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Dear Family,

Well, graduate school has its redeeming graces.

In the past week I read a 625 page book on the history of how the Constitution was written (Gordon S. Wood) and wrote a paper on it (that included four reviews I hunted up in the library) and got to class yesterday, only to learn I had done the wrong book (only I can be THAT stupid).

However, all was not in vain. I thoroughly enjoyed the book (even if he is of the Harvard school enthroning ambiguity, broad interpretations of the

Const., judiciary/executive over legislative powers and all that nonsense).

While looking for a reference on that book that was not on its proper shelf, I perused the holding shelves and saw a new-looking paperback just sitting there, begging to be taken up: "Pendleton County (West) Virginia Deedbook Records, 1788-1813." I had not thought of our people in Pendleton

County, but I thought a quick flip through the index might find some of our Hall people. That quick flip is going to help us fill that huge gap in the middle of Dad's pedigree chart that I have been aching to fill for twenty-five years: Here are Evicks, Gordons, Millers (a Miller is living with our Ohio People as a "Laborer," so I figure there's a family connection), Fishers, Shaferes (Shaver), Wards, Richardsons, Halls, Hulls (neighbors in Ohio and probably related), Simmonses (named "Rachel"), and also the names some of our William Hall's children gained in marriage. I did not find Staleys, but a deed of 5 May 1800, George (farmer) and

Susanna

Hammer to Daniel Capito, merchant in North Square, Franklin, is conveyed by Francis Evick and witnessed by a John Steel (which, as pronounced by these Germans, could have been "Staley").

Here are enticing deed combinations of these names, as in: "13 Dec 1797, Francis and Margaret EVICK to DAVID HALL--in Franklin, on Main Street--one of the witnesses is Aaron Kee (the Keys were neighbors of our people in Concord Pa., and in Jefferson County, WVA). I haven't yet traced the county history to see where Pendleton fits in.

23 Mar 1805. Thomas Hall to Patrick Develin, 3 tracts. 165 acres adjoining Hyer and Stephen Miller. an Aaren Kee as witness.

P. 206: 1 Mar 1812: David and Elizabeth Hall to Aaron Kee--involves land patented to Gawan Hamilton and Francis Evick.

29 Mar 1805. Daniel Miller to John Baker, Rockingham Co. Lot in Franklin. among witnesses are Charles Miller, Wilhelm Muller [in old German script],
Del: to Jno Baker.

P. 158: a deed mentions names of George Miller, Adam Harper, Gawen Hamilton, John Skidmore, Joel Richardson, George A. Baker Jr., George A. Baker.

P. 176: A Frederick and Rachel Hevener [a dau. of Wm. Hall married a He(a)vin--sounds like Charlotte's e-mail].

P. 51: 6 Mar 1797. Francis Evick and Eve Evick, administrators of George Evick, deceased, to Daniel Capito.

P. 53: 13 Dec 1797. Francis and Margaret Evick to David Hall in Franklin; among witnesses, A Smith, Aaron Key.

P. 189: "the share of George Evick, orphant son of George Evick, deceased," signed by McCoy, McClures

How about this one? 5 Jan 1802. Leonard and Mary Simmon to his [sic] son

Henry Simmon. 180 acres on the South Branch. Next item: 2 Feb. 1802. Thomas and Margaret Collet and John and Edy Clifton to Jacob Conrod Sr. 180

acres on the South Branch, near Franklin and the lands of Daniel Richardson, adjoining Francis Evick . . .

P. 55: Barbara Hays and Christian Simons executors of Jacob House, deceased.

1 Jun 1798. Leonard and Mary Simmons to Henry Simmons.

P. 126 there is a premarital agreement between James Dyer and Ann alias Nancy Hall [and Samuel Hall--haven't figured where he fits in]. Involves a "Negro girl Abb." "Ann conveys in trust to Samuel Hall all her personal estate, and James [Dyer] conveys in trust 2 plantations (Fisher's place and Whitmiller's place), to secure the payment of \$500 after his death. Witnesses are James Dyer, Nancy Hall, Sauel Hall, and a Leonard Hall, among others.

