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Reed Romine wrote:

>Appreciate the work you have done and are doing with the Romines in Loudoun
>County VA circa 1801-1812. Your 11 messages make fascinating reading --
>Thanks for sharing them with the List.

And I am most appreciative of the long thoughtful post that you have written, Reed.

>To begin to put some dates on Peter-Abigail, and John & Rebecca, one notes:
>John & Rebecca's dau Mary married William Frances 6 Feb 1787 per page 94
>William (1763-1847) & Mary (1769-1840), moved to Licking Co., OH in 1816,
>per page 184
>Thus John & Rebecca married by about 1768 - thus John probably born before
>1750.

Mary is the child for whom I have the earliest birth, 1769, as you give. There are still three of the girls for whom I have not even guestimates at this point (Sarah, Rachel and Martha). So like you I am assuming that John & Rebecca married by at least 1768 but possibly earlier...or John may have been married more than once.

I say this because current evidence that I have points to his having been born between 1740 and 1744. I have not yet worked with the original tax rolls but I used Margaret Lail Hopkins's "Index to The Tithables of Loudoun County, Virginia and to Slaveholders and Slaves. 1758-1786." This book is just an index so while you can tell for instance that in 1761 there is both a John and a Peter Romine listed, you have no idea if John was paying his own tax or not or if Peter was taking responsibility for him. In 1761 John makes his first appearance on the lists so he was probably between 17 and 21 but he that he may have been just a bit older can't be ruled out totally. Personally, I favor the idea of his birth having been in about 1744. This would make him roughly 22 at the estimated time of marriage. Should he prove to be anything older than that and we may have do some serious thinking about the possibility of a first wife.

>That suggests that father Peter likely was born before 1730.
>Early land transactions -- pages 94, 95... -- indicates Peter (& Abigail?)
>were acquiring land in Loudoun Co as early as 1761, and were parceling it
>out to son John in 1783, & to Peter Jr. in 1787.
Peter first appears on the tax lists according to Hopkins in 1759.

>Note page 191, the discussion of Peter & Abigail & the Catocton
>Creek/Ketocton Baptist Church.
>Peter's February 1787 will (page 100), cites his four children and implies
>that Isaac has no children known to father Peter.
>Note that an Isaac (page 115) served in the Virginia Militia in 1782... and
>one was in Kentucky (page 166) where he acquired 400 acres, 6-4-1781, along
>the Harrodsburgh Salt River...and on same page is a reference to Isaac
>Romine, having enlisted in 22 Oct 1782 -- discharged 23 Nov 1782 (one
month)
>in the Lincoln Co. KY Militia for a campaign against the Indians. I
>could believe this is the Isaac gone west...

I think that it is looking good that this may be the right Isaac. However, the picture is slightly complicated by the presence of an Isaac Roman/Romaine in KY. If Isaac's pension claim can be taken at face value, he didn't arrive in KY until 1797, however, leaving plenty of chance that the earlier mentions of an Isaac Romine/Romain as belonging to the son of Peter and Abigail.

>The inventory of Peter's personal estate (pages 101-2) tells us that Peter
>died by April 1788.

The last mention of a living Peter Romine that I have found so far is from a deed dated 25 Dec 1787. He had died by 14 April 1788 when his will was recorded.

>To digress a bit:

>If one assumes that Peter & Abigail followed the traditional Dutch naming
>pattern,
>and his will lists his children in sequential order --John, Peter, Isaack,
>Sarah --
>then this Peter's father is a John Romine, Abigail's father is Peter
>(?)....., and
>Abigail's mother is Sarah (?).... John seems to be the eldest son of
>Peter.
>So one might look for a connection to an earlier John Romine, born by circa
>1710-ish.
>Ackerman cites a Jan (A25), son of Christoffel/Stoffel, with a son Peter
>(A315),
>Peter baptized in Freehold 8 Apr 1716.

