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Dear Friends:

Your family association sends you warm greetings -- the sun is shining and wherever you live, I hope good weather is now prevailing in your area.

This Newsletter will be a little different. It contains material which I found so exciting, I feel it should be shared and put to record.

Here goes:

One of my closest friends asked me recently about the requirements for joining our local U.D.C. Chapter. I knew she is a direct descendant of James Robertson (1742-1814) and his brave wife, Charlotte (Reeves) Robertson (1751-1843) (who were the Founders of Nashville), but now my friend needed to locate a Confederate ancestor to make her eligible in the U.D.C. Well, we found him, and MUCH MORE.

Incidentally, my friend is named for Charlotte (Reeves) Robertson. She brought me her book CHILDREN OF NASHVILLE, written by a cousin and which is the history of James Robertson & family, and while reading along, I found something so amazing that the decision was made to let most of this Newsletter's space be used to share the discoveries.

Charlotte and I have been friends for almost 50 years; her 3 children and my 4 grew up together and they are friends today. Her children have done well -- as have mine -- and there have been no tragedies or great sorrows in either family. Now when we get together, we like to talk about the time when Franklin was small and safe -- when our children walked to school, knew and loved their good teachers, and as their parent, we were involved in all their school and church activities -- Cub and Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, piano & dance recitals, pee-wee baseball, football, basketball and its tournaments, all other sports, the P.T.A. and all its facets, and many other things that children do when growing up. Now we like to reminisce about our town and moreover, we can talk about our grandchildren and watch them grow.

I might add that Charlotte is as proud of her Robertson history as I am of my Hawes history.

What I found was that Susan Elizabeth (Hawes) Taylor and Mary Elizabeth (Robertson) Taylor were sisters-in-law and lived out their lives with so many similarities that it must be written down.

Susan Elizabeth Hawes was the last daughter of Richard and Clary Hawes. She was born 10-28-1816 and died 2-11-1861. She married Jonathan Gibson Taylor, born 3-15-1811 and died 9-7-1885. He was the son of Samuel Mitchell Taylor (1785-1854) who married Mildred (Elkin) Martin (b. 1793), one of the daughters of John Martin and wife, Mary Elkin. Samuel Mitchell Taylor came to Kentucky from Virginia in 1789, with his parents, Col. Jonathan Taylor and wife, Ann Berry.

Mary Elizabeth Robertson was the only child and daughter of Benjamin Franklin Robertson (1798-1824) and wife, Martha Goodloe, of Maury County, Tenn., daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (Jelk) Goodloe. Benjamin Franklin Robertson was the son of Jonathan Friar Robertson (1769-1814) and wife, Ciddy Davis (of Nashville). Jonathan Friar Robertson was the oldest son of James Robertson and wife, Charlotte (Reeves) Robertson.

The Benjamin Franklin Robertsons moved to Union County, Kentucky, and Mary Elizabeth Robertson was born in 1824, the year her father died. Her mother re-married. Mary Elizabeth was educated at St. Vincent's convent in western Kentucky and by 1843, had married Dr. John Martin Taylor (born 7-23-1819), a younger brother to Jonathan Gibson Taylor, Susan Elizabeth Hawes' husband.

So, we see the two young wives had the same father-in-law and mother-in-law and they both go back to James Taylor I (the first Taylor in America) by the same route -- Jonathan Taylor (1742-1804) and Ann Berry; George Taylor (1711-1792) and Rachel Gibson (1717-1764); James Taylor II (1673-1729) and Martha Thompson (b. 1679); James Taylor I, b. 1615, and his first wife, Frances Walker.

Below is the information on first, Mary Elizabeth Robertson Taylor, and secondly, Susan Elizabeth Hawes Taylor.

M.E.R. Taylor had 8 sons and 2 daughters:

1. Franklin Robertson Taylor, b. 12-22-1847; d. 9-2-1852
2. Henry Robertson Taylor, b. 7-24-1849; d. 6-6-1900
3. Samuel Mitchell Taylor, b. 9-1-1851; d. 1900
4. Jonathan Gibson Taylor, b. 9-17-1853; d. 5-20-1929
5. John Martin Taylor, b. 1-22-1855; d. 12-15-1904
6. Robert Edward Taylor, b. 10-2-1857; d. 1-1-1859
7. Eliza Mildred Taylor, b. 9-14-1859; d. 3-29-1931
8. Benjamin H. Taylor, b. 4-21-1863; d. 10-4-1915
9. Goodloe Reeves Taylor, b. 1-23-1868; d. 5-18-1943
10. A daughter, who died as infant

Susan Elizabeth Hawes Taylor had 9 sons and 3 daughters:

1. Samuel Mitchell Taylor, b. 3-24-1833; d. 9-30-1837
2. Richard Hawes Taylor, b. 1-29-1835
3. Clara Ann Taylor, b. 12-14-1836; d. 4-5-1907
4. Jonathan Gibson Taylor, Jr., b. 1-14-1839; d. 10-14-1864
5. Robert Walker Hawes Taylor, b. 12-8-1840; d. 2-5-1902
6. Mary A. Taylor
7. John Aylett Taylor, b. 6-9-1845; d. 12-19-1886
8. Albert Zachary Taylor, b. 10-25-1847; d. 2-11-1859
9. Edwin Pendleton Taylor, b. 2-7-1850; d. 11-26-1934
10. Mildred Catherine Taylor, (see page 4)
11. Benjamin William Taylor, b. 9-3-1854; d. 1-30-1886
12. George Edward Taylor, b. 10-20-1856; d. 11-29-1915

Here are the similarities in their lives:

Both young women had "Elizabeth" as their middle name.

