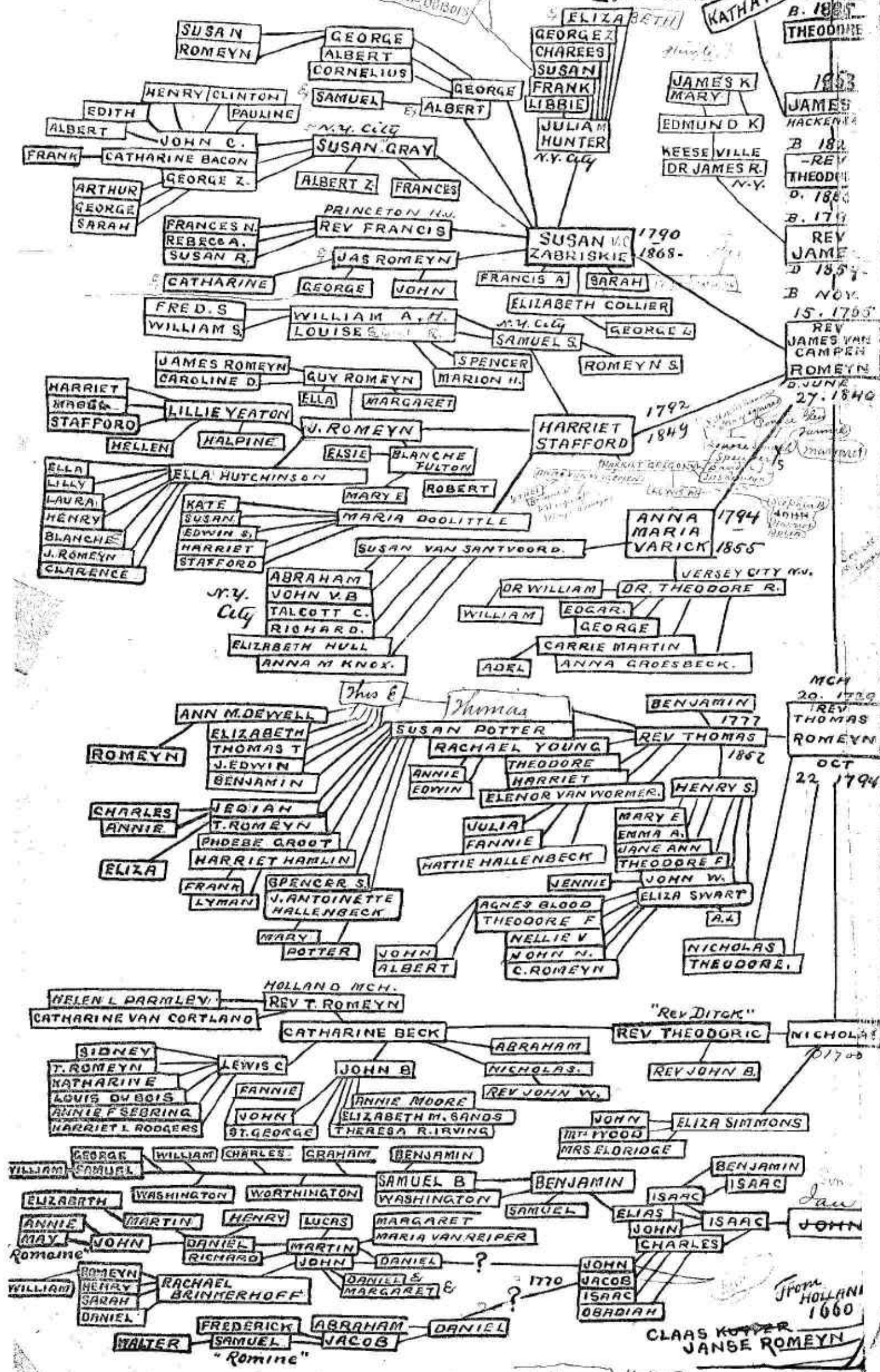
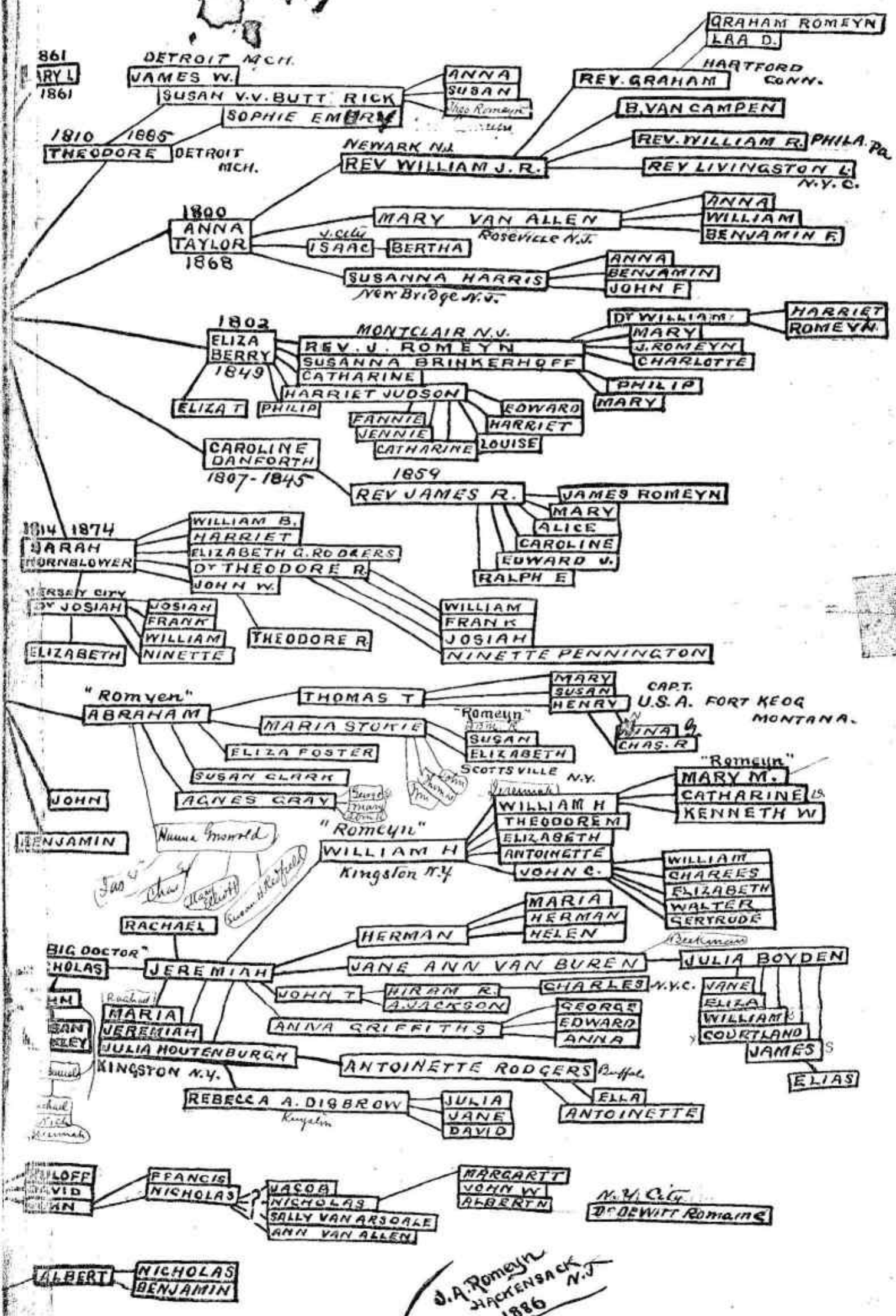


