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Dear Cousins....

I hope your transition to the new Millennium was smooth, and that you are all ready to tackle your "root" problems in a new and vigorous way this year. And while you're thinking of that, those of you who have not yet sent in your renewals, this issue will be the last you will receive. The Index for 1999 is enclosed. If you don't find it there, please let me know.

We are receiving a slow trickle of new subscribers. In about a half-dozen we have been able to help them almost immediately. I'm not too bashful to pat ourselves on our backs because, after all, that was why we began this project. However, I am a little disturbed with the reports from some of these new subscribers, and also some of our 'regulars' who are ~~not~~^{now} on the "net", about the mis-information found on the Internet. Several of the new subscribers have quickly found the answers or the sources to help them solve their genealogical puzzles from us when hours of search on the "web" has gleaned nothing. They are most grateful and I must thank those of you who have helped them at my suggestion. Some of us may continue to do research the old way without computers, and as Wilma Rawlings pointed out on the telephone the other day, "I would much rather prowl around in the dusty files of a county courthouse and see the exact signature, the faded old marriage certificate, the land deed or will with my own eyes." She tells me she coughs a lot but she doesn't mind. The thrill of discovery is worth it all.

Have a Happy Easter...sorry I've dallied but you should all have your newsletters before the end of the month.

Katherine



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LETTERS FROM AFAR

We have received a communication from the Arizona State Library & Archives asking if we would send them our newsletters. Of course we would be happy to. Someone had already donated Volumes 1 thru 6, so your Editor sent the next 6 along with Indexes. Starting with this issue they will be receiving the newsletters just as you or I.
It's great to be appreciated, isn't it?



It's not too late to order a copy of Byrd E. Tribble's book on BENJAMIN CASON RAWLINS, Virginia hero of the Confederate Army in the War Between the States. He was quite a man - enlisted at 16, became the youngest captain of the CSA by field appointment, and was the first Virginia enlistee. It's a great read, and can be ordered from Byrd at her home address for \$25.00. And she will sign each one personally. Her husband is descended from BENJAMIN.
Write to: 1141 Maple Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301.



FINANCIAL REPORT

December Balance:	\$1548.48
Receipts: Dues & Donations -	449.50
	1997.98
Expenses: Off. Suppl -	33.55
Postage -	137.00
Dec. N.L. -	145.54
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March Balance:	\$1681.89



MYSTERY

Your Editor has a slip of paper in her possession with the name KQREN RAWLINGS, P.O.Box 887, Franklin, WV 26807-0887.

I have no idea from whence it came. Can anyone enlighten me? Was it sent with the suggestion to contact Ms RAWLINGS? I would gladly do so when I get a go-ahead from whomever sent it to me.

Thanx.



New Publications

"Tennessee Cousins" A History of Tennessee People compiled by Worth Stickly Ray praised by the Tennessee Historical Society Quarterly. This book is a re-publish from 1969. 819 pages, maps, illustrations, indexed - \$40.00

Genealogical Publishing Co.
101 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, MD 21202-3897

Web Site - www.Genealogy Book Shop.com
Postage & Handling, \$3.50.

From Rita Rawlings, 5690 Foxlake Dr., N. Fort Myers, FL 33917

Curtin's Long Island Directory of
1868-69

Flatbush, city of New York

C.RAWLINGS, Laborer - wife Catherine
JOHN RAWLINGS, Waiter - wife Catherine

Hmmmm. Same Catherine?

The R/RFHA is once again listed in Elizabeth Bentley's "Directory of Family Associations...and in the Gale Research Co. "Encyclopedia of Associations".



Your Editor must be slipping a few cogs in her memory banks because when she was preparing the December issue she forgot to put the "thanks" mention of the names of subscribers who made donations of money, office supplies, books, etc. Herewith is the list of those persons who made such donations in 1999, with much thanks:

Beverly Allan
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The R/RFHA received a nice long letter from Beverly Allan with additional information regarding several RAWLIN(G)S, some corrections from our December newsletter, and general information on some web sites of interest to R's of all spellings.

