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Dear Maryellen and Alan:

After almost fifty years of researching the NEWTON families of Dorchester County, MD., Greene County, GA., Jasper County, GA., Alabama and Louisiana I have come to the following conclusion. I have evidence to prove all of what I write except in two instances which I will point out. In these two cases there is more than enough circumstantial evidence to confirm what I write is true.

1st generation: THOMAS NEWTON, b. c 1627, m. Sarah Pritchett, dau. of Thomas and Sarah were parents of the following children:  
SAMUEL; ELIZABETH, m. (N) Winsmore; JOHN\*; THOMAS\*;  
2nd generation: EDWARD NEWTON, (died 2 Jan 1693) m. Margaret (N) who EDWARD, b. after 1672.  
3rd generation: EDWARD NEWTON m. Frances Willis (b. 7 Aug 1688) dau. of Richard and Frances Willis. (This union is undoubtedly account-subsequent generations.) Frances m. secondly Edward Brannock. Edward and Frances were parents of the following children: JOHN; RICHARD\*, b. after 1709; WILLIAM,\* b. after 1709;  
4th generation: EDWARD NEWTON m. 1st (N) and m. 2nd Mary Clarkson, dau of William and Elizabeth Clarkson. Mary m. 2nd Stephen Edward was father of the following children: WILLIS; 1st Henry Cannon; SARAH; LILLY, m. James Wilson.

Samuel Pritchett. (Sarah later m. William Mishew.

EDWARD; SARAH\*, b. c1662.

was born c1664. Edward and Margaret were the parents of

able for the widespread use of Willis as a given name in

EDWARD; FRANCES, m. (N) Colbourn; MARY; SARAH.

Cannon.

RICHARD; MARGARET, m. (N) Clarkson; BETTY; FRANCES, m.

(Maryellen, because you are particularly interested in the will of Edward Newton, I write the following from "Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.", page 177.)

Edward Newton, Dorchester County, planter, d. leaving a will  
To wife Mary Newton, Negro man Peter.  
To children: Willis, Richard, Margaret Clarkson, Betty,  
To son Willis slave Plymouth.

dated 27 July 1762, proved 13 Sep 1762.

Frances Cannon and Lilly, slaves.

\* Additional information concerning these families can be found in "Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland", vol 11, by Henry C. Peden, Jr. & F. Edward Wright, published by Delmarva Roots, Lewes, Delaware.

To Richard Newton, Negro woman Sabina.  
To dau Margaret Clarkson a Negro girl named Rachel.  
To dau Betty Newton a Negro girl called Rose.  
To dau Frances Cannon, Negro girl named Beck and  
and Negro boy Elisher.

Myme.

To dau Lilly Newton a Negro boy Isaac and Negro girl  
To dau Betty Newton, £7.

Betty and Lilly Newton, share alike, 3 tenements live on

To wife Mary Newton, and children: Willis, Richard,  
land, namely: Nobles, Badleys and Cooks.

the Negro boy called Isaac and the Negro girl called  
but shall go to personal estate and that dau. Lilly shall  
child of her mother.

In the event that wife elects to have her thirds then  
Myme before given to my dau. Lilly shall not go to her  
have no part or share of my estate as she is the only

Execs. wife Mary Newton, and son Willis Newton.  
Witnessed by Dan Sulivane, Jno. Caile, Roger Ashcom  
Hooper.

On 21 March 1766 Stephen Cannon and his wife Mary,  
Richard Newton of the same co., her right of dower in  
Partnership, 500 a., for her lifetime.

formerly Mary Newton of Dorchester co. leased to  
the land where said Richard Newton now lives called

5th generation: WILLIS NEWTON, son of Edward Newton and Mary  
Clarkson Newton, served as ensign, militia of DO Co.,  
Upper Bttm., Capt. Joseph Daffin's Company, 1 March  
Subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in 1778.

1779, 2nd Lt. on 16 Dec 1770, 1st Lt. on 2 July 1781.

He was head of household in Transquaking Hundred in  
21-30, one male, 10-16, one male under age 10, one  
of 10, 5 Negroes.

