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Happy New Year!

We at the Cousin Catcher hope each of you had a very merry Christmas, and we wish the very best for you during this new year. It is 2004. Unbelievable!

New Addresses Needed

The postal service returned several Cousin Catchers sent out in October. If you know the status or/and the current address of the following, please send it to us

1. Mrs. Maurice Boggs
2. John & Mary Phillips

If you hear of people who haven't gotten a Cousin Catcher lately, it is probably because we don't have their current address.

E-mail Addresses Wanted

Multiply 125 mailings times 37 cents and one can see that just mailing the Cousin Catcher is expensive. To cut down on costs, we are going to try to e-mail as many copies as we can.

Please send us your e-mail address. Our address is gow.bwater@JUNO.com.

Christmas Early at the Wilsons

The Christmas get together at George & Harriet Wilson's house in Bridgewater came early this year. As usual the weather prognosticators scared several families away, but we had all our children and grandchildren there. (See attached picture.)

The following were at our house on Saturday, December 20: Bob, Lori, and Alexander Efrid from Staunton, VA; Matthew, Vikki, Kyle, Kayleigh, and Nathan Wilson from Lexington, Ky; Ruby Dowdy, Missy Berry and Colby Berry from Staunton, VA; Mary Wilson Tacy from Huttonsville, WV; and George and Harriet Wilson of Bridgewater, VA.



Cousins Conduct Family Research

Cousin Pat Killian of Ariston, Alabama has been researching her lineage. We both have common ancestors named John Milton Jones and Phoebe Jane Dice of Franklin, WV. Their daughter Jane Ann Jones married John William Wilson in 1869, and they had 9 children. Pat traces her lineage through John Melton Jones who was born in Highland Co., VA, in 1874.

There are nine pages of the descendants of Jane Ann Jones and John William Wilson. Pat has been constantly updating the file and sharing it with me.

Those cousins interested in obtaining a copy of this family's records may pick one up at the Jones/Wilson reunion this summer in Monterey. There will probably be several changes by then.

Jones/Wilson Reunion 2004

The annual Jones/Wilson reunion is scheduled for July 31, 2004, at the Monterey Methodist Church in Monterey, VA.

This will be the fourth consecutive reunion in Monterey, and we hope to have a good turnout of relatives and friends.

Weather permitting there will be a walking tour of the Monterey Cemetery, located nearby, where many of our ancestors are buried. Bring walking shoes.

Even though reunion time is over six months away, cousins need to schedule this event on their calendars so they can be there.

California Cousins

Does anyone remember Thomas Russell Jones? Elizabeth and Mary Hille McCoy visited their uncle in California back in the 1950's, and I received a letter from him about 1948, but we Easterners have lost track of our cousins since then.

Barbara Patton, granddaughter of Uncle Tom and Aunt Cecil May Sherman Jones, has communicated with me recently. She has promised to send us some information about herself and our other California cousins. (Continued on p. 2)

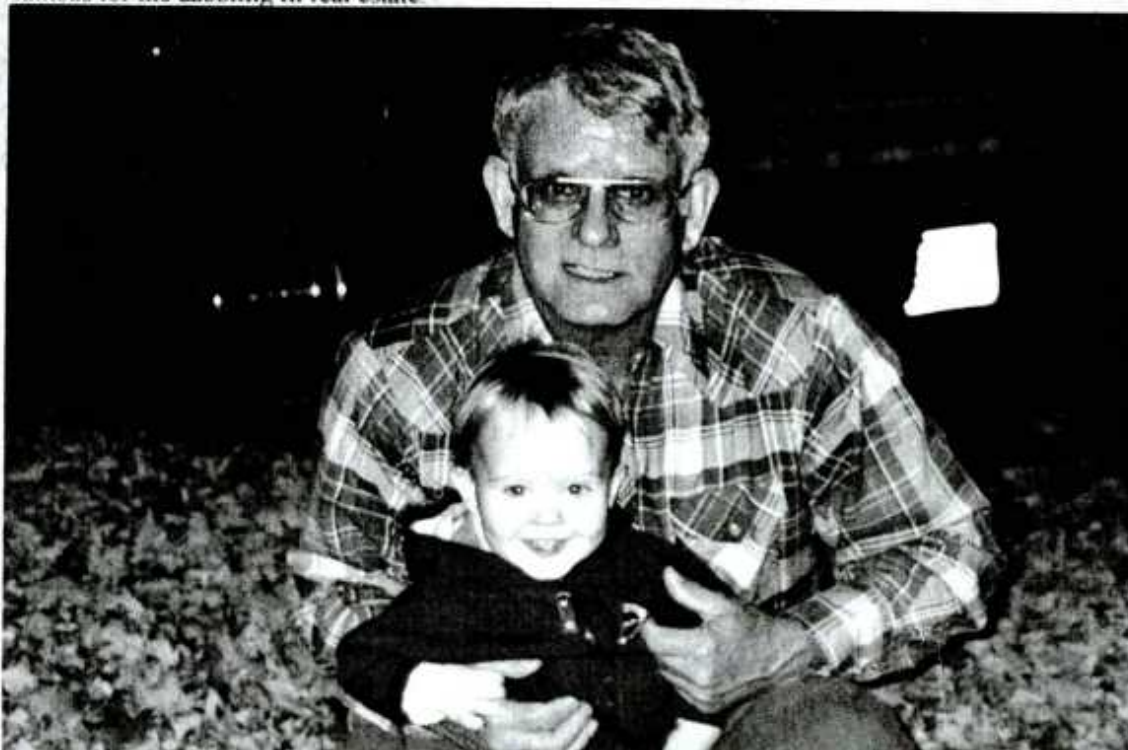
According to my records, Thomas Russell Jones, son of Charles Pinckney Jones and Martha Jane Wilson, was born in Monterey, VA, on 6 January 1882. He married Cecil May Sherman on 15 April 1912 and died at Inglewood, CA, on 6 March 1956.

