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REPORT TO: George Richison Research File

SUBJECT: Analysis of 3 George Richardson's, 1820 through 1870, beginning in Clark County, Ohio

There were three individuals named George Richison/Richeson/Richardson in Clark County, Ohio, in 1820. They were George, Sr. who married Ellen/Nelly (Geo/Ellen or Nelly)¹ George Jr. who married Elizabeth "Betsy" Gilson (Geo/Betsy)²; and George who married Prudence Prilleman (Geo/Pru)³. Geo/Ellen or Nelly and Geo/Betsy were both in Bethel Township in 1820, but Geo/Pru was living in Pike Township of Clark County.

Research on each of the 1820 families had to be made beyond the 1820 U.S. census to make sure the 1820 households were attributed to the correct George Richison/Richeson/Richardson line.

1820 U.S. Census

Geo/Pru is George Richardson⁴ of Pike Township with a household of 8 individuals.

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| 3 males under 10 | [John, Jacob, Samuel] |
| 1 male 10 thru 15 | [William] |
| 1 male 26 thru 44 | [George] |
| 2 females under 10 | [Susan & Sarah] |
| 1 female 26 thru 44 | [Prudence] |

NOTE: The other two George households were in Bethel Township and are indicated to be a Sr. and a Jr. The spelling of the surname for both is RITCHARDSON but Jr. is indexed by Ancestry as KITCHENMAN. A look at the actual images reveals both surnames were actually written as RITCHARDSON. How these records can be found has changed from time to time as Ancestry subscribers have entered alternative spellings.

¹ John Richison, 1799-1947; Holy Bible: containing the Old and New Testaments, (New York: American Bible Society, 1852); , Ohio Genealogical Society Bible Collection; original privately held by Lynne Sears, Jeromesville, Ohio. Richison Family Bible, from St. Paris, Champaign Co., Ohio area.

² "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," digital images, FamilySearch (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 2 May 2012); entry for Geo. Richardson and Betsy Gilson, 28 October 1819, Clark County, Marriage records 1818-1821; imaged from FHL microfilm 466,399.

³ "Ohio, Country Marriages, 1789-1997," digital images, FamilySearch (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 1 January 2015); George Richardson and Prudence Prilleman, 1808, Miami County, Marriage records 1807-1823 vol A, No. 0023, image 31 of 65; imaged from FHL microfilm 550,177.

⁴ 1820 U.S. census, Clark County, Ohio, population schedule, Pike Township, p. 13, George Richardson household; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 26 December 2007); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M33: 88.

Geo/Ellen or Nelly is the George Ritchardson, Sr.⁵ household consisting of only three individuals

1 male 45+ [George, ca1762]
1 female 16 thru 25 [most likely Jane, b.1803]
1 female 45+ [Ellen or Nelly, c.1762]

Geo/Betsy is the George Ritcherson, Jr.⁶ household with only he and his wife Betsy. They married on 28 Oct 1819 in Clark County, Ohio.

1 male 16 thru 26 [George, Jr., b. ca 1798]
1 female 16 thru 18 [Betsy, b. bet 1802-1804]

1830 U.S. Census

Geo/Pru is listed as George Richardson⁷ in Pike Township, Clark County, Ohio in the 1830 census with a slightly larger family.-

1 male 5 thru 9 [Christian]
2 males 10 thru 14 [Jacob & Samuel]
1 male 15 thru 19 [John]
1 male 20 thru 29 [William]
1 male 40 thru 49 [George, b. 1780-1790]
1 female under 5 [Susan]
2 females 5 thru 9 [Anna & Catharine]
1 female 15 thru 19 [Sarah]
1 female 40 thru 49 [Prudence]

Geo/Ellen or Nelly, George, Sr. died in 1823 and since his wife is not mentioned in his estate file, A177, it is assumed she died before George so her death is placed at between 1 Jun 1820 and 2 Aug 1823.⁸

Geo/Betsy, George Richardson⁹ was no longer in Clark County, Ohio, in 1830. He can be found in Logansport, Cass, Indiana, in the 1830 U.S. census. His family has grown to six individuals.

3 males under 5 [Andrew, Peter, & William]
1 male 5 thru 9 [John]

⁵ 1820 U. S. census, Clark County, Ohio population schedule, Bethel Township, p. 20, George Ritchardson, Sr. household; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 May 2004); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M33: 88.

⁶ 1820 U.S. census, Clark County, Ohio, population schedule, Bethel Township, p. 19A, George Ritchardson Jr. household; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 December 2007); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M33: 88.

