

## John Doe

# DNA Silver Service

**Research Goal:** Verify Direct Female Line as Cherokee

### Overview

Subject found both Native American and Jewish in autosomal testing and proved to have a mitochondrial lineage qualifying for Phase III of the Cherokee DNA Studies. Subject reports several suspected Cherokee connections but it was decided to concentrate at first on his direct female as submitted by his sister Elizabeth Doe:

#### Self

Elizabeth Doe/ John Doe

#### Mother

Vestal Bernice Carpenter b. 9/3/1928 d. 5/16/2008 married Edward E Doe 2/19/46 Lake City, AR. Census: 1930 & 40 Prairie, Craighead, AR

#### Grandmother

Rosa Lee McGough b. 7/27/1902 d. 7/9/1987 married Joseph Ivan Carpenter 2/2/1919 Lake City, AR, Census 1910-1940, Prairie, Craighead, AR

#### Great-grandmother

Mary Catherine Downs b 3/20/1880 d. 1/1/1916 Lake city, AR; Married Robert Newton McGough April, 1899. Census: 1880 Maumelle, Craighead, AR. 1900 Lake City, Craighead, AR. 1910 Prairie, Craighead, AR

#### Great-great-grandmother

Isabel Jane Martin b. 1843 GA d 1910 AR Married William C Downs 1858  
Census: 1850 & 60 Hall, GA. 1870-1880 Maumelle, Craighead, AR. 1900-1910 Lake City, Craighead, AR

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>-great-grandmother

Elizabeth Smith b.8/4/1815 Spartanburg, Union, SC d.aft 1880 Hall, Ga married William J Martin abt 1840. Census 1850 Hall, GA 1880 Tadmor, Hall, GA

#### 4<sup>th</sup>-great-grandmother

Mary Montgomery b. 1794 Bamberg, SC d 1875 Dawson, GA Married John Smith 1812 Lumpkin, GA. Census: 1850 Sanfords, Lumpkin, GA

#### 5<sup>th</sup>-great-grandmother

Rose Ann Roddy b 1756 Cumberland, PA d. 1820 Spartanburg, SC Married John Montgomery 1772 Cumberland, Allegany, Maryland

#### 6<sup>th</sup>-great-grandmother

Mary Candor b 1727 Chester, PA d 1786 Spartanburg, NC married Alexander Roddy 1749 Chester, PA

### **7<sup>th</sup>-great-grandmother**

Caroline Watson b abt 1715

The subject's H haplotype is fairly common in European ancestry, but H has also been found in the Cherokee. In conjunction with a direct female genealogy traced to a Cherokee woman it should be pronounced Cherokee.

## **Checks and Corrections**

The generations above were researched in census records from latest to earliest. Here are some notes and corrections, beginning with the parents' generation.

Mother's name is given as Bernice V. Carpenter, age 1½, in her parents' household in the 1930 Craighead Arkansas census return. Also in the same household was Catherine Carpenter, 60. Edward Edwin Doe was the formal name found for the father, whose birthdate is 2/29/46 and whose death date is 1/15/2001.

Grandmother was known as Rosie Carpenter. Her maiden name was McGough.

Great-grandmother Mary Catherine's parents were confirmed to have been born in Georgia according to 1910 Craighead Arkansas census. Robert Newton McGough had a second wife after she died in 1916.

Isabel or Isabella Jane Martin, the wife of William C. Downs, was found and checked on censuses from 1910 (aged 72, in Lake City, Craighead Co., Ark., married to William C. Downs for 52 years, 13 children born, 4 children living), 1870 (age given as 25, in Ga.), 1860 (age given as 18, in Ga., next door to J. M. and Malissa Martin, and near to J. and Jane Martin, perhaps her grandparents, both born in S.C., both aged 70, and another J. Martin, 25, chairmaker) and 1850 District 38, Hall Co., Ga., where she is named as E. J. Martin, aged 8, the oldest of several children, including M. A., 6, in household headed by W. F. Martin, 33, and E. Martin, 35. Thus her parentage is probable but not completely certain. This census page was not scanned through some error at Ancestry and I was unable to view it.

In Jane Martin's parents' generation, her probable mother is E. Martin, listed as wife of W. F. Martin in Hall Co., Ga. We find the same person listed as Elizabeth Martin in the 1860 census in the same county, aged 47, a widow, or single head of household without her husband, born in S.C., with her children Martha, now 15, Jesse, now 13, and Elizabeth, 10, with a new child, William, 8. Apparently, her husband W. F. Martin (not William J. Martin), died about 1852. His name only appears in the 1850 record. Elizabeth Martin figures also in the 1870 and 1880 censuses in the same county, after which there is no record of her. She was born in South Carolina, about 1814: Her age is given as 66 in 1880.

We have no further information about Elizabeth Martin's husband. We do not know her maiden name. We only know she came from South Carolina.

Elizabeth Martin's maiden name was *not* Smith. The identification with Elizabeth Smith, born 8/4/1815, Spartanburg, Union Co., S.C. is wrong. Elizabeth Martin's mother was *not* Mary (Polly) Montgomery, b. 1794, d. 1875 Dawson Co., Ga. This identification is contradicted and proved false by the death of Mary Polly Montgomery Smith in Dawsonville, Ga. And associated identification of her daughter as Elizabeth Smith Grant (1816-1878). Thus these Smiths are another family and not related to Elizabeth Martin. Elizabeth Smith Grant has a grave in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, Dawsonville, Ga. She was born in Spartanburg Co., June 3, 1816 and died Sept. 25, 1878.

## Conclusion

All the generations and information anterior to 3<sup>rd</sup>-great grandmother Elizabeth Martin can be considered irrelevant and wrong as given, since Elizabeth Martin's mother was not Mary Polly (Montgomery) Smith and she cannot be claimed to be a Smith by birth, nor can her father be proved to be John Smith (1790-1860), as suggested in the family's genealogy. Without further research we do not know Elizabeth Martin's mother or female-linked ancestry.

Martin is a well-known Cherokee surname, and Elizabeth and her daughter Jane Downs, are found in north Georgia in 1850, an area recently cleared of Cherokee Indians. Jane Martin was reportedly born in Georgia in August 1841, only two years after the Trail of Tears. Both Elizabeth and husband W. F. Martin originated in South Carolina, a region heavily marked by Cherokee ancestry, the time of their births being about 1815.

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