

Miami Fla
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Dear Dr. Peeples:

Nice to hear from you especially since we are apparently searching for the same things concerning some of our relatives. The item in April Puzzlers is about a Joseph Higgins who was my - grandfather's Bro. While searching through some old papers I came across a newspaper clipping offering "Resolutions of Respect" and stating that Mr. Higgins died at his home near Sardis. I think this was a church named Sardis since I have checked out Sardis, Ga., and can find no record of his ever having lived in that area. The Resolution of Respect was offered by Hard - shell Alliance # 1991 and gave the names of two (2) Commissioners. Cannot find where # 1991 was located.

My family is fairly well documented back to my grandfather Willis Higgins who was born in N.C. in 1781. He had several Bro. and sisters according to Bible records etc. Stephen Higgins wrote a letter Aug 30 1825 (I have it) to his "Dear Brother" advising him

to sell the rest of the land and give Rubin his part after taking his own and send or come and bring the rest and see their beautiful Country. He did not say where he was when he wrote the letter and neither did he mention where Willis Wiggins was. I traced this back to Sampson Co N.C. and have verified that they all lived there at one time. I have never located Stephen or his bros. & sisters that he informed Willis were all well.

I think that family consisted of Willis, Stephen, Rubin, Thomas, Elijah, Ebene, Kiriak and maybe more.

Willis Wiggins (note the A in the name) married Zilpha Carroll and to that union were born Allen 1804, Wilah 1806 Annah 1809, Thomas 1811, Simon 1812, David 1816, Archibald 1817 and William James (my grandfather) 1819.

Elijah Wiggins married Mary Ann Cook and had Elizabeth 1809, Clarissa 1811 Wilson 1813 and John 1815. This Elijah is thought to be Willis bro. since the above appears in Willis Bible dated 1816.

This Name Thomas Wiggins is Quite confusing since it comes up so often. I have in my Card files eleven (11) Thomas Wiggins. We will be looking soon for N.C. where we spend the summer and I will go to Eastern N.C. around Clinton in Sampson Co to do some research on the Wiggins from 1781 on back.

On July 27 1635 a Thomas Wiggins age 20 was listed as a passenger on the Barque "Primrose" Capt. Douglas Master, bound for Va. On Aug. 21 1635 a Thomas Wiggins age 21 was listed as a passenger on the Barque "George" To Severe Master by order of Minister of Gravesend, Bound for Va. U.S.A. This information was taken from the book "Emigration to America before 1750".

There are many Thomas Wiggins around in fact I had a brother named George Thomas.

I know about the Daniel Wiggins you mentioned. He married Sesamah Truett and had a large family.

About the Geo. W. Wiggins I have no information but there is a Mrs Campbell at Sylvester Ga whose father was a George Washington Wiggins. Her (own)

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she may be able to help since I
believe her family came from Ala.

There were many Wiggins in N.C.
When the State decided in 1787 to take
a special Census. There was a Willis
Wiggins living in Gates Co N.C. that
had a wife and 6 sons and 1 daughter.
There was a Jane Wiggins in Bladen Co,
John Wiggins Gates Co, Abraham in Burke Co
Archibald Franklin Co Willis Wiggins
Wayne Co, Joseph Bladen Co with 3 sons
& 7 daughters. There was a Thomas Wiggins
whose will was filed Jan. 7th 1760 in
Chowan Co. He had a son Willis, daughter
Christina, wife Christina, son James &
brother James. There were many more.

Wish I could help you with your
G.W. but I just don't have anything.
If you care to I would be glad to hear
from you at anytime and will share
what info I have.

Sincerely
Willie P. Wiggins