

Your John Howell had a brother named Thomas Howell. Thomas married Lucia (Lucy) Cook, an Indian. Perhaps John married her sister. (Long shot). Thomas and Lucia lived in Fairfield County. I believe Thomas and John descended from William Howell of the Congarees. Their father was Thomas Howell and mother was most likely Mary Wooten. Wm Sr. and his 2 brothers, Arthur and Thomas, settled from Maryland. William Howell had a cowpen in Fairfield. He was most likely the son of William or a grandson. William Sr. maintained 20 + miles of road from his plantation into Fairfield. It was in his interest to do so. They were well off. William's plantation was on the land now McIntyre Air National Guard Base.

During the construction of the base in 1941 the bulldozers unearthed several coffins from the Howell Cemetery. This caused quite a stir from some of the black workers. One coffin had a glass window over the head of the corpse. It was said the corpse was in perfect shape with his hair in place. The coffin was made in England and appeared to be over a 100 years old. The graves were moved to St. John's Church in the Gadsden-Hopkins area in a mass grave.

There is no question that your Howells were descended from one of these brothers. The Cayce Museum has the old ledger book from the Trading Post of The Congarees. This trading post was built by Kershaw and Chestnut of Camden. The British fortified this store during the revolution and it became Ft. Granby. Today the Cayce Museum is housed in an identical replica of the old store. Emily Geiger of Rev War fame was questioned in this fort by the British. This was the There are entries from these Howells. The dating was around 1777.

Pelham, my Samuel Mobobley was stationed at this fort after the Americans recaptured it. His unit's mission was to protect Friday's from the British.

John
This is from Find A Grave.

b. Sep. 19, 1900 d. Apr. 14, 1989	Pine View Baptist Church ... Blythewood Richland County South Carolina, USA
Howell, Effie b. Jun. 3, 1894 d. Mar. 23, 1975	Pine View Baptist Church ... Blythewood Richland County South Carolina, USA
Howell, Fennie b. 1870 d. 1955	Pine View Baptist Church ... Blythewood Richland County South Carolina, USA
Howell, Georgia Sweatman b. Feb. 18, 1871 d. Apr. 12, 1918	Pine View Baptist Church ... Blythewood Richland County South Carolina, USA
Howell, Jackson b. unknown d. Jul. 19, 1949	Pine View Baptist Church ... Blythewood Richland County South Carolina, USA
Howell, John  b. Feb. 6, 1889 d. Aug. 16, 1931	Pine View Baptist Church ... Blythewood Richland County South Carolina, USA
Howell, Marvie Avis	Pine View Baptist Church ...

b. Nov. 3, 1898 d. Jun. 24, 1924

Blythewood
Richland County
South Carolina, USA

[Howell, Samuel M.](#)

b. 1860 d. 1938

[Pine View Baptist Church ...](#)

Blythewood
Richland County
South Carolina, USA

[Howell, Thomas F.](#)

b. Apr. 5, 1892 d. Dec. 2, 195

Thank you again Pelham. Actually I went searching for John Howell last night and managed to find an email address for him through genealogy.com. I saw a posting with his name attached and when I clicked on it there was an email address which I tried. Obviously it was correct and still current because he replied only a couple of hours later much to my delight reporting that he was in fact the same John Howell to whom you'd referred me. He also forwarded my email to another member of the Howell clan Brenda Laney who emailed me as well. What a wonderful network of supportive people. You are inspiring and we will absolutely share whatever information we manage to retrieve, with you for public records and for present & future generations.

Thanks so much again for your help,
Rhonda

From: Fairfield County Museum [\[mailto:fairfieldmus@truvista.net\]](mailto:fairfieldmus@truvista.net)

Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 11:39 AM

To: rhagood@cogeco.ca

Cc: John Howell; fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net; 'Val Green'

Subject: RE: Howell-Hagood

Jjhowell41@aol.com

Copying again to John as I don't have his phone number, but know he will respond to potential "cousins" as the South is all open armed to kith and kin!

I looked up an address for PC and they have no mail address except for Blythewood, 29016. I just inquired through Sandy Level and hope this nets some clues. Each church probably has its own burial records as there was not much done on the state level until early decades of the 1900s. Have you gone onto Ancestry or know someone who can research on there for you? They have some of the earliest death certificate records now online, and the official D. C. may have more information on the backgrounds of the deceased.

Interesting that Pineview was formerly named Asbury. Asbury is a name usually associated with Methodist churches. Perhaps it changed affiliation at some point. If someone from the Blythewood area contacts us, perhaps they will know of an abandoned nearby cemetery that might exist on the original site. I cannot find the email address for Wade Dorsey, a historian who works for SC Dept. of Archives and History and is a Blythewood area native and

descendant of early families there, but you can contact him from the Facebook site on the Department at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Department-of-Archives-and-History/118232443651?sk=wall&filter=12> .

