

Roderick Williams Association

Where there's a Williams there's a Way.

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Dear family,

Amazing! On January 2nd at 4:57 p.m. I found the grandfather of Roderick Williams! The will of John David Powell, who was buried 1 Dec 1750 in Llandeilo'r-fân, mentions his son William Powell. It is very likely that this William Powell was the same person as Roderick Williams's father, because there appears to have been only one William Powell at that time in Llandeilo'r-fân, and because the will was witnessed by Thomas Bowen and Ann Jeffreys, both of whom were closely connected to Roderick. Roderick owed £30 to Thomas Bowen in 1763, and he married the daughter of Ann Jeffreys in 1753. I had been cautious about adding William Powell to the family tree. Now I am confident that William Powell and John David Powell are proved to be our ancestors by a preponderance of the evidence. I will write more about this in Chapter 5.

I am attaching three documents:

- A draft for the Introduction to the Williams Book. I welcome your proofreading and suggestions for improvement.
- A draft for Chapter 1 of the Williams Book. I have ordered the films for the first three exhibits, and hope to add the original images, depending on permission from the LDS Church. Again, I welcome your proofreading and suggestions.
- A report on how DNA testing can help with our genealogy. Your suggestions are welcome on this, too, because a version of it may appear in the Williams Book. Also, I encourage all males in the Williams family to consider getting a DNA test. I hope you'll see the value in it when you read the report.

I hope you will participate with your proofreading and suggestions. Another opportunity to participate is for those who have ready access to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City or a large branch such as the BYU Library in Provo, Utah. When I need copies from a microfilm, it costs me \$5.50 to have it shipped, and it takes about three weeks for a film to arrive. Once it arrives, I take a 40-mile round trip to view the film. I'm not complaining. It's worth it. However, if someone has easier access and is willing to help, here are some copies I will need as I progress on the book:

- FHL 177,843. Pages 424, 430 and 438, especially entry numbers 15313 to 15320; 15348 to 15359; and 15836 to 15864. These are records from the Logan Temple. Please ask an attendant at the library to see if they may be copied. I'm not sure.
- The will of John David Powell, probated 2 Oct 1751 in Llandeilo'r-fân, Breconshire, Wales. I'm not sure what the microfilm number is. Contact me if you want help finding it.

In the past, my cover letters have been somewhat personal and related to my immediate family, including birthday wishes and such. Because we are now welcoming more distant cousins to the mailing list, I will discontinue the personal greetings. You all know I love you. If anyone is interested in sending personalized greetings to every relative, I invite you to volunteer as secretary to the Roderick Williams Association.

With warm smiles and best wishes,

Kyle Williams