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Hi Becky,

Some time ago, Lonnie Fink forward to the Romine list your request for info and I am only now getting around to replying. Unfortunately at the time that he did so, my computer was having a nervous breakdown and your email ended up on my husbands computer. Just found it today.

I have collected some information concerning the ROMINES in Loudoun Co, although my ROMINES were from the neighboring county of Frederick (neighboring at that time). In fact, I am currently awaiting the arrival of further research that is being done for me in Loudoun Co. I also need to get film of the Loudoun Co tax lists. Until then the following is tentative and might remain so even after I get the papers and film but I am really intrigued by your line-up of Peter ROMINES and am hoping that we can share some information with one another.

So here is what I have so far, more or less, in response to what you wrote:

>Peter Romine died 1788, Loudoun Co. Virginia (m. to Abigail) [We will call him Peter #1]

This fellow is said to be the son of a Jan ROMEYN and Greetje VAN DYCKE by an earlier ROMINE researcher but I have not done enough work on them yet to be able to substantiate them. It is pretty well documented that this couple is the same one who came to VA from NJ as the records of their dismissal from the church in NJ are extant. They did not leave NJ, however, until 1759 so if Peter Junior below was indeed born in 1740, he was not probably born in Loudoun Co but in Monmouth Co, NJ. Church records in Monmouth state that Peter ROMINE was dismissed to Short Hill, Loudoun Co, VA. The earliest mention of Peter ROMINE, or any other ROMINE for that matter, that I have yet to find in Loudoun Co is that of Peter ROMINE on an index of Loudoun Co tax lists and it places a Peter ROMINE SR in Loudoun Co, VA in 1758! Eh, what? :)

> Peter Romine Junior b. circa 1740, Loudoun Co, VA.

Don't know about this. This is where massive confusion begins.

Certainly Peter and Abigail had a son by the name of Peter [we will call him Peter #2] but I am uncertain as to when he was born. John ROMINE appears on the Loudoun Co index in 1760 for the first time. A second Peter does not appear until 1762. The index does not make clear when a father is taking the responsibility of a young son so at this point until I see the film, I have no idea if that might be the case or not. If it is, then this probably is a substantiation of the a birth of about 1740 for Peter #2.

However...in 1787 according to the abstracts as given by Mildred McDonnell in her book, Peter ROMINE took the tax liability for another Peter ROMINE! That would put the birth of this third Peter at about 1766 to 1771. [This can be Peter #3]

In 1788 according to the abstracts of Schriener-Yantis, there is only one Peter in the county and he is responsible for the taxes of a John (probably an error for Jonathan).

I have more details but I think that you can see that the tax lists, at least in the abstract, piece meal form that I now have them, do not present a very clear picture.

And the picture that we have is further complicated by the possibility that there may have been a fourth Peter. This Peter released land in Fauquier Co from George Washington. The land was not all that far from the Loudoun Co line and Peter does not seem to have actually lived there. From the lease we know that his wife's first name was Susannah and that he had at least three sons: Abel, Zachariah and Layton. We can come up with a tentative birthdate for Layton as about 1764, if my memory serves me correctly, from other sources. There is no evidence at this point that Peter ever actually lived in Fauquier Co...and if he didn't live there, where did he live? My guess is that he lived in Loudoun Co and is one of the Peter's who appear on the tax lists. Based on names only at this point, it would seem that he [Peter #4] is most likely to be a son of Layton and Esther Romine rather of Peter #1 and Abigail...unless Peter #1 and Layton were brothers...which is not how the early Romine researchers line them up...but that could be wrong! The reason that I think that this Peter #4 lived in Loudoun is because from military records, Abel appears to have had a brother named James...and the tax list abstracts of Loudoun have a Peter Romine taking the tax responsibility for a James Romine in 1771.

> Peter Romine b. circa 1816, State of Virginia d. about 1860-1870 in Hopkins County or > Hunt County, Texas m. Nancy Romine (b. 1812, d. 1860-1870) If the birthdate is right, then I tend to think that there may be a generation missing from our list. What do you think?

Anyway, I would love to see what documentation you might have and will be more than happy to share what I have.

Renee L. Dauven

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