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Word of Thanks to the Management & Group

I would like to thank the management and group for my acceptance. I'm a professional researcher backtracking the Pruett lines from Glassy Mountain and Union county, South Carolina areas, along with about six or seven other main allied families. Because of the criss-crossing marital patterns among these same families frequently among lines and the appearance of similar migration patterns; I hoping to find links between the Pruiits and these allied families' movements in retracing their history. Of course among these allied families our own DNA mysteries have cropped up linking some of these lines as actual Pruett/Prewitt descendants. Interesting enough the harder I shake certain trees working these lines up and down; the more family of my own I have fall out of them. I hope to be acquiring property in the next couple of months in Dark Corners placing me right in the middle of my research photographing and documenting all the cemeteries and homestead places of all these families, while working the courthouses and interviewing the Descendants from all these lines. I look forward to seeing the growth of this community and group. Allen

Comments



Mardine Campbell Oct 19, 11

Welcome, Allen. I look forward to hearing more about your research and hope you will post on this site.



Douglas Pruiett Oct 19, 11

A. L. Hope you can be of some help to this forum and to me. I have seen tons of people join this group, but few have provided much material. I am stuck with my ancestor Jesse Pruet (Pruett/Prewitt) who was born in South Carolina (not certain of the county) circa 1788. I have some indication that he was from around Campobello, SC, as there is a land sale from one Jesse Pruet to a Benjamin Pruet around the time he would have reached early adulthood. He married a Hannah and they moved/lived in Lawrence County, Ohio (Linton are on the Ohio River). I cannot seem to go back beyond Jesse. Do you have any information?



A.L. Murphy Oct 20, 11

Thank you Mardine, do .pdf files work for posting here? and Doug have you researched a William Pruitt b: 1725 in Henrico county, Va and d: 1813 in Spartanburg county, SC married a Judith Dudley b: 1724, Brunswick county, VA d: 2 May 1822 in Union county, SC lines? Campobello is right outside of Spartanburg. Chances are you will find your Jesse associated from him or through his father Thomas Pruitt. I'm working on about a thousand pages of research inputting these folks and their allied families now. So I'm still working on a full accountability of these folks in your general area for an upcoming book. That's starting to look like a family encyclopedia series! LOL But I do have off of that same family line of Thomas and William that going back to Henrico with their forefathers the name Benjamin Prewitt appears in the family late 1720's to early 1730's as a son of Uriah Prewitt Sr. Recently in the last couple of weeks I was researching a deed in the line of either Thomas Pruitt or his son Renny Prewitt/Pruitt or Renny Belue depending on the timeframe! LOL But the interesting thing about the deed is it listed the land in Virginia but when I traced out the actual property, it was located in West Virginia along the Ohio border. So you may want to start examining the above lines closely. So I think we're on the right track. One other area you ought to look into is Augusta county, Virginia around Staunton. I finding more and more evidence that some of these family connections were in that area prior to migrating to Union, Spartanburg, Greenville and Newberry counties, South Carolina. Hope this helps and as I plug away if I come across something I'll let you know.



Marcia McClure Oct 22, 11

Allen - I'm very interested in exchanging information with you on William and his supposed wife Judith Dudley. Where does the information that she was born in Brunswick come from? Strong evidence that Thomas, who died in Spartanburg Co, SC c 1807, was actually born c 1735 is that his son William served as a substitute for his father during the Revolution in SC. Son William left a RW pension statement. Thomas d 1807 seems to have been the oldest of Thomas Prewitt's legitimate sons, making William born after 1735.

We have DNA from the Benjamin that Douglas mentions. He is definitely from the Henrico line and was quite possibly Jesse's brother. I suspect that he was the elder William's son.

I'm very curious about the deed that you mention. The only one that I know of is between Thomas and Renney and that land was in Halifax Co, VA. The same day Thomas gave land to his "loving son" Abraham Prewitt... who I suspect is the Abraham Bellew found on Glassy Mountain. Abraham Bellew sold his Union Co land to David Prewitt/Pruett before moving to Greenville Co. That clutch is a tangled knot of Prewitts, Bellews, Gosnells, and Center/Senters.