An unknown researcher in "The Wyckoff Family in America" vol. 2, p. 296
has made this identification and at this point I have found nothing to
refute it. It would make him 20 years old in 1736. That gives us a 4 to 8
year gap before the estimated birth of John. He may have married later than
the norm for the time period. Given the infant mortality rate of the times,
there is a strong possibility that there may have been children before John
who did not survive to adulthood. I would feel a bit better about the
identification if a good marriage date for Peter and Abigail could be found.

This Jan (A25) died 1723, probably
>rather young. This Jan is also the father of a Peter Romine (A27), who
>married
>Rachel Layton, and were probably the parents of Layton Romine (A331), who
>then also migrates into Loudoun Co. Virginia (MAM pg 103) by 1774.
I think you mean that Jan Christofelse Romine is the brother to the
Peter who marries Rachel Layton and who becomes the father of Layton Romine.

This
>is speculative, of course, but it gives you some of the reasons why I
>believe
>the Loudoun Co. Romines came out of Monmouth Co., Freehold/Shrewsbury, NJ.

Hopefully it won't be so for much longer. What I have on Layton is
rather cobbled together but...Layton Romine was born 2 April 1727 according
to the records preserved from the old Dutch Bible of the Romine family by
Isa Hazen and he married Esther Holstead in Monmouth Co in 1763. Layton
makes his first appearance in Loudoun Co tax lists in 1770 and again in
1772. As you have pointed out he becomes exempt from taxes according to a
notation in the Loudoun Co Court minutes that is abstracted in McDonnell.
He makes his last appearance in 1787 when he takes the responsibility for
the payment of the taxes of a John Romine who is between the ages of 17 and
21. The following year a Hester Romine pays the taxes for Jacob and Isaac
Romine. In 1789 Esther Romine again pays for Jacob and Isaac. It is my
belief that this helps to provide circumstantial evidence that this is
indeed the Layton of Monmouth Co records.

>Curiously, both Peter and Peter Jr., appear in the 1794 Virginia Tax List C
>(Book II, page 326). That's after Peter Sr.'s death -- perhaps these are
>both for Peter Jr.

Since Jr. and Sr did not necessarily designate father and son, it is
entirely possible that the younger Peter is a son of Layton while the older
Peter is the son of Peter and Abigail. There is a similiar problem with the
1771 tax lists. At that time a Peter Romine pays the taxes for a James
Romine and yet a Peter Jr appears on the lists also. James appears from
1771-1775 and then again in 1784. He is not a son of Peter Sr and Abigail
so if the tax list is correct in saying that his father is named Peter,
there is at a least one other Peter mucking up the waters in the Loudoun Co,
VA personal property tax lists.

>The inventory of John's personal property (page 102)in the summer of 1797
>tells us he died by mid-1797. He must have been comparatively young --
>like thirty-ish
>but old enough to have ten/eleven? children!

More like 40ish, I should think...

>Peter Jr.
>seems to
>have moved on by 1820. (pg 102) Possibly moved to Licking Co., OH.
In another case that I hope to get out to the list we will see that
Peter Jr died sometime between 1816 and 1820.

>Do we know Peter Jrs wife's name(s)?

I think that her name was Ruth Burson.

>The Virginia Personal Property Tax List C for 1790, (MAM Book II, pg 325)
>notes that on May 6th: in the Peter (Jr) Romine household were Peter &
>Jonathan,
>both white males Tithables above 21; and in the
>John Romine Household was one White Male Tithable above 21, John Romine,
>himself. Thus it appears that these John & Jonathan are two separate
>people. For
>completeness: in an Isaac (a cousin perhaps, not Peter Sr.'s missing
>son)Romine
>household were Isaac & Jacob Romine, and in the James Romine household was
>James.

I am rather leery of Mildred's extraction of the Loudoun Co tax lists. The John who appears in 1790 is most likely to be the son of Peter and Abigail and the brother to Peter Jr. than it is to be the son of Peter Jr. Isaac is probably the above mentioned son of Layton and Esther Romine. I suppose that if by 1790 Isaac had reached the age of 21 and Esther had died, that Isaac could indeed have been taking the tax liability for his younger brother. However, I would like to see the film of the lists myself some day just to be sure.

Well, that is plenty of food for thought at the moment. Feedback is welcome.

Renee

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