John Romeyn Van Orst M. John Wm.  
Sayford Lansing " Van Oostenbrugge  
Wm Coates " Van Oostenbrugge  
(Van Orst) B. 1847



Van Romeyn, Holland.



**James Romine  
of Harrison County, West  
Virginia**

by Linda B. Meyers

Our Romine ancestry begins with James **ROMINE** 1760-1835 of Harrison County, West Virginia. He may descend from one Claas Kuyper Janse **ROMEYN** who settled in America at New Amsterdam (New York) in 1640. However, I am far from proving that theory.

There are several family group sheets on the **ROMINE** family in the Tetrick files,<sup>1</sup> in Waldmore Library, Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia. In these records is a letter dated December 1932 from Albert D. **ROMINE** of Hobart, Oklahoma. He states that his grandfather, whom appears to be William, was shot to death when his father was but a small boy because he freed a slave. His grandmother and her children then immigrated to Indiana. It was Albert's father's story that the family originated in America with the settlement of Claas Kuyper Janse **ROMEYN** at New Amsterdam in 1640. That the family drifted south to Virginia and West Virginia and his father's grandparents died in an epidemic. That his grandfather, William **ROMINE**, was a shoemaker, bounded out and ran away to Harrodsburg, Kentucky to the home of Elizabeth **TOWSON**. He married Elizabeth Armstrong and moved to Washington County, Kentucky, near Chaplin where he secured a grant of land from the government and where Albert's grandfather and father were born. Albert also mentioned that Romine Mills in Harrison County was named for the family.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Guy **TETRICK** interviewed area residents in the 1930's and prepared family group sheets on them. These records are on microfilm in the Waldmore library in Clarksburg, West Virginia. **ROMINE** records included here were read by Nancy A. **JACKSON**. Nancy searched the **ROMINE** interviews as well, but nothing new was gleaned in regards to James.

<sup>2</sup> **ROMINE's** Mill was named after Jacob **ROMINE** who purchased the community grist mill in 1820 from John **HUTSON**, who first built it in 1809.



same - ***WHERE*** would we find the research we need?

Bette **BUTCHER TOPP**, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court,  
Spokane, WA 99218 <[toppline@comcast.net](mailto:toppline@comcast.net)>

Researching: **ALKIRE, ARGABRITE, BURRELL, BUSH, BUTCHER, METZGER, CARPENTER, CONRAD, FIFER, FISHER, GIVENS, GLAZE, HUGHES, LEGG, MANN, MEANS, MILLER, PRINGLE, RANEY, STEWART, STRATTON, SULLIVAN, SWANN, WINES** - all of western Virginia.

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Also in the **TETRICK** collection is a list of names and dates found from an old Dutch Bible belonging to Francis B. Burk, a lawyer in Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1932. There are no dates in the Bible but it is likely it is the same Bible that belonged to Peter and Mary (**MADDOX**) **ROMINE**, as stated in a biography about their son James found in Hardesty's Histories.<sup>3</sup> Following is the list of names, a portion of the page listing some of the names had been torn from the Bible and only the dates were saved.

Names in Old Dutch Bible:

Christopher <b>ROMINE</b> Sr.	March 7, 1725
<b>LAYTON ROMINE</b>	April 2, 1727
Samuel <b>ROMINE</b>	11/14/1732
Peter <b>ROMINE</b>	10/20/1739
Christopher <b>ROMINE</b> Jr.	3/5/1750
Isaac <b>ROMINE</b>	11/14/1788 (should this read 1738)
Missing name	Mar. 26, 1744
Missing name	April 18, 1766
Missing name	Sept. 18, 1774
Missing name	May 19, 1780
Missing name	Feb. 26, 1783
Missing name	Sept. 5, 1788
Peter <b>ROMINE</b>	1777; d. 1860 (This Peter married Mary <b>MADDOX</b> )
Samuel <b>ROMINE</b>	Mar. 24, 1806; d. Mar. 1, 1888
William W. <b>ROMINE</b>	Sept. 26, 1834; d. Jan. 1, 1921
Rachel C. <b>ROMINE</b>	Apr. 17, 1836; d. Nov. 6, 1909
Malelael O. <b>ROMINE</b>	Jan. 25, 1838; d. Jun 11, 1913
Therissa S. <b>ROMINE</b>	Feb. 11, 1840

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During the 1800's, **ROMINE**'s Mill was a small but community, with a dry goods stores, blacksmith ship, shoe and leather shops, grist and saw mills, a postoffice from 1833-1907, a church, cemetery and one room schoolhouse with eight grades, which remained active until around 1960. Article by Martha **JETT**, 1995. **ROMINE**'s Mill is located about a mile on route 20 south from route 57 intersection

<sup>3</sup> *Hardesty's West Virginia Counties Wood, Jefferson*, Volume 8. Jim Comstock-Richwood, W. Va., 1973: Wood County, p. 146. "Mr. **ROMINE** has in his possession a Bible with a black-walnut **COVER** that was originally brought from Holland, and has now been in America 240 years.

