NATHANIEL REED, b. ca. 1720

I am looking for the parents of Nathaniel Reed, b. ca. 1720 who first appears along the Orange-Rowan Co., NC border about 1752 where he remained until the early 1770's when he may have made a brief sojourn in Edgefield Dist., South Carolina, probably in anticipation of moving there. His plans were interrupted by the Revolution, causing him to return to North Carolina for the duration of the war where he lived close to and had dealings with other Reed men by the name of Joseph, John, and possibly a William who was from Chester Co., PA

After the war when conditions were more stable, Nathaniel, along with his family moved to Greenville Co., SC where he d. about 1790. Nathaniel may have married ca. 1745 Rebecca Isaacs, whose family came from Maryland. Their known children are:

- male Reed, b. ca. 1750, living Jefferson Co., AL 1833.
- 2. Isaac Reed, b. 1752, m. Susannah Rogers in SC ca. 1786, d. ca. 1845 Hall Co., GA.
- 3. John Reed, b. ca. 1754
- 4. Wm. Reed, b. 1756, m. Frances Robins ca. 1777 probably Randolph Co., NC, d. 1840 Gilmer Co., GA.
- 5. Joseph Reed, b. ca. 1758.
- Nathan, b. 1763 "Guilford Co. since Randolph Co., NC", m. Jeannet/Genet (Lewis/Wells?) ca. 1786, d. 1846 Perry Co., AL.
- Sarah Reed, b. 1768, m. Samuel Boydston 1787 Greenville Dist., SC, d. 1850 Perry Co., AL.

William Reed (#5 above) m. Frances Robins whose family left Monmouth Co., N.J. 1729 for the Shenandoah Valley where they lived for almost 20 years before moving on to that part of Orange Co., NC which eventually became Randolph Co., NC. There are Robins/Robbins scattered all over NJ, including Hunterdon Co., NJ where there is a Reed family who were staunch Baptists and had very similar naming patterns as our Reeds. The Robins were connected to the Nation and Vickery families of the Polecat Creek area of Randolph Co., NC.

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