



# Reynolds Recollections

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### WELCOME TO NEW DIRECTORS

*With much appreciation it is announced that the following persons will serve as directors of RFA.*

**Cynthia Nason, William H. Marshall, and Glenn Reynolds, M.D.** Biographies and snapshots are forthcoming.

### THE PASSING OF MEMBERS

**RFA Member #2570, Norma Jean Webb Broach** 74, of Amarillo died Wednesday, May 12, 2004. Mrs. Broach was born Aug. 12, 1929, to Ernest Judson Webb Sr. and Denza Inez Crews Webb in Channing. As well as being an RFA member since 1993, Norma was a member of Amarillo Genealogical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, National Society of Magna Charta Dames, Colonial Dames, Daughters of American Colonists and Daughters of the American Confederacy. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Tom; a son, Larry and wife, Mary, a daughter, Deborah Sherman and husband, Don; her grandchildren, Misty Childs., Jason Perdue and wife, Kendra, and Matt Sherman, Tracy Sherman and Donna Adley; five great-grandchildren, Blake Perdue and Kensley Perdue, Alaina Nunziente, Kristin Forsher and Kaleigh Adley; a sister, Elnor Killen and husband, Bill; a brother, E.J. Webb and wife, Judy; and several nieces and nephews. [*Amarillo Globe Times*, Amarillo, TX, 14 May 2004.]

**RFA Member #2475, Marilyn Bobseine**, lost her sister, **June K. Goran**, 75, of Collins Center, NY, on 15 September 2004. June was born in Collins Center on Dec. 4, 1928, the daughter of the late Perrin S. and Dorothy (Reynolds) Kelley. Mrs. Goran worked as a teacher's aide at Gowanda Central School. Following her retirement, she volunteered to help at the Gowanda schools. A member of the

Collins Center United Methodist Church, she formerly belonged to the Gowanda Buffalo Bills Backers. Surviving are two daughters, Jackie McLean of Collins and Paula Goran of Eden; two sons, Jerry Goran of Ohio and Pat Goran of Georgia; one sister, Marilyn K. Bobseine of Gowanda; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Gurney O. Goran Jr., who died Oct. 20, 2003.

### APOLOGY TO NEW MEMBER

**James R. Hull, PhD.**, PO Box 6215, Mesa AZ 95216, 480-380-8115, (RFA member 3194) was inadvertently omitted in the newsletter appearing after his registration in 2003. His earliest ancestor appears to be John **Reynolds**, father of George **Runnells** or Reynolds who m Dorcas **Millsaps**. Other family names include **Stidham** and **Houk**. Jim's article on YDNA appears later in this issue.

### A REYNOLDS STORY

(as told by George [Asa] Edwards & Anna [Reynolds] Holdbrook)

ADDENDUM, October 1972

Submitted by Louise O'Kennon

Continued from p. 27, Vol 22, no 3, May-June 2004

The first reference to William **Reynolds** is in the marriage records of New Castle County, Delaware. In this record, as in all others, a middle name of Robert is never used. William was first married to Sarah, [Willer], March 30, 1811. From the Delaware Probate Record of Sussex County, June 2, 1794, a Sarah Willin is mentioned as the third child. The assumption is that this is the same Sarah.

At the time of this writing no birth date of William Reynolds [I] has been discovered. It is surmised that he was born between 1780 and 1790. The death certificate of his youngest son Derrickson in 1914 records his [William Robert Reynolds I] birth as being in France. This indicates that his [William

Robert Reynolds I ] father and mother probably migrated from Down County [County Down], Ireland to France, where William was born, though Down County [County Down] as a place of origin has not been substantiated by records.

His [William Robert Reynolds I ] first Real Estate conveyance was in 1811 to Jessie **Lincoln**, as recorded at New Castle County, Delaware. He would necessarily have reached 21 by this time.

We find in the Marriage Records of Sussex County, Delaware, of his marriage to a second wife, Lydia **Butcher**, in c1838. The date is probably 1830, in that his son [Darickson - this is the spelling on his tombstone] by this marriage, Derrickson, was born August 28, 1831. A will of Derrickson Butcher, filed 1839 Sussex County, Delaware, provides a legacy of \$34.86 to William and his wife Lydia.

The earliest indication of his moving to Ohio is found in the Historical Hand Atlas of Monroe County, Ohio, where his [William Robert Reynolds I ] name is mentioned (though spelled William Runnells) among first members of the Calais Methodist Episcopal Church, which was organized in 1841.

At the Marietta Court House of Washington County, Lawrence Township (Ohio), the first reference is a sale of 40 acres located on Baker's Run, Township Road 62, to his [William Robert Reynolds I ] son William B. in April 19, 1844. The deed states his [William Robert Reynolds I ] being from Monroe County. When he purchased this property is still being researched, but may never be found because William [Robert Reynolds I ] may not have recorded the deed.