(1) Re: article on "STEPHEN & ELIZABETH (Tyler) RAWLINGS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS", please note that the two unnamed daughters of STEPHEN and Elizabeth are most probably MARY and SARAH. The circumstantial evidence is very strong that MARY married Robert Kennedy...and SARAH married Daniel Kennedy

(2) In the same article, please note that the date of STEPHEN's birth should be ca 1721 and not 1713.

(3) On P.52 of the December Newsletter, the 1850 Crawford Co., Indiana census...this STEPHEN RAWLINGS, aged 40, with wife Mary, was the nephew of WILSON L. RAWLINGS and not his brother. This STEPHEN's wife was Mary "Polly" Whitman.

(4) Your Editor misspelled Bev's home city. It should be read as Bellingham, WA, and not Burlingham. She also points out that she no longer charges for the STEPHEN RAWLINGS Research Work for descendants of STEPHEN and Elizabeth.

(5) Bev's e-mail address is jh Allan@home.com.

(6) Bev has found the website www.rawlins.org contains a lot of great information on RAWLINS, and she's disappointed not to find a similar group for RAWLINGS. We must point out here that the person to blame or praise for this RAWLINS website (those were his words), if one of our subscribers, LYLE RAWLINS.

Beverly Allan, 801 Pacific View Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226



From Wilma Rawlings, NBU 4615, Prague, Oklahoma 74864 (new address for Wilma)
 (She is at the moment compiling a family history on one of MICHAEL RAWLINGS descendants in Missouri. There are several descendants of this MICHAEL who married Margaret Stites.)

Probate records, Adams Co., Illinois

MICHAEL RAWLINGS OF Adams County, Illinois, purchased 160 acres of land from Magneder Edmondson for \$400.00 - paid in full December 30, 1834. This property is located between Mendon and Ursa, Illinois. MICHAEL had just arrived in Adams County from Pendleton Co., Kentucky.

MICHAEL's Death - Settlement and Appraisement Papers

MICHAEL RAWLINGS died November 5, 1861.

Dr. Thomas Clarkson - visits beginning Sept. 16 to October 26, 1861 - \$77.00
 Credited MICHAEL's bill by giving him one barrel of
 cider and 22 bushels of apples.

Dr. William J. Brown - 1st visit on Aug. 18, 1861 - \$17.00
 Visits from October 17, 1861 to November 5, 1861. - \$79.00
 (MICHAEL's grandson, George W. Rust, Jr., married Dr. Brown's daughter.)

Suit of clothes to bury MICHAEL purchased from James A. Parker, Merchant at corner of Main & Fourth Street, Quincy, Illinois. Listed as Tails - \$16.50

Quincy Herald - S.E. corner Main & 4th - published MICHAEL's Estate Settlement - December 24, 1861 - \$3.50.

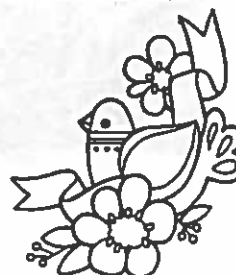
Signatures on Settlement and Appraisement documents - October 21, 1865.
 S.R.Crittendan, John Bray, James Parker and Charles Brown.

Wilma is trying to put together some of the material she has gathered over 40 years of research for a RAWLINGS book on her husband's line - ROBERT and Elizabeth Forsythe RAWLINGS, son of EZEKIEL (KBI in War of 1812). (For you newcomers KBI means killed by Indians in either the Revolutionary War or the War of 1812 and the years between.) Like most of us she has files and piles of papers which she has to put in some order. Good luck Wilma, and we hope to see your book when it's finished.



"Some Early Emigrants to America" (indentured servants sailing from London)

JOHN RAWLINGS, sawyer from Middlesex C o., aged 27 - illiterate, signs with an "X" - to John Norris, London Merchant - Jamaica on the "Providence", Capt. Bartholomew. Contracted 7 March 1683.



From Evelyn Worthen, 1909 Illinois Ave., Apt. A, Murphysboro, IL 62966
(NB: The surname is spelled ROLENS, one of the many variants of RAWLIN(G)S/ROLLIN(G)S)

TRACY ROLENS, b. in Maryland, fought in Revolutionary War - 1775-1778.
After the war he returned to England and married a lady named Trotter, then returned to America.

Son JONATHAN fought in the War of 1812. His wife's name may have been Betsy _____.
Their son WILLIAM FIELDER, b. Sept. 8, 1821.

