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Dear Nick,

I only have a small bit of information on the Thomas Hale I am researching.

There has been some debate about whether or not Thomas Hale was related to the Heald family that lived in the York County area. I have not found any proof that this is the case. The family names do not line up with those of the Warrington Twp. family. I can't rule it out either.

Thomas Hale was issued a land warrant in Warrington Township, York County Pennsylvania in December, 1751.

Thomas' will was written 12 August 1761, probated 20 August 1761, residence was in Warrington Township, York County, Pennsylvania. The will indicates that Thomas was a "Taylor" by trade. He was not weathy, but comfortable. His estate was listed at over 123 pounds.

The will lists his children as Richard, John, Sarah Buffenton, Joseph, Benjamin, William, Mary Prunty, Hannah Bigger, Ann, Elisabeth, Thomas and Edward. Executor wife Hannah, witnesses Robert Vale and Bryan Prunty.

We have found a marriage for a Sarah Hale to Thomas Buffington in Chester County, Pennsylvania. This marriage took place in 1741 and was a Quaker union. The Buffington's were Quakers. Sarah also had to be of age, as her parents were not required to give consent.

If this marriage was for Sarah Buffenton listed in the will, then the Hale's were possibly Quakers, as Sarah was a member in good standing at the time of her marriage.

Using the order in which the children are listed in the will as their appropriate birth order (a large assumption on my part)and the marriage of Sarah (Hale) Buffington, I have calculated approximate birth dates for each of the children using a two year gap between each. This

calculation puts Thomas Hale, born about 1745 and Edward Hale about 1747.

My ancestor, Thomas Hale, Montgomery County, Virginia believed born between 1750 - 1755 and Edward Hale of Giles County, Virginia, born about the same period although believed younger than Thomas, could be potential candidates for sons of Thomas Hale, Warrington Twp., York Co., Pennsylvania. They could also be the sons of William Hale the 6th child of Thomas and Hannah Hale, as some believe is likely. William was killed by indians possibly in the early 1770's. I am relatively certain that Edward and Thomas Hale were brothers. The families where connected quite closely, married into the same families and their grandchildren even married each other.

It is also known that the Henry Willis family of Chester County, Pennsylvania has a close relationship with John Hale, Bent Mountain, Virginia. That the Willis property in Chester Co., Pennsylvania is not that far from Thomas Hale's in Warrington Township. We believe in theory that the two families may have known each other before coming to Virginia. Several Willis family members married children of John Hale, Bent Mountain, Virginia.

John Hale, Bent Mountain, Virginia, is believed to be the uncle of my ancestor. Although I have theorized that he could possibly be an older brother and not just their uncle.

Additionally, Thomas Hale's property was adjacent to that of Robert Vale's and James Prunty. Robert received a land warrent in the mid 1740's and James Prunty about the same time as Thomas Hale.

There are Vale's and Prunty family members associated with the men of Montgomery and Giles Counties.

My alternate line of thinking came about, because my Thomas Hale (Montgomery County, VA) appears to have been accepted into the church community and the family of Michael Price, his father-in-law, quite freely. It was as if Thomas already knew these people before marrying into the family. The Price family came from the Lancaster County area of Pennsylvania and one of the first families in the Montgomery County area. Early records indicate that the Price "fort" may have been one of the first in the area.

Many researchers believe that our line descended from that of Nicholas. This is possible, but if that were the case then why are their no Nicholas' in our line? Our line also does not include any Anne's, nor are there many other names of this line. That being said I think we descend along a different path.

My Thomas Hale (Montgomery Co., VA)and his wife Agnes (Price) Hale, named all of their children for grandparents and other close family members. Their first daughter was named Hannah, there are no Hannah's found in Agnes' line. Their first son was named William, no William's in Agnes' line either. The names that repeat throughout our line are Thomas, William, Edward, John, Charles and David. Girls, Hannah, Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth, as well as Margaret and Nancy

I have been trying to track down the lines of the children of Thomas and Hannah Hale, with some possible limited success. But have yet to establish anything concrete. I believe that I have also shifted some thinking some of the researchers who are of similar family names to mine.

The names in the family of your ancestor caught my eye and I had to discuss the possiblities.