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## Mary F. Cone Report No. 1

### Research Objective(s):

1. Research the line of Mary Frances Cone (d. ca. 1899), wife of James Nimmo, Jr. (1818–1898) of Norfolk County, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

### Previous Research (provided by client).<sup>2</sup>

Notes: None.

Authorization: Retainer of \$120.00 paid in advance for four (4) hours of research, analysis, and report.

<sup>1</sup> Letter and research notes from [REDACTED] to Donald W. Moore, 23 October 2006; held in 2006 by Moore (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-3816). See also, [REDACTED], "Re: Nimmo Research," e-mail message from [REDACTED] to author, 20 October 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Letter and research notes from [REDACTED] to Donald W. Moore, 23 October 2006; held in 2006 by Moore (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-3816).

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## Summary of Findings

Elizabeth B. Wingo abstracted the marriage bond of James M. Nimmo and Mary F. Cone in *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1841–1850*. The abstract notes that Mary F. Cone was the daughter of Hillary Cone who was also surety for the bond.<sup>3</sup> Consequently, Hillary Cone was alive on the date of the bond in 1846.

A search of an online index to the 1850 census for Norfolk County, Virginia, did not locate an entry for anyone named Hillary Cone,<sup>4</sup> indicating that he may have been deceased by that time. However, a search of a general index to wills for Norfolk County, Virginia, for the period 1755–1950 did not locate a will for Hillary Cone.<sup>5</sup>

Elizabeth B. Wingo abstracted the marriage bond of Hillary Cone and Mrs. Sarah Langley in *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840*.<sup>6</sup> The bond was posted on 10 June 1825 by Hillary Cone, who signed with a mark, and Jno. Wilson, who signed with a signature.<sup>7</sup>

A search of the 1840 census of Norfolk County, Virginia, found one entry for an individual named Hillery Cone as the head of a household of nine persons.<sup>8</sup> The male and female in the thirty to under forty age groups are presumably Hillery Cone and his wife Sarah (née [—?—]) Langley. As Hillery and Sarah were married in 1825, the six children in the household born between 1825 and 1835 were very likely their own children [the two females in the ten to under fifteen age group may have been twins]. One of the two females in the ten and under fifteen age group was probably Mary F. Cone, thus placing her birth between 1826 and 1830 and making her 16–20 years old when she married in 1846. The male in the twenty to under thirty age group, born between 1810 and 1820, was too old to be the child of Hillery and Sarah and may have been the child of his or her previous marriage.

A search of an online index to the 1830 census for Norfolk County, Virginia, did not locate an entry for anyone named Hillery Cone.<sup>9</sup> Although married by this time, he may have been missed by the census taker or had not yet established an independent household. In the latter case, it is possible he was enumerated in the household of his father or father-in-law and not listed as the head.

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<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth B. Wingo, *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1841–1850* Vol. IV (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1997), 44.

<sup>4</sup> "1850 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 October 2006), entry for Hillary Cone.

<sup>5</sup> Norfolk County General Index to Wills, No. 1, 1755-1950, A-Z; reel 51, no. 13853; Sargeant Room, Kirm Library, Norfolk, Virginia.

<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth B. Wingo, *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840* Vol. III (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1989), 22.

<sup>7</sup> Hillary Cone marriage bond (1825), *Marriage Bonds, 1824–1829*: 56; in *Norfolk County Marriages, 1787–1790; Marriage Bonds, 1817–1829; Marriage Bonds, 1835–1829*; reel 75, no. 13866; Sargeant Room, Kirm Library, Norfolk, Virginia.

<sup>8</sup> Hillery Cone household, 1840 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 140; digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 October 2006); from National Archives microfilm M704, roll 570.

<sup>9</sup> "1830 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 October 2006), entry for Hillary Cone.

## Summary of Findings

There are four Cone households in the 1830 census of Norfolk County, Virginia, headed respectively by Charles,<sup>10</sup> James,<sup>11</sup> Joshua,<sup>12</sup> and William Cone.<sup>13</sup> Only the households of James and Joshua Cone have a male in the twenty to under thirty age group (born 1801–1810) that corresponds to the birth range of Hillary Cone (1801–1810) given in the 1840 census. However, both Joshua and James are the only named males listed as heads of their respective households.

A search of marriage bonds abstracted by Elizabeth Wingo in *Marriages of Norfolk County, Va. (Now City of Chesapeake) 1788, 1793–1817*<sup>14</sup> and *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840*<sup>15</sup> did not locate a previous marriage for Hillary Cone. The search also did not locate a previous marriage for Sarah (née [—?—]) Langley that occurred during the period from 1810 to 1820 when the white male in the twenty and under thirty age group in Hillary's household in 1840 was born, presumably a child from a previous marriage.

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<sup>10</sup> Charles Cone household, 1830 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 328 (penned); digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 November 2006); from National Archives microfilm M19, roll 197.

<sup>11</sup> James Cone household, 1830 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 328 (penned); digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 November 2006); from National Archives microfilm M19, roll 197.

