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Dear Romine Researchers,

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. My Thanksgiving Holiday turned into a bonanza of Romine material from two different sources. I had ordered material from the WV State Library which came, today. This material was interesting and frustrating. It was interesting because it reinforced some things I pretty much knew already, but it also provided some information I did not know. The frustrating part was many of the deed were written in cursive, and I could only read every other word.

The second source of information was from a visit to the Harrison County Library in Clarksburg, WV. I was visiting with relatives. They went shopping, and I went to the library for two hours. This by far was a fruitful visit. I learned a little about a gentleman named, W. Guy Tetrick. Apparently, Guy was an employee in the Harrison County Clerks Office back in the 1930's. He used his access to the records to amass information on numerous families including the Romines. He was planning to write a book, but it never happened. The library did take all of his material, and placed it on microfiche. The following is a memo I thought you all might enjoy. It was from Albert O. Romine, and dated December 5, 1932:

Mr. W. Guy Tetrick,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Tetrick:--

Replying to your letter of some months ago, and to your card of later date.

I must first apologize for my neglect in this matter and assure you that it was not because I did not want to help you in every way possible in your research but from the habit of putting things off, which I have allowed myself to drift into, following a complete breakdown about three years ago. I trust that you will accept my apology.

I am enclosing the blank which hyou sent and have given you such information as I am able to give with authority.

My Grandfather was shot to death when Father was but a small boy (family tradition having it that it was because he had freed his slaves) and Grandmother and her children soon emigrated to Indiana entirely away from the family history. Grandmother passed on before I became interested and my opportunity to learn what she knew was gone.

Father's story, as he always told it to me, was that our family originated in Amereica with the settlement of Claas Kuyper Janse Romeyn at New Amsterdam about 1640. That the family drifted south and that his Great Grandparents, neither of whose names were known to him, lived in Virginia, now West Virginia. That there still exists a town or village, Romines Mills, named for the family. That both these Great Grandparents died in an epidemic of some sort, leavign five sons and two daughters. That his Grandfather, William Romine, was apprenticed to a shoemaker, or rather bound out, and that this shoemaker was cruel to him. That he ran away and went to Harrodsburg, Kentucky, to the home of a sister, Elizabeth Towson, never again seeing any of his brothers or his other sister. That he

married Elizabeth Armstrong and had five sons and two daughters (whose names are set out in the blank). After his marriage he removed to Washington County, Kentucky, near Chaplin, where he secured a grant of land from the government and where my Grandfather and Father were born.

Trusting that this sketch will materially assist you in preparing your history of the family, and with sincere regards, I am

Your kinsman,
A. O. Romine

The Romines Mill referenced is a mile or two from where my James Romine lived. Guy Tetrick also interviewed some other descendents of James, and provides many relationships. Many of these relationships were also confirmed with the deed from the State Library in Charleston.

As I sort through this material, I will share additional information at a later date.

Sincerely,

Mike Romine

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