

Adam RAIMER – Findings

The following is being written to summarize a series of findings that have been made about the life of one Adam RAIMER and his role in the history of the larger RAMER/RAYMER/RIMER/ROEMER family. It should be obvious that the role is more significant than we certainly expected when we began this effort, otherwise this report would not have been written. You will find that the events we consider more important are presented bold text.

We follow Adam from his purchase of 300 acres of land in Guilford Co., NC on 22 Oct 1782 until his final property acquisitions in Lamar, AL on 10 Sep 1838. This report will be largely a recitation of discrete facts, but we do conclude with a one most significant conclusion.

We do not characterize this study as being comprehensive, rather it demonstrates the need for far more research. Indeed, there is much that we simply do not know of this man. For instance, we do not know where Adam was born, in what year he was born or who his parents were.

In their 1994 work, *The Descendants of John RIMER*, Brice and Denise Mandeville of Austin, TX postulated that Adam (b. 1765) was the son of a John William RIMER, who they presented as a survivor of the Bern, NC settlement who later lived in Mecklenburg (now Cabarrus) Co., NC. (Pg. 14) However, in their research notes, titled *RYMERS of Rowan County, NC Prior to 1800*, page 14, they reported his birth date as Bet. 1756-1774.

The first record we have of Adam REMER documents his acquisition by land grant #639 entered 28 Oct 1778 and issued 20 Oct 1782 of 300 acres “on the Flint Ridge between Reedy Fork and the Haw River” in Guilford Co., NC. (Source: Guilford County, NC Records; Book 48, Page 144; Certificate 404-485).

That this acquisition was not successful is evidenced by the following:

List of Insolvents Allowed in Captain DENTS District of Guilford County, North Carolina in 1786

<u>Name</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Poles</u>
Adam RAM..	300	1

(Source: Records of the Guilford County, North Carolina Quarter Sessions began and held for The County of Guilford on The Third Monday in August AD 1788, it being the 18th day.)

While the above court action did not occur until 1788, it would appear that Adam had long since made a significant move, as evidenced in a North Carolina Revolutionary War Pay Voucher for the period 1779-1782 for service in the Salisbury District of Rowan Co. The voucher, number 3210 was for 7 Pounds and 7 Shillings. Unfortunately, the date of the voucher is illegible.

While living in Guilford County, NC Adam lived near a family with whom he would have a long and deep relationship – the CARNAHAN family. Hugh CARNAHAN (1730-1781), father and four children, John T., Andrew, Mary, and Sarah. Andrew may have been the first to move to Davidson Co., TN as he appears on the 1787 tax rolls. He was also summoned for jury duty in Nov 1790. On 17 Nov 1783, Andrew was also the third person to whom Mary was apprenticed after Hugh’s death in Nov of 1781. {See: *Mary CARAHAN in the Records of the Guilford County, North Carolina Court of Common Pleas* for a discussion of the fate of Mary during the period 1781-1791.)

It appears that the entire CARNAHAN family had relocated to Tennessee by 30 May 1791, for that was the day that Adam RAIMER married Mary CARIHAN (b. May 1774 in NC; d. Unknown) in Davidson Co., TN. (*Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*. Nashville, TN, USA: Tennessee State Library and Archives)

We consider the next record in which we have found Adam to be extremely significant, from it we learn that Adam has relocated from Guilford Co., NC thirty some miles from the location of Johan Nicholas RIMER Jr. in Rowan to 6¼ miles from him. While this clearly does not offer proof to a GSP of anything, we do believe that it is a strong indicator of a familial relationship between the two men¹.

The locations of the two men are revealed on a map, titled, *Ealy Landowners of Rowan County, North Carolina, Composite Map 4-6*, by James W. KLUTZ.

The same property is the subject of the next two records:

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Rowan County Deed Book 16, page 123

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We find these records particularly significant since they show that Adam did not relocate to Tennessee at the time of his marriage to Mary. Rather, it appears that they remained in Rowan for at least four more years.

The next year, the tax rolls of southern Rowan Co., NC reveal more about Adam. Clearly Adam had been married before 1791, given the presence of an adult son, Adam Jr.

!PROPERTY, CHILDREN:

Source: "Capt. Andrew Bostian's Company for the Year 1796," [Land Tax, Southern Rowan County on Cold Water Creek] Rowan County Register, Vol. 4, No. 4 (Nov. 1989):917-918; LINN, Jo White

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REAMER, Adam Sr.

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After the sale of the Rowan Co., NC property in on 22 Jul 1799, we experience a draught in additional records for Adam for an entire decade. It is not until 29 Aug 1808 that Adam's presence in Sumner Co., TN is evidenced by the following record. Note that Adam is not doing this acquisition.