Married Elizabeth McGowan Sept. 14, 1843.

Children: SARAH ELIZABETH, b. July 21, 1844, md. Robt. Wilson Oct. 16, 1864 Oh
HUGH BROEM, b. July 12, 1846 Ohio, d. 1921, md. Alice Morgan Ill.
JAMES MCGOWAN, b. Sept. 18, 1848, d. 1911 Kans. Md. Caroline Watson
LOUISA MARIA, b. Jan. 31, 1851, md. Wm. P. McClure. - d. 1932 Calif.
WILLIAM RILEY, b. March 23, 1853, d. 1898 Ill., md Nina Bouscher 1879
McCLAIN FORD, b. Oct. 16, 1855, d. 1944 Missouri, md Ada Stevens
GEORGE SYLVESTER, b. June 21, 1858, d. 1944 Calif - md Frances Wats
MARY EMMA, b. March 9, 1863, md. a Mr. Barberee, d. 1833



The children were all born in Ohio except MARY EMMA who was born in Illinois.

JONATHAN, the father of WILLIAM FIELDER, was born in Maryland, and married Sarah Ann Tracy Jan. 10, 1816 in that state. The parents of JONATHAN's father TRACY are unknown. Family history had that this branch pulled away from an aristocratic family in England.

The ROLENS (later ROLLINS) family had slaves while in Maryland but did not take them with them to Ohio, this fact not setting well with JONATHAN's wife Sarah Ann. She also did not want to move "west".

JONATHAN WAS born ca 1790 in Maryland, and died by 1860 in Ohio. He served in the War of 1812. He md. Jan 10, 1816, Sarah Ann Tracy, who was born in 1793 in Maryland. She died ca 1864 in Ohio. (Her gravestone says she died in 1862.) Both JONATHAN and Sarah Ann are buried in the Old City Cemetery, Cambridge, Ohio.

Children: ELIZABEH ANN, b. May 7, 1817, Md - died 1877 in Iowa. She md. Samuel Underhill, June 18, 1832.

JULIA, b. 1819 Maryland; died 1894 Ohio. Md. Jeremiah Reynolds Jan. 31, 1839 in Ohio.

WILLIAM FIELDER, b. Sept. 8, 1821, Md. - died Nov. 6, 1899 Ill. md. Elizabeth McGowan, Sept. 14, 1843, Ohio

JOHN WALTER, b. 1825 Md. - died in Missouri, date unknown. Md. Ellen Trimble, Sept. 14, 1843, Cambridge, Ohio

MARY E., b. 1828 Maryland - died place and date unknown. Md. Dec. 10, 1850 in Ohio to George A. Moore.

HARRIET MAUDE, b. 1831/2 in Maryland - died June 10, 1904, Ill. Md William Campbell March 16, 1854 in Ohio

SARAH JANE, b. Oct. 16 or 26, 1833 in Ohio - died date and place Unknown. Md Isaac Hill, Oct. 25, 1854 in Ohio.

ELIZA, b. Aug. 6, 1834 in Ohio, died July 9, 1924 in California md. Cornelius Boles (Boyles) March 21, 1856 in Ohio.

JAMES H., b. 1837 Ohio - died March 26, 1911 in Missouri He md. Mary Jane Young Nov. 14, 1861 in Illinois

Evelyn states that the name changed from ROLLINS/RAWLINS to ROLENS when those members of the family migrated to Illinois. She assumes the others retained the RAWLINS/ROLLINS spelling. Evelyn has more information on the later descendants.



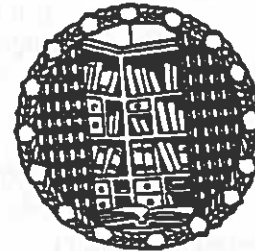


From Rita Rawlins, 5690 Foxlake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33917-5698

Lafayette Cemetery #1 - Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Surnames Beginning With R's - Burials 562, among whom 15 were RAWLINS and RAWLINGS.

