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January 28, 1964

Dear Mrs. Creekmore,

You certainly are not the one who owes the apology. I have been terribly neglectful in looking for the information you are needing and I am hoping what I have will be of some benefit to you.

Did you not receive a letter from me way back in Oct. of 1960? (IC says no!) I have written on your letter that date as when I answered you. As far as the letter you wrote during the campaign, I will have to confess I found it just last week when I was into a lot of my old campaign literature. Please forgive my carelessness and tardiness.

I am going to type the Creekmore record as it is recorded in a genealogy my grandmother compiled about in 1940-45. There is no publishing date in the book. In the front of the book she give credit to Mrs. Worts, of Ft. Smith, whom you mentioned, so probably this information will be repetitious to yours.

Robert Creekmore died July 6, 1824.

Elizabeth Creekmore, nee Bachelor, died Sept. 1, 1829.

Robert Warren Creekmore, born Jan. 8, 1792, died Nov. 11, 1869.

Nancy McCowan, wife of Robert Warren Creekmore, born March 25, 1805, died Feb. 27, 1853.

* Elizabeth Bachelor Creekmore, born Sept. 22, 1823, married S. N. Provine, 1838.

* Leonidas Newton Creekmore, born Aug. 9, 1825; married Matilda Robertson, 1845. Second marriage, Leonidas Newton Creekmore to Nancy Criss, 1851. Third marriage to Amanda Allison, Jan. 1856.

* James McCowan Creekmore, born Aug. 4, 1827; married Martha Jones, Dec. 1849.

* Hiram Caswell Creekmore, born Oct. 31, 1829; married Ann Eliza Wier, Dec. 27, 1854.

* Robert Warren Creekmore, born May 14, 1832; married Helen Ryan, Dec. 25, 1853.

* Nancy Emaline Creekmore, born Oct. 4, 1835; married John C. Martin, Jan. 1855.

* Sarah Jane Creekmore, born Dec. 18, 1839; married A. J. Simpson, April 16, 1861.

* Mary Frances Creekmore, born Nov. 9, 1842; married John F. Wier, Nov. 11, 1857. Second marriage, Mary Frances Wier to John Bryant, Nov. 10, 1868.

*Millenium Creekmore, born July 16, 1845, married Dr. M W. R. West, Dec. 22, 1859.

* William Rufus King Creekmore, born March 25, 1852, married Amanda Lemons, Feb., 1872. Second marriage, William Rufus King Creekmore to Lelia Carter, 1895.

*mht says I understand this to be Robert (son of our Eliz. & Robert) and the starred children are taken from his family bible, and they are gr.ch. of our Robert of Whitley Co., Ky. Wonder where Robert Warren lived?

Hiram Caswell Creekmore, [illegible] married Ann Eliza Wier, Dec. 27, 1854. Their children:
Dovie Alice, born in Miss., Oct. 31, 1855.
Annie Gertrude, born in Miss., Oct., 1857.
Sarah Elizabeth, born in Miss., July 15, 1866. (my Grandmother)
Nancy Ophelia, born in Hallettsville, Texas, Sept. 20, 1868
Maud Hiram, born Sept. 8, 1872, in Hallettsville, Texas.
Louis Herman, born Aug. 13, 1881, in Erath Co., Texas.

MARRIAGES OF CREEKMORE FAMILY

Dovie Alice was married to Francis Marion Ray, Aug. 23, 1874, at Salado, Texas.
Descendants: Homer Harris Ray, and Hiram Creekmore Ray.

Homer Harris Ray married Frances E. Hamilton. Decendants, with their marriages:
Dewitt C. Ray married Mary Crawford.
Lorna Doone Ray married J. Homer Reed.
Dovie Alice Ray, married Davis F. Pounds.
Homer F. Ray married Beatrice Countermann.
Helen Ray married Loyd M. Lanatte.

Hiram Creekmore Ray married Mary Ona Gilliam (Chickasaw Indian descent).
Descendants with their marriages:
Louise Tyler Ray, married Ira Chaney:
Descendant: Billy Ray Chaney.
Francis Marion Ray married Nellie M. Countess.
Descendants: Francis Andrew, Countess Ann.

Also descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram C. Ray: Mary Bess, and Joseph Bland.

Dovie Alice Ray (second marriage) married Joseph Brewster, Dec. 23, 1880.
Descendants: Mabel, Lena Kate Joseph.
Marriages:
Mabel Brewster married Charles E. Phelps.
Descendants: Mabel Katherine, Joe Phelps.
Kate Brewster married Vernon Ware.
Descendants: Marion, Auverne, Dulce.
Joseph Brewster married Mamie Dye.

Annie Gertrude Creekmore married Frank M. Stuart.
Descendants: Two children who died in infancy.

Sarah Elizabeth Creekmore married William Thomas Wallace, May 11, 1885.
Descendants: William Robert; Thomas Hiram, Jewel; Creekmore; Herbert Calvin; Mary Josephine; Willard Grady; and three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace who died in infancy.

