

Dear Friends and Family:

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I am pleased to share with you and to post to the Vardeman Family website the attached archeological reports from the University of Kentucky. I wish to advise you that while the report contains a wealth of information on the Vardeman Family home site in Lincoln County, KY, archeological data, and cultural history to support the conclusions drawn by the investigators, there are a few errors I wish to mention.

One error may be found starting on Page 47 of Volume I, regarding the early history of John II and his wife Elizabeth (Morgan) Vardeman's family in Kentucky. This report erroneously states John II Vardeman was an emigrant from Sweden, however family research of official records document that John Vardeman II in Lincoln County Kentucky is the son of William and Magdalena Vardeman and was born in Bedford County, VA.

A full listing of reference document resources and interpretative narratives may be found on the Vardeman website, which provide a well-researched clarification of family lineage. It is John I and Margaret Vardeman along with young William who emigrate to New Castle County, Delaware, perhaps from Sweden. John I Vardeman passed away in 1714 leaving a Will at this location.

John I's son, William and his wife Magdalena Vardeman's young family reside in this Delaware Swedish Colony area until ca 1723, and are next located in the Rivana River area near to modern-day Charlottesville, VA. They subsequently move to the Stanton River area near to modern-day Altavista, VA., and it is here that the sons of William and Magdalena, including John II, William, and Peter come of age and begin to establish their own married lives. We refer to their father as "Old" William and following the death of his 1st wife Magdalena, he ultimately moves to the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina remarries, as is documented in his 1783 Will, wherein it lists his three sons John II, William and Peter from his 1st marriage and one son James from his second marriage.

These three sons and their families begin migrating further south and west with William ranging farthest west on into the Natchez Trace county down into Louisiana, while John II Vardeman settles on the Maiden Spring Fork branch of the Clinch River near to modern-day Clay Pool Hill, VA and Peter Vardeman in the Pigg River area near to modern-day Rocky Mount, VA. It is in this location where John II Vardeman becomes associated with Daniel Boone and is listed as one of thirty axe men accompanying him on his 1775 Cumberland Gap expedition.

John II is seen emigrating into Lincoln County, KY with his family in ca 1781. There are extensive records of the John II Vardeman family in the Cedar Creek area. In John II's later life ca 1811 he is recorded as leaving the Lincoln County, KY area and moving to the Gravois Creek area within modern-day Crestwood, MO., where he is documented as being buried within the Capt. John Sappington cemetery.

His brother Peter and wife Prudence's family join the migration out of Virginia initially to the same Dix's River area of his brother John II. However, following the death of his two oldest sons in 1781 by Indian attack, he is seen moving further north into Bourbon County and subsequently Shelby County, KY where he dies leaving a Will in 1808, listing his only surviving son Thomas Vardeman.

I encourage you to enjoy this report but ask that you also read the [Early Vardaman-Vardeman-Vardiman Ancestry in America](http://treespot.net/History/history.htm) document found on the Vardeman Family website, under the History Tab; <http://treespot.net/History/history.htm> In addition, please read Jack Vardaman's excellent narratives, [Birthdate of John II Vardeman](#) and [Peter I Vardeman Son of William and Magdalena \(nee Peterson\) Vardeman](#), located under the "Jack's Research Tab" on the family website.

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