Sarah (Henderson) RAWLINGS, Jan. 4, 1880
 REBECCA M. RAWLINGS, March 16, 1902
 SAMUEL WINDSOR RAWLINS, M.D., March 31, 1850
 Adele (Forstall) RAWLINS, Jan. 1, 1887-Jan. 1, 1966)
 Margaret C. (Molaghan) RAWLINS
 Sylvia (Waddill) RAWLINS, July 26, 1902
 FRANK R. RAWLINS, Dec. 11, 1911
 JAMES WARREN RAWLINS, May 6, 1853
 JOHN RAWLINS
 JOHN ALLEN RAWLINS, Jan. 1, 1867-Jan. 1, 1944
 LOUIS BERNARD RAWLINS, Sept. 2, 1853
 MARGARET P. RAWLINS
 MARY C. RAWLINS Sept. 23, 1920
 SAMUEL RAWLINS
 SAMUEL W. RAWLINS



The Lafayette Cemetery #1 is located in the uptown Garden District of New Orleans. Fred Hatfield photographed all the plaques in the cemetery, which included burial and genealogical information. You can purchase a CD-ROM of the complete records and photographs from Fred Hatfield. For more information, visit his website "Historic Lafayette Cemetery #1". Fred Hatfield has authorized Cemetery Records on the Internet to publish only the names of the interred, and their birth and death dates if available.



From C.E. "Ted" Peck, 6855 Pea Neck Road, St. Michaels, MD 21663

Land Records of Caroline Co., MD, a compilation prepared by R. Bernice Leonard, pub. in November of 1999. Some might be of use to our readers.

April 25, 1794-June 10, 1794 - Deposition:"Anthony Cox, aged 77 years, touching his knowledge concerning the reputed heirs or legal representatives of JOSEPH ROLINGS (ROWLINS) who formerly lived in Kent Co., Delaware - saith that when he knew JOSEPH ROLINGS he understood that he had a brother named JOHN ROLINGS who had several children: one named ANTHONY ROLINGS who followed the water. He knew ANTHONY was deceased and has often heard that JOSEPH, brother of JOHN ROLINGS father of ANTHONY who was drowned, had sold to old Wm. Harrington, now deceased, part of "Joseph's Lot", some few years after which he understood that JOSEPH moved to Carolina with his children."

Deposition: "Benjamin Clarke of Kent Co., Delaware, aged 64 years, touching upon his knowledge respecting the legal representatives of JOSEPH ROWLINS (sic) who formerly lived in Dorchester Co., MD, and moved from thence into Kent Co., Del. saith further that JOHN ROWLINS, brother to JOSEPH, had one son named ANTHONY, and also 3 daughters named MARY, RACHEL and RUTH ROWLINS, and that JOHN ROWLINS died and left the aforesaid children when they were young and after which ANTHONY ROWLINS, their grandfather, took them and kept them till he died...and after his death their uncle JOSEPH ROWLINS took them and kept them 2 or 3 years after which JOSEPH moved to the Carolinas upward of 40 years ago, after which young ANTHONY, son of JOHN



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ROWLINS, grew up, married, and had 3 children - JOHN, MARY and ANTHONY, after which the said ANTHONY was drowned and left no will. The said JOHN and ANTHONY, his sons, died young and left no issue and there only remains MARY, their sister, who is sole heir."

Any comments from anyone on this information? Your Editor finds it so since it pertains to those mysterious ANTHONY/JOHN RAWLIN(G)S of Maryland, probably the earliest R's to come to America. I would be particularly interested in the fact the family seems to have settled first in Dorchester Co.



From Jeannet Greiving, 9361 State Line Rd., Dyer, IN 46311
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Husband: DILLARD RAWLINS; wife: Elizabeth Johnston (100 year span-Time)

