward VI School, Shouthampton*. The grandchildren of Richard Reynolds may have included a Richard who could have been the Richard Reynolds who arrived in St. Helena's Parish SC

before 1700. Considering this possibility this writer attempted to look in the "card file" under Reynolds and was directed to a basement room with small file drawers containing hundreds of tiny slips of paper, some smaller than 3 x 5 written over a period of many years by genealogists. Most of these worn slips were impossible to read or to understand. After taking notes on dozens the task proved to be too time consuming and was abandoned.

One other source on Reynolds' clergy was found in volume 87 written by the Harleian Society, an armorial society of long standing and respected in Great Britain. Volume 87 contained the arms of Dr. Edward Reynolds, Bishop of Norwich as well as the arms and descendants of another Reynolds family, Reynolds of Lincoln. Apparently the Reynolds of Lincoln are not connected to the family of Bishop Edward Reynolds. The Reynolds of Lincoln family is traced as follows:

RICHARD REYNOLDS, Rector of Leverington, County of Cambridge, 1631-82 and married Hester daughter of George Conyers and Dorothy Bushell. their son:

1. RICHARD REYNOLDS the son of Richard Rector of Leverington, was the Bishop of Lincoln and was granted arms and was born 1674 and died 1748; married SARAH, daughter of Richard CUMBERLAND, Bishop of Peterborough.

This family lived and died in England and no records were given of Richard Reynolds, Rector of Leverington's brothers or sisters, only those of his children as follows (all too young of course to be the American Reynoldses):

A. GEORGE REYNOLDS, (son of Richard and Sarah Reynolds) "of Paxton, co. Hunts" L.L.D., Chancellor of Peterborough, Archdeacon of Lincoln; died June 1769." Married Elizabeth, daughter of Laurence Thompson of St. Neots. George and Elizabeth had:

a. GEORGE with no record of children.

b. REV. ANTHONY REYNOLDS who married his first cousin CLEMENCE a daughter of Rev. Octavious REYNOLDS and his wife Clemence. Anthony died December 5, 1809 and is buried in Lincoln Cathedral. Anthony and Clemence had:

(1) LAURENCE REYNOLDS of Paxton, Hunts who married MARY, daughter of Thomas COLE. Their daughter Frances Mary married Reginald Curteis of Windmill Hill (See *Burke's Landed Gentry*)

B. REV. OCTAVIAN REYNOLDS, son of Richard Reynolds, Bishop of Lincoln and Sarah, was Rector of Wheathampsted, Herts; Precentor of Llandaff Cathedral and Prebendary of Leighton Buzzard and died 1778. He married CLEMENCE, daughter of Sir Thomas MONTGOMERIE, Knight. Their daughter, Clemence married her first cousin Rev. Anthony Reynolds.

C. CHARLES REYNOLDS, son of Richard Reynolds, Bishop of Lincoln, married ELIZABETH COOPER in 1738, both are buried in Lincoln Cathedral. Charles Reynolds married second Anna Catharina - - -, and third, FRANCES NEWTON.

The volumes in the records of the Harlein Society only had Reynoldses who were given Coats of Arms and much of this is no doubt in *Burkes Landed Gentry* available in local libraries. Perhaps someone going to London or using British parish records available in the US will have more success than I.

AFTER I'M GONE

By Ed Schott

[A former treasurer of RFA, Ed is now president of the Mount Vernon (VA) Genealogical Society. Surely there are many others in RFA who can commiserate with Ed!]

What's to become of my beloved genealogical research after I'm gone. I can't stand the thought that it would simply be tossed out in the trash and lost forever. Perhaps I can find a library, society, or other repository that will take it off my hands. There it might molder along with countless other genealogies, being consulted maybe once every two or three years. Probably it will be moved to more and more remote shelving until finally it will be placed in a carton and "archived." Dead and buried! A sad ending for something I have loved.

It would be much better if I could instill in someone the same love for the work that I have. Perhaps then, that person could carry on my work and keep my research alive. If you have children who share the love of researching your ancestry you are very fortunate. For me, (and probably for most of us), however, a conversation with my kids about genealogy is very short. Their glad eyes and stifled

yawns are a sure gauge of their interest (or lack thereof).