I have the marriages and descendants of these people if you should care to have them. I imagine they are more recent than the one in which you are interested.

From the book:

"From the records of Mrs. Carl H. Worts, Jr. 127 May Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark. Mrs. Worts has made an extensive study of the Creekmore family and I am indebted to her for the following facts:"

Genealogy given to Mrs. Worts by J. B. Creekmore, Clovis, New Mexico, as he remembers it as told to him and his sister by their parents.

ROBERT CREEKMORE came to America from England prior to the Revolution. He had three sons: ROBERT, CHARLIE, WILLIAM. There was also a BALANTINE who might have been a son or brother. ROBERT* was father of BALANTINE, NEWTON, WILLIAM, ELIZABETH, SARAH.

*Mht says I suppose this Robert is our Robert who came to Whitley Co., and that they are saying he had brothers Charlie and William—I don't know just what they mean. Notice that he says Robert's son was Balantine. WHY DID ROBERT CALL HIM BACHELOR IN THE WILL—TO DISTINGUISH HIM FROM THE OTHER BALLANTINES? I'll bet that's the way it was and we've had it turned around. His name WAS Ballentine Bachelor (or the other way around) but to keep the legal end of it straight, his daddy called him Bachelor in the Will, and thenceforth he used B.B. because of old Ballentine and young Ballentine B.—and I'll bet he NEVER used the Bachelor alone and COULDN'T use Ballentine for a signature, so he was B. B.

ELIZABETH married a Mr. PORCH.
Sarah married a Mr. JONES. (This is SKEETER say Ida and she's right.)
BALANTINE (BACHELOR) married MARY BROWN of Virginia.

The following record is also from Mrs. Worts:

Will of Edmind Creekmore, book 4, F.8, dated 28th March, 1678-79. Proved 16th August 1680, Norfolk, Va. Mentions son, John Creekmore, Edward Creekmore, and Edmon, the youngest son, not of age. Daughter Elizabeth, wife, Jane.

Will of George Ballentine, Sr., of the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River of Norfolk, Va. Book 6, p 206, dated 2nd Sept., 1700. Proved May 16, 1702. Mentions sons, Thomas, William, George, John, Alexander, and Richard. Daughters: Mary, wife of Roger Hodges; Dorothy, wife of John Creekmore; Frances, wife of Henry Beale.

Will of John Creekmore probated 1711, Norfolk, Va., Mentions son, Samuel Creekmore. (Mentions land joining Edward Creekmore.) Sons: John, George and James. Daughters: Jane, Sarah, and Frances. Wife, Dorothy.

H. H. Creekmore, Attorney at Law, Jackson, Miss., gives the following:

ROBERT WARREN CREEKMORE (died 1824) married Elizabeth Batchelor, who died 1829. CHILDREN: BATCHELOR; NEWTON, went to Calena*; WILLIAM went to Kentucky; died at 110 years old. SARAH married a JONES. ROBERT went to Miss. JOHN went to Va.

*Mht says there is a Calena Park in Texas. WHO WENT TO ALABAMA and had the one born there?

Robert Batchelor Will probated New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., Nov., 1777.
Mentions wife, Frances; son, John; daughters, Elizabeth and Frances.
Was of the firm of Ashton and Batchelor, shippers.
Thomas Ashton of Phila., executor.

Bible of BALLENTINE BATCHELOR CREEKMORE ~~xxxx~~ printed in Edinburg by Mark and Chas. Kerr, His Majesty's printers MDCCVII.

Ballentine B. Creekmore born Jan. 23, 1784. Mary Brown born Jan., 1786. Daughter of Abel Brown, Norfolk, Va. Married Sept. 8, 1807.

(mht says if anyone can produce a letter from Pollyanna or anyone else whose work is reliable who ACTUALLY SAW AND COPIED THE ABOVE OR A PORTION OF THAT, I will hush about B. B. This gives actual birthdates and date of marriage. We can find out how they got together and where for the marriage. What I think we must find out is HOW MUCH of that paragraph was copied from a Bible and who copied it.)

Also authorities sent to me by Mrs. Wortz:

The Randolph Creekmore (son of D.H. says Ida) Bible in possession of Mrs. Wortz.
History of Northwest Arkansas in the Carnegie Library, Ft. Smith, Ark.

D. H. Creekmore Bible in possession of Mrs. Jim Sloan, Alma, Ark.

BALENTINE BATCHELOR CREEKMORE BIBLE owned by Mrs. Anna Baker, Huntsville, Tenn., gives dates of births and deaths and names of children and their marriages.

(Ida says: Now, I'm wondering if my Julia married into this family. The Bakers of my line came from Tenn.)

Quote from a letter from ~~Mrs~~. Ed Dell Wortz (Mrs. Carl H. Jr.) to my Grandmother, Sarah Wallace.

An old great uncle of mine is helping me and we hope to establish this line soon. We located the old Creekmore Bible in Tennessee giving the birth of Balantine B. Creekmore as Jan. 23, 1784--place not given but I believe it must have been in Virginia for he married Mary Brown of Norfolk, and their son, D. H. was born in Abingdon, Va.