Ethelinda M. <b>ROMINE</b>	Feb. 23, 1842; Nov. 6, 1909
Juliet E. <b>ROMINE</b>	Mar. 1, 1844; Apr. 2, 1906
Susan E. <b>ROMINE</b>	Sept. 22, 1846
Albert S. <b>ROMINE</b>	Oct. 18, 1848; Apr. 19, 1925
David I. <b>ROMINE</b>	Apr. 4, 1854; May 1932

**TETRICK** makes the following two references about the immigrants: Form 1 "*three brothers resided in Long Island*"; Form 2: "*three brothers from England, then from Holland to Am 1613 to New Amsterdam, Daniel, Claaskuyper (Christopher) and Albert*".

Conflicting data concerning the immigrant was found in a sketch on John W. **ROMINE**, of Wood County, West Virginia, states that "*As early as 1620 four brothers of the name came from Holland and landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Descendants have since scattered over the entire nation. From New England a branch of the family moved into the Valley of Virginia.*"<sup>4</sup>

Another record on form 3 lists a *Claas Kuyper ROMINE* as the son of John and Claas' children as: (note that there appears to be a missing generation here)

Thomas	born 3/20/1719
<b>LAYTON</b>	born 4/2/1727
Peter	born 10/20/1729 (the Bible reads: 1739)
Samuel	born 11/4/1732
Isaac	born 1/14/1788 (This last date appears to be in error and possibly should read 1738.

This listing does not include Christopher, Sr. born March 7, 1725, but he is on another form "*Christopher ROMINE, son of Christopher ROMINE, born 5/23/1725*", list continues: "*Christopher ROMINE 3/5/1750 and Benjamin*" with no date.

Internet researchers list Christopher, **LAYTON**, Samuel and Peter Jr. as the sons of Peter **ROMINE** born

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<sup>4</sup> *History of West Virginia Old and New*, Vol. 11, The American Historical Society, Inc., Chicago & NY, 1923, p. 453, 454.

1688 and Rachel **LAYTON**. Peter Sr. being the son of Stoffel (Christopher) Jans **ROMEYN** born 1641-1709. Christopher **ROMINE** 1696-1748 with wife, Rebekah **LAYTON**, is given as a child of Stoffel as well, no documentation. There is much discussion on this family who settled in New Jersey on <http://www.webster.com/promine/claes.htm>.

**TETRICK** lists our James twice in connection with Thomas: "*James, son of Thomas*" and "*Thomas **ROMINE** born 3/20/1719, s/o Claas Kuyper,*" next page, "*James **ROMINE** 1765*". Could Thomas have been the **ROMINE** who died in an epidemic? Thomas is listed in the records of Frederick County, Virginia below.

**TETRICK** also lists our James with brothers: *William who married his first cousin, Hetty **ROMINE**, John and a sister, Rachel, who was not married but had a daughter by John **MIDDLETON**.*<sup>5</sup> That daughter was Sarah **MIDDLETON** who married Samuel **HURST** of near McWhorter, West Virginia on August 29, 1819. Rachel is listed in 1810 census as 45 and up, born 1765 or before. A female with her was 16-26, born 1784 – 1794.

Another record signed by James **PAUGH** states, "*William **ROMINE** Sr., was a brother of Old James **ROMINE**, married Hettie **ROMINE** and had children: Levi, William, Betsy and ?*"

There is another theory that James may have been the son of Samuel of Frederick County, Virginia, who on 15 September 1797, leased 56 acres of land in Frederick County from Denny Martin (Fairfax), lease being for the period of the natural lives of Samuel's sons, Joseph, Peter and James.<sup>6</sup> There is no mention of William **ROMINE** in this record. However a John **ROMINE** witnessed this lease along with Mitchell

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<sup>5</sup> John **MIDDLETON** migrated to Harrison County the same time period as the **ROMINEs**.

<sup>6</sup> *Frederick County, Virginia Deed Book 23, pp. 572-575 & HICKMAN, Patti, Biographies of the Smith and **ROMINE** Families*, Harrison County, WV, compiled by the late V. Layne Moffett. USGENWEB Project. T. C. **MILLER** and Hu **MAXWELL** stated the "*family is of Dutch descent but came into West Virginia from the hive of trans-Alleghany pioneers, the valley of Virginia.*"

**ROBERTSON** and Hezekiah **TURNER**. I have a problem with this lineage because Peter and Samuel of Wood County, West Virginia claim lineage from Samuel and that they had an Uncle James who served in the War of 1812. This would make Samuel and James brothers?

In 1966 & 1968, Mildred A. **MCDONNELL** researched the **ROMINE** family and compiled two volumes of miscellaneous data on this family from primary sources. Much of the following data came from her and Frederick and Loudoun County records. Thomas and Christopher both are included on these lists.<sup>7</sup>

A James **ROMINE** lived 12 miles from the courthouse in Frederick County, Virginia. In the Frederick County Order Book for 1788-89—March Court 1789, John **CANCOURT** was ordered to pay James **ROMINE** 125lbs. of tobacco for attending 2 days court and traveling 24 miles once as witness for him in suit of Henry **SHANK**.

Loudoun County, Virginia Tithables 1770-1774,

**ROMINEs** in the Index are:

Isaac, James, John, Layton, Peter, Peter Junr, Peter Senr.

*(One of these Peter's is likely the Peter whose wife was Abigail. He died in Loudoun County and left heirs. Our family does not appear to descend from him.)*

Shelburne Parish 1772: **ROMINEs**

Layton (alone)

Peter, James, (together)

Peter Junr

John

Isaac

Frederick County, Virginia Tax Lists: **ROMINEs**

1782 Samuel

1783 Samuel, Thomas

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<sup>7</sup> McDonnell, Mildred A., *The ROMINE Family – Book 1, 1966; Book 2, 1968.*



- 1784 Samuel, John, Thomas  
 1785 Peter, Reuben, Christopher Sr., Christopher Jr., Samuel, John, Thomas.

