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Jeff Romine wrote:

> Thank you for your note. I suspect that Darlene Mann's reference was
> either to me or my brother John Scott Romine (Scott) of North English,
> Iowa.

Either way, I am delighted that you have found the Romine Research Group and I do hope that you have subscribed to the mailing list. It doesn't generate an enormous amount of email but it does produce some good information.

> How positive are you about your Abraham?

Well...pretty positive, although I will confess that most of my research into the NY bunch has been through secondary sources. I am still concentrating on primary and some secondary sources in VA...particularly old Frederick Co and Loudoun Co at the moment....with a current dip into Russell Co! :)

More fully what I have on Abraham, son of Rev. Thomas Romeyn and Susannah Van Campen is that he was born 15 Aug 1761 in NJ and married Mary (Maria) Moore, 5 Oct 1784 at Kinderhook, Columbia Co, NY. He died 19 March 1838 at Galen, in his 77th year.

Children:

1. Susanna, b. 1 Feb 1785, bap. 21 Aug 1785 at Fonda Ref. Church
2. Agnes, b. 1 Feb 1787; died young
3. Maria, b. 28 Jan 1791, bap. 13 March 1791 at Fonda Ref. Church
4. Agnes, b. 1 Feb 1795
5. Thomas Theodorus, b. 27 Dec 1799
6. Eliza

The above information comes from Ackerman's Romine book and I have only been able to confirm the baptism of the three oldest girls in a book called "The Compendium of Early Mohawk Valley Families" by Penros (vol 2, p. 676). The first Agnes was bap. 4 March 1787. There may be a mistake in the birthdate of the second Agnes as given by Ackerman...but then, perhaps it was that coincidence which made it seem important to give the new baby the name of the one that had been lost.

This Abraham apparently served in the Tyron Co militia as his name appears there as Abraham Romine along with Nicholas Romine and Theodorus F Romine. He also shows up on the 1790 Cenus for Montgomery Co, NY as Abraham Romeyn with 3 males over 16 1 male under 16 and 4 females in the household. Apparently he has either his brothers or his wife's brothers living with him.

The 1810 Census for Junius township, Seneca Co, NY lists Abraham with 2 males and 1 female in the 26-45 age group, 3 females 16 to 26; and 1 male and 2 females ages 10-16. The 1820 Census list Abraham and his family in Galen township, Seneca Co, NY. At that time there are two males and 1 female over 45, 2 females 26-44 and 1 and 2 females 16-26 and 1 male 10-16.

Wayne Co was formed from Seneca in 1823 and thus the 1830 Census shows the family still in Galen township but now in the new Wayne Co. There are two males and 1 female 60-70 years of age, 1 female 40-50, 1 male

30-40, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 15-20 and 1 male under 5.

This seems to pretty much fit that the guy never left NY and that he died there in 1838. I would feel that it was 100% as soon a baptismal record for a child after 1800 is found or a death record for Mary (Maria). Then it could be positively stated on the evidence that Johannah is not his second wife.

The only census that I have found our Abraham on is the 1830 Census in Franklin Co, OH. He also appears on a Frederick Co tax list in 1800. In between, references to him are few and far between but he served in an Ohio military unit in the War of 1812, according to a bounty land claim made by his widow, Johannah. In 1814 he and two other fellows are appointed to appraise the estate of Thomas Chenoweth in Franklin Co, OH. In 1816 he purchases land from Henry Massie. He doesn't appear in Franklin Co records again until 1821 when he appears as a solicitor in the Franklin Co Court of Common Pleas. He continues to appear off and on in tax lists and other listings until 1834. That is the last reference that I have to him and it is pretty close to the death date of 1836.

So...as I said, I do feel pretty sure that our Abraham is not the son of Rev. Thomas Romeyn and Susannah Van Campen. As to who his parents were....well, right now there are two possible contenders but both have some pretty strong drawbacks to them. The first is a fellow who appears in the Frederick Records as Thomas Romine. The real puzzle is whether or not this Thomas is the same as the fellow who appears in the Berkeley Co records as Thomas Roman. Thomas Roman is known to have had a son named Abraham Roman (from Thomas' will) and I have not yet tracked the fellow. A second possibility is Peter Romine Jr of Loudoun Co who also had a son named Abram. However, it is my suspicion that this Abram is the fellow who moves around 1810 to IN as he seems to be moving with a Jonathan Romine, who is also probably a son of Peter Romine Jr.

I suspect that Mrs. Mann remains unconvinced by my argument that Abraham is not the son of Rev. Thomas Romeyn but all she had to work from was McDonnell's books and I think that she did an admirable job with the material that she had on hand and what she gained from correspondence. At this point you may not be convinced either but I don't think that our Abraham was moving back and forth between Ohio and NY in the early 1800's. While there are not alot of records of him, there are enough to at least give the appearance that he was pretty stationary in OH between 1812 and 1834. So far, I have not been able to fill the gap between 1800 and 1809, however.

I assume since you said nothing to the contrary that you already have the information on Johannah Romine and her parents? If not, I would be happy to send it to you. I think that I have sent it to Mrs. Mann and thus you may have it already if you have already gotten info from her.

Looking forward to hearing more from you.

Renee

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