PROPERTY:

Source Tennessee, Early Land Registers, 1778-1927; Series 06: Adjudication; 1808 - 1819

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Name: Adam Raymer

Register Date: 29 Aug 1808

Register Place: Sumner, Tennessee, USA

Grant or Warrant Number: 668

Samuel SMITH Assignee of George SMITH

Warrant #	Location	Acres	1808
668	2284	428	29 Aug

By virtue of a duplicate inditory Warrant No. 668 for 428 Acres

Enter four hundred and twenty-eight acres of land lying in Sumner County - bounded on the North with Smith HANBERRY's line, on the East with Lindseys WILLIAM GREEN, and Robert GREEN. Running west so for compliment, to include Thomas STERK, Adam RAMER, Abner COLLINS improvements.

Survey returned September 11, 1808

The above record confirming the presence of Adam Ramer in Sumner Co., TN in 1808, is of particular significance given another event that occurred 8 months earlier – on 30 Jan 1808, Philip REYMAN/RAYMER married Susannah WHITE in Sumner Co., TN. This couple later moved on to Hickman Co, KY and are now known as the progenitors of the RAMER family of that county.

Several researchers have published their belief that Adam may well have been the father of said Philip. We have found no documented proof to support that assertion, although we do not consider it to be highly unlikely.

On 27 Dec 1808, Adam RAMER filed warrant# 145, as an assignee of Thomas BLAIR for 150 acres on Cripple Creek in Rutherford Co., TN. This was later withdrawn.

On 10 Aug 1810, Adam RAMER again filed warrant# 145, as an assignee of Thomas BLAIR, for 125 acres on Cripple Creek in Rutherford Co., TN

On 22 Sep 1810, Adam RAMER again filed Warrant# 145, as an assignee of Thomas BLAIR, for 25 acres on Cripple Creek in Rutherford Co., TN.

On 27 Oct 1810, Adam RAMER filed as an assignee of Andrew CARNIHAN, Warrant# 458, for 20 acres in Rutherford Co., TN.

On 28 Nov. 1810, Adam RAMER filed again as an assignee of Andrew CARNIHAN, Warrant# 458, for 20 acres on the waters of Cripple Creek in Rutherford Co., TN.

Adam RAIMER appears on the 1810 tax rolls for Rutherford Co. He is taxed for 150 acres & 1 pole.

In 1812, Adam RAMER and George RAMER appear on the Sumner Co., TN tax rolls. They appear next to each other on this non-alphabetized list.

In 1812, Adam RAMOUR appears on the Rutherford Co., TN tax rolls. He is taxed for 170 acres & 1 pole.

On 22 Sep 1812, Adam RAIMER enlisted as a private in BENTON's 2nd Tennessee Regiment for duty in Mississippi Territory. Transferred as a private and promoted to corporal in PERKIN's 7th Regiment of Tennessee Militia. Discharge 8 Nov 1813 at Huntsville, AL.

On 27 Jan 1813, Adam RAIMER transferred 20 acres on the north side of Cripple Creek in Rutherford Co., TN to Joseph TENNISON.

On 30 Oct 1813, Adam RAIMER sold to George RAIMER 100 acres on Sycamore Creek in Davidson Co., TN at \$1.00/per acre. {Special notation: This is the second time that a familial relationship is suggested by facts presented – see 1812 Sumner Co., TN tax roll entry above.}

In May 1815, Adam RAMER with John RAMER and William McBROOM, DDS, filed a criminal complaint vs. John MEDFORD in Limestone Co., AL. (Criminal Docket – Case# 40, May 1815 "Cited in the *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, Volume 42, Number 2, Page 42)

In the same month, Adam RAMER Sr., Adam RAMER Jr. and William McBROOM, DDS, filed a criminal complaint (Case# 45) vs. John CARNIHAN. (ibid.)

In 1817, John Wesley RAMER, (b. ca. 1797; d. ca. 1874), the progenitor of the family of McNairy Co., TN, reportedly married Elizabeth LAMBERT, (b. ca. 1800 in AL; d. ca. 1835, in TN) in Alabama.

On 1 May 1824, in Huntsville, Limestone Co., AL, Adam RAMER of Limestone Co., AL acquired 79.6 acres of land in Limestone Co., AL. This is Adam Jr. as evidenced by the sale on 13 Feb 1826 by Adam Jr and wife Nancy RAMER to Adam BROCK.

On 1 May 1824, in Morgan Co., AL acquired by Warrant# 531, 80.38 acres in Twp 8, Section 9, Range 3 west, of Morgan Co., AL

On 11 Aug 1825, Adam RAMER Jr. signed a note payable to John RAMER in the amount of \$50.00 payable on or before 1 July 1826. This note was paid by the estate of Adam RAMER Jr.

On 13 Feb 1826, Adam RAMER {Jr.} and wife Nancy RAMER of Morgan Co. sold 79+ acres in Limestone Co., AL to an Adam BROCK.

On May 17, 1826, Adam RAMER Jr. wrote his will with Peter HOUSTON and Andrew RAMER as witnesses. He leaves everything to his wife Nancy B. RAMER for his wife's lifetime, that will be divided equally between his two daughters (Mille Ann RAMER and Polly Ann RAMER) upon her death. If his wife remarries, the property shall be divided equally between his wife and his two daughters. Nancy B. RAMER appointed executrix and Jonathan MEDFORD appointed executor. Probated and proven by witnesses 4 July 1826.

