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David,

I just wanted to drop you a note to bring you up to date on a few changes I think you might want to make on the Hennessee Family website. These changes have to do the Hembree family which you are listing as Hembrie. The correct spelling is Hembree. The main point of confusion seems to be regarding Eliza Hembree who is buried in Highland Cemetery in Sparta, White Co., TN, who you are identifying as the daughter of Mary Spakes Hembree. That information is incorrect as you can see by looking at the inclosed proofs.

The Elizabeth Hembree who is buried in Highland Cemetery is Elizabeth McPeak Hembree, daughter of Mary McPeak. This Elizabeth married Martin Van Buren Hembree to become a Hembree. She was not a Hembree by birth but a Mcpeak. She is buried in Highland Cemetery along with other members of her family.

Eliza Hembree, supposed daughter of Mary Spakes Hembree, was born in 1848; and it is unknown what became of her. She seems to have disappeared either by death or marriage changing her name. Indeed, her name probably was not even Hembree to begin with since Mary was not a Hembree at the time of her birth.

The most compelling proof that these two Elizas are not the same is the fact that in the 1860 census, Elizabeth McPeak is in the home of her mother as a 13 year old, while Eliza Hembree is in the home of John and Mary Spakes Hembree as a 12 year old. They can't be the same person.

Was this Eliza a daughter of Mary Spakes? Possibly. But it is also possible that the child in the Van Buren Co. bastardy case was a Jesse Spakes. The case does not specify if the child was a male or female. If you want more info on that case, we can discuss it separately in another email or letter.

I hope you can see from the enclosed info that the Elizabeth Hembree in Highland Cemetery with those dates is clearly Elizabeth McPeak Hembree and NOT Eliza Hembrie/Hembree.

Thanks for all your hard work on the web site!

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