

News, Updates, & More

Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

This year's Family reunion was special. Warren Varner and his wife Elizabeth attended all the way from their home near Boise, Idaho. Warren is the only other Nancy Varner descendant who has submitted DNA. Warren and I were matches as expected. Warren descends as follows:

Nancy Ann Varner (1841-1934)
William Owen Varner (1869-1937)
Otto George Varner (1910-1962)
Warren Ray Varner (1943-)

Attendance was sparse for Varner's at the reunion. Newton's outnumbered Varner's significantly. Many regulars could not attend. Those that did attend however had a good time with several discussions occurring.

Thanks to Linda Cushman for again doing the hard work to arrange this year's site.

New information discussed during the reunion has been posted on the website for all to ponder, including the Riggs / Varner DNA links for the lines of those who have submitted a sample. Very interesting.

As always, the website is:

<http://home.kc.surewest.net/btvarner/VarnerGenealogy.htm>

I have included this clickable link in the update email for those who have had problems copying the link exactly.

A few files require a password to open. That password is: VarnerFamily (Case sensitive, no spaces). Please do not provide this password to anyone else. Send them to me so I can keep track of who might access the information.

QUESTIONS

Q: What is list of top unanswered questions that we really want answered for Varner's and for Newton's?

(I posed this question just before and at the reunion. Here are the responses.)

A: Varner Top Unanswered Questions-

1. Where is George Varner of Missouri & wife Harriet buried?
2. Confirmation which Oglethorpe Co. Varner fathered George Varner of Missouri
3. What happened to George Varner of Missouri sons: Thomas (b.

1836), George (b. 1838), & Glenn (b. 1852)?

4. Locate & obtain DNA tests from George Varner of Missouri direct male-to-male descendants?
5. Additional DNA confirmation on which Riggs fathered Nancy Ann Varner's children?

A: Newton Top Unanswered Questions-

1. Who were Israel Newton's (1790-1839) parents?
2. Where was the family originally from?
3. Was Benjamin Newton a brother to Israel & were there any other siblings?
4. Validation of who the parents of Stella Mae (Newton) Eidson (1884-????) were? (Oklahoma death certificate lists Israel as father and mother unknown. However, records on Israel Newton indicate Israel was not married at that time.)
5. Nancy (Burnett) (Newton) (????-1884)
6. Determine where Nancy Burnett (Newton) (????-1884) is buried?
7. If her maiden name is Jones?
8. Where her family came from before appearing on the Newton farm?
9. Was previous the wife of Israel Margaret Jones (Newton), really Nancy's sister? (Believe that William Burnett, buried on the Newton farm was Nancy's previous husband? No record of Nancy children?)

NEWS

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Varner /Riggs Connection Update

Need other eyes to look at the Riggs / Varner DNA descendant sheet presented at the reunion (& now on the website) for opinion input from other family members to help validate or present alternative possibilities as seen in the current DNA results.

Please download the "Current DNA Results Linking Riggs to Varner" PDF file to assist with this study.

Continuing to research.

George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Will actively start looking again for descendants of the below Varner's to establish some male DNA for descendants of George Varner of Missouri.

John D. Varner (1854-1929)

Glenn Varner (1852-)

Francis Marion Varner (1847-1904)

Samuel Philip Varner (1846-1896)

Edward Varner (1839-1916)

George Washington Varner (1838-)

Thomas J. Varner(1836-)

George Varner Of Missouri Direct Line

This month I will focus on the line of Varner's down through Otto George Varner (1910-1962) in honor of Warren's visit back to Missouri for the reunion. Warren please correct me if I have anything in correct.

Otto George Varner was born in or around Mack's Creek to William Owen Varner (1869-1937) and Alta Williams Varner (1886-1967) as one of nine children.

William Owen Varner in turn was the second of two sons from Nancy Ann Varner (1841-1934) and Riggs (Believed to be Edmund Riggs (1819-1877)).

About the time of WWII Otto moved his family from Camden County, Missouri to California for job opportunities in the aircraft industry. At least one other relative joined Otto in California.

Otto and family prospered in California where many descendants still live. Others have since moved to various western states.

Among other things, Warren spent time as a Los Angeles police officer, as did his older brother Glenn Douglas Varner (1932-1990).

Warren raised six boys and two girls. Since retirement Warren and Elizabeth have moved to outside of Boise, Idaho.

Need to get this next generation of Varner's to catch the genealogy bug.

Where are George & Harriet Varner Buried?

A discussion of this open question was conducted at the reunion. The distilled context of that discussion has been placed on the Varner Genealogy website in a PDF file called "George Varner, Where are he and Harriet buried?". Please download this file and help with the search, or draw your own different conclusions as to their whereabouts.

Presented in that overview are some general family hearsay on the subject along with known participants from the 1860 census overlaid onto a c. 1860 map of original land patent holders for Jim Henry Township in Miller County.

I have made a case for what might be the likely area where they are buried.

We need more input and study on this issue taking into consideration:

1. Location of the recorded Rachel Newton/Berry bushwhacking
(*Were the two incidents related? The same? Could George & Harriet be buried in the Newton cemetery nearby?*)
2. Location of the identified 10 before and 10 after census entries in order to make an educated guess as to where the

two are buried.

(Only identified persons were included on the patent map.

Further details of who was living on each property is needed.)

3. Location of pieces of land in the township (In yellow) that had not been purchased from the government as of that time.
(*Since George did not own land in Miller County, might he have squatted on government land?*)

Another trip to Miller County to check the true property owners of each property in 1860 might help narrow down the local. The map presented contains those original patent land owners who purchased the land from the government. NOT necessarily the same person who owned or lived on that land in the census.....

Please make subject suggestions to help me provide a wide monthly perspective for everyone.

Bruce Varner