At the present time, buildings of the old farm still stand. The house is of hewed log construction and cut stone foundation. All indications are that it was built in the 1820's, though since added on to and covered with lap siding. Now vacant and deteriorating rapidly, pictures give a more adequate description.

Having sold this farm to his [William Robert Reynolds I ] son William B. (his [William Robert Reynolds I ] wife signed the deed as Lyda) or rather an x, for neither William nor Lydia could write their names, he returned to Monroe County. Again no record of purchase is found, probably because of his [William Robert Reynolds I ] not recording the deed. However, William [William Robert Reynolds I ], now with wife's name Marth, sold two 40 acre

parcels to Crispen Ogleby, December 5, 1846 for \$500.00.

It is assumed that His second wife Lydia died (she is buried in Summerfield, Ohio) and he married a third time to one "Martha". These properties located on County Road #35 in Seneca Township just south of Calais, most likely purchased shortly after selling in 1844, in Washington Township. The log house still stands, consisting of two stories, two rooms down and two rooms up, with cut stone foundation. Pictures will more adequately describe the exterior. No other building exists. A spring across the creek shows the source of water. A cistern still filled with water, was probably built in later years.

What became of William Reynolds and Martha? One can only guess that his age now about 60 years, prevented him from further work on the farms, that he either lived with his sons, rented, or died. No record of where he is buried is found.

Robert Reynolds and wife Susan, William's [William Robert Reynolds I ] second son, owned property from 1847 to 1848 in the town of Calais. Later he appears in Lawrence Township in Washington County [Ohio] as a tax payer.

In the meantime, Robert Reed and Lucinda Barnes, married about 1838, also lived in Seneca Township, Monroe County. The Census of 1850 records his age as 37 and Lucinda as 28. Both were born in Ohio. Royal O., the first son was born in Ohio in 1839, but Harris and Orison were born in Pennsylvania. They returned to Ohio about 1845, lived here until 1854, at which time Lucinda died. Further research would be necessary to locate where Robert Reed and Lucinda lived during these years. However, in 1855, he [Robert Reed ] married Mariah **Reynolds**, youngest daughter of William [Robert] Reynolds [I ]. In 1857, October 26, they purchased a farm of 51 acres for \$1025.00, located in Seneca Township, west of Calais, about ½ mile on Route 379. There they lived until 1866, at which time they sold to Coxen **Carpenter** for \$1600.00.

One can well understand now the circumstances of Robert Reed marriage to Mariah Reynolds. First they lived in the same area and were acquainted for years. Second, Mariah was reaching the age of twenty six. It is interesting that one child was named (Royal) after a son of he and his first wife Lucinda. Perhaps after the age 20 the first Royal O. died and the second Royal wasn't born until after 1860. Also, another son was named Pernal after a brother of

Mariah's and the second son of William [Robert Reynolds I].

After selling their property in Seneca Township, Monroe County, they purchased from Mr. Dye over 100 acres for \$2000.00 in Lawrence Township, Washington County on Route 26 near Sitka. Here a daughter named Safronia was born but no records reveal she died in 1869.

To recapture the events of William [Robert Reynolds' [ I ] life, he was born in France of Irish parents, about 1780 - 1790, came to America and settled in the State of Delaware where many other Reynolds families lived. He married Sarah Willer in 1811 and to this union were born William B. in 1812, Robert, Jane Betsy, Pernal in 1825, and Mariah in 1826.

Before 1830 Sarah died, then in 1830 William [Robert Reynolds I ] married Lydia Butcher and had one son Derrickson, born in 1831. It may be theorized that William migrated to Monroe County, Ohio in the Calais area, bringing all his family. Later he moved to the farm on Baker's Run in Lawrence Township, Washington County, and subsequently sold to his son William B. April 19, 1844 and then moved back to Monroe County. The incident of William Harrison breaking a leg at 3 months of age, more likely occurred on the trip from Monroe County to Washington County. William B. Reynolds by himself never could have made the trip to Ohio before April 19, 1844, purchased the farm from his father, then returned to Delaware until September of 1844.

The thread of family history must now continue with the life of William B. Reynolds. We know where he lived, and that another son Charles was born in 1846 and died as an infant. Other children were Robert William, in 1850, and Joseph P. in 1853, before Rachel died in 1854. On February 21, 1856, William B. Reynolds married Jamima **Carcells** [Jemima **Carles**] to whom four children were born: Nancy Jane in 1858, Liddy [Lydia Christina], Frank [Buell], and George. By this time, William B. Reynolds sold his Baker's Run farm to his eldest son and moved to an 80 acre farm off Route 26 along the Little Muskingum River, an area called Moss Run. Crossing the 'creek' about ½ mile from the Highway 26 on Township Road 584, then proceeding another ½ mile on the "old road" one still can find the cellar hole of the house, and the barn collapsing near by.