- 1828, DILLARD RAWLINS b. in Lawrence Co., Ohio
- 1832, Elizabeth Johnston b. in Ohio (?)
- 1851, DILLARD and Elizabeth married in Union Co., Ohio
- 1852, dtr. SARAH JANE b. Ohio
- 1855, son JOHN b. Ohio
- 1859, son JAMES b. Ohio
- 1860, family found in federal census for Logan Co., Ohio
- 1861, son ALLEN/ALBERT b. Ohio
- 1863, dtr. MARY b. Ohio
- 1864, DILLARD goes to fight in Civil War
- 1865, son CHARLES b. Ohio
- 1868, twin sons OBER and ORAH b. Ohio
- 1869, dtr. SARAH JANE md in Cumberland Co., Illinois
- 1870, Family found in Shelby Co., Ill census.
- 1880, Family found in Shelby Co. Ill census
- 1885, Family found in Kansas State Census, Cherokee County
- 1886, son ORAH marries in Cherokee Co., Kansas
- 1887, DILLARD dies in Cherokee Co., Kansas
- 1890, Elizabeth makes pension application in Cherokee Co., Kansas
- 1891, Elizabeth makes pension application in Jasper Co., MO and Newton Co., MO
- 1900, son ORAH found in Bond Co., Ill census
- 1900, son ALBERT found in Newton Co., MO census
- 1903, son ORAH marries for 2nd time in Bond Co., Ill
- 1910, son Charles and mother ELIZABETH found in Effingham Co., ILL census
- 1910, son ALBERT found in Newton Co., MO census
- 1913, son CHARLES buried in Marion Co., Iowa.....and Mother Elizabeth dies in Effington Co. Ill
- 1925 son ORAH found in Marion Co., Iowa census
- 1929, dtr SARAH JANE dies in Effington Co, Ill...son ORAH is in Iowa and son ALBERT is in Iowa



For more detailed information contact Jeannet.





Would like information on FLETCHER ROLLINS, 1810 in Louisiana. It is believed his father was JOHN ROLLINS, nothing else known about him. FLETCHER married twice, first to Margaret Chase on June 28, 1832, in Feliciana Parish Louisiana...and 2nd to Nancy Barret, June 3, 1869, in Rapid Paris, Alexandria, Louisiana. We can find FLETCHER on the 1840 Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana census...and on the 1850 and 1860 Sabine Parish, Louisiana, census. Any information out there I could use? I'd appreciate any help.

Gay McKinley, 3968 Howard, Beaumont, TX 77705

I'm still trying to find out information on STEVEN/STEPHEN RAWLINGS, b. 1838 and died in 1880 in New Palestine, Hancock Co., Indiana. His wife, Sallie (Sarah) Ann Cones was born 1839, and died 1905 in New Palestine, Indiana. Birthplaces for both unknown. Would like to know parents of both, and other information along that line. Please help, if you can.

Pearl Smith, 5163 Brunswick Rd., Manteca, CA 95336

Have been looking for information on ZACHARY TAYLOR RAWLINS who married Margaret M. Bishop Aug. 27, 1872. ZACHARY is reputed to have been born around 1855 in Hardin Co. Illinois. There should be mention of a relationship between ZACHARY and HAMILTON HARPER RAWLINS. One or both of these men can possibly be found in Sabine County, Illinois as well. Any help will be appreciated. By the way, HAMILTON married a Manerva J. Lawyer, Aug. 20, 1865. It is reputed that HAMILTON married five times so records might show other wives' names.

Dawn E. Towle, 3289 Palm Tree Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

I wish to find information on WILLIAM JOSEPH RAWLINGS SR, b. March 11/15, 1832 in Annapolis, MD to Jane M. Thomson, b. 1910 in Maryland. Son WILLIAM JOSEPH RAWLINS Jr. was born 1839 in Anne Arundel Co., MD and died Sept. 2, 1895 in Annapolis, MD. He was a jailor and married April 9, 1869 Annie Elizabeth Scible, dtr. of Tilghman/Tilman and Ann Brown Scible of A.A.Co., MD. Annie was born April 20, 1845. WILLIAM JOSEPH and Annie had my father, EDWARD JACOB RAWLINGS, April 24, 1882 in A.A.Co. He died Dec. 4, 1946 at Easport, MD. Any help on this line is much appreciated

Barbara Waddell, P.O.Box 421, Chatom, AL 36518
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It is with a great deal of sadness that we have to report the death of Robert RAWLINGS Bockmiller, one of the charter members of the R/RFHA. In our first issue in March of 1988 we published his definitive work on ANTHONY RAWLINGS of Maryland in which he displayed his thorough and substantiated research. He was a kind person who shared his research on the RAWLINGS lines with amateurs and professionals alike. He was always gracious, he shared much information with us for publication which could help others. In our first issue we published his research mentioned above which has been of such help to those trying to battle the mis-information so often published about this family. He will be sadly missed, not only by his family but by researchers from many Maryland lines as well as his own. Our hearts go out to his family.

