

Family connection correction
Inbox

David Cheal
Attachments
Mon, Jul 5, 5:55 AM
to Richard, Helen, Ruth, me

Hi Richard,

Many thanks for your note yesterday. You've raised an interesting possibility that our connection might be through the Dale family, going back to the well-known Bax clan.

Let's take a moment to look at that:

We know "our" John Standing (May 1805 - April 1871) married Martha Cheal (1801 - 1836) at FMH Ifield on September 20th 1826. And we know that John and Martha then had 8 children in the next 9 years. Their third child was George who emigrated in 1870, and their fifth child was Eliza (of whom we learn more later). And lastly, they had the twins, Mary and Martha born on March 17th 1836. Sadly both twins were dead and buried before the end of July, and Martha also died presumably of complications from childbirth.

Soon after Martha died, John married again. Hannah Watkins (1812 - 1866) produced 9 more children between 1839 and 1856 (which means John had fathered 17 children in 19 years !!!).

Their second son Joseph (1841 - 1894) was the one who married Mary Dale. It is this couple, Richard, who seem to have been your father's great-grandparents. Since we are agreed that John Standing and Hannah have no connection with John Cheal, and you have no connection with Martha Standing, we have to rely on Mary Dale having a link to the Bax family, AND that Mary's grandmother or even great grandmother married a Cheal in my direct line. Sadly, I have no proof of any of Mary Dale's predecessors, so it seems I'm not able to take this any further. But if you can trace anything more on Mary Dale, I would be very interested to hear.

I'm going to try and attach a copy of the Quaker birth records showing John and Martha Cheal's birth on the same page; and I'm also going to try to attach the actual certificate of the burial of Mary, one of the twin daughters of John and Martha Standing as I think Ruth Alliband and Ted Foster may be interested to see these old documents. If the attachment doesn't work, I'll send the documents separately. If I can master the technology, I'll also send a photo of a letter sent from Standings in Earlham, Iowa in 1888 to John Cheal in 1888. This letter mentions Eliza who we believe visited her Standing cousins in Iowa around 1885. Interesting that the postage from the USA to England was only 2cents !!!

Best regards

David Cheal

On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 10:20 AM Richard Standing
<standing_richard@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:
David

I think we may be related through the Dale line as I believe the Dales and the Cheals were both descended from the Bax family, but I've never traced it right through.

Richard

On Saturday, 3 July 2021, 10:05:10 BST, Helen Standing
<thestandings@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:

Hi again,
Hope you feel better this morning,
Did I send this to you? If you haven't heard from David Cheal it may be because he didn't need to after getting our correction of the family line. The reason I said about starting to look at the descendants was that I was thinking if we wanted to make family connections as per USA cousins it would be the best place to start - working backwards. Email from Genealogy website this am say that they new have a lot of Irish information available which might be useful on Nana's side of the family and Grandad's mother's side.
If you would like membership to website for your birthday let us know or if you think of something else you would like.
It's raining now, distant hill opposite disappearing! Farmer just got the fodder baled and wrapped in time last night in his race against the dark and forecast rain overnight!
Have a good day,
Mum

----- Forwarded message -----

From: David Cheal <davidcheal2@gmail.com>
To: Helen Standing <thestandings@yahoo.co.uk>;
"richard_standing@yahoo.co.uk" <richard_standing@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, 30 June 2021, 09:39:48 BST
Subject: Re: Family connection correction

Many thanks, Janet, for sending this correction. I knew that John Standing had remarried after the death of Martha and her twin babies in 1836. But your information about his prolific second and third marriages helps to explain why his firstborn son, George stayed on with his uncle, John Cheal, after 1836 (since presumably John Standing's time and energy was fully taken up with his new brood of children)

Unfortunately, though, Richard's correction of the family line must mean that Anthony and I are not related at all. What a pity I was just feeling happy that we had discovered a long-lost cousin. There was a nagging doubt in my mind when you told me that Anthony is descended from John's first marriage, because I knew that all George and Deborah's

children travelled to Iowa with them. So your family and mine can, I'm sure, remain friends, and feel a connection, even if we are not directly related.

Jan joins me in sending you (all four) our best wishes

David

On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 6:18 PM Helen Standing <thestandings@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:

Hello David,

After chatting on the phone to our son Richard last night we have to stand corrected. I asked by beloved which of John Standing's wives our family is descended from and he mistakenly said his first wife Martha and in fact Richard said we were incorrect and it is through John's marriage to Hannah Watkins.

Anthony has got the file out this afternoon and it seems there were 9 children from this union. There was a third marriage to Sarah Higham Hannah's children were born as follows :

John 6:6;1838, Joseph 9:1:1841, Mary Hannah 16:1:1843, Caleb 23:4:1845, William Alfred Joshua 16:6:1847, Martha 21:8:1849, Samuel 30:9:1852, Sarah 2:10:1854, Ellen 9:8:1856.

Anthony's grandparents - Samuel John S and Mary Kimber (William Alfred married Mary's sister Alice).

Gt Grandparents - Joseph Standing and Mary Dale

Gt Gt Grandparents - John Standing and Hannah Watkins

Gt Gt Gt Grandparents - John Standing (Stanning) and Mary Wicks

Gt Gt Gt Gt Grandparents - John Standing and Mary Potter.

I'm sorry to have been misled and in turn misled you!

We have quite a bit of information about the children of John and Martha and descendants. I will look at the material you have produced and see if there is anything we can add, but that will take us a bit of time... but now the file is out again...!!

Regards,
Janet & Anthony