

Dear Friends and Family,

You bought my original book, "The Chronicle of Thomas Stone of Hamilton Parish," in 2009. Thank you.

Now I would like to provide you with a brief update on my research since that time. When you write a book, such as I did, you have to decide when to publish your work. Well I had a heart condition and I knew it was time to publish so that all those years of research weren't lost. I got the heart fixed and now I have developed another malady MDS; it's a rare red cell cancer. I accept this all as part of growing older. I am sure many of you have experienced similar problems and maladies since my work was published. I know others have expanded on my work moving the family forward. Yet, I continue to try to go back in our history and I am trying to get it correct. This research requires a lot of documenting and footnoting as I did in "The Chronicle Thomas of Hamilton Parish". I actually have two books which I am trying to finish. The first is on the family in England, which is where I am currently doing the bulk of my research. I had earlier written a book called "Generations," but I did not publish it. While it is well documented, it needed to be pulled together better and my current research is modifying it in many aspects. My second book is a 2015 revision of "The Chronicle of Thomas Stone of Hamilton Parish," which is already near completion. So what follows is my update on my research.

- First of all in "The Chronicle" I missed a couple of key people. One was a revolutionary soldier named Nimrod, the son of Thomas Stone (1743). Another soldier missed was Daniel Barrow, who was the husband of Hannah Stone, the daughter of William (1727) and Hannah Conway Stone. I also am researching a John Stone who was in the Culpeper Classes, a draft held by the Continental Line of Virginia. This John Stone was from Fauquier County. At the moment, it appears he may have also been a son of Thomas (1743).
- Secondly, I have found evidence that Thomas Stone, the son of Thomas Stone of Hamilton Parish, was born in 1722 not 1721. This will become important in light of some other discoveries.
- I also have research which confirms John Stone, son of William and Hannah, had two sons I had not found earlier: a Thomas and a Corder Stone. These sons appear to be from a first marriage of John. Both of these sons moved to Tennessee after a brief stay in Greene County, Kentucky.
- Next I have made a strong link between the Stones and Darnalls in Maryland. I know I probably put many of you to sleep with the Darnall information in the 2009 version. But in recent months I was able to show that Captain Thomas Stone and his father, John Stone of Maryland, had close links to the Darnalls so it wasn't shocking that we found Thomas of Hamilton Parish living at Waugh Darnall's property in 1721. I think that this relationship opens a wider link to the Stones of Maryland. There is a lot of new documented detail.
- Of course, there are many more finds that are too numerous to list here.
- Lastly, in the new "Chronicle" I want to give you a compiler's view of what I really think is the "Real Story of Thomas of Hamilton". Evidence and findings have mounted that he was in fact Captain Thomas Stone's son. Some is based on the above Darnall relationship, some is based on new DNA evidence, and some is based on my more recent extensive research in Maryland.

Since I know I'm not going to get another shot at this, I hope that my findings will confirm, as well as the fog of time will allow, the relationship back to Captain William Stone, the third Governor of Maryland