The reason our ancestress Clarinda (Fisher) Evick might have been elusive about her roots possibly involved a divorce, as in these entries: 2 Feb 1803. Francis and Catharine Evick to Oliver McCoy. House and half lot in Franklin, formerly occupied by George Dahmer, adjoining Adam Evick and Daniel Capito. [As Catharine Evick relinquished her dower rights in the separation agreement noted supra, no comment will be made on her failure to sign or acknowledge conveyances, even when she is named in the preamble.]

Somewhere else, I saw a detailed account of her separation agreement with her husband, but can't find it now--no children were mentioned.

Oh yeah. And Bakers: "John and Barbara COOL to Sebastian BAKER.

Undivided seventh interest in 317 acres on Straight Creek, a branch of the South Branch [a lot of these entries of our people are in "South Branch"], adjoining and below Nicholas Seybert; patented to Seybert 2 June 1782, and

conveyed by him to GEORGE EVICK, deceased. Barbara Cool is one of the heirs, the others being JOHN EVICK, ADAM EVICK, CHRISTIAN EVICK, GEORGE

EVICK [In the back of the book is an "added" late item about the early pioneer settle there, Christian Evick--in my bones I feel this is our man. A Thomas Hall is a witness a few times, and I saw one instance of his deeding land (I think a Thomas is father of our William in W. Va, and of

course Wm. named a son Thomas). And Smiths. Smith is one of the new surnames on the Burdetts I picked up in England (another new surname there

is "Jarvis"), but I have thought a Smith was connected to our Ohio Halls for some time, too, but couldn't prove it. Anyway, there are deeds in here showing land adjoining Smiths and Simmonses. And lots of Burnetts (there

are old Burntt graves behind the property our William Hall once owned).

There are some Hammers in these deeds involving family names--significant

because when Grandma Langford was dying, she told Mom to write down the

name "Hammer" as a key to family history (I gather Mom was doing work on

the Halls then, because I think she said she found a "Hammer" name in Ohio films and somehow that was connected to the stealing of a horse that Grandma talked about, but Mom wrote down, not knowing whether she was hallucinating or still getting information from beyond the veil. Later Mom found out one side of the family never mentioned the other side of the family there in Ohio because one side thought the other had stolen a horse.

Oh, these illustrious ancestors!

P. 193: Peter and Barbara Hull to Baiser Hammer [underlined in another deed to show his name was in the old, German script] part of 170 acres patented to Abraham Smith

I followed the call number on the deed book to another Pendleton

county

history at the HBLL by an Oren F. Morton (Baltimore, Regional Publ. Co., 1980). The author gives all the family history he could dig up--it is not detailed (no dates), but enough is there to provide some marvelous leads. Page 129, "The Town of Franklin," begins: "In 1769 Francis and George Evick surveyed 160 acres of land on the left bank of the South Branch. It is on a portion of this tract that Franklin is built. George appears to have lived across the river at the mouth of the Evick gap. The early home of Francis was near a spring that issues from the hillside above the upper street and near the Ruddle tannery.

"In June of 1788 the first county court of Pendleton met at the house of Captain Stratton, six miles below the Evicks. One of the duties assigned to it by the legislative act creating the county was to determine a central position for the courthouse. Just what motives led to the selection of the Evick farm we do not know. The Peninger farm near the mouth of the Thorn would more nearly have met the geographical condition. But Francis Evick appears to have been thrifty and business-like, notwithstanding his inability to write his name, at least in English. It is probable that he presented a more attractive proposition to the county court than did anyone else.

"The Evicks had been living here about twenty years, yet the neighborhood was thinly peopled. Up the river the nearest neighbors appear to have been Ulrich Conrad and Henry Peninger. Conrad built a mill at the mouth of the Thorn about the time the Evicks came. Down the river near the present iron bridge was James Patterson. A nearer neighbor in the same direction was George Dice. Above Dice along Friend's Run were the Friends, Richardsons, Powers, and Cassells.

