

THEORY: We seem to connect closely to the Johns(t)on line in the area per the YDNA results. The below information briefly examines the Johnsons of the area as a potential father. Additional, raw information, findings are in section **4g**.

So, where is the connection to John Johnson and Bass (maybe Mary?) (see theory in section **4a**)

John Johnson was born to John Johnson Sr. around 1690. He named four children in his will:

Martha Johnson (c.1688 - before 1747) married between 1704 and 1715 Hugh Matthews John Johnson, Jr. married Mary and moved to Bertie Dist. NC before 10 May 1735, Patience Johnson Mary Johnson

In the entry regarding John Jr. it states that he married someone named Mary and they moved to Bertie District NC. This Mary Bass who Wes Bass is proposing as POSSIBLE mother of **Andrew** has a brother Thomas Bass (b. 1719) who died in Bertie Co. NC and whose son, Thomas Bass (b. 1740), was born in Bertie. This **Andrew** and Thomas Bass (1740) are living in close proximity in what would eventually become Duplin Co. Thomas dies in Wayne Co. NC where many of his children can be found as well as Andrew's children are living by 1790 according to a census. Now, I am very aware that Mary was just as popular a name as John and that this could really be anyone. It is just that this Johnson family line is found in the same counties such as Southampton, Norfolk, and Isle of Wight in the Virginia colony as this Bass/e family line. Implying that the Bass/e and Johnson families would have been living around each other and possibly intermarried.

There is a high likelihood that our R1a Andrew had a Bass mother and the daughters of Richard Basse 1658 are one possibility since we find our **Andrew** living around the descendants of Richard. Mary has the highest probability to be the mother because she is the daughter of Richard's second wife Mary Burwell whose sons and grandchildren moved to the places in NC that we find our **Andrew** and his descendants.

There are a lot of Bass's in Bertie Co, NC around the time of John Johnson and his wife Mary. One of them being Mary Bass's older brother Thomas Bass. **Andrew** would have been about 10 years older than Thomas's son, Thomas Jr. and can be seen living in close proximity to him in Duplin Co. NC.

A final bit of circumstantial evidence is that our line matches with the DNA of Andrew Johnson b. 1766 in NC with a difference of 4 markers. Though, I cannot find any information on him his sequence reads: (R-M198)

13 25 15 11 10-14 12 12 10 13 11 29 15 9-10 11 11 23 14 20 32 12-15-15-16 11 12 19-21 16 16 17 20 35-37
12 11

Again, I understand that this doesn't mean anything other than there was a person named Andrew Johnson that we are genetically related to. Still, this is the best theory for the biological lineage of this **Andrew Bass** so far.

Genetic Information (provided by Wes Bass).

Most of the below information provides clues but no definitive answers. It is however provided here to shape questions and maybe someday, some answers.

Below is his son **Rice's** DNA. Included are the results of a Francis Johnston, James Lane, and Robert Humphries Tucker. Wes Bass' Dad's (Brian Bass b: 1959 Ft. Pierce, FL) R-M198 DNA results are:

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Rice Bass, b.1758 FAY, NC d.1799 Americus GA R-M198 13 25 15 11 11-14 12 12 10 13 11 29 15 9-10 11
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He was connected to **Rice Bass**, which makes he and I connected to Andrew Bass, as well as the following individuals:

Francis Johnston b. ca. 1720 d. bef. 1790 N.C. R-M512 13 25 15 11 11-14 12 12 10 13 11 29 15 9-10 11 11 23
14 20 32 12-15-15-16 11 12 19-21 16 16 17 20 35-37 12 11

Believed to have died in Rowan/Iredell County, NC

James Lane b. NC moved to Sumter Co. GA 1833 R-M512 13 25 15 11 11-14 12 12 10 13 11 29 15 9-10 11
11 23 14 20 32 12-15-15-16 12 12 19-21 16 16 17 20 35-37 12 11