On the family history sheet for William Robert Reynolds I, at the bottom of the page, Royal added: Migrated from Down County, Ireland to France then to Delaware, USA.

This is the end of The Reynolds Story written by Royal Olin Reynolds who is the great, great grandson of William Robert Reynolds I. This story was written by Royal to write down all of the information that he had collected on our Reynolds family.

I have copied all of this information on the computer and all information in the brackets [ ] is what I have found out since I have been doing research on our Reynolds family. I have changed nothing in The Reynolds Story by Royal. Royal wrote the story for his information and I added the information in the brackets to, perhaps, make the information clearer for other members of our family that might not know as much about the early Reynolds. I am a great, great granddaughter of William Robert Reynolds I. My grandfather is Frank Buell Reynolds, the third child of William B. Reynolds and #2 wife, Jemima Ann (Carles) Reynolds. My mother is Lois Sylvia (Reynolds) Stanley. My name is Rosa Louise (Stanley) O'Kennon, 2204 Haviland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23229-3120 telephone number is 1 (804) 270-2465; e-mail address: [louise@okennon.com](mailto:louise@okennon.com) The date is October 29, 2000.

#### *Benjamin Reynolds and the Fenwick Hall Fact*

© By Dorothy Welch Smith

In celebration of the Millennium the Second Edition of *Descendants of Benjamin Reynolds and Richard Reynolds of South Carolina* was published by Annie Reynolds Day, Dorothy Welch Smith and Mary Kennedy Reynolds. This Reynolds family appeared in the Low Country of South Carolina in St. Helena's Parish (Beaufort SC) just previous to 1700. The first documented account of **Richard Reynolds** appears in Governor Mathews' 1695-1721 record book of "Stocke Marks" (cattle marks) found in SC Archives, Columbia, SC. One entry reads: "Feb'y 5, 1695, This day came **Richard Renolt** (Reynolds) - of Fripps Island & recorded his marke for cows & hogs as followeth half of Earrs cutt of & two peases cut out." Shortly after the publication of the second

edition of the Reynolds' genealogy new information, research and further documentation on this Low Country, SC Colonial, Reynolds family became available.

**Benjamin Reynolds** (1750-1826) was not the Benjamin in the title of the above book who was most likely his uncle. This earlier Benjamin's wife was Mary. The younger Benjamin was this writer's "double" GrGrGrGrandfather, descending from his son William as well as his daughter Harriet who married **Joseph Smelie Seabrook**. Benjamin Reynolds was born January 4, 1750 in St. Helena's Parish, SC and according to St. Helena's Parish records was baptized July 7, 1750. At age 64 Benjamin owned the Fenwick Hall Tract, a large and historic property in St. John's Parish, John's Island SC, south of Charleston and fronting the Stono River. Fenwick Hall has been for many years listed on the National Register of historic properties.

In 1999 Fenwick Hall Tract was sold and preceding the land development various geological, archeological, environmental and even genealogical investigations were conducted by several agencies. These documents and studies were made available by this writer's cousin Edward Jamison Reynolds of Mt Pleasant, SC. The genealogy of the Reynolds' family abstracted here is almost entirely from the Second Edition of *Descendants of Benjamin Reynolds and Richard Reynolds of South Carolina*. The source used by this writer for much of the material relating to the details of Benjamin Reynolds' ownership and the history of Fenwick Hall comes from *Fenwick Hall Stono River, John's Island, South Carolina, Architectural and Historical Documentation*. This comprehensive study was made by Robert P. Stockton, Architectural and Historical Research Consultant, Charleston and published in 2002.

**Benjamin Reynolds** (1750-1826) was the son of the first **William Reynolds** (Bef. 1720-1784) of SC and his second wife **Jane (Reynolds) Reynolds** (Jane and William were cousins and her parents were the earlier Benjamin and Mary Reynolds). A portrait of a young Benjamin Reynolds, possibly in his early 20's or younger, shows light brown hair with fair skin, blue eyes and wearing a high collared blue-gray top coat with a white collar, a white shirt with a ruffled front and white bow tie.

On March 3, 1774 in St. Helena's Parish, **Benjamin Reynolds** married **Mrs. Sarah (Chaplin)**

**Smelie**, widow of Edward Smelie who had died in 1771. Sarah was born January 31, 1753 and was baptized in St. Helena's Parish September 1, 1754. She was the daughter of **William Chaplin**, (another source says Benjamin Chaplin) and **Sarah (Saxby) Reynolds** who was the widow of **James Reynolds**, son of the first **Richard Reynolds** in this same family. **Benjamin Reynolds and Sarah (Chaplin) Smelie** had four children:

1. **William**, born January 1776, married **Sarah Saxby Adams**, lived at "Oak Grove" on Wadmalaw Island SC and had 11 children. Pre-deceased his father.
2. **Harriet** who married **Joseph Smelie Seabrook** and had seven children before her death when Joseph married second **Martha Sarah (Townsend) Stobo**, widow. They had no children.
3. **Eliza** who died at age 5.
4. **Thomas**, living in 1784.

