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Hello again,

Here is a little more information about YARWOOD's.

My sister, Florence, received a note that Sarah YARWOOD, age 21, m. Thomas WOOD, age 31, 17 March 1847. The note doesn't say where it took place, but came from a lady in Davenport, Iowa who had been doing some checking of old records, so the marriage was probably in Iowa.

I have received some information about the families of my great-uncles Charles & Ernest YARWOOD, received from two first cousins, once removed. They each have a few corrections, and I hope to include all the info I have about the descendants of George W. YARWOOD in my next letter - about next April.

From "The Original Lists of Persons of Quality - - - serving men sold for a term of years - - - maidens pressed - - - 1600-1700 - - -" ed. by John Camden Hotten (reprinted from the 2nd ed. 1880) p. 418 "emigrants from Barbadoes to New England - - Carolina - -" "Novemb^r ye 4th 1679" " YARWOOD, Thomas in the Barq. "Endeavor" for Carolina "Thomas Shaw Comand^r"

I wrote to Charles Thomas YARWOOD of Memphis, Tenn. His brother Lee Southern YARWOOD is also in Memphis. He answered my letter, and the following gives his line, so far as he knew. He hopes to learn more.

- (1) Samuel YARWOOD, b. Manchester England.
- Ch: (2) Thomas - moved to Memphis, Tenn.
- (3) Harriet
- (4) Ann
- (5) Eliza
- (6) John - stayed in England
- (7) Mary Jane
- (8) Samuel - came to Memphis, later went west. Probably to Oregon, but possibly California.
- (2) Thomas YARWOOD was the grandfather of Charles Thomas YARWOOD and of Lee Southern YARWOOD.
- (8) Samuel YARWOOD had two daughters. Ann m. a Claridge and Harriet m. a Boyce

Charles also mentioned that there might be a Thomas YARWOOD in Louisville, Ky., and that in 1944 he had corresponded with a Samuel YARWOOD in Sheffield, England.

I believe that the families of YARWOOD and YEARWOOD are most likely related - way back - so the following is copied from the book "Tennessee Cousins" by Worth S. Ray, originally published in Austin, Texas 1850.

// The YEARWOOD FAMILY of MONROE COUNTY were the off-shoots of an ancient ENGLISH FAMILY. It is not often this writer even refers to the ENGLISH, SCOTTISH or other "mother Country" origin of the families discussed, the main reason being that actual facts of the connection with the parent families is impossible to prove and that it is almost futile to undertake to try. Nor can the proof be presented in this instance.

"Except that it is interesting to see how the YEARWOODS of the Parish of OLLERTON, county NOTTINGHAM, England were associated back in the 16th century with other families whose names appear so frequently on the history of our EAST TENNESSEE COUSINS.

"The old REGISTER of OLLERTON Parish shows the birth of ROGER YEARWOOD on OCTOBER 27, 1594, and thereafter for a period running consecutively from year to year, the name YEARWOOD consistently appears throughout the entire Register until as far up as 1800, when our copy of it comes to an abrupt end. The name of ROGER seems to appear in every generation and in every branch of the family as the old, old family tree grows and develops.

"MR. WILL LENOIR in his fine book "Sweetwater Valley" says that the progenitor of the YEARWOOD FAMILY of MONROE COUNTY, was one WILLIAM YEARWOOD, of Charleston, South Carolina, who settled there from ENGLAND somewhere between 1730 and 1740, but the scholarly author of that volume never had access to the early land records of VIRGINIA, which shows that WILLIAM YEARWOOD and one FRANCIS WHITTEN patented lands in the colony as early as July 29, 1650 on the North side of the Rappahannock river in what is now either Northumberland or LANCASTER COUNTY, which was practically a hundred years earlier. There was 660 acres in the tract & later CAPT. JOHN WEIR obtained these lands by transfer to him from the original patentees, who doubtless located lands close by or in some other section of VIRGINIA.

"WILLIAM YEARWOOD, who Mr. Lenoir says was born in Charleston, S. C. in 1780, the third of the name may have been about the seventh of the name, in this country, instead.

"That particular YEARWOOD served, he declares, in the War of 1812, and was in the regiment commanded by COL. WM. HENDERSON - certainly not the Colonel William Henderson of the Revolution in South Carolina, who was from VIRGINIA and NORTH CAROLINA, and related to our early Madisonville HENDERSONS. This WILLIAM YEARWOOD had a son ELIJAH, born in 1807, who married PRUDENCE WALKER MORROW, daughter of ARMSTRONG MORROW, of Monroe County and of Four Mile Branch. After marrying a second time WILLIAM YEARWOOD settled in BUNCOMBE COUNTY, N.C., and then from there to Dutch Bottoms in COCKE COUNTY, Tennessee, later removing to RUTHERFORD COUNTY. He returned to East Tennessee in 1824 and located in the Sweetwater Valley. The name of his second wife was MARTHA DICKSON who was a widow NEELY. They had the following children:

1. THOMAS YEARWOOD (b. 1810 in N.C.)
2. NANCY NEELY YEARWOOD (b. 1814)
3. WILLIAM YEARWOOD (b. 1816, Tenn.)
4. HORACE BURTON YEARWOOD (b. 1820)
5. SARAH DICKSON YEARWOOD (b. 1823)
6. JAMES MORROW YEARWOOD (b. 1825) & died Jan. 12, 1863 in Monroe.
7. MARTHA JANE YEARWOOD (b. Monroe County in 1829).

