

July 26, 2000

Dear Kenneth,

It has been some time since we last corresponded. In fact, I had to read back over some of our letters to see where we left off. Our cousin Phillip has been really busy...finding all sorts of new and very interesting information. It mainly has to do with the Grimes connection and I want to pass it along to you.

First of all, I noticed in a past letter a promise to send you a copy of the pages from the book "Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Worcester County Massachusetts" by Ellery B. Crane. This is the article referred to in the 1935 letter you sent us earlier. A copy is enclosed. Phillip found this information in the archives.

Most of the information is a repeat of what we already have. However, there is mention of some other Grahams who lived in the area near Angus. Also, there is quite a lot more information regarding Samuel Graham, Jr. It appears that Eldridge Graham was born in Leominster, Massachusetts which is just down the road from Townsend. Even though the article lists Townsend as his birth place you will note the years are not in order. Also, some information on the LDS internet lists his place of birth as Leominster. I was wondering why the family of Samuel, Jr. was not listed in the Townsend books.

Next, Phillip found a copy of the marriage of Angus and Isabel listed in the records of the First Church in Cambridge, MA. This is where the Angus Grimes alias Graham thing came from. Phillip has had this article in his possession for some time and thought he had sent it along to us! I am enclosing a copy for you.

The article written by Ellery B. Crane seems to "imply" that Duncan Graham, Angus Graham, Hugh Graham, and Alexander Graham are most likely related since they are of the same race, Scotsmen, and they all have the same last name. The article also mentions that Duncan is from Ulster Province of Ireland so it is more or less assumed that they all four came from that area.

I found a genealogy of Duncan Graham at the Mormon Library and he did come from Northern Ireland. However, there is no mention of an Angus Graham in the story and Duncan is one generation older than Angus. Duncan came on a ship in 1718 and there is no mention of other Grahams on board.

I am only mentioning the above facts because the 1935 information says Angus Graham is supposed to have come from the north of Ireland and has been called Scotch Irish. Scotch Irish were true Scotsmen and did not inter marry with the Irish..they were called Scotch Irish mainly because they came from Ireland. The Grimes connection may show that they did not come from Northern Ireland at all. It may show that they were not willing voyagers but came directly from Scotland in bondage and were sold as indentured servants. (They being our Graham ancestors.)

It may also show that Angus Grimes alias Graham was born in the colonies as was his father before him!

It may also show that the Grahams arrived in the colonies long before the year 1718.

The key word in all of this is "may".

