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23 August 1954.

Dear Mrs. Peeples:

I am enclosing some notes on the Wiggins family history, which are self-explanatory, though I doubt if they help you much.

As one of your ancestors is a De Witt, and there were lots of De Witts in the same area of South Carolina from which Daniel Wiggins came, it is possible your ancestor was a brother or Daniel. Note that in the administration of his mother's estate in Sumter County in 1822, it was asked that the perishables be sold, as "some of the heirs live in the west", which meant anywhere west of Sumter County, practically, in those days, or even down in Georgia.

I have secured a copy of a Wiggins family genealogy of those descended from Thomas Wiggins of Reading, Mass., who settled in Jamaica, Long Island in the 1650s. Some of his descendants settled later in New Jersey, and in Johnston County, North Carolina, including Gershom, George and Caleb. It looks like the Caleb, son of George, born in Dale County, Alabama, in 1858, might have derived his name from that group, as well as his father George W. Caleb Wiggins was in North Carolina at least as early as 1754, along the Neuse River in Johnston County.

When I have a chance I will make and send you a copy of the genealogy mentioned.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Albert Lienby

Am enclosing the original - which please return by 8/28.

I. Thomas Wiggins - m. 27 Aug. 1649 - Sarah _____
 1615 - 1691 Reading, Mass.

- Jamaica, L.I.

In the 1650's moved with others to RUSTDORP (now Jamaica, L.I.)

Children: (proved)

① Thomas (oldest) m. Rebecca Woolsey
 b. — d. 9 Nov. 1728 1659 - 19 Aug. 1731
 Jamaica (tombstone)

② Josias m. 1719 Isabella — who m. 2nd 1723 Thos. Cardale
 b. — d. 1720/23

Children:

1. Josias

2. William m. 1721 Mrs. Priscilla Latham

3. Thomas

* ③ Gershom m. Mary —

In New Jersey before 1738. His son CALEB is born 1716, bapt. 1726
 in Jamaica. Had descendants in Somerset County, N.J. + in
 Henderson County, No. Car.

④ Benjamin m. Elizabeth —
 b. — d. 9 Dec. 1735
 Jamaica, L.I.

Will names 4 sons:

1. Benjamin 3. Richard
 2. Thomas 4. John

⑤ Sarah m. by 1688 William Creed.
 b. — d. 1717

Descendants live in N. Jersey

⑥ Elizabeth m. — Smith

* II Gershom Wiggins m. Mary

Children: CALEB and probably Gershom, George (of will of 1749) John + Rachel

(A Gershom Wiggins of Deckertown, N.J. had a daughter MARGARET, born 1750 and
 died 1857) who married Joseph Perego.)

(A Gershom Wiggins, brother of George (of will of 1749) had a son John b. after 1728.)

Gershom (son of Thomas) who m. Mary — in 12 Feb. 1740 deeded land in New Jersey
 to son CALEB.

a CALEB Wiggins has lot No. 18 near line of Johnston + Craven Counties in
 N.C. in 1754.

In the township of Pequannock, N.J. a Gershom Wiggins signs Articles
 of Association in 1775.

No proof of parents of George Wiggins of 1749 will but names in will make it probable he was brother of CALEB, Gershom, John + Rachel. Several of this family moved to No. Carolina

III George Wiggins m. Margaret _____

b. - will dated 10 Oct. 1749
v proved 8 May 1750

"I, George Wiggins, late of Nuce River of Johnston County, in the Province of North Carolina, but now ~~in~~ the Province of New Jersey, and County of Somerset, being very sick, unto Margaret my dearly beloved wife the use of 200 acres in the County of Johnston, and Province of North Carolina until my beloved son John Wiggins arrives to the age of 21, together with all my household goods and moveables in the said Carolina I give unto my said son the ... 200 acres (in N.C.) together with the remainder... of my estate in the Province of New Jersey. I give unto Gershom Wiggins, the son of my brother John Wiggins, seventy acres of land adjoining the lower end of the above mentioned 200 acres (in N.C.) I give unto my beloved brother, Gershom Wiggins, the sum of 20 pounds... my sole Executor..... I give unto my sister, Rachell, the sum of 40 pounds..."

Several of this family seem to have land in North Carolina. In 1746 Gershom Wiggins has 300 acres there. In 1754 Caleb Wiggins is mentioned there between two counties. A John Wiggins is mentioned there in 1735 (land grant). William Wiggins 1739, and later Richard and a Thomas Wiggins, all Jamaica and New Jersey Wiggins; and later in the century there are a good many of them.

In the 1790 Federal Census for North Carolina there are these Wiggins heads of families:

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| Gersham Wiggins | Fred Wiggins |
| Hardy | George |
| James | Abram |
| John (four John's) | Anthony |
| Joshua | Betty |
| Sarah | Lemueh |
| William | Matthew |
| Wright | Michael |
| Isoon | Noah |
| Benjamin | Thomas |
| Archer | Pally |
| Blake | Sampson |
| Elihu | Willie |
| Elijah | |

The thing for Mr. Wiggins to do would be first to have his earliest known ancestor looked up in the Census, which would tell in what state he was born. The 1790 Census is the first Federal Census, and the only one that is published. After that they were taken every ten years and ~~are~~ kept in Washington. The 1850 one is the first that gives the axact ages and the names of all the children.

In 1790 there were in South Carolina:

George Wiggins - Orangeburg District
Nelly Union County
Thomas Orangeburg
Widdow Prince George's Parish
John St. Bartholomew's Parish.

It looks as though he might be descended from our Thomas Wiggins. I have never found the absolute PROOF that our great-great grandfather JOHN WIGGINS of NEWBURGH-ON-HUDSON is the brother of Stephen Wiggins of the same place, who is proved documentarily to be the oldest son of Benjamin Wiggins and wife Rachel of Jamaica, L. I. and Ulster County..

I would like to go sometime to Kingston, N. Y. and look through the records.

Cover letter for all above:

WIGGINS-MARDEN AERO CORPORATION
71st Army Air Force Training
Detachment
Harrell Field
Camden, Arkansas

12 November 1943

MR. Jordan A. Wiggins
Sandersville, Ga.

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

Please note the enclosed genealogy that was furnished me by my sister in Washington, which may be of interest, and perhaps of value to you in tracing some of the Wiggins clan. If you find anything of interest in it, would appreciate your writing me about it.

As you no doubt know, Julian finished up here with flying colors, and we trust he will do just as good a job at the basic school, and we will be interested in learning how he progresses.

Very truly yours,

WIGGINS-MARDEN AERO CORPORATION

By E. W. Wiggins
General Manager