

"proof" is incorrect! *don't let's keep falling up!*

Governor of S.C. This is proved by two Priests in Bristol who say the Sir John Yeamans buried in the Church loft was (by giving the dates on the tombstones) not the Sir John Yeamans who went to Barbadoes. Our Sir John Yeamans married in Bristol, England, a Limp. I cannot find out when she died. But the Davis papers say, he married 2nd to a Margaret Gibbes, not to be confused with the Margaret Gibbes who was married to another Sir John Yeamans, the son of Sir John who was the son of Sir William who was the son of the first Sir John, the landgrave. He married 3d to Margaret (Foster) Berringer, widow of Col. Benjamin Berringer and according to a descendant of Margaret Berringer, the daughter, Lady Margaret was pregnant with Margaret when he married her and "Margaret Berringer knew no other father than Sir John Yeamans." This lady is according to the Cape Fear Historical Society doing documented research into the Yeamans family and is obsessed with the intention of proving and publishing her findings. I have talked to her and we are corresponding. I don't know how much help she will be, if any. But I will not surrender on the Yeamans/ Yeomans/Youmans line until I prove or disprove what is family tradition. We all know McCrady did not get certain facts in time to include in his history. No one wants to see that these facts are considered in future works. Why the Carolinas are so dead set against the Yeamans family, I do not know. I don't believe Jesus was more hated by his enemies as are the original Yeamans of the Carolinas. Was that why Edward went to New England? Was that why many went to Hawaii, Kentucky, New England, and elsewhere? Perhaps I too am becoming obsessed! I truly would rather settle this before going into FFSC. But I do want to help you because you are helping so many, many others and I really enjoy knowing you. If, however, Alice can go in for now and will help (I will help her all I can), will that serve your purposes for now, remembering I can submit names to you which you can rule in or out at your discretion without my having to join?

By giving leads and letting people do their own research, I do not have to tie myself down to the laborious research which would tie me up on one person instead of ~~helping~~ helping many. For example, I called Mr. Buckner and got him to dictate his genealogy which I took onto the proper charts. The man knows nearly everything. He specifically wants "Who is Josephine Heape." I have only one and as "Josephine H. Heape, daughter of John Mitchell Heape, born 1804, and Martha S. Heape, born 1812." This was given in Morman "family information." I would not want to accept this without verifying it from documents. I then did some research to find if Mrs. Dreyer (the Davis expert as well as Heape) was still living. Again my talent of knowing where and how to get information helped me find her right away. The last I had heard was she was in a nursing home and no one knew where. I had dropped it then because I have limited money to "go detective." Needing it for Mr. Buckner, I called a Lutheran Pastor in Spartanburg, and he did the research, found her, and called me back, refusing to take one penny for what he did! She lives alternately with her daughter in Orangeburg and with her sister in Augusta. I called her (because I really wanted to let her know how many of us had wanted to know about her) and she said I "made my day." I immediately got a long letter from her begging for some of to visit so we could talk about family. So many of the old people are hungry for this kind of visit. Mrs. ~~Senn~~ Senn of Newberry, S.C., a very old Zahler/Youmans descendant, is another who is begging for visits. I end up so much of my time (I have to travel only when I have a male to go along since I am afraid to travel alone, my car being comparatively as old as I!)--so much time is spent visiting these old people. My 85-year old friend, a retired architect, fortunately looks and acts 50, enjoys this kind of work and goes with me (he carries some fire power when we go in cemeteries) only comes up during the hunting season. My grandson needs some social life so I don't impose too much on him. But he is a wonderful help not only in going places driving his new car but also picked up the methods of research and did his father's line in almost no time. I talked to a member of the family who confirmed he had gotten it right! I use him also as my plumber, car fixer, yard man (limited on account of his asthma),

electrician, painter, and science teacher. Just yesterday when the men had to come to take my air conditioning unit to the shop for a washing, etc., I tried to move the large bookcase (room divider type with the computer system). I could not so I took all the books out (you won't believe the mess upon mess to put back) but still could not move it. The men could not move it either so they got the unit out somehow. Late in the day, I called Eric and over he came. He surveyed the situation and said, "Here's how and why." He backed up to the bottom in a sitting position and with his back and legs easily pushed it over. He explained the law of physics. Do you wonder why he is so popular with students. I think I told you he is a member of the Mensa organization which is supposedly the 2% of the population with the highest reasoning ability of the country. He must have gotten that from the other side. I know so little science, I regret I let Dr. Gaines talk me into taking the Classical Course, but I must admit I was scared of "cutting up frogs." I don't think I would survive if I ever had to kill something to eat.

You must be bored to death by now. So let me get away from some of the extraneous stuff. On Mr. Buckner: He is quite interesting. I have talked to him the time I called and he called me back immediately to save my money (bless him) and then he called me a day or two ~~ago~~ ago again. I have Harley relatives as does he. I failed to get information from them but found much in the Virginia families. I also found a descendant of Dougal Ballentine (an original Ballentine from the mid-1700 group as opposed to our colonial Ballantynes) who had Harley and Buckner descent. I hope he will keep his promise and write Mr. Buckner. He says he has 400 pages on his family (I have sent part of the Dougal Ballentine family to SCL Library which one of our volunteers, a Mrs. Boulware, prepared. I hope to get his data into SCL but I gathered he wants to combine the work of another line before publishing. I had written a 7-page letter giving Mr. Buckner all I had on Buckner, Heape, Davis, etc., which I thought he would like to have but I got hung up on Peoples from notes and I was afraid I might mess up this line. I have the book as you know but time and the heat (I now have an operating air conditioner, thank goodness) caused me to pause. By the way, Eric said he could lift the *air conditioner* unit out and do the work himself. In making his way through school (his parents could send him but they thought it was good character training) he worked as an understudy in air conditioning, electrical work, building, and a million other things. He still gets his dental work free by keeping the dentists' air conditioning working. But I would not let him lift this unit. I have heard of people injuring themselves dangerously. Eric insists it is in knowing how to lift and planning ahead that makes it safe. Sometimes I think that little monster is going to kill himself by refusing to believe there is anything he can't do. He always says people can do almost anything; they just don't want to. So much for Eric for now.

Unless you drop me a card to the contrary, I will assume you will take Alice as a substitute (her grandmother (great) was Alice Hazletine (Youmans) Thly, the sister of my great grandfather, Joseph Reid Youmans; her grandfather, James ~~Mc~~ Summers Davis was the half-brother of my great grandmother, Ellen McTeer Davis. Our gggf, James Elliot Davis, married 1st Harriet McTeer who died childless (in childbirth in the second year of their marriage); he mar. 2nd Margaret Ann (Called Mariah) Ulmer, cousin of #1 and sister of #3; he mar. 3rd Jane Elizabeth Ulmer. Alice comes through #2. I come through #3. Alice also is a granddaug ter of George Zahler who was the brother of my Janette Amanda Zahler who married Joseph Reid Youmans. So you can see when you get her in, you get me.

I'll close now and take care of the stray, pregnant cat who looks like she needs me and our "beautiful" city and county refuses to spend a dime to help or control these pitiful beasts. I wish I believed in reincarnation. *Ruth*

As far as it related to him, Mrs. Greer will probably write him more.