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Ahh, summer...vacation time for many of us. I used to enjoy summer vacations in cemeteries and court houses. However, this has been a hectic year for me. Besides having to close my business and begin a new one, my family out-voted me for a vacation in AstroWorld, WaterWorld, & NASA Space Center in Houston, as well as the Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans. Due to my intolerable schedule of late, the vacation was a welcome diversion. However, as you will notice, in this envelope are two newsletters. The May issue which I could not seem to create the time to mail, and this one. I apologize for the delay. Many new cousins have joined our ranks since the March issue, and I welcome them. It appears summer hasn't stopped us all.

Happy July 4th to all our members. This seems a fitting time to reflect on our *American Revolutionary Ancestors*. The following list are ABNEY's (and some related families) for whom I have evidence fought in the American Revolutionary War in the Continental line. The DAR has questioned at least one of these, 1st Sgt. John ABNEY (buried in Bossier Parish Louisiana). However, he is included in this list of 63 ARW Soldiers until disproved as one of our Freedom Fighters:

IN MEMORY OF

ABNEY

Dr. Abraham (Civ Svc)

Sgt. George

1st Sgt. John

John (Civil Service)

Michael Sr.

Capt. Nathaniel

Pvt. Nathaniel

Dr. Nathaniel (Surgⁿ)

Pvt. Paul (s/o Dr. Abr.)

Pvt. Paul (s/o Gent. Jn.)

Sgt. Sam^l "Long Sam"

Pvt. Samuel

Lt./Capt. William

Pvt. William

BALL

William

BERNARD

Capt. Peter

CARSON

Lt. James

COLEMAN

Ens. John H.

Pvt. William Sr.

CROSBY

Richard

Thomas

William

DEAN

Abner

Absalom

George Sr.

John

Joshua

Julius

HAMILTON

Thomas Sr.

HENTZEL

Lawrence

HOGG

John

Maj. Lewis

MAYS

Abney

Joseph

Mattox Jr.

Samuel Sr.

William

M^cCLENACHAN

Robert

MERCHANT

Pvt. William

MEREDITH

Capt. Elisha

John

Col. Samuel Jr.

MILLER

Col. Charles Wilds

NORRELL

Pvt. Isaac

Sgt. James Jr.

Pvt. Richard

Pvt. Samuel

PHELPS

William

POPE

2nd Lt. George

RICHARDSON

Pvt. Amos

ROBERTS

Pvt. Isaac

ROSE

Col. Hugh

RUFF

Christian

RUTHERFORD

Archibald

Col. Robert

Maj. James

SMITH

Pvt. Matthew

SPRAGGINS

Capt. William

STROTHER

George (Justice)

SUBER

John Uriah

WATTS

Lt. James

Okay cousins, drop me a line and let me know if I've forgotten your ancestor. Also, if no rank is provided in the list on the previous page, it is because I either have none or am unsure. Anyone desiring to send me information on the above-named men, please include rank and unit information for our records.

SEEKING THE SOLDIERS OF *THE WAR FOR SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE* 1861-1865

I am missing many, many soldiers in the great and terrible War for Southern Independence. The CAA database contains some 55 Confederate Soldiers and 17 northern soldiers. Please send me your ancestors' name, rank, unit, & ancestry!

Historical & Genealogical Encyclopædia of the Noble Abney Family

I have been postponing the publishing of the Historical & Genealogical Encyclopædia of the Noble Abney Family for several years now. The main reason for this postponement is to more accurately depict our family history. I have many volumes planned. Much of the information has been corrected, however, there is still much work to do. Unfortunately, my time is severely taxed in supporting my rather large family. I am hoping that the business ventures my wife and I have begun will free up my time next year so that I can do some serious work on *the Abney Encyclopædia*. When I am quite sure of a release date, I will notify everyone.

What happened to the R.R. ABNEY Jr.?

If I've been a little slow in answering your E-Mail & letters, please understand that I've been quite busy. However, don't lose hope, I plan to answer everyone in due time. Many of you will get responses with these newsletters. I assure you I've not disappeared off the face of the earth!

E-MAILED Newsletters

Thanks to Cousin Abney BREWER of Houston, Texas, I've learned how to send the newsletter via an E-Mail attachment. Since I am sending both issues 4 & 5 simultaneously, I will have commenced E-Mailing with Issue #4. These newsletters are being created in "MicroSoft Word". If anyone doesn't have MS Word or cannot convert the newsletter from MS Word, please let me know and I will continue to "snail-mail" the newsletter to you. Those of you without E-Mail will continue to receive the newsletters the "old fashioned way", Uncle Sam's Postal Service. If you receive this newsletter by regular mail and you have an E-Mail address, please send it to me so that we can save on postage, paper, toner & speed up delivery!

