

Bits and Bytes

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The Montgomery Surname DNA Project

There are now at least 88 participants in this project. None of the newest people are currently members of CMSI which I see as an excellent recruiting opportunity!

Judy Montgomery Becker reports that the test results from Mark R. Montgomery of Florida match those for her nephew, Devon Montgomery, on 36 of 37 markers. Mark lists Joseph Montgomery as his most remote paternal Montgomery ancestor, and Joseph is believed to be the youngest son of Hugh Montgomery of Waxhaws, who is the subject of a book by D.C. Montgomery. This book also theorizes that Captain James Montgomery, Revolutionary War soldier and the ancestor of Judy Becker, was a son of Hugh Montgomery, but there has been no definitive proof. However, these DNA test results do prove a link between Judy's line and Hugh Montgomery of Waxhaws. Additional work is required to determine if Captain James was a son, as theorized in the D.C. Montgomery book, or a cousin, nephew, etc.

Florida Mark is a "double-dip" Montgomery with Montgomery ancestors on both the paternal and maternal side. On the maternal side he traces back to Reverend William Montgomery, who died in Jefferson County, Mississippi in 1848.

GENMATCHER SOFTWARE

The publishers of GenViewer have recently released a new complementary utility program called GenMatcher which makes it easy to compare two different genealogy data files for matches and/or duplicates. It can directly read files stored as GEDCOMs or created by Personal Ancestry File, The Master Genealogist, Family Tree Maker or Legacy. Files do not have to be in the same format to be compared! Data is displayed in side-by-side color-coded windows, making it easy to see differences and similarities in the details. Because this is a read-only program, there is no risk of corrupting your data.

It can be ordered for \$19.95 at <http://mudcreeksoftware.com>.

Serendipity

Or Otherwise, Things Found While Surfing the Net

The History of the Katherine Montgomery Chapter of the DAR

The chapter was founded by Mary Desha, one of the four founders of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and named in honor of her great-grandmother. Katherine was born about 1749 in Augusta County, Virginia, a place considered at that time to be the extreme frontier.

It was said that Katherine Montgomery was a woman of superior character and attainments, who bore the vicissitudes and dangers incident to a frontier life with bravery and fortitude. During the Revolutionary War, she was a dispatch bearer, carrying secret messages coiled in her long dark brown hair. According to family history, on one occasion she carried her baby with her, concealing the dispatches in the baby's diaper. On another trip she carried extremely secret information from Washington's Headquarters through the British lines to the Continental Army. She met a British Officer riding a tired, jaded horse. As she was suspected of carrying dispatches, the officer stopped her to engage in conversation in an attempt to find out where she was going. He complimented her on her beautiful horse, so she challenged him to a race. Knowing the speed her horse was capable of, she quickly outdistanced him to such an extent that she was able to deliver her dispatches in safety. In about 1772, Katherine married Isaac Bledsoe, who commanded a company through the war. He was a captain in Christian's Campaign and was killed by the Indians in Sumner County, TN. Katherine Montgomery Bledsoe died in 1800 in Sumner County, and left 8 children, all married.

<http://www.dcdar.org/CJW-KMChapter.htm>