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## Elijah Gowin/Goins Settled on Newmans Ridge in Tennessee

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Relatively few people know the Melungeons. A few more have seen Melungeon individuals. But the elements of the legend are widely known, even to those who may not seriously entertain the possibility of its reality. The persistent folk tale, however insists that the Melungeons are unusual racially; it identifies them as a dark-skinned people whose center is on Newmans Ridge in Hancock County, Tennessee. An oriental appearance is occasionally attributed to them, but they are commonly thought to be of at least partly Portuguese descent.

Louise Davis, wrote in the "Nashville Tennessean":

"When the first Scotch-Irish settlers from Virginia and North Carolina came pushing over the mountains into the fecund wilderness the Indians called Tenase, they found scattered clots of settlements of shy, mysterious people. They were not Indians nor did they resemble the Indians except in the red-bronze coloration. When asked who they were, they said they were Portuguese."

Jean Patterson Bible in "Melungeons Yesterday and Today" wrote:

"The term 'Melungeon' is an East Tennessee provincialism; it was coined by the people of that country to apply to these people and is derived from the French word, melange, meaning a mixture or medley and has gotten into modern dictionaries. It was first supposed that they were a mixed-blood, part white and part Negro."

Edward Price in "The Melungeons, a Mixed-Blood Strain of the Southern Appalachians" wrote:

"The Croatian Indians of Robeson County, North Carolina form the largest of these mixed blood groups in the country. They have been linked by some writers with the Melungeons, but no evidence is at hand to make this connection more than a plausible suggestion. Goins is the only Melungeon name reported among the Croatans, and it is not important with them. I take that to mean that the Goins individuals have not held the position of Chief, or other high office within the group.

As to the origin of the Lumbees and Croatans, they are thought by a number of historians including Samuel Morison, Angus McLean, Dr. Stephen B. Weeks and Prof. Brewton Berry to be descended from the Croatans [the early spelling was "Croatoan"], the Indian tribe on Hatteras Island that befriended Capt. John White's settlers when they arrived on Roanoke Island in 1587.

When White returned after an enforced absence in England, no trace remained of the entire colony except the word 'Croatoan' carved on a nearby tree."

After extensive reading, one comes to the conclusion that when the Powhattans pushed south along the coastal regions of Virginia and attacked the "Croatoans," most of the survivors were either driven into the wilderness or taken prisoner by the Powhattans.

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## Psalmist David Goin Sued School When Son Expelled on Color

Dodson Goin was listed as the head of a household in the 1880 census of Cannon County, Enumeration District 24, page 25, Civil District 9, enumerated as:

"Goin, Dodson	36, born in TN
Erilday	35, born in TN
Noah	15, born in TN
William	13, born in TN
Psalmist	9, born in TN, son
Mahala	7, born in TN
Lotta	6, born in TN
De A.	1, born in TN, son"

The full name of the third son of Dodson Goin and Erilday Goin was "Psalmist David Goin." Later he would be known as "Sam D. Goin." He was born in Tennessee in January 1870. Sam D. Goin was married about 1897 to Mary Clark, described as a "caucasian." He filed suit in 1905 in Franklin County, Tennessee seeking to have his son Harry E. Goins reinstated in school from which he had been expelled for "being a Negro."

In a deposition taken December 22, 1905 in Winchester, Tennessee Sam D. Goin advised that he would be "35 next month" and that he was the father of Harry E. Goin who was born July 19, 1898. He stated that Harry E. Goin, his "oldest living child" was enrolled in school in the Ninth Civil District of Franklin County in July 1904 at age six. He was dismissed by the teacher, J. B. Smith on the suspicion of being a Negro.

Sam D. Goin testified that he was "Cherokee and Irish" and had no Negro blood. He stated that he went to white schools in Cannon and Wilson Counties. In the hearing Mary Clark Goin deposed that she was "born and raised" in Franklin County and that she did not know if her husband had any Negro blood."

Mrs. Erilday Goin, mother of Sam D. Goin, "age 73 [most likely 60], testified that her son was a "little darker than white people." The deposition gives no hint as to the final result of the hearing.





I have underway another volume on the Goyens of Cornwall who emigrated to Australia. It will stem from Nicholas Goyen, my grandfather's brother who seems to have been born two years before their parents married. I will keep you posted on its progress and hope in the new year to have it ready to join its companion on the shelves of the Foundation Library. **Robert J. Goyen, 523 Sutton St, Sebastopol 3356, Victoria, Australia.**

==Dear Cousins==

Greetings from Alaska! I was truly overwhelmed with joy to receive from the Foundation the large E-mail packet on my ggf Madry Goins and his ancestors. I had just about given up hope on ever finding his ancestry, and suddenly you added two more generations to my family records. My family from Greenville, SC refused to talk about him--and now I know why--he was a Melungeon! And I don't know what else, but now I have a place to start to unravel the "rest of the story." I have a great deal of research to add to the Foundation Manuscript, and I will E-mail it to you shortly. I would like to hear from some of my new-found cousins who have worked on my branch of the family so that I may thank them personally for the wonderful breakthrough. **Jim Eden, 5336 W. 82nd Ave, Anchorage, AK, 99502, ili@alaska.net**

==Dear Cousins==

I am seeking the identify of the father of William Gowen who was born about 1802 in Pittsylvania County, VA. When William Gowen applied for a marriage license there in 1821 to marry Susannah Bruce, his mother "Anna Goin" wrote a note to the county clerk giving her consent. The bride's father, Thomas Bruce, also wrote a note to the clerk giving his consent, suggesting that Susannah was also underage. William Abston was security for the marriage. William Gowen and Susannah Bruce Gowen were the parents of William Henry Gowen, my g-gf, born in 1822. I am ready to pay any research person for his time

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in working specifically for my benefit. **Olen R. Gowens, Ashby Place, Ladoga, IN, 47954, 317/942-2088.**

==Dear Cousins==

I am searching for the parents of Jesse Robert Goans, born March 3, 1856 [per bible records], 1860 MO census report; died March 24, 1942, Willow Springs, MO; mc1890 Melissa Jane Arledge [1865-1941]. Death records did not reveal names of parents. According to 1900 Benton Co, MO census, Jesse's parents were born in TN."

Jesse Robert Goans and Melissa Jane Arledge Goans were the parents of Edna [1892-1895, Fannie [1894-1895], Toney [1897-1968], Manuel [1898-1921], William Henry [1904-1978], Paul Francis [1906-1982]. William Henry Goans was married to Rosa Buchanan, and they were the parents of: Henry Dean, John Wilford, Barbara Ella, Robert Hershel, Wanda Violet and Newell Goans. Any help appreciated. **Mary Lou Hudson-Goans, 8276S 600W, Claypool, IN, 46510. 219/491-2382.**

==Dear Cousins==

I am seeking data on Burton Goins and family from NC who settled in Claiborne Co, TN about 1835. His children were: Wilson who married Matilda Dyer, Thomas who married Suffiah Goins, Polly who married John Hall, Etta who married Levi Goins, Cassie who married John Goins, Betsy who was married to John Goins as his second wife.

Burton Goins had a brother, William Goins who settled on Straight Creek. His children were Pleasant who married Miss Hamilton, William, Levi who married his cousin Etta [above] and Betsy who married William Murphy. **Troy A. Goins, 3022 W. Water, Springfield, MO, 65802, TAG2382@aol.com**

==Dear Cousins==

Dr. Brent Kennedy will teach "The Melungeons" a one-credit course on Monday nights from 7-9:30 p.m. from February 24 through March 31 at Bristol, TN Middle School. The class will examine the history and the culture of the Melungeon people of Appalachia. The historical, linguistic, medical genetic and other forms of evidence supporting the various theories of origin for the mysterious Melungeons will be considered. Cost is \$96 for in-state residents and \$286 for out-of-state students. **Tamara M. Kennedy, Box 2712, Wise, VA, 24293, 540/328-6337, tmk3k@pluto.clinch.edu.**

==Dear Cousins==

My husband recalls that his grandfather, Jesse Harrison Gowin, Jr, related that his father, Jesse Harrison Gowin, Sr. was born c1840 in Knox County [later Loudon Co.], TN. The senior Gowin continued in Loudon County July 28, 1862 when Jesse Harrison Gowin, Jr. was born. The senior Gowin, a schoolteacher, was killed in his classroom during the Civil War, probably in TN. Jesse Harrison Gowin, Jr. named his first son Charles Dottson Gowin. I have a record of "Dotson Gowin" who was married to Nancy Moore October 24, 1856 in adjoining Monroe Co, TN. "Dodson G. Gowen" served in the Seventh Tennessee Cavalry Regt, Co. C, during the Civil War. "Dotson Goen" served as a private in the Forty-third Tennessee Infantry Regt, Co. 3, during the Civil War. Can anyone tie all this together? **Jo Reeves, 621 SW 32nd, Oklahoma City, OK, 73109, 405/634-8977.**

==Dear Cousins==

I never ceased to be amazed at how much material has been gathered on the Gowens/Goins etc. You have done a marvelous job of putting it all together. I would venture that the Foundation now has more information than any other surname organization. Without it, I would never have gotten beyond my maternal g-g-gm Margaret Gowens who married Louis W. Bryant. Good work! **Rex Addison, Rt. 2, Box 277D, Altha, FL, 32421, 904/762-3325, raddison@digitalexp.com**

==Dear Cousins==

The check is in the mail! I just learned about the exciting new things the Foundation is doing online and am E-mailing my Gowen research herewith. My gggm, Draxey C. Gowen was

born in 1842 in Bradford, ME to Moses P. Gowen & Orilla [Laurilla?] Gowen. Draxey was married December 2, 1866 in Charleston, ME to Elijah S. Smith, son of John Smith & Harriet Mansell Smith. I would like to correspond with other researchers who have data on the Gowen family of Maine.

**Debbie Krupke, 6 Strawberry Hill Rd, Bar Harbor, ME, 04609, 207/288-2304, krupke@acadia.net, Homepage: http://home.acadia.net/userpages/krupke.**

### An Open Letter to . . .

Mr. Charley Camp  
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Dear Charley,

It was gratifying to learn that our Website on your provider facilities continues to be No. 1 in "hits." However, it came as no surprise to the Foundation. We were well aware of the heavy Internet traffic being generated during the last few weeks and have been doing "double time" trying to keep up.

Since the announcement of our Foundation files going online in September, our membership has increased 10% per month, and the growth is accelerating. This is a new experience for our organization which has perennially experienced slow growth. Since it was chartered in 1989, we have struggled to grow. And during the first seven years, we learned a lot about loss-carry-forward and deficit financing.

We always regarded the Internet as a growth hormone for any organization. In fact, at our convention in Nashville last spring, I stood up and recklessly predicted that going on the Internet would double the size of our organization. I underestimated it. It appears that our growth in the eighth year will exceed everything we have done in the previous seven years. We attribute a lot of this success to LlanoNet. Your staff has "gone the second mile" in assisting us when we needed guidance and training.

## Conference Tape Order

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Please send to the address below a set of audio tapes of the Foundation Research Conference held May 5-6-7 in Nashville, including the presentations made by the 15 speakers listed below:

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For the set of eight tapes totalling 12 hours of lectures I enclose my check in the amount of \$40.

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We are grateful to Mark Hamilton for developing a search engine that allows any genealogist on his first visit to make a lightning-quick search of all of our files. Thus a researcher can determine how many files relate to his ancestors before he plunks down his money for a membership with us. Mark has come to our offices repeatedly to provide guidance and training for four members of our staff. We appreciate James Pricer and Matt Ferrell for tailoring a file transfer protocol program to our specific needs. Their work allows us to update daily any page of the 10,000 pages of our online Foundation Manuscript.

Our success story is not a single narrative. You may log onto the "Dear Cousins" section of our Website and find dozens of little success stories. These are arriving daily from members who are telling, in their own words, about family break-throughs they are finding on the Website--thanks to your service.

I understand that "Melungia--Land of the Melungeons" is the most popular spot on our homepage. This section is devoted to the mystery people who, it is claimed, arrived in the Carolinas before Jamestown and Plymouth Rock. These are the ancestors of some of our members. Heretofore, American history books have ignored them; LlanoNet is helping them receive the recognition they deserve.

Having online all of the Foundation Newsletters published since 1989 is also a valuable service rendered by your organization. Many of these issues are now out of print, and the complete files exist only in a few historical libraries and private collections. LlanoNet makes it possible for every member--new or old--to have his own private collection.

I have seen many developments in genealogy and family history research in the 55 years that I have been engaged in it. I began in 1941 while a junior journalism student at Texas Tech with a penny lead pencil, a nickel Big Chief tablet and a 25¢ green eyeshade. Since then, I have seen the advent of everything in between, from the ballpoint pencil to the Internet. Yet I have not seen any development that has had as much positive impact on our research as LlanoNet. It is for all the foregoing that we express our appreciation to you and your staff.

Sincerely, Arlee Gowen

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## Elijah Gowin/Goins, Continued

The Goins family can be traced down through Virginia, through Halifax into North Carolina, South Carolina and on into Tennessee. The Lumbee Indians of North Carolina have been classified as the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. It would be interesting to find that the "Croatoans," "Lumbee" and "Cherokee" were one and the same people. They were very adept farmers and were able to survive even in the wilderness through farming.

When the push of settlers arrived in the areas where the "Melungeons" were living, much of the time they were discriminated against and pushed from their rich farmland and into the mountains, thus the settlement of places such as Newmans Ridge in Hancock County, Tennessee.

The Gowin/Goins family which arrived early in what later became Hancock County may not have had a Melungeon appearance when they arrived. William P. Grohse, Hancock County historian, reports that the older generation of the family was light complexioned.

Elijah Gowin, regarded as a son of Joseph Gowin and Nettie Gowin, was born about 1797 in Virginia. He was married about 1813, wife's name Sarah. She was born in Virginia about 1794. In 1815 they lived in North Carolina, and about 1816 they returned to Virginia.

"Elijah Gowin, white male, 40-50" and a "white female" appeared in the 1840 census of Hawkins County, Tennessee, page 232, as the head of a household composed of two people. Both were illiterate. He was a farmer.

"Eliga Gowins" was shown in the 1850 census of Hancock County as the head of Household No. 83-83, also composed of two people, both illiterate. They were enumerated November 19, 1850 in the 33rd subdivision, east part, Hancock County, which had been carved from Hawkins County in 1844. The enumeration read:

"Gowins, Eliga	53, born in Virginia, chair maker
Sarah	56, born in Virginia"

Children born to Elijah Gowin and Sarah Gowin are believed to include:

Alexander Gowin	born about 1815
John "Hammer John" Gowin	born about 1816

### Family Narratives Requested

The Foundation would like to carry in future Newsletters an account of the earliest progenitors in your branch of the family. Please consider your self "next" to prepare a narrative on your most interesting ancestor. If you need help in organizing your material, the Foundation staff will be glad to assist. Jot down the salient facts, dates and places, and we'll take it from there.

Alexander Gowin, regarded as a son of Elijah Gowin and Sarah Gowin, was born about 1815 in North Carolina. He was married about 1832 in Hawkins County to Ethel "Ethie" Collins, daughter of Vardeman "Vardy" Collins and Peggy Gibson Collins, both of pioneer Melungeon families. She was born in 1810.

The household of Alexander Gowin was adjoining that of Elijah Gowin in the 1840 census of Hawkins County, page 232 One of the men was engaged in farming and one in trade. All three adults were illiterate. The family consisted of:

"Gowin, Alexander	white male	20-30
	white female	30-40
	white male	20-30
	white male	0-5
	white male	0-5"

Hancock County was formed from Hawkins County and Claiborne County in 1844, and "Alexandria Gowins," regarded as Alexander Gowin, above was listed as the head of Household 123-123 in the 1850 census of Hancock County, 33rd subdivision, east part, as:

"Gowins, Alexandria	35, born in North Carolina, \$300 real estate, illiterate, farmer,
Ethel	40, born in Tennessee
John	17, born in Tennessee, farmer
Alfred	15, born in Tennessee, farmer"

This family was located in the middle of the Melungeon community. Many Gibson and Collins families were listed in adjacent entries.

Children born to Alexander Gowins and Ethel "Ethie" Collins Gowins include:

John Goins	born about 1832
Alfred Goins	born in November 1833

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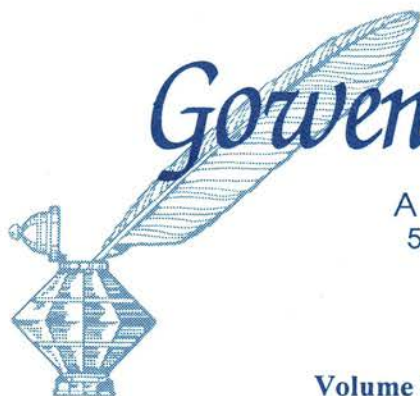
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## David Smith Going Fought in Yorktown Battle

David Smith Going, son of Shadrach Going and regarded as a Melungeon, was born in Hanover County, Virginia November 21, 1757, according to his Revolutionary War pension application abstracted in **"Tennessee Heroes of the Revolution"** by Zella Armstrong.

Apparently he was the only one of 16 children with a middle name. It was not only unusual in colonial times for a child to have a middle name, but an old English law made it illegal. **"Harpers Magazine,"** in a 1900 edition, commented:

"Middle names were once illegal in England. Old English law was definite as to the naming of children, and according to Sir Edward Coke's law commentary, 'a man cannot have two names of baptism,' and 'on bills of sale, 'that purchaser be named by the name of his baptism and his surname.' Royal personages were always allowed to have more than one given name, but as late as 1600, it was said there were only four persons in all England who had two given names. In 1620, when the Mayflower sailed for America, not a man or a woman aboard had a middle name."

David Smith Going was perhaps a namesake of an older family member or family friend, and researchers should investigate any Smith individuals that were associated with the Going family in Hanover County. By 1765, Shadrach Going had moved to Halifax County, on the south side of Virginia, where other family members lived. An older "David Going of Halifax County" bought 270 acres for £55 from Joseph Tate of Rowan County, North Carolina, according to Halifax County Deed Book 1759-1767, page 440. "David Goan" in 1770 received land in Pittsylvania County which had been created from Halifax County in 1766

At about age 19, David Smith Going was enlisted in a Halifax County militia company "under "Capt. Rogers" for 90-days service, according to his pension application. After returning home, he was drafted into another militia company "commanded by Capt. Bates" for another three months.

In the summer of 1781, he was again drafted "under Capt. Pregmore" and marched to Portsmouth, Virginia to join the troops of Gen. George Washington. His company was part of the 16,000 men which composed the American and French forces engaged in the Battle of Yorktown. The British force of 7,000 was quickly surrounded, and after a two-day battle, Lord Cornwallis surrendered his entire command, ending the Revolutionary War. The panorama of the battle and of the surrender ceremony must have left an indelible impression upon 23-year-old David Smith Going.

Apparently, shortly after his return home, he was married, wife's name unknown. "David Going" was listed in the state census of Virginia of 1782 as the head of a household of two people in Halifax County. He reappeared in the 1785 state census of Halifax County as the head of a household of "four white souls," according to the same volume. During his lifetime, he was sometimes enumerated as "white" and sometimes as "free colored."

The clerk who took the pension affidavit of David Smith Going recorded:

"Four or five years after the termination of the Revolutionary War, he moved from Halifax County.  
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## Website Access & Memberships To Expire December 31, 1997

This issue will be the final edition that members receive on their 1997 membership. To avoid an interruption in your Newsletter delivery and in your Website access, make certain that your membership renewal form is received before January 1, 1998. The computer is programmed to deny access to the "closed stacks" in the Electronic Library on the Internet to any unrenewed 1997 members at midnight, December 31.

The Foundation Newsletter is mailed only to members who have current memberships, plus historical and genealogical libraries on our mailing list. Additionally sample copies will be mailed to prospective members upon request.

If you wish to participate in the Foundation in 1998, you may clip or reproduce the membership form on Page 3. Indicate the type of membership you prefer and your membership card will be issued promptly. If you have family members on your Christmas list who are interested in preserving our heritage, gift memberships in the Foundation would be very appropriate. The Foundation will send gift cards acknowledging your thoughtfulness, both to you and the recipients.

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Thank you for this wonderful Newsletter and Internet service which connects our entire clan and keeps the researchers inspired and informed. My membership for 1988 is enclosed. Nancy Lytwyn, 4147 Kingshill Circle, Naperville, IL, 60565-9817

==Dear Cousins==

I thought you might be interested in two anecdotes about the Guynes name that I have encountered. In 1976, on a vacation to Bermuda, I came across a group of Scottish tourists in a local pub. I mentioned the name "Guynes," and they responded, you mean "Guinness." They were convinced that Guynes was an Americanized [southern-style] version of Guinness. In 1986, I hired a Cuban-American named "Gines" who pronounced her name: "ghee-nays." She was not aware of any connection to "Guynes" or "Guinness." Are either Gines or Guinness also a part of our study of the family lore? Glad to have found you on the Internet. The check is in the mail for my Foundation membership. Roosevelt Jones, 3930 Kernstown Ct, Fairfax, VA, 22033-1425, rosej@webtv.net. Our Guynes researchers generally hold that the surname "Guynes" was derived from "Goynes" or "Goynes," rather than "Guinness." Our Melungeon "Goins" were sometimes referred to as "guineas" in West Virginia, but never as "ghee-nays."

==Dear Cousins==

We are very fortunate in the Foundation to now have the association of Anita Puckett, a linguistics scholar. It is through experts in this field who are willing to look at some of the interesting parallels between Native American languages and those of Arabic, Turkish and Hebrew, etc. In the end, it may not be of great value to the Melungeon story or to identifying our Melungeon ancestors, but it will open the doors to a better understanding of our Native American heritage for sure. Evelyn McKinley Orr, 8310 Emmet St, Omaha, NE, 68134, 402/571-3422, jorre@juno.com

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### David Smith Going, Continued

He came to Grayson County where he lived for three years. From there he moved to Wythe County, Virginia and lived there for 10 years."

Either the 76-year veteran did not correctly remember, or the clerk misunderstood the chronology, because some errors crept into the affidavit. In 1787, when "David Gowin" rendered for taxes "two horses and five head of cattle," he was still in Halifax County. He probably did not live in Grayson County next because it was not created until 1792. His residency in Wythe County, probably came first.

On March 30, 1789, "David Gowin" was granted 94 acres in Wythe County on Spoon Creek, adjoining the land of John Ward and 185 acres on the south side of Spoon Creek, "adjoining Collier." He was named in the will of his father written June 4, 1805 in Patrick County, Virginia as the recipient of "5 shillings." He was listed in the probate procedure in the May 1806 term of the Patrick County Court.

"David Gowin" was listed as the head of a household in the 1810 census of Wythe County, according to "Index to 1810 Virginia Census" by Madeline W. Crickard. About 1811 he moved again to Grainger County, Tennessee "where he had a brother, Laban Goin," according to his pension application.

The 1820 census of Grainger County [and all but 10 counties of Tennessee] was destroyed by a fire in Washington, D.C. and no copy remains. "David S. Going, free negro" appeared in the 1821 tax list of Grainger County and paid a tax on "one free poll." "David Goan" reappeared in the 1830 census of Grainger County, page 359, heading a household of "free colored persons."

It is believed that David Smith Going removed about 1832 to Hamilton County, Tennessee to join his "brother, Laban Goins," who had preceded him there in 1829. In 1832, he applied for his pension at age 76 in Hamilton County and filed the following declaration:

"David Goins, a resident of Hamilton County and State of Tennessee, aged 76 years doth appear in open court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Hamilton County now sitting and on his oath make the following Declaration:

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Capt. Rogers in Halifax County, State of Virginia and was mustered into service under Col. William Terry at Halifax Courthouse, to Williamsburg, from Williamsburg to Norfolk, and from Norfolk to Portsmouth where he was discharged, having served three months.

==Dear Cousins==

In my family it was said that we were descended from survivors of the "lost colony" that intermarried with the Pamunkey Indians to produce the Lumbee tribe beginning in 1580. When people talk about how long their ancestors have been in this country and ask me the same, I can only chuckle and reply, "Oh, they came here sometime around 1580.

My father's ancestor always insisted that they were driven out of Ulster by the English, fled to Spain, joined the Spanish Army and was assigned to the Carolinas in the 1580s. My father's family was "Tress," pronounced "Trace." I was told that my paternal grandfather assumed his wife's surname after he killed a man in the boxing ring in Eastern Tennessee in the 1920s and fled to Oregon. If my legend helps at all, feel free to use it. Can anyone help me with my research? Michael Lowery, 1124 Upperline St, New Orleans, LA, 70115, lowery@bellsouth.net.

## Elder Hugh Sidney Gowans Was Convicted of Trigamy in Utah

Hugh Sidney Gowans, a native of Scotland, was the subject of a biographical sketch which was published in "Latter-Day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia," written by Andrew Jensen and published in 1901. The account read:

"Hugh Sydney Gowans, third president of the Tooele Stake of Zion, is the son of Robert Gowans and Grace McKay Gowans and was born February 23, 1832 in Perth, Perthshire, Scotland. While quite young his parents removed to the city of Aberdeen in the northeast part of Scotland, where he lived until he was about ten years of age.

Then he removed with them to the town of Arboath in Forfarshire, Scotland, in which place he first heard and received the gospel of Jesus Christ, as taught by the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was baptized in his eighteenth year, August 1, 1840 by Elder Joseph Booth, in consequence of which he had to contend with much opposition from his parents and other relatives.

In the following July, in response to a call made by Elder James Marsden, president of the Edinburgh conference, for volunteers to go out and preach the gospel, Brother Gowans offered his service. He was accordingly ordained a priest and started from Dundee, in company with Robert Bain to labor in Fifeshire, under the direction of Elder John Duncan.

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"Six or eight months after his return home, he was drafted, according to his memory under Capt. Bates and joined the regiment at Bibb's Ferry under Maj. Jones. He was marched from there to Cabbin Point below Petersburg, Virginia and was stationed there until his term of service expired, having served three months this tour and was discharged by Capt. Bates and returned home.

About two years after the last mentioned service, this applicant was again drafted, according to his memory under Capt. Pregmore in Halifax County. They marched to join Gen. Washington's army at Portsmouth where this applicant remained about two months before the surrender of Cornwallis. About three days afterward, his term of service expired, and he was discharged by Capt. Pregmore and returned home, having served three months this tour.

Four or five years after the termination of the Revolutionary War [October 1781], he moved from Halifax County to Grayson County, Virginia where he resided three years. From there he moved to Wythe County, Virginia and resided there for 10 years. From there he moved to Grainger County and resided there for 14 years. From there he moved to Hamilton County, Tennessee and has resided here twelve months the last day of this month and still resides here."

"David Goins, age 76" was listed as Revolutionary War Pensioner S3406 in Hamilton County in 1834, according to "Twenty Four Hundred Tennessee Pensioners" by Zella Armstrong.

David Smith Going died in February 26, 1840 in Hamilton County, "his pension then being paid to his children" [unnamed], according to pension records. Children born to David Smith Going are unknown, however many Going/Goins individuals have lived in Hamilton and adjoining Rhea County..

E. Raymond Evans, an anthropologist, made a study of the mysterious Melungeons of Hamilton and Rhea Counties and wrote a report of his findings in "Tennessee Anthropologist," Spring 1979. He wrote, "Located approximately 30 miles north of Chattanooga, the community of Graysville, Tennessee contains one of the most stable Melungeon settlements in the state. The Melungeons now compose more than half of the local population. The most common surname among the Graysville Melungeons is Goins, being so prevalent that the whites in the surrounding area call all the Graysville Melungeons 'Goinses,' rather than Melungeons. The Goins families are so well known in Rhea County that any dark skinned person, not regarded as a black, is said to 'look like a Goins.'"

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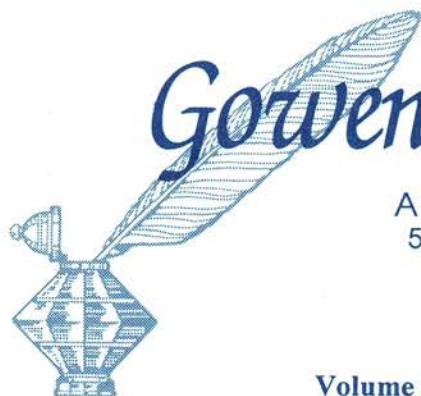
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## David Smith Going Fought in Yorktown Battle

David Smith Going, son of Shadrach Going and regarded as a Melungeon, was born in Hanover County, Virginia November 21, 1757, according to his Revolutionary War pension application abstracted in **"Tennessee Heroes of the Revolution"** by Zella Armstrong.

Apparently he was the only one of 16 children with a middle name. It was not only unusual in colonial times for a child to have a middle name, but an old English law made it illegal. **"Harpers Magazine,"** in a 1900 edition, commented:

"Middle names were once illegal in England. Old English law was definite as to the naming of children, and according to Sir Edward Coke's law commentary, 'a man cannot have two names of baptism,' and 'on bills of sale, 'that purchaser be named by the name of his baptism and his surname.' Royal personages were always allowed to have more than one given name, but as late as 1600, it was said there were only four persons in all England who had two given names. In 1620, when the Mayflower sailed for America, not a man or a woman aboard had a middle name."

David Smith Going was perhaps a namesake of an older family member or family friend, and researchers should investigate any Smith individuals that were associated with the Going family in Hanover County. By 1765, Shadrach Going had moved to Halifax County, on the south side of Virginia, where other family members lived. An older "David Going of Halifax County" bought 270 acres for £55 from Joseph Tate of Rowan County, North Carolina, according to Halifax County Deed Book 1759-1767, page 440. "David Goan" in 1770 received land in Pittsylvania County which had been created from Halifax County in 1766

At about age 19, David Smith Going was enlisted in a Halifax County militia company "under "Capt. Rogers" for 90-days service, according to his pension application. After returning home, he was drafted into another militia company "commanded by Capt. Bates" for another three months.

In the summer of 1781, he was again drafted "under Capt. Pregmore" and marched to Portsmouth, Virginia to join the troops of Gen. George Washington. His company was part of the 16,000 men which composed the American and French forces engaged in the Battle of Yorktown. The British force of 7,000 was quickly surrounded, and after a two-day battle, Lord Cornwallis surrendered his entire command, ending the Revolutionary War. The panorama of the battle and of the surrender ceremony must have left an indelible impression upon 23-year-old David Smith Going.

Apparently, shortly after his return home, he was married, wife's name unknown. "David Going" was listed in the state census of Virginia of 1782 as the head of a household of two people in Halifax County. He reappeared in the 1785 state census of Halifax County as the head of a household of "four white souls," according to the same volume. During his lifetime, he was sometimes enumerated as "white" and sometimes as "free colored."

The clerk who took the pension affidavit of David Smith Going recorded:

"Four or five years after the termination of the Revolutionary War, he moved from Halifax County.  
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## Website Access & Memberships To Expire December 31, 1997

This issue will be the final edition that members receive on their 1997 membership. To avoid an interruption in your Newsletter delivery and in your Website access, make certain that your membership renewal form is received before January 1, 1998. The computer is programmed to deny access to the "closed stacks" in the Electronic Library on the Internet to any unrenewed 1997 members at midnight, December 31.

The Foundation Newsletter is mailed only to members who have current memberships, plus historical and genealogical libraries on our mailing list. Additionally sample copies will be mailed to prospective members upon request.

If you wish to participate in the Foundation in 1998, you may clip or reproduce the membership form on Page 3. Indicate the type of membership you prefer and your membership card will be issued promptly. If you have family members on your Christmas list who are interested in preserving our heritage, gift memberships in the Foundation would be very appropriate. The Foundation will send gift cards acknowledging your thoughtfulness, both to you and the recipients.

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### Capt. James Gowen Fought the French at Ft. Ticonderoga

Capt. James Gowen, stood in the bow of his bateau and surveyed the motley armada of boats traversing the waters of Lake George in an attack on the French Ft. Carillon. The French & Indian War had been going on for nine years now in a see-saw battle, and the British commanders were desperate to drive the French out of upper New York.

James Gowen, at age 43, had seen militia duty for several years, but this was the first time his company had been involved in an amphibious landing against a strongly fortified position. His troops were farmers, shopkeepers and mechanics and were struggling to keep their boat in formation. Strung out across the lake in disorganized confusion was the flotilla composed of 900 bateaux, 135 whale boats and 16 barges bearing the artillery. The captain could realize that this was a recipe for disaster, and at that moment, the French opened a barrage of cannonfire upon the helpless armada...

James Gowen, son of Nicholas Gowen and Abigail Hodsdon Gowen, was born February 14, 1715 at Kittery, according to "Province and Court Records of Maine." He was the grandson of William Alexander Gowen, Scottish soldier captured in the Battle of Dunbar and deported by Cromwell.

