

# Ripon

From where?

Edward Ripon of Edisto Island, S.C., the immigrant; his son:

• Edward Ripon of Edisto Is., born c. 1712; his will of 18 Jan. 1755 proved 9 Dec. 1757; he m. c. 1730 Ann Mikell; their 3 ch.:

(a) Elizabeth Ripon, born 1739, m. Smiley or is it Smiley?

(b) Martha Ripon, born 1739, married ① Richard Jenkins; she married ② Thomas Hanahan whom she survived; her will of 25 Feb. 1807, proved 1809 mentions "children of my late son, Isaac Ripon Jenkins". (See below)

(c) Isaac Ripon, born 1734, planter of St. John's Parish, Wadmalaw Is., S.C.; married ① Joanna Slaughter, widow of John Sealy and daughter of Abraham Slaughter, planter, of Craven County (died 1750, his will naming "my daughter Joanna Slaughter".) Only child: Joanna Ripon (1769-1835) married 1794 Hugh Wilson; married ② Ann Delabare of Parris Is., widow of John Rhodes; no issue by 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage.

*Should be Staples.*  
6/3/1766 Sl 111 Vol. 32, p. 32  
Joseph

3. Martha Ripon, born 1739, married ① Richard Jenkins; m. ② Thomas Hanahan whom she survived also; her will of 25 Feb. 1807 was proved 1809; their son:

t. Isaac Ripon Jenkins, planter of Jenkins Island Plantation, Hilton Head Island, named in his father's will; married Hannah Scott

## JENKINS:

1. John Jenkins of Edisto Is., SC m. Elizabeth Adams; their son:

2. Richard Jenkins of Edisto Is., born c. 1730, will dated 8 Dec 1771, proved 6 Nov. 1772, married (1) Abigail Townsend; he married (2) Martha Ripon, born c. 1739, daughter of Edward and Ann (Mikell) Ripon of Edisto Is. Martha survived Richard Jenkins and m. (2) Thomas Hanahan; her will of 25 Feb. 1807, proved 1809, mentioned "children of my late son, Isaac Ripon Jenkins". The granddaughters of hers were: Sarah Jenkins who m. Joseph James Pope and Catherine Adams Jenkins who m. Dr. George Nosse Stoney (1795-1854).

3. Isaac Ripon Jenkins of Jenkins Island Plantation, Hilton Head Island, St. Luke's Parish; 1800 Census shows him owning 100 slaves; he died between 1802-1807, accidentally falling down the front stairs of his Jenkins Island Plantation house on Scull (now Skull) Creek. He married Hannah Scott by whom he left two daughters: Sarah and Catherine Adams Jenkins.

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Dear Robert,

I have just received from Tommy your 5 August 89 letter that I sent to him last week, so that he would have a copy for his files. I now can ask you more specifically about one item in this letter, without having to rely solely on my memory--which has lately been in a state of genealogical "meltdown," due to all the information I have been attempting to organize and assimilate.

In the last paragraph, first page of your letter, you made this series of statements:

Also SCHM 23 p. 43: Hannah Rippon, widow (of whom?) m. 29 Oct. 1765 in St. Philip's (! imagine those Baptists in St. Philip's!) Joshua Grimbball born 1744, known member of Baptists and friend of Rev. Isaac Chandler (whose daughter Susannah was 3rd wife and widow of Samuel Green of Fish Hall Plantation, Hilton Head Island!). Joshua died intestate ante 6 March 1768 when widow Hannah and Benjamin Jenkins administered his estate....

I have some of this same information in my set of South Carolina Genealogies (Vol. II, pp. 265 and 270):

Page 265: Joshua Grimbball born 1744 or earlier; married 1765  
Hannah Rippon, widow.

Page 270: Joshua Grimbball (Joshua 3. Thomas 2. Paul 1.) born 1744 or earlier, lived on Edisto Island; married 29 Oct. 1765, Hannah Rippon, widow (St. Philip's Register). He gave William Maxwell, executor of his father Joshua Grimbball, a receipt for his one fourth, or child's share of the estate on 8 Nov. 1766, and died intestate before March 8, 1768, when Hannah Grimbball and Benjamin Jenkins advertised his estate.

His widow, Hannah Grimbball of Edisto Island also died intestate before Feb. 11, 1771, when Benjamin Jenkins administered upon her estate; her maiden name has not been found.

Like you, I believe it is imperative that we determine the name and identity of Hannah's husband before she married Joshua Grimbball. In Moore's Wills (1760-1784, p. 87) there appears a Hannah Rippen, whose 06/25/1767 will was probated 09/12/1767. She is obviously a widow, since she names two children: a son, Thomas Jones (?) and a daughter, Ann Dorothy Hall, this daughter apparently married. Hannah does not name a husband, so it seems to me that she was twice widowed--first by a Jones, and second by a Rippen. What do you think? At any rate, she would not be the Hannah whom Joshua Grimbball married, since she was going by the last name of Rippen in 1767, two years after Joshua and Hannah Rippon were married.

Then, in the same volume of Moore's Wills there appears on page 45 a Richard Rippon, whose 07/06/1764 will was probated 08/31/1764. A resident of Edisto, Richard names as his wife Hannah, and three children, all girls under twenty-one years of age: Ann, Mary, and Martha. The executors are his wife, Benjamin Jenkins, and Benjamin Seabrook; witnesses

are Ralph Bailey, Daniel McCleod, and William Murray. These last three names have appeared in various other wills I have read and abstracted during this past month, but right off the top of my head I cannot remember in exactly which wills. All three of these names are in my "Chronology," however, so I will check on them later. In the meantime, it is clear that this Hannah Rippon, widow of Richard Rippon, could easily have been the widow whom Joshua Grimball married on 10/29/1765--exactly fourteen (14) months after Richard Rippon's death. What do you think?

Having tentatively determined that Joshua Grimball's wife was Hannah Rippon, widow of Richard, I am now back at square one: What does all this have to do with Isaac Rippon, particularly my theoretical "other" Isaac Rippon? Your thoughts on all this will be most welcome and appreciated.

In the meantime, it's "back to the books" and files for me.

Remember me to Miss Cora, and stay in touch.

*As ever -  
Paul*