

YOUNMANS

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Dear Dr. Peeples,

Four of the Youmans family (one from New Jersey now) came over to visit this week. They descend through James Edward Youmans who married Honour Abigail on one side and from my Great Aunt Emily (Jane Emily m. 1st _____ Kearse and 2nd _____ Fitts). This was the result of cousins marrying. While we were in Georgia Historical to find out some more about her Kearse line I was looking in SCHMs under the name and noted that you were at one time interested in the Folk and Kearse lines. By the way, Jane E. (Aunt "Em") was a twin of Anne Evaline Youmans who married Jacob Zahler. I noted where you showed Anne E. Youmans living with James E. Youmans and put a note about the possibility of her being the mother of James E. Youmans' wife. Since Mrs. Yaun is not sure if Honour Abigail was her full name, it is possible she was Honour Abigail Youmans, but, if so, we don't know who her parents were. We do know from a collateral McTeer line that Henry Hunter McTeer married a Mary Ann Youmans and the Bible puts a note (No rel). I assume that means "No relative." The note is from the Robert Youmans Bible, or I should say from the Bible of Claude McTeer Youmans, the son of Benjamin Reid Youmans and Sarah Gertrude McTeer, with Benjamin Reid Youmans being the son of Robert Mitchell Youmans who was a brother of my Joseph Reid Youmans, ^{son of Levi, who was son of} the son of William Youmans and Mary Peeples. The Bible also lists siblings of Mary Ann Youmans as Thomas, William, Susan Boyd, and Mira Youmans, widow of a Youmans. This is quite confusing to me right now. According to this, Robert Mitchell Youmans married first Elizabeth Zahler Skillings. It does not show his second marriage to Rosa Mixon because Claude and Vivian were children of the first wife. I do have the information also from the second marriage but I have not digested this. In fact, this Youmans thing is quite complicated. You know, of course, that a newly formed International Society of the Youmans Family has been organized. Samuel Grant Youmans published the first book (all Youmans worldwide who came to this country) saying he would publish two more. I have found letters where my Joseph Reid Youmans was his contact on the Levi line; that is, Levi II. We have tried in vain to find his only son who would have inherited his papers! I got this information from J. Curtis Lewis' side (Thomas). His Grandmother was his descendant.

Now getting back to Kearse and Folk: I have a copy of "Cemeteries of Upper Colleton County South Carolina" by Evelyn McDaniel Frazier Bryan. If you still want information about them, let me know and I will copy off the tombstone information. I neglected to copy the exact names you were interested in. I seem to remember and will quote: Perry G. Kearse, Nov. 17, 1876-Jan. 24, 1944; his wife, Dora Lee Folk Kearse, April 30, 1880-Feb. 22, 1946; Zelma Kearse, dau. of P. G. & Dora Lee Kearse, Oct. 18, 1911-May 12, 1912. John F. Folk, son of Jacob & Olive Folk, b. Oct. 11, 1822-Mar. 11, 1861, age 38 yrs. and 5 mos. These are from the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, near Bamberg line.

If you need more, let me know. Otherwise don't bother to answer because I know you are busy. Of course, if you know anything about the Kearse Aunt "Em" married (they think he was a doctor but he is shown as an overseer in Chatham County) when he first arrived from Germany--Lucy would be thrilled to have anything her daughter is most anxious to get in DAR on Peeples line (she owns and operates a restaurant on Beech Island, North Augusta, S.C. Her name is Joette Gossett.

I hope you and your wife are well. I have had surgery and have been diagnosed diabetic but it is under total control by diet. I have lost 30 pounds and have 25 more to go! I feel like a million dollars now.

P.S. Joette seems to be drawn to the Peeples side! Fondly,
she stayed up all 31 studying
the book I'd copied from Ga. Hist.

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