"Within a few weeks after the action of the county court, Francis Evick laid off a town site along the foot of the ridge above his meadows. Incidentally thereto, but probably a little later, George sold his interest in the tract of 160 acres, and moved to a larger farm on Straight Creek.

The date of the transaction is August 16, 1788, and the consideration is 250 pounds (833.33). The place was for several years called Frankford, apparently an abbreviation of "Frank's ford," as the crossing of the river at the mouth of the Evick gap was known . . . As will presently be shown, Evick did not always yield full possession of the ground. Yet he had some advanced ideas. He seems to have been unwilling to sell lots for merely speculative purposes or to permit a lot to harbor a public nuisance."

The genealogy information he gives on the Evicks, p. 204, looks like this:

"Evick. (A). Francis (Margaret----)---d. 1799--founder of

Franklin--ch--1. Francis (Sarah C. Gower, k. by fall on stairway)--Franklin. 2. Thomas (Catharine---)--m. 1805. 3. James (Margaret---)--m. 1805.

(B). George (Eve---)--d.--1800--Straight Cr.--ch.--1. John (Mary----)-
-b.

1780*--Highland Co., O. [2. Adam (Sophia Engleton, b. 1782)--d. 1855*--gunsmith--Fla. 3. Christian (Sarah----). 4. George--d. 1814. 5. Sarah (Henry Wanstaff). 6. Barbara (John Cool)--m. 1796. 7. Catharine (Sebastian Baker)--m. 1797 [Could this be Clarinda's parents?--there is supposedly a Baker on her line.]

Line of Adam:--1. Polly--S--b. 1802. 2. William (Elizabeth Barclay)--b. 1803, d. 1886. 3. Eliza (----McNeal). 4. Margaret (James Smith)--m. 1825.

5. Hannah (---Sullenbarger). 6. Sarah A.--dy. 7. Catharine (---Burgoyne,----Raines). 8. Elizabeth (---Bradshaw)--W. 9. Julia (Henry Allison)--2d w.) [This is interesting, because I found Allison's close to our people, as neighbors, in Ohio--or was it in W. Va by Wm. Hall--can't remember] 11. Irene S. (---Jones). 12. John (Sophia Ruleman)--m. 1827. 13.

Samuel--S--b. 1801.

Br. of John:--1. Loran D.--b. 1828--W.

Br. of William:--1. William C. (Mary Simmons)--b. 1847, d. 1899. 2. Louisa (Martin Keister)--b. 1849. 3. James (Eliza Skidmore dyer)--b. 1851, d. 19094. 4. Pleasant (Florence Lough)(--saddler--Fin. 5. Dice (Sarah Few, Rkm. Mary Few. Rkm, Mary B. Bennett, Barbour)--McDowell. 6. Margaret (John E. Mantz, Md). 7. Etta--dy. 8. Mack--Preston Co.)*. 9. Charles

(Margaret Blizzard)--n. Fin. 10. Oscar--dy. 11. Nora (William Wilfong).
12. Jennie (John E. Mantz--2d w.)

Ch. of Pleasant. --Olin (Delpha, Bennett, Rph)--Monterey, Keifer, Ada,
Estelle.

Ch. of Charles.--Nannie.

NOTE.--Christian Evick, perhaps father to Francis and George, ws
administrator to Jacob Zorn in 1756. George, probably brother to Francis,
left Franklin, 1784. His children were nearly all minors when he died
intestate.

The Margaret who died 1796 at the alleged age of 103 [sic] was
probably

the wife of Christian."

This is killing me, but I don't have time to follow up on this now, so I
took the two books over to Mom, and she is excited to see if this can help
us finally find the facts about Clarinda Evick. We have always bene
wondering if she was illigitimate. She went by Clarinda Evick, but on her
endowment record, she put her name as "Clarinda Fisher."