On 8 Nov 1826, Adam & Mary RAMER conveyed real estate in Morgan Co., AL by deed dated 7 Nov 1826 to John GUNDY. Deed filed 8 Nov 1826 in Book A, Pg. 270

On 12 May 1827, Nancy B. RAMER (nee Unknown) married in Morgan Co., AL, Jesse WHITTLE

In 1828, Andrew Boyd RAMER, (b. ca. 1805; d. 1870), brother of John Wesley RAMER, married Eliza PURNELL (b. 1810 in AL; d. Aft Jul 1870 in AR) in Alabama.

In 1830, Andrew RAMER and Adam RAMER appear adjacent to each other on the non-alphabetized federal census of Marion Co., AL

Andrew's household consisted of:

**1 male – 20 - 30
1 male - 5 – 10
1 female - 15 – 20
1 female - Under 5**

Adam's household consisted of:

**1 male - 50 – 60
1 male - 5 – 10
1 female - 60 – 70
1 female - 20 – 30
3 females - 15 - 20**

{Special Notation: The ages of Andrew, Adam and their apparent spouses conform to the dates expected if this Andrew was Andrew Boyd RAMER.}

On 10 Sep 1838, Adam RAMER of Marion Co., AL acquired via document 9388, 40.25 acres – the North East Quarter, of the Northwest Quarter of Section Three, Twp. 13, Range 15 West

On 10 Sep 1838, Adam RAMOR, acquired via document# 9155, 40.18 acres at the Huntsville, AL Land Office.

The records of 10 Sep 1838 are the last primary records we have of Adam and Mary, although we have noted published, although undocumented, trees indicating Adam's death occurred in 1845 in TN. Assuming, as we do, that Adam was born in IN 1868, we are unwilling to accept that death date unless it is documented.

Conclusions and Observations:

- A. Adam RAIMER/RAMER was the first individual, thought to have arrived from the north, in North Carolina – earlier than Johann Nicholas RIMER and his family as well as Henry RAMER and his.
- B. Adam RAIMER/RAMER and an unknown wife had a son named Adam RAIMER/Ramer Jr. born ca. 1788 in the southern district of Rowan Co., NC. This Adam married a Nancy B. (nee Unknown) ca. 1816 in Alabama. They had two daughters before Adam Jr/s death in 1826.
- C. Adam RAIMER married Mary CARNIHAN on 30 May 1791 in Davidson Co., TN Despite the presence of Mary's brothers in Davidson, they returned to AL.

By 1795 however, Adam had relocated to the southern district of Rowan Co. This move brought him to within 6¼ miles of Johann Nicholas RIMER's residence. It also brought him close to 3 men thought of as sons of Johann Nicholas – George, Henry, and John. We consider this move to be a strong indicator of a familial relationship between Adam and Johann Nicholas. We cannot prove the nature of the relationship, but we do believe it to have been.

Further, two other citations provide evidence supporting the likelihood of a familial relationship between Adam and George.

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While certainly not meeting any standard of proof, we do postulate a significant familiar relationship between Adam RAIMER/RAMER and George RAYMER, b. ca. 1770, PA; d. Ber. 1836-1840)

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It is reported that John Wesley RAMER (b ca. 1797 – d. ca 1874 in McNairy Co., TN) married Elizabeth LAMBERT in 1817 in Alabama. It is also generally accepted that their first three children were born in AL – James Porter on 7 Oct 1818 in Morgan Co., TN; Melinda on 29 Nov 1919; and Lavina 9 May 1821. John Wesley and Elizabeth left AL for TN shortly after Lavina was born, since their next child, Lucinda was born in McNairy Co., TN on 22 Dec 1822

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While insufficient to meet GPS standards the material above once again suggests a strong familial relationship. One that becomes clear with the next case.

- E. Andrew Boyd RAMER, (b.1805, in TN; d.1870 in Van Buren Co., AR) like his brother, John Wesley RAMER, has never been credibly linked to parents. I believe that has now changed. In addition to the citations connecting John Wesley with Adam, we have the following:

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Once again, the generally accepted records of the birth of the earlier children born to Andrew and Elizabeth, reveal that they were born in Alabama – Jane RAMER, b. 1832 in AL; William A. in 1834 in AL; and the twins, Millie Ann on 8 Apr 1836 and Susannah Catherine on 8 Apr 1836. James T, the next known child, was born in May 1840 in McNairy Co., TN where Andrew rejoined John Wesley.

We must note that the evidence we have presented regarding John Wesley RAMER and Andrew Boyd RAMER does not prove that they are sons of Adam RAIMER/RAMER to a GSP standard, but we do believe that the case has been substantially made. Clearly additional research, both by traditional genealogical methods and via DNA analysis is required. The facts presented herein certainly provide guidelines for such work.

Endnotes:

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