James Gowen received the bulk of his father's farm in the will of Nicholas Gowen written in 1733. He also received a yoke of oxen under the terms of the will. James Gowen was married November 21, 1738 to his cousin, Anna Smith by John Hill, J.P. She was the daughter of William Smith who was married to Sarah Gowen March 30, 1684.

James Gowen was a witness to the will of John Heard, his neighbor, January 17, 1742 in York County. Later he was one of the appraisers of the estate of John Heard November 25, 1751 in York County. James Gowen was one of the appraisers of the estate of his aunt Margaret Emery Gowen December 21, 1751 in York County. In 1757, James Gowen was named Coronet of the York County Blue Troop of Horse commanded by Capt. Abraham Lord in the regiment of Sir William Pepperell.

"Capt. James Gowen," was the commander of an infantry company in 1758. In that year he commanded a company in the expedition against Crown Point, New York during the French & Indian War. Then his company joined the forces under Lt-Gen. James Abercrombie and Brig-Gen. George A. Howe, in the attack on the French on Lake George.

The French occupied Ft. Carillon there on Lake George with less than 4,000 troops. They were besieged by 6,000 British regulars and 10,000 provincial troops, and although outnumbered four to one, defeated the attack, killing 2,000 of the British and Americans, including Gen. Howe. Capt James Gowen and most of his

company survived the disaster. His nephews, Corp. David Gowen and Pvt. Samuel Gowen were serving in his command. Samuel Gowen was killed in the battle, according to Yvonne Margaret Collinson Gowen in "Gowen Family Genealogy."

Later in the year, the Marquis de Montcalm withdrew with all but 400 of his French troops from Ft. Carillon, moving to defend Quebec. On July 26, 11,000 troops under Lord Jeffrey Amherst returned to besiege Ft. Carillon. The 400 French soldiers blew up the fortifications and abandoned the fort. The British moved in and renamed it Ft. Ticonderoga. Capt. Gowen and his company returned home briefly. During the interim, James Gowen was one of the appraisers of the estate of John Shapleigh October 7, 1759 in York County.

Capt. James Gowen and his troops were quickly transported northward to participate in the Battle of Quebec under Maj-Gen. James Wolfe, age 33. Again the campaign was a stalemate--until Wolfe attempted the unthinkable. He set his troops to climbing the vertical cliffs before the Heights of Abraham.

The surprise worked. The 8,000 British and Americans charged across the plain, with Wolfe in the van, before the French could move to meet them. Wolfe won the most important battle of the war, but, taking three bullets, lost his life in the charge.

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### Membership Campaign for 1998 Enhanced by 26,000 "Hits"

The 1998 Membership Campaign, aided by the placement of the Electronic Library on the Internet, has resulted in an increased number of renewals from present and former members of the Foundation. Over 26,000 "hits" have been recorded in the first year of operation of the Electronic Library, and these visits have resulted in the Foundation membership increasing to its highest level in the eight years of the non-profit heritage society.

The Foundation Manuscript, begun in 1941 by Arlee Gowen, has now grown to over 10,000 pages of family lore. The collection, augmented daily by family historians pooling their research with the Foundation, has grown rapidly since the advent of the Internet. The research deals with branches of the family in over 50 different spelling variations.

Family historians searching for a particular name, place or event may use the online library search program to scan the Manuscript, eight years of Newsletters, "Dear Cousins" and "Melungia, Home of the Melungeons" to quickly find their subject. The search program precludes the need for an index.

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I regret to advise that my mother, Julia Morris Gowan died on August 22, 1997 after losing a year-long battle with an insidious brain tumor. Due to my interest in the family genealogy, she had entertained, housed, fed and visited many of you over the years. And, of course, she put up with all the antics of the Gowan she married, not to mention the one she gave birth to. She was very proud of the fact that her hair was still naturally black at the age of 76, but perhaps even prouder that her son's had gone mostly gray before hers. She was buried August 25 beside my father and aunt in Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery near Retreat, Texas. As I have been in Texas much of the past few months, I owe more than a few letters and will try to catch up on correspondence shortly. I appreciate the many kindnesses you have shown to my mother over the years. **Phillip Alan Gowan, Box 2121, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29578.**

==Dear Cousins==

Members of Gowen Research Foundation are cordially invited to attend the Founders of Natchitoches 17th Annual Conference, October 3-4 at Red Ryder Inn in Natchitoches. Foundation members Evelyn McKinley Orr of Omaha, NE and Don Marler of Woodville, TX will be featured speakers at the Conference. Mrs. Orr's topic will be "Unique Research Paths," and Don Marler will speak on "The Neutral Zone--Backdoor to the U.S.A." Other speakers include Theophile Scott, Henry "Red" Hyams and Dr. Tommy G. Johnson, president. Registration is \$10. **Betty Jones, 401 St. Maurice Lane, Natchitoches, LA, 71457, 318/352-3774.**

==Dear Cousins==

Via Norman Bass Gowens of Waco, TX: The descendants of James Blair Gowens and their "cousins" and their friends are invited to a family reunion October 11, 1997 in Graham, Texas at the Agriculture Activity Center. Festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. For details, contact Sheila Gowens Jones, 407 Dallas St, Big Spring, TX, 79720, 915/217-7936

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## "Melungeon Heritage" Released By Author, Mattie Ruth Johnson

"My Melungeon Heritage," a story of life on Newman's Ridge, has been released by the author, Mattie Ruth Johnson, Foundation Editorial Boardmember of Kingsport, Tennessee. The 160-page book deals with what life was like for a little Melungeon girl growing up in Hancock County, Tennessee and attending a little one-room school in the heart of Melungia.

The author, a genealogist, has researched her ancestral lines that she used for the background of her writing. Intertwined in her book, as well as in her DNA, were the families of Massingill, Mullins, Gibson, Goins, Loven, Bunch, Johnson, three sets of Mullins and "a few more."

The author does not attempt to solve the mystery of the Melungeons, but describes life on the mountain "so that my family's children and grandchildren can touch the past as it was for me." She describes vividly the love and the dignity that was passed along from generation to generation in the 200 years that her ancestors lived on Newman's Ridge.

"My Melungeon Heritage" [ISBN 1-57072-063-0] can be ordered at \$12.95 from Mattie Ruth Johnson, 3705 Bloomingdale Road, Kingsport, TN, 37660, 615/288-6922.

==Dear Cousins==

I am seeking information on Horace Wilder/Wilder Horace Going who was bc1850 in Chesterfield, NH and who was mc1873 to Clara Ida Stone. They lived in Sutton, MA in 1882. Six children were born to them: Mary, b1876; Albertus b1878; Leonice b1881; Walter Robert b1884, Milton Winthrop, b1888 and Bernice Hazel b1893.

Mary died in infancy. Albertus married Eldora Vaughan, and after her death in 1939, went to Leicester, MO where he died in 1945. Leonice married George Randles. Walter Robert was married to Hattie Maria Humes [my grandparents]. Milton Winthrop was married to Marion McLean and died in FL in 1949. Bernice Hazel died in 1912.

Children of Walter and Hattie: Ethel, bc1904; Robert, bc1908, Marian L, b1911; Hazel, bc1917; Mildred, b1917; Ralph, b1920 and Richard C, b1922. Can you help with any? **Mary Seabolt, 8048 Wofford Rd, Rudy, AR, 72952.**

==Dear Cousins==

Within this file, transferred via the Internet, is information that I have collected on my Goins line. I am sending this data in hopes that it will shed some light on a Goins line that does not, at this time, have much information reported to the Foundation. I desire to become a local genealogist for the Goins lines in Patrick County, Virginia and Surry and Stokes Counties, North Carolina. There is much work to be done in this tri-county area. I would be glad to hear from members who have roots in these counties. **Dakota Holt, 9516 Timberlake Road, #211, Lynchburg, VA, 24502, JSimm10544@aol.com**

==Dear Cousins==

My membership renewal for 1998 is enclosed. I let my membership lapse some time ago. There was so much in the Newsletter that did not interest me nor apply to my line. Now that you are devoting two sections of the Manuscript on the Website to my York County, Maine family headed by the emigrant William Alexander Gowen, I am back. Guess I'm just a fussy old 90-year-old. So don't mind me. Hope you are enjoying a beautiful fall in Texas. Ours has been cold and changeable. We have a saying in Maine, "If you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes." **Flora Woodford, 1324 U.S. Rt. 1, Cape Neddick, ME, 03902.**

### Capt. James Gowen, Continued

On February 21, 1761 Capt. James Gowen joined a group of war veterans in requesting a land grant near "Mt. Deseret, Massachusetts Bay Colony" for a township, according to "Documentary History of Maine, Baxter Manuscript," published by the Maine Historical Society. The petition was successful for in 1764 they received the requested land grant on the "east side of Mt. Deseret [now Union] River."

In 1763 the company of Capt. Gowen was back in Canada and "continued in occupation duty at Quebec City."

Back home, he was instructed October 13, 1765 in a town meeting to "oppose the Stamp Act." Capt. James Gowen on October 29, 1765 was appointed to a committee to settle a boundary dispute for Henry Young Brown by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony.

## Editorial Board Named for 1998

The Foundation's Editorial Board of Directors nominated to serve during the ensuing calendar year will act as the "eyes and ears" of the Foundation, gathering research from various sources and undertaking research projects.

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He was a member of the General Court in March 1767 when the dispute was settled. "He sat on the bench of the Inferior Court just prior to the Revolutionary War," according to "Province and Court Records of Maine."

On December 21, 1767, he was elected to a committee, a better business bureau, "to report what they think proper to encourage industry, economy and manufactories in the Kittery area, thereby to prevent the unnecessary importations of Europe's commodities."

Anna Smith Gowen died about 1768, and James Gowen was remarried about 1770 to Lois Woodbridge, daughter of John Woodbridge. James Gowen served as a selectman in Kittery for 20 years. He was a Common Pleas Court judge for seven years and was a Governor's Councillor from 1770 to 1774.

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### All Memberships Expire December 31, 1997, Continued

The Foundation Board is pleased to report that new memberships are exceeding renewals during the fall renewal period thus far. Former members and new members are offered memberships which begin now and extend through December 31, 1998. Current members are offered the same bonus--15 months for the price of 12!

The Foundation now offers more benefits and more research tools to the family researcher than he has ever had before, and in doing so, has incurred additional expenses. If it is financially convenient, you are invited to "move up a notch" for 1998 to help the organization overcome an operating deficit. On the membership schedule below, indicate the type of membership you have selected, and your membership card for the calendar year of 1998 will be in the mail promptly.

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# William Franklin Goings Was Backward Bartender in Texas

William Franklin Goings, son of James Goin and Elizabeth Goin, was born about 1848 in Campbell County, Tennessee, according to his non compus mentis probate proceedings. He "was born and raised in Campbell County," according to a statement made by his brother, H. M. Goins. All other known siblings of William Franklin Goings spelled their names "Goins."

William Franklin Goings later lived in Indiana, then in Michigan, and in 1895 he was a saloon-keeper in Austin, Texas. He was listed in the Austin city directory from 1885 through 1890. In 1885 he operated the Nickel Plate Saloon at 200 Congress [at Live Oak]. From 1887 to 1890 he operated the Bridge Saloon at the same address. He lived in the saloon building.

"William F. Goings" was enumerated as the head of a household in the 1890 census of Travis County, page 115, according to "Travis County, Texas Census, Uniquely Reconstructed and Annotated" by Mary A. Moody.

In October 1890 "William Franklin Going" was examined by Travis County Probate Court, according to Probate File No. 1543, as a non compus mentis.

"He had a fit four or five months ago and has been demented ever since," stated John Sheehan, who was later appointed his guardian by the court, in the hearing held October 27, 1890. "He has about \$1,000 in property, including his saloon. He is about 35-40 years old, and, I think, a native of Tennessee," stated Sheehan.

On the same date, Jack Spence testified, "I have known the defendant for three years, and have been with him every day for two weeks. He said he wanted to turn his bar around so that he stood in front of the bar to bar-keep and have his customers stand behind the bar to drink. He struck a man last night with a plank who didn't understand."

Travis County Probate Court had confined William Franklin Goings in the Insane Asylum at Austin on August 27, 1889. Dr. H. B. Hill testified at a hearing October 29, 1890 that the defendant is "entirely incapacitated to attend to his business."

## James Gowen, Continued

On October 27, 1774 James Gowen, along with two others, at a town meeting "to act as delegates in a county congress to be holden some time in November next at Wells by the several towns in this county, there to consider and to agree upon some proper measures for the preservation of the peace and good order of the inhabitants; also to agree upon some legal and constitutional measures to defeat the arbitrary tyrannical plans laid by our enemies, the British, to enslave us."

Capt. James Gowen "of Kittery" resigned November 29, 1777 as "one of the Justices of the Superior Court of Common Pleas for the County of York" because of ill health, according to "Documentary History of Maine." He died in 1781, and his will was introduced in probate February 12 of that year. Lois Woodbridge Gowen continued to live in Shapleigh House, the Gowen home until her death in 1813. Her estate, including Shapleigh House and 70 acres of land was valued at \$2,500.

Children born to James Gowen and Anna Smith Gowen include:

Sarah Gowen	born April 21, 1739
Abigail Gowen	born August 23, 1741
Elizabeth Gowen	born September 18, 1743
Phebe Gowen	born February 6, 1746
Anna Gowen	born May 8, 1750
Mary Gowen	born May 8, 1756

Children born to James Gowen and Lois Woodbridge Gowen include:

Louisa Gowen	born July 18, 1771
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H. M. Goin, of Campbell County, brother to William Franklin Goings, came to Austin, posted an \$8,500 bond and was appointed guardian of William Franklin Going, on December 8, 1890. He reported to the court on that date that William Franklin Goings was in Hot Springs, Arkansas at that time "temporarily being treated for insanity."

Other individuals who assisted in the bond were James Goin, father of the defendant; Alvis Goin, his brother; Elias Douglas, M. C. Stanfill, John J. Graham, W. R. Taylor and E. H. Goin. All were believed to be residents of Campbell County.

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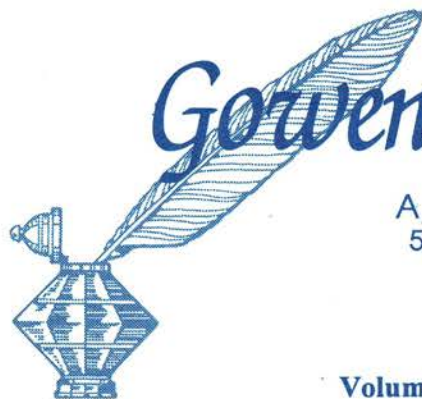
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## William Going in Battles of Camden and Guilford Courthouse

By Austin Dakota Holt

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Nineteen-year-old William Going and his First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line got off to a bad start when they began taking on the British Redcoats in the Revolutionary War. In his first encounter, the bloody Battle of Guilford Courthouse, the fighting raged all day, back and forth, in the cornfields north of present-day Greensboro, North Carolina.

The two armies, the Americans under Gen. Nathanael Greene and the British under Gen. Charles Lord Cornwallis, fought to a standstill on March 15, 1781, and casualties were heavy on each side. Each had to withdraw, leaving their dead and wounded on the field. New Garden Monthly Meeting, a Quaker church stood just west of the battlefield, and as soon as the firing ceased, the church building became a hospital. Churchmembers went to the scene of the carnage and brought the wounded, both British and American, to the church and began to bind up their wounds.

A month later, Gen. Greene had his reduced army of only 840 men facing Lord Rawdon in the Second Battle of Camden, South Carolina. Rawdon made a surprise attack on Greene April 19, 1781, inflicting 271 casualties and driving him from the field. The persistent Greene summed up the situation, "We fight, get beaten and fight again!"

William Going survived both of the disastrous battles as well as the subsequent campaign in South Carolina. Following the end of the war at Yorktown, he was discharged in South Carolina and walked back home to Henry County, Virginia.

William Going, a Melungeon/mulatto, was born September 13, 1761 in Rockingham County, Virginia. He stated that his date of birth was recorded in his family bible which was given to him by his father, name unknown. When he was very young, his family removed to Henry County, according to his Revolutionary pension application. He enlisted there under Capt. Shaw in the Virginia Continental Line.

He stated that he fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and in the Second Battle of Camden. He marched to Salisbury, North Carolina, and continued southward, crossing the Dan River, the Yadkin River, the Catawba River, the Broad River, the Tyger River, the Enoree River and the Saluda River. His regiment joined the troops of Gen. Greene in the Siege of Ninety-six. He stated that he saw "Col. Washington and Col. Lee." He was discharged near Broad River. He stated that he "served with Manuel Hill of Stokes County, North Carolina and Joel Blankit of Patrick County." For his military service he received Bounty Land Warrant No. 26870-160-55.

When Patrick County was organized from Henry County in 1790, the Going land lay in the new county, according to "Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files" by Virgil D. White. He was married to Mary "Polly" Overman February 17, 1802 by John Nunn, M. G, according to **Patrick County Marriages, 1791-1850.** Thomas Beasley was surety. Benjamin Hails was a witness. The bride was born about 1775.

William Going appeared in the tax records of Patrick County from 1798 through 1817. In 1814, he appeared as a taxpayer there, but a notation on the tax roll showed his residence "in North Carolina on Little Dan River." It appears that he disposed of his Virginia land about 1817.

William Going and William Going, Jr. were listed as heads of households in the 1810 tax list of Patrick County as reproduced in "A Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia." The two are not regarded as father-and-son. The enumerator probably appended "Jr." to designate the younger of the two.

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## Membership Campaign for 1998 Announced by GRF Directors

Despite an increase in postal rates and despite an additional budgeted expense of maintaining the Electronic Library on the Internet, the Foundation Board of Directors voted to hold the line on membership dues for the calendar year 1998. They were optimistic that the additional online features of the Website would attract enough new members to justify the additional expense.

It is felt that a current operating deficit could be eliminated if each member invited a new "cousin" into the Foundation in the next 12 months. A longer pressrun for the Newsletter would be an economical extension. Basic membership for 1998 remains at \$15 for the year. Contributing membership and overseas membership remains at \$25, and Sustaining memberships continue at \$100 annually. Members who are financially able to "move up a notch" are encourage to do so.

Stepped up efforts were planned to publicize the Foundation to family researchers worldwide through the Internet. Cyberspace brings foreign researchers as near to you as your closest cousin and offers instant, real time communications for less than postage stamps. The directors feel that the Foundation Website has the potential of doubling the size of the organization.

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I am searching for the parents of Cornelia Ellenor Goins, born November 5, [or November 18], 1859 near Middlesboro, KY. In either 1874 or 1880, she was married to Greenberry Burton of Madison County, KY. The 1900 census of McLean Co, IL lists her as being born in KY and both parents born in TN. According to family lore, she is the daughter of Frank and Nancy [Cadle] Goins of Claiborne Co., TN. Siblings of Cornelia include: Amelia "Mel", Laura, James, Nellie and Charles Goins. Cornelia died October 4, 1934 in Chicago, IL. Any information about these persons, especially Cornelia's parents, would be greatly appreciated. **Terry B. Hildreth, 2805 Wellington Dr., Florissant, MO, 63033, Adwtman@aol.com**  
 ==Dear Cousins==

I am mailing a check for two Contributing Memberships, one for myself and the other for Ken & Rose Going, my uncle and aunt, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married August 30, 1947 in Durham, CT. Ken was the ninth of ten siblings in the family of Millard Going and Anna Knapp Going. My mother, Laura Going Miller was the second oldest. There are only three of them left now: Ken, Ruth Going Lewis of Sun City, AZ and Flora Going Orsina of Myrtle Beach, SC. Ruth and Joe Lewis will celebrate their 60th anniversary next month.

Thanks again for maintaining a great service to the family. After I edit a few things I learned at the anniversary party, I will forward that section for the Foundation Manuscript, as promised. **Martha Miller Byrnes, 14 Leopold Dr, Sandy Hook, CT, 06482-1531, HomeByrnes@aol.com.**  
 ==Dear Cousins==

I am gathering all the information available in the Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson County, VA courthouse records on the early Goins/Goings/Gowen/etc. After I have compiled it, I will compare it with the online Foundation records and send to you all of this data that you do not have already.

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### William Going, Continued

In 1824, William Going removed to adjoining Surry County, North Carolina. William Going received a land grant in Surry County in February 1834. On February 12, 1834, while continuing there he applied for a Revolutionary pension at age 74, which was granted.

William Going was enumerated as the head of Household No. 275 in the 1840 census of Surry County:

"Going, William free colored male 55-100  
free colored female 55-100"

The enumerator noted on the census form that he was "78 and drawing a pension for Revolutionary War military service."

Surrounding this household were those of their children: William Going, No. 273; Morgum Going, No. 274; Woodson Going, No. 276 and George Going, No. 290."

It is believed that William Going died about 1842 in Surry County. After his death, Mary "Polly" Overman Going returned to Patrick County. She was enumerated there in the 1850 census as the head of Household 660-699:

"Going, Mary 75, born in Virginia  
Catherine 35, born in Virginia"

On May 23, 1853, she applied there for a pension at age 78. Mary "Polly" Overman Going received a widow's pension, No. W7546, March 30, 1855, at age 80 while living in Patrick County.

A notation by Virgil D. White reveals that "there were some family records on a sheet which was too dark to read on this film, see National Archives Series M804, Roll No. 1087 for entire file."

Children born to William Going and Mary "Polly" Overman Going include:

William Going, Jr.	born about 1802
Woodson Going	born November 2, 1803
Morgan Going	born July 17, 1805
Ruckerson Going	born about 1808
George W. Going	born about 1810
Catherine Going	born about 1815

It is easy to round up information when you live in the location where it can be found, and it is so hard when you have to drive hundreds of miles to glean a few facts at a strange courthouse. I am sure that there are many other cousins who live where the "family" resided before 1850. This could be a special project for 1998 with many participants. **Rosemary Dunne, Box 687, Amherst, VA, 24521, rosemars@juno.com. Thanks for an excellent idea, Rosemary. Research, anyone?**  
 ==Dear Cousins==

The enclosed article, "There's no such thing as a 'Melungeon'" by Winston De Ville recently appeared in the "Acadiana Profile," Vol. 18, No. 1. I live within 10 miles of Mr. De Ville who is a distant relative of my wife. Most of his writings on Louisiana and its people are usually great, however this column will draw fire. I thought you would like to see this, if you haven't already received it from some other "cousin." **Bill Nash, Box 70, Turkey Creek, LA, 70587 Thanks, Bill. We regard Winston De Ville as the dean of southern genealogical columnists and a very respected author. Perhaps a scholar of equal erudition will prepare a rejoinder.**

### All 1997 Memberships Expire December 31, 1997, Continued

Additionally the campaign will enlist the aid of genealogical columnists across the nation and utilize online services to publicize the research assistance that the Foundation offers to family historians.

Former members and new members are offered memberships which begin now and extend through December 31, 1998. Current members are offered the same bonus--16 months for the price of 12! Former members are receiving a complimentary copy of this Newsletter to advise them of the offer and to solicit their reaffiliation.

The Board feels an urgent need to renew all former members. They are the ones who provided the momentum for the Foundation in its early years, and they are possibly the ones who have the most knowledge of the family and of our heritage.

The Foundation now offers more benefits and more research tools to the family researcher than he has ever had before. Ten thousand pages [plus] of family data and research assistance have been assembled and are now available to any current member online for browsing or downloading at no charge. In 1998, only current members will have security clearance to access the Foundation Manuscript and the "Melungia" section. Free access to eight years of the Newsletter files and all of "Dear Cousins." is available to any researcher.

The directors reaffirm the six-fold purpose of our non-profit heritage society to:

1. Preserve and promulgate the heritage of the family, dealing not with just a study of the "begats," but with the accomplishments and contributions of the family members as well.
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5. Arrange research conferences, family gatherings and meetings of the Editorial Board of Directors to determine the best methods of collecting, editing and promulgating the family narrative through the Foundation manuscript, the Foundation Library and the Electronic Library.

6. To operate an Electronic Library on the Internet at: <http://www.llano.net/gowen> and to offer free assistance to researchers worldwide by E-Mail, address: [gowen@llano.net](mailto:gowen@llano.net).

If you concur with the objectives of the Foundation, please join in this expanding effort and move upward with the organization.

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# William Goyne, Early Patriarch Pioneered in Georgia in 1790

## Part 4

By Col. Carroll Heard Goyne, Jr.  
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William<sup>4</sup> Goyne first appeared in the tax records of Wilkes County, Georgia in 1790, according to the research of Frank Parker Hudson, Atlanta, Georgia.

William<sup>4</sup> Goyne was married to Nancy Stroder, daughter of Alexander Stroder and Isabella Stroder, between 1794 and 1796 in Wilkes County. She was his second wife. Isabella Stroder's will of October 6, 1793 names the Stroder children. Two of the named sons were married in Lincoln County, North Carolina.

William<sup>4</sup> Goyne lived on Ward's Creek near First Broad River in eastern Rutherford County [now Cleveland County], which was bounded by Lincoln County to the east. Thus, the conclusion is drawn that William<sup>4</sup> Goyne of Wilkes County, Georgia was the same William<sup>4</sup> Gowen who previously lived in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and that he knew his second wife's family in North Carolina prior to their move to Georgia.

William<sup>4</sup> Goyne made his will January 4, 1816, and it was probated September 1, 1817 in Warren County, Georgia. He named the following children in his will:

John<sup>5</sup> Goyne who was married to Nancy and moved to Jefferson County, Alabama, dying there in 1839.

Drury<sup>5</sup> Goyne who was last recorded in the 1820 Census of Wilkes County, Georgia. He may be the man who was married to Martha Worthington November 15, 1838 in Upson County, Georgia.

William<sup>5</sup> Goyne, Jr. who was last recorded in the tax records of Wilkes County, Georgia in 1799.

Hardy<sup>5</sup> Goyne who was last recorded in 1830-31 in Taliaferro County, Georgia.

## Family Narratives Requested

The Foundation would like to carry in future Newsletters an account of the earliest progenitors in your branch of the family. Please consider your self "next" to prepare a narrative on your most interesting ancestor. If you need help in organizing your material, the Foundation staff will be glad to assist. Jot down the salient facts, dates and places, and we'll take it from there.

Rebecca<sup>5</sup> Goyne who was married about 1790, husband's name Dick.

Alice<sup>5</sup> Goyne who was married about 1793 to King as his second wife.

Hiram Davis<sup>5</sup> Goyne who was married [1] Mary "Polly" Allen; and [2] Susan Lupo. They removed to Union Parish, Louisiana where he died in 1852.

Tyra A.<sup>5</sup> Goyne who was married to Mary and moved to Coffee County, Alabama where he died in 1883.

While moving from Georgia to Louisiana, my great-great-grandfather, Hiram Davis<sup>5</sup> Goyne must have visited with members of the family of James<sup>4</sup> Goyne, [son of John<sup>3</sup> Going] in Kemper County, Mississippi.

For Hiram Davis<sup>5</sup> Goyne obtained a Military Warrant issued to Amos D.<sup>5</sup> Goyne and used it to purchase land in Union Parish, Louisiana. Amos D.<sup>5</sup> Goyne, regarded as a son of James<sup>4</sup> Goyne, served in the 12th and 13th Consolidated Regiment, Louisiana militia in the War of 1812.

This is additional evidence of kinship among these individuals, and proof that these cousins maintained contact with one another.

Hopefully, this paper will contribute in some small measure to a better understanding of this branch of the extended Going family. However one might spell the name [and there are over 50 different spellings in the records], we are all "cousins" who share a common name that has its origins in deep antiquity.

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## James Gowen Defied North Carolina over Family Taxes in 1762

James Gowen, son of Edward Gowen, Jr, was born about 1725, probably in Charles City County, Virginia. He, a Melungeon/mulatto, was married about 1742, wife's name unknown. It is believed that he removed to Granville County, North Carolina about 1750.

"James Gowin" was a "sworn chain carrier" on a patent of 616 acres issued March 1, 1752 to James Hunt "on branches of Island Creek and Mitchell's Creek, adjoining Davis's corner, Hunt's line, Collin's line, Tynel's line and Holly's line," according to Granville County Surveyor's Book 11, page 382.

"James Going" received a land grant from the Earl of Granville March 4, 1752, according to Granville County Deed Book B, page 439. James Gowen and William Gowen, his son were taxable in the 1759 tax list of John Pope and were delinquent taxpayers that year.

On November 29, 1760 "James Going" received a patent to 529 acres in Granville County located in St. John's parish, "adjoining Winnirgum's line, Melone's line and Robert's line," according to Surveyor's Book 14, page 108. The survey was signed by James Gowen and Joseph Gowen. "William Going, sworn chain carrier" was a witness.

"James Gowing and his son, William Going" were tithables in Fishing Creek District in the 1762 tax list of Granville County, page 45. "James Gowing refused to list his wife and children," suggesting that he was regarded as "free colored." At that time, the law required that tithes were to be paid by all white men over the age of 16 on the blacks in their household, male and female, including "all mulattos, mustees, quadroons and all persons of mixed blood to the fourth generation over the age of 12." Therefore, if a white man had a mixed blood wife, he paid a tithe on her and her children over 12. When a notation appeared on the tax list that a man refused to pay a tithe on his wife and children, he was arguing that they were "white." This law remained in force until 1786. James Going was recorded as "insolvent" from 1762 through 1764.

Dr. Virginia Easley DeMarce, researcher of Alexandria, Virginia, suggests that James Gowen may have moved back across the state line to Virginia to settle in adjacent Brunswick County. She reported that James Gowen received a land grant in Brunswick County in 1762, citing Virginia Land Office Book 15. If this is the same James Gowen, his finances and [perhaps his character] greatly improved. He went from insolvency to be a property owner, a slave owner and a taxpayer. It is believed that James Gowen was remarried about 1775, wife's name Amy.

Greensville County was formed from Brunswick County in 1783 and James Gowen found himself in the new county.

"James Going" was listed as the head of a household of seven people in the 1783 census of Greensville County, page 54, near the locations of "Drury Going" and "Thomas Going." He was taxable in that year on "1 poll, 2 slaves, 2 horses and 8 cattle," according to "The 1787 Census of Virginia," page 778.

"James Gowing, Henry Gowing and Avant Massey jointly posted a bond of £50 "to Miherris Parish to help support the child of Mary Hill who was an unlawful child as yet to be born," according to Greensville County Deed Book 1, page 173.

"James Gowing" was listed as surety for the marriage of "Amy Gowing" to William Harris December 19, 1805 in Greensville County, according to "Greensville County Marriages, 1781-1825" by Catherine Lindsey Knorr.

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## Going Family Traced 300 Years From Virginia to Louisiana

### Part 3

By Col. Carroll Heard Goynes, Jr.  
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On June 10, 1761, John<sup>3</sup> Going, Sr. and wife Mary Going of Lunenburg County deeded to son William<sup>4</sup> Going of Lunenburg County, "for love and affection, 100 acres, part of 400 acres by patent to said Going Sr, on both sides of the Great Branch [of Allen's Creek] where said William Going now lives, adjacent John Ruffin." The signature [or mark] of John<sup>3</sup> Going, was a vertical line, with three cross lines. Mary signed with a "M." The deed was witnessed by Sarah Going, and others, according to "Lunenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 6. 1760-1761" by June Banks Evans.

On the same date, son John<sup>4</sup> Going, Jr. was deeded 100 acres of his father's 400 acres with the same description. It was witnessed by Sarah Going and Elizabeth Going. [ibid]

On December 7, 1761, John<sup>3</sup> Goin sold his remaining 200 acres of land located on both sides of Long Branch in Lunenburg County to William Sandifur. Mary Goin relinquished her dower. This is the last record found of John<sup>3</sup> Going and Mary Keith Going.

On July 6, 1762, William<sup>4</sup> Going of Orange County, North Carolina sold 100 acres in Lunenburg County, Virginia on Great Branch of Allen's Creek adjacent to William Sandifur. Other records show that William<sup>4</sup>, son of John<sup>3</sup> Going, moved from Lunenburg County to Orange County, North Carolina.

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With reference to the Curtis Jacobs files which were destroyed in the library fire [Newsletter July] I wanted to mention that the collection of John Cupit, a contemporary of Jacobs, was not involved. Since some researchers might confuse the two collections, I wanted to mention that the John Cupit Collection is safely locked up in the Genealogy section of the Memorial Library in Shreveport. It is unindexed and occupies about four feet of shelf space. Cupit lived in Rosepine, LA in Vernon Parish and spent a lifetime studying the history of the families of that area. I found in Cupit's papers enough information to provide a Perkins researcher with four additional generations to take her research back to before the Revolution. Carroll H. Goynes, Jr. 10019 Canterbury Dr, Shreveport, LA, 71106, cgoynes@sofidisk.com.

