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"The Abney Family Researcher"

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"Three Problems Solved!"

Including "The Dannett ABNEY Dilemma", "Parentage of Absalom ABNEY"

& "Parentage of Dora ABNEY"

Greetings cousins and fellow researchers. I am very excited at the response of our first newsletter. I was flooded (joyfully) with a multitude of telephone calls, letters, and E-Mail. Thank you one and all! Two major problems presented in the 1st newsletter have been resolved. The resolutions have also aided in correcting other family lines. This is exactly what I hoped the CAA & "the Abney Family Researcher" would do! Thanks to all our cousins who have given your input on the problems, have sent in your CAA Postcards, and have donated materials, stamps, and money for postage. It has been and will continue to be a pleasure working with you. Thanks also for the names and addresses of others whom you thought would be interested in the newsletter. We've increased our mailing list by about 25%! Keep those new names coming. The more cousins we get involved, the more accurate our conclusions become...and if anyone hasn't sent in your postcard, please do so.

Before we delve into our family history, let me first extend my belated wishes that everyone had a great holiday season, and will have a healthy, prosperous and most of all family-oriented New Year. I have been quite busy here in Houston. I will be moving my office in a couple of weeks. 1996 was a record year for my business, "*Viking Steamship Agency, Inc.*", and January will probably be a record month. I am therefore swamped with work. On a CAA note, we were unable to come to terms with the house we were attempting to purchase. Therefore, we are still in the market for a new location for my family as well as the CAA. Unfortunately, all of my duties to work and family have had the effect

of placing family history in third place for the moment. Publishing this second *AFR* newsletter is a great help in reducing my work load.

I have also been experiencing problems with my E-Mail. If anyone has sent me E-Mail and have not received a response, it is probably because I didn't get it. The program at my office is crashed and my original program disk is missing. It may take some time before my E-Mail is "up & running" again. Please be patient. In the meantime, drop me some "snailmail".

Problems presented in Issue No.1:

1. 1790 SC Charles ABNEY - NR
2. The Dannett Abney Dilemma - Resolved
3. Leonard Abney of Tennessee - RR
4. Eliz. "Charity" Malina Abney - RR
5. Parentage of John Andy Abney - NR
6. Parentage of Absalom Abney - Resolved
7. Parentage of Dora Abney - Resolved
8. Parentage of Lizzie P. Abney - NR
9. Parentage of James T. Abney - NR
10. Parentage of Mary Agnes Abney - NR
11. Parentage of Soleane Abney - NR
12. Parentage of William Madison Abney - NR

NR = No Response

RR = Responses Received

I. The American ABNEY Family

"Resolved Mysteries"

Problem #2

(from the 1st newsletter)

"The Dannett Abney Dilemma"

The problem read:

I have noticed much confusion over the various Dannett ABNEY's in the South Carolina records.

Can anyone prove that Dannett ABNEY Jr. did or did not migrate to South Carolina?

Does anyone have proof that the George ABNEY who married Sarah "Sally" GRIFFITH was a son of Dannett ABNEY (son of George ABNEY) or a son of Dannett ABNEY III (son of Dannett ABNEY Jr.)?

Does anyone have proof that the Samuel ABNEY who married Mary RILEY was a son of Dannett ABNEY (son of George ABNEY) or a son of Dannett ABNEY III (son of Dannett ABNEY Jr.)?

I received many responses on this one, for which I thank all of our interested cousins. The ultimate proof was provided in the form of the will of Dannett ABNEY (Jr.), transcribed as follows:

