

*Sent regarding a possible connection with both the Kendall and Wilkinson Line*

Hi Chet:

Robyn Kendall here.

Before I get into this, neither my father nor I remember making any contact with Blaine or Ruth. But then I don't know if you can trust either of our long-term memories (hmm, maybe a Kendall trait?)

I am sure we are related, but it's a matter of where up the line. I would suspect that it could be as far back as John (born 1706). John was married twice, the first time to Ann Burton, and then later to Susanna Harrison. Between the two wives, he had 10 children, 3 of whom were males (William Kendal, John Kendell and James Kendall --- so listed in their baptism records). I must confess that I haven't investigated the descendants of John or James. This was strictly a time issue when I was over in Yorkshire. Our line is off William.

The Kendalls (and all the variant spellings) lived in Yorkshire, very close to the Nottingham border. In fact, at one point of our research, the family "disappeared", only to "resurface" a generation or two later. What we discovered (by looking at an old map of the area) was that the Auckley/Finningley area was at one time considered Nottinghamshire, so I had to go to Nottingham to look at all the records for that area. Our line of Kendalls ended up in Thorne, Yorkshire, only about 12 miles away, which was their last stop in England before emigrating to Canada (Port Perry, Ontario) sometime around 1840.

We have not found any records of the crossing or their entrance into Canada. The property the family had in Ontario has the Kendall cemetery, where George's family, and others (some also from Yorkshire) are buried. One of the graves is for George Wilkinson (born 1811) and his wife, Ann, who was one of George's daughters.

So the Wilkinsons live on in Canada. And it is likely that this Wilkinson is also connected to your Wilkinson line as well.

It was not until I saw the cemetery transcription of the graveyard in Ontario that we realized that one of George's married daughters also came to Canada. The other stayed in Thorne (her married name was Stones).

Anyway, back to John and Maria. You might want to check out my ramblings when I was in Doncaster, Yorkshire in 2007 doing research.

Go to [www.mytripjournal.com/robyn50](http://www.mytripjournal.com/robyn50). The dates to look at are March 26, 27 and 28. What was happening at the time was that we were stuck at Maria Kendall, born in the mid-1680s. On seeing the Arksey transcriptions that included John's baptism record, it said Johannes, s. Maria Kendal of Bentley, spurius. So the entire record was in Latin. John, son of Mary Kendal of Bentley, illegitimate.

But I didn't find ANY Kendalls in Bentley, so I thought that Mary must have been shipped out of her hometown to have her baby. So my search took me to all the towns in the area. All in all, I probably checked 25 different Mary's in and around Bentley.

And there in Hatfield, next to Thorne, was Mary Kendall. It appears to tick all the boxes. She was baptized Jan 18, 1685 and died Aug 22, 1731, also in Hatfield. She died as Mary Kendall, indicating that she had never married. As well, I thought that if she married shortly after John's birth, she would have probably held off baptizing him (this was done any time from 5 days to a year or 2 after birth), or John would have taken her new surname (and thus avoided any scandal).

The only question that remains, in my mind, is if Mary lived for longer in Arksey, raising John, or whether John was passed off to someone else (maybe another Kendall) to raise the boy. My guess would be that she raised John and moved back to Hatfield later in life. Unfortunately, there were no censuses at that time.

Once I found "our" Mary, I was able to find her family and five generations prior, taking the family line back to the beginning of records. The first Kendall record I have located is Margaret (Smydale) Kendall's death in August 1579. She was the first of three wives to William Kendall, who died about Nov 18, 1583 in Tickhill, Yorkshire.

I am attaching the descendant report starting at William Kendall and going through to John Kendal's children.

I would love to see what you have, especially about how you link into John's line and where the family emigrated to in the US. As a side note, our Ontario Kendall line went on to Minnesota, and marrying into the Pope family, who emigrated from Somerset, England to Dartmouth and Plymouth in the early 1600s. So we have a good mix of Americans. In fact, my father (Arvid) served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and my eldest sister was born in Camp Roberts, Paso Robles, California. Both Vicki and Arvid maintain dual US/Canadian citizenship. It would be wonderful to add an Australian connection as well.

Now that I've bent your ear off, I'm sure it will take you some time to digest all of this and figure out where we take it from here!

Best regards,

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