==Dear Cousins==

John Goins was married March 6, 1841 to Margaret Fix in Augusta County, VA. They appeared there in the 1860 census with children, Joseph 16, William 14, Harvey 10 and John 6. After 1870, they removed to Clay County, IL. Their son "William Goen" was my ggf. He was married about 1872 to Ellen Rose. Their daughter "Margaret Jane Goen" was married to my ggf George Warren Pearson. Any help on this family will be appreciated. Kathy Gardner, 3195 Beaver Creek Dr, Lexington, KY, 40517. KG4KINFOLK@aol.com.

==Dear Cousins==

In reply to Don Lee Gowen's call for speaker nominations for the Foundation Research Conference in Salt Lake City in 1998, I would like to submit Troy Keese, 151 Skyline Lane, Powell, TN, 37849-7008, 423/945-1309. After five years of research, he has just published "The Wataugah Land Purchases." [25]. Since so many of our ancestors [and the Melungeons] came through the Watauga on their way west, I believe his lecture would be beneficial to our program and to our personal research.

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### Going Family, Continued

The move was made between December 30, 1761 and July 6, 1762. This is proof that William<sup>4</sup> Going of Orange County was the son of John<sup>3</sup> Going and Mary Keith Going of Lunenburg County.

Alexander<sup>3</sup> Going first appeared in the records of Orange County in September 1753, according to "Orange County, North Carolina Court Minutes, 1753-1761," Book 1, by Weynette Parks Haun. Subsequently, the name of Alexander<sup>3</sup> Going appeared numerous times in the records of Orange County. The November 1763 Court of Orange County shows both an Alexander<sup>3</sup> Going and a William<sup>4</sup> Going in its records, according to "Orange County, North Carolina Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of September 1752-August 1766" by Ruth Herndon Shields.

I was in Shreveport in June and went to a meeting of the Shreveport Genealogical Society to hear our esteemed "Cousin Carroll" Goynes present a program on his trip to Turkey.

As to E-mail, I am still without this luxury. I have made many hints to husband Henri about our relocating in the Chapala area where we can get access to a Tel-Mex line and the Internet. He is beginning to take me seriously. Sandra M. Loidans, Apartado Postal 844, 45900 Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico.

==Dear Cousins==

I enjoyed tremendously the article by Ethel Louise Goins Dunn [Newsletter, July] dealing with her ancestor Laban Goins and his kinsman, Granville Goins of Grainger County and Hamilton County, TN. I am still pursuing my mysterious ancestor, David Smith Goins, Revolutionary soldier who was a brother to Laban. David Smith Goins was influenced to move to Hamilton County by Laban about 1834 and died there in 1840 before the census was taken, "his pension then being paid to his children." Can any Foundation researcher furnish me with the names of the children of David Smith Goins? Louise Goins Richardson, 2207 E. Lake St, Paragould, AR, 72450.

==Dear Cousins==

My ancestor, Mahala Gowens was married November 29, 1832 in Pope County, IL to George Bartlett. Later they removed downriver to nearby Fulton County, KY where they both died in May 1864. Their daughter, Elizabeth P. Bartlett was married in 1870 to William Jefferson Wiggs. Can anyone help me with my Gowens family? Kim Klos, 4305 61st St, Lubbock, TX, 79413, 806/797-3666, KimKlos@aol.com.

==Dear Cousins==

After three weeks of ransacking courthouses and libraries in Melungia and attending "First Union" at Clinch Valley College, I'm back home. It will take me into the winter to get all this new material processed. "First Union" was great, and the overflow crowd was well accommodated. The ladies and gentlemen who produced this event handled this "mission impossible" with great finesse.

It was great to see so many of the Foundation members in Wise, VA for the occasion. I was very proud of the presentations of Brent Kennedy, John & Evelyn Orr, Dr. Will Moreau Goins, Ruth Johnson, Phillip Roberts, Jack Harold Goins and others who contributed so much to the enthusiasm of the event. Dianne Stark Thurman, 4201 Wildflower Circle, Wichita, KS, 67210, 503/889-2291, dst@southwind.net.

==Dear Cousins==

I received a Foundation Newsletter in the mail, and wanted to thank you. It looks like the information in it relates to my Goins family and will be very helpful to my quest. My membership is in the mail. E-mail me just as soon as it arrives. I am anxious to begin searching through the Manuscript for my ancestors. [Mr.] Dakota Holt, 9516 Timberlake Rd, #211, Lynchburg, VA, 24502. JSimm10544@aol.com

### Going Family, Continued

In 1773, several persons signed a petition for the partition of the north part of Orange County. Among them were Alexander<sup>3</sup> Gowen, Sr, Alexander<sup>4</sup> Gowen, Emos<sup>4</sup> [Amos] Gowen, Daniel<sup>4</sup> Gowen and John<sup>4</sup> Gowen, according to "The Colonial Records of North Carolina, 1771-1775," Vol. 9, by Sanders.

Apparently, William<sup>4</sup> Going, son of John<sup>3</sup> Going, had removed from Orange County prior to the date of the petition. Probably the Gowens who signed the 1773 petition in Orange County, were Alexander<sup>3</sup> Going, son of William<sup>2</sup> Going and Catherine Going and some of his sons. It might be that one or more of the sons of John<sup>3</sup> Going were included on this list.

William<sup>4</sup> Going, son of John<sup>3</sup> Going, and possibly his brother John<sup>4</sup> Going joined his kinsmen in Orange County, North Carolina. It is likely that their younger brother, James<sup>4</sup> Going accompanied them to Orange County. James<sup>4</sup> Goynes stated in his Revolutionary War pension application that he was born in 1755 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. Almost certainly, that date and location identifies him as a son of John<sup>3</sup> Going.

On May 22, 1773, William<sup>4</sup> Going was a witness to a writ in the Court of Tryon County, North Carolina concerning land on Ward's Creek, according to "Deed Abstracts of Tryon, Lincoln & Rutherford Counties, 1769-1786," Deed Books A and AD by Brent H. Holcomb.

Subsequently, other records connected William<sup>4</sup> Going with land on Ward's Creek and First Broad River in the area that became Rutherford County. They gave his wife's name as Hester. In 1779, Tryon County was abolished, and Lincoln and Rutherford Counties were created. Three major Revolutionary War battle sites are located in this area. A road running from near the home of William<sup>4</sup> Going to Wynnesborough, South Carolina, county seat of Fairfield County where the other Orange County, North Carolina Going individuals lived.

### James Gowen, Continued

"James Gowing" was recorded as the head of a household in 1810, according to "Index to 1810 Virginia Census." His household was composed of "2 whites and 7 slaves."

"James Gowing, Sr." wrote his will August 12, 1816, according to Greensville County Will Book 2, page 447. Mentioned in the will was "wife, Amey; son, James Gowing, Jr; grandson, James Alked Gowing; son, Henry Gowing; son, Benjamin Gowing; grandsons, Benjamin Howard, Harbart Howard, Hartwell Howard and James Howard and daughter, Amy Harris." Benjamin Young was his executor.

Children born to James Gowen and his first wife are believed to include:

William Gowen	born about 1743
Drury Gowen	born about 1748
Thomas Gowen	born about 1763
James Gowen, Jr.	born about 1764
Frederick Gowen	born about 1766

Children born to James Gowen and Amy Gowen are believed to include:

Nancy T. Gowen	born about 1776
Henry Gowen	born about 1779
Benjamin Gowen	born about 1782
Amy Gowen	born about 1785

The 1782 Tax List of Rutherford County, Capt. Whiteside's Company, listed William<sup>4</sup> Going as owning 350 acres of land and Alexander<sup>4</sup> Going as owning no land. They were listed in consecutive order, probably indicating that they lived in the same or adjacent dwellings, according to "The 1782 Tax List of Rutherford County, North Carolina" by Brent H. Holcomb. Also, on August 22, 1782, Alexander<sup>4</sup> Going was paid £2 on a military clothing ticket in Rutherford County. The military service would indicate that this was Alexander<sup>4</sup> Going, Jr.

On July 14, 1785, William<sup>5</sup> Going, Jr. was married to Polly Griffin in Rutherford County. Bondsman was William<sup>4</sup>. The 1785 tax list for Rutherford County listed only William<sup>4</sup>.

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# Melungeon Research Conference At Wise Draws 700 Researchers

By Evelyn McKinley Orr  
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An overflow crowd, exceeding all expectations of the organizers, turned out for "First Union" on the campus of Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia July 25-26-27. The meeting, originally conceived by Melungeon Genealogy Group, a unorganized research association on the Internet, was expected to attract 50-100 researchers. Early planning changed drastically as widespread interest developed, and the event blossomed into full academic lectures, Melungeon-related vendors, guided tours of the area and Appalachian entertainment.

Seven hundred registrants swelled accommodations, and Clinch Valley College set up colorful circus tents on the lawns with video monitors so that everyone could see and hear the lectures. A lucky 300 were admitted to the largest dining-room on the campus where Dr. N. Brent Kennedy spoke on his Melungeon research at a dinner meeting.

A delegation of Turkish officials from the Washington area was joined by Nuri Ertan, mayor of Cesme, Anatolia [Turkey], sister city of Wise, Virginia and Mehmet Topcak of Istanbul. After "First Union," the Turkish delegation was joined by the mayor of Wise for a flight to San Diego to receive the Sister City International Award.

Several Foundation members appeared on the three-day program. The work of Arlee Gowen, Foundation president who has devoted 56 years to genealogical research, was recognized among the Special Friends of First Union. He began researching the Melungeons in 1969 and began publishing his findings in 1989 in the Foundation Newsletter. Ruth Johnson's new book, "My Melungeon Heritage" was on display. To secure a copy, contact the authoress at 3705 Bloomingdale Rd, Kingsport, TN, 37660, 423/288-6922.

Because of the outstanding success of this first Melungeon conference, an executive committee met at its conclusion to make plans for an annual event. The committee is also expected to draft a charter and by-laws for a permanent organization.

## Family Narratives Requested

The Foundation would like to carry in future Newsletters an account of the earliest progenitors in your branch of the family. Please consider your self "next" to prepare a narrative on your most interesting ancestor. If you need help in organizing your material, the Foundation staff will be glad to assist. Jot down the salient facts, dates and places, and we'll take it from there.

## Going Family Continued

He owned 150 acres of land. The last entry found for William<sup>4</sup> Going in Rutherford County was dated 14 July 1788. No Going individuals were enumerated in Rutherford County in the 1790 census.

On November 5, 1784, Alexander<sup>4</sup> Going appeared in the records of Fairfield County, South Carolina as a buyer from the widow Barber's estate. On August 17, 1786, Alexander<sup>4</sup> Goyen appeared in a Fairfield County, South Carolina court record, according to "Fairfield County, South Carolina Minutes of the County Court. 1785-1799." Alexander<sup>4</sup> Gowen was enumerated in the 1790 Census of Fairfield County, South Carolina, listed between Daniel Gowen and Henry Gowen.

All of the Gowen names contained in the 1773 petition in Orange County, North Carolina were also found in the records of Fairfield County, South Carolina in 1782. The actions of Alexander<sup>4</sup> Going, of moving from Orange County, North Carolina to Rutherford County, North Carolina to live with, or adjacent to, William<sup>4</sup> Going, then moving to Fairfield County, South Carolina to live among the other Going individuals strongly suggests a kinship among these people.

James<sup>4</sup> Goyne was first called to serve in the Fairfield County, South Carolina militia in 1776. His granddaughter, Susan Goynes Dickerson, stated in a newspaper interview in 1905 that her grandfather and his four brothers had served in the Revolution. This suggests that a mix of Going brothers and cousins moved from Orange County, North Carolina to Fairfield County, South Carolina by 1776.

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## Granville Goins Settled Among the Cherokees at Chattanooga

By Ethel Louise Goins Dunn

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Granville Goins, my g-g-grandfather, was born about 1810 in Grainger County, Tennessee of parents unknown, according to the affidavit of Matilda Goins of Dayton, Tennessee in the Court of Claims June 24, 1908. He joined the exodus of some of the Melungeon Goins families who removed to Hamilton County, Tennessee. Prominent in this group was David Smith Goins, Revolutionary soldier who moved about 1832 and his younger brother, Laban Goins who had preceded him in the move about 1829. They were sons of Shadrach Goins of Hanover, Halifax and Patrick Counties, Virginia.

E. Raymond Evans, an anthropologist, made a study of the mysterious Melungeons and wrote a report of his findings in "Tennessee Anthropologist," Spring 1979. He wrote:

"Located approximately 30 miles north of Chattanooga, the community of Graysville, Tennessee contains one of the most stable Melungeon settlements in the state.

No people in Tennessee have been subjected to more romantic speculation than have the so-called 'Melungeons.' These dark-skinned people, living in a white world, have attempted to explain their color by saying they were of Portuguese descent, according to Swan Burnett in 1889 in 'The American Anthropologist.' Popular writers, including Thurston L. Willis in 'The Chesapeake' in 1941 and Leo Zuber in 'The Melungeons' in 1941, have elaborated on this theme. They have been claimed to be descendants of the 'lost' tribes of Israel as reported by Jean Patterson Bible writing in 1975 in 'Melungeons Yesterday and Today,' and 'old world Gypsies,' 'Welsh Indians,' and Arabs by others.

Others have attempted to link their origin with established historical events. Raleigh's 'Lost Colony' and the De Soto expedition are two examples suggested by Mazon Peters writing in 1970 in the 'Chattanooga Times.'

The most common surname among the Graysville Melungeons is Goins, being so prevalent that the whites in the surrounding area call all the Graysville Melungeons 'Goinses,' rather than Melungeons. In fact, the term 'Melungeon' is rarely used anywhere in lower East Tennessee. The Goins families are so well known in Rhea County that any dark skinned person, not regarded as a black, is said to 'look like a Goins.'

In the 1830 census, Hamilton County reported less than 400 families. Four of them were headed by "Laban Gowan, Roland

Gowin, Sandford Gowin and Dodson Gowin." Each of these families listed colored members [total of 13] and three of them listed white members [total of 6]. All were listed on Page 75 and were located just south of Graysville, Tennessee. Since Granville Goins did not appear as a householder in 1830, he may have been a son of Laban Goins.

"David Goins, age 76" was listed as Revolutionary War Pensioner S3406 in Hamilton County in 1834, according to "Twenty Four Hundred Tennessee Pensioners" by Zella Armstrong. David Smith Goins died in 1840 in Hamilton County, "his pension then being paid to his children" [unnamed], according to pension records. [A meticulous examination of his pension file might reveal the names of his children.] He did not appear in the 1840 census of Hamilton County.

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## Going Family Traced 300 Years From Virginia to Louisiana

### Part 2

By Col. Carroll Heard Goynes, Jr.  
Foundation Editorial Boardmember

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Before leaving the generation of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Going, a court record should be considered. On May 8, 1767, Charles Griffith, age about 70, gave the following deposition:

"About 43 years ago I was Overseer for one Phillip Noland. Maj. Robert Alexander, grandfather to the present Charles Alexander, came up from Boyeshole . . . and the said Noland then told Alexander that one Robertson, the Goings, and several others had surveyed and taken-up land within his great Patent, upon which the said Alexander, seeming angry, swore . . . but this Deponent further saith that when Noland told Maj. Robert Alexander that the Goings were taking and surveying his, the said Alexander's land, he, the said Alexander, replied to the said Noland that he had a great mind to turn the Molatto [sic] rascals off his land . . . and this Deponent further saith old Col. Mason, father to the present one, John Straughan, Richard Wheeler, Thomas Chapman, Peter Guin and several other old Standards whose names he does not at present recollect to him, this Deponent, that the beginning of Alexander's land was opposite the said Mason's Island, upon the mouth opposite a branch and that from that branch it ran into the woods two miles.

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Shock! Surprise! I'm still grinning! Boy, this is some revelation! Thanks so much for finding my Melungeon Goins family in Monongalia County, Virginia in 1820 and tracing them to Guernsey and Shelby Counties, Ohio. Jason, Joel and George Goins were names that my family used even after they arrived in Oregon. My grandmother Elizabeth Ellen "Lizzy" Goins was married to James Atkinson, and they came up to Oregon Trail in 1883 and settled in Tallamook, OR. My membership is on the way! **Rebecca L. Farvour, 504 Hawthorne St, Kelso, WA, 98626-1506. RFarvour@aol.com**

==Dear Cousins==

The Strong Mail List is now in operation at <STRONG-L@rootsweb.com>. The descendants of John W. Going and Mary Strong Going are invited to join us and share information about the history of our families. We have a lot to share about Mary Strong Going and her descendants. **Robert T. Strong, Jr, 119 Mystic Way, Madison, AL, 35758, rts2@ro.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

Thanks for the Electronic Library Internet procedure. I was able to log on, and I am amazed at the improvement over the old bulletin board setup the Foundation used previously. We owe you a great debt of gratitude in pulling everything together into this wonderful resource. **Jack Cecil Goins, Box 1177, Hood-sport, WA, 98548, melungo@hctc.com**

==Dear Cousins==

From information in the article by Sandra Loridans in the *Newsletter, June 1996* about the Curtis Jacobs Genealogical Collection and its Goins holdings, we went immediately to the library in Beauregard Parish, LA. Upon arrival, we were shocked to learn that the Jacobs Collection had burned in a fire at the library. Fortunately an LDS film crew had microfilmed the collection previously, and it is available at Sam Houston Regional Library in Liberty, TX. **Nelda G. Liles, 1069 Collins Rd, Natchitoches, LA, 71457, lileesn@cp-tel.net.**

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### Going Family, Continued

He, this Deponent, further saith that old Peter Guin, Noland, John Musgrave and James Ball advised him, particularly . . .

He, this Deponent, further saith that he well remembers he was at a Race in the same year where the Goings were [who then had running horses] and that the old people were talking about the Goings taking up Alexander's land and selling it to Thomas and Todd which land the old people then said was in Alexander's back line or at least the greatest part. He well remembers that at the same time the old people said as soon as Alexander should make a survey, they would find it was Alexander's land and they would loose the greatest part of it, at the same time this Deponent saith the people were laughing and said if it were not for Alexander's land the Goings had sold to Thomas and Todd they, the said Goings would not be so lavish of their money of which they seemed to have a great plenty at that time, being asked by the Pltf. at what time it was that he rode with Mr. Hugh West when he was Deputy Sheriff. He says that it was in the year 1726 or 1727 as well as he remembers . . .

He says that Tom Going confessed that Robert Alexander held that said line, but he was of the opinion that he would not be allowed to hold more than his papers mentioned, the Deponent says that James Going told Pearson of it and had it not been for the Speeches and Pearson and some of the Neighbors concerning the back line of Alexander, they would not have sold their rights. This conversation he says happened some years after Pearson shewed the aforesaid back line and he remembers that Going asked Pearson how he came to possess himself of some of the same kind of land and Pearson told him that he was safe in purchasing as the man was able to make him whole in case it should be taken from him . . .

The deposition was transcribed in "Land Records of Long Standing, Fairfax County Virginia, 1742-1770" By Ruth and Sam Sparacio. The deposition is revealing for several reasons:

1. It locates Thomas<sup>1</sup> Going and James<sup>2</sup> Going living on their 1,215 acres of land on Four Mile Creek adjacent to Alexander land. It shows that they were not living on the land on Spout Run, for it was separated from Alexander land by that of Ousley. It suggests that James<sup>2</sup> Going was still living with his parents, and probably was the youngest son. It also suggests that the other two brothers, John<sup>2</sup> Going and William<sup>2</sup> Going were not living with their parents at that time.

2. Alexander's reference to "mulatto rascals" raises the question: Was he speaking in anger, or was he actually describing skin color? In December 1996, I received a letter from a long-time correspondent in England, in which the following was stated:

"My mother always said that her family came from the Spanish . . . and, of course, it is more than likely. Certainly their colouring suggests it could be right."

The "mother" referred to was a Goyne of Cornwall, England. This comment brought to mind a record sent to me several years ago by Editorial Boardmember Robert Goyen of Victoria, Australia. This record, dated in 1452, is of the "denization" [naturalization] of John Goyne in Westminster [London]. The record states that John Goyne was from "parts of the Land of Luque." Luque is in southern Spain. There is other evidence that the Goyne name may have had its origins in antiquity on the Iberian peninsula.

John<sup>2</sup> Gowing, William<sup>2</sup> Gowing and James<sup>2</sup> Gowing served in a company of Dragoons in the Stafford County militia in 1701/02, according to "Virginia's Colonial Soldiers" by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. This indicates that they were probably age 18, or older. A search of "Hening's Statutes" did not reveal the minimum age requirement for militia service in those years.

William<sup>2</sup> Going first appeared in the land records of Stafford County September 10, 1713. His land was described as 124 acres on Jonathan's Creek of Occaquan River, adjacent to the road to Dogue Island Neck. This was followed by a grant of 180 acres from the Proprietors February 28, 1719 on the Main Run of Accotink Creek, according to "Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants. 1694-1742." His name appears numerous times in land records of Stafford County. William<sup>2</sup> Going died between November 12, 1725 and March 6, 1726.

On March 8, 1726, Ambrose<sup>3</sup> Gowing leased land to Catherine Gowing, his mother, a widow. William<sup>2</sup> Gowing was identified as the father of Ambrose<sup>3</sup> Gowing by Addie Evans Wynn in "Southern Lineages: Records of Thirteen Families."

On May 21, 1739, Catherine Padderson made her will in Stafford County. She mentioned her sons Alexander<sup>3</sup> Going and John<sup>3</sup> Going; and her daughter Susannah<sup>3</sup> Going. Her will was filed for probate July 23, 1739, according to "Prince William County, Virginia Will Book C. 1734-1744."

On June 9, 1746, John<sup>3</sup> Gowen and Mary Keith Gowen sold their Truro Parish, Fairfax County land located on the north side of Occoquan Run. On July 14, 1746, they sold their Fairfax County land granted by the Proprietor. Mary was the daughter and probably the oldest child of Cornelius Keith and Elizabeth Keith, according to "Southern Lineages."

John<sup>3</sup> Going appeared on the 1748 tithe list of Lunenburg County, Virginia. He was listed with two tithes on the list taken by Lewis Deloney. In 1751, John<sup>3</sup> Goin was shown on page 170 of Field Jefferson's list with one tithe. This was the same precinct originally assigned to Lewis Deloney. On the same page, William<sup>4</sup> Going appeared with one tithe. Probably, this is an indication that William<sup>4</sup> Going had moved from his parents' home and established his own family unit in either 1750 or 1751. Also, this tithe list shows that William<sup>4</sup> Going was at least age 16 in 1748, according to Landon C. Bell in "Sunlight on the Southside." This part of Lunenburg County became Mecklenburg County in 1765.

The parents of Mary Keith Going, Cornelius and Elizabeth Keith, moved from Stafford County to Brunswick County, Virginia between December 24, 1724 [when their son John was born] and November 16, 1728. They settled on Maj. Mumford's land on the Roanoke River near Monisep Ford. On November 16, 1728, Col. William Byrd visited with them on his return trip after surveying the dividing line between Virginia and North Carolina. Byrd gave a most bleak description of their living conditions in his "Histories of the Dividing Line betwixt Virginia and North Carolina." In Byrd's words:

"The poor man had rais'd a kind of a house, but for want of nails it remain'd uncover'd. I gave him a note on Maj. Mumford for nails for that purpose and so made a whole family happy at a very small expense."

At the time of Byrd's visit, Keith had six small children. Keith's fortunes improved, for he applied to operate a ferry over the Roanoke River. On 3 May 1739, he applied for a grant of land as an immigrant from Ireland some 30 years earlier.

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## Granville Goins, Continued

Granville Goins was married about 1831, wife's name Mary "Polly," probably in Graysville, located just across the county line in Rhea County.

Twelve households of the family were enumerated in the 1840 census of Hamilton County: Sanford Gowin, page 150; Thomas Gowin, page 150; George Gowin, page 150; William Gowin, page 150; John Gowin, page 150; Martin Gowin, page 150; G.[ranville] Gowin, page 150; P. Gowin, page 150; John Gowan page 175; Pryor Gowen, page 175, Carter Gowin, page 177 and Preston Gowen, page 178. All except the last four were recorded as "free colored."

Granville Goins was enumerated as the head of a household No. 1339 in the 1850 census of Hamilton County. The family was recorded October 21, 1850 as:

"Goins,	Granvill	40, farmer, born in Tennessee
	Mary	33, born in Tennessee
	Mahaley	18, born in Tennessee
	Rachel	14, born in Tennessee
	Noah	12, born in Tennessee
	Roland	10, born in Tennessee
	Dopson	8, born in Tennessee
	James	6, born in Tennessee
	Nancy	4, born in Tennessee
	William	8/12, born in Tennessee"

Adjoining the household of Granville Goins was that of Nancy Goins. The household, No. 1340, was recorded on Page 925 as: "Goins, Nancy, 45, born in Tennessee; Elizabeth, 29, born in Tennessee and Fannee, 10, born in Tennessee"

"Granville and Polly Goins" were mentioned in an affidavit signed in 1908 by J. P. Talley of Chattanooga, according to **"Cherokee by Blood: Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry in the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1910"** by Jerry Wright Jordon. In the hope of compensation, several Melungeon families claimed Cherokee ancestry. Talley stated:

"I [affirm] that I am 80 years of age and lived in James County, Tennessee [later absorbed]. I knew Polly and Granville Goins. They lived in Hamilton County, but I think they were born in upper Tennessee, probably

Grainger County. Polly and Granville were a little older than myself. They have been dead 12 or 15 years. They were never on any Indian rolls that I know of."

June 18, 1908

J. P. Talley  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

At the same time, W. T. Irvin of Chattanooga, grandson-in-law of Granville Goins, and former husband of Mary Jane Goins Irvin who died in 1897, made an affidavit about the family:

"I affirm that I live in Marion County, Tennessee [adjoining Hamilton County]. I am 49 years of age. I make claim for my children. My first wife has been dead 11 years. She was about 30 or 32 when she died. Her parents were Alfred Goins and Halie Goins. She claims Indian descent on her father's side and her mother's side. Her grandparents on her mother's side were Granville and Polly Goins. On her father's side they were Thomas and Betsy Goins. They come by the same name because they were probably related. She was always recognized as an Indian in the community in which she lived. Her parents and grandparents lived in what is now James County. Her grandparents originated in Grainger County. She claimed to be a full-blood Cherokee. Her grandparents lived in Hamilton County in 1835.

June 18, 1908

W. T. Irvin  
Chattanooga, Tenn."

Granville Goins and Mary "Polly" Goins died about 1914. Children born to them are believed to include:

Mahala "Halie" Goins	born about 1832
Betsy Jane Goins	born about 1834
Rachel Goins	born about 1836
Mary Goins	born about 1837
Noah Goins	born about 1838
Roland Goins	born about 1840
Dodson Goins	born about 1842
Martha Goins	born about 1843
James L. Goins	born about 1844
Nancy Goins	born about 1846
John Goins	born about 1847
William Goins	born about 1849
Francis Marion Goins	born about 1853

Dodson Goins, above, was the subject of an article in the *Newsletter, January 1997*.

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## Going Family Traced from Virginia to Louisiana over 300 Years

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This paper is about a Going family whose first recognizable records appear in that area of Virginia known as the Northern Neck. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Going appears to have been the oldest of this family, and therefore is presumed to be the father. Although an immigrant ancestor on this line has not been identified, a Thomas Going was transported to Maryland in 1671, according to Gust Skordas in the "The Early Settlers of Maryland." In this paper the surname is spelled as it appears in the records. When not following this procedure, the generic spelling "Going" will be used.

The early portion of this paper deals with that area of Virginia lying between the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers, known as the Northern Neck. More specifically, it is limited to those counties that lie along the Potomac River, from Chesapeake Bay northward to the lower falls of the Potomac River.

The Northern Neck of Virginia was originally known by its Indian name of Chickacoan. In 1648 the name was changed to Northumberland County. In 1653 Westmoreland County was formed from Northumberland County. In 1664 Stafford County was formed from Westmoreland County. In 1727 Prince William County was formed from Stafford County. In 1742 Fairfax County was formed from Prince William County.

On May 8, 1669, the Northern Neck of Virginia was granted by King Charles II to a group of four men, including John Lord Berkeley. Subsequently, title passed to Thomas Lord Culpeper. On September 27, 1688, King James II confirmed the patent held by Thomas Lord Culpeper. On Culpeper's death, title passed to his daughter and heir Katherine Culpeper and to Alexander Culpeper. These two proprietors appointed Phillip Ludwell, Esq. to act as proprietor. Ludwell granted the first parcel of land [under his authority] to John Smith August 29, 1690, according to Nell M. Nugent in "Cavaliers and Pioneers," Vol. 1, page 44. Thereafter, Northern Neck patents were recorded and taxed separately from the rest of Virginia.

In 1669, Virginia Governor John Berkeley issued a patent to Robert Howsing, a Welsh sea captain, for 6,000 acres of land. The patent described the location as follows: "Upon the ffreshes of Powtomack River, on the west side thereof, above the divid-ing branches of ye same, beginning at a red oak standing by a small branch or a run of water neare opposite to a small island commonly called and known by the name of My Lord's Island, [also Mason's Island] . . . extending down Potomack River . . . to a creek named Indian Cabin Creeke." [also Hunting Creek.]

In the same year, Howsing transferred this patent to John Alexander, surveyor in Chotank, according to "Virginia Land Patents," Vol. 6, as recorded in Bessie Wilmarth Gahn's "Colonial Days, Rock Creek to the Falls." Northward and westward along the Potomac River from the Alexander tract, the first permanently recorded land grant was given to Thomas Ousley. In 1696, Ousley received a patent for 640 acres on the Potomac River running up to the mouth of Spout Run, according to Charles W. Stetson in "Four Mile Run Land Grants."

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## Walter Wilson Gowin Pioneered As Judge in Texas Panhandle

On a windy day in the spring of 1889, Walter Wilson Gowin, attorney-at-law and dandy-at-large, stepped off the stagecoach onto the dusty ruts of Polk Street, Amarillo, Texas and wondered why.

One year earlier, Col. Charles Goodnight, cattle baron, Indian-fighter and Civil War hero, had stopped in Gowin's law office in Hillsboro, Texas for a cattle contract. Spotting Gowin's Harvard Law School diploma prominently displayed in his office, the Colonel made an instant decision. This 36-year old bachelor lawyer was the man he needed to handle his legal affairs in the Texas Panhandle.

Col. Goodnight was accustomed to giving instructions and having them carried out. He had decisively whipped the Comanches 14 years earlier at the Battle of Adobe Walls and had the reputation of success personified. His cattle that couldn't be counted ranged over acres of grass that couldn't be totaled. He directed his cowboys in preserving a herd of bison from extinction in Palo Duro Canyon. He saw his frontier domain as THE land of opportunity where a man could accomplish whatever he set out to do.

Walter Wilson Gowin was attracted to the Texas Panhandle and to Col. Goodnight, and thus he stood in the new town of Amarillo, population 482, with the sand blowing in his face.

Wilson Walter Gowin seventh child of John M. Gowan and Mariah J. Peacock Gowan, was born in March 1853 in Hinds County, Mississippi. He and some of his siblings changed the spelling of their surname. His daughter, Cornelia Elizabeth Gowin Allison of Amarillo, stated in an interview that he was born on a plantation located between Vicksburg and Jackson. Following the Civil War, his family had removed to central Texas to escape the carpetbaggers.

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As a Norwegian, I am not good in writing English, so sometimes you have to use your imagination with my letters. As you will recall, I last saw my father when I was about five years old as he was leaving Norway to return to the United States. I searched for him for many years without any success and kind of gave up. I contacted the Foundation for assistance, and you found him immediately.

That night I couldn't sleep. I was so excited, and many, many thoughts crossed my mind. Did he want to know me? What kind of man was he? And on and on...

He turned out to be the father I have always dreamed about. Kind, nice, caring, gentle--everything good. We talked on the phone, and we E-mailed every day, sometimes up to seven messages a day!

I had to visit him! He sent the ticket, and off I went. It took me one month after your reply, until I was in the United States. After a few minutes, it was like we had known each other always. This is the very best thing that has happened in my whole life. We spent almost two weeks together before I had to return to my family in Norway.

I am returning to the U.S. at Christmastime, bringing my family. We are all looking forward to that event. Thank you, Gowen Foundation for your help in finding my father. Anne-Linda Gowens, Evje Terrasse 5A, 1300 Sandvika, Norway, [gowens@sn.no](mailto:gowens@sn.no).