It's late, I'm tired and I just got back in town but I'm very excited that you are working on the Greenville branch of this family! Do know that Abraham's DNA doesn't match the Prewitt DNA? I have long suspected that his relationship is through his and Renney's mother who I think was Judith Chastain Bellew.



A.L. Murphy Oct 22, 11

Hi Marcia, Glad you're home now, I've been trying to catch up with you for four or five months now I think. I wanted to find out if there's anyway that Isaac Lemmon Ballew and Isaac Aden Ballew were transposed in your files. I know that the Lemmon family is associated with Renney's line around Union co Belues and that Isaac Aden Ballew is a namesake that is in Jacob Ballew's descendants. But what throws me is that your information comes from a great grand daughter of Isaac Lemon Ballew, I believe. I know that Renney's DNA matched up with the Pruitt's line, I'm told. Remarkably at first glance I think it's close also to the Lindsey's. Course there are four other children that I'd love to know how the DNA lines up with what families from Judith and Thomas Pruitt. Are you aware that Judith's sons have another have brother reportedly fathered by Gilles, he would have been the oldest? But I'm also sorting out the Chastain's line. I have information that Thomas may have also been married to Judith's sister, cousin or aunt, before her. I've still got to study out the dates and make sure they haven't confused the Thomas Pruitts in the lines. Do you have any records or references of Abraham Pruitt Ballew in Augusta co, VA, Rowan or Anson county, NC? I'm curious about his association with Moses Wylie and if this might account for the namesake of William Willie (pronounce Wylie) Ballew and an elusive link on connecting the dots. It would appear there are two Abrahams in the Greenville area during the same timeframes from your files. One around Glassy and another probably around Old Pendleton District. The one around Pendleton District, even though he's not named in his father Abraham's Will in Augusta county, he's associated with Abraham's daughters' husbands marital names from there of Austin and Tate; as well as Abraham's wife's line of Alexanders. Can't wait to see the original court records and see who else may be named in them as Descendants. I had the WV deed in front of me for over a week waiting to catch up with Tom to see, if he had any knowledge of the family being that far west before Union county. In the mean time it's been misplaced in one of the towering piles of research papers I have stacked up around the desk here. LOL When I relocate it soon, I'll let you know.

I have two drawers full of forty years of research on the Belue/Ballews by professional genealogists that I'm working on inputting and also scanning for a CD for the family association. I have about a thousand pages on the Lindsey's and recently established contact with their walking encyclopedia on their Glassy lines, whom lives near me to meet with. I'm working on all the major families around Glassy to incorporate their inter-relations among each other to backtrack them.

I don't have the reference entered yet for Miss Dudley, but unless it was submitted to me, it would have come from thirty to fifty year old research from a family member I have on hand. The first of the month on invitation from the Lindsey's, I attended the Emory-Lindsey reunion on top of Glassy at the old family cemetery and established new contacts, photos for writing a Journal story and research. A Pruitt contact is one of the last I have to establish in the area working these lines. But the cross over among them with the other families it strong away at this point.

William reported born in Henrico is more of a current day reference, I believe at the time of his birth in actuality it would have been under one of Virginia's original shire names. I'm curious to see when I locate my great grandfather's and uncle's (founder of Richmond) personal and secret diaries what it might have recorded on these family lines around Henrico; William Byrd I & II.

I hope we don't confuse everyone spelling out the Pruitt or the Ballews here in knowing the lineage on these folks and who they belong to! LOL You should have I email from around about the time you left home and said you'd get back up with me after you got back. If you lost it, it's ghostbusting4u@hotmail.com Drop me an email and a phone number and I'll give you a call, but be sure to let me know what time zone you're in. Oh if I remember right you're related to the Glassy McClures?



Marcia McClure Oct 22, 11

I don't find your email. Please re-send to me at rvermet@aol.com This is a busy time of year for me. Got home at midnight last night and leave again tomorrow.