Land Records Virginia State Library: Frederick County

Land Book: **ROMINES**

- |      |                                   |  |
|------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1787 | Thomas                            | 100 acres – 6 shillings                            |
| 1787 | Samuel                            | 100 acres – 6 shillings                            |
| 1788 | Thomas                            | 100 acres – 6 shillings                            |
| 1788 | Samuel                            | 100 acres – 6 shillings                            |
| 1789 | Thomas                            | 100 acres – 6 shillings                            |
| 1789 | Samuel                            | 100 acres – 3 shillings                            |
| 1790 | Thomas                            | 100 acres – 6 shillings                            |
| 1790 | Samuel                            | 50 acres – 3 shillings                             |
| 1791 | Thomas                            | 100 acres – 6 shillings                            |
| 1791 | Samuel                            | 50 acres – 3 shillings                             |
| 1793 | James                             | 42 ¾ acres – 11 shillings                          |
| 1794 | James                             | 42 ¾ acres – 11 shillings                          |
|      | Reuben                            | 100 acres  |
|      | Samuel                            | 56 acres – 4 shillings                             |
|      | Elias                             | 112 acres – 8 shillings                            |
|      | Thomas                            | 45 acres   |
|      | Sarah                             | 112 acres- 8 shillings                             |
|      | John                              | 131 acres – 4 shillings                            |
| 1795 | John                              | 42 ¾ acres – 5½ shillings (                        |
|      | should this read James? as above) |  |
|      | Sarah                             | 112 acres – 1¼ shillings                           |
|      | John                              | 131 acres – 1¾ shillings                           |
|      | Reuben                            | 100 acres – 1 shilling                             |
|      | Samuel                            | 56 acres – 6¾ shillings (15                        |
|      |                                   | September 1797, leased 56 acres of land in         |
|      |                                   | Frederick County from Denny Martin                 |
|      |                                   | (Fairfax), the lease being for the period of       |
|      |                                   | the natural lives of Samuel's sons, <i>Joseph,</i> |
|      |                                   | <i>Peter and James)</i>                            |
| 1796 | James                             | 42 ¾ acres – 5¼ shillings                          |
|      | John                              | 131 acres – 1¾ shillings                           |

Virginia State Library: Frederick County, Virginia  
 personal Property Booklet B.

Date	Name <b>ROMINE</b>	White males above 16	Horses, mares, colts, mules	Cattle
1782	Samuel	1	2	11
1783	Thomas	1	2	8
	Samuel	1	1	3
1784	Samuel	1	1	1
	John	1	4	11
	Thomas	1	2	7
1787	Peter	1	1	
	Reuben	1	3	1
	Christopher Jr.			
	Christopher Sr.	1	1	1
	Samuel	1	4	5
	John	1	4	14
	James	1	1	
1788	Thomas	1	2	
	Samuel	1	2	
	John	1	5	
	Christopher	1	2	
	Peter	1	1	
1788	Reuben	1	2	
1789	Cornelius	1	2	
	John	1	1	
	Samuel	1		
	Thomas	1		
	James	1		
	Peter	1		
	Christopher	1	1	
	David	1	1	
	John	1		
	Reuben	1		
1790	John	1	4	
	Stofel	1	2	
	Reuben	1	2	
	John	1	1	
	Thomas	1	2	
	James	1	2	

	Samuel	2	3	
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# Harrison County Tax Lists: **ROMINES**

1793	page 4	James, Jacob, Peter, William
1794	page 5	Peter, William
1795	page 6	Peter (cooper), Jacob, James
1796	page 4	Joseph, Jacob, Peter Sr.(cooper to trade)

# Harrison County Land Books – West Virginia State

## Library Records: **ROMINES**

1800	page 33	Peter
	page 34	James
1801	page 47	Peter, Jacob, James
	page 48	Joseph
1802	page 62	Peter, Jacob, Joseph
1803	page 79	Peter, Jacob, James, Joseph
1804	page 95	Jacob
	page 96	Jacob, Joseph, Jacob, Jacob
1805	page 116	Peter, Jacob, James, Joseph
1806	page 145	Peter, Jacob, James, Joseph, Jacob, Isaac

# 1810 Harrison County Census Records:

Page	Name of Head of Household	Males					Females				
		To 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 up	To 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 up
	ROMINE										
164	John 1765 or before	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	?
193	Peter 1765 or before	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
199	James 1765 or before	2	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1
202	Rachel 1765 or before	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

957	Peter 1765- 1784	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
957	Samuel 1784- 1794	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
160	Joseph 1765- 1784	2	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	-
183	Jacob 1765- 1784	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
191	Mary 1765 or before	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

Peter, (page 957) and Samuel listed together in the above chart removed to Wood County by 1812. They are the ones who claim lineage from Samuel born 1732<sup>8</sup> from Loudoun County, Virginia and an uncle James who served in the War of 1812.

The **MIDDLETONs** and the **ROMINEs** migrated to Harrison County at the same time, bought land and settled on Hastings Run in 1797, when on November 20, the following land purchases were made:

- ❖ George & Elizabeth **ARNOLD** to Peter **ROMINE** of Harrison County for \$200.00, 80 acres on the right hand fork of Hastings Run, adjacent land of John **ARNOLD**, Thomas Wall, Joseph Morgan, James **ROMINE** and Stephen **JACKSON**. Rec. 20 November 1797. Witness: John Hall, John G. Hamilton, Nicholas **CARPENTER**.<sup>9</sup>
- ❖ George & Elizabeth **ARNOLD** to John **MIDDLETON** of Harrison County for \$200.00, 144 acres left hand fork of Hasting Run, corner

<sup>8</sup> *History of West Virginia Old and New*, Vol. 11, The American Historical Society, Inc., Chicago & NY, 1923, p. 453,454.

<sup>9</sup> *Harrison County Deed Book* 3:76.

of Francis Windral, James **ROMINE** and Stephen **JACKSON**. Rec. 20 November 1797.<sup>10</sup>

- ❖ George Elizabeth **ARNOLD** to James **ROMINE** for \$160.00, 80 acres on Hastings Run, corner of Peter **ROMINE**, Stephen **JACKSON**, John **MIDDLETON**, Purchased 20 November 1797; Rec. February 1798.<sup>11</sup>

A clue to where James lived prior to coming to Harrison County is found in the pension records of John **MIDDLETON** was from Loudoun County, Virginia. In his pension application John stated *"he was a resident of Loudoun county, Va., residing near the line of Fredrick county."* Samuel **DAVIS** and John **ROMINE**, (brother of James?) residents of Harrison County verified that information stating *"they are contemporary acquaintances of said John **MIDDLETON** being raised in the same neighborhood, boys together."* Further evidence that the **MIDDLETONs** and **ROMINEs** associated in the east is the fact that John **MIDDLETON** fathered a child with Rachel **ROMINE**, sister of James. From the official land and tax records it appears our **ROMINEs** probably lived in Frederick County, near the border of Loudoun County.

