

PEEBLES

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Dear Karen,

I was home briefly in St. Louis several weeks ago. (I'm staying in Virginia for the time being). I received your letter, but unfortunately lost it. I will relocate it, but thought I'd drop you a quick line now.

I think I've mentioned this before, but where I think we are closest to a breakthrough is in the Peoples line. Upon examining the records more closely, I'm almost certain that our William Peoples born 1784/1785 in Georgia is the same William Henry Peoples born 1785 in Georgia to Henry Peoples and Mary "Polly" Potter.

From the geographic location and the naming patterns of our Peoples family (i.e. the south and the name David Peoples and Isham Peoples running continually thru our line), I'm sure we're descendants of Capt. David Peebles. Since A. B. Peoples did such a good job in tracking down the early members of the clan, the only possible William born in Georgia was this William Henry above. Both Williams were born the exact same year. William Henry disappeared after reaching his majority and separated from his family, our William separates from his family after reaching his majority.

But the real "kicker" seems to be the naming patterns between the two families, which often link up groups. William Henry's eldest brother was named ISAM (Isham) Peoples, as was his uncle. William's eldest son was named James ISAM (Isham) Peoples, as was at least one of his grandsons. William Henry's grandnephew was named JOHN CAMERON PEOPLES, William's youngest son was named JOHN CAMERON PEOPLES. These are both extremely uncommon names. Our William's grandson was named Henry.

There are other interesting connections which may be relevant. As you know, our William's family intermarried over and over again with descendants of Dr. Lawrence Wingfield. Well, William Henry's brother in law and next door neighbor in GA was Alexander Fluellin, the exact same man who had moved from NC where he was a next door neighbor of Dr. Lawrence Wingfield. Jesse Mathews was the executor of Lawrence Wingfield's estate, a Jesse Mathews was another brother-in-law of William Henry. Also, William Henry's nephew and grandnephew were named Lawrence.

What would "seal" this for me is if we could find that our William's middle name was indeed Henry. Or if the slave sale I mentioned earlier referred to William Henry as of a certain county.

I am SO very busy with Wingfields right now that it would be great if you could take this lead back to your connections with David Peebles of Knoxville and Dr. R.E.H. Peeples of SC. (feel free to copy this letter) The latter might be particularly helpful, because unless I am mistaken, "our" Henry Peebles was a son of his direct ancestor, the loyalist William Peeples. Thus we would be of somewhat the same line. He may have information on other maternal lines, such as the Carlyle and Hamlin families. It would also be interesting to see where the Isham comes from. As you may know, there was a very early immigrant, Henry Isham, who has MANY descendants in VA and who also has a proven royal descent!

Any news on Crawford? I think again the key is the name Swinton. Apparently, we had a John Swinton Crawford born 1790 in Tennessee. One, there were not that many people in Tennessee in 1790, and probably not that many Crawfords. Two, again Swinton is an extremely uncommon name. It may go back to Scotland, however, since it is a Scottish name, I believe.

Also, did you notice that the 1880 census indicates M. E. (Crawford) People's mother, (i.e. J.S. Crawford's wife) was born in Ohio? There was an early immigration from Ohio to Tennessee. Does this mean we could have Yankee blood?

Let me know what you think of these things and if you can contact your sources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. E. P.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P.S. Did you know there is a new Townsend book being written?

HUSBAND WILLIAM PEOPLES
 Born 1784 Place GEORGIA, N.C. OR TN MOVED TO MISSISSIPPI - BY 1850. RESIDED IN PARISH OF RAPIDES, LOUISIANA (NEAR WINN) -
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. _____ Place _____ 1830 CONSUMED - JONES/WAYNE CO., MS
 Died _____ Place MISS, LA, OR CAMERON CO., TX
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER _____ HUSBAND'S MOTHER _____
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE ELIZABETH WEAVER?
 Born 1793 Place SOUTH CAROLINA
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place MISS, LA, OR CAMERON CO., TX
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER HENRY WEAVER? WIFE'S MOTHER _____
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	M	WILLIAM PEOPLES			1813			TN				
2	M	JAMES PEOPLES			1817			MISS	IRENE WEST			
3	M	JOEL PEOPLES			1820			MISSISSIPPI	MARTHA EMILY CRAWFORD			
4	M	THOMAS PEOPLES			1822			MISSISSIPPI	LOUISA REED - IN YELL CO., MISS			
5	M	DAVID PEOPLES			1825			MISS	SUSAN			
6	F	MELINDA PEOPLES			1832			MISS	JAMES L. HARWOOD			
7	F	ELENORA PEOPLES			1834			MISS				
8	M	JOHN CAMERON PEOPLES			1839			MISS	SARAH FAIN			1911
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10												
11												

