

Dear Pelham and Ed,

Thank you for your time this morning. I really enjoyed speaking with both of you and appreciate having the opportunity to learn more about Fairfield County. I belong to several genealogy societies and enjoy studying and researching colonial history. From my experience, Virginia colonial history and it's families have been well researched and documented, but I am having difficulty in finding the detail that I need in South Carolina.

I am an eight generation descendent of William and Rosamond Hampton Winn who are both buried in the Winn Family Cemetery in Fairfield County, which must be the same one that Pelham mentioned this morning. Since I have never been to Winnsboro, it was gratifying to know that it really does exist.

Rosamond died in 1802, and William died later in Charleston in 1813, but is reported to be buried near Rosamond with the Winn Family somewhere in Fairfield County.

Their son, John David Winn, also a Revolutionary War veteran, born 1758 in Fauquier County, VA died 1820 Howard County (now Chariton County) Missouri, is my ancestor. That Winn family remained in Howard County until 2011 when my mother, Dorothy Means Herrington died. The Winn families became very prosperous, but the Civil War in Missouri devastated their wealth like many places in the South.

John David Winn married Eleanor Hicks, who we believe was from Virginia, but we are having difficulty in finding the date of their marriage, which we believe occurred sometime between 1784-1788. They migrated to Madison County, Kentucky sometime after that where they remained until 1819, when they and several of their children's families migrated via keelboat to Howard County, Missouri.

This keelboat trip took them down the Kentucky River to the Ohio and on to the Mississippi, then up to St Louis over to the Missouri River. Except for the Kentucky River, this is the same route that Lewis and Clark took less than 18 years earlier. One family member writes that it took John David Winn's son James M. almost three years to build the keelboat, and the trip took over nine weeks to complete. This was a rather arduous trip, and we think that John David and Eleanor came later in 1819 in one of the first steamboats that came up the Missouri River to Glasgow.

Sorry to digress, but I have also been fascinated by the history and times that all of these pioneer families experienced. So to summarize and get to the point, this is the information that I am trying to find that perhaps may be found in Fairfield County or a clue where to go to next:

Record of marriage: John David Winn and Eleanor Hicks which we think occurred in Winnsboro sometime between 1784 -1788

Record of land or veteran grants of property in Kentucky by John David or possibly his brother Minor Winn.

Any additional information on William Winn, described by Bufford Chappell as "shadowy and mysterious figure." Why?

For your records, I will also send you a photo of a veteran's monument that I took last summer in Fayette, MO, the county seat of Howard County.

Thank you again for your time.

Warmest personal regards,

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This monument is located on the Courthouse Square in Fayette, MO

Note:

Revolutionary War veteran John David Winn (son of William Winn of Winnsboro) War of 1812 veteran James M. Winn (son of John David Winn) John David Winn was a 1st cousin to Gen Wade Hampton I.

Regards,
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