It is a long withstanding tradition that James **ROMINE** married Elizabeth "Betsy" **MIDDLETON**, sister of John **MIDDLETON**. But, was she his only wife? No marriage records have been located. Most genealogies for James give his birth year as 1765, but his birth was probably closer to 1760. In the 1810 census he is listed as 45 and up, born 1765 or before. He has been omitted from the 1820 census, but in 1830 he is listed as 70-80, born 1750-1760. His oldest child appears to be Cynthia, who was born October 15, 1783.<sup>12</sup> She was 17 when she married Jeremiah **CURL**

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<sup>10</sup> Harrison County Deed Book 3:77.

<sup>11</sup> Harrison County Deed Book 4: 108.

<sup>12</sup> Sketch on the William **COFFEY** family, Clark County biographies, Rootsweb.com, "He was married December 15, 1831 to Nancy **CURL**, daughter of Jeremiah and Cynthia (**ROMINE**) **CURL**, the former being born upon the south banks of the Potomac River in Virginia, February 14, 1778, and his wife, in Loudoun Co., of the same state, October 15, 1783."



in Harrison County on 4 November 1800<sup>13</sup>. It would be 8 years before Benjamin's birth born in September 1791. In 1810 Elizabeth (**MIDDLETON**) **ROMINE** was listed as 45 & up, born 1765 or before, 1830 was 60-70, born 1760-1770 and in 1840 Harrison County she was 70-80, born 1760-1770. Elizabeth born 1765 or before could have given birth to a child in 1783 and there could have been other children born between Cynthia and Benjamin who did not live, or the eight-year gap between Cynthia and Benjamin could imply that Cynthia was from a previous marriage. Births of children after Cynthia were are regular intervals beginning with Benjamin 1791, Nancy, circa 1792, Asenath, circa 1794, Robert F circa 1796, John W 1798 and Elizabeth 1801.

Elizabeth **MIDDLETON**'s parentage is still in question. However, there is indication that her father's name was John **MIDDLETON**. Greta **PROUDFOOT**, in her 1930 interviews of area residents states: "*John **MIDDLETON** of Virginia a Revolutionary Soldier was due a land grant of 150 acres for services in the army. He died before Virginia made the grant so the state made the grant to his son, John **MIDDLETON**, who married Eleanor **HARDY**. He is identified in this way in the land grant.*"

The above statement supports the oral family tradition that John **MIDDLETON** was a substitute for his father in war. And, in his pension application John states: "*that he was born in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia, he was a substitute in John **BUTCHER**'s company of the Virginia Militia in the service of the United States, as well as he recollects in the month of September 1780 under Captain Daniel **FIGGINS**..." "that in April of 1781 he was again called into the service of the United States as a substitute for a man named Hallams whos (sic) Christian name he cannot recollect, and served under Capt. Francis **BARRY**, a militia captain of Fredrick County, Va...at this time he*

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<sup>13</sup> **COCHRAN**, Wes., *Harrison County Marriages*, p. 11; Jeremiah **CURL**, Cynthia **ROMINE**, d/o James.

was a resident of Loudoun County, Va., residing near the line of Fredrick County<sup>44</sup>

In 1933, Mr. F. Dorsey **BARTLETT**, Clarksburg, West Virginia wrote to the National Archives, inquiring about the war records of John, who married Eleanor **HARDY** and his father John **MIDDLETON**, also requesting a statement as to whether or not they were related to Arthur **MIDDLETON**, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Response, April 19, 1933: "A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and the record of the first named John **MIDDLETON** has been found. The record has been found also, of another John **MIDDLETON**, a cornet, who had a son John, but whether or not Cornet John **MIDDLETON** was the father of John whose wife was Eleanor, this office cannot determine, nor whether any of these were related to Arthur **MIDDLETON**."

A.D. **HILLER**, assistant to Administrator included the following Warrant: B. L. Wt. 2705: "the records show, also that Warrant No. 2705, for 150 acres of bounty land, was issued March 2, 1799, on account of the service of John **MIDDLETON** as cornet in Lee's Legion, War of the Revolution. Said warrant was issued to John **MIDDLETON**, son and heir of John **MIDDLETON**, the cornet. There are no papers on file which were submitted in the application for bounty land, because of the destruction of papers in the early claims when the War Office was burned in 1800, consequently, this office has no further data in regard to John **MIDDLETON**, the cornet."<sup>45</sup>

On 26 June 1824 James **ROMINE** Sen'r of Harrison County purchased from Michael W. **MONAHAN** of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, a 51 acre tract of land

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<sup>44</sup> John **MIDDLETON** pension records: W7464 --BL WT 2 859416, National Archives, Washington, DC.

<sup>45</sup> John **MIDDLETON** was allowed pension for his service on his application executed on August 25, 1832, while a resident of Harrison County, Virginia. He died January 31, 1837 at his residence in Harrison County, Virginia. His widow, Eleanor **MIDDLETON** was allowed pension on her application executed July 15, 1837, at which time she was aged seventy-eight years and a resident of Harrison County, Virginia, where she was still living in 1855.

on Hasting's Run, adjoining his original 80 acre purchase.<sup>16</sup>

James probably died in 1835, the last year he was listed on the Harrison County land records. The following year his land is shown in the possession of "James **ROMINE**'s heirs." Those heirs are all verified in the 1851 sale of his property at Lost Creek. Elizabeth was still living and was head of the household in 1840, but gone by 1850. They are buried in the Batten Cemetery on Hastings Run.

*TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME XXIV, Iss 2*

## Big Jake

### Additions and Corrections

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As suspected Mary is the given name of the first known child of Jacob D. **MARPLE**. A marriage bond has been located for Joseph M. **DICKS** and Mary Marpole [sic]. It was taken out Harrison County, West Virginia on 14 July 1836 by Joseph M. **DICKS** and Jacob D. **MARPLE**, and signed by Joseph **DICKS** and J. D. **MARPLE**.<sup>17</sup> This bond can be downloaded from:  
[http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx), copy of the bond is on page 452 of the *Harrison County Bond Book*.

