*We are fortunate to have another article by Gary O. Hodges, recently retired from civilian U.S. Navy service, and now sharing with us his continued research on the Greer, Wilcoxson and Boone families.  He is our go-to person for ancestral societies information . and is generous in passing along lineages.*

*In this new article, inspired by recent emails from distant cousins, he writes further on the Benjamin and Sarah Boone Greer families.  Yes, descendants of Daniel Boone,  occasionally named their offspring after the famous frontiersman.  Here is the story of one distant cousin and also some information on Greer and Wilson ancestors.*

*Below left to right: Mr. and Mrs. P. Thompson, Gary and his daughter, Wendy Hodges and Mrs Gayle Raizor.  The picture is the famous one of Daniel and his family (including John and Sarah Boone Wilcoxson) at the Cumberland Gap.  For information on the Daniel Boone Society (and most reading this are eligible to join), please contact Gary at gary.hodges@verizon.net.*

"Cousins, do you ever wonder if anyone outside our small circle reads the family blog spot? Well I am not the only person who ran across the family blog through a Google search. Recently three people contacted Glenn and he forwarded their queries to me. I am now in contact with them, helping them as much as I can in their research.

The most recent new cousin is Amber. She “stumbled across” the blog and found it very interesting. Amber is the newest member of the family who is looking for documentation on the Greer family. Like the cousins mentioned in our most recent posting she is a direct descendant of Benjamin Greer’s son James (17 - 18?). In fact, she is descended from James' son Alexander Greer. So we add another cousin to those looking for documentation on the children of James Greer.

A short time before Glenn got the e-mail from Amber, Dorothy was surfing the web and ran across our blog. She was excited to see the name of **Daniel Boone**. It seems her husband is a descendant of Daniel Boone who was born in Rowan County, North Carolina. Well, this particular Daniel is not the brother of our **Sarah Boone Wilcoxson**, but a son of Daniel and Sarah’s brother **Jonathan Boone** (b-d?). I contacted cousin Dorthy Mack, the senor genealogist of The Boone Society,and she sent me this reply:

*'As to this Daniel Boone, he married first* ***Marie Rose Benoit*** *in August 1800 (where?) and she died 3 April 1801. They had no children. He married secondly on 23 Nov 1801 to* ***Ann Boudreaux****, and they had 7 children. This Daniel died between November and December 1817 near Beaumont, TX killed by Indians. He was not killed at the Alamo as many stories say.*

*He is the son of Jonathan Boone who married* ***Mary Carter****, he the son of* ***Squire Boone, Sr****. and* ***Sarah Morgan****. The children of Jonathan Boone and Mary Carter have been contrived and inflated through the years. I think the son Daniel escaped due to the fact that he went to Los Angeles as a young man and sort of got lost in the Boone foley that intrigues so many to claim what they are not. His daughter Uranie was just two or so when he died, and her mother died when she was about age 15. Although I have completed a lot of census work on this line not much has ever been known about them in reality.'*

The downloads Dorthy Mack refers to are the ones Dorthy attached in her contact e-mail to Glenn. Some of you may remember me mentioning Dorthy Mack before. She is a descendant of **Sarah Boone Wilcoxson**’s brother **Nathaniel Boone**. So Dorthy is one of our Boone cousins. Now we know at least one of our Boone family moved to Louisiana and it includes Cajuns.

The next cousin who emailed recently is Nancy. She is also a descendant of James Greer (b and d?) and his wife, Mary “Polly” Hampton (b and d?).   Is this James a son of Benjamin Greer?

Nancy is a descendant of **Alfred Greer** (b 1840) whose mother was **Mary Greer** (b 1815) who married **William Thomas**.   (Gary, are these persons from Ashe or Wilkes County, NC?) Nancy says Alfred is an illegitimate son of Mary. I haven’t gotten far enough in my research on the children of James and Mary so I have nothing on Mary other than her birth year and that she married William Thomas.

I will continue researching James descendants gathering as much information on his children and grandchildren as possible. It’s a trip on a tree branch I hadn’t intended on taking until we started getting queries from cousins on James and Mary’s family. Now my interest is aroused on the children and grandchildren of my **William Greer** (b &amp; d?) siblings.

Another cousin (name?) contacted Glenn about the Wilson family wondering of this person is part of the Wilsons of this blog. Well, that cousin is me. I know in a former article I said I wasn’t a Wilson but I was wrong. Call it old-timers but I had been looking at my Wilcox family line over and over again and it wasn’t till two weeks ago I saw my great grandmother was **Rebecca Iva Wilson Wilcox**.

Great grandmother Iva was born in Ashe County, North Carolina in 1835-6. She died in the same county before 2 June 1880. Iva was the first wife of **Martin Van Buren Wilcox.** Glenn told me Iva’s parents were **John Wilson** (1812-1892) and **Jane “Jenny” Norris** (1812-1895). I refer to great grandmother by her middle name Iva because that the given name shown on her son, **General** **Grant Wilcox**’s death certificate. So she may have gone by either Rebecca or Iva.

Great grandmother Iva does not show on the Ashe County cemetery records under either given name. Not sure why this is the case. Any help on my Wilson family line will be helpful.

So take heart cousins. Our family blog is getting a lot of attention. I would venture to take a wild educated guess and say there are probably several people who peruse the blog for everyone who contacts Glenn. I think it is exciting that all the hard work Glenn does maintaining the blog and posting articles is bearing fruit. Who knows how many more contacts we will get in the future. Remember our blog is only as good as the information we have on it. You don’t have to be a wordsmith. Just give the information to Glenn and me and one of us will turn it into an article or articles.

I will now throw you a teaser. I will be making another presentation (when and where?) representing myself as John Wilcoxson. This will be a bit different from the one I gave at our July 2014 get together in Boone, North Carolina. I entitle it “The Boone and Wilcoxson families- Pioneer Patriots”.

That same night I will receive a supplemental certificate from the Sons of the American Revolution for our ancestor John Greer (b &amp; d?). John was Benjamin Greer’s father. I will be in period attire, complete with a new long waistcoat and tricorn hat. Photos will be taken and added to the article I will prepare for our blog."

Respectfully

Cousin Gary O. Hodges

4th Great Grandson of Benjamin Greer and Nancy Wilcox

