
News, Updates, & More

Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

As always, the holidays make for hectic days with not much time to spare. For that reason this month's newsletter is very short. Everything should be back on track next month for this new year of 2016!

You will find copies of this newsletter and more genealogy information downloadable from the Varner Family website.

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

Please provide any ideas you may have for future newsletters. I need to have the input of others so that all different subjects and different perspectives can be covered.

QUESTIONS / NEWS

Delayed to next month.

George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

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Introduction to Gibson Co. TN

I thought this month it would be nice to have some pleasant reading about the county in Tennessee where William H. (Sandy) Varner and his family settled after leaving North Carolina in the 1850's, and before moving to Oklahoma.

WE are working to determine any point where our two Varner families may have had contact? If contact did not occur in Tennessee, then it was likely in North Carolina?

The below information was taken from the Gibson County, Tennessee website and from "A History of Tennessee from the Earliest Times to the Present, together with an Historical and a Biographical Sketch of (Each County)" by Goodspeed Publishing Company in 1887.

From the Gibson Co. Website:

"Gibson County was formed by legislative act on October 21, 1823....

One of Gibson County's most famous resident's was Col. David Crockett. David Crockett owned property near the area now known as Rutherford TN. This property is where he built his first log cabin in West TN in 1822. Among many accomplishments while a resident of Gibson County, Crockett served three terms in the Congress of the United States.

The towns now comprising Gibson County are: Bradford, Dyer, Gibson, Humboldt, Kenton, Medina, Milan, Rutherford, Trenton (Co. Seat), and Yorkville."

From A History of Tennessee from the Earliest Times to the Present....:

The first white settlement in the territory, comprised within the present limits of Gibson County, was made in 1819 by Thomas Fite, and his brother-in-law, John Spencer, and James F. Randolph, who, in that year, came from Warren County, Middle Tenn., to the western district....

At about the same time, probably in the spring of that year, Col. David Crockett came from Lawrence County, Tenn. , and located a short distance northeast of Rutherford....

The first newspaper established in Trenton was the Western Union, the first numbers of which appeared in 1836. In 1840.... J. D. Hill... established the Trenton Journal... (became) Live American... In 1853 it became the Independent Journal...

In September, 1847... the Star Spangled Banner, was established... In 1852 the name was changed to the Southern Whig Standard... In 1865 the Trenton Gazette was established... In 1871... established the Trenton News, which in 1874 was consolidated with the Gazette under the name of the News-Gazette... 1881... it became the Gibson County

Mirror... It has since changed editors and publishers very frequently, and has been issued under various names: the Globe, the Recorder, the News and the Republican-Gazette... In February, 1885... established the Gibson County Herald....

Our known Varner's who moved to Gibson County, Tennessee from NC are¹:

MARY POLLY VARNER was born about 1794 in Rowan County, North Carolina. She died before 1860 in Gibson County, Tennessee. She married Hardy Harrison on 05 Jun 1819 in Rowan County, North Carolina. He was born in 1800 in North Carolina. He died before 1860.

WILLIAM VARNER was born on 20 Mar 1802 in Rowan County, North Carolina, United States. He died on 15 Jul 1871 in Gibson County, Tennessee, USA. He married Mary Polly Unknown about 1823 in North Carolina. She was born on 02 Jun 1803 in North Carolina, United States. She died in Dec 1877 in Gibson County, TN.

REBECCA VARNER was born on 03 May 1806 in North Carolina, USA. She died on 31 Dec 1854 in Gibson County, TN (Benjamin remarried in 1855). She married

Benjamin Cooper, son of Benjamin Cooper, about 1824 in Davidson County, North Carolina, USA (No records exist from that period). He was born about 1800 in NC. He died in 1867 in Gibson Co. TN.

Not sure if our Varner line knew of this matching Tennessee Varner line or not. Could very well be that the family split when in North Carolina. George Varner of Missouri's family moving into Georgia while William H. (Sandy) Varner family migrated to western Tennessee.

Have Happy Holidays.....

Bruce Varner

¹ Descendants of John Varner.pdf by Cheryl Varner Walker