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Subject: [PHELPS-L] Aventon Felps of Maryland and Rowan Co., NC 1700's

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I have just signed on, hoping for some help, and willing to share all that I have with others. I'm on several other lists, but just discovered this one, which I need.

Looking for info about Aventon Phelps (Felps in NC). I have evidence that he was born abt. 1711 probably in or near Baltimore, Maryland, the son of Thomas Phelps and Rose Swift (her former married name, don't know her maiden name). I have his marriage certificate from Baltimore that he was married 23 Apr 1730 in Harford Co., MD to Rachel Muckelduroy (Muckleroy, McElroy, etc.). In St. George's Parish Register of Harford Co., MD shows that she was born 7 Aug 1713..

They evidently went to VA and went back to MD to sell her property and then they are found in NC in Rowan Co. living on Reedy Creek along the Yadkin River near Reeds Crossroads by 1753. They seem to have changed the spelling to Felps. He served in the Militia in Indian Wars of 1759. They had 7 or more children. May have had a brother or son, or both, named Aquilla. His son Thomas, married to Jane Smith, is traced in Twidwell's book, The Felps Family and other places (I have this book).

Now my dilemma: Family records have always stated that my ggg grandf., George Reed, Sr. was married to Abigail Felps. Where that came from, I don't know. Was Abigail a daughter of Aventon and Rachel Felps? The families lived near each other (Reeds and Reedy Creek are named for my ancestors); went on each other's bonds, some of offspring intermarried. AND, look at this, George and Abigail Reed named their first child

"Aventon" and their fourth child "Felps". some people say that is circumstantial evidence sufficient to claim, but I want some proof, some sources. I'll appreciate any help on these names. Redell Reed in Colorado

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