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David "Yankee Dave" Hickox. (1798-1887)

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Cousins, siblings, and off-spring, it's time to bring you up to date on a significant development with regard to our ancestry. As many of you may know, I and others of our kin have long pursued the antecedents of our ancestor David "Yankee Dave" Hickox. In recent times, a number of postings on the Internet have begun to claim that they were Reuben (1760-1850) and Elizabeth Sickles (1766-1851) Hickox of New Haven CN. Unfortunately, none of those posting were accompanied by the requisite sources or other documents proving those claims. Accordingly, I have been skeptical of, and unwilling to accept, their claims.

Recently, however, there has been a breakthrough based on the proven science of DNA analysis that sheds considerable light on the matter. And, there is additional circumstantial evidence that points in the direction of a final determination. Attached you will find my summary of what I believe to be firmly established, and what is not, in the matter. The evidence seems to support the claims stated above. But, I caution all of you not to jump to the conclusion that we can dismiss any further debate on who "Yankee Dave's" parents were. While there is a great deal of circumstantial evidence pointing toward them, and my DNA analysis strongly suggests that they were his parents, that thesis remains to be proven by traditionally-accepted documentation like census records, bible entries, wills, reliable family histories, and the like. But, I think we can say without further debate that the DNA analysis shows that we are connected to the large Hickox Family of Connecticut and, like them, descend from William "The Immigrant" Hickocks who came to America in the ship "Plain Joan" to Connecticut in 1635. That places us amongst the oldest of the European-derived families in North America.

I encourage your review and comments on the attached dissertation. Any additional information that you can dig up would also be greatly appreciated. But remember, just because it's on the Internet does not make it so. Demand corroborating documentation !

Yours in kinship,

-O.J. Hickox, Jr

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PS- I had a major computer failure several years ago and lost most of my e-mails, including a lot from many of my Hickox cousins. So, feel free to disseminate this to all of your kith and kin, I would like to see it get out to all who are interested in the matter.



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