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<sup>16</sup> *Harrison County Deed Book* 17:107-108.

<sup>17</sup> [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx), copy of the bond page 452 *Harrison County Bond Book*. You can download a copy of the record from this website.

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# **James Romine of Harrison County, West Virginia**

by Linda B. MEYERS

## **DEED REVEALS JAMES ROMINE'S DESCENDANTS**

Harrison County, WV Deed Bk:41:116/117 - 13 September 1851

James **ROMINE'S** Heirs

to

Deed 80 acres Sugar Camp

Clement N. **ROMINE** & James **ROMINE**

This indenture made this 13th day of September in the year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty one between the Heirs of James **ROMINE** dec'd to wit: Robert F. **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN** late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL**, late Cynthia **ROMINE** dec'd, agent in fact for all his brothers and sisters, and John N. **CONLEY** son of Asenath **CONLEY**, late Asenath **ROMINE** dec'd agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN**, late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Matilda **CONLEY** of the County of Harrison and State of Virginia of the one part and James **ROMINE** & Clement N. **ROMINE** of the County and State fore said of the other part Witnesseth

That the said Robert, F. **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN**, late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE** agent in fact for all his brothers and sisters, and John **CONLEY** son of Asenath **CONLEY** dec'd late Asenath **ROMINE** agent in fact for Benj **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN** late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Matilda **CONLEY** for and in consideration of the sum of eight hundred Dollars lawful money of Virginia, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, granted, bargained, sold, aliened ---released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain, sell, alien and release to the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assigned forever, a certain tract or parcel of Land, lying and being in the County of Harrison and

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shots of the same group or the same statue." Sprague's advice: "Learn that it's okay to delete!"

Once you've purged and reformatted onto CDs, DVDs or other digital formats, begin to label and organize. This will save you hours of time searching for that image you know you have somewhere, but can't quite get your hands on.

Kelly believes that sticky labels and label software do the job best. For storing CDs and DVDs, Kelly likes a binder system. "This gets rid of the bulk and it's possible to store 300-plus CDs or DVDs in the space of 20 normal packages," he points out.

More tips from the experts at The Art Institutes include: Label images right away. It's less likely that you'll do so later, and it makes storage and finding images for the future a snap. Also, keep related images together, such as graduations, weddings, sports events, etc. Digital images saved on optical media (CDs, DVDs) should be kept in a cool, dark and dry place. It's always a good idea to make multiple copies and occasionally go back and check your media to make sure everything is still intact.

Set up a file structure on your computer that you understand. Regardless of any software program you use to organize your photos, movies, etc., start with a file structure that makes sense to you. One basic structure that works well is to create folders by type (movies, photos, music) and then by year, and then by month.

Remember to back up your files since you don't have a negative from which to make prints. Back-ups are also important since you are storing these files on an electronic device; these sometimes have been known to break for unexplained reasons. A good way to back up large numbers of files digitally is with an external hard drive, either USB 2.0 or Firewire. Hard copy back-ups are useful, too, as they are less susceptible to electrical surges or coffee spills. DVD-Rs hold a large amount of information - up to 4 GB (the storage size of an iPod Mini). You'll need a DVD burner and a reader that can handle the DVD-R format. For your most important files, consider off-site storage on the Web through free programs like [www.shutterfly.com](http://www.shutterfly.com) or [www.kodakgallery.com](http://www.kodakgallery.com). Share your photos. That's half the fun of having them. In addition to sites listed above, there are many other online avenues for sharing photos and keeping track of them as well. A free service that offers a premium upgrade for power users is Flickr ([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)). Courtesy of ARA Content and The Lion Magazine, February 2006



State of Virginia situate on the waters of Elk Creek, and bounded as followeth to wit:

Beginning at a Poplar near the Road, corner to Jacob **WOLF** and running thence S42 E130 poles to a white oak S47 W144 poles to a sugar tree, Abraham **BATTENS** corner S7 W104 poles to a sugar tree near William **BATTENS** Sugar Camp N14 E99 poles crossing the right hand fork of Hastenings (sic) Run to the place of beginning containing eighty acres.

To Have and To Hold the aforesaid piece or parcel of Land with its appurtenances to the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Robert **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN**, late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE**, agent in fact for his brothers and sisters. John **CONLEY**, son of Aseneth **CONLEY** dec'd, late Asenath **ROMINE**, agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN**, late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY** late Mattilda **CONLEY** for themselves, their heirs and assignees doth hereby covenant to and with the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assignees that they the said Robert **ROMINE** John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN**, late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE**, agent in fact, for all his brothers and sisters John N. **CONLEY** son of Asenath **CONLEY** dec'd late Asenath **ROMINE**, agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN** late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Mattilda **CONLEY** do forever warrant and defend the above described tract of parcel of Land with the appurtenances to the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assignees shall and will warrant and forever defend against all persons and claims whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof the aforesaid Robert F. **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN** late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL** son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE**, agent in fact for all his brothers and sisters John N. **CONLEY**, son of Asenath **CONLEY** dec'd late Asenath **ROMINE** agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN**, late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Mattilda **CONLEY** has hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Benjamin **ROMINE** - seal

John N. **CONLEY** seal  
Benjamin **CONLEY** seal  
by John N. **CONLEY** agent  
Jeremiah **CONLEY**  
by John N. **CONLEY** agent seal  
Elizabeth **DEARMAN**  
by John N. **CONLEY** agent seal



Batten Cemetery  
Hastings Run, Harrison County, West Virginia  
1994 - no Romine stones located

My great grandparents were Jacob Lorenzo Dow **BRAKE** and Asenath **ROMINE**. Asenath's parents were Robert F. (son of James) and Sarah (**MCPHERSON**) **ROMINE**. Robert was born in Frederick or Loudoun Virginia about 1796. Robert died 1 May 1874 in Harrison County, West Virginia, at 77 years of age according to the death record.<sup>1, 2</sup> His body was interred after 01 May 1874 in Harrison County, West Virginia but his burial place is unknown. He may be buried in the Batten Cemetery or Old Romine Cemetery in Harrison County, located approximately halfway on the Lost Creek-Romine's Mill Road on the old James

<sup>1</sup> *Harrison County Will Bk6:65* and release docket Bk:7:304.

<sup>2</sup> Bk:1p:77; and *Harrison County Death Records*, Grant Dist., disability (sic), age 77 born Virginia, clerk: James H. Taylor.