1776, aged between 30 and 40 with one male aged  
female, 30-40, 1 female, 21-30, two females under age

He is listed as as a subscriber (79) from Dorchester  
liberal arts and science college established in 1782, in

in 1783 to the founding of Washington College, a  
historic Chestertown.

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He is also possibly the Richard who furnished two  
Flying Camp, on 16 Aug 1776. (MD Historical Magazine.)

guns for Capt. Thomas Bourke's militia company,

AT THIS POINT I COULD FIND NO FURTHER REFERENCES TO RICHARD NEWTON IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND SO I TURNED MY ATTENTION TO THE MATERIAL WHICH I HAD GATHERED FROM GREENE COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Greene county was created by Legislative Act, February, 1786. Opened to settlement at the close of the Revolutionary War become the abode of pioneers most of whom were veterans of the war. We can be sure that land was not allotted to Tories.

A. Richard Newton b. c1736; died 28 March 1803. was granted 200 acres on Beaverdam Creek in 1792. On 27 October 1796 he bought and additional 230 acres in Greene County. It is believed that Richard's wife's name was Sarah. (?) Richard and his son Levi are both on the list of Taxable property of inhabitants of Wilkes County (which became Greene County in 1786) for 1785. In a list of Cattle Markings and Brands, January 1789 we find Richard Newton having been assigned such on 27 October 1796.

1. Levi Newton ( b. c1756; died 8 February 1796) was granted land in Wilkes Co, Ga. which became Greene in 1786. Proof that Levi was Richard's son is evident by the significant document (to which Alan has made reference)"A List of the Sale of the Estate of Richard Newton, dec'd, 28 March 1803". Additional proof is also found in the lists of registrants for the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery. One of the categories of persons entitled to participate was: a family of orphans under twenty-one having no parents living — entitled to one draw. We find lottery number 157 allotted to Edward, Polly and Rebecca (orphans of Levi Newton).

It is recorded on 8 February 1796 that James Newton shall administer the estate of Levi Newton.

- a. Rebecca Newton (b. ca1789-1790) md. John Vason on 21 May 1803
- b. Polly md Jesse Johnson
- c. Edward (Alan, if this is yours, his being born in 1792 is good)

2. JAMES NEWTON ( b. 1765 - d. 1823) m Margaret Park dau of Ezekiel E. Park (1757-1820).

- a. Aristarchus Newton b.5 October 1794; m.3 Sept 1818, Polly Finch Mitchell b. 22 August 1800.
  - 1) Oliver P. Newton (b. 31 August 1819) m. 1 December 1842 Georgia Ann King.
    - a) Lucien B. Newton(11 Oct 1843 -14 May1877) m on 18 December 1866 Mattie B Preston(20 Nov 1849— 16April1877)
  - 2) Angelina Newton b. 14 Sept 1821.
  - 3) Col. James M. Newton b. 18 August 1823
  - 4) Marquis de Lafayette b. 29 January 1826 (Mark)
  - 5) Margaret Elizabeth b. 1 November 1828
  - 6) Mary b. 1 January 1831
  - 7) Col. Aristarchus Newton b. 8 February 1833  
He married his brother Mark's widow (\_\_\_Roby)
  - 8) Martha b. 15 June 1835
  - 9) Richard b. 12 July 1837 (died at the age of 60)
  - 10) Willis b. 16 July 1840 (m. a Miss Pound)

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- 11) Julia b. 9 July 1842
- b. Richard Newton
- c. Levy Newton
- d. Martha Newton
- e. Hanna (b. 1803) m Mr. Higgins
- f. Ezekiel Park Newton b 26 Feb 1811, Jasper Co. Ga.
- md. Nancy Webb
  - 1) J. W Newton
  - 2) R. W. Newton
  - 3) G. W Newton
- g. Charles P. Newton
  - 1) Willis
  - 2) Charles P.
  - 3) James
  - 4) Alice
  - 5) Sallie
  - 6) Carrie