==Dear Cousins==

We are finally online after a lengthy wait. Husband Pat had a serious car wreck in March and broke both legs--one severely. He is recuperating nicely, and we decided to bite the bullet and invest in a new computer to access the Foundation Manuscript on the Website. It is better than we ever imagined! Carrie M. McGee, 1303 6th Ave, Jasper, AL, 35501, [mcmcgee@sonet.net](mailto:mcmcgee@sonet.net).

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We have noticed some discussion of the possibility a Melungeon ancestry for Pres. Abraham Lincoln. I am enclosing a family group sheet on my g-g-g-gps Hiram Berry and Mary Amelia Lincoln Berry who were married August 8, 1813 in Lincoln County, NC. She was the daughter of John Lincoln and Elizabeth O'Neal Lincoln was reportedly a second cousin to the President. Would like to hear from those doing parallel research. Dorothy Watts Wheeler, 7810 Mockingbird Lane, San Antonio, TX, 78229, 210/342-6481.

==Dear Cousins==

Searching for parents of siblings Emily Going [bc1818 KY], Andrew Jackson Going [bc1820 KY] and Aaron Going [bc1823 KY]. Emily had two marriages--[1] Aldrich, [2] Balance in Jefferson Co, MS. A. J. was a dentist in Clinton, LA from late 1850s until his death. Aaron had three marriages [1] Maria Gitzendanner, [2] Dozena Prather and [3] Mrs. Clementine Prather Milburn. He was reported in cs1850 Natchez, MS, cs1860, cs1870, cs1880 St. Landry Parish, LA; d1898 in Westlake, LA. Do you know more of these? Inez B. Going, Box 20832, Houston, TX, 77225.

==Dear Cousins==

The Gowen family reunion will be held Saturday, July 5, 1997 at the Dairy Barn in Stratham Hill Park, Stratham, NH, 11 am-4 pm. All Gowen descendants are welcome. Please bring own picnic and lawn chairs for comfort. For details call: Barbara Clements 603/964-8892, [bcllem@juno.com](mailto:bcllem@juno.com) or Margaret Tate, 603/772-3278.

==Dear Cousins==

I am doing a continuing article in the Greenville Chapter, "South Carolina Genealogical Society Journal" entitled, "Original Land Surveys, 1784-1793, Tyger Baptist Church Community." Maj. John "Buck" Gowen and his descendants owned a great deal of the land which I have platted. I think almost everyone living in the area in the Revolutionary days fought with him against the British, the Tories and the Indians. Many took shelter in his fort at Gowensville during the war. GeLee Corley Hendrix, 3 Acorn Ct, Greenville, SC, 29609, [gelee@juno.com](mailto:gelee@juno.com).

==Dear Cousins==

Requesting information on the parents of Louise Gowan, my gggm, bc1812 SC or VA. Married William Roland Altom before 1835 in SC. By 1835 they were in Henry County, TN. Joe Lee, 106 Beech Ct, Weatherford, TX, 76087-9446, 817/598-1595.

==Dear Cousins==

Thanks for requesting a transcript of my speech to the East Tennessee Historical Society on tracking the Melungeons [which was well received.] Generally the Melungeons were on the Pamunkey River in Louisa County, VA in the 1740s. My best witness and source was the interviews done by the journalist with the penname of Will Allen Droomgoole over 100 years ago. They proved that the Melungeons were telling the truth about where they came from.

Her real name was Alice, and she grew up in Rutherford County, TN. She became a journalist, worked in New York, moved back to Tennessee and became the editor of the "Nashville Banner." She was one brave lady. She went over to Melungia as a man. She lived with Calloway Collins for a week. He was the son of Benjamin Collins, Vardy's older brother. I identify the Melungeon teacher she mentions as George Washington Goins who taught at Walnut Grove on the bank of the Clinch River. I regard the school as Walnut Grove because Thurman Hurd who moved in Arkansas in 1880 received a letter from his brother advising that "some lady by the name of Doomfool or something like that had been over there snooping around and asking a lot of questions." Jack H. Goins, 220 Holston View Dr, Rogersville, TN, 37857, [jgoins@usit.net](mailto:jgoins@usit.net).

### Going Family Traced, Continued

On April 7, 1693, "Thomas<sup>1</sup> Goen" first appeared in the records of Westmoreland County, according to John Frederick Dorman in "Westmoreland County, Virginia Order Book 1690-1698," page 34. Subsequently, his name appeared numerous times in the records of that county.

On December 8, 1708, "Thomas<sup>1</sup> Going" received the second grant of land northward and westward of the Alexander tract. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Going of Westmoreland County bought 653 acres on the Potomac River, westerly from the mouth of Spout Run. The warrant was dated June 8, 1707 and was recorded in Grant Book 3, page 204, according to Gertrude Entz Gray in "Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, 1694-1742."

A map drawn after 1735 shows the land on either side of the mouth of Spout Run, formerly owned by Thomas<sup>1</sup> Going and Thomas Ousley, as owned by George Mason. George Mason, in his will of 1784, reveals how he came to own this land:

"I give and devise to my son John Mason and his heirs forever when he arrives at the age of 21 or marries, whichever shall first happen, all my lands adjoining to and near Rock Creek ferry, upon Potomac River; that is to say, the lands contained in Thomas Ousley's, Thomas Gowing's and my father's patents [all repatented in my own name], with the lands I purchased of Ellis and Brodie and of Daniel Jennings, and a small tract of land I took up as vacant land between my other tracts, and in general all my land between Four Mile Run and the Lower Falls of Potomac River in the Parish and County of Fairfax, being about 2,000 acres..."

There were four "Goings" listed in the early records of the Northern Neck who appear to be of the same family. Since Thomas<sup>1</sup> Going was the first of the four to appear in the records of the Northern Neck, it is reasonable to conclude that he was the oldest, and probably the father of the others. Their four names were given in a land deed dated August 3, 1719. Evan Thomas and John Todd, both of Stafford County, bought 1,215 acres in Stafford County on Four Mile Creek adjacent to Robert Alexander. The land was formerly surveyed for Thomas<sup>1</sup> Goins, John<sup>2</sup> Goins, William<sup>2</sup> Goins, and James<sup>2</sup> Goins, according to Grant Book 5, page 212 as recorded in "Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, 1694-1741," page 69.

The 1,215 acres were located on Four Mile Creek, west of the Alexander grant. Likely, it was on the north side of the Creek. The date of the warrant issued to the Going individuals for this land is not known, but probably antedated that for the Spout Run land. [As an item of interest, Washington National Airport is on the north side of the estuary of Four Mile Creek. The estuary was largely filled in order to build the airport runway.]

The date of the death of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Goins death has not been determined. The last direct reference to him in the records is dated December 20, 1716 in Grant Book 5, page 44, seen in "Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, 1694-1742."

(To Be Continued)

### Family Narratives Requested

The Foundation would like to carry in future Newsletters an account of the earliest progenitors in your branch of the family. Please consider yourself "next" for prepare a narrative on your most interesting ancestor. If you need help in organizing your material, the Foundation staff will be glad to assist. Jot down the salient facts, dates and places, and we'll take it from there.

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# Don Lee Gowen Calls for Papers For Salt Lake 1998 Conference

Anticipating the largest gathering of the clan at the Foundation Research Conference & Family Reunion in Salt Lake City, Don Lee Gowen, program chairman is issuing a call for presentations for the 1998 event. Speakers are invited for the three-day program which will be held June 21-22-23 at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square, next door to the LDS Family History Library.

Generally, presentations should be 45 minutes long and deal with family history research methods, experiences, discoveries and successes relating to any of the 54 [so far] spelling variations of the surname. Cultural presentations, audio-visual displays and entertainment items are also welcome. The text, description or an outline of the presentation is sufficient for the program committee's planning. Volunteers willing to work on the program committee are requested to contact the chairman.

Nominations for speakers are welcome from any member who feels that his nominee might hesitate to volunteer for the program. In addition, orientation lectures will be presented by the staffs of LDS Family History Library and the Plaza Hotel. It is planned that honoraria will again be presented to the speakers.

The 1998 Conference is the fifth in a series of get-togethers arranged by the Foundation. The first met in Atlanta in 1990, then Dallas in 1992. The third conference met in Houston in 1994 in tandem with the National Genealogical Society Conference, and the fourth convened in Nashville in 1996 back-to-back with the NGS Conference there.

Program suggestions and presentation transcripts should be sent to Chairman Don Lee Gowen, Editorial Boardmember, 1310 Cantwell Avenue SW, Alabama, 35601, 205/350-7067.

## Wilson Walter Gowin, Continued

On July 29, 1889, he received a quit claim deed to 640 acres of land located four miles east of Amarillo, Texas, from J. W. Davidson, according to Potter County Deed Book 5, page 509. Consideration for the section of land was \$400. Amarillo had been incorporated in 1887, but still did not have a charter, so Gowin was given the job of writing the town's first charter and by-laws. Col. Goodnight suggested to some of his cattleman

friends that the young lawyer would make a good county judge for Potter County, and Gowin won the election in a landslide. At the pinnacle of his success, on January 16, 1900 Wilson Walter Gowin, the confirmed bachelor, was married, at age 46, to Lillie May Klahr, age 22, who was born near Columbus, Ohio May 27, 1878. She became the first bride in Potter County in the 20th century.

Wilson Walter Gowin was enumerated as the head of a household in the 1900 census of Potter County, Enumeration District 80, page 3, Precinct 1:

"Gowan, W. W. 47, born in Mississippi in March 1853  
Lillie M. 22, born in Ohio in May 1878

On April 5, 1901 Wilson Walter Gowin received a warranty deed to five acres of land for \$100, according to Potter County Deed Book 13, page 605. They sold property for \$1,500 the next year. In the 1908 city directory of Amarillo Wilson Walter Gowin was listed as an attorney with "office in the courthouse, residence at 505 Fillmore."

In the city directory of 1909 and 1910 Wilson Walter Gowin was listed as "attorney and notary" with his office in his residence at 505 Fillmore.

Wilson Walter Gowin died January 6, 1911 "of Brights disease," at age 57, according to his death certificate. He was buried in Block 11-6, Llano Cemetery, Hays Avenue and East 27th Street in Amarillo.

Lillie May Klahr Gowin continued to live at 505 Fillmore, according to the Amarillo city directory. In 1921 Lillie Mae Klahr Gowin was listed in the city directory offering "furnished rooms" at 505 Fillmore. She operated a rooming house in her residence at this address which was located across the street from the Potter County Courthouse.

In September 1921, Lillie May Klahr Gowin was remarried to Thomas Jefferson Scott, a traveling salesman. She died July 1, 1957, after 58 years of residence in Amarillo.

Children born to Wilson Walter Gowin and Lillie May Klahr Gowin include:

Wilson Wilks Gowin born November 6, 1900  
Cornelia Elizabeth Gowin born September 4, 1904

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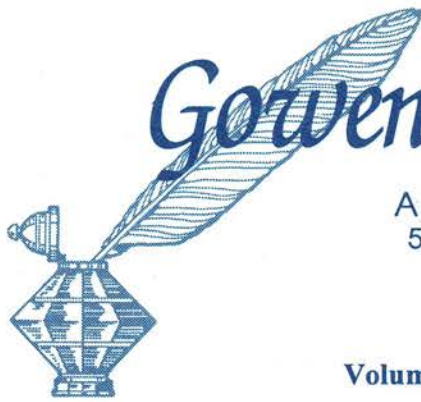
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## Turkish Tour Group Accorded Regal Welcome in Anatolia

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On March 8, 1997, a group of 11 persons led by Dr. N. Brent Kennedy departed Atlanta, Georgia for Turkey. Being one of only two members of the Foundation making this trip [the other being Brent Kennedy], I was "elected" to make this report.

It is just as well, for all who know Brent Kennedy know that he is too modest to tell you that he has become a celebrity in Turkey. He has been on Turkish TV so often on his four visits there, that he is recognized on the streets, and people ask for his autograph. Some small amount of that "fame" rubbed-off on the rest of us in the traveling party, as we noticed people pointing us out on the streets.

In Turkey, the notion that the Melungeons are the descendants of Ottoman Turkish sailors who were taken to America by the Portuguese or Spanish in the 16th century is not a theory, it is an accepted fact. The Turks were absolutely enchanted with the idea that their "long-lost cousins" had returned for a visit to the mother-land after an absence of 500 years. The media could not get enough of it. We had TV coverage, both regional and national, on a daily basis, and press photographers with us frequently. The photos of our arrival in Turkey appeared in at least eight newspapers the day following our arrival.

We arrived in Istanbul on a Sunday morning and were met by a battery of press and TV cameras. A large delegation, led by the Director of Tourism for Istanbul, Yalcin Manav, presented each of us with a bouquet of flowers. Two people raised a banner behind us that read: "Welcome Our Melungeon Cousins," written in both English and Turkish. That picture appeared the next day in color in the principal Istanbul newspaper.

On arrival in Izmir that Sunday afternoon, we were met by an even larger press and TV contingent. The Mayor of Cesme, Nuri Ertan, led a welcoming group from that city. They gave us the traditional Turkish greeting, a kiss on each cheek. They too presented us with flowers. From the Izmir airport we were driven to the five-star Princess Hotel overlooking the beautiful blue Aegean Sea, where we were to stay three nights. The general manager of the hotel sent fresh flowers to our rooms, and Director of Tourism for Istanbul, Yalcin Manav, sent a basket of fruit. He did this at each of our three hotel stops.

On Monday we visited Celcuk, the fifth incarnation of Ephesus, where we toured the Museum of Ephesus. Our tour was conducted by the archaeologist of the museum. While in the museum, our Turkish tour director, our lovable Mehmet Topcak, received a phone call [on his very busy cell-phone] from the mayor of Celcuk who invited us to visit with him in his office.

At the entrance to the municipal building, a young lady poured a lemon-scented refresher into the palms of our hands. Another young lady offered us a foilwrapped chocolate. We would enjoy this ritual at each of our official government stops. The mayor graciously received us in his office and offered us tea or coffee.

The mayor told us of the history of Celcuk and of Ephesus. He expressed his interest in Celcuk becoming a sister-city in the Melungeon region of America. Following our meeting with the mayor of Celcuk, we had lunch at the village of Sirince on a mountain top near Celcuk.

After lunch we visited the last home of the Virgin Mary, located on a mountain overlooking Ephesus. One of the young nuns who guided us was from West Virginia.

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## Ambrose Gowen Sold Cannons To Revolutionary Artillery

Ambrose Gowen, son of William Gowen and Catherine Gowen, was born about 1705 probably in Stafford County, Virginia. It is believed that he was the eldest son since he assumed the operation of the family farmland after the death of his father.

"Ambrose Gowing, Planter," sold to [his mother] "Catherine Gowing" for £20, land granted to "William Gowing, father of Ambrose," November 12 1725. The deed was signed by "Ambrose Goin," according to Stafford County Deed Book 1722-1728, page 354.

"On the 8th, 3rd month, 1726, Catherine Gowen leased to her son, "Ambrose Going of Stafford County, Overwharton Parish, planter, 100 acres on the branch issuing out of Pope's Head Run said branch known as Rattlesnake Branch. It is believed that Catherine Gowen was remarried about 1728, husband's name Padderson [or Patterson]. They appeared in adjoining Prince William County which was created in 1730 from Stafford County. Ambrose Gowen was not mentioned in the will of his mother written in 1739.

"Ambrose Gowan" of Henry County, Virginia sold to the government "four double fortified six-pounders," March 3, 1776. On March 18, 1776 he "furnished wheat to the Hampton troops," according to "Virginia Magazine of History & Biography," Volume 28.

He may have been influenced to removed to Davidson County, North Carolina [later Tennessee] by William Gowen, regarded as his brother who arrived there in the winter of 1779. Ambrose Goins" appeared on a jury panel there April 5, 1786, but apparently did not long remain. His departure was a good decision; William Gowen was killed by Indians in 1790.





The Foundation is incredible! Your mighty works are awe-inspiring. What a blessing to the Gowen family, personal and extended, you are. Thanks for the research that you sent. They are most helpful and keep me from having to re-invent the wheel. I'll keep you informed on what I turn up that will be of interest to Foundation researchers. **William Slater Hollis, Brig-Gen, U. S. Army [Ret.], Box 511087, Melbourne Beach, FL, 32950.**

==Dear Cousins==

I always read the Newsletter from cover to cover, and I am always amazed at how interesting you make these families that frequently have no connection to ours. You do have a way with words. Enclosed is my 1997 membership renewal and an order for the Nashville Research Conference tapes. **Della J. Ford Nash, 2515 N.W. 26th St, Oklahoma City, OK, 73017.**

==Dear Cousins==

I just returned from New Braunfels, TX where my Dad, Capt. George Anthony Gowen, Jr, USN [Ret.] [Newsletter, October 1991] died at the age of 79. He was a Destroyer skipper during WWII and had over 30 years of service that stretched through the Korean War and into Viet Nam. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal. Thanks for being a good friend with my Dad. So, he has "taken in all lines" for the last time and is now in a better place. **Charles T. Gowen, 524 Prince of Wales, Virginia Beach, VA, 23452-5722, LPB795B@prodigy.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

Seeking ancestry of Jonathan Henry Gowen, b1822 Patrick Co, VA; m1846 Surry County, NC Hannah J. Beasley; d1905 Adair Co, KY. Can anyone confirm that he was the son of John Goin, Jr, the grandson of John Goin, Sr. and the g-grandson of Shadrack Goin? **Jean Grider, 1734 Salem Church Rd, Cave City, KY, 42127, 502/773-4480.**

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### Turkish Tour, Continued

I was surprised to learn that both Christians and Muslims pray at this shrine. We drove down the mountain to Ephesus where the archaeologist of Ephesus was awaiting us. We had a private tour of that magnificent ancient city, completing it after sunset.

On Tuesday we visited Cesme, sister city of Wise, Virginia, and home-port for much of the Ottoman navy of the 16th century. We were met at the otoban (interstate) exit for Cesme by Mayor Ertan and a delegation of citizens. A Cesme police car led us into the city. The governor of Cesme joined us in the mayor's office. Mayor Ertan placed medals around our necks, and presented us with other gifts. All of the ceremonies in Cesme, day and night, were covered by both Aegean TV from Izmir, and Turkish Radio and Television, the national network.

From the mayor's office, we walked to a school for ladies who were learning needle-craft. They presented us with knitted ski-caps and scarves with the names "CesmeWise" woven into the caps. Following that, we drove to the top of Melungeon Mountain overlooking modern Cesme. The ruins of ancient Cesme are located there. Each of us planted a tree in Melungeon Forest located near the ruins, and afterward tied a ribbon with a brass plaque attached around the tree. The plaques were engraved with our names and the date "March 11, 1997." The plaques will be permanently affixed to the trees when they have grown to maturity. There is a sign in Melungeon Forest that read essentially as follows: "This forest is dedicated to the memory of the men of Cesme who were taken to America in the 16th century by the Portuguese and became the Melungeons."

We visited two schools in Cesme, one elementary [the first five years], and the other secondary [the next seven years]. The small children lined up, shook our hand, kissed the back of our hand, then placed the kissed spot to their forehead as a sign of respect. All secondary school students in Turkey study English.

==Dear Cousins==

I am one of the many descendants of George Warren Going and Maria Josephine Cass Going who were married in Orleans County, VT about 1855. He was born December 25, 1831 in Westfield, VT. Children born to them were: Alfredah Eldoras, my ggf, Gertrude Elizabeth, Amy Augusta, Clara Jenette, Jehiel Cass, Albert George, Edward Alonzo, Millard Merton and Edith Adelda. I would like to hear from any researcher who has information on the ancestry and siblings of George Warren Going and Maria Josephine Cass Going. **Martha Miller Byrnes, Fairfield, CT, 06432, HomeByrnes@aol.comm.**

==Dear Cousins==

In Caswell and Person Counties, NC there was a block of Going men in the 1780s & 1790s: Goodrich Going m1791 Betsy Matthews; Allen Going m1795 Rebecca Goins; Jesse Going m1784 Seeley Bairding; John m1795 Betsey Hickman; Sherwood Going m1st1783 Ruth Bennett & m2nd1804 Betsey Coventon; Isham Going m1792 Fanny Going; Edmond Going, Edward Going, etc. Is anyone working on the descendants of Allen Going, Goodrich Going or Edward Going? Does anyone know how these folks relate to the older Granville County, NC branch of the family?

There was a large Goins settlement in Rockingham and Surry Counties, NC and Patrick County, VA. Is a researcher working on this branch. There seems to be a definite connection between these folks and the Caswell/Person block in Burbage/Beveridge Going. On the other hand, at least some of these folks appear to have been in the area as early as 1760 when it was still part of Halifax County. I am tracing several related lines [Gibson, Bass, etc.], and, of course, they are all a tangle. I would like to hear from researchers who have any knowledge of any of the above. **G. C. Waldrep III, PhD, Duke U, 162 Old Satterfield Rd, Milton, NC, 27305.**

### Turkish Tour, Continued

We were deluged with requests for our names and addresses; the students saying they would write to us. The governor of Cesme went to his home during our visit, and obtained a photo of his young daughter. He gave it to Betty, along with his daughter's name and address, with the request that our granddaughter in Shreveport correspond with his daughter.

While visiting a building under construction on the outskirts of Cesme, that is designated to become the Melungeon Academy for Sea Captains, we heard a call from across the street. A man shouted "Brent." Brent Kennedy and an elderly Turkish man met in the middle of the street and embraced. They had met the year before. The man invited us to come to his home. So, all of us, the mayor of Cesme, leading citizens of the area, and the national TV crew walked down a narrow street to the man's small home. It was quite a surprise for the family and the neighbors.

That evening we had dinner at the home of Mayor Ertan. the food being prepared by Mrs. Ertan. She is a practicing attorney, and a very good cook. Turkey's "Diane Sawyer" interviewed several of our group for national TV. When she got to Mayor Ertan, he talked for about 20-minutes, pointing his finger at the camera. I asked an interpreter seated next to me: "What's going on?" He replied that the mayor was lecturing the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, and the Turkish Ambassador in Washington. He was telling them to learn something about the Melungeons and to get involved in our research. He was telling the Prime Minister to open the Turkish archives, and to appoint people to assist in our research. It was a very startling performance.

On Wednesday, we traveled in our bus to the city of Bursa, about a five hour drive from Izmir. On arrival in Bursa, we immediately went to a delightful restaurant near the Green Mosque for a late lunch. We were joined by several people of Bursa, including our tour-guide for the day, a retired teacher.

Bursa is an ancient city located on the slope of Mt. Olympus. It is the center of the silk industry due to its cool climate. Bursa was the original seat of the Ottomans before their conquest of Turkey. The Ottomans later established Istanbul as their capitol. We visited the boys' school for those being trained for the Muslim clergy. While there, we were treated to a performance by a Janissary Band, composed of teen-aged boys with adult leaders. The mayor of Bursa presented Brent Kennedy with a Koran and a silk Turkish flag. Again, national TV covered the event.

On Thursday, we drove to Istanbul, taking a shortcut across the Sea of Marmara by car-ferry. We voted to skip lunch, and go directly to the covered bazaar before going to our hotel. Soon after our arrival at the bazaar, Brent was surrounded by a group of young people asking for his autograph. We were eventually allowed to make our way through the crowd to do some shopping.

That night, Yalcin Manav, hosted a dinner for our group. It was at the most popular restaurant in Istanbul--the Orient House--and included a beautiful floor show. Betty and I were surprised when the master-of-ceremonies announced our 50th wedding anniversary. As we stood to acknowledge the applause, Yalcin Manav poured a bowl of flower petals over our heads. I can't imagine who would leak that sort of information!

Friday and Saturday were packed with sightseeing of most of the great sights of Istanbul. On Friday we had lunch at Topkapi Palace, the original Ottoman palace. On Saturday we lunched at a restaurant on the grounds of the Mosque of Suleiman the Magnificent. We saw the priceless treasures of Turkey, including the second largest diamond in the world. We saw many magnificent treasures of the Ottoman Sultans, and the holy relics of Islam.

The grand reception hall in Dolmabahce Palace, the last home of the Ottoman Sultans, contains a crystal chandelier weighing four and a half tons. That great hall must be the most magnificent room on earth.

On Friday night we dined at a restaurant on the European side of the Bosphorus near the Black Sea. It featured contemporary Turkish music. We again enjoyed that exquisite Turkish cuisine, served in many courses. As it turned out, contemporary Turkish music is great to dance to, even by the "elderly." We arrived back at our hotel close to 2 am. On Saturday night, our last night in Turkey, we were hosted to a dinner at our hotel by the Director of Tourism, Yalcin Manav.

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# Census of 1830 Records 331 FPC In Hawkins County, Tennessee

Compiled by Phillip Edwin Roberts

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Hawkins County, Tennessee was a center of Melungeon settlement in the early days of Tennessee. When Hancock County was formed with land from Hawkins County and Claiborne County, a great number of Melungeon families wound up in the new county.

Most of the individual enumeration sheets of the census of 1820 of the state of Tennessee were destroyed by fire in Washington, D. C. Fragments of the census for only ten counties and recaps of others escaped the fire. No enumeration sheets were available for Hawkins County. Recap sheets showed 310 "free persons of color" in the 1820 census.

It is obvious that the census enumerator in 1830 had difficulty in deciding whether to list the seven Goen and Goin families as "white" or "free colored people." In the summary sheet, 37 families composed of 331 people were recorded as "free colored" in 1830 in Hawkins County.

Following is a list of heads of households of "Free Colored Persons," regarded by some researchers as Melungeons, found in the 1830 census of Hawkins County:

Charles Beare	John Collins	John Goen
Dacey Bowling	James Collins	Betsy Goen
Michael Bowling	Charles Gibson	Harden Goen
Burton Cold (Cole?)	Esau Gibson	Edmond Goodman
Wiatt Collins	Cherod Gibson	Jordan Goodman
Andrew Collins	Joseph F. Gibson	Thomas Hale
Martin Collins	Andrew Gibson	Betsy Jones
Simeon Collins	Sheppard Gibson	John Minor
Vardy Collins	Jordan Gibson	Zacharia Minor
Mary Collins	Polly Gibson	Samuel Mullens
Levi Collins	Jonathon Gibson	James Moore
Benjamin Collins	Jesse Gibson	Henry Mosely
Edmund Collins	Fountain Goen	William Nichols
Millenton Collins	George Goen	

Enumerators had the same problem in adjoining Grainger and Claiborne counties. White and "free colored" were listed in consecutive entries which perhaps indicated adjacent locations.

## Turkish Tour, Continued

The wives and teen-aged children of our several hosts attended, as did the TV crew from Turkish Radio and Television that had been with us all week. We were again presented with gifts, some quite valuable. Brent Kennedy presented Betty and me with a copy of the 1997 edition of his book, **"The Melungeons, The Resurrection of a Proud People,"** thoughtfully inscribed. The last sentence of his inscription reads: "Given in Istanbul, Turkey on the evening of your departure. Love, Brent K." I had placed the book on the dinner table before me, when the TV director picked it up, and leaning it against a water pitcher, he instructed the TV cameraman to photograph it. The director then opened the book to Brent's inscription, and holding it open at that page, he instructed the cameraman to record the inscription. Betty and I felt the symbolism of this act: for by showing Brent's book, and his inscription addressed to us, on Turkish national TV, we were saying farewell to our Turkish friends, but we were also saying that we would return at another time.

The Turks are a magnificent, warm and friendly people, who we shall never forget. All of us on this trip are proud to be considered their "long-lost cousins."

Some disabling statutes were installed in 1831, 1832 and 1834 in the Tennessee constitution to prevent free negroes from certain rights enjoyed by the white citizens.

The "mulatto and negro" charge had serious implications. The Territory Act of 1794 and the Tennessee Constitution of 1796 declared, "all negroes, mulattos and Indians and persons of mixed blood, descended from negro or Indian ancestors to the third generation inclusive, though one ancestor of each generation may have been a white person, whether bond or free, should be held deemed to be incapable in law to be a witness in any case whatsoever, except against each other." The Act also forbade such persons from obtaining marriage licenses, voting, owning land, paying taxes, making wills, owning slaves or holding office. Their civil rights were denied.

Even in Revolutionary days and in the War of 1812, negroes and mulattos could not serve as soldiers. A few were utilized in non-combatant roles as cooks and teamsters. However, when a good soldier volunteered, regardless of color, he served at the option of his commanding officer.

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## Edward Gowen Fought at Guilford Courthouse and Yorktown

Edward Gowen, described variously as a free Negro, a Mulatto and a Melungeon, served three [possibly four] hitches with North Carolina Revolutionary troops. He participated in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse fought March 15, 1781 between the armies of Gen. Charles Lord Cornwallis and Gen. Nathanael Greene.

The bloody battle raged all day in cornfields north of present-day Greensboro, North Carolina where the combatants fought to a draw. New Garden Monthly Meeting, a Quaker church stood near the battlefield, and as soon as the firing ceased, was converted into a hospital. Churchmembers went into the scene of carnage and brought the wounded, both British and American, to the church and began to bind up their wounds.

Both armies withdrew, but were destined to meet each other again within six months in the decisive Battle of Yorktown where Cornwallis tendered his sword to Gen. George Washington in October 1781. The war was officially over, but Edward Gowen was kept in the Continental Line for at least another year. Despite all the hazards he encountered during his lifetime, he lived to the age of 92.

Edward Gowen, son of Edward Gowen, was born about 1744, probably in Brunswick County, Virginia. He was taxable as a "black poll" in his father's household in Granville County in the 1755 list of Robert Harris. His father, "Edward Gowing" was "sworn chain carrier" on a patent survey done for William Kinchen September 25, 1755, according to Granville County Surveyor's Book 11, page 426.

"Edward Gowan" [Sr.] was sued by Robert Parker June 7, 1757, according to Granville County Court minutes. "Edward Gowin, Sr, mulatto, Edward Gowin, Jr. and Reps [Reeps?] Gowin" were recorded in the 1762 tax list of St. John's Parish, Granville County.

He appeared in his own household in 1767 as "one black poll" in the tax list of John Pope. Edward Gowen, "one black poll" appeared in the 1769 tax list of Granville County. "Edward Gowin was listed in the 1771 tax list of Granville County, and "Edward Going" appeared in the 1771 tax list of Bute County, having moved there during the year. His household included two members. "Thomas Gowin" was listed as a purchaser at the estate sale of James McGehee November 23, 1774, according to Granville County Deed Book 1, page 49.

"Edward Going" enlisted in the North Carolina forces in Bute County in 1778. He was listed in **"Balloted Men & Volunteers from Bute County to serve 9 months as Continental soldiers, beginning March 1, 1779,"** page 2. Bute County was

organized in 1765 and abolished in 1779, and its land used to create Franklin and Warren Counties.

Edward Going appeared in **"Continental Soldiers from Bute County, North Carolina, 1779"** by Ransom McBride which was published in **"North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal,"** Vol. 15, May 1989. The entry read: "Edward Going, Prvt; Place of Abode, Bute; Where Born; Virga [Virginia?]; Hgt: 5'7"; Age: 35; Hair: Black; Eyes: Black."

On August 3, 1779 "Edward Gains" received 75 acres on South Hyco Creek in nearby Caswell County. He was taxed there in 1784 on "1 black poll and 100 acres on Hyco Creek in St. Lukes District." "Edward Goine & wife, blacks" were listed about 1785 in Caswell County.

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## Jacob Going Family Members Named Beneficiaries in Will

The will of Moses Bass of Georgetown District dated February 28, 1777 reveals a relationship with the family of Jacob Going, according to **"South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1783-1788,"** Books I-5 through Z-5, abstracted by Brent H. Holcomb.

"S-5, 283-284: Abstract of will of Moses Bass of Prince Georges Parish, George Town District, Province of South Carolina,

Being indisposed in Body . . .

. . . to Mourning Going, daughter of Jacob Going, one cow marked with a cross & over bit & under bit in one ear and cross & whole under nick in the other ear;

. . . to Sarah Going, daughter of Jacob Going, one cow marked in the above mentioned mark;

. . . to Elizabeth Going, daughter of Jacob Going, one cow marked with a cross & under bit & over bit in each ear and branded 'ME';

. . . to Anne Going, daughter of Jacob Going, one heifer marked with a cross and under bit & over bit in each ear branded 'ME';

. . . to Cynthia Going, daughter of Jacob Going, one heifer yearling marked with a cross & over bit & under bit in each ear & branded 'ME';

. . . to my beloved cousin Jeremiah Bass, tract of 100 acres granted to John Smith, and one negro named Peter, one negro woman named Fann, one negro boy named Jack with their increase;

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As you know, I have been searching for my father in America for several years now without any luck. Thanks to your help, we found him immediately. I have been E-mailing three or four messages per day to my new-found father, and I am receiving just as many back from him. I am absolutely positive that he is my father; he knows things that he could not possibly know otherwise. The best of all is that he is just like the father of my dreams. He is extremely happy about my making contact with him, and we are going soon to visit each other.