Robert Humphries Tucker (1843-1919) R-BY128553 13 25 15 11 11-14 12 12 10 13 11 29 15 9-10 11 11 23
14 20 32 12-14-15-16 11 12 19-21 16 16 17 20 35-37 12 11

Having done some extensive research on the Lanes, Tuckers, and Johnstons I found R1a families of these surnames all immigrating to the colonies in the 1600's. Making any one of them a potential paternal line for

the R1a **Andrew Bass**. Now with this said, I have not been able to solidify the parents of any of these three individuals let alone grandparents. I cannot yet connect any of these people to the lines of their earliest respective surnames, R1a or otherwise. All three of these guys could be other NPEs in this case. With that said, based on the information I do have, the earliest relative to **Andrew Bass** is this Francis Johnston born 1720. This would put them within the same generation making them possibly cousins or even brothers.

<http://billykey.com/genealogy/getperson.php?personID=I1&tree=tree1>

Here is an extensive breakdown of Francis by someone who descends from his line. Unfortunately, he doesn't know who the father of this Francis was or where he was born. Still, there is some good information in there. Here is an excerpt from this page:

“ ORIGEN & Age:

His son Julius appears on the tax roll in 1762 and Francis is taxed earlier in 1751, 1752, 1754, 1755, 1758 and 1761 and pays no poll on children. That would appear to make Julius a first born in 1745. If so, Francis married in 1744 and if he was a young 18, he was born in 1726.

On the other hand, it certainly appears that Julius married in 1762 & he certainly bought property in 1762.

Crooked Creek in southeast Granville / Bute County from 1750 through mid 1771. (now Franklin County)

One was suppose to go on the militia and tax roll at age 16 and buy property at age 21. The latter could be waived by a parent but there is no record of that in the court minutes. So, how old were they?

After years of research, the origin of Francis Johnston remains a mystery. His few records have been hard earned. I presume he died in his home in Northwest Rowan / Iredell County after July of 1779 and prior to the 1790 census. He could be older or younger than I think.

Francis first appears in a 1750 Granville County Tax List and one would need to be in the county a year to be taxed, making his arrival in 1749.(3) Possibly he was living on Crooked Creek in southeast Granville County in 1750 but by 1751 it is a certainty and there he remained.(4) We are very fortunate to have Francis Johnston captured in 14 of the 21 years of tax lists while he was in the Crooked Creek area because he was never a property owner in those 21 years.

His son Julius was born about 1744 and proves that Francis was married when he arrived in Granville County. Since he was never a property owner in the area, this suggests to me that he and his family came to the area in the employ of someone and remained in that position. He is listed in the tax lists year after year among the same people.

The question then becomes which person? But that has been impossible to determine as well as his origin. Crooked Creek was quite a melting pot and had residents from as far away as Pennsylvania.

As of 1743, all of the vacant land in Northern North Carolina was transferred to Lord John Carteret, Earl Granville of Great Britain. Parcels of any size were then available for fee simple through his land office. Once granted, the owner was free to subdivide and sell. If Francis would have continued on south another 20 miles and settled out of the Granville District, he would have been in the Crown's district and could have obtained a Crown Grant for possibly less money. Land was abundantly available in both districts and private owners had land for sale. Deals can always be struck. Francis did neither. This suggests to me that he was either content or had no money. This also could suggest that he had just entered the country. But if he had just entered the country, he would have been entitled to a free head right grant a few miles North in Virginia.

I would suggest that he did enter the area in the employ of someone wealthy, possibly the Alford's, who were formerly of New Kent County, Virginia and was an overseer for either them or another local plantation owner. A later 1771 court road record that is in the Bute County section below certainly supports this.