This information on the James Newton/ Aristarchus Newton families was gleaned from collected recollections of R. W. Newton written in 1918. It posed a problem to me. In the sketch it was said that the father of James Newton was another James Newton. I felt sure that this was a mistake and that the father of James Newton was in reality Richard Newton of Dorchester County Maryland. I, in no way, mean to belittle the work of Mr. R. W. Newton but in an afterword to this sketch, Legare Davis, another descendent of James Wood writes that "this memo-randum is in many respects incomplete and probably contains many inaccuracies, although its preparation has been far from casual." R. W. Newton did not know the maiden name of his grandmother who was Margaret Park, the daughter of Ezekiel Evans Park (1757-1820), an early settler of Greene County. A revolutionary soldier and highly respected citizen — it is written that he was a graduate of William and Mary College, a man of culture who had witnessed service in a number of engagements and was wounded at the battle of Guildford Courthouse, North Carolina. But Ezekiel Park had remained in Greene County when James Newton and his family moved to Jasper County and it is reasonable to think that one hundred years later Mr. R. W. Newton was not aware of his Greene County Newton background. How was it that James Newton and his family moved to Jasper County? Lets look at it this way. James's sister Fanny married Aristarchus Woods. In the Georgia Land Lottery of 1805, Hannah Woods, Aristarchus' mother, was one of the winners and on 30 April 1806 she claimed her land in Baldwin County (which very soon afterwards became Jasper County).

3. FANNY NEWTON m. 14 January 1799 ARISTARCHUS WOODS

On 13 November 1807 Aristarchus Wood purchases 202.5 acres of land in Baldwin \*(Jasper) County.

On 4 July 1808 James Newton buys 202.5 acres in Randolph County.

Jasper County was originally Randolph Co. It was a part of Baldwin Co. until and act of the Georgia legislature dated December 10, 1809 created it. Randolph name changed to Jasper in 1812.

4. WILLIS NEWTON ( b. c1770 in MD; md c. 1797-98 Ruth Bishop

b. 1770 in GA. She was the daughter of Stephen Bishop and

a. Stephen Newton b. 3 November 1799 GA

b. Nancy Newton b. 4 December 1800 GA

d. 19 June 1897 Round Top, Texas

m. 10 December 1818, George

W. Gilmore, Clarke Co. AL

c. Ebin (Ebenezer)

b. 8 June 1802 GA

Anderson

d. Hannah

b. 29 Oct 1804 GA m John

e. Asa B.

b 16 March 1809

f. James

b. 14 Feb. 1811 GA

g. Willis

b. 11 July 1813 GA. (died young)

h. Phoebe

b. 11 Nov. 1815 GA or AL

i. Salem T.

b. 19 January 1819 AL

Willis and family moved from Greene Co. GA to Clarke Co., AL early in 1818 or prior to that time.

5. RICHARD NEWTON (b. c1775 - 1777; d. 1815) m. c1795

Susannah Robinson (c1795) Richard Newton had

enlisted in the army of the War of 1812 and is listed

as dead 14 Feb. 1815. Whether he had been wounded

in the Battle of New Orleans on 8 Jan 1815 and later

died of the wound is unknown to me.

a. Permelia Newton (b. c1798-1800) m. 1811 William H.

Tabor (b. 1793) These are my great, great grandparents.

There daughter, Sophia Tabor m. my great grandfather,

Archibald McGehee Stuart.

b. Willis Newton (b. c1807)

c. Elizabeth Newton (b. c1809)

d. Selah Newton (b. c1809-1812)

The following excerpts will help clarify the relationship between the Newton, Robinson, Collins, and Pate families:

ESTATE OF RICHARD NEWTON

Know all men by their Presence that we Jesse Robinson and \_\_\_\_\_ Parker of the Parish of Feliciana and State of Louisiana are held and firmly bound with John A. Johnson, Judge of the Parish Court of the Parish of Feliciana and State of Louisiana and his succession in office in the sum of Eight Hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States to which payment will and truly be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and Curators firmly by those present Signed and sealed this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1815. Whereas the above bounden Jesse Robinson has this day been appointed Curator of the Estate of Richard NEWTON, late of this Parish deceased. Now the condition of the above obligations is such That is the aforesaid Jesse Robinson shall well and truly perform and discharge the duties enjoined on him by law as Curator aforesaid and make return of all things done in the \_\_\_\_\_ and settle his accounts as the law requires, then the above obligation to be void \_\_\_\_\_ to remain in full force.