⁷ 1830 U.S. census, Clark County, Ohio, population schedule, Pike Township, p. 139, George Richardson household; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 8 August 2011); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M19: 128.

⁸ Ohio. Clark County. "Court records, 1818-1907, Minutes v.6-8 1827-1838," v. 7, p.182, George Richardson, dec'd. Family History Library microfilm 1,030,042, Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, Plainfield, Indiana.

⁹ 1830 U.S. census, Cass County, Indiana, population schedule, city of Logansport, page 9, George Richardson household; digital image, *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 12 November 2007), imaged from NARA microfilm publication M19: 27.

1 male 20 thru 29 [George, Jr., b. ca 1798]
1 female 20 thru 29 [Betsey, b. between 1802-1804]

1840 U.S. Census

Geo/Pru, George Richardson¹⁰ is still in Pike Township in 1840 but now his family is shrinking a bit.

1 male 15 thru 19 [Christian]
3 males 20 thru 29 [John, Jacob, Samuel]
1 male 50 thru 59 [George, b. 1780-1790]
1 female 10 thru 14 [Catharine]
2 females 15 thru 19 [Susan & Anna]
1 female 20 thru 20 [Sarah]
1 female 50 thru 59 [Prudence, b. 1780-1790]

Geo/Betsy, our former George Jr.¹¹ is in Cass County when the 1840 census was taken but no township for him is shown and he is indexed as Geo. Richardson.

1 male under 5 [Archibald]
2 males 5 thru 9 [Reuben & Hugh Wallace]
2 males 10 thru 14 [William & Peter G.]
2 males 15 thru 19 [Andrew J. & John]
1 male 40 thru 49 [George, Jr., b. 1790-1800]
1 female 5 thru 9 [Sarah Margaret]
1 female 40 thru 49 [Betsey]

1850 U.S. Census

Geo/Pru¹² - In 1850, Prudence is confirmed as George Richardson's probable wife.

Geo. Richardson, age 66, M, farmer, RE \$3500, b. Virginia. [ca.1784]
Prudence Richardson, age 59, F, b. Virginia. [ca.1791]
Wm P. Moore, age 13, M, attended school, b. Ohio [ca.1837]
Sarah Fields, age 30, F, b. Ohio [ca.1820]
Anna Richardson, age 28, F, b. Ohio [ca.1822]
Catharine Richardson, age 22, F, b. Ohio [ca.1828]
Lafayette Fields, age 3, M, b. Ohio [ca.1847]
Andrew Fields, age 7/12, M, b. Ohio [ca.1849]

Sarah (Richeson) Fields, the daughter of George and Prudence, a widow, with her sons, Lafayette

¹⁰ 1840 U.S. census, Clark County, Ohio, population schedule, Pike Township, p.106, George Richardson household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 June 2013); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M704: 383.

¹¹ 1840 U.S. census, Cass County, Indiana, population schedule, [no township given], p. 386, Geo. Richardson household; digital images, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 May 2007), imaged from NARA microfilm publication M704: 75.

¹² 1850 U.S. census, Clark County, Ohio, population schedule, Pike Township, p. 139B, dwelling 1203, family 1212, Geo. Richardson household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 February 2012); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M432: 666.

and Andrew are living with her parents. Also still at home are probable daughters Catharine and Anna. Wm P. Moore is an associate of this family and may be related but that relationship has not yet been defined.

Neither George or Prudence have been found in any censuses after 1850 so it is likely that he died around 1850 and she is said to have died in 1853.¹³

Geo/Betsy's wife apparently died between 1840 and 1850. Some researchers claim that George too had died by the time the 1850 census was taken as George and Betsy's children are found in various household in 1850 census records. Only the two youngest children, Archibald and Eliza Jane, are found together in one household, that of Nobel Plumer and his wife Mary in Adams Township, Cass County, Indiana. Andrew J. was married and can be found with his wife Susan in Miami Township of Cass County. Peter was living in the Margaret Forgy household in Miami County, Indiana, and family tradition claims Margaret was Peter's aunt. Hugh Wallace was living in the David Dale household in Noble Township of Cass County, while Reuben was in the John Plumer household in Clay Township. John, the oldest son, William, and Sarah Margaret have not yet been located in the 1850 census.

A Geo. Richardson, living with the Solomon Holman in 1850 appears to be our George Jr.¹⁴ He is 52 years of age (ca. 1798) born in Ohio and his occupation is listed as "lab" -- probably a farm laborer. Solomon Holman was the son-in-law of Margaret Forgy.