### **ROMINE property.<sup>3</sup>**

He married Sarah **MCPHERSON** in Harrison County, West Virginia, in 1819.<sup>4</sup> Sarah was born in Loudoun County, Virginia about 1800. Sarah was the daughter of James **MCPHERSON** and Elizabeth **DAVIS**. Sarah's death date is unknown but was after 1880 probably in Lewis County, West Virginia where she was listed as a resident in the 1880 census report. She was a widow age 80, living same property separate household from her son, James.

In 1840 Harrison County, (West) Virginia, Robert **ROMINE** household males: 1 age 40-50, 2 age 15-20, 1 age 10-15; females: 1 age 40-50, 1 age 15-20, 2 age 5-10, 1 under 10.

In 1850 Robert **ROMINE**, age 54 was living in Harrison County, (West) Virginia, District 22. He was a farmer, born in Virginia, Sarah was age 50, Elizabeth, age 29, James, age 29, Daniel, age 26, Israel age 21, Cena, age 18, Mary Ann, age 16, Sarah, age 12, Matilda, age 9 and Martin V., age 8, all born in Virginia. He was living next door to Martin **HALL** (father of Oscar) and James **YOUNG**.

In 1860 Robert F. **ROMINE** was age 65, a farmer, born in Virginia, living in Harrison County, (West) Virginia, His He had real estate valued at \$1500 and personal property valued at \$655. His wife, Sarah was age 61. Children: Betsy age 39, Israel age 30, farm laborer, Zenith age 29, Mary A., age 26, Sarah J., age 21, Matilda age 19, Van B. age 18 and Sarah A., age 14, all born in Virginia.

In 1870 Robert F. **ROMINE** was living in Elk Township, Harrison County, West Virginia. He was age 74, Sarah, age 70, Sarah J., age 32, Matilda, age 28, Martin V., age 26 and Susannah (Martin's wife) age 27, all born in Virginia. He was living next door to his son Daniel and Oscar F. **HALL**. His real estate was valued at \$2700 and his personal property at \$546.

Robert's will was probated in Harrison County, West Virginia, after 02 May 1874.<sup>5</sup> On 1 July 1874, Jacob L. D. **BRAKE** and al sold land to Daniel **ROMINE**.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup> There are approximately 12 unmarked graves in this cemetery, which is in poor condition. The family of Benjamin, son of James and Elizabeth are know to be buried there.

<sup>4</sup> *Harrison County Marriage Bond Book* 2:80.

<sup>5</sup> *Harrison County Will Bk* 6:65 and release docket Bk: 7:304.

<sup>6</sup> *Harrison County Bk* 58: 78 & 59:223.

**Sale of Robert F. ROMINE property**

**Deed: Harrison County Book 59:223; 7 August 1876**

**Sarah ROMINE and Others to Oscar F. HALL 92 3/4 acres & 35 poles**

This deed made this 7th day of August 1876 between Sarah **ROMINE** widow of Robert F. **ROMINE** dec'd, James M. **ROMINE** and Jane his wife, Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Sarah J. **ROMINE**, Matilda **ROMINE**, Daniel **ROMINE** and Elizabeth his wife, J. L. D. **BRAKE** and Assenah his wife (the last named of Upshur County W Va) of the first part and Oscar F. **HALL** of the county of Harrison and State aforesaid of the 2nd part. Witnesseth that the parties of the first part in consideration of the premises and \$2800.30 to be paid as follows to wit: Five hundred dollars on the first day of August 1876, five hundred dollars on or before the 25th day of December 1876, and the residue \$1489.16 the amount after reducing (?) \$311.14ct which last named amount is the undivided sixth interest of the minor after reducing(?) Widow dower on or before the 25th day of December 1877, which is last installment except the miners interest with 6 per cent interest from first day of Aug 1876 do grant, bargain sell and convey unto the party of the second part by deed of general warrantee all of each of their undivided interest in and to ascertain piece of land which the said Robert F. **ROMINE** died seized said land situated on waters of Rooting Creek and adjoining of lands of the said O. F. **HALL**, Joseph **WHITE** and others in Harrison County W. VA and bounded as follows. Beginning at a Whiteoak corner of the said O. F. **HALLS** and running thence S.82 W 32 Pts a stake thence S.38 W31 poles to a stake S 65 W34 P to a stake thence S45 W 59 Poles to a Dogwood N 74 3/4 W 60 Poles to a stone N20 E 137 P to a stone in place of B. Oak S 80 E 141 Poles to a White Oak S 8 1/2 W 35 poles to the Beginning containing 92 acres 3 Rods and 35 Poles the parties of the first part hereby retain a leise upon the property hereby conveyed to secure the defered payments Witness the following signatures and seals the day and year first above written.

Matilda **ROMINE** (seal)  
(seal)

Sarah (her mark) **ROMINE**

Daniel (his mark) **ROMINE** (seal)  
Elizabeth (her mark) **ROMINE** (seal)

James M. **ROMINE** (seal)  
James **ROMINE** (seal)

J. L. D. **BRAKE** (seal)

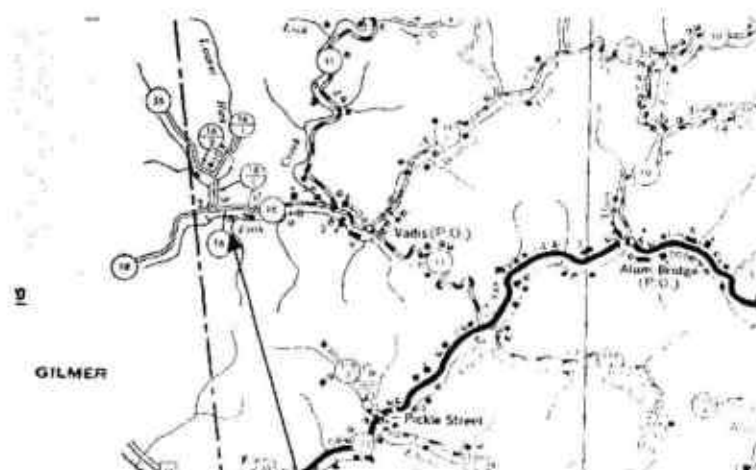
Elizabeth (her mark)

**ROMINE** (seal)

Assenah (her mark) **BRAKE** (seal)

Sarah J. **ROMINE** (seal)

Sarah **MCPHERSON ROMINE** moved to Lewis County, West Virginia after the sale of this property and on 23 January 1877 she and daughter Elizabeth **ROMINE** purchased property from her son, James McPherson **ROMINE**. In the 9 June 1880 census report she was living in Freeman's Creek, Western Subdivision, Lewis County next door to son, James. She was head of the household, a widow, age 8, born in Virginia, as were her parents. Living with her were her daughters, Elizabeth, age 59, listed as a widow, Sarah J., age 40, Matilda, age 38 and granddaughter, Laura J., age 9, all born in Virginia. In July 1880, she and Elizabeth sold the same property to her younger daughters. It is assumed that she continued to live with the daughters until her death, but that date is unknown as well as her burial place.