In the name of God, amen. I Dennet Abney of the county of Hanover and parish of St. Paul's; (being sick and weak in my body but of sound mind and memory) Do make & constitute this, my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Viz. I give and bequeathe unto Jesus Christ my soul, ~ which I believe he has redeemed, and my body I commit to the earth in hopes of a Joyfull resurrection at the last day; As for my Temporal affairs ~ (as God has been pleased to blefs me with I give as follows. I do appoint my loving Wife Mary Abney, and George Sharrer & Thomas Perry my sons in Law executors of this my last Will and Testament,..... Item I give and bequeathe unto my son Reuben Abney this tract of Land in Hanover County whereon I now live, and a negro Girl called Nanney. I give and bequeathe unto my son in Law Thomas Spragens a Tract of Land in Lunenburg County containg one hundred and seven Acres and also in Hallifax County a tract of Land containg two hundred and fifty acres. I give and bequeathe unto Skip Richardson a tract of Land in Hallifax County in Cotobah Creek, containing three hundred acres. I give and bequeathe unto my

brother Abraham Abney a tract of land in Hallifax County on the lower side of _____ Cotobah Creek Containing four hundred and fifty acres being the entry I bought of George Machan. ~ Item I empower my executors to sell a Tract of Land in Hallifax County laying on a branch commonly called Lick branch; containing eight hundred acres, which money after paying my lawful debts to be equally divided amongst my wife Mary Abney, Reubin Abney, Ruth Sharrar & Sarrah Abney Item, my six negroes Viz. Esquire Will, Roane Oak Will, Hagar, Janey, Hercules ~ I desire may be equally divided amongst my Wife, Reuben Abney, Ruth Sharrer and Sarah Abney, as they can agree among themselves. Item my Desire is if my wife Mary Abney should depart this life before my son Reubin Abney arives to the age of twenty one years, that then my son in law Tho^s Perry move to the place where I now live, & have the care & bringing up of my son Reubin Abney. Item if my son Reubin Abney depart this life before he have any lawful Ifhue, it is my desire that the land as I have already given to him be equally divided amongst Maacah Spragens, Ruth Sharrer, Millesent Perry ~ & Sarah Abney and the negroes, if he depart this life before he have lawful Ishue to be divided between Ruth Sharrer & Sarah Abney. Item I order that their shall be no appraisement upon my estate, nor any Inventory be returned to Court Signed by my hand & seal this third day November one thousand seven hundred & fifty six

Dannitt Abney [Seal]

Test

Tho^s Perry

William Wills

Nicholas Scherer

George Scherrer

At a Court held for Hanover County on Thursday the 7th day of July 1757 This last Will & testament of Dennet Abney deceased was exhibited in Court by Mary Abney the executrix therein named who took the oath of an Executor thereto, & was also proved by the oath of William Wills & Nicholas Scherrer two of the Witnefses thereto & admitted to record

Test

William Pollard DC.HG

January 1811 A copy Teste

Tho. Pollard DC.H.G.

Dannett Jr. did not migrate to South Carolina. Furthermore, he did not make mention in his will of a son named Dannett III. We therefore must conclude that: a) He had no son named Dannett, and b) George ABNEY who married Sarah "Sally" GRIFFITH and Samuel ABNEY who married Mary RILEY were sons of Dannett ABNEY (son of George ABNEY and Unity).

For those of you who knew this, the "Dannett Abney Dilemma" was no dilemma at all. However for the many of us who did not know this, it is very exciting news and again, on behalf of our cousins needing this information, we thank all of our correspondents.

Besides the Will correcting the previous information we had on the family of Dannett Jr., it seems to have solved some problems on other lines as well.

Sarah ABNEY & Reuben ABNEY, formerly considered children of Dr. Abraham ABNEY, were children of Dannett ABNEY Jr. Maacah ABNEY, once considered a daughter of Dannett ABNEY Sr. and later of George ABNEY, was a also a daughter of Dannett ABNEY Jr. It is therefore doubtful that Dr. Abraham had children named Sarah & Reuben, and that George had a daughter named Maacah.

Problem #6

(from the 1st newsletter)

"Parentage of Absalom ABNEY"

There were many questions asked about Absalom P. ABNEY & Absalom Troup ABNEY. The results are as follows:

Absalom P. ABNEY (who m. Rosannah HALL) was a son of William "Uncle Bill" ABNEY & Ann BARNES. Absalom Troup ABNEY was a son of 1st Sgt. John ABNEY & Susan TROUP).

