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

21 messages

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Tue, Dec 17, 2013 at 7:55 PM

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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

Kinsale VA

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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To: "O. J. Hickox" <hickox@haloisp.net>

Great information. I have one question though, maybe I missed it someplace.

In a previos email you said " (He later found this David Hickox in a post-Civil War census living with his widowed mother in the mid-west during the time our David was clearly living in South Georgia.)"

Do you now think this is for someone else?

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Jason Crews

O. J. Hickox <hickox@haloisp.net>
To: Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 4, 2014 at 10:58 AM

Hi Jason-

Those words were intended to convey how our cousin, Basil King (sadly now deceased), who first advanced the theory that YD was the son of Reuben (I) & Eliz. Hickox, originally thought he had found YD then concluded that he hadn't. He originally went looking in census records to try to find all the David Hickoxes of about the right age to have been YD, and there were plenty of them. He found one that he thought was our man, the son of Reuben (I) & Eliz. Hickox, and advertised that on the Internet and to the Huxford Genealogical Society, but later found who he thought was their David living (post-CW) in the mid-west with his widowed mother, when YD was clearly living in So. GA. I think he somehow confused this latter David with the son of Reuben & Eliz. that we now have good reason to believe was our YD, and retracted his assertion that he had found YD's parents. That, of course, set the whole matter back a lot until the recent DNA results brought us back to R&E.

I know this is a somewhat confusing scenario and I hope I've portrayed it accurately. The bottom line is that he happened on to the right David in the beginning, then lost his way trying to track him to GA in census records, and found who he thought was him out in the mid-west at a time when that David could not have been YD. The lack of any record of YD in the 1810 and 1820 censuses probably contributed to that confusion (the first census record of YD's presence in GA is the 1830 census and children weren't named in census records until 1850, making it difficult to track someone who wasn't the head of the household). So, having concluded that he had the wrong David, Basil gave up the search and retracted his original assertion.

Anyhow, I feel like we finally are close to the truth in the matter. FYI, since I wrote that paper a significant number of additional newly-found cousins have showed up on my DNA results website that have Yankee Hickox ancestors. That continues to strengthen my view that we have it about right now.

-Cuz OJ

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Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>
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Tue, Feb 4, 2014 at 11:07 AM

What company did you use for the DNA test?

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Tue, Feb 4, 2014 at 1:51 PM

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Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>
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Wed, Feb 5, 2014 at 11:13 AM

Hello again,

I was wondering where you found these sources:

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The Hickok Genealogy, Descendants of William Hickocks of Farmington, Connecticut

Charles Nelson Hickok
The Tuttle Publishing Company
Rutland VT, 1938

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Hicok Genealogy 1582-1993

Herchel Hicok
Privately Printed, 1983

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THE HICKOX GENEALOGY

Joseph Oscar Hickox
Privately Printed, 1949

I wasn't able to find any of them online or any libraries. I did find the first one on sale though.

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Jason Crews

O. J. Hickox <hickox@haloisp.net>
To: Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 5, 2014 at 1:35 PM

The first one has been out of print for a long time, but I found it at the Library of Congress many years ago. I got my own copy from a re-print company,

Higginson Book Co.

148 Washington St.

POB 778

Salem Mass 01970

978-745-7170

It does not address our GA line. There is an appendix to it, issued later, that I got recently from a descendant of the author that I met through my DNA results site. It shows the family of John & Elizabeth Warner Hickox, the parents of Reuben (I), but does not take Reuben's line any further down.

The second one was a private family publishing project that I borrowed from a descendant of the author. It had nothing on our GA line, and it basically repeated the info on the generations before YD from the first book. I made myself a hard copy of the info on the early generations because I didn't have the first book at that time.

The third one was provided to me recently by the descendant of the author that I met through my DNA results site. It also essentially repeats the info on the earlier generations and does not address our GA line.

The only use any of them were to my search, but a necessary one, was to document the family line from William the Immigrant down to Reuben (I).