The following is his published Obituary in the Baltimore Sun, October 12, 1999:

"On October 10, 1999, ROBERT RAWLINGS BOCKMILLER, most loved husband of Barbara Ann (nee Zeiler), beloved father of DIANE B. Armstrong and husband Gregory...sons MICHAEL L. and STEPHEN R. Bockmiller...beloved son of Hilda C. and the late RICHARD B. BOCKMILLER Sr. ...brother to RICHARD B. Jr. and Joan V., Ann B., JOHN R. and BARBARA E...brother-in-law of Frances and Darlene Zeiler, Lawrence and Trudy Zeiler, and M.Elaine and Louis Grimmel. Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. After a Mass of Resurrection at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, interment will be in St. John's Cemetery, Ellicott City, Maryland.



From Ron Bourassa, #305 Discovery Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Data on the JOHN RAWLINS III of Surry Co., VA - ca 1679-1747(?) and others of that surname.

JOHN RAWLINGS III, brother of GREGORY RAWLINGS (1685-1755), one of the well-known Surry Co., VA RAWLINGS family, has been a mystery for some time. It is uncertain what happened to JOHN RAWLINGS III after he left Surry Co. (probably around 1720). Some have reported he died in Lunenburg in 1752, leaving sons GREAGORY, JOHN IV and WILLIAM, with the latter two living and dying in Charlotte Co., VA. A JOHN RAWLINGS did die in Lunenburg about 1752, leaving an underage son, WILLIAM, who later lived and died in Charlotte Co., VA, and that JOHN RAWLINGS in Charlotte Co. was WILLIAM's brother. The young WILLIAM was placed under the guardianship of Henry May in 1754. There is no definitive evidence to prove that JOHN III of Surry Co. is connected to this group, but it bears further researching.

To make this more difficult there is circumstantial evidence linking the family of JOHN RAWLINGS III to the JOHN RAWLINGS that lived and died in Northampton, NC, who left one daughter, LUCY, as his only heir. This information is presented here in the hope that others can add further enlightenment.

What data are known is as follows:

1697 - JOHN III is 18 when his grandmother marries James Jordan. Most of the siblings of this family (Jordan) moved to Northampton, NC in the 1720's.

1706 - JOHN RAWLINGS III, age 27, sells his inherited land in SURRY/SUSSEX CO., VA in two pieces, one to Charles Partin who may be his brother-in-law.

1716 - JOHN III, now age 37, and "MARY RAWLINGS" witness a will in Surry Co.

It is suspected that this "MARY" is possibly his mother, MARY Sowerby Collier RAWLINGS. This will (Surry Co. WB p.244) is that of Robert Nicholson, 29/9/1716 - witnesses MARY and JOHN and also a GEORGE RAWLINGS. (It must be noted that Robert Nicholson was witness to the will of JOHN RAWLINGS II in 1702.)

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1727 - Charles Partin sells land which he describes as "late in the tenure of JOHN RAWLINGS". This is the last verified source mentioning JOHN III in Surry County.

1742 - A JOHN RAWLINGS is living in Northampton Co., NC near a Jordan family, River Jordan, who is a nephew-in-law to JOHN III.

Northampton Co., NC D.B.I-282: 24 Feb. 1746 - Jacob Little to River Jordan 150 acres on SS of Cypress Swamp joining John Gregory, Charles Gregory. Witnesses: JOHN and WILLIAM RAWLINGS.

Northampton D.B. 1-291: 23, Feb. 1746 - River Jordan sells 125 acres to Jacob Little on SS of Fountain's Creek. Witnesses: JOHN RAWLINGS, WILLIAM RAWLINGS and John Tarver.

1747 - The State Archives of NC holds a record that states JOHN RAWLINGS died there in 1747.

1758 - JOHN's widow was Elizabeth Wyche of Surry Co., VA. She died leaving one heir, their daughter Lucy.