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
 1850 PARISH OF RAPIDES, LA. CENSUS

Peoples

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

GROUP RECORD

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HUSBAND ^{REV.} JOEL PEOPLES 1950 CENSUS PARISH OF RAPIDES, LOUISIANA
MOVED TO COLORADO CO TEXAS BY 1854
LATER MOVED TO UVALDE CO. TEXAS
IN TRINITY CO, TEXAS IN 1860
CENSUS
 Born 1820 Place MISSISSIPPI
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. _____ Place _____
 Died 1871 Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER WILLIAM PEOPLES HUSBAND'S MOTHER ELIZABETH
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____ OCC: BAPTIST PREACHER
 (CIRCUIT - ON HORSEBACK)

WIFE MARTHA EMILY CRAWFORD OCC: MIDWIFE
(DELIVERED MARTHA EMILY SMITH) - MADE & SOLD
MATTRESSES MADE
FROM HOSS
 Born 1 MAY 1825 Place MISSISSIPPI
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died 21 MAY 1912 Place UVALDE CO., TEXAS
22 MAY 1912 Place SABINAL CEMETARY UVALDE CO. TEXAS 11/11/90
 Bur. JOHN S. CRAWFORD WIFE'S FATHER WIFE'S MOTHER "SANE"
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names Surname		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	M	SWINTON PEOPLES			1843			RAPIDES LA?				DIED YOUNG
2	F	EMILY PEOPLES			1845			RAPIDES LA?	WILLIAM KIRBY			DIED AS YOUNG ADULT
3	F	FELIZABETH PEOPLES			1848			RAPIDES LA?				BURIED IN CATHOLIC CEM
4	M	JOEL SANSIL PEOPLES	8	MARCH	1860			TEXAS				
5	F	CRECIA PEOPLES						TEXAS	HOBBS			
6	F	WINNIE PEOPLES						TEXAS	GEORGE SMITH (WINGFIELD FAMILY)			ABOUT 1854
7	F	ELLEN PEOPLES						TEXAS				
8	F	CYCLIA ANN PEOPLES						TEXAS	22 NOV 1868			MOSES LIGHT (TEXAS AREA) (COLORADO CO.)
9	X	F DIDAMA DE SAMPONA PEOPLES	16	JULY	1860			MONROE TEXAS	SEVEN ELMRIDGE SMITH			
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11												

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
 JOEL S. PEOPLES BIRTHDATE & BURIAL GIVEN ME BY ROSS PIERCE

OTHER MARRIAGES

CHILD #8 HAD DICK TOWNSEND WHO MARRIED ELIZABETH ("LIZZIE") SMITH, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE W. SMITH AND WINNIE WINGFIELD - ALSO HAD DAUGHTER, CYCLIA ANN AND DAUGHTER, DIDAMA ("DAMA") WHO MARRIED JIM BEESON WHO WAS NICKNAMED "DILLY" & MARRIED UNDERWOOD

HUSBAND THOMAS PEOPLES
 Born 1822 Place MISSISSIPPI MOVED TO WINN, RAPIDES PARISH, LA.
 Chr. _____ Place _____ THEN TO CAMERON CO., TX
 Marr. _____ Place _____ LIVED NEAR CAMERON & HOUSTON STATION
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER WILLIAM PEOPLES SR. HUSBAND'S MOTHER ELIZABETH
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE LOUISA REED
 Born _____ Place YELL CO., MISSISSIPPI
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER _____ WIFE'S MOTHER _____

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1 M	DAVID	PEOPLES			1842							
2	SINTHA	PEOPLES			1844							
3 M	THOMAS	PEOPLES			1846							
4	WILLIAM BARTLETT	PEOPLES			1851							
5	ELENDER	PEOPLES			1854							
6	JAMES ISHAM	PEOPLES			1856				11 SEPT FRANCES E. MATTHEWS			
7	ELIZABETH	PEOPLES			1858							
8	ELIZA	PEOPLES			1859							
9												
10												
11												

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