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Zachariah and Job/Jacob Romines and Layton #3 & 4

Zachariah Romines

I have already given the thumbnail summary that I have for Zachariah as far as bio goes. Usually his wife's name is given as "Margaret Stevens". However, Dan Romine's exposition into the evidence that her name was Elizabeth has me convinced. Essentially he points out that the index to the marriage records gives her name as "Elizabeth". The name "Margaret" is used for another contemporary woman who marries at about the same time and who can be shown to have the correct name. Finally, in a deed dated 1813, Zachariah's wife is named as Elizabeth. So for now, I have gone along with this idea.

The children that I have identified so far for Zachariah and Elizabeth Romines are:

1. Layton Romines #3--this is the one I used to call #2  
1786--birth

16 Sept 1813--War of 1812 service, Capt. Wm Pepper's Co, 4th Reg. VA Militia

1830--Census Claiborne Co, TN--age 30-40

1840--Census Claiborne Co, TN--age 50-60

18 July 1846--marriage to Rebecca Hammack

1850--Census Grainger Co, TN--age 63

15 Jan 1855--death in Anderson Co, TN

2. Allen Romine

abt 1787--bith

16 Sept 1813--War of 1812 Service, Capt. Wm. Pepper's Co, 4th Reg. VA militia

1815--substitute military service for John Whitt, Montgomery Co, VA

1850--Census Anderson Co, TN

26 Oct 1850--Bounty land claim in Anderson Co, TN on 1812 War service

27 March 1855--Bounty land claim made in Anderson Co, TN on 1812 War service

3. Mary Romine

abt 1796--birth

2 May 1814--Montgomery Co, VA married to Bird Curnutt

1850--Census Anderson Co, TN

4. Jeremiah Romines

abt 1804--birth, VA

???--marriage to Rachel McCoy

1850--Census Anderson Co, TN

The important thing about this that I have finally committed to identifying Layton #3 as a son of Zachariah. The evidence for this is circumstantial but essentially is that of all of the sons of Peter and Susannah Romine, Zachariah is the only one who seems to have remained in Montgomery Co, VA past 1790. Abel is known to have been in NC by then. James, Layton and Job/Jacob all drop off the face of the earth at that point, at least from what I currently have on the computer. Samuel appears to have been in Green Co, TN by 1797, although I have found only one reference to him so far. (There is another family there later, that of Hiram Remine of Russell Co, VA.)

The first reason I have done is his service in a VA military unit in the war of 1812. The second reason is that he named one of his younger sons Jeremiah. And third, although he appears to have been living in Grainger Co at the time of his death, he died in Anderson Co, where his probable father, two brothers and one sister were living.

Job Romines

This is a major departure from the way that this family is usually viewed. Job is thought to have been the father of Layton Romine #2 who is inturn identified as having had 2 or 3 wives and 22 or 24 children and the progenitor of almost every later Romines who comes down the

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pike. However, if Job and Jacob are indeed the same person, than based on his age on the 1830 Rhea Co census, there is no way that he could be the father of Layton #2 but must be his brother.

Since Samuel was possibly in TN before Layton, it seems to me that until the sons of Samuel and Job have been identified, it is going to be almost impossible to separate out the sons of Layton #2.

So far for Job I have identified only two sons:

1. Layton #4--the one I used to call Layton #3

abt 1797--birth, TN

???? marriage to Delilah?

1830--Census, Rhea Co, TN--age 30-40

1840--Bledsoe Co, TN--age 40-50

1850--Bledsoe Co, TN--age 55

1860--Census, Sevier Co, TN--age 68

2. Benjamin

1805--birth (VA?)

?????--marriage to Nancy Richie

1830--Census, Sevier Co, TN

1840--Census, Jackson Co, TN

1850--Census, Overton Co, TN

1864--Death, Metcalf Co, KY

For the children of these younger Laytons I have, so far, the following lineup

Layton #3

1. David

m. Mary

d. bef. 6 Oct 1857

2. John Romine

3. Jenny Romine

m. Isaac Richards

4. Tabitha

m. unknown Abbott

5. Elizabeth Romines

6. Thomas

7. George

b. abt 1804?

8. Abel

b. abt 1823

m. Mary

m. Charlotte Thomas, 3 July 1859, Sevier Co, TN

9. Noah

Living with Layton and Rebecca in 1850 were the following:

1. Martin (b. 1831)

2. Thomas (b. 1840)

3. Lucindy (b. 1843)

4. Jeremiah (b. 1847)

5. Asa (Acy) (b. 1849)

The last two are probably the only ones born to Rebecca, although the gap in ages between Martin and Thomas might suggest otherwise. I am not certain that the Martin and Thomas listed are actually sons of Layton. I think that they may be grandsons.

The names of the first 9 children are drawn from a lawsuit, filed 6 Oct 1857 in Sevier Co, TN, to force the sale of land by the heirs of Layton Romines. The suit was filed by Mary Romines, the widow of David. From the language of the suit, the Thomas who was named in that suit was still living. Thus it would seem odd that there would be two sons named Thomas so I think that the younger Thomas, listed in 1850, was a grandson. Lucindy, Jeremiah and Asa are not named in the suit, probably because they were underage, although there should have been someone who represented their interests. Martin, who would have been of age, is not named in the suit and thus was probably not a son but a grandson.

However, since Layton #2 died circa 1835, and Layton #4 doesn't die until after 1860, Layton #3, who died in 1855, seems to be the only Layton to whom these children could belong.

Layton #4

1. Thomas

m. Pheobe Richards

d. 1837

in 1850 Layton, age 55, is living with a 37 year old woman named Delilah. I don't know at this point if she is his wife or his daughter in law. Living with them are the following who may be his children or may be his grandsons:

1. Benjamin--b. 1839

2. Thomas--b. 1843

3. Isaac--b. 1844

4. John--b. 1845

The 1860 Census causes even more confusion for this family. Now Layton, age 68, is living with Charlotte, age 28. Listed with him are the following:

1. Morgan b. 1843
2. James b. 1846
3. William b. 1853
4. Joshua b. 1859
5. Elizabeth Botany b. 1832
6. Tennessee Botany b. 1854
7. Samuel b. 1856

Unless Morgan in 1860 and the Thomas b. 1843 of the 1850 census are the same person, than the oldest two, Morgan and James, must be grandchildren. If Charlotte is Layton's wife and not a daughter-in-law, than William and Joshua could be Layton's; otherwise they too are grandchildren. Elizabeth and her two children are probably a daughter and grandchildren.

The key to all of this seems to lie in correctly identifying the sons named Thomas. So far, I have two documents which should do this but they are pretty confusing. Both date from 1857. The first is the lawsuit spoken of up above. It names an apparently living Thomas as an heir of a deceased Layton Romine.

The second document is from 12 Feb 1857. On that date Pheobe (Richards) Romine made a bounty land claim based on the service of her husband, Thomas Romines, who is said to have died in 1837. An affidavit was made for her claim on 7 Feb 1857 was made for her by Layton Romines who states that he witnessed the marriage of Thomas and Phoebe and knows that she is still a widow and that Thomas died sometime in 1837. He states that he knows this because Thomas was his son.

So...the trick seems to be to match a living Thomas with a Layton and a dead Thomas with a living Layton in 1857. This is what I have attempted to do. There is still a lot of work to do here. For instance, for Layton #3, I have listed a George who has an estimated birthday of 1804. This is just at the edge of believable possibility for a man born in 1786.

That is about as far as I have gotten with the stuff that I have on hand. Any discussion and further information etc would be greatly appreciated.

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