

DNA News

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DNA in the News

My name is Bob Whittaker. My maternal grandfather was a Mullins from eastern Kentucky. Growing up I remembered the stories of "born a Howard and raised a Mullins". I decided to pursue this old family story with DNA testing. I found:

[1] Every descendant of Isaac Mullins b. ca 1814 had a version of this same story.

[2] My Mullins DNA did not match DNA of Virginia Mullins ca 1758. This is where traditionally we thought the KY Mullins descended.

[3] Two Howards have tested that are descended from a James Howard b. Ca 1760s and match my 3 Mullins. Through

Revolutionary pension applications I have these Howards back to ca 1740-50 in Indian land of Georgia that became Wilkes County Georgia. I have not been able to match these Howards to any other Howard line. I continue to research where these Howards came from. I am descended from these Howards other ways. I have attached a chart I put together to compare my 3 Mullins and 2 Howards.

Bob

The Mullins match kits # 78822 and 51177 and they have changed their common ancestor to James Howard bc 1760's, Wilkes Co., GA.

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1. Ambrose Mullins, Sr., b. 1753
 1. Ambrose Mullins, Jr.
 2. Patty Mullins b. 1779-1795
 3. William Mullins b. 1779-1808
 1. Isaac Mullins/Howard bc 1845
 1. George Mullins
 1. Jim Mullins
 1. Walter Mullins
 1. Mullins kit# 19691
 2. Charley Mullins
 1. Carl Mullins
 1. Mullins kit# 19690
 2. William P. Mullins b. 1801
 1. Clinton Mullins
 1. Mullins kit # 31466

ANYBODY RECOGNIZE THIS FAMILY?

My grandmother Bertha Elizabeth Howard, was the daughter of Simon Henry Howard b 27 Oct 1863, only son, and last child of Henry Eli Howard (1820->1880) Henry was born in Illinois and died, presumably in Gaston Co, NC as he was in the 1880 census and not the 1900, and the rest of the family is all still in the area in 1900. For DNA testing purposes, Simon had three sons, Minor Ray, John Henry, and Russell James. Minor married but didn't

have kids, and John H died young. Russell James had one son Russell who was still alive in 2002 and had children, but I don't remember if any were boys. It seems possible that we could fit into the Matthew Howard family R1b1b2 since the migration patterns match and there's a Henry in Pike Co, OH...Just curious to know if anyone knows about that family.

Nancy



MEMBER INFO

New Member:
Kit# 123590 6/2/08

New Results:
Kit# 119937 6/2/08
Kit# 40301 6/4/08

HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO?

How far would you go to find a donor for DNA testing? Over half of our members do not have matches, and many of the rest of us do not know where to turn next in our testing, either because we have no existing relatives or those we do have are

not willing to become participants in what they may feel is an invasion of privacy.

Read about what some people are willing to risk to get their questions answered at:

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/04/02/us/02dna.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin

THE HOWARDS OF WILKES OF WILKES COUNTY GEORGIA

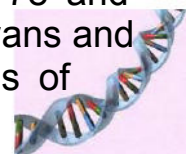
Who were these early settlers?

The area of Georgia now called Wilkes County, is next to that portion of South Carolina known originally as District 96, is it possible that some of the residents of SC moved across this "imaginary" line? I do not know, since I have not check it out yet.

According to the dates I have seen on the birth of the children of Thomas Howard and Lettie Durham, he would have to be the Thomas Howard whose claim for a

Revolutionary War Pension was filed in Perry County, Kentucky. Thomas states he was born 8 June 1750 in (the Creek Indian Lands of Georgia before it became Wilkes County in 1777) Wilkes County, Georgia.

He joined the service in Montgomery County, Virginia in June of 1778 and served under Captain Jesse Evans and according to the Pension Rolls of Kentucky, was to receive an



\$80 pension beginning in March of 1831. Further information was included in a duplicate certificate, which in addition to the information above, stated that his father was killed by Indians, and he had moved to Perry County, Kentucky at the close of the war and had lived there for 37 years.

He mentions his brother James in this certificate as being 81 years old in 1833 and also a resident of Perry County; that they were both single when they joined the war in Virginia and served together. He appeared before a magistrate of Perry County in 1833 at the age of 83 and made a deposition concerning military service; character witnesses were a clergyman, William Coffee and a James Howard, both residing in the same county as Thomas.

What has caused many people to disbelieve this request for a pension was a letter included in the file by the widow Frances Howard, who in October of 1853, requests a continuation of the pension of her husband, Thomas Howard, who had died in January of 1853. Unless Thomas Howard had lived to be 103, this raised some serious questions about the whole pension. However, in filing his petition, Thomas mentions no wife or minor children.

According to Sheree Wolfe, from whose generous posts to GenForum this information is available to us, there was another possibility; a Thomas Howard found in the 1850 Morgan County, KY

Census whose wife was listed as Frances. Could the letter have been placed in the wrong file?

If their father was indeed the John Howard who lived in Wrightsboro, Georgia as Sheree Wolfe's research suggests, there is reason to believe they might have lied, but only about their ancestry.

The John Howard, who was the father of Rhesa Howard, was listed on the Bill of Attainder, Banishment and Confiscation in Georgia on 19 August 1783, likely for not signing the oath of loyalty to Georgia.

He died before he could be banished, though his property was confiscated by the state.

Benjamin Few and Andrew Burns filed a petition asking that the heirs of John Howard "be taken off the Act of confiscation, as they have administered on the Estate, which is so circumstanced that the State can derive no benefit from it which was agreed to."

It is unknown if John had sons other than Rhesa, but if James and Thomas were of this family and their father apposed the war, it could explain why they left Georgia to enlist in Virginia, though I have found no connection to both these names.

I am featuring an article on the family of Rhesa Howard in the upcoming **Howard Historian**, which will be emailed by the end of June in PDF format for \$5 for the issue or \$18 for the year.

If you have any ancestral photos, short research articles, or anything else that could be of use in the newsletter please contact me.

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