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The purpose of this report is to summarize the data and goals for your project. Please review the information in this report carefully and report if any additional information is known at project start or if any of the information should be changed or corrected.

Summary of Research Recommendations:

(1) Identity & Direct Ancestors of James A. Kirk

Genealogist reviewed and analyzed copies of original documentation and secondary notes related to the Kirk lineage maintained by client on three different genealogical websites: Familysearch, MyHeritage and Ancestry. Genealogist has identified James A. Kirk as the best individual to start research because it seems possible that more evidence may be found to link his identity to that of his father said to have been John Kirk. The least is known about the identity of John Kirk compared to all other direct paternal ancestors in that lineage submitted by client. It was said that John Kirk likely died during 1846 in Fannin County, Texas about four years before the 1850 census client submitted on the Kirk household headed by his widow Margaret that year.

The 1850 census helps to prove it is possible John Kirk died in Fannin County which means it maybe possible he had a will that was proven after his deceased in Fannin County probate court. In preparation of this report genealogist determined probate records from Fannin County, Texas are available for remote survey on-site at a Familysearch family history center that date from the years 1838-1888. Another record collection discovered from Fannin County that is available for remote survey is a collection of land records from Fannin County, Texas that date from 1838-1888. Land records may help to prove when the Kirk family came to Fannin County, that James A. Kirk was a son to John Kirk and the documents could also report the former residence of the Kirk family prior to buying land in Fannin County, Texas.

If probate and land records strengthen the relationship between James A. Kirk and the identity of his father, the next research obstacle to overcome will be to find proof that indicates the specific places in Illinois where the Kirk family resided prior to Texas. Client reported it may be possible James A. Kirk was born in Franklin County, Illinois, but no original documentation has been obtained yet to prove that fact to have been true.

Genealogist recommends applying up to one hour of research time completing an on-site digital collections survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, of probate and land records from Fannin County, Texas.

An On-Site Digital Collections Survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York is a term we use to describe a research survey that must be performed at a Familysearch Family History Centers. Familysearch offers remote access to the public of some digitized record collections, but many of digitized record collections are locked from the public and only accessible to the public on-site at Familysearch Family History Centers using a special portal.



(2) Identity & Direct Ancestors of Thomas Jefferson Hewett

Genealogist has identified Thomas Jefferson Hewett as the best individual to start research because it seems possible that more evidence may be found to link his identity to that of his father said to have been Jefferson Hewitt.

From copies of original Federal census records submitted by client it seems highly likely Jefferson Hewett died in Marshall County, Alabama although he had origins from the State of Georgia. It seems possible that Jefferson Hewitt may have had a will when he died that went through the probate county of Marshall County, Alabama, which means his probate records may help prove a relationship between Thomas Jefferson Hewett and Jefferson Hewitt. Genealogist identified a collection of probate records from Marshall County, Alabama that date from 1836 to 1950 available for remote survey at a Familysearch family history center.

It was further hypothesized that the father of Jefferson Hewitt may have been the Rev. James A. Hewett who was said to have died during 1865 in Gordon County, Georgia. Genealogist discovered a collection of probate records from Gordon County, Georgia that date from 1856-1964 that is available for remote survey on-site at a Familysearch family history center. It may be possible a probate file could be found to prove a father to son relationships between the Rev. James A. Hewett and Jefferson Hewitt.

Genealogist recommends applying up to one hour of research time completing an on-site digital collections survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, on the identity of digitized probate records from Marshall County, Alabama and Gordon County, Georgia to learn more about the identity and direct ancestors of Thomas Jefferson Hewett.

(3) Identity & Direct Ancestors of John Fredrick LeBarre

To learn more about the identity of John Frederick LeBarre and his direct ancestors it is important to prove his specific place of origin in the area of Alsace-Lorraine as well as the identities of his parents. It is important to note neither of those facts are known yet because it has not been possible to find copies of original documentation from the U.S. that reported his specific places of birth or the names of his parents. A date of death is thought to be known about our subject though he died prior to Statewide registration of deaths in the State of Oklahoma. Some parts of the State of Oklahoma began to record deaths as early as 1908 those records are sporadic from place to place because State wide registration did not become regular practice until 1917.

No documentation has been obtained yet on the identity of John Frederick LeBarre like a marriage record, census records and/or migration records to determine if any of those records report or provide clues to learning more about the specific place of origin and the identities of the parents to John Frederick LeBarre. Genealogist did not create recommendations to learn more about this subject because to the high probability of negative findings due to type of records that were created during the time and places where John Frederick LeBarre resided during his life in the United States.



Itemized List of Research Recommendations

1. On-Site Research at Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, Up to 1 hour research time

- An on-site survey of FamilySearch digitized probate and land records from Fannin County, Texas to search to obtain copies of original documentation to learn more about the identity and ancestors of James A. Kirk.

2. On-Site Research at Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, Up to 1 hour research time

- An on-site survey of FamilySearch digitized probate records from Marshall County, Alabama and Gordon County, Georgia to search to obtain copies of original documentation to learn more about the identity and ancestors of Thomas Jefferson Hewett