Absalom P. ABNEY (09 Aug 1803-07 Sep 1855) & Rosannah HALL (09 May 1817-18 Mar 1901), married on 04 Jan 1835, Newton Co., Ga. had issue:

1. **Martha Elizabeth ABNEY (b.28 Sep 1835)**
2. **Mary Ellen ABNEY (b. 27 Jan 1837)**
3. **Elvira ABNEY (b. 11 Oct 1839) Elvina's twin**
4. **Elvina ABNEY (b. 11 Oct 1839) Elvira's twin**
5. **Thomas William ABNEY (b.02 Jul 1842)**
6. **Permelia Francis ABNEY (b.11 Jul 1844)**
7. **John W. ABNEY (b.08 Nov 1846)**
8. **Cynthia Harriett ABNEY (b.29 Sep 1849)**
9. **Nancy Jane ABNEY (b. 22 Nov 1852)**

That problem being solved still leaves us with questions about Absalom Troup ABNEY (see Problem #13)

Problem #7

(from the 1st newsletter)

"Parentage of Dora ABNEY"

Q: Can anyone prove who the parents are of Dora ABNEY? She m. John BOND (son of Jerry BOND). A: **John W. BOND (son of Jeremiah "Jerry" BOND & Rachel Ann SMITH) m. Dora ABNEY (daughter of Willis ABNEY & Sarah "Sallie" ALLEN). Incidentally, both Dora ABNEY & John W. BOND descended from Pvt. Paul ABNEY (Am. Rev. War) & Rhoda NORMAN.**

Problem #13

"The Family of Absalom Troup ABNEY"

Absalom Troup ABNEY's wife was NOT Rosannah HALL. Does anyone know who his wife was? Or, was he ever married? If so, can anyone confirm the names/dates/etc. of their children, if they had any?

Absalom Troup ABNEY was born 02 Jul 1795 in Edgefield Dist., S.C., was on the 1850 Census of Louisiana in the Western District of Bienville Parish, Louisiana (12 Nov 1850) and died on 26 Apr 1856. On that census, one Eliza A. ABNEY was living with him. Who was she, a daughter, a daughter-in-law?

Absalom Troup ABNEY's father was 1st Sgt John ABNEY of Virginia who fought in the Am. Rev. War. 1st Sgt John ABNEY is buried in the Camp Zion Cemetery in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. His wife, and Absalom Troup's mother, Susan TROUP is also buried in Louisiana, near Shreveport.

Was Absalom Troup ABNEY ever married and/or have issue? Are the following two men sons of Absalom Troup ABNEY? Was there other issue?

1. Benjamin "Ben" ABNEY, b. ca.1822 who m. Rebecca and had issue
2. John B. ABNEY b. ca. 1832 who m. (as her second husband) Tabitha ABNEY, daughter of George P. ABNEY Sr. & Rosalie O'LEARY)

Note: I was informed that the 1840 census names Tabitha's parents as "George W. ABNEY & Rosala O'LEARY". However, the 1860 Census of Chambers Co., Georgia clearly shows George P. ABNEY. I have seen Rosalie's name as "Rozaley", "Rozalle", "Rosala", etc.

Where are they now?

Can anyone supply me with current addresses for the following ABNEY Researchers:

1. **Abney, Robert H. of Stone Mountain, Ga.**
2. **Brooks, Clo**
3. **Dalrymple, Gyl of West Monroe, Louisiana**
4. **Franklin, Ira of Alabama**
5. **Franklin, Lisa (daughter of #4) also of Al.**
6. **Harlow, Mrs. J.M. (Margaret) of Tennessee**
7. **Williams, Mavis**

I have lost contact with these researchers and would like very much to correspond with them again...or at least send them a "Hello, How have you been doing?"

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In Closing...

I would love to thank everyone individually for responding to the problems presented in the first newsletter (November, 1996). However, to do that I would have to name almost everyone on the *CAA* mailing list!

Since publishing the November issue of the *AFR*, it has been quite hectic around here. Therefore, if I've missed something, please forgive me. Keep those letters coming! A note of humor: "**Questions are usually answered; Answers are usually questioned!**"

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