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I have a book about Romaine history that may be of interest to some of you:
Davis, Lewis J., "Our Kinsmen, A Family History in Two Parts," The
Metropolitan Press, Portland, Oregon (1936). The two parts cover the Davis
Lineage and the Romaine lineage. It traces the Romaine lineage as follows:

1. RALPH (1695-1775) m. Lydia_____
2. BENJAMIN (1748-1829) m. Rachael Vandelinden
3. RALPH BENJAMIN (1772-1860) 2d m. Lottie B. [Alleta] Rutan
4. BENJAMIN RALPH (1804-1890) m. Charity Hopper
 - A. Lottie (1826-1828)
 - B. Garrett (1829-1900) m. Martha Lousia Harbaugh
 - C. Rachel Ann (1831-1898) m. Jarvis Davis (Part I of the book covers the Davis lineage)
 - D. Ralph (1833-1913) m. Ann Sischo
 - E. Elizabeth Jane (1836-1884) m. Levi Dryer
 - F. Mary Ellen (1838-1916) 1st m. Ransom Fraiser; 2d m. John W. Bell
 - G. Edward Wells 1840-1905) m. Celia M. Roscoe
 - H. Barney Demorest (1843-1909) m. Elizabeth Roberts
 - I. Benjamin Franklin (1845-1916) 1st m. Emma Shupe; 2d m. Belle Ingles; 3d m. Amanda E. Shupe
5. RALPH (1833-1913)
6. BENJAMIN G (1862-1923)

The books takes the BENJAMIN RALPH (#4) line to the early 1930's. The Davis information about BENJAMIN RALPH's ancestors is as follows:

"Our first American ancestor, in the Romaine line, came to this country from the Netherlands, or Holland, as it is commonly called. His name was Ralph Romaine, and he was of the sturdy Dutch stock, a mixture of Celtic (Irish), Roman (Galic) and Teutonic (German) races. He located in New Jersey, and his descendants were for many years often referred to as 'Jersey Dutch.' [p. 87]

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"As previously stated, our first American ancestor, in the Romaine line, Ralph Romaine, came from the Netherlands, in Europe, and settled in New Jersey from which state his descendants spread out over the nation.

RALPH ROMAINE, (1st), just mentioned, was born in Holland, in 1695, and there married a maiden called Lydia, last name unknown (b. 1698; d. 1776), and to them were born three sons, Albert, Benjamin, and Jacob. He was a farmer, and, with his family, came to America, in 1749, and located on land near the west bank of the Hudson River, at Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey, and there resided until he saw the Glory of Eternity, in 1775.

BENJAMIN ROMAINE, son of Ralph Romaine, was born in Holland, July 25, 1748; emigrated to New Jersey, with his parents, in 1749, and, at maturity, settled on a farm in Essex County. He married Rachel Vandelinden (b. 1750; d. 1840), who had also come from Holland, and they were the parents of two children: Ralph B. and Rachel. He entered the Great Unseen, June 9, 1829.

RALPH BENJAMINE ROMAINE, son of Benjamin Romaine, came into this world, in New Jersey, February 21, 1772, and left for the Land of Light, April 16, 1860. He was an agriculturalist, and served as a private in the U.S. Army, in the War of 1812. He was first married to Elizabeth Sturr (b. 1773; d. 1799), and to them Providence brought Rachel (b. Nov. 10, 1794), and Tiny (b. Mar 28, 1797). After the demise of Elizabeth, he married Lottie B. Rutan and they were blest with eight heirs: Elizabeth, Benjamin R., Daniel, Jacob, Peter, Betsy, Jane, and Hannah.

LOTTIE B. RUTAN (b. Feb. 2, 1772; d. Nov. 6, 1861), was the daughter of Daniel Rutan and Jane Brower (Rutan). She had three brother, John, Abraham and Daniel; and five sisters, Annie, Rachel, Jane, Maria and Leah." [pp. 89-90]

The author, Davis, does not cite his sources and I have not yet attempted to verify the information. Although it does not appear that anyone on the list claims BENJAMIN RALPH (1804-1890) (m. Charity Hopper), I will add that I have 3 picture albums dating between the 1860's and the turn of the century that belonged to Martha Harbaugh Romaine (m. GARRETT, #4B above). There are about 130 total pictures, most of them identified (although some of them I have yet to figure out where they fit into the family).

If anyone would like more information from this book or have an interest in the pictures, let me know.

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(PLEASE NOTE that I will be moving from Montana to Oregon within the next couple of months so look for a new email address for post-October correspondence.)

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