Moses Wylie was living in Mecklenburg Co, NC when he sold Abraham 150 acres on Dutchman's Creek - 2/8/1768. The deed was recorded in old Tryon Co, NC, since the NC border was at one time much further south. The land is clearly in what is now Spartanburg Co, SC. The land had been granted to Wylie in April of 1767. Abraham was "of Rowan Co, NC" when he sold his Halifax Co, VA land Oct 19, 1767. Rowan was quite large at that time. In the SC records, there is a memorial for 150 acres, also on Dutchman's Creek, that David "Pruitt" bought from Moses "Wiley." That land was also granted to Moses in April of 1767 and probably part of the same tract. David bought Abraham's Spartanburg land in 1792 and Abe moved to Greenville.

Aug 1767, Renney witnessed a deed between Thomas Hightower and John Cook, both of Anson Co, NC selling land on the south side of the Pee Dee River. In 1769, Renney witnessed a deed between Daniel and Mary Plummer of Fairforest Settlement to Joseph Breed of Tryon. The deed is found in abstracts of Tryon-Lincoln Co, NC deeds but in the description it is for Fairforest land granted to Samuel Young in 1753 then Anson Co, "now Tryon" and it's sale to Plummer was recorded in Mecklenburg Co in 1765. Clearly there was quite a bit of dispute as to which colony this land belonged to! By the Revolution, the Fairforest Settlement fell well into South Carolina. In 1783, when Loyalist Thomas Fletchall's land was confiscated and sold it was described as on both sides "of Fair Forest Creek of Tygar River, 150 acres adjoining the land of Bellew..."

A Thomas Prewitt was married to Mary Chastain Ducre. She was not Judith Chastain Bellew's sister, but was undoubtedly a relative. Mary was the wife of Nicholas Ducre when they arrived aboard the Nassau in 1702. It had set sail from Kensington Jan 18, 1701/02. In 1722, Thomas was hauled into Henrico court and charged with wasting much of Nicholas Ducre's estate. I don't believe that this Thomas and Mary had any children together. Mary was still living in 1733 when she was named the godmother of Judith Chastain Bellew's sister Suzanne Chastain Robinson's son Zachary. Zachary was presented for baptism by Judith and Suzanne's brothers Jean and Rene.

Will send you an email!

Marcia



A.L. Murphy Oct 23, 11

Ok, now it's getting deep, reportedly an Absalom Abraham Ballew (Ballou), descendant of Col. William Ballowe was in this same general area around this time. Tryon itself, is probably ten or twelve miles from Glassy and one of the old gaps that the Indian showed Thomas Howard I believe cuts through about that general area. I hope when I have the time and money, that my run to Tryon courthouse will produce some very old various family records from there and those in Lincoln county NC area that feel under Tryon previously.

Most of these families seem to have been "thick as thieves" and right around my Murphy lines in the Cross Keys and Fairforest Baptist Church area of Union County. My great grandfather Murphy also had a King's grant for land along the Tyger River there. The SC historical marker references the name as "Cedar Bluffs" and also many of the 1800's Coroner Inquest records names them together deciding cases. There's some fascinating history in Union county with the interplay on these folks regarding who they all relate to surrounding revolutionary to civil war heavy hitters.



Mary and Herbert Max Bradey (PRUITT) edens Apr 13, 12

I am in Tryon, N. C. so can help anyone with local area research and I am descended on maternal side from the local Pruitt family of Anderson, S. C. Mother Ruth Francis Pruitt, Grandfather-Edward Bruce Pruitt and Great grandfather- Lt. Willis Crayton Pruitt, CSA! You note the great pride and emphasis on CSA! I go to church and look at Glassy mountain every week, at Gwensville First Baptist! Let me hear from you!



Mary and Herbert Max Bradey (PRUITT) edens Apr 14, 12

I just wanted to say that I expect to have my DNA results by First of June and will provide those as soon as they are available. I wanted to ask which administrator will want to help me with that?