

September 11, 2000

Mr. Rodney Harris
Langley Research Center
Langley Field, VA 23665

Dear Mr. Harris,

Some time back I tried to contact you via e-mail based on an e-mail address that your friend John Mouring gave me. I have enclosed a copy of that e-mail. Unfortunately, John gave me an incorrect address which was the one I used. I wondered why I heard nothing from you. I thought maybe you were just too busy to respond. I finally went back and reread John's messages and found the one in which he realized his mistake and he gave me your correct address.

I am enclosing the notes between John and me and I think they will explain to you what I am trying to find out. This way I will not have to review all the messages. You will be able to see how all this got started and developed. It has occurred over a period of several months because I have been very busy and have had little time to spend doing genealogical research.

I am sending this group of sheets via 'snail mail' and hope you receive it. I will be most appreciative of any information about this Vaughan family because I am really stuck on it. I am enclosing two pedigree sheets showing the families I am searching in the Hampton area.

The first one is for my mother, Mary Louise Phillips and goes back to her great grandfather James Moody Vaughan. The second one starts with my mother's mother, Margaret Swan Jones. This one shows one additional generation. You will notice that I have information about all other branches of the family but no parents for James Moody Vaughan. I am stuck here.

Thank you in advance for any information or possibly pictures of the Vaughan house that was there on the NASA property until recently. If you have any questions I can be reached at JCMonfort@aol.com or via snail mail at

J C Monfort
728 Brentwood Place
Los Altos, CA 94024

Thank you again, regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Monfort". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first letters being larger and more prominent. It is written in black ink on a white background.

Jim Monfort

Subj: Re: Vaughn / Hudgins
Date: Monday, April 10, 2000 8:44:37 PM
To: john.betsy@worldnet.att.net

Hi John,

Thanks for your 2nd note. I had hoped I would be able to get off an answer right away but was just too busy today - dentist, lawns to mow, pack for trip, etc. I will give you a short note so that you can know how much I know.

I worked at NASA-Ames for 30 years - 1950-1980. Therefore I am familiar with the Langley/NASA arrangement as we had the same deal with Moffett Field.

I have been to Hampton several times. One of the most recent was a couple of years ago when they had one of the NACA reunions there. I have done quite a bit of research in the nice Hampton Library with its genealogical Research room. I have stayed at the Langley Inn on the base several times.

I did hear about the cemetery on the base and located it. I then wanted to get into the enclosed area so I could read the headstones and photograph them. I located a couple of NASA fellows that you probably know and after about an hour or two they located the key to the gate. They were nice enough to stay while I did my photography. I also took a picture of them and I have their names on the photos. When I return I will look up the pics and tell you who they were. This was 10 or 15 years ago. I am probably related to everyone in that cemetery. James Moody Vaughan and his wife Ariadne Hudgins were my Gr-Gr-Grandparents. Their daughter, Anna Louise Vaughan married George Booker Jones. One of the daughters of Anna and George Booker Jones was Margaret Swan Jones, my grandmother. She married Arthur Hickman Phillips, who died shortly thereafter. Margaret then in about 1908 remarried to Holden Chester Richardson in Hampton. Holden Chester Richardson was the Navy's 1st representative on the NACA Committee of 15 or so individuals from various branches of government in 1915/6. A few years later he designed the hulls of the NC airplanes, one of which, the NC-4, was the first plane to cross the Atlantic. He was one of the pilots on the NC-3 which did not make it. In our family he was our 'grandfather' since neither of my sisters nor I were born before A H Phillips died. I thought you might like to know that info.

I know that the Vaughan home on the NASA property was torn down some years back to make room for some new building. I have seen the little sign but I am sorry I never got the chance to see the house. I have often thought of trying to contact someone at Langley, maybe in the PIO, to see if they might have a picture of the house or any other information about the Vaughans. Now I think the person I should have contacted was probably you and now maybe your replacement.

I don't know how many people you know in Hampton but wonder if you might have known Ena Lee (Jones) Taylor or her brother, Thornton Jones. Thornton was one of the 'Little People'

(about 4 ft tall). You might have seen him around town. He died about 5 years ago or so. They were my 2nd cousins I believe. I did not know them or even of them until I started doing this family searching.

I knew quite a few of the original crew that came west from Langley to start Ames. They were all there when I started at Ames in 1950. One of them, Ed Scnickter (name not spelled correctly I am sure) married a 'Shepherd' girl who grew up in Hampton and she and her siblings went to school with Ena Lee and Thorton. Ed lived just around the corner from me. I have not seen Ed recently but his wife died a couple of years ago.