<sup>12</sup> Joshua Cone household, 1830 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 327 (penned); digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 November 2006); from National Archives microfilm M19, roll 197.

<sup>13</sup> William Cone household, 1830 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 328 (penned); digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 November 2006); from National Archives microfilm M19, roll 197.

<sup>14</sup> Elizabeth B. Wingo, *Marriages of Norfolk County, Va. (Now City of Chesapeake) 1788, 1793–1817* Vol. II (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1963).

<sup>15</sup> Elizabeth B. Wingo, *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840* Vol. III (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1989).

Research Log  
Of Derivative Sources

1. **Research Strategy:** Locate Nimmo / Cone marriages in Norfolk County, Virginia.

Repository	Source	Result
Donald W. Moore, CG, library (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456)	Elizabeth B. Wingo, <i>Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1841–1850</i> Vol. IV (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1997), 44.	<b>Found:</b> James M. Nimmo marriage bond (1846)
Donald W. Moore, CG, library (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456)	Elizabeth B. Wingo, <i>Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840</i> Vol. III (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1989), 22.	<b>Found:</b> Hillary Cone marriage bond (1825)
Sargeant Room, Kirn Library, Norfolk, Virginia	Marriage Bonds, 1824–1829: 56; in <i>Norfolk County Marriages, 1787–1790; Marriage Bonds, 1817–1829; Marriage Bonds, 1835–1829</i> ; reel 75, no. 13866.	<b>Found:</b> Hillary Cone marriage bond (1825)
Donald W. Moore, CG, library (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456)	Elizabeth B. Wingo, <i>Marriages of Norfolk County, Va. (Now City of Chesapeake) 1788, 1793–1817</i> Vol. II (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1963), 22.	Not found: Hillary Cone marriage
Donald W. Moore, CG, library (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456)	Elizabeth B. Wingo, <i>Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840</i> Vol. III (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1989), 22.	Not found: Hillary Cone marriage
Donald W. Moore, CG, library (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456)	Elizabeth B. Wingo, <i>Marriages of Norfolk County, Va. (Now City of Chesapeake) 1788, 1793–1817</i> Vol. II (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1963), 22.	Not found: Sarah (néé [—?—]) Langley marriage
Donald W. Moore, CG, library (1721 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456)	Elizabeth B. Wingo, <i>Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840</i> Vol. III (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1989), 22.	Not found: Sarah (néé [—?—]) Langley marriage

2. **Research Strategy:** Locate Hillary Cone probate records in Norfolk County, Virginia.

Repository	Source	Result
Sargeant Room, Kirn Library, Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk County General Index to Wills, No. 1, 1755-1950, A-Z; reel 51, no. 13853.	Not found

3. **Research Strategy:** Locate Hillary Cone as head of household in the 1830 Federal census of Norfolk County, Virginia.

Repository	Source	Result
<i>Ancestry.com</i>	"1830 United States Federal Census," database, <i>Ancestry.com</i> , ( <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 29 October 2006), entry for Hillary Cone.	Not found

Research Log  
Of Derivative Sources

<i>Ancestry.com</i>	1840 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 140; digital image by subscription, <i>Ancestry.com</i> ( <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 29 October 2006); from National Archives microfilm M704, roll 570.	<b>Found:</b> Hillery cone household
<i>Ancestry.com</i>	"1850 United States Federal Census," database, <i>Ancestry.com</i> , ( <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 29 October 2006), entry for Hillary Cone.	Not found

4. **Research Strategy:** Locate Hillary Cone in other Cone households in the 1830 Federal census of Norfolk County, Virginia.

<b>Repository</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Result</b>
<i>Ancestry.com</i>	"1830 United States Federal Census," database, <i>Ancestry.com</i> , ( <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 13 November 2006), entries for Cone households.	<b>Found:</b> Charles, James, Joshua, and William Cone households

Research Log  
Of Original Sources

This report includes no research in original sources.

## Abstracts of Documents Found

1. Elizabeth B. Wingo, *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1805, 1818–1840* Vol. III (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1989).

- a. Page 22: Hillary Cone marriage bond (1825); photocopy included.

Hillary Cone posted bond on 10 June 1825 in Norfolk County, Virginia, for his marriage to Mrs. Sarah Langley. John Wilson was surety for the bond.

2. *Marriage Bonds, 1824–1829*; in *Norfolk County Marriages, 1787–1790; Marriage Bonds, 1817–1829; Marriage Bonds, 1835–1829*; reel 75, no. 13866; Sargeant Room, Kirn Library, Norfolk, Virginia

- a. Page 56: Hillary Cone marriage bond (1825); photocopy included.

Hillary Cone posted bond on 10 June 1825 in Norfolk County, Virginia, for his marriage to the widow Mrs. Sarah Langley. Hillary Cone signed with a mark. John Wilson co-signed with a signature. John Wilson made oath that Hillary Cone was above the age of twenty-one years.

3. 1830 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule; digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 November 2006); from National Archives microfilm M19, roll 197.