Jesse Robinson(Seal ), \_\_\_\_\_ Parker (Seal );

Witnesses: Illegible

From Estates 1815-1824  
West Feliciana Court House (13)

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State of Louisiana

Parish of Feliciana Know all men by their presence that we William Tabor and Hudson Tabor both of the State and Parish aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Willis NEWTON, Elizabeth NEWTON, and Celia NEWTON (\_\_\_\_\_)minor children of Richard and Susanah NEWTON, late of said Parish Deceased ab intestato, their heirs, executors, Tutors, Curators and Guardians that may hereafter be appointed in the full sum of One thousand Dollars Lawful money of the United States to which payment will and truly by us be made we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors administrator and assigns firmly by their presence. Done and executed the eleventh day of December AD 1817 (1816). Whereas the above bounden William Tabor hath this day been appointed by the Judge of the Parish of Feliciana tutor of the aforesaid (\_\_\_\_\_)minors Willis, Elizabeth and Celia NEWTON.

Now the condition of the foregoing obligation is such that of the above bounden William Tabor shall well and faithfully discharge and perform all the duties enjoined on him by Law as Tutor of the aforesaid minors and deliver to them their Estate when they arrive to the age of Majority. Then the above obligation to the be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. William H. Tabor (Seal), Hudson Tabor (Seal). Witness: John A. Mills, John A. Johnson Parish Judge of Feliciana. We the undersigned in Family meeting consider the within bond and security as good and sufficient, and accept the same accordingly. In testimony whereof we duly enter our names herewith as (\_\_\_\_\_) of the witnesses 7th day of December, 1816: Jesse (his mark) Robinson, John Robinson, Jacob (his mark) Collins, Richard (his mark) Collins, William (his mark) Pate, Isaac Tabor under Tutor. Witness: John A. Mills, John A. Johnson Parish Judge of Feliciana. Truly recorded March 25th 1817.

From Estates 1815-1824  
West Feliciana Court House (43)

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State of Louisiana

Parish of West Feliciana

Conformably to the Order of the Honorable John H. Johnson, Judge of the Parish of Feliciana, I have notified and caused the friends and relatives of the children of the deceased Richard Newton to meet at the house of the late Richard Newton to deliberate whether it will be most to the interest of the children to have the lands sold or not.

Present as follows:

David Robinson - Grandfather to the children

Jesse Robinson - Uncle to the children

William Robinson - Uncle to the children

William Pate - Uncle to the children

Permilia Tabor - Sister to the children

William Tabor - Brother-in-law to the children

David Pate - Cousin to the children

Jacob Collins - Uncle to the children

The family having deliberated were all of the opinion to sell the land except David Robinson, in witness whereof the parties sign this with me this 3rd July 1817. Vines L. Collins

Witnessed: William H. Tabor, William Pate, Jacob Collins, Permilia Tabor, Robt. Perry, J.P.

I have not been able to establish just when it was that this group of Greene County citizens moved to Louisiana.

6. ELIZABETH NEWTON md. Joshua Cartwright  
(23 February 1804) Joshua Cartwright, a legatee of Richard Newton, dec'd. by intermarriage with Elizabeth Newton, daughter of the said dec'd. came into the office and complained of the misconduct of Willis Newton, administrator of said dec'd. and requests a subpoena for Willis Newton to appear at the next court of ordinary to make known the misconduct of the the administrator aforesaid. (Greene co. ordinance minutes 1799-1836)

(Court order 29 Jan 1804) Joshua Cartwright be guardian of Rebecca Newton, orphan of Levi Newton.

