

From: **Mark Stamper** mark.stamper@gmail.com
Subject: Re: James W Stamper
Date: 28 February 2020 at 21:40:28
To: Samuel Minter abulsme@abulsme.com



Hi Samuel,

I was looking at some Stamper genealogy and found the name Johanna "Hanna" Stamper.
Born: 5 November 1781 Ashe, North Carolina, United States
Died: July 1861 Wilson Creek, Grayson, Virginia, United States

The family history is that before her marriage to Gordon Perkins in 1801, she had a child from a previous marriage to a Cherokee Indian in 1799 in Cherokee, NC.
Have not found any other information other than the family history, but looks interesting. Hanna would have been about 18yo at the time of John's birth.

Parents - James W Stamper and Susan Wheeler.

It seems plausible that John Reeves Stamper was Johanna's child but raised by her parents. I don't have any idea about the father, but the Reeves lived just over the state line in Virginia and were said to have relatives in NC that they visited often.

Hoping a DNA match can narrow down the Reeves connection a bit more.

Mark

On Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 1:13 AM Samuel Minter <abulsme@abulsme.com> wrote:

Thanks for this. So does that likely mean that the reports of James W Stamper's mother being Agnes Reeves (or her sister) rather than Martha Carter (or Joanna Stamper) as some other sources have it? But that his father is just unknown rather than being Richard Stamper?

Or matching up with the other note I have: "From Bevwatson on 2012 Feb 23: "I have another new theory for consideration regarding the parentage of James W. or John Reeves Stamper - The DNA of a descendant of James/John and Sarah Stamper matches the DNA of the Reeves family of Grayson VA, Ashe NC and Wake NC. The kinship is as close as proven 3rd cousins in the Reeves' family. I have seen the speculation that he was an indian and adopted by the Stamper family which might be true for his mother, but his father appears to have definitely been a Reeves' male probably in the Ashe County NC community."

So his father being a Reeves, but then which mother?

I think the truth is probably that James Stamper was both out of wedlock, so there was intentional misdirection on his parentage, and possibly an adoption in there somewhere, plus James as an adult seems to have gone by many aliases and moved a bit, so may have intentionally misled people on his own background as well, all leading to a big muddle when it comes to figuring out who his parents were. :-)

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> On 25 Jan 2020, at 16:32:34, Mark Stamper <mark.stamper@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi Samuel,

> I am a descendant of James W Stamper (Thomas Jefferson Stamper > Amos > Jesse > Leonard).

> I had always heard that we were part Cherokee Indian. My father took a Y DNA test and discovered that we match up with the Reeves family and had no native american DNA whatsoever.

> I just joined the Reeves Genealogy project FTDNA, and hope to do some research to see if we can

find anything out.

> My DNA is matching up to the George Reeves line, from Grayson County, VA. They are is close proximity to Ashe / Swain county, so this seems likely. The Reeves had relatives in Ashe county and were said to visit frequently.

> Best,

> Mark

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