

JJJ July 2010 Newsletter

Dear Group,

I want to go over a few items about this DNA Johnson file. I sincerely ask each of you to check through your family information in the file. Please advise me if you find any errors in your lines. I can only get this project as correct as possible with the help of each of you. I have tried hard not to have any errors, but we all know, that is an impossible task in some cases. I know I will have some errors, and they need to be found and corrected.

This file is only good until I send an update. My present plan is to update the file from time to time, depending on how much new info I receive from you, and how much I add from my own research. In order to do that, I will ask each of you to advise me if you make a correction, change, or add information to your copy. Please send those changes, corrections, and additions to me. I will have the master-copy, and I will be the one to make changes in the DNA Johnson file.

When you receive the next file, you will simply delete the July 2010 file. I believe that is the easiest way to keep all of us on the same page. So, if you have made any changes in your copy, and did not send those changes to me, I will still have your July 2010 information in the new file.

Some of the methods that I use in documentations are as follows.

FOR NAMES: I always spell the names as such: Aaron JOHNSON: surname in caps.
FOR DATES: I use this system: 10 Nov 1775. There is no doubt about the date. To me, any other way of listing dates can possibly be confusing. I use a 3-letter code for the months. The months will be much more uniform: 10 Nov 1775.
FOR LOCATIONS: I use the 2-comma system & the 2-letter code for states: Hobart, Kiowa, OK. Here are the situations:

,Kiowa, OK comma in front of Kiowa: town unknown.
Hobart,, OK two commas between town & state: county unknown
,, OK two commas in front of state: town & county unknown

In this DNA Johnson file, you will find census records, some Goodspeed's bios, lots of documentations, etc. I have also established timelines for many of the Johnson men. I did this just to give us an idea of how their lives flowed, and the events that happened during those lives. When necessary, I have added a "NOTE" at the end of a census record, and/or in the "Notes" section. I want to point out something about this family, who lived nearby, any relationships, etc. I think the NOTE makes it easier to determine the complete family instead of having to go back to other pages and piece it together.

Again, let me say, I know I will have some errors. You are NOT going to "hurt my

feelings” when you e-mail me and tell me I have something wrong in the file. When I look through this file, I also find some errors from time to time. They are mostly typos, which I have also tried to curtail by proofreading everything I have typed. Even that misses some errors. I have also tried to list documentation for anything I can document. If there is no documentation by an entry, it means it is not a proven fact, or, I simply forgot to add the documentation. Let me know if you have any questions.

I hope you will find this a useful tool. Let me know your thoughts. Any feedback will be appreciated.

Regards,

Judy