**Sarah (Chaplin) Reynolds**, wife of Benjamin Reynolds (1750-1826), died at St. Helena's Parish March 16, 1785. Benjamin Reynolds married second, **Anne Smelie**, daughter of **William Smelie** of Wadmalaw Island SC. They had five children:

5. **Mary Young**, married **Charles Gabriel Capers** and had six children.
6. **Elizabeth S.**, married **George Alexander Chisolm Rivers** and had 10 children.
7. **Emily Ann**, married **Joseph Daniel Jenkins** and had seven children.
8. **Cornelia**, married **Benjamin Franklin Scott** and had twelve children.
9. **Martha**, who may have died in childhood.

First Lt. **Benjamin Reynolds** served as second in command in Captain John Jenkins' Company of Volunteer Militia in St. Helena's Parish SC; he also provided troops with rum, salt and beef.

Representing St. Helena's Parish from 1779 to 1791, Senator Reynolds served five terms in the SC House of Representatives; he represented St. John's Colleton, Parish in the house three terms from 1794 to 1813; he was elected to the SC Senate from St. John's Colleton in 1818-1825.

Senator **Benjamin Reynolds** was a delegate to the convention that wrote the SC Constitution of 1790; served as a tax inquirer and collector for St. Helena's Parish as well as a commissioner to sell Pollawahna Island as public land. He was listed for jury duty in



the Beaufort District in 1790 and 1791 but did not attend. It was not unusual for wealthy land owners living great distances from the Court to pay someone to serve in their place.

**Benjamin Reynolds** was a vestryman of St. Helena's Parish as well as St. John's Colleton for three terms 1812-1829. He bought a church pew in St. John's Episcopal Church when it was built in 1817.

Along with his ownership of the Fenwick Hall Tract, **Benjamin Reynolds** inherited Reynolds Hunting Island, 813 acres in St. Helena's Parish. Many of the Low Country families owned sea islands where they and their servants camped, hunted and fished or sometimes kept cattle. Reynolds Hunting Island is now owned by the State of South Carolina and called Hunting Island State Park. In 2003 this writer visited the park and found it to be a very beautiful, wild island on the sea. The State of SC has carefully preserved this well managed park. In 1784 Reynolds purchased property on Hilton Head Island; in circa 1788 he inherited a plantation on St. Helena Island and was granted 410 acres on St. Helena Island. A plantation called "Brailsford" was mentioned in a codicil to his will as his son-in-law, Joseph Smelie Seabrook, husband of his oldest daughter Harriet, had mortgages with Benjamin Reynolds on "Brailsford" which Reynolds had to repossess.

On March 1, 1817 **Benjamin Reynolds** (1750-1826) purchased from **Robert Brown** 2,475 acres of high land and marsh known now as the Fenwick Hall Tract. Three generations of Fenwick's were granted or made purchases which composed the Fenwick Tract. The father-in-law of the first John Fenwick, **Governor Robert Gibbs** in 1702 was the first owner with a grant of 3,000 acres. **John Fenwick**, son of an ancient family in England was the second owner and is said to have built Fenwick Hall. **Edward Fenwick Sr.** son of John Fenwick, inherited Fenwick Hall and his son **Edward Jr.** became the next owner. Some members of the Fenwick family were sympathetic to the British during the Revolution and returned to England but others fought for the American cause and during various battles Fenwick Hall was used as the headquarters for the British and very likely for the Americans as well.

At the time of **Benjamin Reynolds'** purchase this property had at least one large plantation house, a well preserved Georgian Palladian brick house, now

called Fenwick Hall and built by the Fenwick family circa 1730 according to *Plantations of the Low Country* by Samuel Gaillard Stoney. When **Benjamin Reynolds** lived in the large brick house it was called "Head Quarters". Another plantation house on a marsh island within this tract was known as "Reynolds" and was built before 1825 the date it appeared on the *Mills Atlas* maps

Mr. Stockton's comprehensive study describes Fenwick Hall as a two story house on a high basement, made of Carolina gray brick with orange-red brick trim and built in the Georgian style with a hipped roof rising to a platform enclosed by wooden railing and lattice panels. There are four great chimneys symmetrically placed and an octagonal wing built early but perhaps not a part of the original structure and described as 18 feet wide and 36 feet deep. Mr. Stockton describes the interior woodwork as being particularly fine. Carvings, panels and moldings were done in Low Country cypress. Fretwork was in the Chippendale style and the mantels throughout were highly decorated in the Georgian manner. The staircase too, is described as exceptional. The main house originally had 12 rooms. Two similar built two story out-buildings flanked the main house and may have been at one time connected by covered walkways to the main house. Only one remained and may have been used as a stable as horses were an important part of life at Fenwick Hall.

