

Genealogical Adventures

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One of the ongoing projects at Trail End over the years has been the compilation of family genealogies. Not just for the Kendrick family, but for the extended Wulfjen, Harmon and Cumming families as well. This research has taken us across the country - from Wyoming to Texas, Tennessee to Georgia, Kentucky to Pennsylvania - and overseas to England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany.



John Kendrick's Texas relatives, undated (Kendrick Collection, AHC)

KENDRICK

John Benjamin Kendrick was born in Texas, the son of a Georgia-born cotton farmer and his Irish wife, Anna Maye (daughter of Teddy Maye). But who were their ancestors further back? There are a few holes here and there, but as far as we know, John B. was a direct descendant of an earlier John Kendrick, born in England in the 1670s. His son, William, was born in King William County, Virginia in 1704. By the time he died in 1777, William's eleven known children were scattered about Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee. Talk about a mobile society!

Some of the other surnames associated with John B.'s direct line include Beall, Braswell, Gaines, Harvey, Jones, Lodge, Manna, Marks, Moreland, Morley, Roberson and Williams.

WULFJEN

As for Eula Wulfjen Kendrick's family, the earliest member we've been able to track down is Johann Hinrich Wulfjen, supposedly born in Wandsbek, Germany, in 1790. He was probably of Dutch stock. His son, also named John/Johann, married a Kentucky-bred lass named Susan Hail. Her six sons by two marriages (her first was to Pennsylvanian Charles Wetherholth Snyder) operated one of the earliest and largest cattle companies in Texas.

While we know little about the Wulfjens, the extended Hail family was a very large one living in Texas, Kentucky, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Alabama. Some of Eula's direct-line surnames: Carter, Colclough, Dudley, Durham, Dye, Gatewood, Johnson, Lawless/Layless, Martin, Peeler, Riggins, Ropken, Sawyer and Williams.

HARMON

Rosa-Maye Kendrick's husband, West Point graduate Hubert Reilly Harmon, was a Pennsylvania boy through and through. Some of his ancestors on both sides lived in the Keystone State as early as the 1720s, though most arrived from Ireland and Germany in the mid-1700s. There were several tinsmiths, blacksmiths and plasterers in General Harmon's family, as well as a bevy of soldiers - Hubert's father, son, two brothers and two brothers-in-law were all West Point graduates.

Other surnames connected to the Harmon family include Bailey, Bowman, Brenneman, Blackburn, Griffith, Hewitt, Kendig, Matter, Miller, Raum, Reifsnnyder and Williams.

CUMMING

Manville Kendrick's wife, Clara Diana Cumming, had a very interesting family. Both her father and mother's families had been in Virginia since the 1600s - which made Diana's acceptance into the Colonial Dames of America a foregone conclusion! A few of the more recent émigrés came from Scotland in the 1820s. One of her ancestors once owned Carter's Grove - one of the most glorious plantation homes in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Some of Diana's related surnames are Booth, Gordon, Jennings, Jones, King, Latimer, Mallory, Scott, Smith, Tabb, Thomson, Throckmorton and Watson.



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