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Jesse Pruet of South Carolina, Born Circa 1788

I am descended from a Jesse Pruet, who was born in South Carolina about 1785-88. He eventually migrated to Lawrence County, Ohio (Ironton area) on the Ohio River sometime in the 1820s or so. From there he and his sons migrated to Wayne County, IL in the 1850s. I have fairly good genealogical information for Jesse forward. However, I know nothing of Jesse's parents, his birth location in South Carolina and anything further back. It is possible that Jesse served in the War of 1812, as there is a Jesse Pruet listed in a Louisiana regiment (I understand that some men traveled down the Mississippi to fight in LA.

Anyone have a potential connection to this Jesse and any information to share? Thanks for the help.

Comments



Ritchie Pruitt Sep 27, 10

From the looks of your location of Pruietts and the unusual spelling may be you might want to take a close look at Bill Pruiett's line. I did not see anything that immediately recognized from a quick look at your tree. Anyway, the first place I would look would be at Bill's line.



Douglas Pruiett Sep 27, 10

How do I look at Bill Pruiett's line?



John Pruitt(Kathy Marsh) Sep 28, 10

Douglas and I have corresponded. His Jesse probably was the man who sold land in 1812 in Spartanburg Co., SC to my Benjamin Prewitt. Jesse named a son Benjamin, and Benjamin named a son Jesse. Neither of us is at all clear about parents for our ancestors or how these two lines are linked. My (cousin's) Y-DNA line goes back to Thomas Prewitt in VA.



Bill Pruiett Sep 28, 10

I directed Douglas to my website - <http://pruiett-parker.com/>. A quick comparison of his information vs. mine doesn't look promising. I do not know where a few of the Pittsylvania Co., Va. Pruietts of the late 1700s ended up. Some went to Georgia, others to Kentucky. Most stayed in Pittsylvania Co. It's possible one or more of them went to South Carolina, but I have no evidence for that. In fact, it appears that most of the possible candidates were still in Pittsylvania Co. in 1800, as indicated by taxable personal property records. However, one Pruiett not accounted for in the 1789 or 1800 records is Benjamin Pruiett, son of Samuel Pruiett II, born in 1765 and married Mary Walters. I do not have a source or date for the marriage. I'll try to verify that and post what I find here.



Bill Pruiett Sep 28, 10

The original source for my information on Benjamin Pruiett is Richard Prewitt's book, Samuel Pruiett I and Elizabeth Hawker, Their Descendants. Benjamin appears in the will of his father, Samuel Pruiett II and his wife Mary appears in the will of her father Robert Walters. Samuel's will was probated in Pittsylvania Co., Va. in 1801. Robert's will was probated in Gwinnett Co., Ga. This is where several Pruietts ended up including Benjamin and Samuel III. It appears that Mary Walters was not born until around 1777 in Pittsylvania Co. and Benjamin Pruiett's children with her were born after 1800. It's possible that Mary Walters was his second wife and that he had children with another wife in the late 1780s. Many of the Pruietts and Walters seemed to move together to Georgia, so, given the lack of records for Benjamin Pruiett in Pittsylvania Co., it's possible that he moved to Georgia and married Mary Walters there. This would leave open the possibility that he lived in Spartanburg Co., SC in the late 1700s. The distance between Spartanburg Co., SC and Gwinnett Co., Georgia is probably a little more than 100 miles.



Douglas Pruiett Nov 1, 10

Kathy Marsh said:

"My (cousin's) Y-DNA line goes back to Thomas Prewitt in VA."

When and where was this Tomas Prewitt born in VA. His parents? His wife? His children? Thanks for any help you can give.



Wayne Pruitt Nov 9, 10

I have some information in my data base that may of some use. It is taken from the data on Benjamin Pruiett and Mary Walters, as follows:

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My third great grandmother Mary "Polly" (Pruitt) NALER was born in Georgia probably in Gwinnett County on May 4, 1813. Mary died on May 24, 1863 and is buried at Naler Cemetery in Moody Texas.

NOTE: As of October 22, 1996 (again thanks to the Internet and the cousins who have found me because of it), I have come a very long way in my search for my Pruiett line. Until that date, I only had information the above information on my Pruiett line.

Following is a copy of a message I received from Kathleen Gliebe on the Internet: "Hi Sandra, Back in Sept you sent me info on your Pruiett family in Georgia, after Judge Albert Pruiett had forwarded my request seeking information on B.H. Pruiett. I have since found additional information and think we may indeed be related.

