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## News, Updates, & More

# Varner Family Genealogy

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### FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope Christmas went well. My resolution for the year is to dedicate more time to genealogy research.....

Copies of all issues of the newsletter are downloadable from the Varner Family website.

Varner Genealogy Website:  
[http://home.kc.surewest.net/btvarner/  
VarnerGenealogy.htm](http://home.kc.surewest.net/btvarner/VarnerGenealogy.htm)

Some 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.

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### QUESTIONS / NEWS

No questions or new news surfaced since the last newsletter.

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### **Review of the Largest Open Questions in Varner Genealogy**

Being the start of a new year I thought it would be appropriate to review the long outstanding unanswered questions in Varner Genealogy. Only work and some luck will produce answers to many of these genealogical questions.

#### **1. Finding male descendants of George Varner NOT through Nancy?**

Have been mentioning this one for several newsletters. I believe this provides the single best opportunity to obtain a major genealogy breakthrough.

I think the right Varner's are just not seeing these requests. If anyone knows of a possible lead to follow, please let me know. I will do the legwork, just need the leads.

#### **2. Finding Missouri Riggs Descendants Locations?**

I know that some of you have been working on this. I must admit I have neglected this one for a while. The more folks that pursue this, the greater the probability of finding a male living descendant.

Finding living Riggs descendant of the Missouri Riggs family can help validate if Edmund Riggs was in fact who fathered all Nancy's children, or if it was one of the other Riggs males?

#### **3. Proof that Harriet Owen Varner was the daughter of Thomas Owen of MO/GA?**

There may still be records out there that would resolve this. Records could be located in St. Charles or Howard counties. The area where George Varner and Thomas Owen family settled was first part of St. Charles County, then Howard County.

Records also might very well be found in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia. It is believed that Harriet was born in Missouri but could have been born in Georgia before they travelled to Missouri.

In fact a wealth of information would be found in Oglethorpe County, Georgia on our Varner's as well. We know that George came from there, so the other Varner's there would be related.

#### **4. Confirmation which Oglethorpe Co. Varner fathered George Varner of Missouri**

An answer to this question could also be found through records in Georgia. Currently available online records or those in books have been initially search. There still could be very good information available by studying local resources. If an answer to this question was found, it would instantly validate lineage much further back from Oglethorpe Varner's.

#### **5. Where is George & Harriet buried?**

This long open question still vexes the family. The way to approach this is to resolve in more detail exactly where census families were located in the 1860 Federal Census. If the exact locations for more of those in that census could be nailed down, the area of search might be drastically reduced?

#### 6. What happened to George W., Thomas, & Glenn?

Always a mystery. It is possible that George W. died in the Civil War. But for Thomas and Glenn. Why do they never appear again in any know records? In Missouri or elsewhere? We are missing something. Maybe instead of moving west, what if they went back east? Maybe back to Oglethorpe?

#### 7. Conformational Evidence of George/Harriet Bushwhacking event?

I placed this at the last of the list because I believe it will be unlikely we will ever find an answer to this question. The best hope might be to stumble upon an answer while pursuing one of the other above open questions? It would be great to find a lost relative who has the answer because it was passed down through that persons line!

#### George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Cannot believe that no one who receives this newsletter knows these living Varner individuals. If you have any way of contacting one of them please do so and let me know so I can make follow-up contact. Thanks again!.

George Varner (1789-1861)

Samuel Philip Varner (1846-1896)

Francis Logan Varner (1874-1939)

Norman Walter Varner (1912-1997)

Raymond Walter Varner (1942-200xs)

*Mother Lela Corrnett*

**Jason Raymond Varner (40)**

*Mother Christine Elizabeth Swillium*

**Micha? Dority Varner (38)**

*Mother Nancy Dority*

**Norman Fredrick (Butch) Varner (68)**

*Mother Alice Ethlene Brown*

**Michael Logan Varner (43)**

**Michael Lee Varner (36)**

George Henry Varner (1880-1946)

Henry Edgar Varner (1919-2003)

**James Varner (??)**

**William Varner (??)**

**Henry Lee Varner (55)**

#### Images of a Nancy Ann Varner Line

I thought that some family images might be of interest to the group. Images begin on the following page.

These images are from Nancy Ann down through my direct line.

If you have pictorial series of images down from Nancy Ann through your

direct line please forward to me and I can include them in future issues.

This might allow others to have images of relatives they currently do not have.

Images for Newton lines are also welcome.

Nancy Ann Varner, Matriarch of the Line



Nancy Ann Varner  
03/27/1841-07/22/1934



John Lawrence Varner 12/17/1866-12/11/1951  
Millie Jane Horton 12/30/1878-11/22/1977



Bert Lonzo Varner 05/10/1902-03/14/1991

Ella Floral Vance 03/25/1904-03/05/1983



Edwin Dale Varner 02/16/1926-02/01/2008

Ruth Leon Harrington 05/31/1926-

Just waiting for spring.....

***Bruce Varner***