**Edward Fenwick Sr.** had a horseracing track at Fenwick Hall as well as the famous John's Island Stud farm where racing horses were imported from England to breed with local mares. In 1778 his son **Edward Fenwick Jr.** advertised an enclosed thousand acres of savannah grassland and 200 acres of high ground to keep mares and their foals.

These "inland" islands, such as John's Island were surrounded by creeks, rivers and marsh, passage to any other place was seldom by land. Plantation houses on the water, as was Fenwick Hall, depended on boats for the comings and goings of the family and visitors as well as commerce. Plantation owners had small fleets of various kinds of boats to travel the winding waterways. The side of Fenwick Hall facing the water was considered the "front entrance" but at some time a long, double row of oaks were planted and today they make an impressive entrance by "land" to the house. In December of 2003 this writer

observed a stone mason repairing the handsome brick and iron gates at the land entrance to Fenwick Hall. He explained he had made a mold of the only remaining large stone finial and was now mounting in place the identical new ones cast from the mold.

Pictures of Fenwick Hall from the 1920's and 30's, show desertion, neglect and vandalism, however, sturdy brick walls, unaffected by wars or weather, and with only minor damage from the 1886 earthquake, protected the structure for 200 years until restoration began in the 1930's. In 1930-31 Fenwick Hall owners Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morawetz employed architects Simons and Lapham, and serious restoration began. (Mr. Stockton uses the word "rehabilitation" rather than restoration.) The house was used as their home and the architects designed a two-story brick kitchen wing, under this wing was a dairy. Care was taken to restore the house using fine Georgian design.

In the 1970's another owner began subdividing the Fenwick Hall Tract and by the 1980's Fenwick Hall and its grounds and out buildings became a private hospital for alcoholics. In 1999 the property was developed with houses and apartments except for the approximately 80 acres where Fenwick Hall and its out buildings were located. Presently it is in the hands of concerned and dedicated owners who are taking great care in its restoration and preservation. **Benjamin Reynolds'** 2,475 acres have been reduced to 80 and life moves on in the Low Country where great houses are still loved and respected.

**Benjamin Reynolds** died at age 77, Thursday, June 29, 1826 at "The Rocks" according to the *Charleston Mercury*. "The Rocks" was the name of a house owned by the Jenkins family as well as a name sometimes used to refer to Rockville on nearby Wadmalaw Island, a small village where planters built their summer houses. In his will he left his plantation Headquarters to be divided between **Cornelia (Reynolds) Scott** and **Emily (Reynolds) Jenkins**, daughters by his wife **Anne Smelie**. His oldest son William, and no doubt some of his other children, had predeceased him. He gave his son William's portrait to his grandson Benjamin and his case of pistols to his son-in-law. Along with many other possessions the inventory of his personal property included a spy glass and a guitar. One can imagine he used the "spy glass" when he climbed to

the roof top platform of Fenwick Hall to view his 2,475 acres.

After his death he was buried in the oak-shaded and moss-draped churchyard of St. John's Episcopal Church, John's Island SC. Because of wars or weather his tombstone had fallen and disappeared and in the late 1960's or early 70's a descendant, unable to find the original stone, erected a stone in his memory. In October 1999, after a long dry season followed by many heavy rains his original stone, long covered by grass and brush, emerged. This writer visited St. John's in 2003 and the original marble stone was as perfect as when it was first carved by the tombstone carver, J. White, although missing its base. Apparently being covered by earth and grass had protected it from years of wear and man made pollution. The stone reads: "*Sacred to the memory of Mr. Benjamin Reynolds who departed this life on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1826 in the 76<sup>th</sup> year of his age.*" Perhaps **Senator Benjamin Reynolds** is the only man buried in St. John's to have two stones!

*Dottie Smith, GardenDot@aol.com, January 2003*

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## OVER COMING OUR DEAD ENDS

By James Reynolds Hull

Genealogy has been given a new birth with Y-DNA testing. Family historians want compelling reasons how genetic genealogy will help them with their family research. Knowing up front that there is the potential to (1) find out more about their ancestors through the identification of common ancestors and (2) find out more about the country of origin for their ancestors is important.

Most—who pay for a DNA test—don't know an allele from a fly swatter! However, all recognize that it can save them time and money. To me, nothing could be worse than to waste years of research on the wrong Reynolds line, or worse yet to not realize it.

There is nothing tricky about DNA testing. A section of the Y-chromosome is passed from father to son, virtually unchanged from one generation to the next. Y-DNA test results by themselves will most assuredly NOT identify any common ancestor, or anything about him as a person, or about his relation to any other person.

With the assistance of Family Tree DNA (the lab), the DNA of a Reynolds male line descendant is compared to other Reynolds male line descendants.

This is done by genetic markers (a series of numbers) that are reconstructed to identify a particular lineage.