This is a typical "Hollywood ending" that you see in the movies or read in a magazine. I am so truly, truly grateful for the help from you. I really do not know to express the gratitude for what you have given me. My life completely changed last week; I now have a father, thanks to you. It would have been impossible for us to have been reunited without your help. I am sending an application for a Contributing Membership in the Foundation. You have changed my life! **Anne-Linda GOWENS, Evje Terrasse 5A, 1300 Sandvika, Norway, +47-67567935, gowens@sn.no**

==Dear Cousins==

I am researching the family of Moses P. Gowen and his wife Laurilla [Orilla?] of Lebanon, ME. He was born there in 1814, and she was born in Bradford, ME [then called Blakesburgh] in 1818. In the 1900 census of York County, ME, Moses P. Gowen was living in the home of his daughter, Ester P. Gowen Hall. Children born to Moses & Laurilla include: Sylvia Gowen bc1817, Synthia Gowen, bc1839, Draxey C. Gowen b1842, Sarah Gowen bc1843, Dorcas Gowen bc1845, Ester Gowen bc1847 and Moses M. Gowen b1849. Elijah S. Smith and Draxey C. Gowen, my g-g-gps, were married in 1866 in Charleston, ME. I would be glad to share information with any Gowen researcher. **Debbie Krupke, 6 Strawberry Hill St, Bar Harbor, ME, 04609, krupke@arcadia.net**

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I need some help with my ancestors. My ggpf John Goins and wife Louisa had a son, Alfred Goins who was married to Arminda "Mindy" Dodson. Their son, my grandfather, Henry Clay Goins was born in 1877 and was married to a cousin, Nezzie Goins, born in 1882. They were enumerated in the 1870, 1880 and 1900 census of Bledsoe County, TN.

All of my family have olive or coppertone skin and black hair, attributed legendarily to an Indian ancestor. Now I wonder if there was an element of Black or Melungeon blood in the mix. Ideas, anyone? Whatever my ancestors were, I am proud of them for they had a hard time, and I want to know. **Patsy I. Goins Delehanty, 650 Koch Ave, Vandalia, OH, 45397.**

==Dear Cousins==

I am getting back into the Gowen family genealogy and have been updating my material. I have completed considerable family history on approximately 300 Gowen families and feel that it should be shared with those who are interested. I am interested in re-affiliating with the Foundation. **Yvonne M. Gowen, 15015-91 "A" Ave, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, V3R 1B8.**

==Dear Cousins==

We still talk about the great time in Nashville with all the cousins, and we are looking forward to doing it again in Salt Lake City in 1988. Enclosed is my 1997 renewal and an order for a set of the Conference tapes. I have seen the Foundation Webpage on the Internet, and it is amazing what has been accomplished by some many cousins working together. I never knew there were that many Goins in all the world! **Jon Lee Goins, 9404 Hunters Trace, Austin, TX, 78758.**

==Dear Cousins==

What a delight to meet and talk to you, albeit limited to the telephone! I am enclosing a copy of my Gowen/Going-Hollis file which may be useful to you. The trek of the Gowen-Hollis families from Fairfax and Prince Edward Counties, VA, thru Orange and Anson Counties, NC and into Fairfield, Kershaw, Richland and Union Counties, SC is fascinating as they moved along together. Can you tell me why Alexander Gowen and Moses Hollis were in conflict while in Fairfax County. I have already retained a genealogical researcher in Caswell County and am retaining one for Anson County to make further inquiry into our families' connections. I want to know more about my believed-to-be Gowen ancestors and would like to hear from Foundation members who might help. **William Slater Hollis, Brig.-Gen, U. S. Army [Ret.], Box 511087, Melbourne Beach, FL, 32950.**

==Dear Cousins==

I need to find the parents of James Alexander Gowin and Rebecca Adams Gowin. Nathaniel Gowin was born to them July 28, 1794. He was married to Sabra Midgett in Roane County, TN July 20, 1813. Their son, Minor Steel Gowin who was born October 1, 1823 is my g-gf. Can you help? **Marian V. Davison, Route 1, Box 3120, Ft. Gibson, OK, 74434.**

==Dear Cousins==

I did not fall off the face of the earth, but I have been in England now for five months. My wife and family are still in Florida, and Nancy has been forwarding my Newsletters. Enclosed is my 1997 renewal and new address. I am trying to put together an article for the Newsletter about my ancestor Jonathan Henry Gowen of Patrick County, VA and Adair County, Kentucky. As I get closer to retirement from the Air Force, I hope to have more time for research. **Col. Sam Kretzschmar, PSC 41, Box 3398, APO AE 09464-3398**

==Dear Cousins==

A friend of mine was surfing the Internet and found you for me. My membership is enclosed. I am a Going by birth and have been trying to discover my roots in New England. My g-gf Wilder Horace Going was in Sutton, MA during the 1850s. I have been stymied for months. Help, please. **Mary Going Seabolt, 8048 Wofford Rd, Rudy, AR, 72952.**

### Edward Gowen, Continued

"Edward Going" was listed in the North Carolina state census of 1786, page 56:

"Going, Edward	white male	21-60
	white female	
	white male	21-60
	white female	
	white female	

In 1786, Edward Goins and John Goin were included in a list of "insolvents" in Ft. Creek District of Granville County.

Edward Gowen was listed in the Granville County Will Book 2, page 79, October 15, 1788, as "Edward Goen" when he conveyed to his nephew, Thomas Gowen, "for £25 all my right in the estate of Elizabeth Bass, deceased." John Simmons, Allen Hudson and Henry Meghee witnessed the deed, according to "Abstracts of Early Deeds of Granville County, 1746-1765."

### Jacob Going Family, Continued

"... my wife Elizabeth Bass to have the use of said plantation & tract of land granted to John Smith her lifetime and the use of negroes Peter, Fann & Jack & their increase her life time;

... to my beloved cousin Wright Bass, the plantation, mill, & tract of land containing 444 acres that I now live on, one negro woman Jane, my wife Elizabeth Bass to have the use of the plantation, mill & Tract of land and negro woman during her lifetime;

... to Henry Harison, son of James Harison, one negro woman Cate & increase, my wife to have the use of the negro woman during her lifetime;

... to Joseph Going Junr, one negro girl named Judah & increase, my wife to have the use of her during her life time;

... to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bass, one negro man named Jack; one woman named Florah, one woman named Nan, one boy named Isum, one boy named Roger, and my cattle, about 110 head, branded 'ME', all my stock of horses & mares, all my household furniture & plantation tools, 26 head of sheep, and my hogs, also negro girl Violet;

... to Jacob Going. a plantation of 50 acres granted to John Crawford;

I appoint my wife Elizabeth Bass and my friends Luke Whitefield and James Harison, executors.

Dated 28 February 1777. Moses Bass (M) (LS)

Wit: Malachi Murfee, Jeremiah [x] Bass, Right Bass.

A true copy taken from the original and examined by Hugh Horry, Ordinary G. Town District.

Whereas I, the within named Right Bass, am the eldest son of Edward Bass, deceased, who was the eldest brother of the within named Testator, Moses Bass, which said Moses Bass departed this life without issue, whereby I, said Right Bass became his heir at law, and I am willing that all the several devises & bequests in the said will should have effect, for the memory of my deceased uncle Moses Bass and for the several devisees in the within will, and five shillings, I confirm all the devises, legacies and bequests.

9 Nov 1785 Right Bass (LS)

Wit: Chas. Cotesworth Pinckney, Wm. Smith.  
Proved in Charleston District by the oath of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney 28 June 1786 before D'l. Mazyck, J.P."

Person County, North Carolina was organized from Caswell County in 1791, and Edward Gowen found himself in the new county. Edward Gowen joined his brother Jenkins Gowen in selling their claims for Revolutionary pay to John Hall of Hyco, North Carolina in Caswell County April 27, 1791.

"Edward Gowing" reappeared in the records of Caswell County, North Carolina in 1791 and in the records of Orange County, North Carolina, its parent county, in 1792. These two counties were located a short distance west of Bute County.

"Edward [X] Goen" signed an affidavit there April 27, 1791, according to "Revolutionary War Service Records and Set (Continued on Page 4)

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# Spanish Jews Expelled in 1492 Emigrated to Four Continents

Sephardic refers to more than just Spanish Jews. Migration from Spain to other countries has produced distant cousins of Turkish and North African citizenship, according to Dr. Carlos Hidalgo at the 15th annual Texas Hispanic Genealogy and History Conference.

As a result of the 1492 Expulsion, over 170,000 Spanish Jews emigrated to other lands such as Portugal, Germany, Holland, Italy, France, England, North Africa and the New World. Turkey received about 90,000 and Morocco about 20,000.

The Sephardic House, Institute for Sephardic Culture in New York, includes citizens as Sephardics from Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Calcutta, Yemen and Turkey and Morocco.

Dr. Hidalgo stated that the term *marranos* was believed to be a corruption of the Hebrew word *maranatha* meaning "anathema over you," i.e. a person accursed or more precisely a formal condemnation excommunicating those conversos from the Jewish faith. --From "*Somos Primos*," publication of the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research, Box 5294, Fullerton, CA 92635.

Capt. Robert Temples, perhaps a company commander, certified before Samuel High, J.P. in Wake County, North Carolina July 20, 1792 "that Edward Going served as a soldier in the nine months service of North Carolina."

"Edward Goins" was taxed on "1 black poll and 245 acres in Person County in 1793. "Ed. Goins" paid tax on "two white polls" and 246 acres of land according to the 1794 tax list of Person County. "Edward Goins" was a taxpayer in 1795 in Person County. He was enumerated as the head of a household of "6 other free" in the census of 1800.

Two free colored families, one headed by "Edward Goins", page 2 and another headed by "Edward Goins", page 23, appeared in the 1820 census of Moore County, North Carolina.

Edward Going was receiving a yearly pension of \$120 on May 4, 1831. This Revolutionary pensioner, a veteran of the "Fifth Regiment under Col. William Eaton of Granville County," was still drawing compensation in 1835, at the age of 92, according to "**Report on Pensioners, 1835.**"

"Edward Goen/Going/Gowing" of Orange and Caswell Counties appeared several times in "**Comptrollers Papers, Revolutionary War, Final Settlements**" deposited in Box 15 D-G, North Carolina Archives, Raleigh. The entries are dated in the 1770s, 1780s and 1790s. Orange County was formed from Granville County in 1752, and Caswell County was formed from Orange County in 1777.

The wife of Edward Going, name unknown, received Widow's Pension W-6899 after his death. In her application she stated that Edward Going entered the service at Warren Courthouse, North Carolina "as a captain." He joined the Fifth North Carolina Regiment at Halifax, North Carolina. He later enlisted at Lewisburg, North Carolina and fought at Guilford Courthouse under Gen. Nathanael Greene. She mentioned that "his messmates were Ozzy Ball, Drew Jones and William Smith." She spoke of residence in Franklin County and in Granville County.

Children born to Edward Gowen include:

Edward Gowen  
William Goins

born about 1761  
born about 1765

## Edward Gowen, Continued

tlements" abstracted by Ransom McBride and published in "North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal," Vol. 9, November 1983. He stated that he and "Jenkins Goen" sold their "claims against the United States to John Hall of Caswell County [Hico] and empowered said John Hall to draw such claims from the Treasurer." The affidavit was witnessed by Catherine Brown and Rebeckah Blake.

"Prvt. Edward Going," was serving in Col. William Eaton's Fifth North Carolina Regiment of the Continental Line on May 1, 1792. "Edward [X] Goen of Orange County, North Carolina" executed a power of attorney in the favor of Hall June 7, 1792. The document read, "I, Edward Goen, late a soldier of the Continental Line of North Carolina appoint John Hall of same county and state, attorney, to settle the claims arising from said Goen's service as a Private in the Fifth Regiment of New Levies under the command of Gen. Thomas Sumpter in 1778 and 1779."

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## Evidence Links Redbones and Baton Rouge to Melungeons

By Evelyn McKinley Orr

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The fraternity of Melungeon-origin researchers is growing daily. They are, for the most part, interested in learning more about the isolated groups of people that were found living in America who did not share the physical appearance of the average European Anglo, Native American or Negro. Instead they seemed to carry a dominant gene of a dark-skinned fine-featured "mystery race," [an early term commonly used to describe them] different, but similar, to some families or groups who indeed were likely some form of a mix of the above. Today many descendants could carry all four or some mixture of them.

It seemed logical for early ethnologists to lump them all as an Indian, white and Negro mix. After all, it was believed that there were no other nationalities living in America during these early years. Soon America would become a nation obsessed with separating the "dark skins" from the white. If peoples with early Mediterranean, Middle East, and Southern Europeans heritages did come to America, their heritages would be lost. But, as Nancy Hopkins Kennedy, the mother of Dr. Brent Kennedy put it, "It is like trying to answer their cries from the grave."

When the Foundation started collecting Melungeonana, most of the written material received was about the Appalachian Melungeons. Similar mystery traits would surface in some other mixed blood groups and other races. Many of those writing about their nationalities felt they were not connected to any of the others. Yet, Melungeon family researchers are discovering they have ancestors among more than one of the mystery groups.

Since joining with Dr. Kennedy's study, we have also learned that the term Melungeon may have originated with these early peoples, and was not given to just the Appalachian group as previously thought. Mixed-blood groups or individual families other than the Appalachian Melungeons would now also be part of the original Melungeon heritage. How this scenario could have happened is described more in detail in the book, "The Melungeons, Resurrection of a Proud People," by Dr. Kennedy.

One of the Melungeon type groups I recently wrote about are the Redbones of Louisiana. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Charles James McDonald Furman, a neighbor of the Privateer Township, Sumter County, South Carolina Redbones, became intrigued with what he felt was their unusual heritage. He wrote several newspaper articles about them. He wrote, "The term 'free Negro' was given to them, but in reality they are a distinct

race from the people who used to be known as 'free Negro.'" He found them a "peculiar" mixed-blood race with no history of slavery. Common surnames at that time in Sumter County were: Gibbes, Goins, Smiling, and Chavis. Other Redbones were living in central and eastern South Carolina counties. He, and other mixed-blood researchers documented that some Redbones from South Carolina moved to Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana many years earlier.

In general, the South Carolina group would remain a separate group from either the Sumter County Turks or their neighboring North Carolina Lumbees. Careful researchers will soon discover that they all shared the mystery features to some degree. Furman indicated that the Privateer Township Redbone families originated with Thomas Gibbes, a Revolutionary soldier.

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## Elijah Gowin and Joseph Goings Pioneered in Hawkins County

### Part 2:

By Twanda E. Buckreis\* and Johnnie Rhea\*\*

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Elijah Gowin, regarded as a son of Joseph Goings and Millie Loving Goings, was born about 1797 in Virginia. He was married about 1813, wife's name Sarah. Elijah Gowin, "white male, 40-50" [page 232] and "Joseph Gowin, white male 70-80" [page 234] appeared as heads of households in the 1840 census of Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Both were enumerated in the 1850 census of adjoining Hancock County, "in the 33rd sub-division, east side, along with "Alexandria Gowins," and "John Goins," sons of Elijah Gowin "Elijah Gowins" was a 53-year-old chairmaker, and "Joseph Goings" was an 84-year-old cooper.

The January issue dealt with Alexander Gowin and Ethel "Ethie" Collins Gowin. Children born to them include:

John Goins  
Alfred Goins

born about 1832  
born in November 1833

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John Goins, son of Alexander Gowin and Ethel Collins Gowin, was born in Tennessee about 1832. He was enumerated as a 17-year old farmer in the 1850 census of Hancock County. He was married about 1855 to Synda Sexton who was born about 1839 to Solomon Sexton and Lucinda Maxey Sexton. John Goins served in the First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, U.S.A. during the Civil War. John Goins and Synda Sexton Goins were buried in Goins Cemetery on Newmans Ridge.

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Wow, I have just received the two research packets you sent on my York County, Maine Gowen family, and I am impressed! However much fun we amateur genealogists have doing whatever it is we do, it is always a delight to find someone who has done a lot of your work for you. My Contributing Membership is enclosed. I am looking forward to learning more about the remarkable Manuscript and look forward to being a member of the Foundation. **Victor G. Jackson, 7728 W. 85th St, Playa del Rey, CA, 90293.**

==Dear Cousins==

Thanks so much for the Newsletter file. I mention the Foundation frequently in my Kinsearching column. There seems to be several Melungeon/Redbone families living in our county. I study the Newsletters because I gain more information from them than I do from the resources at our library. It is obvious that the Foundation is really digging and researching the mystery of the Melungeons. I cannot use the computer or the Internet because of serious eye surgery, but I can read the Newsletters--every word! **Johnnie Blair Dean, 12801 Roydon Dr, #819, Houston, TX, 77034.**

==Dear Cousins==

I am seeking information on Lawson Gowins and Ruthey Harper Gowins, my g-grandparents, who were married May 16, 1865 and lived in southern Illinois. He was born in Tennessee about 1840 of parents who were also Tennesseans. In early enumerations he was listed as "black" or "Indian," but later he appeared as "white." Illinois records also show the surname spelled as "Goins," "Goin," Gowin and Gowan. There was a village named Gowanville, Illinois in the early 1900s, and there is a Gowins Cemetery located in Pope County, Illinois. I would be glad to share my information with any researcher. Can the Foundation assist me? **Connie Gowins Kommer, 105 S. 10th St, Altamont, IL, 62411, 618/483-5687.**

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We are searching for information on Lewis Goings, b1823, Giles Co, VA, d1890, m1846 in Delaware Co, IN to Mary Elizabeth Ketterman. Their daughter, our gggm, Mary Anne was married in Delaware Co, IN to Thomas Garner in Blackhawk Co, IA "at the home of her parents." Any data on this family will be much appreciated. **Sharla G. Bertram and Jerry C. Bertram [siblings], 3806 Manchester NW, Albuquerque, NM, 87107, sbertram@flash.net. A research team composed of your cousins and Foundation members, Evelyn McKinley Orr of Omaha, Ramona Thomas of Eureka, CA, Rosalie Holben of Mohave Valley, AZ, Hazel M. Wood of San Diego, Catherine Elizabeth Strawn Olquin of Arcadia, CA, Alice P. Thorn of Pembroke, VA and Norman Haskell Goings of IN has put together a detailed narrative on your ancestors. A print-out is being forwarded to you.**

==Dear Cousins==

Mary Sellers was mcl720 in MD or VA to William Spurgeon. From 1730-1755 they lived on the Potomac River just east of Sheperdstown, WV. Mary, a widow and her sons removed to Rowan Co, NC c1756. Can anyone assist me with these families? I found the church incident involving Sis. Susanna "Sookie" Kitchen very interesting. Might Sis. Kitchen have "harbored them Melungeons" because they were kinsmen? Kitchen individuals are involved in my family. Are they Melungeon? **Larry Dean Spurgeon, 1146 Orville Ave, Kansas City, KS, 66102-5140.**

==Dear Cousins==

I am a 34-year-old lady from Norway which has just been connected with the Internet. My first trip on the net brought me to you in my search for family members in America. My mother is Norwegian, and my father is American. I have not heard from my father, Alberto Monroy Gowens since I was too small to remember. All papers indicating how to find him were lost in a fire several years ago. I have learned that my father tried to reach me many years ago. I would like to be a member of your group, hoping that you can assist me in my search. I am the only person in Norway with Gowens as surname, I believe. **Anne-Linda Gowens, gowens@sn.no.**

==Dear Cousins==

Through the Foundation and its helpful members, I have been able to locate my Goins ancestors in a short period of time. As an avid 60-year-old netsurfer, I posted a query on the Claiborne County, TN Website. Within two days, I received an E-mail from Johanna Howard suggesting that I check the Foundation Website. Searching for Daniel Goins, I was amazed at the number of references you list. I received an E-mail from Dianne Stark Thurman and a photocopy of the April 1993 Newsletter with the headline, "Daniel Goins Pioneered in Washington County, Virginia." I believe he is my 5th-generation grandfather. I was also aided by a letter from Geraldine Webb. You have a wealth of information and kind and helpful member cousins. **Terry B. Hildreth, 2805 Wellington Dr, Florissant, MO, 63033, adwtman@aol.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

"Goin and Variants: Going, Gowin, Gowen, Gowan, Goen, Gowing" is off the press! All 626 pages are printed and bound, and 40 years of work is done. Copies are being shipped. **Dianne Stark Thurman, 4201 Wildflower Circle, Wichita, KS, 67210, 316/529-0438, dst@southwind.net**

==Dear Cousins==

My husband, Roy E. Gooing passed away June 23, 1995, but I am still researching his lineage. I would like some information about Temperance "Tempey" Gowan in the 1850 and 1860 census returns of Carroll County, TN. I am willing to exchange data on Pleasant Gooing, bc1797 TN, and his wife, Temperance "Tempey" Cooper Gooing of Dallas County, AL. **Barbara Bigelow Gooing, 3950 Homedale Rd, #78, Klamath Falls, OR, 97603, 503/882-3727.**

### Redbones and Baton Rouge, Continued

The term Redbone would also become a derogatory mixed-blood name. In 1975, Wesley White published a 113-page report on these same people and some of their descendants entitled, "The Smiling Indians of North Carolina." These papers now repose in the Smithsonian Institution. White's surname was changed to "Taukchiray," Catawba for "White."

The Turks of Sumter County also appeared prior to the Revolutionary War when a Turk named Benenhaley married a woman named Oxendine. Oxendine is a major Lumbee name. Additional surnames still associated with the Turks in the White papers are, Hood, Ray and Buckner and in the last century Chavis and Lowery. Lowery and Chavis are Lumbee Indian names, and Chavis was a common Redbone name. The surname Goins was found among both the Lumbee and Redbone.

The name Red Sticks which had never been considered part of the Melungeons has surfaced again. At least one of their group found their way into a Goins family of Sumter County. Mary Browder Barr, Foundation member of Florence, South Carolina, in researching her Carolina Redbone Goins, discovered a letter Charles James McDonald Furman had written in 1903. It revealed that Laviny Tucker Goins told Furman that she was the daughter of Jeb Tucker, an Englishman, and Ocene Hayo, a Red Stick woman from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Jeb Tucker fought with the British and Red Sticks in the War of 1812 and was considered a traitor.

After the war, Tucker and his new wife removed to Sumter County, South Carolina, where Laviny was born. Laviny was described by Furman as "a small dark-skinned woman with black hair, but with blue eyes; therefore she could pass as a white woman." After Laviny was married to Madry Goins, her mother felt free to go back to Baton Rouge to be with her people. It is this kind of intermixing that makes tracing of nationalities of ancestors difficult. Various groups, whose descendants assume no connection to each other, could be in error.

According to Kevin P. Scrantz, Lafayette, Louisiana researcher, Red Stick [Baton Rouge] was first recorded by the French. Red Stick and its application as a place name can be traced back to 1686, with the first recorded contact between Europeans and the Houma Indian tribe. In that year the French explorers LaSalle and Tonti descended the Mississippi and met the Houma at their ancestral homelands.

At a village located on the site of the present Louisiana state capital, the Houma had erected a cypress pole to mark the boundary with their neighbors to the south, the Bayougoulas Indians. This pole was stained red by the blood of sacrificial animals, and the French called the Houma village and the later white settlement Baton Rouge.

Manuel Mira, an officer of the Portuguese-American Society and Foundation researcher of Franklin, North Carolina, discovered the term "Os Rouge" [Red Bone] was used to describe persons of mixed Indian blood. His new book, "The Forgotten Portuguese--the Melungeons and Others" will be published this spring.

Also, the French apparently named a group of people living along the Cane River as the Cane River Mulattos. Previous researchers have credited the French with naming the Appalachian Melungeons from their word "melange" [mixture.] It is possible that they did call them "melange," but could it have been others later, who invented the connection. It appears logical that if they did call them a "melange," they certainly found them also to be a people different from any they had encountered before. The search for the origin of the Melungeons continues.

### Elijah Gowin and Joseph Goings, Continued

Children born to them include:

George William Goins	born about 1857
John Goins	born about 1867
Howard Goins	born about 1869

Alfred Goins, son of Alexander Gowin and Ethel Collins Gowin, was born in Tennessee in November 1833, according to the research of Robert Goins, a descendant of Kentucky. He was enumerated as "Alfred Gowin," a 15-year-old farmer in 1850.

Alfred Goins was married about 1860 to Hannah Gibson, born about 1840 to Yearby Gibson and Elizabeth "Betty" Gibson, according to William P. Grohse, Hancock County, historian. Yearby Gibson was a son of Jonathan Gibson who was born in Virginia May 17, 1759, according to Willard G. Peil IV, a descendant. The Yearby Gibsons had other children named Sally Gibson, Thomas Gibson, Debba Gibson and John Gibson.

Alfred Goins was enlisted December 8, 1862, along with "John Goins and R. J. Goins" in the First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, Company M and served until 1865, according to his pension record. "Pvt. Alfred Goen" appeared on the muster roll of Company C, Forty-third Tennessee Infantry Regiment, CSA during the Civil War. Also serving in this regiment were Pvt. Anderson Goen, Pvt. Charles Goen, Pvt. Dodson Goen, Pvt. John Goen and Pvt. William A. Goins. Alfred Goins "switched sides" during the war, perhaps after being captured.

Pvt. Alfred Goins appeared on the muster roll of Company M, First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, USA during the Civil War. Also enlisted in this regiment were "Pvt. Claiborne Goins, Pvt. John Goins, Pvt. R. J. Goins, Pvt. William Goins, Pvt. Zachariah Goins, Pvt. Alfred Gowen and Sgt. Burton M. Goins." Burton McGinnis Goins was the son of George Goins and Emily "Lively" Bunch Goins.

Hannah Gibson Goins died January 10, 1879 in Hancock County, according to Patricia Ann Goins Rice, a descendant of Shepherdsville, Kentucky. He was remarried about 1880 to Mrs. Malvina "Viana" Johnson. They lived on Newmans Ridge.

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## Elijah Gowin and Joseph Goings, Continued

They were enumerated in the 1880 census of Hancock County:

"Goins, Alfred	42
Malvina	27
Thomas	18
Johnson, Landon	5, step-son"

Alfred Goins received land from "John Mullins et ux Mahala Mullins" July 30, 1889, according to Hancock County Deed Book 5, page 541. Simeon Collins and James H. Goins, unidentified, were witnesses. Alfred Goins was reported to be suffering from a disability of "chronic diarrhea and lung trouble" in the 1890 Civil War veterans census.

Alfred Goins was recorded as the head of a household in the 1900 census of Hancock County, Enumeration District 73, page 2, 11th Civil District:

"Goins, Alfred	66, born in TN, Nov. 1833
Viney	47, born in TN, April 1853
Elizabeth	17, born in TN, Nov. 1882
Garfield	12, born in TN, May 1888
Lombard	9, born in TN, March 1891
Lydia M.	7, born in TN, April 1893
Samuel [Simeon]	3, born in TN, Mar. 1897"

Alfred Goins died September 4, 1907, "an old, old man," [69], according to Rev. Arthur Hamilton Taylor, an early Hancock County historian. Alfred Goins was buried in Goins Cemetery on Newmans Ridge. Malvina "Viana" Johnson Goins continued to live in 1933 when she was interviewed by the Rev. Taylor.

Children born to Alfred Goins and Hannah Gibson Goins include:

Buchanan Goins	born about 1857
Julia Ann Goins	born about 1858
Thomas Goins	born March 8, 1862

Children born to Alfred Goins and Malvina "Viana" Johnson Goins include:

Elizabeth Goins	born November 25, 1882
James Abram Garfield Goins	born May 22, 1888
Lambert Goins	born March 12, 1891
Lydia M. Goins	born April 4, 1893
Symeon [Samuel?] Goins	born March 6, 1897

John "Hammer John" Goins, regarded as the son of Elijah Gowin and Sarah Gowin, was born about 1816 in Virginia. He

accompanied his parents in a move to Claiborne County, Tennessee.

He was married about 1838 to Catherine Williams. According to Rev. Taylor, "Hammer John belonged to the older race of Goins who were fair-skinned. He was of medium size, red complexioned and lived on Newmans Ridge."

"John Gowins" was listed as the head of a household enumerated December 4, 1850 in Hancock County, 33rd subdivision, east part, as Household 383-106. The family consisted of:

"Gowins, John	34, born in VA, hammerman, illiterate
Catherine	28, born in Virginia, illiterate
William	11, born in TN, attending school
Jane	9, born in TN
Wilson	7, born in TN
Catherine	3, born in TN
Alexandria	1, born in TN, male"

They reappeared in the 1880 census of Hancock County in the 11th District:

"Goins, John	59, born in Virginia
Catherine	49,
Lawson, George	35, son-in-law
Jane	39, daughter"
Mary	12, twin granddaughter
John	12, twin grandson"

It is believed that John "Hammer John" Goins died during the 1890s and was buried in Goins Cemetery on Newmans Ridge.

Children born to John "Hammer John" Goins and Catherine Williams Goins include:

William Goins	born about 1839
Jane Goins	born about 1842
Catherine Goins	born about 1847
Alexander Goins	born about 1849
Candace Goins	born about 1851
Elizabeth "Betty" Goins	born about 1852
Caroline Goins	born in 1857
Margaret Goins	born about 1859
John Goins	born in 1868

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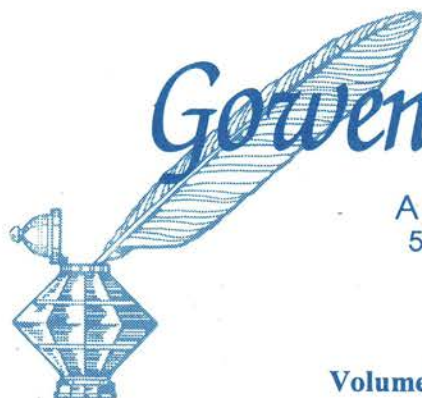
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### Hugh Goins Jailed in Nashville Penitentiary on Bigamy Charge

Hugh Goins had always walked on the wild side, according to Sandy Ratledge, family researcher of Cleveland, Tennessee. By the time he was 20 years old, he was regarded in Rutherford County, North Carolina as a gambler, a moonshiner and a trouble-maker. He had little respect for the law, for the community and for its morality.

Hugh Goins, regarded as the son of Obadiah Goins, was born about 1797, and he was different—he was swarthy. Obadiah Goins, who was born about 1777 in Virginia, had dealt with the same problem, and he removed to North Carolina hoping for a better acceptance. He was sometimes enumerated as "white" and sometimes as "free colored." The neighbors considered the family as Melungeon or near-mulatto, and neither was respected in Rutherford County.

Obadiah Goins, seeking better conditions for his family on the Tennessee frontier, removed across the state line to Monroe County. He was reported there in the 1830 census, Page 92 as "Obadiah Goins, white male, 50-60." He reappeared in the 1840 census of Monroe County, page 189 as "Obadiah Goings, free colored male, 55-100."

Hugh Goins had married, wife's name Elizabeth, in Rutherford County April 1, 1820, according to Monroe County Circuit court records. "Hugh Gowen" appeared as the head of a household in the 1820 census of Rutherford County, page 58, according to "Index to the 1820 Census of North Carolina."

Hugh Goins was influenced to Monroe County by his father and appeared as the head of a household in the Monroe County census of 1840, page 195, nearby to Obadiah Goins, as "Hugh Goins, white male, 30-40."

Obadiah Gowens was enumerated as the head of Household 484-71 in the 1850 census of Monroe County consisting of: "Obadiah Gowens, 73, born in Virginia, farmer, white, \$250 real estate and Synthia, 22, born in North Carolina."

In September 1848, "Hugh Goings of Monroe County" was tried for "polygamy" at Madisonville, Tennessee by the Monroe County Circuit Court in Case No. 221, "the State of Tennessee vs. Hugh Goins." The prosecutor had [erroneously] chosen the charge "polygamy" for a psychological advantage in the courtroom. Polygamy was a fighting word in Madisonville and all over Tennessee. The Mormons had just arrived in Salt Lake City in July 1847 and had begun to openly practice polygamy, to the consternation and chagrin of Christians in Tennessee.

Evidence presented showed that Hugh Goins was married to Elizabeth Goins in Rutherford County, North Carolina April 1,

1820 and "remained so married when on July 5, 1848 in Monroe County, Tennessee he married Peggy Taylor, his wife, Elizabeth, being alive."

Two weeks earlier Hugh Goins was married to Margaret "Peggy" Taylor in Monroe County by William Dyer, justice of the peace. The license was obtained June 8, 1848 and the ceremony was performed 18 days later, according to "Monroe County, Tennessee Records, 1820-1850" by Reba Bayless Boyer. The wedding took place June 26, 1848, according to "Monroe County, Tennessee Marriages, 1838-1850."