According to Barbara, Tom and Cecil had three children. They were Russell, Tom, and Richard. We hope to publish more about each of them in subsequent issues of the Cousin Catcher.

Wilson Line Challenged

Those of us who trace our Wilson lineage back through James and Elizabeth Hempenstall Wilson and then through William Wilson and wife Mary (and that is most of the Wilsons who receive this newsletter) have traditionally understood that Colonel John Wilson of Augusta Co., VA, was the father of William. Colonel John was also the immigrant, from Ireland. The source of this information was a researcher named Anderson, and his publication came out in the 1950's. Anyhow, that is when I got a copy.

Two other people have challenged Anderson's research, mainly because he did not quote any sources for his information. I have material from Judy Lynn Miklos who states that our ancestor was not Colonel John Wilson, but another John Wilson who lived at Doe Hill, VA. (There seem to be a lot of Wilsons named James or John or William in the 1700's.) She has records showing that John Wilson of Doe Hill had four boys: Matthew, William, George, and Samuel. William is supposedly my ancestor. Samuel was killed at Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774. Little was known of Matthew, but George was famous for his dabbling in real estate.



Your C. C. Editor,
George Wilson &
youngest grandson,
Alexander Efrid

Another researcher (whose information I have misplaced!) claims that William's father was not Colonel John Wilson of Augusta County, VA, nor John Wilson of Doe Hill, but James Wilson of Pennsylvania.

Wouldn't it be nice if we knew for sure who all our ancestors were. That is what makes genealogy interesting and hard work. It is hard enough to try to locate our living relatives, much less those who lived hundreds of years ago.

Corbetts Related to Wilsons

Margaret Corbett of Marlinton, WV, is researching Corbetts, Wilson, etc. Sure enough, we Wilsons are related to the Corbetts.

Back in 1866 a young lady named Victoria Jane Wilson, daughter of Elibab Hempenstall Wilson and Naomi Blagg, married Mustoe Hamilton Corbett. Both were residents of Highland County, VA, he the son of Rebecca Corbett who died at age 103.

Mustoe and Victoria were parents of 10 children, all of whom I have no information about their descendants, yet. When I get that, I imagine that the number of names in my computer will increase considerably (now over 15,400). I am hoping Margaret will aid me in this research.

For those of you who would like to write to Margaret, her address is HC 82, Box 248-A, Marlinton, WV 24954-9530.

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Charles Pinckney Jones Family

Cousin Barbara Patton sent us a photo of the Charles Pinckney and Martha Jane Wilson Jones family she found in her files. Charles and Martha are my great grandparents. My grandmother, Phoebe Dice Jones, is the young lady on the far right.

Two other children did not live to maturity. John Marvin died at age 6. Another child, unnamed, died only a couple weeks after birth in 1878.

Seated are Charles and Martha. Standing behind them from left to right are children Martha Virginia (Aunt Dot), Charles Pinckney Jr. (Uncle Charlie), Mabel Hille (Aunt Mabel), Edwin Bunker (Uncle Bunk), Mary Evelyn (Aunt Ebbie), Richard Carlile (Uncle Dick), Margaret Wilson (Aunt Maggie), Thomas Russell (Uncle Tom), and Phoebe Dice (Grandma Phoebe).





Bottom Left Picture Seated are George & Matthew Wilson; Standing L to R Kyle and Harriet Wilson, Bob & Lori Efird (holding Alexander), Kayleigh, Nathan, & Vikki Wilson

Top Left Harriet Wilson with her children and grandchildren and great grandfather Kermit Adam Judy of Franklin, WV

Top right: Our guests at our preChristmas open house: Colby Berry, Mary Tacy, Missy Berry, and Aunt Ruby Dowdy (our mother's sister)