7. WILLIAM NEWTON (b. 1784 or before) m. Betsy Dorrough on 3 Jan. 1804.

8. ISAAC NEWTON was under the guardianship of Willis Newton after his father's death. He evidently joined his brother James and sister Fanny Newton Wood to Jasper County, GA. as is indicated by the following:

Deed Book 1, pages 272-273

Seller: Thomas Harrell of Bullock Co.

Buyer: Isaac Newton of Randolph Co.\*

Land Lot 97, 16th District Total acreage: 202.5

Sales Price: \$500.00 Date sold: 12/31/1808

Witnesses: Hiram Glazer, Nancy Glazer

Date deed was recorded in Randolph Co. \* 3/25/1809

Drawn by in the late Land Lottery: Thomas Harrell

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Deed Book 1, pages 347-348

Seller: John Flakes of Randolph Co.

Buyers: Isaac Newton, Charles Cargile, John Painter

Land Lot 145, 16th District Total Acreage: 10.5 acres

Sales Price: Date Sold: 5/13/1809

Witnesses: John McMichael, Joel Haynes

Date deed was recorded in Randolph Co.\* 6/16/1809

"Deacons of Baptist Church at Shoul Creek and including the meeting house built by members."

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Isaac NEWTON witness to sale of 83 acres between Abyhugh Sowell and William Richards. Recorded 12 January 1808

Deed Book BB, p. 648

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9) BENJAMIN NEWTON (b. 1784 or before. Was unmarried at time of 1806 Land Lottery.

10) JOHN NEWTON received legacy in full after Richard Newton's death. By a court order (29 Jan 1804) Willis Newton was appointed guardian of two brothers namely John and Isaac, orphans of Richard Newton.

11) \_\_\_\_\_ NEWTON md Robert Walker

12) \_\_\_\_\_ NEWTON md Thomas Crawford

13) \_\_\_\_\_ NEWTON md Thomas Lowery

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Possible 14) MAY (MARY) NEWTON. Who is this? On 7 April 1806 May (Mary) Newton came into court and chose Willis Newton her guardian.

NB: Alan, as to your inquiries of names on Richard's "Sale of Estate" and "Legacies in Full", I think most is made clear in the above.  
Thomas Lowery (through marriage to unknown named daughter)  
Joshua Cartwright guardian for Rebecca Newton orphan of Levy Newton  
John Newton (son)  
Edward Newton (grandson, son of Levi)  
Richard Newton (son)  
Robert Walker ( through marriage to unknown named daughter)  
William Newton (son)  
Sarah Newton (wife. I am assuming that Sarah is Richard Newton's wife most particularly because the majority of items in the Estate Sale went to her.)  
Thomas Crawford (through marriage to unknown named daughter)  
Bing Newton(son;this should be Benjamin.Benj. was a common abbreviation)  
James Newton (son)  
Aristarchus Wood (through marriage to daughter Fanny)

I do believe the reason Willis Newton's name does not appear on this list is because he was the administrator of the estate.

In addition to the following purchasers from the estate which you mention:

Sarah Newton (wife)

Willis Newton (son)

William Newton (son)

Lilah Newton (this should be Selah, a name, which I believe has its origin in the Bible but is very little used these days. It was carried down in the family with the naming of Richard Newton and Sussanah Robinson's daughter Selah). But who this Selah is I don't know, possible a sister of the dec'd Richard — a favorite aunt of my Richard who follows. )

Richard Newton (son; my progenitor)

Benj. Newton (son)

should be mentioned David Robinson (my great, great, great, great grandfather) and William Pate, who joined the emigration to Louisiana.

NB: Maryellen:

There was a site on the web that had rather extensive information on "The Cannon Family From Maryland, Delaware and Tennessee as Descended From James Cannon, Sr." It does include Henry Cannon and Frances Newton's family. I made a copy of it which I would gladly mail to you. I went on line to [www.familytreemaker.com](http://www.familytreemaker.com) to find it, but was greeted with the announcement that it was not available. Of course, I am the most inept person when it comes to the computer so you might try. If you don't have any luck I will be glad to mail it to you. It's too long to but on e-mail.

Well, good luck! I hope this information will be helpful. I have authentication for all of it and much more on collateral families.

Sincerely,

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