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### Researcher Poses Redbone Link To Mediterranean Ancestors

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In the 1930s, Webster Talmadge Crawford wrote "The Cherry Winche Country" dealing with the mysterious people of southwest Louisiana known as the Redbones. He concluded, "They appear to bear the stamp of Mediterranean stock."

From the Crawford writings we learn that the location of the Redbone settlements were between the Quelqueshoe and Sabine Rivers, not far south of Natchitoches. There were three original Redbone communities within the so called "No Mans Land." The largest was in the Cherry Winche Country lying south of Hinton, west of the Quelqueshoe River.

A second one was located in Newton County, Texas, near the Sabine River, and a third was on Bearhead Creek in Western Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes in Western Louisiana. Data to date suggests that some Redbones of the Carolinas migrated to Western Louisiana between 1790 and the early 1800s. Interested researchers may order "The Cherry Winche Country" [\$6.95] from Dogwood Press, Route 2, Box 3270, Woodville, Texas, 75979, 409/837-5519.

Dr. Brent Kennedy has developed a list of names in the Southeast that suggest a Turkish derivation: "Powhatan," Indian chieftain, the Turkish word "Pohtan" means "cruel leader;" "Croatoan," name carved on Roanoke Island, the Turkish word "Croatan" refers to the Croatian people; "Satz," old Appalachian term for watch, the Turkish word "saat" means "watch."

Dr. Kennedy's most recently discovered linguistic similarities for three Louisiana Redbone terms adds intrigue.

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I am in pursuit of the ancestors of Henry Harrison Gowins and Malinda Ann Moore Gowins who were married in 1860 in Claiborne County, MS. The father of Malinda, Thomas Moore was my g-g-f whom I regard as the son of Teenan Moore. I would like to hear from anyone who knows something of their forebears. **Elaine Randall English, Box 341, Lakemont, GA, 30552-0341, eng4@STC.net.**

==Dear Cousins==

Congratulations on the entry of the Foundation on the Internet. Other surname societies are aware of the GREAT reception our organization is receiving and would like to copy its success. Thanks for the untiring efforts of everyone who contributed to this outstanding accomplishment. Our Sustaining Membership for 1997 is enclosed. Gail and I send our best wishes to all "our cousins" around the world. **Don Lee & Gail Gowen, 1310 Cantwell Ave, Decatur, AL, 35601.**

==Dear Cousins==

I am looking for information on my Gibson-Goins family. Hannah Gibson, daughter of Yearby & Elizabeth Gibson, was married to Alfred Goins in Hancock County, TN c1860. As a new member, any details on the family would be appreciated, particularly Elizabeth's maiden name. **Willard G. Piel IV, 3021 S. Eastview Ave, Tucson, AZ, 85730, WPG4@aol.com.**

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We have been members of the Foundation since its inception. We are new to computers and have just now logged onto the Foundation Website. We are impressed with how genealogical research is done now and how it was done when we began. Early family researchers would have loved to have had the apparently limitless resources and family data that been contributed by hundreds of cousins around the world. Our 1997 renewal is enclosed. **Gordon Lance & Pat Gowen, 1808 Bell St, Longview, Texas, 75602, GLGOWEN@aol.com.**

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### Redbone Link, Continued

The name "Redbone" has an unknown origin. Is there a Turkish connection? The Turkish name "ray dolboni," pronounced "ray-dee-bone" means "lost tribe." "Calcasieu," the parish in southwest Louisiana where the Redbones settled has been regarded as an Indian term meaning "deep water." The Turkish word "kalkis[sh]," pronounced "kalkisu" is equally appropriate. "Kalkis," meaning "deep" and "su" meaning "water" suggest a possible Turkish source.

Cherry Winche, a small stream near the Redbones settlement, may also have a Turkish derivation. The Turkish word "carince," pronounced "carry ince" means narrow little stream.

The Turkish government is so convinced of the similarities between the early Ottoman Turks and our Appalachian Melungeons that they have renamed a mountain near the Aegean Sea, "Melungeon," meaning "cursed soul" in Turkish. Many early Turkish Levant "sailors" certainly were cursed souls as they left their homelands to never return. Turkish scholar, Dr. Zakiriya Kursun, was researching similarities between Ottoman Turks and American southeast Indians long before we discovered a possible "Turk" connection. His works have recently been published in Turkish. Sometime in the future an English version may be published.

==Dear Cousins==

I received my Conference tapes and have listened to them over and over. I have made five pages of notes on the presentation of Jack Harold Goins so far, and am still working on it. He packed more family history into a short time span than any genealogist I know. I called him yesterday and he invited me to come for a visit any time. He and I share the view that we have the Pamunkey Indians in our ancestry. I enjoyed Ruth Johnson's speech as well. She and I are cousins, and my Roberts family were neighbors to hers on Newman's Ridge. She told me that she has a picture of our g-g-g-gm Orpha Collins and invite me to come and see it. I'm a new member of the Foundation and am overwhelmed by the vast amount of knowledge the members have gathered. **Phillip Roberts, 525 N. Justice, Hendersonville, NC, 28739, 704/697-2942, Phillip@a-o.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

My German is not bad, but that doesn't necessarily mean that I can speak Danish or Icelandic. But if you will transmit to me your files on the Gowrie Conspiracy of 1600 against King James VI and the details of William Gowen's escape to Iceland, I will see what I can turn up in Iceland on the Internet. "Scotlands Rimur" and other Icelandic ballads refer to James' vendetta against the Earl of Gowrie and his descendants.

When I was a student at Oxford, J. R. R. Tolkien was still a professor there. I remember he had a group that met in the evenings for story-telling. He would begin a story, then point to a listener who would resume the story and then pass it to another, etc. I can't imagine doing that kind of continuity in my mother tongue, but they were doing it in Old Norse! **Hugh Casement, Bahnweg 11, 84405 Dorfen, Germany, 101723.301@CompuServe.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

I have just signed on and trying to follow the discussion. Can someone enlighten me what "Melungeon" means? Sorry to be ignorant about this, but it's new to me, and I don't want to miss out on anything. **Sharon Herrington, Box 3372, Palestine, TX, 75802, sharonh@e-tex.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

The Foundation has taken to the cyberwaters like a duck! Thanks for making my Goin family such a tangible treasure. It is the one line I thought I would never have much information on. What a gift we have been given as a family! **Joyce Gore Locke, Box 474, Portales, NM, 88130, jglocke@yucca.net**

## Foundation Website Declared No. 1 By Internet Provider

Indicative of the splendid reception the Foundation Website has been given by researchers worldwide, it became the No. 1 traffic generator for Llano.Net during November, according to Charley Camp, president. Despite the fact that the site is still "under construction," 2,130 "hits" were made on it during the month.

The most popular feature was the Search Engine where researchers enter the name of an ancestor to pinpoint him in the Manuscript, "Melungia," Newsletter or "Dear Cousins" sections.

### Redbone Link, Continued

Manuel Mira, Portuguese researcher, an officer of Portuguese-American Society, a member of Gowen Research Foundation and the Melungeon Documentary Committee headed by Dr. Brent Kennedy, has begun to compile some 400 pages of data gathered from the archives of Portugal and Spain. Some 500 historic facts and events are to be included in his book, "The Forgotten Portuguese--The Melungeons and Others" to be published by mid-1997.

He writes of royal families as well as sailors and their concubines who sailed away and never returned. He has fascinating charts showing every vessel that left Portugal during this time period. His book will include passenger lists never before published. Manuel Mira feels his book will only scratch the surface of this historic potential and hopes that his pioneering work will draw other historians to this important source.

Defining these early Melungeon nationalities is extremely difficult. This becomes more apparent as we learn more about the loosely organized Ottoman Empire which lasted for 650 years and other confederations of small nations during the early 1500s. Melungeons from the Mediterranean area had the opportunity to board these ships and travel to every continent. If some of them landed in the New World and intermingled with the native people, we would never find them in English and American records.

Frustrating to genealogists is the fact that no records have yet been found to positively link our descent from a mystery ancestor, yet genetics assure us that he was real and that he was here as an important part of our family. The evidence that Manuel Mira and others are developing will lead us to heritages that historians previously denied for Americans.

Some of our ancestors trickled in, some in groups and some as individuals. Some came early; some came late. Their genetic makeup and nationalities were widely diverse. There were no early ports of entry, and immigrants landed at hundreds of points in the New World.

Colonial social customs and laws would help cloud the identity of heritages listed on our records. One example: "Laws of Virginia," Volume 3, page 252 by William Waller Hening defines who shall be called mulattoes. "Be it enacted and declared, and it is hereby enacted and declared, that the child of an Indian and the child, grandchild, or great-grand child of a Negro shall be deemed, accounted, held and taken to be a mulatto."

Scholars in the academic fields, anthropology, history, genetics, medicine, ethnology, archaeology and linguistics are contributing to the research. If we are serious about discovering the truth, then the contributions of these scholars are an essential part of this research. The door has not been closed, and it becomes more intriguing daily.

Typical reaction was from Debbie Campbell, a new Foundation member of The Colony, Texas, who called excitedly to announce that she had found her long-missing ancestors, Jessie Goins and Martha Jane Boyd in South Carolina and in Lincoln County, Arkansas on her first log-in.

Most of the Manuscript files have now been uploaded to the Website and are accessed numerically from .002 to .160, using only even numbers, providing some "air" and leaving room for expansion. When sufficient additional material is received, new files will be created [using odd number filenames] and interspersed in their proper numerical location. The first series of files [.002-.046] is devoted to the central corps of the family whose relationship has been documented. The remainder of the files are assigned to branches of the family not yet related to the central body of the family.

The first series of unrelated individuals and branches [.048-0.54] is devoted to foreign research and filed alphabetically by nations. Following that is research dealing with U.S. citizens [.056-.160] which is arranged alphabetically by states and by counties under each state.

When an earlier location is documented for a particular branch of the family, it is moved "upstream" to its earlier geographic location in the manuscript. Thus, sometimes a family can be reassembled by juxtaposition.

To avoid interruptions in utilizing the Website, members should make certain that their membership renewals go in before December 31, the date that all 1996 memberships expire. Former members, new members and current members applying now will all receive memberships through the end of 1997--13 months for the price of 12.

The form below may be used for renewals, to request sample copies or to order gift memberships for those in your family. The Foundation will send gift cards acknowledging your thoughtfulness, both to you and the recipients.

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# Foundation Forum Incorporated Into Gorin Discussion Group

The Foundation Forum, an electronic extension of "Dear Cousins," came online December 1, through the courtesy of Sandi Gorin of Glasgow, Kentucky. She is the moderator of Barren County, Metcalfe County and Monroe County, Kentucky websites as well as "KyBiographies" and "KyResearch." In addition she operates her own homepage and the Gorin List.

All researchers, especially Foundation members, are invited to log in to post messages, queries, comments and anything pertaining to research on Gowen/Goin/Goyne, etc. [50+] surnames as well as her own Gorin, Goren, Goran, Gorham, Gorum, Goin, Gowin. [She had already concluded that Gowins and Goins were Gorins who did not know how to spell.] Every message received is automatically "relayed" to every subscriber.

The Discussion Group will be operated 24 hours a day and 365 days a year for browsing and downloading. Subscribers may receive the messages in real time as they are posted or may have them downloaded in digest form at the end of each day. Foundation members must remember that they are guests in the Gorin home and be considerate of our hostess who is also the gatekeeper and the "bouncer."

To subscribe, a researcher should send an E-mail message, from his E-mail address, to "MAISER@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu" and put "SUB GORIN" [omit quotes] in the body of the message [not the subject line.] Immediately a welcome message will be received by the subscriber with the Gorin "ground rules" included in it. Follow them closely. If a subscriber is to be away some during the holidays, it is suggested that he "UNSUB GORIN" during his absence because he may find his "mailbox" overflowing and messages "bouncing" back to the moderator.

For additional information, members may contact Sandi Gorin at "sgorin@scrtc.blue.net" or phone 502/651-9114. Her postal address is: 205 Clements Avenue, Glasgow, KY, 42141-3409.

Researchers interested in monitoring the Melungeon Discussion Group may also enter a subscription to it by posting to "MAISER@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu" and putting "SUB MELUNGEON" in the body of the message. The moderator of this list is Mary K. Goodyear, Box 70, Shauck, OH, 43349-0070, 419/362-7782.

## Family Narratives Requested

The Foundation would like to carry in future Newsletters an account of the earliest progenitors in your branch of the family. Please consider your self "next" to prepare a narrative on your most interesting ancestor. If you need help in organizing your material, the Foundation staff will be glad to assist. Jot down the salient facts, dates and places, and we'll take it from there.

"Peggy Goins," the "other woman," who was born in Virginia about 1815, stood by her husband and retained her married name. She was named as the head of Household 758-109 in the 1850 census of Monroe County with the younger children of Hugh Goins:

"Goins, Peggy	35, born in Virginia
Jessee	20, born in Tennessee
Alfred	17, born in Tennessee
Rody	14, born in Tennessee"

Elizabeth Goins was enumerated in the family of Andrew Goins, regarded as her son, in Household 2198-1516 of adjoining McMinn County, Tennessee.

William Goins, regarded as the eldest son of Hugh Goins remained loyal to his father and removed to Davidson County to be near and to assist his father. He was born in 1821 in Rutherford County. Apparently he was married about 1841, wife's name Rachel. William Goins appeared as the head of Household 2200-1518 in the 1850 census of McMinn County. After his arrival, "William Going" was recorded in the same year in Davidson County as the head of Household No. 233-233:

Whether Hugh Goins returned to Monroe County after his release from prison is unknown. Prison records of the state penitentiary at Nashville, if still available, might reveal something more of the prisoner.

Children of Margaret "Peggy" Taylor Goins are unknown. Children born to Hugh Goins and Elizabeth Goins include:

William Goins	born about 1821
Vice Goins	born about 1825
Jesse Goins	born about 1830
Alfred Goins	born in January 1833
Thomas Goins	born about 1834
Rhoda Goins	born about 1836
James Goins	born about 1838

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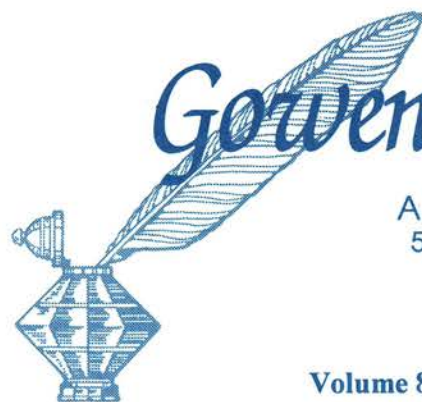
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## Prentiss Lewis Goen Fought Hand-to-Claw with Grizzly Bear

The account of the terrifying battle that Prentiss Lewis Goen fought with a grizzly in the California Mariposa Mountains in 1850 first appeared in the "Cleburne [TX] Tribune" in 1881, and excerpts are reprinted now, 115 years later, through the courtesy of a kinsman and Foundation Member Paul Lynn Goen of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"On the 5th day of March, 1850, I was in the mountains of Mariposa, engaged in digging gold and packing mules to carry freight from Stockton to Mariposa. As a diversion, one of my associates suggested a deer hunt. I obtained my rifle, a single shot model, and we departed to the wilderness. After making camp and hobbling our mules, I made my way up to the summit of a mountain, when suddenly I discovered a little bunch of deer.

I shot one through the heart and reloaded as rapidly as possible, eager to get a second shot. The deer had run around a thicket to ascend a ravine, and I ran through the thicket and found they had become suddenly frightened at a grizzly bear, which I soon encountered.

I made a sudden halt to take a second shot at the deer when I found that I was within four feet of the largest grizzly I ever laid eyes on. He was lying in his bed, but he stood up, eight feet tall, and made right at me, with the most hideous growling that could be heard for miles. I at once threw my gun on him, and the bear commenced to circle around me. I reserved my shot, hoping he would make a dash at the muzzle of my gun when I would fire into mouth. But this he declined to do and continued to circle about 40 feet away.

Finally I fired, but, oh my God, I missed. My ball only inflicted a slight wound in his face. At the crack of the gun, he fell to the ground and rolled over, but quickly sprang to his feet and made at me. My gun was presented at him, and he ran against the muzzle and pushed me back some 15 feet or more. By this time, with no opportunity to reload, I saw it was to be a life or death struggle, and I made up my mind to sell out as dead as possible. Then he made another charge to finish me . . ."

Prentiss Lewis Goen, son of Dillard Goen and Permelia Goen, was born January 13, 1825 in Greenville District, South Carolina. His family removed to Georgia, and when Lewis Goen attained the age of 17, he went out on his own and removed to Monroe County, Mississippi.

"Taking the California gold fever in 1849, at the age of 24, he struck out in the company of about 40 other adventurers to seek his fortune in search of gold.

During his trip horseback across the plains of Texas and New Mexico, he encountered a severe sandstorm, and for several days, experienced much suffering for water. Upon reaching water, one of the travelers quickly drank all the water he desired and was soon dead. Lewis Goen was wiser and took only an occasional sip of water to relieve the extreme thirst."

After arriving at the California gold fields, he became one of the lucky ones. After five years of digging, he had accumulated a "mule load" of gold nuggets. Recalling the hardships of crossing the American wilderness, he elected to return home aboard ship. He took a sailing vessel to Panama, walked across the Isthmus, and caught another ship bound for New Orleans. From there he went to Mississippi to see his mother who did not immediately recognize him, after a 13-year absence. After a short visit, he returned to Greenville County to visit friends and family before heading to Texas where he spent the rest of his life.

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## Natchitoches Research Meeting Links Red Bones to Melungeons

By Evelyn McKinley Orr

Chairman, Melungeon Research Team

After forming our Melungeon Research Team in 1990, the Foundation received queries about possible Melungeon connections to the Sabines or Redbones who settled in Western Louisiana and Eastern Texas. In early 1991, I confirmed migration patterns and some surnames, the Going name among them. I had three interviews verifying that the Goings, Nashes and others came to the "No Mans Land" of Louisiana around 1800 from the Carolinas. I found some reluctance to discuss the names Redbone and Sabine, and there was scant information about them.

Two of those interviewed felt the Red Bones were mostly Native American. I attended the "Founders of Natchitoches" conference in October in Natchitoches, Louisiana, where Dr. N. Brent Kennedy presented some possible origins of the Melungeons. The Founders Of Natchitoches, Inc. was founded by descendants of 1719 Spanish and French settlers.

Dr. Tommy Johnson, a retired professor of North Western State University in Natchitoches, found some of his Redbone ancestor surnames in Dr. Kennedy's book and was instrumental in bringing Dr. Kennedy to speak. It was exciting to learn that family genealogists are discovering their Redbone ancestors, and finding each other to share research. A wine and cheese book-signing party was held in Old Town Bookstore Friday evening.

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I finally got on the Internet, and now it's hard to get me off. Two ayem is becoming my bedtime, and I still don't want to quit then. So many places to research and so little time! Also E-mail is a great shortcut to "snailmail" and a whole lot cheaper. I will send our research progress reports on Thomas Goin/Gowen and descendants by E-mail to interested Foundation members. Give me your E-mail address, and I will add you to my electronic mailing list. **Dianne Stark Thurman, 4201 Wildflower Circle, Wichita, KS, 67210, 316/529-0438, dst@southwind.net.**

==Dear Cousins==

If you are interested in Powhatan Indians, check out the home page of the contemporary Mattaponi Indians in Virginia at <http://www.whro.org/bl/Mattaponi>. Theirs is one of the oldest reservations in the U.S., being established in 1635 by the English and surviving to this day. The page is in its infancy, but will be expanding soon. The tribe is in the process of computerizing many of its old records that may in time be of use to genealogists. You can visit them at West Point, VA in King William County. **Charles Stallard cstallar@pen.k12.va.us.**

==Dear Cousins==

I am searching for the ancestors of my ggf William Thomas Goin, bc1838 KY of parents born in GA, according to cs1900 of Oklahoma. He was married to Elizabeth Ann Cannon c1867 in Arlington, TX in Dallas Co. Their ch. were William Arthur Goin & Willis Oscar Goin, twins, b1871; James Hunter Goin, b1873; my gm Anna Belle Goin, b1876 and Walter L. Goin, b1880. Your assistance is solicited. **Jim Young, Rt3, Box 329A, McAlester, OK, 74501, myyoung@icok.net.**

==Dear Cousins==

The Foundation Website is getting rave reviews from all over. Congratulations for an outstanding Home Page as well as an award-winning Newsletter. **June Smith, 5307 Hwy. 303 NE, #22, Bremerton, WA, 98311, BoJu2325@aol.com.**

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### Melungeons, Continued

Debra Ortego, owner of this unique and diversified store, had Dr. Kennedy's book, "The Melungeons, The Resurrection of a Proud People," in stock as well as Jean Bible's 1975 "Melungeons Yesterday," Bonnie Ball's "Melungeons, Their Origins and Kin," and the fascinating Appalachian Melungeon fiction story, "Daughters of the Legend," by Jesse Stuart. Orders are made by calling 318-357-8900. The evening was a gala affair as strangers from several states greeted each other as kindred. The Melungeon research does this to you.

Mayor Sampite joined us and presented Dr. Kennedy with the visiting dignitary award. Inquires were made from "Going" descendants about Gowen Research Foundation. There were two or three in the audience with symptoms of Mediterranean diseases such as Sarcoidosis, Thalassemia, Machado-Joseph [Azorean Disease] and Breheet's Syndrome. One person was recently diagnosed with Sarcoidosis and another very sick lady with mysterious symptoms discovered, there may be help! The mystery of why so many unusual diseases in the southeast and southern states is unraveling as medical and genetic specialists continue to bring in evidence.

Book vendors displayed books and booklets about the heritage of the surrounding area and also Melungeon books. I recommend the small book, containing research done by Webster Talma Crawford published about 1932, entitled, "The Cherry Winche Country." The book was edited by Don C. Marlar and Jane P. McManus, Dogwood Press, Rt. 2 Box 3270, Woodville, Texas, 75979, telephone 409/837-5519, \$6.95.

The book includes descriptions of the areas along the Rio Sabinas country where the Redbones settled, ideas for their origins, and an eye witness report of "The Westport Fight" which took place in December of 1881. The fight was between a group of Redbones and white settlers wanting to settle in their territory. The Redbones won.

Printing has been completed on Dr. Kennedy's revised and updated book, which contains the Ottoman Turk research and updated medical research. Call 1-800/468-3412 to order.

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==Dear Cousins==

Of interest to those who enjoyed Paul Heinegg's book, "Free African-Americans of North Carolina and Virginia," will be an upcoming book by Gloria Holbrook. She is of Lumbee descent and has spent a great deal of time on old colonial records for Native American ancestry. She has gathered a lot of proof that the "free colored persons" that Heinegg and others have so readily classified as free Negroes or mixed Native American/Negroes were in fact "full-blooded" Native Americans. She has found colonial records describing the native children, their Indian names, ages, etc and which family they were given to for "teaching Christianity" and their "Christian names." Anyone with Lumbee ancestry, Robeson County, NC ancestry or surnames in common should obtain the book. I think it is going to turn some of the stereotypes upside down. Heinegg did a wonderful work, and his book is a bible for finding family genealogies. I think, however, that he, like many other researchers, took written records and felt they had to be the gospel truth. **Deborah L. Woolf, 2380 NW Montgomery Dr, Redmon, OR, 97756, SYBL26A@prodigy.com.**

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I recently received the location on the Internet of the 1624 census of Virginia, pertaining to Jamestown and environs, population 1,033. The census has been alphabetized, and it is easy to determine if your family was there. The lengthy address: <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/jamestown/census/1624cens.txt>. **Mary K. Goodyear, Box 70, Shauck, OH, 43349-0070, 419/362-7782.**

## Internet Electronic Library Said Best Foundation Accomplishment

"The best thing the Foundation has done, thus far."

This is how Chan Edmondson, Foundation vice-president of Dallas, summed up the organization's website on the Internet. And apparently he expresses the view of hundreds of Foundation members and non members as well who are making "strikes" on the homepage at all hours, day or night, every day.

The Foundation location in cyberspace has attracted many researchers because of its search engine displayed on the title page. Genealogists can make a Boolean search for a name, a geographic location, or even a date. With a click, they can search over 10,000 pages of manuscript, all the Newsletters published since 1989, all the "Dear Cousins" queries and messages, plus everything accumulated during the past seven years on the Melungeons. The computer quickly places on the screen the name of every file which contains a match of the item entered on the search screen. The user, member or not, can make a print-out of the list for browsing or downloading.

Two other options on the title page offer the user "Contents" or "Membership" which presents a membership blank for downloading. Choosing "Contents" presents four options at present. Members have a choice of the Foundation Manuscript, the Newsletters, "Dear Cousins" or "Melungia--Home of the Melungeons."

"Melungia" has turned out to be a very popular stop for websurfers who have traditions of dark-skinned individuals in their ancestry. The section, which carries current Melungeon news as well as historical material, has enrolled more new members in the Foundation than the other three sections of the website combined.

## Conference Tape Order

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Please send to the address below \_\_\_\_\_ set/s, @ \$40 each, of audio tapes of the Foundation Research Conference held May 5-6-7 in Nashville. I understand that the eight tapes will include the presentations made by the 15 speakers listed below:

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The popular site includes articles by a pool of Melungeon authorities, including Dr. N. Brent Kennedy, Vice-Chancellor of Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia, Evelyn McKinley Orr, Melungeon Research Team chairman, Jack Harold Goins, Donna Gowin Johnston, James R. Callahan, Dr. William Moreau Goin, Ruth Johnson, Louise Goins Richardson, Dr. Fernanda Rodrigues, Suffolk University and others.

In the planning stage is a fifth feature--"Foundation Forum," a discussion group for members and non-members alike who may "SUB" at no cost. The free subscription will deliver a daily packet of E-mail messages and queries regarding the Gowen-Goin-Goyne families, [in 54 different spellings], the Melungeons or whatever, into E-mailboxes worldwide.

Two parts of the Electronic Library are "closed stacks." The Foundation Manuscript, 10,000 pages and 55 years in the gathering, and "Melungia" are open to members only. To access these features, a member gives his I.D. No. When he is asked for his name, he enters his I.D. No. When he is asked for his password, he enters his last name IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. I.D. numbers are assigned to the members by the Foundation upon enrolling and are available upon request. Members who are not yet on the Internet may authorize a family member or a friend to log on for them, using their identification.

File entry in ASCII format of the entire Electronic Library should be completed by December 1, and the entire library should be re-entered a second time in HTML format by spring.

To avoid interruptions in utilizing the Website, members should send in their membership renewals before December 31, the date that all 1996 memberships expire. All applicants applying now will receive memberships through the end of 1997--14 months for the price of 12.

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## Prentiss Lewis Goen, Continued

"As the grizzly moved in for the kill, I clubbed my gun and let him have it with all my strength over the head, and this I repeated over and over from time to time, but never could knock him down. I think he weighed at least 1,000 pounds, but he could handle himself like a cat.

In this mortal combat we had fought for sixty yards or more down the steep mountain. I had already bent my gun, but I finally succeeded in dealing him a fearful blow over the nose. This seemed to be more effectual, as he backed his ears and ran off 40 yards, and I believe if I had not hollered then, he would not have returned.

But he did return, and seemingly to renew the fight with redoubled fury. I then struck him with all my strength hoping to force him to give up the fight, but the grizzly dodged my stroke, and the end of my gun struck the ground, plowing up the soil, and the gun dropped from my hand and rolled down the mountain. I made a grab at the gun, but missed it six inches. The grizzly was too close. I then picked up a rock and hit him in the face, and he shut his eyes. I thought then that my only chance to save my life was in flight, but I had only gotten about 30 feet when he made a spring and caught me.

In his effort to catch me around the neck, one of his tusks struck my left shoulder, went through my coat and two shirts, inflicting a wound on my neck, threw me to the ground and broke my right hand. The bear was coming with such force that he passed on over me and fell in a tree top and broke the trunk of the tree which was at least nine inches in diameter. I was knocked almost senseless, but I arose quickly and started down the steep mountain.

The grizzly outran me, but I would dodge to one side as he would get near me, and while he was checking up to pursue me, I would gain in distance. Finally I ran right up to the brink of a sudden break off the mountain, the brute right behind me in pursuit. I jumped suddenly to one side, hoping he was coming with such rapidity that he would be precipitated down the mountain, but my foot struck a rolling stone which threw me to the ground.

My breath was almost entirely exhausted. I thought I could run no longer. Then I tried to roll down the mountain, but I only rolled about 40 feet when my face struck a stone, inflicting a severe wound from which the

blood spouted. I soon found that rolling would not do, as the grizzly, which could easily clear 30 feet or more down the mountain, would gain too rapidly on me. I started again to run, and as the bear got near me, I would dodge to the right or left, but I had only got a short distance from which I had tried to roll down the mountain when I fell to my knees, and the bear lit just a few feet from me. Then I gave it up. I was completely exhausted. I threw my hands up and gave a faint scream as I threw a little stone in his face. The grizzly stood still for a moment, and looking me straight in the face as he pitched one ear forward and then the other. He seemed to become all at once frightened and ran off about 40 yards.

Then I thought, O my God, if screaming would do any good I would try it again. I raised my hands and again screamed. The bear started up the mountain and got perhaps 60 yards and stopped. Again with uplifted hands, I screamed with all my power. The bear broke off again and continued to run 400 yards or more up the mountain, until it passed out of sight. I retrieved my battered rifle and made my way to camp, bloody from head to foot."

Prentiss Lewis Goen was married October 27, 1853 to Elizabeth Quinn. She died in 1868 in Johnson County, Texas, and on December 3, 1868, Prentiss Lewis Goen was remarried to Emily Virginia Lane, according to Bosque County Marriage Book 1. He died February 18, 1880 at age 58 and was buried beside his first wife in Grandview Cemetery. "Emily V. Goin" died in Johnson County, February 26, 1930, 50 years after the death of her husband, according to Texas BVS File 9143.

Children born to Prentiss Lewis Goen and Elizabeth Quinn Goen include:

Mary Addie Goen	born about 1855
Prentiss Mariposa Goen	born about 1856
Florida Agnes Goen	born about 1859
Lewis Granville Goen	born about 1860
Elizabeth Lewis "Lulu" Goen	born in 1863
William Stanford Goen	born about 1866
Thomas Howell Goen	born about 1867

Children born to Prentiss Lewis Goen and Emily Virginia Lane Goen include:

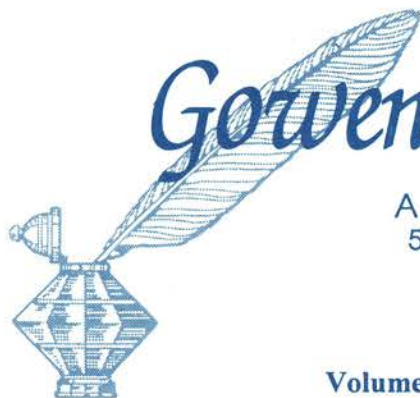
Christopher Columbus "Lum" Goen	born about 1869
Joel Addison Goen	born about 1872
John Henry Goen	born about 1874
Annie Lee Goen	born about 1875
George Jefferson Goen	born in August 1876
Carroll George Goen	born about 1877
Clara Idella Goen	born in Nov. 1878
Lillie Emily Goen	born in Nov. 1880

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## Rebecca A. Gowen's Family Denied Norfolk County Inheritance

Edward Gowen, Melungeon/Mulatto, son of Edward Gowen, was born about 1761, probably in Granville County, North Carolina. He was the fifth Edward Gowen in a string of four consecutive antecedents with the same name.

He was married in Granville County on a bond dated October 31, 1807 to Rebecca Anderson, daughter of Mulatto Lewis Anderson and Winifred "Winnie" Bass Anderson. Her brother, George Anderson was their bondsman.

Rebecca Anderson was the great-great-granddaughter of Kate Anderson, a Negro slave whose manumission created a great stir in the Virginia House of Burgesses. Her owner, John Fulcher of Norfolk County directed in his will of October 12, 1712 that his 15 slaves be freed. He directed his executor, Lewis Conner to give "to my Negroes, men and women and children, there freedom," according to Paul Heinegg writing in *"Free African Americans of North Carolina and Virginia."*

Kate Anderson and 14 other members of her extended family were also bequeathed by the will 640 acres of land in Norfolk County to the consternation of the Virginia legislators and planters. The House quickly moved to squelch the idea of freeing slaves in Virginia. They wrote legislation to "provide by a law against such manumission of slaves, which may in time by their increase and correspondence with other slaves . . . endanger the peace of this Colony," according to *"Henning's Statutes,"* Volume III.