The Reynolds DNA markers shown at the web-site - [www.reynoldsdna.com](http://www.reynoldsdna.com) - may appear to be irrelevant and impersonal for someone in the traditional genealogical sense. However, those who accept the potential that DNA has to offer welcome the anticipation, excitement and challenges the results show for their Reynolds line and their Reynolds genetic cousins.

I must argue that if all you have are census records and baptismal confirmations and wills— then you really know nothing about your Reynolds biological descent. Traditional genealogy should include genetic genealogy. This means that you are taking scientific steps with a Y-DNA test to prove what you think is the case and is not purely the results of circumstantial and coincidental evidence only.

It is understandable that if you are using a Y-DNA test to further your family history with names, dates, and places, then the term *Most Recent Common Ancestor* (MRCA) is largely irrelevant. Personally, I don't find it useful to know I share an ancestor with someone somewhere from 16 to 60 generations ago.

However, what I think is ingenious is to take an unknown line and compare it to a hard-and-fast line, which has been extended one or several generations. Then you can YDNA test and that will tell you how likely it is that your line comes from the hard-and-fast line. That will prevent spending a lot of time looking at the wrong line. So, in this way you are benefiting yourself, as well as another Reynolds family.

If you have copious genealogical data to prove all but one link in a chain of descent, you might find that the DNA evidence will tip the balance of "preponderance of evidence" in favor of that one elusive link.

Keep in mind that the only thing a Y-DNA test can hope to show is that you and certain other living persons share a common male line ancestor at some point in the past. For the majority, simply sharing a male-line ancestor is enough. You cannot arrive at any conclusions whatsoever from Y-DNA data, except to confirm or deny the possibility of a common ancestor, as expressed by MRCA calculations— anything more than that is a misleading notion.

Quite often, I am asked if Y-DNA testing used for genealogy is the same testing used by law

enforcement, or for medical purposes. DNA testing for genealogical purposes and those employed by law enforcement and others is much different. Where the objective of DNA testing for law enforcement is to seek unique locations in autosomal DNA— combination of a YDNA/father and mtDNA/mother — the objective of Y-DNA testing for genealogy is to test locations that are not unique to individuals but to a lineage.

A mother's mtDNA is passed to both her sons and daughters, but only daughters pass on the mtDNA. Thus, those who share common female results cannot be identified as individuals. In other words, a Y-DNA test identifies a Reynolds lineage and not individuals.

The objective of genetic genealogy is to find all those who match and, therefore, have a common ancestor. For those of you who wonder if you are related to a particular Reynolds line, a YDNA comparison can help to investigate that possibility. In any case, it should be clear that some conventional genealogy research is needed in order to get the most out of the any DNA results.

Family Tree DNA frequently presents case studies that are intended to clarify concerns and misconceptions of those considering Y-DNA testing. One such question is: Does one need a living male ancestor in order to research the male line? My father is dead and so is my mother. — The recommendation—a living direct descent male is required. Even though your father is dead, perhaps you have brothers, or your father had brothers who are either living or have male descendants.

If the answer is no for both of these situations, then you continue researching your family tree back in time, looking for direct descent males. For example, perhaps your grandfather had brothers, and one or more of those brothers have male descendants today.

If no direct descent males exist today that are descendants of your grandfather, then you go back another generation. Did your great-grandfather have brothers, and do any of these brothers have direct descent male descendants today?

Once you identify that an ancestor had brothers, you will need to trace the brother's descendants forward to today. You can utilize your genealogy skills to trace the branch forward. Once you find a direct descent male for your family tree, you are ready to proceed.

Y-DNA testing does not require higher education to understand, or to appreciate, its utility. It's neither witchcraft, nor hocus pocus!

It will not cause your medical insurance to be dropped, or generate a visit from the local law enforcement. The next time you find yourself in a DNA yes vs. no debate, ask yourself if you are really talking about DNA testing or yourself. Are you denying your Reynolds ancestors and others their place in history? When a surname matches and the Y-DNA matches, then we know at some point the MRCA is affected. You can take that to the bank!

It is possible through the techniques of genetic genealogy to correct certain misconceptions and to make right the inconsistencies of traditional genealogy research. Where there is a lack of records, incorrect records, and/or conflicting records, Y-DNA testing could give your family history a jump-start!

I encourage all Reynolds descendants to start networking with other researchers to see how Y-DNA testing can work for them to solve their genealogy mysteries. Shouldn't we be working together to overcome our genealogical dead-ends?

[RFA as an organization takes no position in the DNA debate. If you wish more information on this subject, please contact Jim: James Reynolds Hull, PhD, Administrator, Reynolds DNA Project, P.O. Box 6215, Mesa AZ 85216-6215. Tel. No: 480 380-8115. E-mail: [azjrh@msn.com](mailto:azjrh@msn.com)]

#### FROM MY FILES

Submitted by Leslie Reynolds, Barry IL

My earliest proven Reynolds is Hugh Reynolds 1755-1832, who was recently verified by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a patriot in the Revolution from North Carolina.