Susan Elizabeth Hawes Taylor died at the early age of 45; Mary Elizabeth Robertson Taylor - though 8 years younger than Susan Elizabeth - died at the early age of 44. Both died in the month of February.

Both named a son Samuel Mitchell Taylor, honoring the father of their respective husbands

Both lost by death their first child -- a son in both cases. M.E.R.T.'s son dying at 5 years of age; Susan Elizabeth's at 4 years.

Both used the name "Mildred" in naming a daughter -- going back to their mother-in-law, Mildred Elkin Martin Taylor.

They both had a son who died in 1915: M.E.R.T.'s son, Benjamin H. S.E.H. T's son, George Edward

Both of them named their 4th child - a son - Jonathan Gibson Taylor

Both had a son born in 1847. M.E.R.T.'s first child, Franklin Robertson Taylor S.E.H.T.'s son, Albert Zachary Taylor

Both named a son John - M.E.R.T.'s son, John Martin Taylor
S.E.H.T.'s son, John Aylett Taylor

Both had a son named Robert - M.E.R.T.'s son, Robert Edward Taylor
S.E.H.T.'s son, Robert Walker Taylor

Both had a son named Benjamin - M.E.R.T.'s son, Benjamin H.
S.E.H.T.'s son, Benjamin William

In naming their 5th child, each went back to family names -- M.E.R.T.'s son, John Martin Taylor honored the child's paternal grandfather, John Martin S.E.H.T.'s son, Robert Walker Hawes Taylor honored her maternal grandmother, Anne Walker, who married Samuel Hawes II. Even though Susan Elizabeth's mother was Clary Walker, Elizabeth Hawes Ryland stated that these Walkers were from Middlesex Co. Va. and bore no relation to the Benjamin Walker who married Ann Aylett, the grandmother of all the children of Samuel Hawes II and wife, Anne (Walker) Hawes.

Both had - predominately - male children: M.E.R.T. - 8 sons S.E.H.T. 9 sons

In the naming of the 9th child, each new mother went back to family names: M.E.R.T.'s son, Goodloe Reeves Taylor -- back to Martha Goodloe, and back to Charlotte (Reeves) Robinson. S.E.H. T.'s son, Edwin Pendleton Taylor -- the Pendleton name goes back to the second Taylor generation in America. It is used throughout Taylor genealogy. Henry Pendleton (1683-1721) m. Mary Taylor (b. 6-24-1688) daughter of James Taylor I and his second wife, Mary Gregory.

I hope all these statistics are not boring to the reader, but I think it remarkable that Susan Elizabeth and Mary Elizabeth had individual records of similarity. Surely, they knew each other -- if any descendant of Susan Elizabeth can add MORE, let me know.

The book CHILDREN OF NASHVILLE tells us that the Dr. John Martin Taylor family lived in Oldham County, Kentucky, near Westport in later years. Their plantation was known as "Mauville" and they had a second home in Arkansas, located on Bayou Bartholomew and it was called "Hollywood".

Regarding Mildred Catherine Taylor, listed as the 10th child of Susan Elizabeth Hawes Taylor and husband, I found a pencil notation saying she was born in 1843. If this is correct, she should be listed after Mary A. Taylor and before John Aylett Taylor; however, this does not change the "similarities". Mildred Catherine married Henry C. Herr and has descendants. I have no information on Mary A. Taylor.

For each of you who sent me Christmas cards, plus notes, thank you. Our family association is very dear to me; further, I feel I know ALL members by now, and you are kind to remember me.

Now, a few words about future plans. Our president, Anna Hawes Greaves, has been in touch with some members of the Board of Trustees of the cemetery, talking about needed repairs of some of the grave-stones. While the care and maintenance of the cemetery is in the hands of the Board, we would like to cooperate with them, if we can. Our funds are smaller and limited, but if you would like to join in with any such future work, your dues will be welcomed. Many members have sent liberal donations, but others are a "little behind". You know your own status and if you estimate what you think brings you up to date, your check will be appreciated.

Now that the weather is better, Anna plans a trip to the cemetery, to check on some of the stones which have been mentioned to her. We will report on this later.

In closing, your loyal support and interest in our organization is WONDERFUL. Until next time, I remain,

your secretary

Anna Hawes Greaves