From Jeff and his cousin Tom Graham

Christopher Graham

I met my genetic cousin a couple of hours ago. We see no family resemblance at all but after so many generations that's not surprising. Their ggg grandfather was Charles Graham who they've traced to as being in Ohio very near PA in 1832. He says his family came from PA before then but don't know where. I guess they were going on the Christopher lead simply because Charles's son was Christopher & there are many Christophers throughout the generations of their family.

sent me about their g'g'g'grandfather Charles Graham who lived in Ohio, possibly Guernsey County, & got a farmer's daughter pregnant, marrying her afterwards & giving birth to their g'g'grandfather Christopher Graham.

This is what I just received from Tom Graham:

The earliest data for which we are certain comes from The Marriage Certificate of Christopher Graham and Elizabeth Thomas. The certificate states that Christopher was born in Guernsey County, Ohio on **October 2, 1832** and that his parents were **Charles and Martha Graham.**

Additional information:

**Note 1**: In 1832, in Meigs County, Ohio, (next door to Guernsey County) lived a Charles and Martha (Van Zant) Graham. These are not the Charles and Martha we are looking for.

**Note 2:** Our **Christopher Graham** moved his family from Wisconsin to Cass County Iowa and farmed near a **Christopher C Graham** (married to Fanny Groff) who was approximately the same age. They are both buried in the Whipple Cemetery there.

Operating on the possibility that these two Christopher Grahams were cousins, I followed Christopher C. back to Pennsylvania and found a ghostly connection to our Charles.

See the attached file. This may be useful to Boog…

Tom Graham

John and I have pretty much beat Ohio to death. There was a Charles and Martha Graham living next door in Meigs County. She was a Van Zant and they are NOT our guys.

I had a theory that when Christopher moved his family to Cass County, Iowa, he moved there because he had family already living there. He was impoverished at the time. Nearby was a Christopher C. Graham, married to Fanny Croft. They were from Pennsylvania, I followed this second Christopher there. The two Christophers’ were about the same age and could be cousins. They are both buried in Whipple Cemetery, Iowa. I found that Christopher C. had an uncle named Charles who moved to Ohio in about the right time period.

This Charles’ wife was not listed as being Martha, but Martha could be a second wife. He was descended from “Corn” John Graham. This is the line that Jeff M. followed to England. I am attaching an FTW file. This records what I found but everything past our Christopher is speculative.

Another theory that I followed is that Charles and Martha moved to Wisconsin at the same time that Christopher did. The next county north in WI is Richland County. There I found a Charles, as well as some other Grahams. This was an early trail that I followed but abandoned when the pastures looked greener in Pennsylvania.

Many of the Scotch-Irish who moved to Pennsylvania, traveled south to Virginia. They settled around “Calf Pasture”. From there they spread west and north. Later on, the part of Virginia that lay along the Ohio river became West Virginia. Many Graham families lived there, just across the river from Guernsey County, Ohio. That was to be my next investigation area….