I think the key relevant facts and documentation for our situation are:

1. YD was born in CN, ancestral home of the New England Hickox Family and landing-place of the first of the line to come to America, William Hickoks. Both are well-documented.
2. My DNA results, coupled with the family trees of the other DNA analysis participants that matched me to a large number of distant cousins, all claiming to be documented descendants of William the Immigrant, a couple of which are descendants of Reuben & Elizabeth Sickles Hickox and whose DNA match puts them right where our cousin relationship should be if YD were the son of Reuben and Elizabeth Sickels Hickox. These results are based on sound and proven scientific principles.
3. The Terrell Bible listing a David among the children of Reuben & Elizabeth Sickles Hickox.
4. The 1842 deposition by James Henry, son of Reuben & Elizabeth Hickox, listing a brother David. This is discussed in a book "*Upon the Shoulders of Giants*" by Vernon Arthur Zeitler, whose wife was a Hickox descendant. There is also an errata and addenda paper put out by Zeitler's son that discusses the family of Reuben and Elizabeth. I only have copies of the relevant pages from both of them, not the entire document.
5. The fact that their David has not been found anywhere else in the census records. Basil King did an exhaustive search and did not succeed. Unfortunately, he erroneously concluded at the end that he had found him in the post-CW era living in the mid-west with his widowed mother, and gave up the chase. It was Zeitler's conclusion that that David was not Reuben & Elizabeth's.
6. And the family names common to both YD's and Reuben & Elizabeth's families, plus the similar physical traits and personal interests of YD and Reuben (II), his probably brother.

As I have stated in my paper, none of this proves absolutely that YD was the son of Reuben & Elizabeth Sickles Hickox, but it proves that he derived from Reuben's ancestral line, and the other circumstantial evidence suggesting that he was their son is very substantial. I think the situation will remain there unless and until someone comes forth with a letter, a diary, a periodical article, obituary, church notice, or some other document that either ties him to that family or refutes my theory, without reservation. In the meantime, I rest my case.

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Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>
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Wed, Feb 5, 2014 at 1:42 PM

I think DNA is fairly conclusive, and is the only real link we have, and at this point are likely to have.

I had a DNA test done with family tree DNA, but the results haven't been that helpful for my research.

I'm trying to figure out how to incorporate your findings with my definitive guide now, do you have a preference how I site you?

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Jason Crews

O. J. Hickox <hickox@haloisp.net>
To: Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 5, 2014 at 4:11 PM

You might be able to transfer your FTDNA results to ancestry.com. I'm almost positive that they will do that for a small fee, and that it's discussed somewhere on their website. Or, you can just have one done anew at ancestry.com, it's about \$100.

I'm considering doing one at FTDNA also because they display your haplogroup and DNA markers and compare them one-on-one with those of the other surname project participants, sliced by Y-Chromosome and MtDNA. The principal problem is that you need a lot of participation by people with the same surname in order to get meaningful results, and it seems that not everyone is as passionate about their genealogy as you and I are. I've been trying to get some of my Henderson male relatives interested so we can settle the questionable paternity of my GGG GF Berrien (Sweet) Henderson, but I've found absolutely no interest yet. Nonetheless, I'm hoping to get a Hickox Family project started at FTDNA soon. I don't know what it will prove beyond what we have already pretty much established at ancestry.com, but It might open up some more long-closed doors for us. It would be great if we could get a male-only Hickox descendant of Reuben to compare with mine, then we would pretty much be able to establish whether he is our closest common ancestor, and settle the matter once and for all.

You can cite me as O.J. Hickox, Jr., GGG Grandson of YD. And feel free to use the references I've discussed herein.

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Sun, Feb 9, 2014 at 4:56 PM

Another bit of clarification, if you don't mind. What did you mean by "Further, as is shown below, a bible from the family of a woman who married their son Benjamin Hickox (1793/5-?) also lists a David Hickox as a family member, along with the other siblings of her husband"?
Whose bible was it? Who was the son?

Jason Crews

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O. J. Hickox <hickox@haloisp.net>
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Sun, Feb 9, 2014 at 6:15 PM

Jason-

If you look below in the paper, you will see a page from a website entitled "*Bible Record for William C. Turrell by Nancy Tyrrell Theodore, April 2010*". That, and the transcription that follows, spells it all out. You just need to read on. It was the bible of a Turrell (Terrell) family, a daughter from which married Benjamin, a son of Reuben Hickox (I) & and Elizabeth Hickox, and brother of YD. The son I allude to was their David, our YD.