The authorities could not legally undo the damage that Fulcher had done, but they felt they could discourage it from ever being repeated. Conner sought to minimize the problem for Virginia by exporting it to North Carolina. He swapped the 640 acres in Norfolk County for a section of land in Chowan County, just across the colony line. The Anderson family was reluctant to leave Virginia, so the executor "sweetened the deal" with an extra 300 acres of North Carolina land. Five years later the Andersons were still in Virginia, the deed to the promised North Carolina land not having materialized.

The family filed suit against Conner in 1717 in York County and produced Fulcher's will in court in an effort to obtain title to the land. The Andersons won the case, the court declaring that the wishes of a dying man were inviolate. But Conner appealed to the superior court in Williamsburg, and the verdict was reversed. Edward "Ned" Anderson, one of the children freed by Fulcher was back in court in 1734 trying to get title to the North Carolina land. Twenty-two years after the date of Fulcher's will, the North Carolina land lay in Bath County. Shortly afterward, Bath County itself was dissolved, and the Anderson family apparently gave up on the effort to secure its inheritance.

The Colony of Virginia was not victorious in the matter either. It could not long hold back manumission, either by law or by delaying tactics such as was used on the Andersons and the Gowens. When Pres. George Washington died in December 1799, he had already specified in his will that his slaves were to be given their freedom. Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton and other statesmen took a stand against slavery. The northern states, one by one, abolished slavery beginning with Vermont in 1777 and ending with New Jersey in 1804.

Lewis Anderson and Winifred "Winnie" Bass Anderson died without inheriting any of the Fulcher land. "Edward Going" was mentioned as a purchaser at the estate sale of Mrs. Winifred Anderson February 9, 1810, according to Granville County Will Book 7, page 116. "Edward Going & wife, Rebecca Going, heirs of Lewis Anderson, deceased" were mentioned April 12, 1814 in Granville County Will Book 8, pages 365 and 366.

Two free colored families, one headed by "Edward Goins", page 2 and another headed by "Edward Goins", page 23, appeared in the 1820 census of Moore County, North Carolina. Children born to Edward Gowen and Rebecca Anderson Gowen are unknown, but there must have been an "Edward the sixth" in there somewhere.

## Membership Hits Highest Level In First Month of Internet

Traffic in the Foundation Electronic Library increased 20-fold in the first month after the announcement that the facility had been established in Cyberspace. Due to the success of the Internet, the Foundation's membership also increased to its highest level in the seven years of the non-profit heritage society.

The Foundation Manuscript, begun in 1941 by Arlee Gowen, has now grown to over 10,000 pages of family lore dealing with branches of the family spelled in 52 different variations. The Foundation has learned that placing 55 years of research online is a mammoth task which is being done [like eating an elephant] one byte at a time. The immense document is being formatted into Microsoft Word 6.0, ascii and html formats to facilitate downloading by researchers around the world. Family historians searching for a particular name, place or event may contact the Foundation for a specific print-out if the item does not yet appear on the Website.

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I did so enjoy the "Cousins Have Chance Encounter" article in the August Newsletter. Sooner or later, all of us who dabble in genealogy have experiences of "genetic memory," psychic occurrences, intuition or serendipity. Anyone who has had such experiences is certain to enjoy the book, "Psychic Roots" [Genealogical Publishing Co, Baltimore] by the well-known genealogist, Henry Z. Jones, Jr. This was one of those wonderful books I could hardly put down. He relates the experiences of many researchers [who have benefitted from psychic assistance.] **Beverly J. Ellison Nelson, 3391 W. Aksarben Ave, Littleton, CO, 80123.**

==Dear Cousins==

Congratulations on a fantastic job of presenting the Foundation on the Internet! I received my September Newsletter and immediately logged on. Hope the staff has taken doses of megavitamins because you are going to need them with all the new activity it will generate. I have the Gore family online now, and all I do is answer E-mail and look up information.

I have discovered a 'Gorin Family Discussion Group' on the Internet that supports all of the Goin/Gowen names. GRF members can subscribe at "GORIN@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu" with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line of the message. I posted a message with them yesterday that the Gowen Research Foundation is now online.

Again, wonderful job! Thanks to all who accomplished this feat. **Joyce Campbell Locke, jglocke@yucca.net, Box 474, Portales, NM, 88130.**

==Dear Cousins==

I was pleased to see my query in the September "Dear Cousins." I had already had some responses to it before my copy arrived. The Electronic Library is a great concept. Please send my I.D. number so that I can make "tracks through the stacks." **Roy L. Edgar, 175 Allspice Ct, Springboro, OH, 45066, Ftscott@aol.com.**

I want to thank you for a great reunion in Tennessee, and thank you for the Foundation itself. I met wonderful people, learned a lot about my family and got to see the country where my forefathers walked. It was a wonderful experience that I will always treasure. Keep up the wonderful work. My Contributing Membership is enclosed. **Tammy Goin-Stone, Box 738, Ontario, OR, 97914.**

==Dear Cousins==

Thanks so much for the Foundation Web Site and for my access ID number. Right now I am playing with setting up my own homepage. Isn't the Web a lark! I could just live out there! **Nancy Strawder Bruce, nbruce1@ldl.net, 1427 17th Ave, Columbus, GA, 31901.**

==Dear Cousins==

I was glad to see the McGowens and the O'Gowens included in your research list after all the fuss and furor I raised several years ago to get them included--unsuccessfully, I might add. Last time I looked, there were 30-40 McGowens and O'Gowens here in my Montgomery County, MD telephone book. If you ever round up all of them, it will be quite a crowd! Glad to hear from you with this good news. My 1997 membership is enclosed. **Edward Miles Joseph Gowen, 1258 Cresthaven Dr, Silver Spring, MD, 20903.**

==Dear Cousins==

I would like to introduce your readers to "The Appalachian Quarterly," a new historical, genealogical magazine covering the Southern Appalachians. We have recently entered into an association with Dr. N. Brent Kennedy to compile, collect, preserve and protect genealogical information on families of probable Melungeon descent. The repository is called the National Melungeon Registry. We are currently in the process of establishing a web site, and I will send you information as we go online. **Rhonda Robertson, Editor, Wise County Historical Society, Box 368, Wise, VA, 24293.**

*Congratulations, Rhonda and welcome into genealogical publishing. We are placing your news release on the Internet in the "Melungia" section, and we'll be glad to "hotlink" our web site with yours.*

==Dear Cousins==

I am seeking the names of the parents of Aaron Going [b1823 KY] Andrew Jackson Going [b1820 KY] and Emily Going. Aaron m1 Maria Gitzendanner; m2 Dozena Prather; m3 Clementine Prather Milburn. He was recorded cs1850 Natchez, MS; cs1860, cs1870, cs1880 St. Landry Parish, LA. He died there in Westlake, LA in 1898. Andrew Jackson Going lived in E. Feliciana Parish, LA. **Inez Going, Box 20832, Houston, TX, 77225.**

==Dear Cousins==

I was really excited to see the Foundation on the Internet! I only accessed the archives a few times, because of the toll charges, but now I can search and revel to my heart's content! Thanks so much! **Doris Ann Goins, goins@noblecan.org, 8018 E. Cree Lake, Kendallville, IN, 46755.**

==Dear Cousins==

Your website is great. I have two Melungeon grandmothers and am particularly interested in "Melungia." I am working to computerize my ancestry. When completed I will forward a copy for the Foundation Library and for the Electronic Library on the Internet. Thanks for such a great work dedicated to our heritage. **Richard Couch, 970 W. 68th St, Tulsa, OK, 74132. RCouch1148@aol.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

Congratulations! The web is really great! I felt the "presence of the past" when I found my ancestors Maj. John "Buck" Gowen and wife Lettice on the Internet in "gowenms.006." My cousins and I are about to die from lack of sleep because now we now stay on the Internet most of the night. **Chan Edmondson, edmoski@airmail.net, Box 190354, Dallas, TX, 75219.**

I would like to exchange data on Nicholas Gowen [b1667, York Co, ME] and Abigail Hodsdon Gowen of York Co, ME. I am descended through their daughter, Margaret Gowen [b1699, York Co, ME] who was married to Abraham Lord, son of Elder Nathan Lord. **Keith Bean, 686 Rambleton Dr, Vacaville, CA, 95688, kbean99999@aol.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

My grandmother was Anna Brooks Dobbins Gowens who was an early researcher on Charles Gowens, the little drummer boy, our Revolutionary ancestor. I know a few of my cousins and others who spell the name "Gowens," and I would like to make contact with all the Gowens researchers. **Lou Edith Smith, Box 115, Dryden, TX, 78851-0115, 915/291-3331.**

==Dear Cousins==

The Founders of Natchitoches Conference, with Brent Kennedy as principal speaker, was a great success. He was welcomed by the mayor and the president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was interviewed by KALB-TV, and a book-signing was held at Old Town Book Merchant.

On Saturday morning [10/6] Brent spoke from 9:00 to 12:00 about the Melungeons with a 100% positive response. Because of the warm reception, Brent promised to return. John & Evelyn Orr arrived early for the Conference and spent two days with us, researching in the Shreveport Library. Our contributing membership for 1997 is enclosed. **Carroll H. Goyne, Jr, 10019 Canterbury Dr, Shreveport, LA, 71106.**

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#### Membership Hits Highest Level, Continued

A surprising popularity has been accorded "Melungia--Land of the Melungeons" because many families share the mysterious anomaly of dark-skinned individuals in their genetic mix. This Web feature is composed of articles written about this mysterious race of swarthy people who populated Appalachia during the colonial period of America. The Foundation has pioneered in the research of the origin of this dark-complexioned people who claimed Portuguese ancestry.

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A search program has been installed to speed up the work of the historians on the Internet. A user may utilize it to make a global search in all sections of the library simultaneously for his ancestor--in lightning speed. The screen will display the names of all of the files in the library in which his ancestor is mentioned. The researcher may search for names, geographic locations and time periods and download the findings to his own computer for study.

All researchers have free, unlimited access to "Dear Cousins" and the Foundation Newsletters. The Foundation Manuscript and "Melungia" are "closed stacks" and are available to members only. Members are ushered into the "closed stack" area after replying with their names and ID numbers supplied by Foundation office upon request. The Web Site is accessed at "http://www.llano.net/gowen." Online E-mail should be addressed to "gowen@llano.net." Faxes to 806/795-9694.

The Foundation Board is pleased to report that new memberships are exceeding renewals during the fall renewal period thus far. Former members and new members are offered memberships which begin now and extend through December 31, 1997. Current members are offered the same bonus--15 months for the price of 12!

The Foundation now offers more benefits and more research tools to the family researcher than he has ever had before. If it is financially convenient, you are invited to "move up a notch" for 1997 on the membership schedule below. Indicate the type of membership you have selected, and your membership card for the calendar year of 1997 will be in the mail promptly. The form below may be used to request sample copies of the Newsletter and to request gift memberships for members of your family. The Foundation will send gift cards acknowledging your thoughtfulness, both to you and the recipients.

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==Dear Cousins==

My ggg-gm was a sister to George Abbott of County Galway who settled on St. Simons Island, Georgia in about 1805 and married Mary Wright. Their 2nd dau. Annie [b1818] m. James Gowen in 1834. Their son George Harrison Gowen m. his cousin Elizabeth, dau of Henry Evans and Elizabeth Abbott Evans of Quebec. I would be interested in comparing notes with Foundation members.

I can tell you a certain amount about the Abbotts before 1800 and about the other descendants of George and his siblings since then, rather more about my line, of course. Do you publish a newsletter? Is it possible to subscribe from Europe? **Hugh Casement, Bahnweg 11, 84405 Dorfen, Germany.**

*Indeed you may subscribe and affiliate with the Foundation with the membership blank from our Website. It has been our pleasure to visit with many of your Gowen kinsmen in southeast Georgia. Charles Latimer Gowen, now 92, g-son of James Gowen and Anna Elizabeth Abbott Gowen, spoke to the Foundation Research Conference earlier this year in Nashville about his branch of the family. His second cousin, Miller Abbott "Bud" Gowen of Geneva, Switzerland, is one of the founders of the Foundation.*

==Dear Cousins==

I have been researching my g-g-g-gf Dillard Goen of Fairfield Co, SC, Jackson Co, GA, Smith Co, & Palo Pinto Co, TX. He had sons by the names of Joseph F, Lewis, William, James G. and Britten. I would like to communicate with anyone working on this line. **Paul Lynn Goen, 2311 Don Felipe SW, Albuquerque, NM, 87105, 505/877-5069.**

==Dear Cousins==

My g-gm Mary Ellen Goings was born in August 1871 in TN of parents who were also born in TN. She was enumerated in the 1900 census of Greene County, AR, Enum. Dist. 31, at age 28. Can anyone assist me on her ancestry? **Leila J. Hewitt, 5201 Palomino Dr, Melbourne, FL, 32934, 407/242-1741, LJSH47@aol.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

My paternal ancestors' surnames were: Bilbo, Chelaitre, Cole, Courtney, Curtis, Davis, Flower, Green, Hall, Hobson, Johnson, Rentfroe, Roberts, Saidec, Selet and Simmons. I have been told that some of them are Melungeon names and that some of them intermarried with the Gowen/Going/Goynes family. Many migrated to Mississippi from the Carolinas and Tennessee. All appeared in Louisiana in the early 1800s. My grandmother, Sarah Hall stated that we are part Cherokee. I would like to contact Foundation researchers who are interested in any of the above families. **Thelma Cole Morgan, Rt. 2, Box 94, Dayton, TX, 77535.**

#### **Family Narratives Requested**

The Foundation would like to carry in future Newsletters similar accounts of the earliest progenitors in your branch of the family. Please consider your self "next" to prepare a narrative on your most interesting ancestor. If you need help in organizing your material, the Foundation staff will be glad to assist. Jot down the salient facts, dates and places, and we'll take it from there.

==Dear Cousins==

I am seeking information on Thomas Gowans and Rachel McClurg of York County, PA who were married "at Widow McClurg's house" Nov. 26, 1778 by Rev. James Clarkson. Born to them were Elizabeth, b1779; Katherine, b1781 and Jean Gowans, b1784. Any help, anyone? **Mamie Way, Rt. 1, Fairmont, OK, 73736.**

==Dear Cousins==

Your "stuff" on your web site is wonderful. May we "hot link" you to our "E-zine Family Tree?" **Beth Gay, Editor, Family Tree, Odom Library, Box 1110, Odom, GA, 31776.**  
*Aye, Lassie. We Scottish here will enjoy keeping company with you for auld lang syne.*

==Dear Cousins==

When and how did the Caucasian race become pale, and when and how did they lose their pigmentation? When and how did the Caucasians destroy the melanin in their chromosomes which determines the color of skin, hair and eyes? Why are archaeologists unable to find fossil remains of Caucasian? Are they the descendants of albinos?

The white race excretes an enzyme which absorbs melanin; the black race does not. This is why a white corpse turns black. When scientists cleanse the skin of Egyptian mummies, the epidermis appears pigmented exactly like that of all other black people of Africa. People of the Mediterranean area--Spanish, Portuguese, Turkish, Jewish, Moorish, [Melungeon] etc. and American Indians still have some of the original black blood melanin. **Robert Graham, #99451, Camp T'Shark 3R7, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA, 70712.**

==Dear Cousins==

I love the term "Melungia." How sweet it is to see the pore ol' Melungeons recognized in cyberspace after being down-trodden for so long on this earth. You have done a great job on the web site. We would like to announce it in the next issue of our newsletter, the "Southeastern Kentucky Melungeon Information Exchange." I was glad to see Dr. Brent Kennedy's reply in "melungia.002." We appreciate your good work. **Bill Fields, 1525 Barbra Ests. Dr, Seymour, TN, 37865, 76241.3137@compuserve.com.4.**

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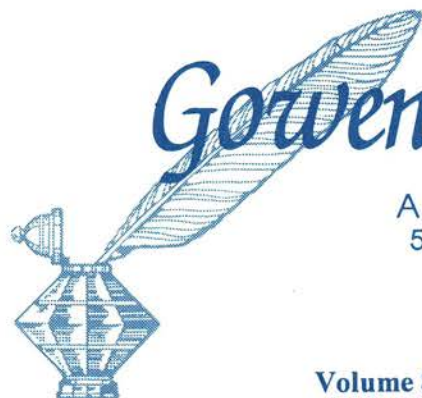
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## Foundation Electronic Library Established on the Internet

Ten thousand pages of Gowen lore now await researchers on the Internet. The entire Gowen Manuscript is currently being placed in Cyberspace where researchers around the world can have immediate access to its resources and do it in real time.

Family historians in the Foundation's Electronic Library learned early to check more than one spelling of their surname when doing their research. Donna Gowin Johnston, Editorial Board-member reported at the Nashville research conference that the Gowen surname is misspelled more often than any other surname encountered. She reported that the Foundation Manuscript contains data on the surname in 52 spelling variations. [so far]

Careless clerks, phonetic spelling and illiteracy have produced legal records in American courthouses dealing with these surnames:

"Gawan, Gawans, Gawen, Gawens, Gawin, Gawins, Gawn, Gawne, Gawnes, Goain, Goains, Goan, Goane, Goans, Goen, Goene, Goens, Goin, Goines, Going, Goings, Goins, Gouen, Gouens, Gowain, Gowan, Gowane, Gowaness, Gowan, Gowans, Gowen, Gowene, Gowens, Gowin, Gowine, Gowing, Gowins, Gown, Gowne, Gownes, Gowyn, Goyen, Goyens, Goyne, Goynes, Goynne, McGowan, McGowen, McGowin, O'Gowan, O'Gowen and O'Gowin."

Researchers quickly find that if you are interested in *any of the above*, you have to take notes on *all of the above*. Thus, this anomaly that plagues those in pursuit of the Gowens and the Goins, makes it imperative that these researchers cooperate in pooling their knowledge in a huge data bank, like the Foundation. Thus each member is benefitted by the work of all.

In addition to the Foundation Manuscript, the Web Site includes all of Foundation Newsletters, including those out of print, for browsing or downloading.

"**Melungia, Land of the Melungeons**" is a new feature, being offered for the first time on the Internet and on the Electronic Library. It is composed of articles written about this mysterious race of swarthy people who populated Appalachia during the colonial period of America. The Foundation has pioneered in the research of the origin of this dark-complexioned people who claimed Portuguese ancestry.

A pool of Melungeon authorities, including Dr. N. Brent Kennedy, Vice-Chancellor of Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia; Evelyn McKinley Orr, Omaha, NE, chairman of the Foundation's Melungeon Research Team; Jack Harold Goins, Rogersville, TN; and Donna Gowin Johnston, Casper, WY are members of the Melungeon Research Team.

Additional members of the Foundation's Melungeon Research Team include James R. Callahan, Nashville, IN, chairman of the Editorial Board; Dr. William Moreau Goin, Detroit, MI; Ruth Johnson, Kingsport, TN; Louise Goins Richardson, Paragould, AR; Dr. Fernanda Rodrigues, Suffolk University, Boston, MA and others.

Additionally Dr. Kennedy, author of "**The Melungeons: the Resurrection of a Proud People**" is the head of the Melungeon Documentary Film Team which has received a grant from the Turkish government and is currently filming in Turkey. Members of this team include: Michael Abram, M.D, Cherokee, NC; Susan Abram, B.A, Cherokee Heritage Museum, Cherokee, NC; Tomas Atencio, Ph.D, University of New Mexico; Khalid Awan, M.D, University of Virginia; Scott Collins, Ed.S, Sneedville, TN; Tom Costa, Ph.D, University of Virginia; Chester DePratter, Ph.D, South Carolina Institute for Archaeology and Anthropology, Columbia, SC; Robert Elston, Ph.D, Louisiana State University Medical Center; Charles Faulkner, Ph.D, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and G. F. "Nick" Fielder, Ph.D, Tennessee State Archaeologist, Nashville, TN.

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## Membership Campaign for 1997 Announced by GRF Directors

Despite an increase in postal rates in July and despite an additional budgeted expense of maintaining the Electronic Library on the Internet, the Foundation Board of Directors voted to hold the line on membership dues for the calendar year 1997. They were optimistic that the additional online features of the Internet would attract enough new members to justify the additional expense.

Basic membership for 1997 remains at \$15 for the year. Contributing membership and overseas membership remains at \$25, and Sustaining memberships continue at \$100 annually.

Stepped up efforts were planned to publicize the Foundation to family researchers worldwide through the Internet. Cyberspace brings foreign researchers as near to you as your closest cousin and offers instant, real time communications for less than postage stamps. The directors feel that the Foundation Web Site has the potential of doubling the size of the organization.

Additionally the campaign will enlist the aid of genealogical columnists across the nation and utilize online services such as Prodigy, America Online, Compuserve, Microsoft and others to publicize the research assistance that the Foundation offers to family historians.

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I learned of the Foundation on America Online. I am just beginning research on my husband's name, McGowan, and the information given to me by relatives is spotty, and I am not too sure of its accuracy. The first name I have is Bridget O'Flaenerty McGowan who had two children, Nancy McGowan who was married to Workman and Patrick T. McGowan was married to Catherine Condon. Their first child, Terence Francis McGowan was born June 22, 1898 in New York. He was my husband's grandfather. Thank you for any help you can give. **Brenda McGowan, 770 Regateo Dr, Hemet, CA, 92543.**

==Dear Cousins==

I have traced one branch of my family back to Nathan Goins, regarded as the son of John Goins and Billie Driver Goins. Nathan Goins was born in the 1820s in Tennessee, in what was then known as Cherokee Nation, in Hamilton County. From there, his family removed to Arkansas and then on to what is now Gore, OK. I have found records where "Goins" was rendered as "Gowen." Can the Foundation or its members assist me in this research? **Roy L. Edgar, 175 Allspice Ct, Springboro, OH, 45066, 513/748-2999.**

==Dear Cousins==

I have inherited the Goin research of my grandfather, Varion E. Goin. His third wife, Anna Lee Davis Goin survives, but in a care facility in a diminished mental capacity. I had expressed an interest in his family history records so they came to me. Interspersed with the records were the Foundation Newsletters going back to the first edition. I am enclosing a list of missing editions which I understand that you supply to new members. Will you please forward those to me and advise the cost. My membership is enclosed.

Being inexperienced in genealogy, I have not fully grasped the significance all of the wealth of family information and documentation that has been handed down to me. I have not yet discovered the filing system used by my grandfather and am

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### Internet, Continued

Other members of the documentary committee include: Eloy Gallegos, M.A, Knoxville; Robert Gilmer, M. D, Abingdon, VA; Jack H. Goins, Rogersville, TN; Amy Hahn, Ph.D, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; Ahmad Y. El-Hassan, Ph.D, University of Ontario; Benita Howell, Ph.D, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Richard Jantz, Ph.D, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Ruth Johnson, Kingsport, TN; Anouar Majid, Ph.D, University of New England; Ralph Miner, Jonesville, VA; Joan Kirchman Mitchell, Ph.D,

having difficulty making rhyme or reason of his data. I understand that a research team has been organized within the Foundation among the descendants of Thomas Goin of Brunswick County, Virginia and Claiborne County, Tennessee. I would like to make contact with these team members and offer the benefit of my grandfather's research in exchange for their guidance in how to proceed. **Marilyn Morton, 5827 NE 14th Avenue, Portland, OR, 97211-4238. Welcome, Marilyn. The missing Newsletters have been forwarded to you, no charge. Any that remain missing can be downloaded from the Foundation web site on the Internet. You will be hearing from your cousins.**

==Dear Cousins==

Peggy A. White of Hopkinsville, KY gave your address to me after she saw my query on Goin/Gowin in "Family Puzzlers." My ancestor, Sarah A. E. Fulp[s] was bc1838 in NC, according to census records. Andrew Fulp/Phelps and Martha J. Goin/Gowin may have been her parents. They were married by William Lewis, J.P. December 5, 1837 in Claiborne County, TN, I believe. Sarah A. E. Fulps was married to George C. Fuller in Maury County, TN December 23, 1855. Do you or any of the Foundation members have any records on these individuals? **Virginia Harmon Barnes, 101 Country Cove Drive, Clinton, MS, 39056. Foundation records show that Martha J. Gowen was married to Andrew Phelps December 5, 1837 by Samuel Wilson, J.P, recorded in Claiborne County, TN Marriage Book 2, page 3. David C. Gowen was married October 26, 1854 to Priscilla H. Fuller in Carroll County, TN [near Maury.]**

==Dear Cousins==

The opening night of the Nashville Research Conference for the Gowen family was fun, friendly and a great way to meet new cousins. Donna Gowin Johnston is to be commended for devising such a clever contest. It was a marvelous way of meeting new family members. The evening ended with a warm and comfortable feeling. I now have a large collection of cousins and many happy memories.

Thanks to my cousin, Don Lee Gowen of Decatur, Alabama, I had the privilege of visiting the grave and cemetery of my g-g-grandfather, James Burns Gowen. I am delighted to have the photographs you sent. With warm appreciation and sincere thanks for a well planned reunion. **Elizabeth Hale Morfitt, 353 Westmoreland Dr, Idaho Falls, ID, 83402.**

==Dear Cousins==

This past month I had a double treat!! I was anxious to read the "rest of the story" about my uncle, Cmdr. Joseph Henry Gowan. I thought Pat did an excellent job of research; also it was nice to see my late father, Frank Maxwell Gowan given credit for his contribution. I knew that Pat & Mary Ellen Gowan had run into George William Gowan at Arlington Cemetery, but what a delight to see George's article about their chance meeting. My first cousins made a major impact on in the August Newsletter.

I am enclosing my check for \$40 for the Nashville Conference tapes. Since I could not attend, this will help soothe my disappointment and sense of loss. Thank you for all the hard work you do in bringing us the wonderful family stories in the Newsletter. **Mary Jo Gowan Bray, 5719 E. Aster Dr, Scottsdale, AZ, 85254, 602/948-6554.**

University of Alabama; Evelyn McKinley Orr, Omaha, NE; Horace Rice, Ed.D, Madison Hts, VA; Fernanda Rodrigues, Ph.D, Boston, MA; Robert Seay, Newport, TN; Sayyid Muhammad Sayyid, Ph.D, Washington, DC; Frederick Taylor, Ph.D, Georgia State University; Nelson Vieira, Ph.D, Brown University; George Waters, M.D, Indianapolis, IN; Jack Williams, B.A, vice-chancellor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Arlee Gowen, B.A, Foundation president.

A fourth feature available on the Foundation Home Page is "Dear Cousins Message & Query Center." This is composed of research communications received in the Foundation office via U.S. Mail, E-mail, Faxes, FidoNet, America Online, Prodigy, Compuserve, GEnie, Microsoft and other online services.

A search program has been installed to speed up the work of the researchers using the Electronic Library on the Internet. A user may utilize it to make a global search in all sections of the library simultaneously for his ancestor--in lightning speed. The screen will display the names of all of the files in the library in which his ancestor is mentioned. The researcher may search for names, geographic locations and time periods and download the findings to his own computer for study.

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### Membership Campaign, Continued

Former members and new members are offered memberships which begin now and extend through December 31, 1997. Current members are offered the same bonus--16 months for the price of 12! Former members are receiving a complimentary copy of this Newsletter to advise them of the offer and to solicit their reaffiliation.

The Board feels an urgent need to renew all former members. They are the ones who provided the momentum for the Foundation in its early years, and they are possibly the ones who have the most knowledge of the family and of our heritage.

## Conference Tape Order

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Please send to the address below \_\_\_\_\_ set/s, @ \$40 each, of audio tapes of the Foundation Research Conference held May 5-6-7 in Nashville. I understand that the eight tapes will include the presentations made by the 15 speakers listed below:

James R. Callahan	Nashville, IN
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Jack Harold Goins	Rogersville, TN
Jon Lee Goins	Austin, TX
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Evelyn McKinley Orr	Omaha, NE
Dianne Thurman	Wichita, KS
Guy G. Weaver	Memphis, TN

For the set/s of eight tapes totalling 12 hours of lectures I enclose my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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The Foundation now offers more benefits and more research tools to the family researcher than he has ever had before. Ten thousand pages of family data and research assistance have been assembled and are now available to any current member online for browsing or downloading at no charge. In 1997, only current members will have security clearance to access the Foundation Manuscript and "Melungia."

The directors reaffirm the five-fold purpose of our non-profit heritage society to:

1. Preserve and promulgate the heritage of the family, dealing not with just a study of the "begats," but with the accomplishments and contributions of the family members as well.
2. Assist individual family members to find their "place" in the lineage and to understand the motivation for the actions and the moves of their ancestors and the sacrifices they made for the family.
3. Unite the familia in toto and to undo the divisive damage done by careless recorders who have brought about dozens of spelling variations of our surname.
4. Instill in the younger generation an appreciation of their heritage and a knowledge of the effort expended to bring the family to its present position, and to make certain that young and old alike will manifest a family pride that will be handed down for generations to come.
5. Arrange research conferences, family gatherings and meetings of the Editorial Board of Directors to determine the best methods of collecting, editing and promulgating the family narrative through the Foundation manuscript, the Foundation Library and the Electronic Library.

If you concur with the objectives of the Foundation, please join in this expanding effort and move upward with the organization. If it is financially convenient, you are invited to "move up a notch" for 1997 on the membership schedule below. Indicate the type of membership you have selected, and your 1997 membership card will be in the mail promptly.

The form below may be used to request sample copies of the Newsletter and to request gift memberships for members of your family. The Foundation will send gift cards acknowledging your thoughtfulness, both to you and the recipients.

## Membership Application, 1997

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Frederick Gowen Denied Pension For Revolutionary War Service

Frederick Gowen, son of James Gowen, was born about 1766, probably in Brunswick County, Virginia. When Greensville County was organized in 1783, Frederick Gowen was a resident of the new county. William Powell paid tax for him in 1787 in Greensville County, according to "The 1787 Census of Virginia," page 779.

"Frederick Goen" secured a marriage bond in adjacent Mecklenburg County March 9, 1789 to marry Susey "Sookie" Chavous, according to **Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriages, 1785-1850.** Henry Chavous, Sr, father of the bride, gave consent. Robert Singleton, James Stewart and Belar Chavous witnessed his letter of consent. Security was Frederick Ivey, and Phillip Cox was the minister. Henry Chavous, Sr. was the head of a large, prominent "free colored" family in Mecklenburg County. Children born to Frederick Goen and Susey "Sookie" Chavous Goen are unknown.

Frederick Gowen purchased 250 acres "on the east side of Blue Wing Creek" in Person County, North Carolina September 16, 1793, according to Person County Deed Book A, page 147. He sold 124 acres of this land July 6, 1801 to Edmund Going, regarded as his nephew, while a resident of Mecklenburg County, according to Person County Deed Book C, page 290.

"Frederick Goen" secured a marriage bond December 29, 1800 to marry Mary Brandon according to **Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriages, 1785-1850.** They were married January 1, 1801 by William Richards, minister.

Security was Ephriam Ivy. The minister's return showed the name of the groom as "Frederick Gowen." The bride was regarded as a daughter of William Brandon and Elizabeth Brandon, a free colored family of Mecklenburg County.

"Fedrick Gowen" paid tax on "1 poll" in the 1805 Person County tax roll in "Capt. Street's Company."

Frederick Gowen, "free colored" enlisted in Revolutionary service in the Virginia Continental Line in Brunswick County, according to **"Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files"** abstracted by Virgil D. White who stated that he lived in the part of the county that became Granville County, North Carolina after the Revolutionary War.

## Family Narratives Requested

The Foundation would like to carry in future Newsletters similar accounts of the earliest progenitors in your branch of the family. Please consider your self "next" to prepare a narrative on your most interesting ancestor. If you need help in organizing your material, the Foundation staff will be glad to assist. Jot down the salient facts, dates and places, and we'll take it from there.

"Fred Gowen, free colored male" was listed in the 1830 census of Lauderdale County, Alabama, page 206, as the head of a household:

" Gowen, Fred	free colored male	55-100
	colored female	55-100
	colored male	24-36
	colored female	24-36"

On March 21, 1838 Frederick Gowen of adjoining Lawrence County made an application [R4167] for a Revolutionary War pension in a "non-military capacity." The pension was rejected, according to **"Report on Rejected and Suspended Pensions Reported to Congress"** in 1852. The report was printed in **"Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama."**

## Internet, Continued

Additionally the Foundation will advise researchers of the names of others working on his branch of the family. All researchers have free, unlimited access to **"Dear Cousins"** and the Foundation Newsletters. The Foundation Manuscript and **"Melungia, the Land of the Melungeons"** are "closed stacks" in the Electronic Library and are available to members only. Members are ushered into the "closed stack" area after replying with their names and ID numbers. ID numbers are provided to members by the Foundation office upon request. The Web Site is accessed at "http://www.llano.net/gowen." E-mail requests and inquiries should be addressed to "gowen@llano.net." Faxes should be transmitted to 806/795-9694.