At the same time, it is just as likely that Francis was a native of Northeast North Carolina and his family's probate and tax records are one of the many that have been lost. Many families (Such as Lodwick Alford & John Farrel (or Terrel) that settled on Crooked Creek in the 1750s and 1760s were originally Virginians and had previously owned properties in Northeast North Carolina in the late 1730s and 1740s. Likewise, there were just as many (or more) second or possibly third generation North Carolinians that had left their parents and moved either southwest or west from the river and creek bottoms of Northeast North Carolina. The names Mosely, Perry, Upchurch, Pace, Jefferies, Pierce, to list just a few, attest to these facts.

NAME PATTERNS: The odds are much higher that Francis's father had a commoner name and was a James, William or a John. I also certainly believe that his father could have been an Andrew but it is apparent to all that so far, none have been found.

The names Andrew and Francis were not popular with the Johns(t)on families of this era, which is a bonus to us in our research. Actually the name Andrew never caught on until Andrew Jackson became President.

Because of the odds of a child being Andrew or Francis III being pretty slim, I look at name patterns as a probability.

HOWEVER.....

Quite remarkably, in 1735 a Francis and Andrew Johnson witnessed Edward Simmons' Will a few miles southeast of present day Halifax in (then) Edgecombe County and later proved the Will in Court.(5) Field hands don't witness their employers Will. Andrew and Francis had no local deeds and the early Edgecombe County tax lists no longer exist. I was able to trace Edward Simmons back to his parents, Thomas and Jean Simmons of Prince George County, Virginia but I found no Johnsons along the way.(6)

Which now brings up the question: Who were they? Were they a father and son or two brothers? Could this be the Francis on Crooked Creek? If so, where did Andrew go?

So far the answers have been elusive.”

An interesting detail from this account is the use of the name Andrew. It could be a coincidence but it could just as well be a clue to the origins of the R1a Andrew Bass.

Finally, going back to those grantor/grantee books, among the many Bass's you find in them there are also many Lanes, Tuckers, and Johnstons in them as well.

Book 1 1746-1750

Andrew Bass Richard Bass Thomas Lane John Tucker Richard Johnston James Johnston Peter Johnston

Book 2 1750-1754

Andrew Bass Andrew Bass Edward Bass Robert Johnston William Johnston Peter Johnston Solomon Johnston

Book 3 1754-1755

Thomas Lane purchased from William Teague Joseph Lane John Tucker Sill Johnston Richard Johnstone Martin Johnston

Book 4 1755-1757

Andrew Bass John Johnstone Martin Johnston John Johnston

Book 5 1757-1758

Andrew Bass Richard Bass Isham Lane Thomas Lane James Johnston Solomon Johnston William Johnston
Isaiah Johnston

Book 6 1758-1765

Andrew Bass Wright Bass Richard Bass Thomas Lane Ephraim Lane John Tucker John Johnston Peter
Johnston

Book 7 1765-1769

Andrew Bass Andrew Bass Sr. Andrew Bass Jr. Edward Bass Richard Bass Thomas Bass Wright Bass
Matthew Bass Isham Lane Thomas Lane James Johnston Martin Johnston Moses Johnston

Book 8 1769-1771

Andrew Bass Andrew Bass Jr. Andrew Bass Sr.

Book 9 1771-1773

Richard Bass Andrew Bass

Book 10 1773-1775

Richard Bass Andrew Bass Thomas Lane Peregrine Johnstone Martin Johnston James Johnston

Book 11 1777-1779

Thomas Bass Edward Bass Richard Bass Thomas Lane Martin Johnston James Johnstone John Tucker

Book 12 1779-1784

Thomas Lane Isaiah Johnston James Johnston Elijah Johnston Isaiah Johnston Jr. Mary Johnston

It seems that all of these families were living around each other for quite a long time. I want to point out one final interesting piece of information related to proximity of these surnames with the Bass's. On the Mount Olive Land Grant map in the link I provided there are Johnstons living near William Teague, Thomas Draper, and Edmund Duncan as well as Thomas Bass. Another "coincidental" Johnston/R1a Bass connection?

Wes Bass continues to explore our connection with the Johns(t)on's of the area.