"THOMAS YEARWOOD married LAVINIA WALKER SCRUGGS, daughter of REV. JOHN SCRUGGS (buried at Madisonville) and HORACE BURTON YEARWOOD married ELIZABETH ESTHER SCRUGGS, her sister. JOHN FRANCIS YEARWOOD son of Thomas and Lavinia married ELLA COFFEE and settled in GEORGETOWN, TEXAS."

Following are the only mentions of YARWOOD, Yearwood, or Yerwood in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record through volume 100 (1970):

Vol 36 pp 266/267 article The King Family in England:

Richard Yearwood, of Southwerk, Co. Surrey (of kin to John Harvard, founder of Harvard College) citizen and grocer of London, in his will dated 8 September 1632 and proved 6 October 1632, mentions "cousin Nicholas Kinge, grocer and Margaret, his wife". He further names Nicholas King as one of his executors.

Vol 67 p 154 - Federal Census, 1800 - Dutchess Co., N.Y.

James YARWOOD - 1 male under 10; 1 male 10 - 16; 1 male 26 -45; 2 males over 45; 1 female 16 - 26.

Vol 69 p 292 - Tombstone Inscriptions, Montgomery Co., N.Y., Town of Amsterdam, Green Hill Cemetery:

YARWOOD, Ella, wife of Mark, d. 2/14/82, 26 (24) yr.

Vol 75, p 103 - Record of Marriages in the First Reformed (Dutch) Church of Pougykeepsie, N. Y.

Aug 19, 1798 - Joseph YERWOOD and Deborah NELSON

Vol 85 p 166 - Peter Smith of Jamaica, Long Island, and some of his descendants.

Leslie Edward Smith, b. Aug 24, 1887; m. Aug 20, 1914, Grace Jean YEARWOOD, b. Jan 19, 1889 in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

The following note was received without a return address, but on Wisconsin Genealogical Society letter:

"Jug Prarie Cemetery, Brooklyn Twp., Green Co., Wis.

"Yarwood Flora E. - Mother - 1883 - 1962

Thomas R. - Father - 1880 - 1945

"From an unofficial listing in the city hall at Evansville, Wis.

"Brooklyn Cemetery (probably Mt. Hope)

"Wm H. YARWOOD died Aug 13, 1896 - age 36 yrs in Oct 1896

"Harold West YARWOOD died Jan 20, 1908 - 5 mo. 10 ds."

A letter received from Mrs. Norma Benisch - information from 1880 Census of Wisconsin:

Township of Gillett, Oconto Co., Wis.

p 257 YARWOOD, Alfred 26 b. England father b. England, mother b. Scotland

" Mary (wife) 26 b. N.Y.

" Walter 3 b. Wis.

" John 1 b. Wis.

p 257 YARWOOD, Hugh 57 preacher b. England, both parents b. England

" Jane 59 b. Scotland, both parents b. England.

Mrs. Benisch also sent the following info:

Hugh YARWOOD had son Alfred YARWOOD

Alfred's ch:

John YARWOOD called Jack, m. Meta PHILLIPS

Basil YARWOOD

Walter YARWOOD - inventor

Maude YARWOOD - married and had a son.

Gladys YARWOOD - never married

Audrey YARWOOD - lived in Chicago

Hugh YARWOOD also had at least two daughters

Mrs. John WOOD

Ch: Alfred WOOD

Isabelle WOOD

Susie WOOD

Jennie WOOD

Norman WOOD

Mrs. _____ CARR

Hugh YARWOOD founded the Methodist Episcopal Church (now the United Methodist Church) at Gillett, Wis., and there are name plates on the bottom of the stained glass windows there - Rev. Hugh Yarwood. Possibly one for Jane YARWOOD, also.

There is a YARWOOD road in the town of Gillett, Oconto Co., Wis.

John YARWOOD (above) had only one child:
Vance YARWOOD

Mrs. Benisch has been very good to furnish all of the information which she has, especially since she has no connection to the family except for knowing some Yarwood's when she was a child.

I got to thinking that perhaps you might be wondering, "Just who is this character who wants to know Yarwood's?" I am therefore preparing the following short biog.

William Robert YARWOOD, born 21 January 1920 to Robert William YARWOOD and Lorena BERTELSON. (My father did not like the idea of a "big Bob & little Bob", therefore the reversal of names.) I have an older sister - Florence Lorena YARWOOD (Mrs. J.P. HARDING of Coralville, Iowa); a younger brother - John Orvin YARWOOD, CDR, USN, Ret, of Albuquerque; and a younger sister - Helen Marie YARWOOD (Mrs. Del DREW of Ackley, Iowa.

We lived at Eldora until 1927, when we moved to Goldfield, Iowa. In 1933, we moved back to Eldora. Our father died in 1935, but Mother still lives in Eldora, now the widow of V.H. VILMONT.

I graduated from Eldora High School in 1937, and attended the University of Iowa for two years, worked a while, then joined the Navy July 1940. I was an Aviation Ordnanceman (the Air Force calls them "Armorers"), and had duty on four aircraft carriers, plus Guam, Puerto Rico, Hawaii & Japan and various Air Stations on both coasts of the United States.

I retired in 1960 as LTJG and worked at Vandenberg Air Force Base as a safety engineer for the Martin Co. for about 3½ years.

I am now an inspector for the California Department of Transportation (formerly Division of Highways), inspecting miscellaneous materials at companies which are furnishing material to go into highway contracts.

I was married Oct. 1949 to Jane DALEY. We had a daughter, Donna Lynn YARWOOD, b. 30 Aug 1951, and were divorced in 1955.

I married Katherene MORGAN, widow of Thomas KING, on 24 June 1956 - we have no children.

That's all for this time. More next letter.

Bill Yarwood