Notes on the heirs of John Reynolds: Sarah **Pinkerton** is the granddaughter of John Reynolds – she is getting her deceased mother's share. Her husband James is the Uncle of James Pinkerton, who married Jane Reynolds, one of John's older daughters. James Reynolds m. Hetta; Hugh A. Reynolds m. Amelia; Dovey E. Reynolds m. Ira D. **Campbell**; Everline Reynolds m. James Campbell; John W. Reynolds m. Jane Campbell; Jane Reynolds m. James Pinkerton; Mary Reynolds m. Rickey Campbell; and Sarah **Speaks** m. James Pinkerton.

**John Reynolds:** State of IL – Warren County. As in County Court of Warren County, at April Term A.D., 1864. Thomas S. John McClanahan, Administrator of the Estate of John Reynolds, dec'd. vs. James Reynolds, Hetta Reynolds, Hugh A. Reynolds, Amelia Reynolds, Ira D. Campbell, Dovey E. Campbell, James Campbell, Everline Campbell, John W. Reynolds, Jane Reynolds, James Pinkerton, Jane Pinkerton, Richey Campbell, Mary Campbell, James Pinkerton and Sara Pinkerton. By virtue of an order an decree of the County Court of Warren, State of IL, trade on the petition of the undersigned administrator of the estate of John Reynolds, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased, at the last April term of said Court, to wit: on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 1864, I shall on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, A.D., 1864 between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m., and four o'clock p.m., of said day, sell at public sale, the following described real estate, to wit: Eighty-six and sixty-six one hundredth (86-66/100) acres of land north side of the south east quarter of section ten (10) in township eleven (11) north of range three (3) west of the fourth principal meridian in said county of Warren end [sic] State of Illinois. Said Sale to be made at the dwelling house at said premises above decreed, on the following terms, to wit: One half (1/2) cash, and one half (1/2) in nine months, the purchaser thereof to give approved security and a mortgage on premises held to secure the payment of the purchase money.

**John Wilson Reynolds,** Monmouth Review Atlas, Monmouth IL, 9 Aug 1909: John Wilson Reynolds died Saturday evening, after reaching advanced age. The funeral is tomorrow. The deceased was nearly 91 years old, had lived in IL since 1836. Death has removed another one of the pioneers of Warren County. After nearly reaching the exceptional age of 91 years of age, John Wilson Reynolds passed away Saturday evening at 7:45 at the home of his son J.W. Reynolds, Jr., who resides seven miles north of the city. Mr. Reynolds had been in failing health for a number of years, due to his extreme age. For the past ten days, however, his condition was much worse and the end was not expected. Death was due merely to the infirmities incident to old age. The deceased was born 17 Aug 1818 at Statesville, NC, being the son of John G. and Jane (Millegan) Reynolds, who were of Scotch (sic) decent. As early as 1829 Mr. Reynolds moved with his family to IN, when this section was still a wild state. He settled on a farm in Sugar Tree



Grove neighborhood where he resided until six years ago, after which time he made his home with his son John W. Reynolds, Jr.

On 1 Sep 1846, John W. Reynolds Sr was united in marriage to Miss Jane Campbell, the ceremony taking place in Hale township. Mrs. Reynolds was born in Carroll County OH 23 Jun 1826. Ten children blessed the union, of whom the following are living (1909): Beveridge of Beklemen NB; William of Huniston IA; John W. north of this city; Mrs. Frank P. Kilgore, Ainsworth IA; Mrs. Sarah Seldon, Kirkwood; Ritchie of Carrollton IL; Morrow of CO. Three children have passed away, George W., Martha, and Walker. Mrs. Reynolds died about 9 years ago[this should be 13 years].

Mr. Reynolds was fine type of manhood. For years he was a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church. He lived his religion and during his long and useful life made a large circle of friends who will learn of his demise with much regret. Politically, he was a Republican. He served his township as School Director and was always interested in all that made for the bettering humanity.

**Reuben Reynolds**, Colonel, aged 90 years. Died 20 Oct 1903 at his home on East Front St., Statesville NC. Born 24 Dec 1813 at what is now Davis' Sulphur Springs near Hiddenite, Alexander Co. His father, **Hugh Reynolds** was a native of Ireland and fought in the Revolutionary War. Shortly after, Col. Reynolds, his father moved 2 miles northwest of Statesville and in 1827 moved to Statesville. In 1845 Col. Reynolds married Miss Laura **Sanford**, of Statesville. She lived 3 years after their marriage. By this union there were 2 children, a son who died young and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Cowles. The deceased's brother, Hugh Reynolds lived in Statesville, died many years ago and left no family. Only survivors are his daughter, Mrs. Cowles and a grandson, Hugh R. Cowles. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery. (Newspaper Death Notices from the Landmark, Statesville NC 1900-1908 Vol. III.)

