

January 21, 2016

Dear Aunt Jerrie,

Last I wrote you, I shared about the DNA genealogical research and our royal background. I have found that while we are descended from royalty through this path: Johnson → Morris → Pritchard → Culpeper and various lines from there back to Charlemagne, which is not true of our Nance ancestry. Originally, I had our Nance ancestors going back to the Nances of Cornwall to Arundell and on back to royalty. However, DNA has confirmed we are not descended from the Cornish Nances, which means our Nances hit a dead end in VA in the early 1600s. Ironically, we are distant cousins to the Nances of Cornwall due to our royal heritage through the Johnson → Morris → Pritchard → Culpeper path. So, I had to make some changes in the family tree, but they have been minimal. While originally, in some cases of royalty, I thought we were descended from siblings where one eventually led to our Morris line and the other led to what I thought was our Nance line, I found we were descended from only one of the siblings, that leading to the Morris line. With these changes, we are still descended from Vikings, Lady Godiva, Charlemagne, Hugh Capet, Alfred the Great, Knights, persons present at the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215 and others. So, if you have the chart of the 27 items on it from my last letter, only 27 (Arundell) would be removed. The details of 26 (Nance) would be modified as would the details of 11 (French Counts) and 9 (Carolingians). Basically Richard Nance of Cornwall (1604-1665) and his lines back are not in our ancestry. All other documents and details remain in place. I have attached updated documents for you: 26 (Nance – nance.htm), 11 (French Counts – Counts of Hainaut, Toulouse and Paris – louvain.htm) and 9 (Carolingian Dynasty and Alfred the Great – carolingians.htm).

As the New Year has begun, we are doing well. We are getting through colds and what not, but overall healthy. Arthur, Avery and I are part of Trail Life USA, a Christian scouting organization. The boys and I preparing their CO2 cars for a race in February. They are wooden cars that have CO2 cartridges that propel them down a track. We have them cut and will next need to paint them. Dad would have loved it. Louise, Leona and Arthur are skiing Sunday afternoons. Avery's not ready. And with my sore shoulder, I stay home with him. We are enjoying watching football. We are rooting for Charlotte's own Carolina Panthers and hope they can win the Super Bowl in February. In the meantime, it looks like we are going to get quite a winter storm. I hope this New Year is off to a good start for you and that you are doing well and staying warm indoors. Greet Marcia, Johnny and the family for me.

Love,

Jamie and family