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A work project regarding the Laswell family to determine reasonable conclusions to several questions as identified below. Conferees were Paul E. Williams of Terre Haute, IN and Ron Yates of Charlotte, NC.

Question #1: Was Thomas Laswell (Son of Theodore Laswell) in the 37th IN Inf Co A?

Conclusion is yes; he served along with his brother John N. in Company A. His pension application was approved for his mother [Hannah J. Laswell](#). He and his brother are listed together in the history of the 37 Indiana Volunteers Infantry which is attached on the website. His brother John had his pension approved for his widow Caroline L Cairns who he married in 1904.

Question #2: Is it possible that Jerimena A. Roberts died young?

Conclusion is I strongly believe (but not proved) yes but need to mine the Roberts' family tree for details.

Question #3: An 1880 Thomas Laswell BUT his spouse is Rebecca; yet there is a child age 10 by the name of Richard.

Conclusion is that Mother Jerimena is dead and Father Thomas who was discharged with a disability in 1863 is either dead or otherwise incapacitated. I think this suggests Richard was boarding and was being raised by Thomas and Rebecca. To my knowledge Richard was an only child.

Question #4: William Henry Boswell spouse is Indiana Laswell [as shown in 1850ce] problem I cannot seem to locate their marriage rec.

Conclusion: I found documentation of 3 Aug 1858 Ripley Co., IN.

Question #5: who are the parents of Richard Holden Laswell b. 1859, Indiana; d. 1920, Peggs, Oklahoma.

Conclusion: Father is Thomas D. Laswell b. 1836, Ripley Co., IN. and mother is Jerimena A. Roberts b. Abt 1830. Richard was an only Child.

Tue 1/19/2010 From: paulewms, Subject: Thomas Laswell, Ripley Co., IN

Hello, Your public tree appeared showing you are also working on the subject. I would appreciate your opinion of the following: (1) Your Thomas Laswell that married Jerimena Roberts; is it possible that Jerimena died young? [this would be just after the 1860ce and before 1863] (2) in the 1870ce for Owen Co., IN I find a Thomas Laswell

BUT his spouse is Rebecca; yet there is a child age 10 by the name of Richard [theory that this Richard is the same as in the 1860ce] the next child is Theodore born 1864 ALSO in Ripley Co., IN.....

My interest is Theodore Laswell as he married Estella Thompson, a sister to my grandmother. Theodore died in 1948 Brazil, IN [just n of Owen Co., IN] his obituary does not mention any brothers or sisters [assuming all preceded him]..... Thank you for reading this message. Any reply, information appreciated. paulewms

1/19/2010 Hi Ron,

Thank you for your quick response, really appreciate. Yes, I would be more than happy to join your other "hackers" regarding solving the correct links. I did a quick review of your site [Laswell only] and congratulations you have done a tremendous job, keep up the good work. I am inclined to agree with you regarding the Civil War Widow Pension as well as the CW soldiers.....just trying to figure out if my Thomas was in the 37th IN Inf Co A, if yes, it changes a lot of theories!

Now as to my Laswell link....as stated in my ancestry message... Per the obituary of Theodore Laswell born in Ripley Co., IN [by the way this contradicts of what his daughter has on her marriage record, she lists Spencer which is in Owen Co., IN] personally, I am inclined to agree with his obit. -- the obit does list his parents as being Thomas and Rebecca Minor Laswell. Now, if you look at the 1880ce for Owen Co., you'll find Theodore {Tea} with his sister Florence {Fannie} being listed including others....Rebecca Minor appears to have remarried again [this would be her 3rd marriage] in sequence Ridenhour, Laswell and last Kayler --- after all, per the 1880ce notice the step children surnames,: Laswell and Ridenhour ---- also please notice the 1870ce of a variable Ridenhour {Rittenhower} given being Charles which is also same as in 1880....

By the way, Theodore's sister "Fannie" Laswell married 1902 Dudley White. This is what also puzzles me....did she die before him or after?? if after, why wasn't she mentioned in his obituary??? Again Thank you for replying, looking forward to any future discussions. Paul E. Williams Terre Haute, IN

1/19/2010 Ron, I am fully aware of the 1860ce and as in the past have studied it over and over. I take it for granted that you are aware that most of the children listed to the elder Thomas Laswell [re: 1850ce listing] are very close by...problem is also this Boswell(?) his spouse is Indiana Laswell [as shown in 1850ce] problem I cannot seem to locate their marriage rec. In the land ownership we do find that elder Thomas Laswell purchased as early as 1828 hence (to me) meaning he was already settled in Ripley Co. : the other Laswell of same year is Moses but it shows that he is from Shelby Co., KY when he purchased said parcel. My own theory is that they are either brothers or nephew and uncle. This Laswell lineage is really different....generally, I don't work on "allied" lines that much but I "sorta" promised my deceased aunt I would look into it as her niece Clara was very young when stricken (left children & spouse) and my Thompson line thought very highly of her.

As for the current [meaning Laswell] children born to Theodore & Stella Thompson Laswell I do have all.....most of them all are buried in Clay Co., IN --- again going by the obit of Theodore it does state he came to Brazil, IN as a blacksmith and spent about 60 yrs. of his life there but it does state born in Ripley Co., IN to Thomas and Rebecca Minor Laswell. Personally, I at times really wonder if the father of Theodore is the Thomas that is the son of William and Hannah Laswell., and which you have is the other Thomas being son of Thomas & Sarah. I have not listed just yet as to whom the parents of my {Thomas} are as I prefer a confirmed cited source. As you are also aware there are 2 Thomas Laswell in the CW -- (1) 37th IN Inf (2) 68th IN Inf -- since the latter was discharged [disability] perhaps he died?? leaving Jerimena to remarry??; after all, what became of her?? As you can see Ron a lot of theories! this is why I made my remark regarding Jerimena also died and your Richard is listed with my Thomas....he was taken in to be cared for by another relative. When you have time study the 1870ce and 1880ce that I mentioned before. Looking forward in hearing from you again.....Paul

1/20/2010 Good morning Ron, Had the subject on my mind -- for you to analyze -- of course get your opinion. (1) Ripley Co., IN marriage record -- 25 Feb 1859 Thomas D. Laswell & Jemima A. Roberts ~~~~~now the next puzzle~~~~(2) Ripley Co., IN marriage record -- 15 Jul 1863 Thomas D. Laswell & Jane Ridenour ~~~this Jane Ridenour is really Rebecca Jane Minor, her 1st husband was John A. Ridenour whom she married 14 Oct 1854 Switzerland Co., IN [which adjoins Ripley Co. on the S portion] ~~~the puzzle is are # (1) & (2) the same Thomas D. or what??

This is what I meant by regarding the obituary of Theodore Laswell being the son of Thomas & Rebecca Minor Laswell. ~~~As you are aware of there are 2 Thomas Laswells -- (1) born to Thomas & Sarah Dean (2) born to William & Hannah Jackson -- at times [going by the CW rec's] I really ponder if the Thomas D. Laswell located in 1880ce Woodson Co., KS & spouse being Matilda is the # (1) ??? remains to be solved I guess.....after all, per the CW pension this Matilda is applying for it shows for some strange reason that this Thomas was in 2 states, 68th IN Inf and 192nd OH Inf and Matilda has to prove that he was in both units! I think as you mentioned the CW pension rec needs to be seen. Have a good day ahead.....think about it. Paul