Maybe the Salt Lake FHL has more information on Pendleton County.
Anyway,
I am sending this along, mainly for Barry and Virginia who are close
enough
to Pendleton County to meander over and take a look one of these days
when
they're looking for a joy ride. Maybe Barry can find some info. back there
to supplement what Mom is doing. I am so mad that I can't pursue it, after
all these years of wanting to fill in those gaps on the pedigree--but I
also couldn't just sit on this information now that we have such a good
lead. Any of you others who might have access to Pendleton County
records
are invited to join the search. This one should be fruitful!

Love, Sherlene

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 1997 6:14:56 PM
From: HTHALLJR
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Hi, Sherlene,

I'm amazed that with all your burdens, you continue to prayerfully and methodically pursue your genealogy research. I'm thrilled with your recent discovery.

I believe that when the Spirits on the other side find a "softy" like you who is willing to help them, that they gang up on her and won't leave her alone. But I also believe that when we find those ancestors and do their work, they become bound to us and help us with our lives. Think of all the wonderful help you're winning! God bless you for this effort.

Love,

Tracy Jr.

PS

I continue to see Carol Schumacher. Although I have grown to love her and actually believe that I could eventually marry her and be very happy with her, she believes that marriage just isn't in the cards, and we have agreed not to discuss marriage or have it as a goal. She wants me to find a good LDS woman to marry. But a wonderful friendship has blossomed, and it has filled a void in my life while I work toward the day when I will be financially and emotionally prepared for remarriage.

Although her concept of God is far different from mine, she believes that our friendship is an answer to her prayers, and I feel also that it is an answer to mine. The other day she had a severe flareup of her lupus and fainted from the agony of the headache. When she came to, she asked me to pray for her, and she soon felt much better.

We don't argue over our beliefs, and although she does not share all of them, she is very supportive of my standards. You will be pleased to know that we have a firm agreement: I will not try to convert her, and she will not try to seduce me.

Carol has both Scottish and Native American ancestry (1/16 Cherokee, but a direct matriarchal line). She grew up Episcopalian, was confirmed and everything, but just prior to her first marriage she converted to pentecostal Catholicism. She says they eventually politely asked her to leave. She now identifies strongly with eastern religions. She believes in reincarnation and believes that she was a midwife in Scotland during the holocaust against women and was burned at the stake as a witch.

Her belief in this is so fervent that it has given me pause. I know the gospel is true, and I know that we have only one turn on this earth. Why, then, is the belief in reincarnation so wide-spread, and why do many people appear to have such clear memories -- often with remarkable detail, of previous lives?

This wonderful Gospel embraces all truth, and this encounter with another's strong beliefs led me to a sweet spiritual experience. A few days ago I was sitting on a bench at Cascade Springs, soaking in the beauty of the day and feeling very contemplative. A storm was blowing in, and I heard a rush of wind coming toward me through the trees. I thought of how the scripture likens the Spirit to the wind. As I pondered Carol's beliefs, the Spirit bore witness to me of a possibility which I had never before considered.

Carol might indeed have been intimately connected with the woman she remembers. But she was not the woman, she was a ministering angel to her. In the thousands of years since the Creation, she has ministered to dozens, perhaps hundreds of women. She was so bound to them in empathy, compassion, love, and service, that her spirit retains memories of those associations, and she identifies with them as if she had personally lived their lives. I got goosebumps all over when I realized this possibility. I also received a powerful impression of the worth of Carol's soul to our Heavenly Father.

When I related these impressions to her, she was moved by my feelings of God's love for her, but she was not dissuaded from the belief that she had actually been that woman in Scotland. Just the same, she was happy that I had found a way to accept and acknowledge her spiritual impressions within the framework of my own beliefs.

