

Barber/Boulware/Hall Connections

Email excerpt from Maxcy R. Hall, Jr. to Debbie Cloud (Nov. 28, 2002)

If you wish, I can also provide you with some illuminating correspondence I had with Cousin Russ a few years ago, relating to ancestors of Dr. Hall (and thus of you and me). Among the interesting stuff, there was information about two men named John and James Barber, who, according to Dr. Nathaniel's "short hystory" (page 4) were half brothers. I notice that, despite being half brothers, BOTH of them were DIRECT ANCESTORS of you and me, a remarkable fact. As I understand it, John and James lived in Northern Ireland and fought as officers in an Irish rebellion (or rebellions) under Robert Emmet in the 1780s or 1790s, and then migrated to America in 1797 [according to his tombstone inscription, John Barber immigrated in 1791] (according to Dr. Hall's "short hystory)." Here's how they relate to us, as I understand it:

John Barber and his wife, Sarah Carmichael, were the parents of Mollie Barber, who married John "Jackey" Hall and was the mother of Dr. Nathaniel Barber Hall. Therefore John Barber was a grandfather of Dr. Nathaniel.

Meanwhile JAMES Barber's daughter Eliza Barber married James Richmond, and THEIR daughter Sarah Richmond married Benjamin Boulware, and THEIR daughter Nancy Ann Boulware married Dr. Nathaniel Barber Hall. If this is correct it means that James Barber was a great-grandfather of Nancy Boulware, I think.

So, presumably, the rebel John Barber was our direct ancestor through Dr. Nathaniel, and the rebel James Barber was our direct ancestor through Dr. Nathaniel's wife, Nancy. Cousin Russ Hall knows a great deal about those relationships and much more.

I remind you that Dr. Nathaniel and Nancy named one of their children "James Richmond Hall." And this may be a convenient place for me to tell you how it happened that they named my father Maxcy Reddick. Dr. Nathaniel served three months as a captain and six as a surgeon in the Georgia State Troops in the Civil War, as he tells us in the "hystory." He had two army friends whose surnames were Maxcy and Reddick. When my father was born on 16 November 1864, while the war was still going on and the smoke still lingered from the burning of Atlanta, he was greeted with the gift of those two names. And when I came along 46 years later, in 1910, I became Maxcy Reddick Hall Jr.