I may have to skip a generation or two and look to my grandchildren or great grandchildren for a likely candidate. Man youngsters seem to be fascinated by our tales of the "olden days" - back in the thirties, forties and fifties. I will tell them stories of what I did when I was their age; stories of our neighbors and playmates, games we played and what it was like at school. I don't think I will see as many glazed eye and stifled yawns, but rather rapt attention as I spin the little details of my life story with them. I plan to tease them along with these stories gradually introducing my parents and grandparents. I will gradually introduce them to the family group sheets and ancestry charts I have so lovingly constructed.

If I fish skillfully and carefully, I may "hook" a young trout that will be eager to take over my work and continue it after I'm gone. How much better it will be to have my work continue to live than to molder away.

I was heartened in this endeavor by two recent articles. The first was Donna M. Brown's article titled "Journal Writing is for Everyone" in the Mar-Apr 2004 issue of "Everton's Family History Magazine" and the second was Karen Frisch's article "Creating Junior Genealogists" in the Mar-Apr 2004 issue of "Ancestry" magazine. If you are in the same boat I'm in, you may find these of interest.

History of Cooper County Missouri

George Reynolds

Submitted by Robert J. Baxter

George Reynolds, a highly respected pioneer of Cooper County, residing in Kelly township, is a native of West Virginia. He was born in Brooks Co. 8 May 1847, a son of Josephus and Margaret (Umphrey) Reynolds, both natives of Ohio, born near Steubenville. The mother died in 1897, the father having died in 1870, in Johnson Co. MO. He came to Cooper Co. in 1867 and settled near Nebo, Cooper Co. Josephus and Margaret (Umphrey) Reynolds were the parents of the following children: Samuel, who resides at Boonville, and George, the subject of this sketch were twins; Frank, lives in Boonville; William F. died in 1898 near Blackwater; Robert Scott, died in infancy; Joshua, the eldest of the family was killed at Hatches

Run VA, while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War.

George Reynolds has lived in Cooper Co. for 52 years with the exception of 1881 and 1882, when he resided in Vernon Co. He bought his present home in Kelly township in 1887. His farm consists of 120 acres, which is nicely located and makes a pleasant home. His residence is located on an eminence which gives a commanding view of the surrounding country, and under proper atmospheric condition a splendid view of 20 miles to the northwest can be had from this place.

George Reynolds was married in 1872 to Miss **Sarah Gallagher**, a daughter of Charles and Susan Gallagher, who were early settlers in Moniteau Co, coming from VA. To this union were born the following children: Dr. William H., who resides in Pettis Co., married Minnie Kahrs, and they have two children, Della May and William K.; Cora May, married J.J. Baxter, Rockyford CO, and they have four children, Gussie, Arthur N., Walter H., and Willa S. Mrs. Reynolds died 6 Feb 1901, and her remains are buried in Hopewell Cemetery. Mr. Reynolds is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bel Air. He is an intelligent and well posted gentleman and one of Cooper County's best citizens.

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My story is short and vague about my GG- Grandfather **Johnson Reynolds** and his brother **Nathaniel Reynolds**, so I will start where I first found them in Bibb County, Georgia. Nathaniel was in the 1830 census and married **Caroline A. Tharp** 10 Dec 1833. Johnson signed the will of John A. Tharp, Caroline's father, as a witness in 1834. Nathaniel and Caroline lived in Crawford County on 101-1/4 acres of land, Captain Brooks District, and he paid his poll tax. Nathaniel was selected many times as a juror. John was on the jury one time. About 1844 Nathaniel moved to Leake County MS. Johnson was found there on the 1843 MS State census. He married

Delany Ann Tucker 27 Apr 1854 in Leake County MS. She was born 1825 in North Carolina, the daughter of Joab and Cortney Tucker. A son **John Tucker Reynolds** was born 21 Sep 1855 in Leake County MS. He then moved to Bradley County AR and purchased land near Johnsville. **Delany Ann Cortney Reynolds** was born April 18, 1858 in Bradley County AR. Delany Ann died of unknown causes 16 Feb 1859 and Johnson died shortly after she died in Bradley County. The children were sent back to Leake County MS to be cared for by their grandmother. I am seeking information on their ancestors, descendants and anything else I can find.

