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Hi, I'm new to the list. Like one of those people who call radio shows, I could probably say "Long term listener, first time joiner." I haven't found a convergence of lines searching through the archives, but here goes.

My earliest documented Romaine/Romeyn/Romine is John Romaine (28 Jan 1798 - 13 Oct 1852), originally of New York City, but later (ca. 1830) from Westchester County, NY. He appeared in Cortlandt in the 1830 census and may be on the 1850 census in Ossining (Sing Sing). John was a shoemaker. He is buried with his wife Hannah Logan Romaine in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery (not too far, in fact, from Washington Irving's grave, but outside the "Old Dutch Burying Ground").

My cousin and I have found three sons of John Romaine: George W. (11 Jul 1826 - 28 Apr 1906), Jacob (6 Sep 1832-12 Jan 1890) and John (Jr.) (20 June 1838 - ca. 1911). (There is also a mysterious William H. Romaine buried with John Romaine, Sr., for whom we are now starting to recover information.) The boys were shoemakers by occupation. They appear in Ossining in the 1850 and 1860 census. George W. Romaine was a Civil War veteran, a coal passer on the Federal gunboat "Nyack." I have a copy of his pension file. He is buried in Fair Ridge Cemetery, Chappaqua, Westchester County, NY. John Jr. was a 90-Day volunteer in the Civil War, and received a small pension. I have not proved, but believe that John Jr. died in Allendale, Bergen County, NJ (according to addresses on his pension application, he moved from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx to Allendale). Jacob and some of George's children are buried in Sparta Cemetery in Ossining (Sing Sing), New York. Jacob, who has no military record, is my great-grandfather. (I believe he might have had exemption from the draft by serving as a warden in Sing Sing.) My cousin (who discovered a year ago) is a descendent of George.

At one time, before we found his grave in Sleepy Hollow, my counsin and I had thought that John Romaine Sr (1798-1852) might be the John born 1786 to Benjamin Romaine, the Revolutionary War soldier and Tammany Hall politico. Now we suspect that, given naming patterns, John Sr.'s father might have been a man called Jacob Romaine in New York.

I have some preliminary research online at
<http://romaine.home.pipeline.com/romaine/index.html>

Thanks!

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