Problems presented in previous issues of the *AFR*:

1. 1790 SC Charles ABNEY - RR
2. The Dannett Abney Dilemma - Resolved
3. Leonard Abney of Tennessee - RR
4. Eliz. "Charity" Malina Abney - RR
5. Parentage of John Andy Abney - NR
6. Parentage of Absalom Abney - Resolved
7. Parentage of Dora Abney - Re-opened
8. Parentage of Lizzie P. Abney - NR
9. Parentage of James T. Abney - NR
10. Parentage of Mary Agnes Abney - NR
11. Parentage of Soleane Abney - RR
12. Parentage of William Madison Abney - RR
13. The Family of Absalom Troup Abney - NR
14. Dannett ABNEY Sr. & Mary LEE - NR
15. Jⁿ Jeffⁿ ABNEY & Sarah ADKINS - NR

16. Parentage of Joshua ABNEY - NR

17. Parentage of Charles ABNEY - NR

NR = No Response

RR = Responses Received

"Great Discoveries"

Discovery #3

"Willesley Muniment Room Papers"

(special thanks to Cousin Joe H. BAKER Jr.)

Still largely unknown amongst our family members are the Willesley Muniment Room Papers. Some of you may know of their existence, however, most of you probably do not know that they've been discovered. It has been written that had a lawyer had access to the Muniment Room Papers, Willesley would not have passed out of the ABNEY Family (The MAYS Family by Samuel MAYS, 1929 containing information from Pym YEATMAN, John R. ABNEY, & Agatha ABNEY WOODSON). Whether this statement is true or

not, it is very exciting to have copies of these long-lost papers. Cousin Joe H. BAKER Jr., a descendant of George ABNEY & Unity through their daughter, Rebecca ABNEY who married Edward DEAN Sr. is the researcher who located the papers. He learned through the Countess of Loudon that the papers had been transferred to her family castle in Scotland when Willesley was abandoned. Her father sold the papers to the Huntington Library in California. Cousin Joe was able, through personal connections, to obtain copies of the original papers. Through his own efforts and expense, Cousin Joe had the papers translated and transcribed.

Written in Latin and Old English, the papers are real treasures. What they won't do is get the American ABNEY Family the inheritance of Willesley. What they will do is be treasured heirlooms for us and our descendants...as well as give us excellent information about the Noble ABNEY Family.

The ABNEY Researchers shall ever be indebted to Cousin Joe H. BAKER Jr. for his great discovery.

I. The American ABNEY Family

Problem #18

The Parentage of Dorcas ABNEY who m1. Mattox MAYS Sr. & m2. William HILL

It seems the DAR is rejecting Dorcas ABNEY as a daughter of Samuel ABNEY Sr. & Martha COLLINS pending primary evidence. Any information which could prove this relationship would be greatly appreciated by the CAA, the DAR, and our cousins desiring to join the DAR on this line.

Problem #19

Parentage of Pauline ABNER of Kentucky

Pauline ABNER (ABNEY) was b. 1841 in Kentucky. Both her parents were also b. Kentucky. She appears on the 1860 census in Desha Co., AR.

Also on that same Census is one Joshua ABNER (age 23 of KY) with Mary ABNER (wife?)

On the previous census (1850), also in Desha Co., AR, there is an Andrew Jackson ABNER (b.ca. 1822 KY). Andrew d. ca. 1856/7 according to tax records. What were the relationships of these three ABNER's?

Having all migrated from Kentucky to Desha Co., AR, they must certainly have been related.

Pauline ABNER is known to have had at least 5 husbands. She named one son John Abner HOLLAND. Therefore it is likely that an ancestor, uncle, or brother bore the name John ABNER.

There is a Pauline ABNER on the 1850 Estill Co., KY Census (living with the HOLMAN Family), however, the researcher submitting this query believes them to be two different Pauline ABNER's. Anyone identifying this Pauline ABNER & the one with the HOLMAN Family, please submit the evidence to us.

Problem #20

The Parentage of Nancy ABNEY who m. Jasper PATRICK

Can anyone place the Nancy ABNEY of Estill Co., KY who m. Jasper PATRICK. Sorry but no time frames are available on this one. Hopefully her union with Jasper will spark someone's memory.

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In Closing...

Sorry I didn't get to the grandchildren of Dannett ABNEY Sr. & Mary LEE this issue. Due to time constraints and July 4th, I felt it more important to honor our ancestors who helped to create the original United States of America. Without them, we'd all be speaking...well...English! It is said that the U.S. & Great Britain are two countries divided by a common language. I hope to get to the grandchildren in the September issue. It is a very interesting subject and one I look forward to receiving your comments on.

Thank you for your continued support...**AND SEND ME THOSE E-MAIL ADDRESSES!**

Your cousin,

R. R. Abney Jr.

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ABNEY's in the American Revolutionary War

Dannett ABNEY Sr.

George ABNEY *Dr. Abraham ABNEY Abner ABNEY William ABNEY (Civil Service)*

John (Civil Service)

Capt. Nathaniel Gent. John

Dr. Nathaniel Pvt. Paul Pvt. William Pvt. Paul

Sgt. Samuel Dannett Capt. William Michael

Pvt. Samuel Sgt. George 1st Sgt. John Pvt. Nathaniel

Italicized names represent those men who served in the Continental Army as a soldier, surgeon, or civil service.

Problem #18 Chart

Parentage of Dorcas ABNEY

George ABNEY = Unity n.n.

Sgt. Samuel ABNEY Sr. = Martha COLLINS

Mattox MAYS Sr. = Dorcas = William HILL Samuel Jr. Robert Zachariah

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