Glenn G. Reynolds, 8023 Shirley Avenue, Gig Harbor, WA 98332; greynolds@worldnet.att.net Looking for the siblings of my Great great grand father, **Levi J. Reynolds**, and his wife **Mary Hill**. Known siblings are **Mercy Reynolds Willard**, **Esther Jeannette Reynolds Manning**, and **James W. Reynolds**. Other probable's are a **Jeremiah L. Reynolds**, M.D., and **Jonathan Reynolds**. Levi J. Reynolds was the son of **Levi and Lorena Reynolds**, who were the children of **Jeremiah and Shubael Reynolds** respectively. The latter were born in Greenwich, Conn. in 1747, and 1752. Levi was born in Amenia, Dutchess precinct, N.Y. February 10, 1777. Lorena was born October 26, 1781, probably in Crum Elbow, Dutchess county, N.Y. Levi J. was born in 1807, in Half Moon, Clifton Park district, Saratoga County, N.Y. The family then moved about 1817 to Avon, Livingston Co., N.Y. and remained there until the late 1820's, moving then to Ripley, Chautauqua Co., N.Y. All of Levi J. and Mary's Children were born there. Levi Sr. died Feb. 20, 1857 in Ripley. Levi J. and family then moved to Erin, and then Kent town ship, Lena, Stephenson Co. Illinois. Lorena died Oct. 6, 1857, while visiting her son Levi J. in Lena, Ill. Children of Levi J. and Mary include: **Orville Frank**, b. 1833; **Melvia** b. about 1836, married a **Hill**; **Thomas Benson Reynolds** b. June 4, 1838, and married **Paulina Eleanor Cobb**, of Vermont and Illinois. **Mary Ann** b. about 1842, who married **Jerome Seabury**.

Looking for any additional information on any of the above family members and especially the siblings of Levi J. Reynolds. URL: <http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/r/e/y/Glenn-G-Reynolds/index.html>

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Code Year Name

- 11 1650 John & Ann Holbrook of Weymouth & Stonington CT
 12 1630 Robert & Mary ?? of Boston, MA
 13 1634 William & Alice Kitson of Duxbury MA & Cape Porpoise ME
 14 1643 James & Deborah ?? of N Kingstown RI
 15 1650 John & Sarah Backus of Saybrook, Lyme & Norwich, CT
 16 1725 ?Reynolds & ?Crook of Washington Co., MD
 17 1622 Christopher & Elizabeth of Isle of Wight VA
 18 1676 Henry & Prudence Clayton of Lancaster Co. PA
 19 1678 Electious & Mary Pease of Salem & Middleboro MA
 20 1634 John & Sarah ? Watertown MA, Wethersfield & Stamford CT
 21 1682 John & () of DE
 22 1708 Richard & Mary Capers, Benjamin & Mary (), William () of St Helen's Parish SC
 23 1700 John & Elizabeth () Kent Co De
 24 1635 Katherine Reynolds & Edward Starbuck Dover NH & Nantucket Island
 25 **Line Not Determined [Stonewalls]**
 26 1637 Thomas & Mary Isle of Wight VA
 27 1640 William & Ann Harrison York Co., VA
 28 1660 John & Naomi Latimer Wethersfield CT
 29 1652 Thomas & Susan Snead York Co., VA
 30 1784 James & Mary Bannon, Margaret & Andrew Forgey, Ellen & ?McDaniel of Co Louth IRE & Knox Co., KY
 31 1850 William & Rebecca Tawn Moulton, ENG & Grinnell IA
 34 1886 Thomas & Bingham Stuart Scotland & Scranton PA
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 36 1829 John & Mary Thornton Ashton Yorkshire, ENG, Windsor, QUE & Nashua NH

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