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Dear Mike:

I am enclosing copies of my Leigh (Lee) section from Per Stirpes, A Genealogy for Caroline, Steven and David Banks, which I published in 1979, the Leigh paper which I delivered to the founding meeting of the Henry Lee Society in Bath in 1981, and a rewrite of the paper I did last year on the possible connection of James Leigh with Accomac County, Virginia. You will note that the 1981 paper is copyrighted, not that that has kept it from being used without my permission and passed off as other people's work. I have no objection to your making use of the material I am sending you so long as you quote it and reference the source, or if it is not quoted, but used in some other way, that you acknowledge the source. The more people there are who are interested in James Leigh and his origins, the better. Incidentally, I have proved my James Leigh line for the Society of Colonial Wars, and obviously the same proofs would apply to Colonial Dames, as well. I am not aware of any line that has been proved other than mine- James, James, Jr., John, Joseph. I keep hoping that other lines will show up, including yours.

Some years ago the Henry Lee Society employed Jonathan Butcher to look into my work and all he did was to confirm its accuracy of what I had given them free. In the course of his work, he produced several papers, one of which dealt with Jack Lee's presumed line involving Leven Lee. ~~In it he made~~ observations about Lionel and his sons William and James. I am including a copy for your information, with the caveat that I do not know where the ownership rights lie. I suggest that if you use it without going to the original sources, you attribute it to reaserch done for the Society by Jonathan Butcher.

I hope that some of this will prove useful.

Cordially,


Myron C. Banks