She has had many marvellous spiritual experiences as a midwife, where a power much greater than she acted through her in difficult and dangerous circumstances. She has witnessed and acknowledges the miracle of Priesthood administrations in many instances with her LDS patients, and she is eager for me to be restored to fellowship so that I can bless her. Despite her own description of herself as an earthy, worldly woman, I have found a great spiritual depth in her and feel enriched and uplifted by our friendship.

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Sunday, September 21, 1997

I am currently serving as the assistant scoutmaster. Hyrum, Willis and I went on a campout with the scouts on Friday. On Saturday the scouts stacked wood at the BSA White River Lodge on Mount Hood. There were probably 500 scouts participating in this "wood cut" outing. We get to sleep in the lodge January 9th, 98. The lodge is heated with two large wood burning furnaces. It takes a lot of wood to keep the building heated all winter. The lodge sleeps 100 and has four kitchens. The basement is filled with inner tubes and an air compressor. We had 14 boys on the outing. Willis and I slept in the same tent. Later Saturday evening Charlotte and I took in a session at the temple.

Last Saturday I was planning to do a little skeet shooting with a man from our ward. A week ago last Tuesday, his wife went back into the hospital. We didn't go. His wife has cancer and was given less than six months to live five years ago. She has been in and out of the hospital. They are stepping up chemotherapy again. She has a great attitude, but I wonder how much longer she can continue. Their youngest son will be home from his mission in December. Their youngest daughter is in 8th grade. At times like this you know what is really important.

Last Saturday Willis (age 11 sixth grade) and I finished building a doghouse. I think it is more of a small clubhouse than a doghouse. It is 4'-0" by 5'-0" and about 6 feet tall. Charlotte picked up a linoleum remnant at a garage sale for \$2. I used it on the roof instead of on the floor. The whole thing cost us about \$60 to build. It would have cost more if I didn't already have a bunch of 2x4s in the garage. Willis worked on it the whole day. I was surprised that he didn't lose interest. Willis will be a first class scout by the time he is 12 in November.

Hyrum (age 14 freshman) made a personal record 20:30 in the 5,000-meter run at the cross-country meet a week ago last Friday. It our high school's

invitational. He took 30th out of approximately 150 runners. Hyrum ran JVs. He did well enough that he might get moved up to varsity in their next meet. They have another cross country track meet on Monday. This meet will tell a lot about who will place where in district. He was mentioned on the front page of the local newspaper for his effort. Hannah (age 16 junior) took 17th out of about 130 runners. She actually ran

faster in their prior meet, but our school has a much more difficult course with hills. The varsity girls took 5th out of 19 schools. The varsity boys took 10th. I helped at the Bar-B-Que dinner after the meet. We served up about 700 hamburgers to all the runners, coaches, and parents. Coaches and runners ate for free, everyone else had to pay \$5. The cooking started at 4:30 p.m. and didn't finish until 7:00 p.m. I stayed to help with clean up.

Hannah has really taken up the piano. She has a teacher. She spends time every day practicing without being reminded or being asked. A week ago last Saturday Hannah and Hyrum were on a service project at the cemetery near our house. A boy in the ward's eagle project was to clean up the cemetery. Most of the youth from the ward helped. They worked on it for about three hours. There are other eagle projects coming up that the youth will help on also. Hyrum hasn't decided his eagle project yet. He has slowed down since June. He still plans to do it.

Sarah (age 19) is going to school at BYU-Hawaii. At the present time she is majoring in music. She says that she likes biology and is considering a different major. Sarah loves the beach and likes her roommates. We have great confidence in her ability and are pleased that she is applying herself. Getting away from home is a great learning experience for her.

Charlotte has developed a sore elbow in the past two weeks. We don't know if it is arthritis or a temporary problem because of all the work she has been doing in Relief Society. She can barely lift a gallon of milk with her right arm. I have encouraged her to see a doctor, but she wants to wait a few days. She thinks it will get better on its own with rest. Charlotte is very busy as 1st councilor in the Relief Society. She visits women all day every Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

We love you all, The Bryan Weight family.