Sarah (McPherson) Romine Property  
Finks Creek at the mouth of Laurel Run



Deeds:

John M. **ROMINE**

to

Sarah & Elizabeth **ROMINE**

This deed made this 23 day of January 1877 between John M. **ROMINE** and Jane **ROMINE** his wife of the first part and Sarah **ROMINE** and Elizabeth **ROMINE** of the second part, all of Lewis County and State of W. Va. witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part do grant with general warranty unto Sarah **ROMINE** and Elizabeth **ROMINE** the following described tract or parcel of land lying on Finks Creek at the mouth of Laurel Run and bounded as follows viz.: Beginning at w.o. on the bank of the right hand fork of Laurel Run, thence S57 W56 poles, to stake and pointers, thence S9 E100 poles crossing said creek to beech on bank thence up said Creek N62 ½ E51 poles to beech, thence N9 W114 poles to the beginning containing thirty seven acres more or less and the parties of the first part do hereby covenant to and with the said Sarah **ROMINE** & Elizabeth **ROMINE** that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

James M. **ROMINE** seal

Jane **ROMINE** -- seal

State of West VA Lewis County to wit:

Delivered Feb. 22, 1877

James also sold land to his sisters on the same date.

James M. **ROMINE**

to

Sarah J. And Matilda **ROMINE**

This deed made this 23 day of January 1877 between James M. **ROMINE** and Jane **ROMINE** his wife, of the first part and Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE** of the second part all of Lewis county and State of W. Va. witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part do grant unto the said Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE**, with general warranty the following described tract or parcel of land lying on Finks Creek and bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a beech on the bank of said creek and running S9 E100 poles to stake and pointers thence W57 E56 poles to 2

hickories, thence N9 W86 poles to beech on bank of Creek, thence S62 ½ W51 to the beginning containing thirty three acres more or less and the parties of the first part do hereby covenant to and with the said Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE** that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed Witness the following signatures and seals.

James M. **ROMINE** - seal

Jane **ROMINE** -- seal

Delivered to J. M. **ROMINE** Feb. 22, 1877

On July 2, 1880, Sarah McPherson **ROMINE** and her daughter Elizabeth **ROMINE** sold their land to Sarah and Matilda **ROMINE**. In 1880 she was living in Western Subdivision. She was head of the household, a widow, age 80, born in Virginia, as were her parents. Living with her were her daughters, Elizabeth, age 59, Sarah J., age 40, Matilda, age 38 and Laura J., granddaughter, age 9. Her son, James was living on the same property, different household. He was age 56, farmer, his wife, Jane, age 55. It is assumed that Sarah continued to live with her daughters until her death. Her death date and burial place are unknown.

Lewis County, WV

Sarah **ROMINE**

to

Sarah J. **ROMINE**

This deed made this 2 day of July 1880 between Sarah **ROMINE** and Elizabeth **ROMINE** of the first part and Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE** of the second part all of the county of Lewis and State of West Virginia, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part, do grant with general warranty to the parties of the second part. The following described tract or parcel of land lying on Finks Creek at the mouth of Larel(Laurel ?) Run and bounded as follows: beginning at a White Oak on the bank of the right hand Fork of Laurel Run thence S57 W56 poles to a stake and pointers thence S9 E100 poles crossing said creek to Beech on bank thence up said creek N62 ½ E 51 poles to Beech thence N9 W114 poles to the beginning containing thirty seven acres more or less and the parties of the first part do hereby covariant

# Romine Family

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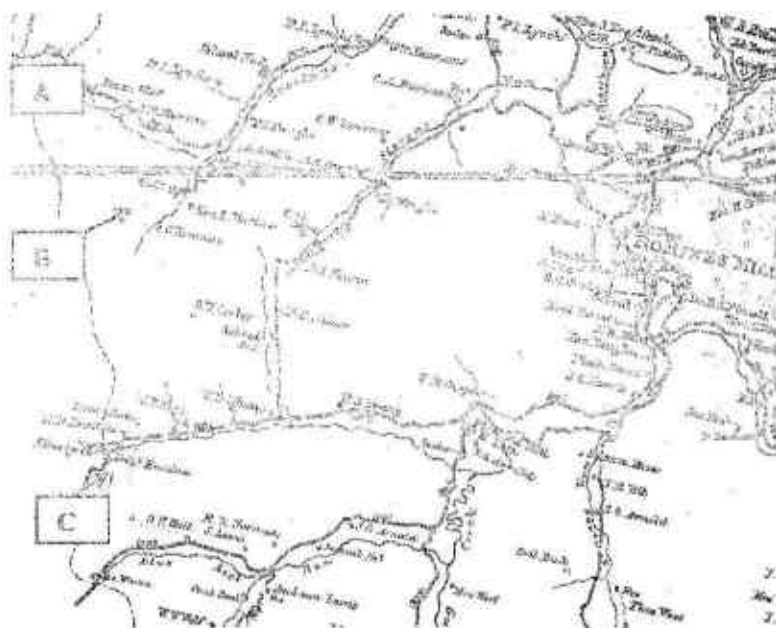
Sarah (her mark) **ROMINE** --seal

Elizabeth (her mark) **ROMINE** - seal

State of West Virginia

Lewis County

Delivered G.W. **DAVISSION** for S.J. **ROMINE** Dec. 7th 1880 (p. 171)



- A. James ROMINE Property on Hastings Run location of the Old ROMINE Cemetery
- B. BATTEN Cemetery Burial place of James and Elizabeth ROMINE
- C. Robert F. ROMINE property

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