The non-profit Foundation was organized in 1989 with a grant from Miller A. Gowen, of Geneva, Switzerland, and its membership has now spread across the United States and Canada. Additionally it has overseas members in Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand who are researching the surname. Memberships in the Foundation begin at \$15 a year. Membership blanks and additional information may be downloaded from the Web Site or requested from the Foundation.

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## CMDR Joseph Gowan Buried in Arlington National Cemetery

By Patrick William Gowan, his son

Foundation Editorial Boardmember

1422 Puterbough Street, San Diego, California, 92103

### Part 2:

Joseph Henry Gowan, the eldest child of William M. and Laura Maxwell Gowen, was born on a farm of 160 acres located in Boone County on the White River about 6 miles north of Lead Hill, Arkansas November 24, 1886. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy August 22, 1911, and because of previous radio and telegraphy experience, was assigned to naval aviation.

Thus began a story-book career which saw him rise through the ranks to become a naval officer who experienced every phase of the development of the Navy's air wing from the U.S.S. Langley, its first carrier until World War II. During his Navy tenure, he flew every type of aircraft the Navy had, including flying boats and lighter-than-air. In 1932, he was squadron commander of the seaplanes aboard the U.S.S. Houston, based in the Philippines. The Japanese began their invasion of China, and the Houston was ordered to China to protect the American interests there, quickly recalling the cruiser's seaplanes from the Cavite naval base where they were being retrofitted.

This was completed in two days while the ship was underway. He flew observation flights during the fighting after the ship arrived in Shanghai and also commanded a detachment of 40 men from the U.S.S. Houston which was guarding American-owned Shanghai Power & Light Company. For all of this he received a letter of commendation.

Our tour was over in June, 1933, and Joe received orders to NAS Pensacola. After a return voyage aboard the U.S. Army transport Grant, we disembarked at San Francisco where the effects of the depression were quite evident. I remember seeing men selling apples in Union Square. The family bought a car and drove across country, and quite a few of the highways were dirt roads. We rented a house on the bay near the air station where there was lots of fishing, swimming, and boating. I entered Hallmark School in Pensacola in the sixth grade while Dick entered the fourth. Being new, we both found ourselves in fistfights on the second day of school. Luckily, we both won so we did not have any more trouble.

Joe was an instructor at Pensacola in seaplanes and torpedo bombers. In addition he transported personnel. He piloted the American ambassador to Cuba from Miami to Havana to Pensacola in January 1935. In June, 1935, Joe received orders to NAS San Diego. We make an uneventful automobile trip across the country, although the highways still left a lot to be desired. Shortly after Joe reported to his new duty station, Rockwell

Field, which had been in joint use by the Army and Navy since World War I, was designated Naval Air Station, North Island and all of the Army left.

Joe was initially assigned to a utility squadron which provided support to the fleet during exercises and flew missions for the Naval Air Station. Promotions in the Navy as well as other branches of the Armed Forces had been very slow since the mid-1920s due to size limitation treaties with other nations made after WWI. However, following Japanese aggression in China and the start of WWII in Europe, expansion of the armed forces began and in late 1938 Joe was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Commander.

The selection process divided the selectees into two classes, best qualified and qualified. Graduates of the Naval Academy and other colleges were considered best qualified and were promoted without a written examination, but all others were considered qualified and were required to take a written exam. Joe passed his exam and was promoted in January, 1939.

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## Cousins Have Chance Encounter In Cemetery After 46 Years

By George William Gowan

1128 Eastbrook Lane, Webster Groves, Missouri, 63119

What are the odds of two cousins who had not seen each other for 46 years, who had never corresponded and who had no idea what the other looked like to meet! And to have that meeting be a chance encounter in a strange town hundreds of miles away from their homes!

By a slender thread of circumstance, that's exactly what happened to us--in Washington, D.C. My first cousin, Patrick William Gowan lives in San Diego, and I live in the St. Louis area. And it was his deceased father, buried in Arlington National Cemetery, who brought us together.

A few years back, I visited my bother Thomas J. Gowan in El Paso. During my stay I decided to browse through some old family papers and photos. There were many interesting items. My father William T. Gowan, was employed as a telegrapher by the Santa Fe Railroad in Post, Texas.

He also doubled as the operator of the Western Union office there. A young boy on a bicycle would deliver the telegrams after my father printed and pasted the tiny little strips of paper onto the telegram form.

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The Newsletter article by Sandra M. Loidans has been very helpful to me in tracing my ancestors, Jeremiah Goins and his wife, Sarafina. I am enclosing my check for a set of tapes that will include her entire presentation at the Nashville Conference. I am so thankful for the work that the Foundation is doing. **Juanita Thornburg Southerland, 9156 Sawyer Brown Rd, Nashville, TN, 37221.**

==Dear Cousins==

We are looking for descendants of Jeremiah Goins, b1775 VA, v1840 Hendricks Co, IN; David & James Goings, v1840 Hendricks Co; William Goings, b1838 Hendricks Co, d1917 Tippecanoe Co, IN and William A. [or Matthew] Goings b1872 Litchfield, IL. Would like contact with anyone doing Goings research in Indiana or Illinois to find possible connections or trade information. Also would like to know if anyone knows how to locate Civil War military prison records. **Norma J. Goings & Martha Goings Flora, 4548 S. Redwood Dr, Terre Haute, IN, 47802, 812/299-8209, email: mflora@holli.com.**

==Dear Cousins==

My father, Dr. Raymond L. Goynes of Hove, Sussex is an enthusiastic member of the Foundation, but has not yet subscribed to the Internet. In the meantime, I will forward messages to and from him between Great Britain and the United States. **Nicola Winifred Mason, "tikki@btinternet.com".**

==Dear Cousins==

Dr. Tommy Johnson has confirmed that Dr. Brent Kennedy will be the principal speaker at the Founders of Natchitoches, Louisiana Conference on October 5. Dr. Johnson advised that Brent will arrive at the Shreveport airport on Friday afternoon, October 4, and be driven to Natchitoches. They have a reception and book-signing planned for him that evening. Brent will be staying at the Holiday Inn, the site of the conference and will have the full morning for his presentation. Following lunch, he will be driven to the Shreveport airport for an approximate 4pm



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### Chance Encounter in Cemetery, Continued

Many times he would send love notes, via this skinny kid, to my mother. Between deliveries, the kid hung around the depot and plunked on his guitar. His name was Floyd Tillman. If that name sounds familiar to you, that's because it is. Floyd Tillman went on to achieve stardom as a country song writer and entertainer. It was very touching to see how much my mother and father loved one another by reading the notes they sent to one another via the kid on the bicycle with his guitar slung on his back.

One of the items in the old tin box, where my brother kept all the old family papers, was a newspaper article detailing the death of my Uncle Joe. The article ended with the fact that he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. I told my brother if I was ever in D.C. again, I would visit his gravesite.

Finally the opportunity came. It was about 2:40 pm when the tour bus pulled up in front of the Visitor's Center at Arlington. The driver announced that the changing of the guard, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, occurred every hour on the hour. It is a most moving and touching ceremony, and I wanted to share this ceremony with Betsy, my wife.

We rushed through the Visitors Center and walked very briskly up the hill to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We got there just in time to locate a place to sit and watch the changing of the guard.

On our way back down the hill to the Visitor's Center we passed a small group of people who were obviously part of an organized tour. The guide, a large lady with a long white sweater, was saying that a large number of Civil War soldiers were buried in the cemetery.

We reached the Visitor's Center around 3:20 and located the Grave Registration Office. There were two ladies behind the counter. One looked up from her work, and I asked her if I was in the right place to find out where my uncle was buried. She pointed to a log and told me to fill it out and she then walked over to her computer.

I began to fill out the log. First column was "Name, first, middle, and last." Not knowing his middle name, I just put "Joseph Gowen." Next column was "Year of Internment." I guessed "1942." Last column was "Branch of Service." I entered "Navy."

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I received a nice letter from Dr. Raymond Goynes of Hove, England. He sent several charts identifying his family. It appears that Raymond's line came to America much later than mine. He said that he had visited with his American cousins in Delaware, Virginia, and Lancaster County, PA. He and "Australian" Robert Goyen have linked-up.

I signed up for Internet access recently. My E-mail address is: "cgoyne@softdisk.com". **Carroll Heard Goynes, Jr, 10019 Canterbury Dr, Shreveport, LA, 71106.**

### Chance Encounter in Cemetery, Continued

The lady looked up from her computer and asked me, "Last name?". I told her "Gowan" and that it might be spelled with an "e". This was because some of my father's brothers and sisters spelled it "Gowen." The lady then asked, "First name and middle name?". I told her "Joseph," but had no idea what his middle name was.

She turned to me with a startled expression on her face and said, "His middle name was Henry. I looked this same name two minutes ago!" I stood in shocked disbelief.

She went on to say she had just looked the same name up for a very distinguished gentleman. She remembered that he was with a tour group with large pink name tags and their guide was a "large woman with a long white sweater." Betsy turned to me and exclaimed, "We just passed them."

After recovering from the eerie feeling I was experiencing, I managed to calm down and look at the register. Two lines above my entry was "Joseph Henry Gowen, Jan. 1941, Navy."

I had to find Cousin Pat, and time was running out!

We walked back to the area where we had seen the tour group. They were nowhere in sight. I looked at the map of the cemetery which showed coordinates and the grave number of my uncle. It appeared that the next stop for the tour group would be the Kennedy grave site with the eternal flame.

When we arrived at the Kennedy site, we spotted a number of people wearing large pink name tags. I asked one man if there was a Gowen in their group. He did not know. I asked if they had a tour guide. He pointed to a woman, but she was not wearing "the white sweater."

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### Joseph Henry Gowen, Continued

Upon his promotion, two things occurred. First, he joined the NAS North Island officers' club. He had never before joined an officers' club because of his enlisted service, and the general feeling among some of the senior officers was that it was not proper for him to do so. Second, he was transferred to the NAS North Island Operations Department where he became Assistant Operations officer with a lot of administrative duties, but he continued to fly. He began to fly sea and land transport planes more often, although he flew fighters and other types from time to time.

In April 1940, Joe became the Operations Officer of NAS North Island, but still continued flying. On January 3, 1941, he was the pilot of a transport plane which crashed into a mountain as it was returning to San Diego from Texas. Not much is known of the circumstances except that it was late on a foggy night, and the plane was on instruments. NAS North Island was transmitting a radio beam which apparently was deflected by mineral deposits in the mountains, and the plane was close enough to San Diego to have begun its descent. Eleven other naval personnel were killed in the crash.

He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, and his wife now rests with him. At the time of his death, he was one of the most experienced pilots in the U.S. Navy. A street at NAS North Island was later named for him.

Two sons were born to Joseph Henry Gowen and Ida Clarice Epp Gowen:

Patrick William Gowen  
Richard Leroy Gowen

born January 10, 1922  
born August 17, 1923

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Note: All information up to Joe's enlistment is taken from "Gowen 1687-1980," a family history written by my uncle Frank Maxwell Gowen of Phoenix, Arizona.

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## Chance Encounter at Cemetery, Continued

I spoke to the tour guide and asked if there was a man named Gowan in her tour group. She said she did not know of one, but had a listing of everyone on the tour. She opened her three ring binder and went down the list of names and said, "we have a Patrick Gowan from San Diego."

My cousin Pat!

The tour guide went on to explain they had broken into three groups to tour the cemetery. I looked at my watch, and now it is 3:50, 10 minutes before the changing of the guard. I look at the map and see a foot trail connecting the Kennedy grave site to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Betsy and I take the foot trail. I am now so excited that my mouth is dry, and I am walking so fast that Betsy is having a difficult time keeping up with me. Every so often I stop and tell her to hurry up.

We get to the Tomb just as people are leaving. I spot two elderly ladies, with the large pink name tags, walking on the main road toward the Kennedy grave site. I stop them and asked if they know a man named Gowan? Neither did. I asked them if their group was on their way to the Kennedy site. They confessed that they had gotten separated from their group and were lost.

Betsy and I took the main road back to the Kennedy site because we could have missed them due to taking the foot trail. When we arrived, there was no one in sight with the large pink name tags.

What do I do now? Cousin Pat could be at his father's grave site. We start the walk to the coordinates for my uncle's grave. Before we get out of the Kennedy area, we see the two lost ladies. I learned from them that they were all traveling on one bus, and it was parked on the bus lot at the Visitors Center. It was going to leave promptly at 4:30.

It was obvious that the tour busses did not go to the area of my uncle's grave. By this time I am really thirsty, and Betsy is falling further behind. I have to spend a lot of time waiting for her to catch up. As we walk past the Visitors Center, I look at my watch, and it is now 3:40. I realized that if we were not at Uncle Joe's grave site by 4:05, we would not be able to get back to the bus parking lot before the bus left at 4:30.

Betsy is really falling behind now, and I am dying of thirst. I now have my coat off and working up a good sweat.

About 4:00 we encounter a couple with the large pink name tags. I am now getting excited and asked if their name was Gowan? No, and they did not know of anyone in their group by that name.

At a little after 4:00, Even though it is October it is unusually warm. we arrive at my the site where my uncle and his wife are buried. We start the long walk back to the Visitor's Center. Betsy is very tired and can not keep up with me. I told her I would walk fast and leave her behind, and she could catch up with me on the bus parking lot.

About 4:15 a cemetery maintenance pickup came along. I flagged him down. For the first time in many years, I told a little white lie. I told him that we were about to miss our bus and asked if the rules allowed him to give us a ride. He said he was not supposed to, but would do so in this case.

The driver dropped us right at the Visitor's Center. We hurried through, headed toward the parking lot. Outside there were a group of people milling around. I noticed two men talking with the large pink name tags. I walked over, and as one of them turned around to face me, I peered at the name tag which read, "Pat Gowan!"

I introduced myself, and he looked at me with complete bewilderment on his face. I proceeded to explain to him exactly who I was and how our fathers were brothers. He said, "you are my first cousin." He was amazed with our efforts to intercept him. We met his wife, Mary Ellen and talked briefly--and then the bus departed--promptly at 4:30.

When you visit a Cemetery, you expect to find your relatives buried there and not walking around. I still look back on that day in complete amazement. I think of the things that might not have happened which would have prevented us from meeting:

What if the other lady had waited on me at the Grave Registration Office? What if I had registered first at the Grave Registration Office? If Pat had registered after me, would the same lady have waited on him? If the same lady did wait on him, he would not have been able to find me because we were not part of a tour group.

What are the odds of all this happening? With in a matter of minutes, two cousins who have not seen nor heard from each in 46 years, are within minutes of being in the same office at the same time. I live 830 miles from D.C, and Pat lives 2,733 miles away. Small world!

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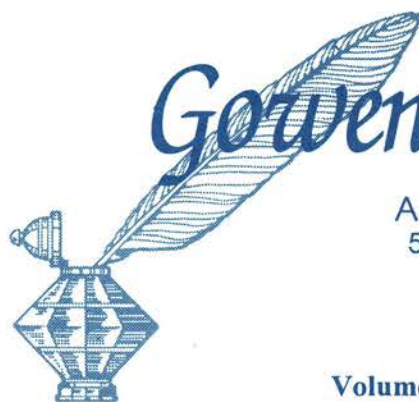
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## Jalisco Researcher Documents 65 Grandparents in Six Years

By Sandra M. Loridans

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[Extracted from lecture at Nashville Research Conference]

I began my "journey into genealogy", in a serious way, only six years ago. In this short period, I have probably encountered every hurdle one might expect and a few you might never have to deal with, like living in a foreign country. In the beginning, I knew the names of only 12 of my grandparents and great-grandparents. As of today, I now know the names of 65 of my grandparents, tracing one line back to the 1600s in Germany, with appropriate documentation.

With other lines, I have not been as successful, but I will be. At the end of every year, I count my successes and this spurs me on. Imagine my excitement to discover that my 4th great-grandfather, Isaac Best, was in the Old 300 Colony which went to Old Mexico with Stephen F. Austin and to actually see a copy of his Spanish land grant signed by "Estevan F. Austin."

My maternal grandmother, Mary Emily Perkins Maricle, had always lived in our home because my grandfather had died prior to my birth. I attribute my interest in my ancestors to this grandmother, at whose knees I sat while she told stories of her birth in 1877, at which time her Indian mother died in Mississippi; her father's trip with her back to his mother's home in Texas by covered wagon; and the subsequent death of her father when she was three years old.

What she never told me, nor did it occur to me to ask, was the name of her grandmother who reared her. Thank goodness for census records. I found her in Texas with her grandparents, Jacob Perkins and Mary Jane Maricle Perkins. From there, it was easy to find the parents of Jacob who were Jordan and Virginia Jane "Jenny" Goins Perkins, both native South Carolinians.

The parents of Jenny Goins were John Goins and Nancy Johnson Goins. Jenny's siblings were Benjamin; James; Stephen, who was married to Edith Perkins; Jeremiah "Jerry" who was married to Sarafina Drake; John who was married to Frances "Fanny" Nash and William who was married to Charlotte Elizabeth Nelson. This information came from the bible of William Goins which is a part of the Jacobs Collection housed in the library of Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

I learned early in my research that you need to know what was happening in the area around your ancestors. In my particular case, my native state is Louisiana, an area which has lived under the flags and legal systems of six different nations, three of them within 20 days. By the late 1700s, Louisiana was under Spanish rule; however, it was still heavily populated by the French.

As a result of the Revolutionary War, pioneers from Virginia, Pennsylvania and the Carolinas began to settle in what are now the states of Tennessee and Kentucky. Most of these settlers were farmers and sent their produce down the Mississippi River by flatboats to New Orleans to meet seagoing vessels to Europe.

At this time the American government was not very strong, and the Revolutionary War had left it with an empty treasury. The Constitution had not been adopted, and there was no president. There was a Congress in Pennsylvania, but it possessed little power. I can only imagine that my ancestors felt they were the only ones who could help themselves.

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## Capt. Joao Pardo Set Santa Elena On Site of Huguenot Settlement

By John Noble Wilford

The New York Times

In an attempt to establish a refuge for French Huguenots fleeing religious persecution and to challenge Spanish power in what is now the Southeastern United States, France in 1562 dispatched an expedition of two ships and 150 men under Jean Ribaut. Somewhere along the coast of present-day South Carolina, Ribaut decided to build a fort overlooking a harbor he called "one of the greatest and fayrest in the world."

This was the first attempt by the French to plant a colony on land that is now part of the United States. It came three years before the founding of St. Augustine by Spain in what is now Florida, North America's first permanent European settlement outside Mexico. It would be more than two decades before the English attempted to settle at Roanoke Island in North Carolina and 45 years before the first successful English settlement at Jamestown, Virginia in 1607.

Ribaut named the garrison Charlesfort, for the 12-year-old French king, Charles IX, but the colony foundered in less than a year. The fort was abandoned and disappeared, seemingly without a trace. Over the centuries, historians have speculated on the fort's location, and explorers and archaeologists have searched the coast in vain. But late last year, just as they were running out of places to look, archaeologists from the University of South Carolina in Columbia said they have uncovered the site of Charlesfort. It is under the edge of a golf course on the Marine Corps training base at Parris Island, near Beaufort, South Carolina and across Port Royal Sound from Hilton Head. The French fort had escaped detection because the Spanish, moving in 1566 to restore control over the region, had built the town of Santa Elena and a fort, San Felipe over the ruins.

Courtesy of Beverly J. Nelson





The Gowen Family Reunion will be held Saturday July 6, 1996 at the Dairy Barn of Stratham Hill Park, Stratham, NH from 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. All Gowen family members and descendants are welcome. Bring picnic goodies and lawn chairs for comfort. For additional information: **Margaret Tate, 603/772-3278 or Barbara Clements, 38 Pine Rd, No. Hampton, NH, 03862, 603/964-8892.**

==Dear Cousins==

The Foundation Conference in Nashville was spectacular, and the speakers were outstanding. This was our first conference, so we met lots of new cousins. Robert gave a talk to our genealogical society about the Conference and the work the Melungeon Research Team is doing. He gave each family a copy of Evelyn Orr's speech and Brent Kennedy's presentation. **Madge Philbeck, 716 Georgia Ave, Statesville, NC, 28677.**

==Dear Cousins==

I simply cannot find the proper words to tell you how much I enjoyed the Conference and meeting all the cousins. It put me on a continuing "high." The program was outstanding. Dr. Brent Kennedy's enthusiasm is contagious. Dr. Will Goins is great, and he has given me some ideas that are still incubating. Comparing the Foundation Conference to others we have attended, is like placing a plowhorse alongside a thoroughbred. Pat yourselves on the back at least 10 times.

As planned, on our trip, we made forays in a couple of libraries and the North Carolina State Archives. I transcribed all of the Goin marriages from the state marriage index [copy enclosed for the Foundation Library]. The big disappointment there is in what's missing. They have original wills boxed with individual surnames by file. The Goin file is totally missing from its box. The librarian was informed and has so noted on her "problems" list. With their security, I find it hard to understand how an entire file could be stolen.

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### Sixty-five Grandparents, Continued

It was during this time that Spain very selectively allowed "friends only" to move their produce-laden boats by the Mississippi. After the American government was strengthened by the Constitution and George Washington was elected president, the new nation became more respected. As a result, citizens of the United States were able to navigate the Mississippi and were able to place their goods in the warehouses of New Orleans prior to shipping them, without paying duty.

The Louisiana Territory progressively became a bigger burden to Spain and by 1800, a secret treaty was made with France to change owners. By this time, Thomas Jefferson was President and realized that the United States needed to own this valuable piece of real estate. It was into this turmoil that my earliest Louisiana ancestors entered.

Joshua Perkins, father-in-law of my Jenny Goins Perkins, was born in November 1759 in the Little Pee Dee River area in South Carolina [Marion District]. He was still in South Carolina in 1777, living near Gilbert Sweat and John Bass. Joshua Perkins lived in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. He accompanied Gilbert Sweat when he left Tennessee and came to the Big Black River in Mississippi, moving to Opelousas, Louisiana in 1804, one year after Napoleon sold Louisiana to the United States. How do I know these things? In 1830, this grandfather gave a deposition which was read in the trial of John Bass & Wife vs. Gilbert Sweat, No. 1533 in the District Court of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

It was fortunate for me that Spain required so much documentation of the inhabitants. In addition, early settlers who lived under the Spanish rule were forced to marry in the Catholic Church, where many records have been preserved. In St. Landry Parish, Louisiana all of the early marriages were recorded by Father Hebert, a Catholic Priest.

Joshua Perkins caused me some concern. I first found him referred to as a "free man of color." This, at first, had a very unsettling affect on this white southern Anglo-Saxon. To begin with, I was born in Shreveport in the extreme northwest part of the state. Below the middle part of the state, we had the French Acadians and the "Redbones." Although I never gave them much thought, I knew that I certainly was not related to any of them. My father was born in Arkansas, and my mother was born in Texas. Little did I know at the time, but my deepest roots were within the area of Louisiana which was referred to as the "Rio Hondo" or "Neutral Territory". It was also known in those days as "no man's land."

At the time of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, there was no boundary established between the Province of Texas and the Louisiana Territory. The Spanish Governor of Texas attempted to claim this small strip along the Sabine River.

Also enclosed is a clipping from the "Denver Post" of June 6 dealing with a French Huguenot colony planted in South Carolina in 1562 on the same site where Capt. Joao Pardo built the Santa Elena settlement in 1566. Maybe we should add French to the Melungeon mixture as well. One has to wonder what happened to these French Huguenots. **Beverly J. Nelson, 3391 W. Aksarben Ave, Littleton, CO, 80123.**

==Dear Cousins==

There are no words to adequately express the joy I felt when at last we could get together at the Conference in Nashville and connect faces to voices on the phones and to all those letters in past years. It makes all those long hours of digging out old records worth the effort. **Dianne Thurman, 4201 Wildflower Circle, Wichita, KS, 67210, 316/529-0436.**

Because the Spanish wished to avoid an altercation, an agreement was reached to recognize this territory as a Neutral Strip which it remained until 1819. However, in 1812, in order to establish the ownership of the land and because the original Spanish land grants were missing, claimants had to appear before a committee in Natchitoches, Louisiana and file notice as to how long they had owned the land and from whom it had been purchased. Jordan Perkins, husband of Jenny Goins Perkins, is one of those referred to as an original claimant, along with Reese Perkins. Also, James Going, James Ashworth, Sr. & Jr, Moses Ashworth and Thomas Nash are also listed as claimants or former claimants.

Jordan & Jenny Goins Perkins are both found on Louisiana census records as "mulattos" and later on Texas census records as "Indian". Again, turning to Louisiana history, I learned that census takers, because of the vast number of French, Spanish, Indians and other nationalities located within its borders, were instructed to list all persons of "any" color as "mulatto" or "free persons of color". By this time, I really did not care what color my ancestors had been, I only wanted to know more about them.

I wanted to know more about Joshua Perkins. Because he came to Louisiana so early, his descendants were many; however, no one knew anything about his parents. He came to Louisiana with an Isaac Perkins, assumed to be a brother, and a George Perkins, who was either his or Isaac's son. A noted Louisiana historian, Erbon Wise, is also related to this line and had tried for years to determine the parentage of Joshua Perkins.

By researching and eliminating almost every Perkins who was born about that time and who lived in the areas described in my grandfather's deposition, I kept going back to a rather well-known and researched Jacob or Joshua (known by both names) but referred to as "Old Jock" Perkins, husband of Polly Black. Their children bore almost identical names to those of my grandfather and they lived and moved in the same areas.

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## Eight-Day Tour Through Turkey Announced for October 10-18

Dr. Brent Kennedy, author of "The Melungeons--the Resurrection of a Proud People" announced plans to host an excursion to Turkey October 10-18. Turkish governmental officials were intrigued by the research of Dr. Kennedy and Evelyn McKinley Orr, chairman of the Melungeon Research Team, suggesting a historical connection between the Ottoman Empire and the Melungeons. This interest resulted in a grant by the Turkish government for filming trips to Anatolia last year. Ottoman scholars at the University of Istanbul and Marmara University are assisting with research for the film.

The tour will depart from Charlotte, North Carolina in a mid-day flight to New York. There the party will board an overnight flight to Izmir, Turkey. Two days will be spent touring the city with the Grand Efes Hotel as base. Next stop is Ephesus with a visit to the Ephesian Museum.

Sunday, October 13 will be spent in Cesme in consultation with Turkish Melungeon scholars at the Golden Dolphin Hotel. The cities of Bursa and Sardis are scheduled on Monday. The next three days will be spent in Istanbul at the Kalyon Hotel. There the group will attend a Turkish dinner show at the Orient House, visit the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, the Bosphorus, St. Sophia and Dolmabahce Palace before returning home.

Fares are \$2,250 for singles and \$1,990 each for doubles. Travel arrangements are being handled by AAA, 648 Park Avenue, Norton, VA, 24273, 540/679-5160.

## Edward Gowen Lost Homestead During Revolutionary War

Edward Gowen, son of Edward Gowen, Jr, was born about 1727, probably in Charles City County, Virginia. He was probably brought to Brunswick County, Virginia by his father about 1744. He was married about this time, wife's name unknown. He appeared in the 1753 tax list of adjoining Granville County, North Carolina in the list of Osborn Jeffreys. "Edward Gowen, mulatto" appeared on the October 8, 1754 muster roll of the Granville County militia under Capt. Osborn Jeffreys.

"Edward Gowen and wife, black" were taxable in the 1771 tax list of Philemon Hawkins in Bute County, along with his brother, Michael Gowen. Bute County was organized in 1764 with land from Granville County, and Edward Gowen found himself in the new county.

By June 3, 1778 Michael Gowen had removed to Craven County, North Carolina and had permitted Edward Gowen to move to his land in Bute County on Taylor's Creek. On that date Michael Gowen deeded 80 acres on Taylor's Creek to Jenkins Gowen with the provision that Edward Gowen and his wife be permitted to live there as long as they lived. Jenkins Gowen left for Revolutionary service about this time, and the sheriff sold the land for unpaid taxes August 3, 1779, according to Deed Book M, page 179.

By 1782 Edward Gowen was back in Granville County where he was taxed on 90 acres on Ford Creek District. Edward Gowen on October 14, 1788 conveyed his interest in the estate of Elizabeth Bass to his nephew, Thomas Gowen for £25, according to Granville County Will Book 2, page 79.

Edward Gowen was enumerated in 1786 state census of Granville County as the head of a household composed of "2 free colored males and three free colored females." He reappeared there in the 1810 census as the head of an "other free" household composed of five people.

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### Sixty-five Grandparents, Continued

The only problem was the "Joshua" noted as being the son was married to a Sally Baker and their children seemed to be well-documented. What was not documented was the correct date of birth for this Joshua who actually turned out to be a grandson, the son of Joshua, Sr.'s eldest son, Jacob. This would have been a relatively easy error to correct if the researcher had bothered to document the date of birth of the Joshua who married Sally Baker. **"The History of Johnson County, Tennessee"** records the Joshua Perkins family erroneously.

I was able to solve this puzzle with the help of a book found in the East Tennessee State University library entitled **"The War Trails of the Blue Ridge"** by Shepherd M. Dugger, written in 1932. In the book, Dugger relates the story of the Perkins who in 1826, discovered the Cranberry Iron Mine, along with the very folksy tale of John Kite's logrolling on the Watauga. One of his neighbors, Elick Baker, had a daughter, Sally, and all were invited to attend the log-rolling. To make a long story short, this was where Josh Perkins met Sally Baker and they were later married. The story goes on to relate tales and name their children. Another interesting fact gleaned from this book refers to the "Perkins Boys" as having a wealthy father who they knew was dark-skinned and claimed to be of Portuguese descent.

Further evidence of the Old Jock Perkins' personality, wealth and dark-skin, was presented in an 1858 Knoxville, Tennessee trial when his grandson, Jacob F. Perkins, a school teacher, sued John R. White over Jacob's right to be an election official. White had filed an objection due to the color of Jacob's skin. They called 18 elderly witnesses, many who had known this family in Pee Dee, South Carolina.

Transcripts from the trial state that these witnesses knew Old Jock and he was "tall, dark-skinned, mixed-blood and looked half-white." Many considered him "Portuguese" since his hair was described as bushy or curly, not kinky, resembling an Indian more than a "Negro". He kept race horses and a ferry by Roan's Creek and associated with "decent, respectable" white people like Landon Carter." [Carter was a wealthy man owning 3,716 acres in Washington County, Tennessee in 1795].

The witnesses for the defense said Old Jock was a "Negro" or "Mulatto" with kinky hair who was treated as a white. One witness said he had known Joshua in North Carolina about 1798, and most of his children married whites. Jacob F. Perkins lost his case in the lower Court, won it in the Court of Appeals and lost it in the Supreme Court.

Further evidence of my grandfather, Joshua's, connection to this family was obtaining the Revolutionary War record of a brother, George Perkins, and learning that he was born in the same place and had moved and lived in the same areas, prior to moving to Kentucky.

As to what led Joshua Perkins into Louisiana in the first place, I could only guess but Louisiana's history is somewhat an indicator, along with what was happening in other parts of the country following the end of the Revolutionary War. I suspect that the Perkins and Goins families, along with the Drakes, Ashworths, Nashes and Johnsons, may have been following another one of my 5th great-grandfathers, Joseph Willis, Sr, the first protestant minister west of the Mississippi River. Joseph Willis, Sr. was born to an Englishman and an Indian maiden, thus was born a slave under the laws of the state of North Carolina in 1758. It is known that he served as a militiaman in Georgia and was later found in the church records of Greenville, South Carolina.

It is believed that he left there with Richard Curtis, founder of the Baptist churches of Mississippi and is found in Mississippi Baptist records for a brief time. This Baptist preacher first preached in Louisiana while Spain still ruled, thus in peril of his life. Spain had already threatened to send Richard Curtis to work in the silver mines of Mexico if he did not stop preaching.. Joseph Willis, Sr. spent much of his lifetime in the "no man's land" preaching and establishing churches in the area, including a ministry to the Indians where he was also known as the "Apostle to the Opelousas".

It appears that many of his followers were of Indian, mixed-blood, and/or Melungeon descent, namely the Sweats, Ashworths, Cokers, Gibsons, Johnsons and, of course, the Goins.

### Edward Gowen, Continued

Children born to Edward Gowen are regarded as:

Edward Gowen	born about 1745
Reeps Gowen	born about 1749
Jenkins Gowen	born about 1761
Jesse Gowen	born about 1762
Goodrich Gowen	born about 1764
David Gowen	born about 1766
Isham Gowen	born about 1770
Patsy Gowen	born about 1772

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