#### THE AMERICAN HOTEL, LIMA NY

Submitted by Norris L. Reynolds

On East Main Street (Routes 5 & 20) and Route 15A in Lima NY stands the American Hotel with a sign that says "Gandichiragou." That translates to "at the

form of the trail" and it describes a site that was destroyed by Denonville's French army in 1687. The sign goes on to tell of Father Garnier's Chapel of St. Jean, also located at that spot in 1861.

The village of Lima was founded in 1788, and blacksmith shops on that corner were among the village's first buildings. By the early 1800s, a small tavern had taken their place and around 1840, the original Hotel building was erected. Two separate fires in the 1850s did enough damage to the building that in 1860, a Mr. Mosley restructured it into the building that still stands today. For the next 60 years, the building saw a number of different owners. Finally in 1920, **John Keville Reynolds** and Mike Shanley purchased it.

Reynolds was born in 1873, the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> born of 15 children. He was born in Corduff in Ireland, in the Parish of Annaduff, in the county of Leitrim. Around the turn of the century, Reynolds decided to come to America, made his way to NY City, where he worked for almost 10 years in a restaurant called Shanley's, located at 42<sup>nd</sup> St and Broadway.

By 1920, John had saved a tidy sum and decided to move his wife and four sons out of NYC. He and a friend (no relation to restaurant owner) came to Lima and bought the American Hotel. Two years later, Shanley decided to go back to NYC and Reynolds bought him out. His family kept the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for their private residence.

John's descendants have kept the hotel and restaurant going to date, building a wonderful family history, not to mention a great menu. The American Hotel is located at 7304 East Main St, Lima NY and can be reached at 585-624-9464 if you would like more information.

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*American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made Men, Michigan, Volumes I-II. n.p.: Western Biographical Publishing Company, 1878*  
Submitted by S. Phaneuf

**Name: Montgomery A. Reynolds** Merchant and Miller, of Stanton, Montcalm County, was born in Woodstock, Ulster County, New York, October 29, 1850; and is the son of William H. and Harriet (**Sagendorph**) Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds is one of a family of ten children, of whom four only survive. Both of his paternal grand-parents are living; they married in 1821. His father is one among four sons

and seven daughters; and the family circle never has been broken by death. His mother is of German parentage, and his father is of New England descent, tracing his ancestry from Connecticut; but the family had settled in New York at an early day. Mr. Reynolds received no education other than that afforded by the common schools, which he attended until he was ten years of age. From that time until he reached fifteen, he went to school only in winter, assisting his father on the farm in summer. At fifteen, he left school, and had to bend all his energies towards assisting in the support of the family, by tilling the soil of the farm. Farm labor was always distasteful to him, and he early found an opportunity to yield it. He apprenticed himself at the age of seventeen, to a stone-cutter, and worked at that trade for two years, until the fall of 1869. He then started for the West, and settled in Stanton, Michigan, where a sister of his mother resided. He worked for four days in a mill, and then obtained a position as clerk in the general mercantile store of H. H. Hinds. He remained in this employment four years, receiving an increased salary each year. At the end of that time he invested his savings in the drug and grocery business; and was, for two years, one of the firm of Reynolds & Hawley in that trade. He then sold out his interest, and, in connection with Turner Brothers, in August, 1876, built the first grist-mill in Stanton. He has lately bought out Mr. Turner's interest in the business. Mr. Reynolds has held the office of Township Treasurer, and has been village Treasurer for two terms. He is a member of the association of Knights of Honor, and has been Assistant Dictator in that body. He has always voted with the Republican party. He married, October 5, 1875, Emma S. **Turner**, daughter of Nelson M. Turner, deceased. They have one child,--a daughter. The fortune of fifteen dollars which Mr. Reynolds brought to Stanton, has, by his hard work, energy, and perseverance, been made the foundation of a handsome fortune

#### Nehemiah Reynolds

*History of the Original Town of Concord, NY, E Briggs, 1883*

Submitted by M. Bobseine

Nehemiah Reynolds, son of Abram and Hannah Reynolds, was born in Otsego county, N Y., April 14,

1810. When eighteen years of age he came to Collins, where he has since resided and is now living with his son-in-law, William H. Vail. In the fall of 1836, he married Julia **Woodward**, daughter of Enos and Anna Woodward. His children are:

**Sylvester**, born Dec. 16 1838; married Fanny **Gould**, and resides at Forestville, NY

**Francis**, born Sept. 30. 1841; married Lola **Gilson**; is a dentist and resides in Pleasantville PA;

**Byron**, born Jan. 3, 1845; married Amelia **Vail**, and lives in Ohio;

**Alice**, who married William H. **Vail**, and resides in Collins.

Mr. Reynolds is respected by all who know him, and he has been among the worthy and useful inhabitants of the town. He came to Collins at a time when it was but thinly settled, but he has had the pleasure of seeing the town become thickly populated, and supplied with the advantages of an enlightened and prosperous community.

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 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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