Here is the info I found on your line. It is from a descendency chart in the Ancestral file, ver 416F, found on the computer search program at the Mormon library. It is info provided by a researcher and may only be as good as that researcher, still it is a place to start. It shows your Mary (Polly) Pruiett, b. 4 May 1812, GA sp. Joseph Naler, b. 26 Apr. 1808 TN."

So, folks, as of October of 1996 I was fortunate enough to find another long lost ancestor and (probably) another new-found cousin - as Kathleen believes that her ancestor, Benjamin was a first cousin to my Mary "Polly" (Pruitt) Naler, who was my 3rd great grandmother.

Mary "Polly" (Pruitt) Naler's parents are listed as Benjamin Pruiett (my 4th great grandfather), born in 1765, Pittsylvania Co. VA who married before 1790 Mary Walters (my 4th great grandmother), in Franklin Co. GA. Mary Walters was born in 1777 in Pittsylvania Co. VA, and died before 1840 in Gwinnett, GA.

This ancestral file shows other siblings and descendants. Parents of Benjamin Pruiett (father of Polly), and Philip (likely father of Benjamin H.) was: Samuel Pruiett Jr.(my 5th great grandfather), born in 1705 MD. He married Lucy OWEN (my 5th great grandmother) in 1754 Pittsylvania Co. VA and died November 17, 1801 in Pittsylvania Co. VA. Lucy was born in 1736 and died in 1801 in Pittsylvania Co. VA.

The grandparents (my 6th great grandparents) of Mary "Polly" (Pruitt) Naler were Samuel Pruiett, Sr. born about 1684. Samuel married Elizabeth (HAWKER) in 1720 in Frederick Co, MD, and died in 1760 in Montgomery Co. MD. Elizabeth Hawker Pruiett was born on December 14, 1701 and died after 1795. Elizabeth's parents (my seventh great grandparents) were Robert Hawker born about 1682 and Amy (Amee) Selby who was born before 1682. Amy's father's name was William Selby.

Pruitt, Benjamin (1765 - 1840) - male

b. 1765 in ,Pittsylvania Co.,Virginia

d. 1840 in ,Gwinnett County,Georgia

father: Prewitt, Samuel (1705 - 1801)

mother: Owen, Lucy (1736 - <1801)

! May have also married Susan Margaret DeGraffenreid.

spouse: Walters, Mary (*1777 -)

- m. BEF 1790 in ,Franklin County,Georgia

-----child: Pruiett, John W (1808 -)

-----child: Pruiett, Benjamin (1811 -)

-----child: Pruiett, Mary (1812 - 1863)

-----child: Pruiett, Lavina (1819 - 1864)



Douglas Pruiett Nov 9, 10

Thanks Elbert. I doesn't look like this line connects with mine. My Jesse Pruet was born circa 1788 in South Carolina. This is attested to in multiple censuses in the 1800s. The info you shared does not show anyone living in or being born in South Carolina.



Marcia McClure Nov 26, 10

2 of our DNA groups are represented in SC.

One is Group B, who I think are descendants of William and Judith Dudley Prewitt. They migrated from VA to the area that became Guilford / Stokes / Surry / Rockingham counties in NC prior to the Revolution. From their Rev War pension statements, we know that Samuel (1751 - 1839) and Joshua (1753 - 1842) were brothers. Sam stated that he was born in "James City Co, VA near the city of Williamsburg." That is definitely not Henrico or Goochland. It's a huge clue that seems to have been overlooked. I don't think that William and Judith ever lived in SC or if they did, he is the William found in Lancaster Co, SC in 1790.

The second is Group C. All of the sons of Thomas Prewitt Jr (c1705 - 1760) migrated from Halifax Co, VA to SC. (This includes Tom's legitimate and illegitimate children, plus some descendants of his son John Famer.) Even though they are found in Union and Spartanburg Co records, they lived within a few miles of each other in the Fair Forest area. Thomas Prewitt III, his son William, and his brother William (bc1738 - aft 1800) are all found in the 1790 and 1800 Spartanburg Co, SC census.

Since Kathy's cousin's DNA matches the Henrico/Goochland family, I suspect that her Benjamin and Doug's Jesse may be sons of William (bc 1738). The census shows males of their ages in his household.

Hopefully Doug will do a DNA test! Since everything previously published has tied all of our different families together, this is the only way that we have to separate them into their proper groups.



Douglas Pruiett

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