

News, Updates, & More

Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The website location has changed! I have had to change where my webpages are housed. There are some things you need to do in order to be able to continue to access the Varner Family Genealogy data. The bookmarks or favorites you have saved in your browsers are likely pointed to the old site. The new site and data can be accessed via one of the below methods:

- 1) Go to the website using your already saved browser bookmark. You will arrive at the old site. Upon arrival you will see links to the new site. Click on the link and it will take you to the new website. Or,
- 2) Click on the link below in this document, which will take you to the new website.
- 3) Once at the new site, bookmark the URL / location. Then delete the old bookmark so as not to be confused in the future.

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

<Link to New Site>

<http://brucevarner.com/VarnerGenealogy.htm>

I just realized that some of you may not have had the ability to view Microsoft PowerPoint slideshows. I have replaced all files that were PowerPoint with PDF files containing the same slides. If you were unable to view a file in the past, please try again now. Let me know if you have any difficulties.

Also have placed for download in PDF format, the slideshow used for this year's just completed reunion.

2015 Newton/Varner Reunion

Very disappointing this year for Varner attendance. Five including me. Seems that each year gets fewer and fewer Varner attendees. Newton's are holding their own, but not the Varner side. Hard to justify continuation of the Varner side without more participation.

QUESTIONS / NEWS

See overview below of the reunion presentation.

2015 Reunion Presentation Overview

The full slideshow is available on the website. Please reference that PowerPoint for further details.

The discussion and slideshow centered around George Varner of Missouri and the connections to the state of Georgia.

Uncovering George Varner of Missouri in Georgia

- What We Know
- Linking George to the Owen Family
- What Can be Deducted from What We Do Know
- Additional Study in Georgia

Tracking the Path George Likely Travelled

- Which Path?
- Land Route or Water Route
- Land Paths: Georgia–Tennessee/N Carolina–Kentucky–Illinois–Missouri

Varner's in Those Migration States Around that Time

- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- Kentucky
- Illinois

Presented images and details to become familiar with Georgia counties known to be associated with George Varner of Missouri.

Facts surrounding George's first piece of land, given by his father Fredrick Varner to George in 1808 at Morgan County. George subsequently sold that land a few months later. (I have placed the documentation surrounding this piece of land on the website.)

Details about Fredrick Varner naming two of this children Edward and Cynthia. Fredrick was the only Varner from this line to name children these two names which George Varner of Missouri repeated in his children.

Discussed the established links between the Owen and Varner families both in Oglethorpe County, Georgia and in Missouri.

Proposed some deductions from the facts known and some additional study that would be beneficial in the State of Georgia.

Described the likely enlistment and migration paths used by George Varner and Thomas Owen families on their movement to Missouri.

Tried without success to establish links with other Varner's nearby the migration path between Georgia and Missouri. (One Varner link just into Tennessee was found but not studied thoroughly enough yet to know of any connection in that timeframe.)

Be sure and download the PowerPoint file on the re-located website to see for yourself!

The link to that information is [here](#).

George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Making progress running down male to male descendants of George Varner through Samuel Philip Varner (1846-1896) descendants.

Dee Bremer found some possible phone numbers for brothers James, William, & Henry Lee Varner, sons of Henry Edgar Varner.

Initial contact was successfully made with Billy Joe Varner (70 years) who lives near Gravois Mills but with a Versailles mailing address. He said his brothers Jim and Henry Lee live in Rolla and provided their phone numbers. Billy Joe also said that he has a son Named Billy Joe Jr. who lives in Rolla.

One of his daughters is interested in genealogy and he would provide my number to her so she could contact me.

After a few days I called him again yesterday. During this conversation Billy Joe seemed very interested so I asked a number of questions.

His given name is Billy Joe Varner, born July 3, 1944 in Kansas City. He lives on Varner Road in Versailles. His ex-wife's name is Linda Norris.

He has three children. Billy Joe Varner Jr. the oldest, plus twins Melissa Diane Varner Smith & Melinda Diane Haggenhaut (sp?).

Billy Joe's ancestry is as listed here:

Billy Joe Varner (1944-)

Henry Edgar Varner (1919-2003)

George Henry Varner (1880-1946)

Samuel Philip Varner (1846-1896)

George Varner (1789-1861)

From his perspective, none of his family knew about George Varner or Samuel Philip Varner's siblings, including Nancy Ann Varner. Have not heard the bushwhacking story.

I told Bill of my two main reasons for contacting him. First, to see if it is possible to have Varner's from his line attend future reunions. He said that would be nice.

Secondly, I explained our situation descending from Nancy Varner and that I had submitted DNA that proved our line was actually Riggs.

Upon hearing the name Riggs, Bill mentioned that his grandmother used to talk about a close female friend she used to have up around Tuscumbia by the last name of Riggs. Said maybe that could be related?

I brought up my second reason for engaging the other Varner family lines. Before I could even complete my request, he said he would be glad to provide a DNA sample to help clear up family history.

So, this is great news! I will be mailing (He does not use computers) Bill documentation about Varner family genealogy for him to study.

Our conversation was left with me saying I will re-contact him after he has had time to look through the documentation and then schedule a

time to visit him and obtain a DNA sample.

Many new pieces to follow. I am tickled pink!!!

I have decided to wait on contacting Bill's brothers until I am further along the DNA path with Bill.

I am still trying to re-contact Butch Varner and find out about the other members of that branch.

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 Corneett

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)

As always, please contact me with ideas for future newsletters.....

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