

around. So, as I say, I just don't know why I said daughter of John Jenkins. In any event, this last year when I was writing the synopsis of the Equity Court Case providing the children of William Francis Chaplin and his wife Martha Fripp to Albert Newton, I made the statement that I had sent to you incorrect information about the parents of Mary Jenkins who I thought was the wife of Thomas Chaplin, will of 1835.

Since 1976, I have made a copy of the Scott information from the SCHGM which states as you do that Hannah had married Isaac Jenkins in 1793. I have questioned her for the mother of Mary Jenkins who may have been daughter of Isaac Ripon J. Note that Sophie said nothing about Catherine Adams Jenkins as a daughter of Isaac and Hannah. This was in the Scott information I have also.

Because of the birth of this Thomas Chaplin, I have also for a long time questioned the possibility of two marriages. Traditionally - I thought - it has been somewhat accepted that John Fripp Chaplin gained his middle name from his mother's surname. To digress briefly and to answer your comment that Thomas had four children; he in fact had five that I know of: Martha born 1798 taken from her death in the St. Helena Register and proven child of Thomas Chaplin, Sr. of Ladies Island through a land record where Thomas makes a gift of a plantation to his daughter Martha Chaplin. Thomas also makes a gift of a plantation to his daughter Margaret Fripp in another record. This I feel is why his will does not mention these two daughters. Perry Fripp, Jr. as a son-in-law is mentioned in the will as an executor I believe.

Speaking of not being of some family lines; I do not find that at all astonishing -- I don't have any of these family lines in my pedigree and I have only found and charted this information as it came by way of doing my own pedigree search. I have done next to none outside of the Charleston and a little in the Colleton Courthouse records. Some has come of course by correspondence. I have not been interested in, for instance, filling in the missing data regarding the more recent generations such as families of children of William Fripp Chaplin and his two wives. I think you get my drift??? My research time on my own lines was my priority and this other came as catch come.

When I was last in South Carolina about 1977 and had lunch with Caroline Moore and this First Families Society was being formed she was surprised to hear me say that I could not qualify with no proved pedigree in the colony prior to the 1700 date. But, that is true. Only by a great deal of assumption could I do so. My mother's lines are from the upcountry, thus it is only my father's lines that allow me an avenue of lowcountry pedigree. Without question, they are there, but somewhat open to question of proof.

All that aside, back to my first stated concern about Mary ---- wife of Thomas Chaplin, will of 1835. WHO HAVE YOU THOUGHT HER TO BE. OR, HAVE YOU STILL MAINTAINED HER SURNAME AS UNKNOWN? I wish that we had some avenue of getting into the search and note files gathered for Tombee. I was under the impression -- perhaps wrongly? -- that others also felt she was a Jenkins. You seem to have from your comments on the Jenkins lines more information than I have seen before.

Among the papers of Motte Allston Read that are on film with the originals at the Historical Society, is a listing of the Evans information and children of John Evans (son of John and Elizabeth Chaplin Evans) who married Sarah Fripp. Two of their children if I remember correctly totaled four were John born in 1768 and Mary Evans who the record says married William Chaplin. I have concluded that a error was probably made with the William and that this Mary Evans is the wife of John son of Thomas and Elizabeth Fripp Chaplin. First there is no loose William with an unidentified wife Mary. Second with the other combined records which "suggest" her surname as Evans. Her name being recorded more than once as Mary E. Also her will with son Randal J. Chaplin. The St. Helena Register giving birth 1829 and baptism 1830 of Randal Evans Chaplin son of Randal James and Mary Elizabeth Chaplin. Thomas Benjamin Chaplin's Journal stating an Evans Chaplin was turned out by his Uncles is I accepted as referring to this child as Evans Chaplin. And, Edwin Chaplin and Isaac Fripp (if married to Edwin's sister Charlotte Chaplin) would be Uncles to Evans, but not as Evans being son of John Fripp Chaplin and certainly not since Evans is not a son to John Fripp Chaplin and John Fripp Chaplin is not a son of John and Mary Evans -- I say, but TOMBEE says Fripp -- Chaplin. Assumptions seem to have confounded upon themselves in TOMBEE. In short, I have accepted the surname of Mary E. wife of John Chaplin to be Evans; and, she is the daughter of John and Sarah Fripp Evans.

Concerning the name of Elizabeth Fripp who married Thomas Chaplin born 1742. You typed her name in this letter as Mary Elizabeth quoting the SCHGM reference of the St. Helena Register. I have a copy of that Magazine printing and it is not shown as Mary Elizabeth, but only as Elizabeth. Do you have her combined names from another source???

You mention that John Fripp Chaplin and his wife Ann Rebecca Fripp being related in so many ways. HOW??? Several people have questioned her identity. Do you know? Is this just an assumption because of the surnames?? Can you also identify Isabella Fripp who married I think it was Isaac Grimball Jenkins?? I think there was a death here about 1818?

Concerning the Bible records for family of John Fripp Chaplin and also possible middle name for Thomas Chaplin who married Elizabeth Fripp. I have copies made from Ellen P. Chaplin's book of 1964 which quotes the Bible I believe and Albert Newton has sent me copies of the Bible pages. Among the deaths listed are Martha Chaplin and also Margaret Fripp if I remember correctly. In Ellen's book also are some pages clearly indicated the work of William E. Fripp -- much of the pages in Ellen's book are very difficult to attribute to a specific contributor -- at least for me to do so. Anyway, William E. Fripp has the name of Thomas as Thomas B. -- no middle name but the initial only. Mary Brady mentioned to me some News and Courier Article saying the name of the plantation came from Thomas Benjamin Chaplin's grandfather's nickname. That would be this Thomas who married Elizabeth Fripp. I, however have never seen his name as Thomas Benjamin or any other indication of a middle name other than this initial B.