-OJ

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Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>
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Wed, Feb 12, 2014 at 10:44 PM

I contacted the SAR about Basil King and he applied under Nathanal Sweat, unless there is more than one Basil King, are you aware of any connection between Hickox and Sweat?

Jason Crews
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O. J. Hickox <hickox@haloisp.net>
To: Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 7:34 AM

I think I recall Basil telling me, when he gave up on finding YD's parents, that he was going to focus on another ancestor as his means to gaining entry to the SAR, but I had forgotten who it was.

At any rate, I'll respond to your question as to whether there is a relationship between the Sweats and the Hickoxes. The answer depends on which specific Hickox or Sweat you are talking about. Because both families have been in the Wiregrass Region for many generations, and the descendants of the old pioneering families have mixed so much, it is highly likely that there is a connection in the ancestry of many living descendants. For example, it would appear that Basil had both Hickox and Sweat ancestors, but I don't know who they were and how he was related to them. But I have found none in my ancestral lines. So, to my knowledge, I have no Sweat ancestors. There is an interesting connection with the Sweats and my Henderson ancestors (my grandmother Hickox's line), but it's not a genetic connection. My GGG GF Berrien Henderson was the illegitimate son of Nathan Sweat's wife Sarah Jarrell Sweat and Captain Michael Henderson, a Revolutionary War soldier from NC who came to GA after the war (we have recent DNA evidence to support that long-held bit of family lore). Being born in the Sweat household, he used the Sweat surname until he reached his majority, then by legislative act he changed his name to Henderson and used that name for the rest of his life. So, while I'm descended from Nathan Sweat's wife Sarah Jarrell, I'm not descended from him. It can get pretty convoluted, can't it?

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Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 9:20 AM

Honestly, DNA has the potential to nullify any of our research. Who knows of someone who was cheating way back when.

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Jason Crews

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Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 9:53 AM

I think DNA offers us the opportunity to get our research right, without having to accept the results of the social biases of the past that caused people to cover up or not admit to the real situations. Matters associated with illegitimate birth have long been swept under the rug and kept hidden from us because of social pressures. But now, science can lead us to the truth.

I'm very grateful that I have it at my disposal; it's helped me break through two ancestral "Brick walls" within the past few weeks.

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To: "O. J. Hickox" <hickox@haloisp.net>

Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 9:56 AM

I couldn't import ftdna to ancestry, but I did decide to go ahead and order it through ancestry, I think they are probably a bigger company, and may have more potential matches. Time will tell.

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Jason Crews

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Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 10:17 AM

I've been very pleased with my ancestry.com results and their website. It has some very well thought-out features and I expect you will be likewise pleased. Please let me know when your results are in, I'll be looking for you!

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Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>
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Fri, Mar 7, 2014 at 11:02 PM

Hello O.J.,

Its me again with another question for you. I have seen in several places (your recent document as well), that David's first wife, Elizabeth Knowles, died during child birth. I haven't been able to locate a primary source on this, do you know where you picked up that information?

Jason Crews

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Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>
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Fri, Mar 7, 2014 at 11:14 PM

Sorry about the multiple emails, but I have another question. In this document you mention David winning land in the 1838 land lottery, based on my research I thought it was the 1832 land lottery. Am I missing something that you have found?

Jason Crews

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O. J. Hickox <hickox@haloisp.net>
To: Jason Crews <jason.crews@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 8, 2014 at 7:01 AM

No prob, Bud.

I know the info on the land lottery is a bit confusing. The land was awarded under an 1832 act of the legislature, but the lotteries apparently ran for several years. The one in which YD won a portion of land was to be "Granted previous to the first day of January, 1838".

The info on Elizabeth Knowles having died in child-birth is old family lore that I regard as reliable. I recall my father and other older family members talking about it many times. In fact, the story was that the matter involved twins, who, like their mother, did not survive. The date of their marriage is documented in the Camden County records. The story also has an addendum, in that according to at least one version, they were living in or near Lumber City, in Telfair County where YD was making Timber Carts. I have searched cemeteries (on-line) all over So. GA looking for her burial place, all in vain. If you happen onto that info, please let me know.

-OJ

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Mon, Mar 10, 2014 at 2:31 PM

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