

This is a very helpful couple of emails and posts I got from a cousin who was informing me about Hezekiah Shelton and some misinformation on the internet about him and others:

Joyce McFarland writes: I am the person that discovered that **Drury and Anderson and others were the children of Ezekiah/Hezikah**. I did the research from Claiborne Co. TN and then to Adair and Lincoln Co. KY. Hildred Shelton helped me prove that **Ezekiah and Hezekiah were the same person, son of Ralph, Jr.** She went to the original records in Virginia and copied them to me, so we know that our line is proven correctly.

I looked for Drury's parents for over 20 years before finding him in Claiborne Co. Tn leaving the church with their letter. As you probably know, Hezekiah and Jane, Anderson, Frances and Drury were listed together. Then a week or so later Stephen left and then Mark was removed from the rolls a couple of week after that. We believe the children that we know about for Hezekiah are Ralph (who stayed in Claiborne Co. TN) Anderson, Mark, Stephen, Drury and Frances (a girl). We also believe that there probably are other children but in the absence of a will, do not know absolutely even about the above. However, enough circumstantial evidence exists that it is generally accepted to be a list of Hezekiah and Jane's children. We do not know when or where Jane or Hezekiah died. I have searched Adair and Lincoln, KY and in Lincoln Co. TN but have found nothing about their death.

Anderson, Mark, Frances (who married a Luttrell) and Drury were in Lincoln Co. TN together but no sign of their parents.

In doing my research, I went to Hawkins Co. TN and searched the records for Hezekiah. He definitely is not the person that someone has being in the records in Hawkins in 1814. Hildred Shelton looked at a copy of the original and agreed that the name is not Shelton. Is a Hazekiah but not Shelton. I went to Claiborne Co., TN, Adair Co. Ky, Lincoln Co. KY, Lincoln Co. TN (three times). Then I chased my Drury through Tuscaloosa AL, Bibb Co. AL, Greene Co. AL, Leake Co. MS, Lauderdale Co., AL, Ashley Co. AL to Limestone Co. TX by 1861. Drury traveled with his wife's family and named his children after her family. That is one reason we had such a hard time finding his father. We had figured out the Mark and Anderson were somehow connected but did not know how.

So much of the information online is incorrect. You simply have to go to the records yourself and figure out what is true or not. *If you look for my Drury Shelton, you will find where he was supposedly born in Scot Co. VA which is absolutely incorrect.* A cousin and I did all of the research on Drury but shared with one of her relatives and somewhere between our sharing and his posting, he put him in Scott Co. VA. You can never get it corrected once it is posted.

I have corresponded with Dee Colvin. James Shelton, called blind James, was in Henry Co. VA, lived on next land from Hezekiah, then James and Hezekiah both moved to TN, James to Grainger and Hezekiah to Clairborne. Then they both moved to Adair and Lincoln Co. KY. From there James moved to Lincoln Co. TN about the same time as Hezekiah's children. Of course, James died in Lincoln Co. Easop was another brother and seems like another brother was there also. **They were all children of Ralph Shelton, Jr.** Several more of Ralph's children were in the Grainger and Hawkins TN area at the same time that James and Hezekiah were. By the way, blind James had another brother or two that went blind rather early. Joyce


Posted by: Garvin J. Fryar (ID *****1347)	Date: June 06, 2002 at 18:17:45
In Reply to: Re: Descendants of Ralph Shelton, Sr. by Joyce McFarland	of 7503

Please contact me via my email, gfryar@poncacity.net, and perhaps we can share information. I have information on some of Anderson's offspring. We have looked for a long time for documentation or even strong circumstantial evidence of the parentage of Anderson (and the Mark and Enoch Shelton of Lincoln County, Tennessee). We have never had evidence in the form of records that tied Anderson to Hezekiah, son of Ralph Shelton, Jr., so we're very interested in pursuing this further.

Regards - Garvin J. Fryar

Posted by: Joyce McFarland (ID *****0358)	Date: June 05, 2002 at 13:05:06
In Reply to: Re: Descendants of Ralph Shelton, Sr. by Garvin J. Fryar	of 7503

The only information that you might call documentation is his leaving the church in Claiborne Co. TN when Drury was 13 years old. He left with Hezekiah and Jane, supposedly husband and wife, and his brother Anderson and sister Francis. I have other information on Hezekiah and Jane (the same as Ezekiah and Jane) and Anderson, Mark. I had already known that Anderson, Mark and Francis were in Lincoln Co. TN the same time as Drury. Also that Hezekiah is shown in the tax records in Lincoln Co. KY with one son under 18 on the list. This son would have been Drury.



Is Hezekiah Shelton the father of Anderson Shelton?

cmcfar added this on 10 Sep 2011

Big Springs Primate Baptist Church records: June 1803 - Church met and after worship proceeded to business: 4th - Brother Heseekiah and Jane Shelton, (his wife) Frances (daughter) Anderson and Drury(his son) dismiss by letter. Mark Shelton left In July meeting, Stephen Shelton left church. In February meeting, Mark Shelton left church. Mark, Anderson, Stephen and Ralph(son of Hezekiah) Shelton worked on the road jury together in 1802 and 1803. Mark, Anderson, Hezekiah, Franky and Drury were in Lincoln Co. Ky and Adair Co. Ky by 1804, 1805 and 1806. In 1806, Ezekiah and Jane, his wife, send a not by Mark Shelton giving permission for Franky Shelton (their daughter) to marry Jessie Littrell. Anderson, Mark, Drury and Franky all ended up in Lincoln Co. TN. I did the research by going to the above mentioned counties, plus going to Lincoln Co. TN three times. I believe the records show that Anderson, Mark, Frankie and Drury are the children of Hezekiah and Jane Shelton.

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