July 20, 1758 - Abstract: Northampton Co., NC DB 2, p. 487

In short, this records the fact that the brother of Elizabeth Wyche, Cyril Wyche, died intestate, and since by law his estate would go to be split between his three sisters, SARAH who md. Richard Avery, JUDITH who md. William Edmonds, and ELIZABETH who md. JOHN RAWLINGS, this action on this date showed that SARAH and JUDITH and their husbands, gave up their share in the estate, leaving LUCY, daughter of her deceased mother ELIZABETH sole heir of Cyril Wyche's estate, which consisted of three tracts of land: (1) 150 acres in Hunting Quarter in Surry now Sussex, Co., VA; (2) 135 acres on Meherrin River in Brunswick Co., VA; and (3) 620 acres on the Roanoke River in North Carolina, and by this deed they conveyed their shares to the grantee, LUCY RAWLINGS. Witnessed by Thomas Parker and Benjamin Clements Jr.

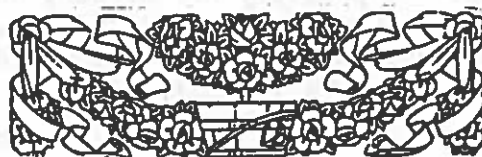
(Source: Northampton Co., NC Public Registry Deed Book One and Deed Book Two (1741-1759), by Margaret M. Hofmann, n.d., private printing P.144.)



I have no clue to when my ancestors came to America or from where they came. Tradition in the family says it was originally spelled ROLLINS and was changed to ROLLINGS. My great-uncle told us that there were horse thieves named ROLLINS and that the family changed the name so as not to be associated with crooks. I only know that my father was LEO P. ROLLINS (1911-1998) b. Illinois; died Iowa. He married Mildred Helmer in Iowa in 1934. LEO's father was WILLIAM CLYDE ROLLINGS (1884 to 1931) born and died in Iowa. He md. Grace Douglas in Ohio in 1909. WILLIAM CLYDE's father was WILLIAM PLEASANT ROLLINGS (1862-1937) born and died in Iowa. He md. Athaliah Gibson in 1881 in Iowa. His father was CALEB ROLLINGS (1836-1911) md. in 1858 to Angeline _____. CALEB was born in Illinois and died in Iowa. His father was PLEASANT ROLLINS/ROLLINGS (1812-1900) born in Tennessee and died probably in Missouri. He md. in 1836 Rebecca (?) Before that there are three generations of WILLIAMs.

Can anyone help me solve this riddle?

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The following concerns a Scots-Irish family from Ireland who came to Pennsylvania in the 1760's. This is sent to us by Alma Thomassen, 2576 Forest Ave., San Jose, CA 95117. It is possible Mrs. Thomassen is now deceased.

This family is supposed to have gone from England to Ireland and from there they came to what is now Pennsylvania but which then was part of Virginia.

From the front leaf of the Old ROLLINS Bible, printed in 1791 in Edinborough.
 "This Holy Book after my death I present to my friend and nephew Dr. A.W.ROLLINS of Richmond, Kentucky, and I hope it will be with him and unto his family through the blessing of God a fountain of living water springing up into Eternal Life. May 12, 182

ANTHONY ROLLINS
 Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Memorandum in the handwriting of Dr. ANTHONY WAYNE ROLLINS, written about 1814, and found in the ROLLINS Family Bible:

"Grandfather was born in the County of Tyrone and parish of Glencoe and township of Ballygettle about the year 1700, and was married to Sarah Fulton early in life. Following farming

he was descended from honest and respectable parents who lived to a great age. He had eight children - six sons and two daughters: JAMES, ANTHONY, HENRY, GEORGE, BENJAMIN and JOHN, SARA and an unnamed female child. ANTHONY married and immediately moved to America; JAMES, HENRY and BENJAMIN followed shortly thereafter. BENJAMIN joined with the British in the Revolutionary War and settled in Canada. ANTHONY, JAMES and HENRY settled in Westmoreland Co., PA after the war, settling on farms. JAMES was killed by a falling tree, and had no children. HENRY was drowned in the Youghahany River...and ANTHONY is still living on his farm 20 miles from Pittsburg. HENRY, who was my father, had seven children. JOHN remained on his father's farm in Ireland. Where GEORGE settled is not known."



The following is not in the Bible and are the children of HENRY and Mary Carson ROLLINS.