The Catawba Nation in Rock Hill, SC has a website, but I don't know how much they do with helping seekers of heritage. It is a very poor group of people and they have had a time keeping their cultural center up and running. Many folks assume their native heritage in this area is Cherokee as the Cherokees were considered to have been more highly organized and proud of their heritage (the "Noble" Tribe) for a longer time –and were certainly persecuted on the Trail of Tears. The Catawbans and other related groups were broken up with disease and almost disappeared before making a comeback in the mid 20th C. with a settlement over broken treaties with the US Government.

Keep me in the loop as you find information. We'd love to keep copies of what you discover for the benefit of future researchers.

-Pelham

From: Rhonda Hagood [<mailto:rhagood@cogeco.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 7:10 PM

To: 'Fairfield County Museum'

Subject: RE: Howell-Hagood

Hi Pelham:

Thank you SO much for your information & recommendations. We are aware of but hadn't considered DNA testing since the results are inconclusive. Grandma said she was Cherokee so James' family wore blinders in that respect but since Val has a good point, we may need to consider that option to pursue potential Catawba heritage.

I will be happy to email John Howell but unfortunately although we see that you copied him your email to us (thanks for that) but his email address wasn't included. In fact we would love to have a conversation with him by phone if he might be open to that suggestion and allow us to also have his phone number.

Interestingly, the records sent to us from Fairfield Library for Pineview Church Cemetery are quite recent, since 1930 primarily. We know that prior to 1930 this church was known as Asbury Baptist Church. Do you know where those records might be kept? Since John & Jane Howell were born in the 1830's it's most likely their burial records would be filed under the name Asbury rather than Pineview.

We are of course, more than happy to pay any fees incurred in the copying of documentation. We are extremely thankful for the generous investment of time by yourself and your volunteers. We'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for this support and caring. We are so far away doing this type of research would be an impossible task for us to undertake from here.

Sincerely yours,

Rhonda & James Hagood

From: Fairfield County Museum [<mailto:fairfieldmus@truvista.net>]

Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 4:03 PM

To: rhagood@cogeco.ca

Cc: John Howell; fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

Subject: Howell-Hagood

Rhonda,

I looked at your letter of inquiry as the genealogy volunteers are somewhat stumped. Pineview Church is actually in Richland County, although its proximity to Fairfield is close and at one time, it may have been one of the communities considered in Fairfield territory (line was moved further northward in the early 1900s). We keep mostly Fairfield County documents and have assorted bits and pieces on nearby areas. I have only 2 or 3 volunteers putting in a few hours on Wednesdays and they are backed up with inquiries, so our searchings are way behind. Also, we are not so familiar with all of the published materials that have been gathered here through the years by former DAR ladies, and everyone is on a learning curve.

However, I may have some clues from my contacts as the museum director. I have been corresponding with John Howell of the Columbia area for some time as he is quite knowledgeable about the Howell genealogy from the family's first important history in the Congaree / Amelia and Saxe-Gotha Townships of (now) Orangeburg/Lexington/Richland Counties, all very early SC settlement areas. There was a Howell (possibly also a John) who had a cow pen here in Fairfield County in the mid 1700s. See articles below to understand the pre-settlement establishments of cow pen operations in the southeast.

<http://www.jstor.org/pss/3740623>

<http://mdgroover.iweb.bsu.edu/GPR%20Cowpen.htm>

http://www.srarp.org/books/living/00_Opening.pdf

One of the volunteers looked in a published book we have in the collection, Some SC Genealogical Records which has a smattering of assorted references. There are 17 pages of Howells and it appears that one of our earliest land owners in Fairfield was William who in a deed to Jane Curry in 1771 is described as a fur dealer (meaning he traded with the Indians). William was a member of the SC House of Representatives in 1776 and a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1776. He deeded her 200 Acres on Broad River near the property of Robert Hancock. Other references mention a John Howell of Richland District who had his estate inventoried in 1825. It mentions that he had large estates in Fairfield and Richland. But better than our scraping around inefficiently in records we are not totally familiar with, I am going to copy this to J. Howell for his help. The photos you sent of your two Hagood ladies are without a doubt, close to full-blooded NA. My boyfriend, Val Green, who is part Catawba NA, is as much an authority on Indians of the southeast and suggests that your family might more likely be part of the local Catawba or Wateree tribal connections. Unfortunately, the Cherokee people have kept better records, the Catawba hardly any, and much of our local Native family history is a matter of traditional stories. At different periods of time in the Nineteenth C., people hid their Native heritage because it was unlawful to wed across the lines. Sometimes census records listed the person as white, sometimes the same person years later would be listed as mulatto or "colored", and this is how so much of our family history was lost.

Please resend your Hagood Howell information to John at the above address so that he can weigh in.

Also, I have instructed one of the volunteers to make copies of a collection of Haygood-Hagood family history records that we found upstairs. Although none of the specific names you mention spring up, this may be the family of your Hagoods as they were all in the Persimmon Fork/Sandy Level area nearby the Pineview area. Shelbia is also copying some Haygood tombstone listings at Sandy Level Baptist Church. There is a small fee for copying and sending this information, which they will advise you about.

I would suggest your contacting the Richland County Genealogical Society via their website to see what additional clues they might provide.

You have, no doubt, heard about the DNA studies which can give you indications of Native American heritage. Have you investigated that?

-Pelham Lyles