- a. Page 327 (penned): Joshua Cone household; photocopy included.

Joshua Cone was enumerated for the 1830 census in Norfolk County, Virginia, as the head of a household of four persons:

- i. One free, white male under five years old.
- ii. One free, white male of thirty and under forty years old.
- iii. One free, white female of five and under then years old.
- iv. One free, white female of thirty and under forty years old.

- b. Page 328 (penned): William Cone household; photocopy included.

William Cone was enumerated for the 1830 census in Norfolk County, Virginia, as the head of a household of five persons:

- i. One free, white male under five years old.
- ii. One free, white male of ten and under fifteen years old.
- iii. One free, white male of forty and under fifty years old.
- iv. One free, white female under five years old.
- v. One free, white female of thirty and under forty years old.

- c. Page 328 (penned): Charles Cone household; photocopy included.

Charles Cone was enumerated for the 1830 census in Norfolk County, Virginia, as the head of a household of two persons:

- i. One free, white male of sixty and under seventy years old.
- ii. One free, white female of sixty and under seventy years old.

## Abstracts of Documents Found

- d. Page 328 (penned): James Cone household; photocopy included.

James Cone was enumerated for the 1830 census in Norfolk County, Virginia, as the head of a household of six persons:

- i. One free, white male under five years old.
- ii. One free, white male of thirty and under forty years old.
- iii. One free, white female under five years old.
- iv. One free, white female of five and under ten years old.
- v. One free, white female of fifteen and under twenty years old.
- vi. One free, white female of twenty and under thirty years old.

4. 1840 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Virginia, population schedule; digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 October 2006); from National Archives microfilm M704, roll 570.

- a. Page 140: Hillery Cone household; photocopy included.

Hiller Cone was enumerated for the 1840 census in Norfolk County, Virginia, as head of a household of nine persons:

- i. One free, white male of five and under ten years old.
- ii. One free, white male of twenty and under thirty years old.
- iii. One free, white mail of thirty and under forty years old.
- iv. Two free, white females under five years old.
- v. One free, white female of five and under ten years old.
- vi. Two free, white females of ten and under fifteen years old.
- vii. One free, white female of thirty and under forty years old.

5. Elizabeth B. Wingo, *Marriages of Norfolk County, Virginia 1841-1850* Vol. IV (Norfolk, Virginia: Elizabeth B. Wingo, 1997).

- a. Page 44: James M. Nimmo marriage bond (1846) ; photocopy included.

James M. Nimmo posted bond on 25 March 1846 in Norfolk County, Virginia, for his marriage to Mary F. Cone, the daughter of Hillary Cone who was surety for the bond.



Recommendations for  
Further Research

1. Since no will was found for Hillary Cone, locate intestate records such as inventories, appraisals, list of heirs, etc.
2. Locate Cone probate records to identify father of Hillary Cone.

## Glossary of Terms

1. **Abstract:** a summary of a statement, document, speech, etc.<sup>16</sup>
2. **Derivative source:** a person or record that supplies information that is repeated, reproduced, transcribed, abstracted, or summarized from something already spoken or written.<sup>17</sup>
3. **Direct evidence:** evidence that is adequate by itself to answer the question at hand.<sup>18</sup>
4. **Genealogy:** all descendants for a given number of generations.<sup>19</sup>
5. **Indirect evidence:** evidence that is incomplete in itself and therefore inadequate to answer the question at hand.<sup>20</sup>
6. **Lineage:** all ancestors in a single bloodline for a given number of generations.<sup>21</sup>
7. **Original source:** a person or record whose information did not come from data already spoken or written.<sup>22</sup>
8. **Pedigree:** all ancestors for a given number of generations.<sup>23</sup>
9. **Primary information:** data contributed by a knowledgeable eyewitness to or participant in the event that is the subject of the record or by an official whose duties included making a full, accurate record of it.<sup>24</sup>
10. **Secondary information:** data supplied by a person who recorded it after hearing of the event or its details from someone else.<sup>25</sup>
11. **Transcript:** an exact copy or reproduction.<sup>26</sup>

End of Report

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<sup>16</sup> ———, *Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language* (New York: Portland House, 1989), 6.

<sup>17</sup> ———, *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual* (Orem, Utah: Ancestry Publishing, 2000), 9.

<sup>18</sup> *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, 12.

<sup>19</sup> Helen F. M. Leary, "Organizing Your Ancestors in Genealogical Format," *Writing and Publishing for Genealogists*, 2006 Syllabus, Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (Birmingham, Alabama: Samford University, 2006), 6W4.

<sup>20</sup> *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, 12.

<sup>21</sup> Leary, "Organizing Your Ancestors in Genealogical Format," 6W4.

<sup>22</sup> *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, 8-9.

<sup>23</sup> Leary, "Organizing Your Ancestors in Genealogical Format," 6W4.

<sup>24</sup> *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, 9.

<sup>25</sup> *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, 9.

<sup>26</sup> *Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language*, 1504.