I have records which identify the wife of Benjamin S. Chaplin as Martha R.____. I haven't identified her surname.

Also concerning a possible family for Benjamin S. Chaplin: I have accepted the family listed for baptisms in the St. Helena Register performed at Beaufort by the request of the mother in 1828 and listed as children of Benjamin and Martha R. Chaplin to be this family. The record pages which will come as part of the Fripp Newsletter will list this citation. In the late 1960s, correspondence with Frances Chaplin [husband Raymond] of Columbia she said that a friend had found Benjamin S. Chaplin's death in Charleston for 1865. Camille Crouse had indicated tradition information that this man was supposed to have travelled or left for extended periods of time and only came back occasionally to visit his family. I feel that he is in the Charleston census in 1860 living with a Sarah May and that this is his daughter possibly - the baptism record did show a Sarah. His occupation is a trader which is in keeping with the tradition information. Frances has been [I have had no contact with her for many, many years] was looking for her husband's grandfather Benjamin Adams Chaplin born 1830. It is my feeling that he is probably a child of this Benjamin S. Chaplin and Martha R. but was born after the baptism entries. Benjamin Adams Chaplin is in the Charleston records exclusively having married Georgiana BADGER there. PERHAPS YOU COULD COMMENT ON THE IDENTITY OF THIS BENJAMIN ADAMS CHAPLIN???? Benjamin Adams Chaplin second married and died in Summerville in if I remember correctly 1902 or 4. Betsy Caldwell has as part of the Chaplin manuscript information which I looked over for her a record of a duel in Georgia for a John J. Chaplin who is said to have had this duel with his brother-in-law a Dr. Kirk. She was trying to identify this as a son of William Fripp Chaplin -- John Joshua Chaplin. I suggested to her it might have been John Jackson Chaplin a child of this Benjamin and Martha R. Chaplin shown in the St. Helena baptism entry with four sisters whom I certainly have no further information on. This would allow at least some uncharted sisters available to have provided the relationship of brother-in-law to the John J. Chaplin.

Anyway, for me Benjamin S. Chaplin was the son of Benjamin Chaplin, Jr. and Benjamin S. married a Martha R. _____. The man Benjamin Chaplin who married Laura _____ to me certainly is not the same man. DO YOU HAVE A SOURCE FOR THE SURNAME BUTLER FOR THIS LAURA WIFE OF BENJAMIN CHAPLIN??? AND, MORE IMPORTANT, DO YOU IDENTIFY THIS BENJAMIN CHAPLIN WITH PARENTS. ALSO, WHO IS JOHN L. CHAPLIN WITH PARENTS? My great Aunt May married Arthur Delancy Chaplin a descendant of Benjamin and Laura Chaplin. Both of them are buried in the same family plot in Gillisonville, Jasper County with Benjamin son of Benjamin and Laura who was born 1830.

I sent you a very long time ago some Chaplin names which I could not identify at that time. Some of them still are not identified for me. For me the only logical conclusion since we are dealing in the early 1800s is that these people must be children/descendants of John Chaplin who married Elizabeth Perry Ladson/perhaps by other marriages. I am almost certain from an age listing of John in the 1800 census that this John Chaplin lived beyond the turn of the century. It is only logical that he left descendants. The 1850 census has in Colleton one John Chaplin born 1795. Who is he????

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Now for some questions on your statement that the Benjamin who married a Bailey was Benjamin son of William Fripp Chaplin and it was to a Georgiana Bailey that he married? Again, I am going back to an old chart which I am positive is the work of William E. Fripp which chart suggests that Benjamin son of William Fripp Chaplin is the father of Louretta Chaplin who married Henry Cunningham. Now the father and mother of Louretta -- the only record of Louretta that I have found is her baptism in the St. Helena register which also has the baptism of her sister Maria Cook Chaplin and the parents given are Benjamin and Rebecca Chaplin. I have also seen Louretts listed in the census household 1850 and 1860 and the parents are Benjamin and Rebecca Chaplin/Chapman and this is in the city of Charleston. I have an equity record which identifies Rebecca's surname as that of Abergothie [sp?].

Please provide me with some information on the marriage of a Benjamin with a Georgiana Bailey? I in reading of the census have never seen this parent combination. Did she possibly die before the 1850 first listing of all names in the household? The Benjamin who married Rebecca was born about 1805 but Maria Cook C. and Louretta were not baptised until about 1844 or so. Could it in fact be the same man but with two marriages??? I will have to recheck my census notes to verify if there were older children in this Benjamin/Rebecca household.

Enclosed is a two page -- conversation style -- letter which I sent off to Richard Fripp with two records cited. The one of the gift of plantation of Thomas Chaplin, Sr. to his daughter Martha Chaplin I asked about possible meanings on the fact the lands were on Halls Island. True, it might be better if we could just sit around a table and "talk" there rather in letter form, but this is the best we can do and those reading our give and take must accept this style of correspondence for no more than it is: an effort to solve the puzzle of family charting which is best done by open opinion of research analysis.

Concerning the family of Benjamin Chaplin and wife Sarah Ladson who you say had 2 children: I agree. For Benjamin Chaplin and 2nd wife Eleanor Reynolds you say 5 children: I disagree: 4 children for her: Phoebe who is not mentioned in father's 1766 will, Benjamin, Jr., William Pitt, and Anne ante 1826 and the equity court case. Total of six children for this Benjamin Chaplin that I have. Do you agree with this?

Must close with this. I am at a temp work job and not at home with my own computer so most of this is from memory. Take care.

Sincerely,

Lois