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William Romine wrote:

> I read with great interest your recent email to the Romine-l website. I  
> was particularly interested in the possible affiliation of the Roane  
> County, WV Romines with the Russell County, VA Romines because there may  
> also be an affiliation with the Romines in Harrison Co. I remembered  
> seeing a note on the Romines in Russell County, so I went through my  
> material, and found the following excerpt from material by Renee Dauven:  
>  
> "The problem with identifying the James of Harrison County with the son of  
> Peter, Jr., is that the remainder of the names found in Harrison fit  
> better with the identification of him as being the son of Samuel Romine  
> named in the lease agreement between Samuel and Denny Martin Fairfax in  
> Frederick Co, VA on Jan 1793. There Samuel names what are probably his  
> youngest sons if they aren't his only sons, as being Joseph, Peter and  
> James. The name Samuel, however, is more closely connected to Russell Co  
> than to Harrison in this time period." I never quite understood this  
> since Russell Co is at the southwest end of the state.  
I didn't make that very clear, did I? And I think that I was probably  
being just a bit too general as the name Samuel does appear scattered  
thru the Frederick Co records from roughly 1780 to 1802. After that the  
name appears in Shenandoah Co. until 1812 which is the last that I have  
him so far. Dickenson shows Samuel's property to be in what is now  
Warren Co but Warren was formed from both Frederick and Shenandoah in  
1834 so it is possible that Samuel may not have actually moved but the  
county lines just changed around him. If his original property was in  
Shenandoah but the trip was easier to Winchester than to Woodstock, he  
may have conducted his business there rather than in Woodstock. The  
change may also reflect the building of a new road which made travel to  
Woodstock easier for him. I just haven't done enough deed work and/or  
Shenandoah research to know for sure if he actually moved.  
The other Samuel makes his first appearance in Montgomery Co when he  
marries Jude or Juda Pate in dec 1787 and then appears on the tax list  
there in 1788. In 1788 a Samuel also begins to make land deals in  
Russell Co and according to McDonnell a Samuel and a William or William  
H appear in the Russell Co court records continuously over the years  
upto the 1820's, IIRC. One piece of property that he buys lies  
adjoining a piece owned by Lonnie's Syrenious Emmons who was from  
Frederick Co and whose wife was Lydia Romine.  
In the Montgomery records there also appears Abel, Zachariah and Layton  
Romine who can be shown to be the sons of Peter Romine and Susannah by a  
Fauquier Co deed. Also appearing in those records is James, Peter and a  
Job. The name of James is closely associated with that of Abel in  
Frederick as they joined the military there on the same day and then  
deserted on the same day. Some of this Montgomery Co bunch eventually  
wind up in TN with the exception of Abel who moves to NC.  
So the original question was whether or not your James (who married  
Elizabeth Middleton) was to be identified with the James, son of Samuel,  
or the James, son of Peter of Susannah. The Romine names that appear in  
the Harrison Co records such as James, Joseph, Peter, Jacob and Isaac

are more suggestive of the family of either Samuel of Frederick or of Layton of Loudoun rather than the family of Peter and Susannah.

At this point my thought is that we can safely eliminate your James as a son of Samuel of Frederick/Shenandoah. That James is known to have married Keziah Allen (from deeds and marriage records) in 1803 and from what I have been able to track of him, I think that he remained in Shenandoah Co until about 1812 when he appears in the Shenandoah records as living in Cooke Co, TN. From there he moves to MO where he spent the remainder of his life. So I think that he can be eliminated.

That leaves him as either being associated with either the sons of Peter and Susannah down in Montgomery Co or with the sons of Layton from Loudoun/Frederick. I am leaning, at least at this point, with the latter rather than the former.

Is that clearer what I was driving at?

> When I look at the geography of present Virginia, I can see that  
> Frederick, Loudoun, Fauquier, and Shenandoah are all in the northeast  
> corner of the state. As you migrate south of this area along the  
> Shenandoah Mountains, you come to Montgomery and Russell Counties. It  
> would appear that some of the Romines decided to cross the mountains while  
> other chose to follow the mountains south as they were exploring new  
> territory. This would maybe explain why many Romines ended up in the  
> southwest as well as the midwest. Previously, I thought families tended  
> to be localized, but I have since concluded they were very mobile and  
> traveled great distances. This is why it is so difficult to identify  
> relationships, and why you can not ignore any possible connection between  
> individuals to other families.

Did you by any chance see the PBS series on the American Revolution?  
There was one statement made in the final segment which gave me a great chuckle. The narration stated that most Americans of the period did not go more than 30 miles from where they were born in their entire lifetime. HA! There was a great deal of movement, either permanently or in just travel for business purposes. I was astounded to read the Rev pension claim of one veteran in which the man listed all the places that he had lived and it came to 10 different places involving three or four states. True he was probably unusual but it is my experience that many of them moved at least once in their livetimes and some moved two or three times.

> I am still working on your request for information about the parents of  
> Sarah Riley. I forwarded your inquiry to my father, and he has not  
> responded, yet. Dad was William Theodore Romine, born in Roane, Co and  
> lived in Spencer, WV for many years. He is 83 years old, and he has a  
> pretty good memory. He tells me that if he does not have the information,  
> he knows other descendants of the Rileys who would probably have the  
> answer. You also mentioned Benjamin F. Romine. Dad was able to recall  
> several stories about Benjamin F. Romine as they were told by his son,  
> Benjamin Romine.

Mike, I hope you can post them to the list! The Riley name is pretty common but it does seem to occur over and over again with Romines. Even if they may not be closely related, it may help us to find migratory patterns. And I would love to hear the stories of Benjamin F. I like stories!

Renee

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