The abstracts of Norfolk Co., wills records the will of one John Creekmore, probated 1711, mentioning sons, Samuel, John, George, and James; wife, Dorothy, and daughters, Jane Sarah and Francis. Brother, Edmund Creekmore and mentions land adjoining Edward Creekmore. The childrens' names in this will is spelled differently from the father's, "Creekmure."

We think Balantine's father was a Robert Creekmore. The census of 1675 does not record Creekmores of this name but North Carolina census 1790 records one Robert and one Balentine. The first grant of land in North Carolina however is dated 1789 - registered 1795.

Can you tell me from what County or what part of England the Creekmores came? An old Creekmore here thinks three brothers migrated at the same time. Robert, Balantine and William, and that Robert's son Balantine is my ancestor. I find no Revolutionary Service, altho the History of Northwest Ark. records D. H. Creekmore as being the grandson of a Revolutionary Soldier.
I find a Mary Creekmore in the Virginia census of 1785, in Norfolk Co."
END OF LETTER

The following information that William Creekmore is my ancestor was sent to me in 1926 by my cousin, Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, Dean of the Academy, Hardin-Baylor College, Benton, Texas. Mrs. Hardy is the daughter of Nancy Emeline Creekmore Martin and John C. Martin, and now resides in Chicago, Ill.

WAR RECORD OF WILLIAM CREEKMORE

William Creekmore was born in England in 1757. Died at Somerset, Ky., in about 1834. Married a Miss Owen in 1790.

His place of residence during the Revolutionary War was in Norfolk Co., Va.

He enlisted at the commencement of the war at Portsmouth, Va., a soldier in the Continental Line, for establishing of American Independence while acting in the capacity of a private.

Norfolk County Va.

Personally appeared before me, James Warden, a Justice of the Peace of the aforesaid County, Mr. WILLIAM CREEKMORE, and made oath that he enlisted at the commencement of the Revolutionary War under Capt. Hoffler at Portsmouth, Va., thence was marched to Williamsburg, there consolidated in Col. Gibson's Regiment, from thence marched to Alexandria, where he was innoculated with small pox, from thence went to Penn. and joined the Army under the immediate command of Gen. Washington; that he ~~HEREAR~~ there served in Gen. Green's Division, Gen. Mulinburg's Brigade; that he was at the taking of Stony Point under Gen. Swayne, and was at the Battle of Monmouth, after which he was discharged at Alexandria. That he soon after enlisted at Williamsburg from which place he marched to Petersburg and joined Gen. Gates under whom he served in Gen. Harrison's Regiment of Artillery. Was in the Battle of Camden, S.C., after which he was discharged. He then returned to Norfolk, his mother, with whom he had left his discharges, was plundered by the Refugees and his discharges destroyed.

Wm. Creekmore

Sworn to before me Jan. 5, 1827.
James Warden, J.P.
Dec. 13, 1826.

From Norfolk Petitions (B 4511)

> A certificate was issued June 13, 1786, to Wm. Creekmore, a soldier of the Infantry for 54 pounds.
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> Given under my hand at the Auditor's office, Richmond, Feb. 25, 1833.
>
> Endorsed Wm. Creekmore, soldier of the Line.

I certify that the above references to William Creekmore are true copies of the references made to him in the various books and manuscripts mentioned and are to be seen at the State Library.

Rebecca Johnston.

Virginia State Library Report. Vol. 6, page 118.
Richmond, Va., Feb. 19, 1921.

(mht says, if William was in Norfolk Co. in 1827—how do they relate him to Robert who was in N.C. 1790+ and in Ky. by 1820.)

MILITARY SERVICE:

Robert Warren Creekmore was Sargeant in the War of 1812. His second wife, Eliza McElvy Creekmore, received a pension. Copied from the War records in Washington in 1914 by Mr. W. L. Farmer, Attorney at Law in Oklahoma City.

This is all the information I have concerning the Creekmore family, other than contemporary history. Maybe there are names in what I have sent that will be of some further help to you.

As you will notice, I am sure, there are discrepancies in many of the records. I feel sure my Grandmother may have made some mistakes in what she recorded. I have an aunt, Mrs. Wm. A. Spohn, 924 Cruman Dr., Midwest City, Okla., who may have some of the papers from which my Grandmother got her information.

I hope you will find something, in what I have sent, that will be of help to you in your search for records.

Sincerely yours,

/Signed/ Sara Abernethy
(Mrs. J. H.)

Rec'd and copied from Ida 2-3-1864 (and supper will be late) mht.

We ought to get Robert W's pension file which should give birth and marriage dates, place of enlistment, and link him to our Robert--or the other way 'round.

WHO will check Jackson Co. Ala 1840 census to see which of the Creekmores went down there and and the John who went back to Kentucky and married.... Elisha, Newton, or WHO went down there/

Ida, next time don't risk this important data without a return address!!