

WHITE PAPER - CYAN 1
TWO JAMES VAUGHAN OF MECKLENBURG CO., VA

Note: This white paper is based upon research completed as of April 6, 2020. The conclusions may change if new DNA results or traditional research comes to light. For additional details, please see www.genealogyfacts.org.

There are two James Vaughan in Mecklenburg Co. who are likely first cousins. They lived right on top of each other. The first James owned a slave named Joe and is believed to be the son of Joshua Vaughan of Dinwiddie Co. The other was the son of William "T" Vaughan and owned a slave named Jacob.

James Vaughan - Owned a Slave Named Joe

James Vaughan [with Slave Joe] appears in the 1782 personal tax digests. Joe appears under his James' name through 1788, after which time James left the area and moved to Laurens District, SC. In 1788, James also paid taxes on a slave named Agg. This James first moved to Laurens District, S.C. and then on to Oglethorpe Co., Ga. He d. there abt. 1796 (Oglethorpe County, Georgia Will Book A, p. 37). We know that this is the same James as he owned slaves Joe, Agg and Dinah at the time of his death (Oglethorpe Co., Ga. James Vaughan estate file.)

yDNA test results support this conclusion. James [Slave Joe] carries the distinctive marker 22 in the DYS413 STR as does his apparent brother Alexander Vaughan. Two descendants of William "T" Vaughan have been tested and neither carry the 22 marker. James was married at least twice. The two marriages we know of were to daughters of James Wilkins. He had three older children followed by seven more children by his wife Susannah Wilkins. See a separate summary on James Vaughan for more details.

James Vaughan - Owned a Slave Named Jacob

The second James inherited a slave Jacob from his father William "T" Vaughan. James Vaughan [Slave Jacob] also appears in the 1782 personal tax digests. He did not own Jacob at that time nor did he in 1783. James did not pay personal taxes under his own name in 1784 or 1785. James's father William "T" Vaughan owned Jacob 1783 - 1785 and paid taxes on him. In his will dated 20 Mar 1785, William "T" Vaughan gave slave "Jacob" to his son James (Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 2, page 149). James paid taxes on Jacob in 1786 and 1787 after which he left Mecklenburg Co. and moved a *very* short distance to Halifax Co. We know conclusively that James who owned Jacob is the son of William "T" Vaughan. We also know that he paid taxes for apparent sons William Vaughan and Sterling Vaughan in 1787. James was b. by 1748 as his father William paid a tithe for him in 1764 in Lunenburg Co. We know Sterling and James [Slave Jacob] moved to Halifax Co.

Conclusion

Years ago, I was the researcher that first *erroneously* matched up James Vaughan who owned slave Joe with William "T" Vaughan. I passed the word to every Vaughan researcher I knew and it became "fact." Genealogy will make you humble if you stick with it long enough. Please pass the word so this error can be corrected. James Vaughan who owned slave Jacob is the son of William "T" Vaughan. He moved to Halifax Co. and died there. James Vaughan who owned slave Joe is most likely the son of Joshua Vaughan. This James moved on to Oglethorpe Co., Ga. and d. there in 1796.

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