Margaret Forgy with whom George's son Peter is living is Margaret (Gilson) Forgy and quite possibly a sister to George's wife Betsy. That would make her Peter's aunt and George's sister-in-law.

1860 U.S. Census

Geo. Richeson Jr., age 60, is living in the household of Andrew Richeson in Tipton Township, Cass County, Indiana in 1860.¹⁵ At first glance, eighteen year-old Margaret Richeson also in that household and listed after George was thought to be George and Betsy's daughter Sarah Margaret but the age is not really right as Sarah Margaret should be around age 30 in 1860. She does not appear to be Andrew's child as Andrew would not old enough to be her likely father. It could be that she is a domestic worker and the ditto for her surname was a mistake or she is related in some other way.

¹³ Find A Grave, database, (<http://findagrave.com> : accessed 16 January 2015); memorial page for Prudence (Prillaman) Richardson (1791-1853), Find A Grave Memorial no. 50,520,316; citing Sills Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

¹⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Miami County, Indiana, population schedule, Peru Township, p. 95B, dwelling 234, family 273, Geo Richardson in household of Solomon Holman; digital images, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 February 2012); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M432: 16.

¹⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Cass County, Indiana, population schedule, Tipton township, page 100, Logansport post office, dwelling 718, family 709, Andrew Richeson household; digital image, Ancestry.com, (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 4 February 2008), citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication M652, roll 247.

All the known children of Betsey and George, Jr. were still living on 26 June 1863 when Archibald wrote his will, leaving a part of his earthly goods to be divided among his siblings.¹⁶

1870 U.S. Census

George Richardson, age 71, a retired farmer born in Indiana and his parents both of foreign birth, is living in the Rubin Richardson household, in Civil District 9, Giles County, Tennessee.¹⁷ Rubin's household consists of himself, age 34, Julia, age 38, Carry, age 3, and Hurbert, age 9 months, and George, age 71. George's son Reuben Richison married Julia Charpie in 1865 and they had a daughter, Carrie E. born about 1867 and a son, Herbert E., born December 1869. This is almost certainly our George (Geo/Betsy).

By 1880, Reuben is back in Indiana, living in Harrison Township, Miami County, but his father is not with him. The current thinking is that George (Geo/Betsy) died between 1 June 1870 and 31 May 1880.

The identification of family members in square brackets for the 1820 through 1840 censuses are not documented here. It is simply my attempt at determining who was in the household and if the ages given on the censuses are within reason to be the person I think it is. All the documentation for these three families and their children can be found on my web site at <http://www.richisonfamily.com>. Any addition information, corrections, suggestions, etc. are welcome and should be sent to richison@me.com.

Update to the Analysis of 3 George Richardsons of Clark County, Ohio, in 1820.

In 2015, another researcher had my brother take a yDNA test to confirm or disprove a connection between her family and mine. She has a paper trail for her line to Geo/Betsy and I have the paper trail to Geo/Ellen or Nelly for my line. With 111 marker tests of the other researcher's father and my brother, there is a match on 108 of the 111 markers. Since I also claim her Geo/Betsy was the son of my Geo/Ellen or Nelly, that accounts for two of the three George Richardsons in Clark County in 1820, but it leaves the Geo/Pru line still to be confirmed or disproven by DNA testing.

Tracking down living male descendants of the Geo/Pru line took some time and finally two possible candidates were located. Upon reaching out to both of them, one responded and had already been yDNA tested on 67 markers with the same company used by my brother and the male Geo/Betsy descendant. The Geo/Pru male descendant immediately upgraded his test to 111 markers and we anxiously awaited the results. When the results were finally in, there was absolutely no match at all to either Geo/Betsy or Geo/Ellen or Nelly -- not even a very distant match!

¹⁶ Cass County, Indiana, Record of Wills, Book 2, Dec 1860-May 1877, pp. 57-58, will of Archibald Richardson, 26 June 1863; Cass County Government Center, Logansport.

¹⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Giles County, Tennessee, population schedule, Civil Dist. No. 9, p. 6 (penned), dwelling 46, family 46, George Richardson in Rubin Richardson household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 23 March 2016); imaged from NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1529.

Like one source in genealogical research, one DNA test is not necessarily the last word. The second male descendant of Geo/Pru that was identified and contacted has never responded. If another can be found, a second test could be done so the case is still open.