- 1) SARA married Mr. Jeffrey and went to live in Ohio.
- 2) SAMUEL, died 1831 as a young man in Lebanon, Ohio. He had a small family.
- 3) JOHN CARSON became a doctor, lived in New Orleans, had 5 or 6 children only one survived to marry.
- 4) JANE md. Mr. Smith, lived near Madison, Ind. Had at least one son, maybe more.
- 5) MARY md. John Walker, lived in Ohio; at least one daughter, Mary ROLLINS Walker.
- 6) JAMES, a man of fine talents, became a lawyer, never married, lived in Port Gibson, Mississippi, died of typhoid fever.
- 7) DR. ANTHONY WAYNE, b. 1783, d. 1845 Boone Co., MO. Attended Washington and Jefferson College (1800-1801. Removed to Madison Co., KY to attend to business interests of Uncle ANTHONY, then married and moved to Boone Co., MO 1829.

A Dimit from the Masonic Lodge in Dungannon, Ireland, was issued in 1769 so it is assumed that the three younger brothers came to America about that time. JOHN, who remained in Ireland, was a church warden 1788-1789, Ballygettle, in the parish of Clonoe, Diocese of Armagh.

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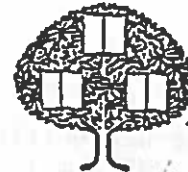
Note from Editor:

There is additional evidence concerning this family, which differs in some instances from the information sent by Mrs. Thomassen.

ANTHONY ROLLINS (1741-1828)
md. a Mary _____, no issue
His will leaves his house and
furnishings to a woman who
had lived with him for some
years. The rest of his
property went to his name-
sake, his nephew ANTHONY
WAYNE ROLLINS.

JAMES ROLLINS (1745-1792)
md. an Isabella _____
no issue.
Isabella md. again

GEORGE and
BENJAMIN turned
Loyalist and
moved to Canada.



HENRY ROLLINS (1752-1812)
Md. an orphan Mary Carson
in Ireland. They came to
America ca 1769/70 along
with ANTHONY and JAMES,
GEORGE and BENJAMIN.
HENRY had 3 girls: SARA, JANE
and MARY who married.
The boys were SAMUEL, JOHN,
JAMES and ANTHONY WAYNE.
ANTHONY and JAMES attended
the Transylvania College of
Law and Medicine in Kentucky.
JAMES went to Mississippi to
practice law, believe it or
not he worked for Stonewall
Jackson, but he died of
typhoid or smallpox, unmarried.

ANTHONY WAYNE (1783-1845) He married
the daughter of the Governor of Kentucky,
Sarah Harris Rhodes. They had 7 children:
JAMES SIDNEY (1812-1888)
ELIZA MARYANN (1814-1849)
NANCY (1814-1816)
ROBERT RODES (1818-1864)
JOHN CARSON (1820-1867)
CLIFTON RODES (1823-1836)
SARAH HELEN (1825-1904)
ELIZA md. Dr. James Bennett of Columbia, MO
and had 2 children.
JOHN CARSON married and had 7 children.
One of these children, Louise,
was the source of further info on
this family.

ANTHONY WAYNE became a prominent educator,
founder of the University of Missouri.
His son JAMES SIDNEY followed in his
footsteps.



From "Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810," Vol. I & II

ELIZABETH ROLLENS md. Joseph Bamford, Swede's Church, Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1773
THOMAS ROLLIN md Susseha Homes, Swede's Church, Philadelphia, Jan. 8, 1771
JOHN RAWLINS md Margaret Bran, 1st Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, March 26, 1735
JAMES ROLLEN md Anne Hughes, 1st Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, July 16, 1725
ELIZABETH ROLLIN md Peter Givin, 3rd Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Nov. 1, 1786

From "Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1790"

BENJAMIN RAWLINS to Mary Dunnavin/Donovan, Philadelphia, June 1, 1764

From "Your Family Tree", Penn. Genealogical Soc., 1972 - Bedford Co. Marriages"

JOHN M. ROLLINS md Mary Lindsay Hunt, June 2, 1853.

From Vol. 3, P.32 "Your Family Tree", Penn. Genealogical Soc, printed 1967-68

JAMES ROLLINS died intestate. Estate to widow Isabella, and brother ANTHONY ROLLINS.
Surities: Wm. Marshall and Wm. Anderson - February 24, 1794