Well I had better get back to packing for my trip tomorrow. The most important thing I need about J M V is the names of his parents and his family but I will see what I can find in SLC. Thanks for contacting me and I will be looking forward to hearing from you when I get back.

I could share lots more with you but I would enjoy hearing about you and your research (you must be searching if you found my query). My best regards,

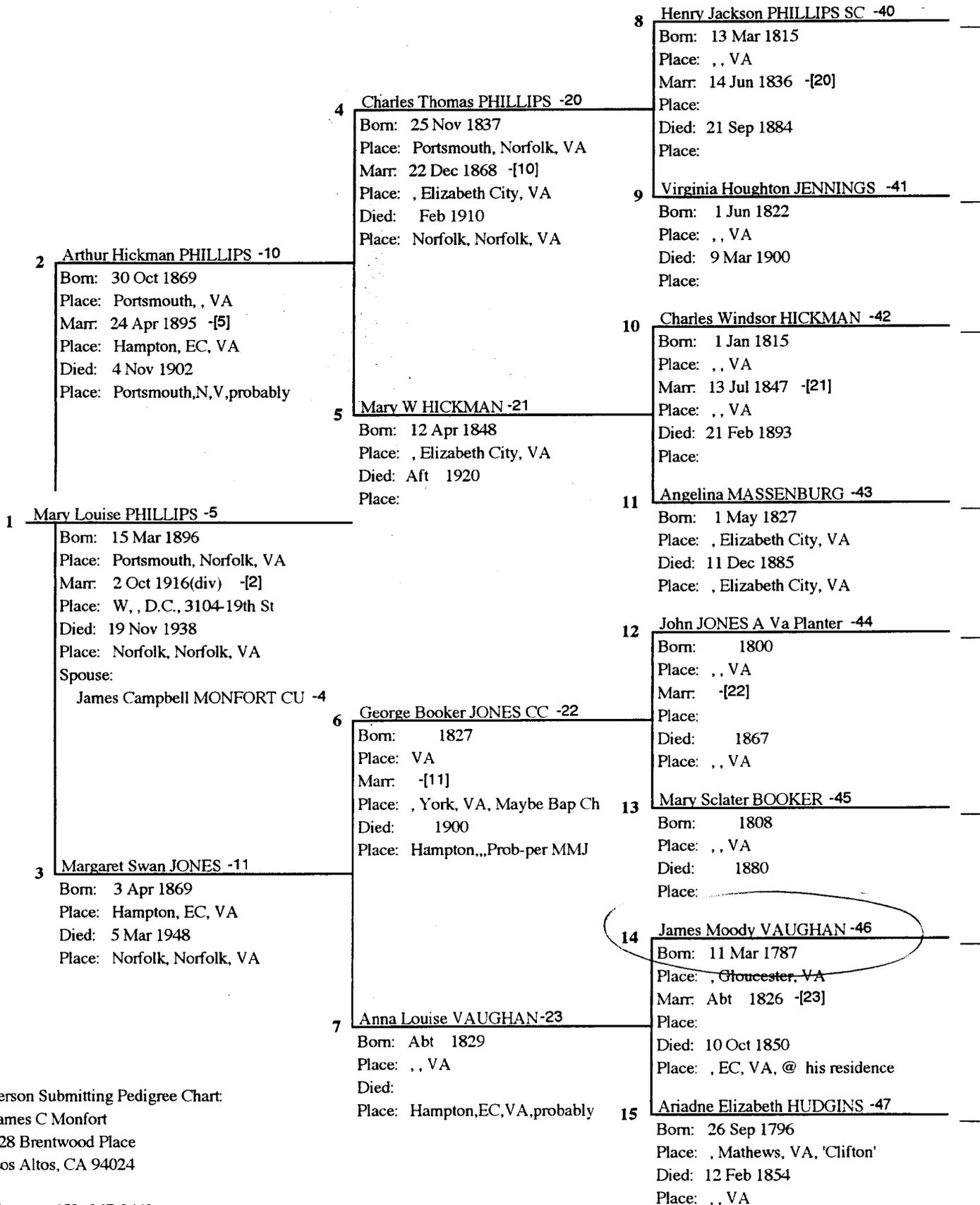
Jim Monfort

PEDIGREE CHART

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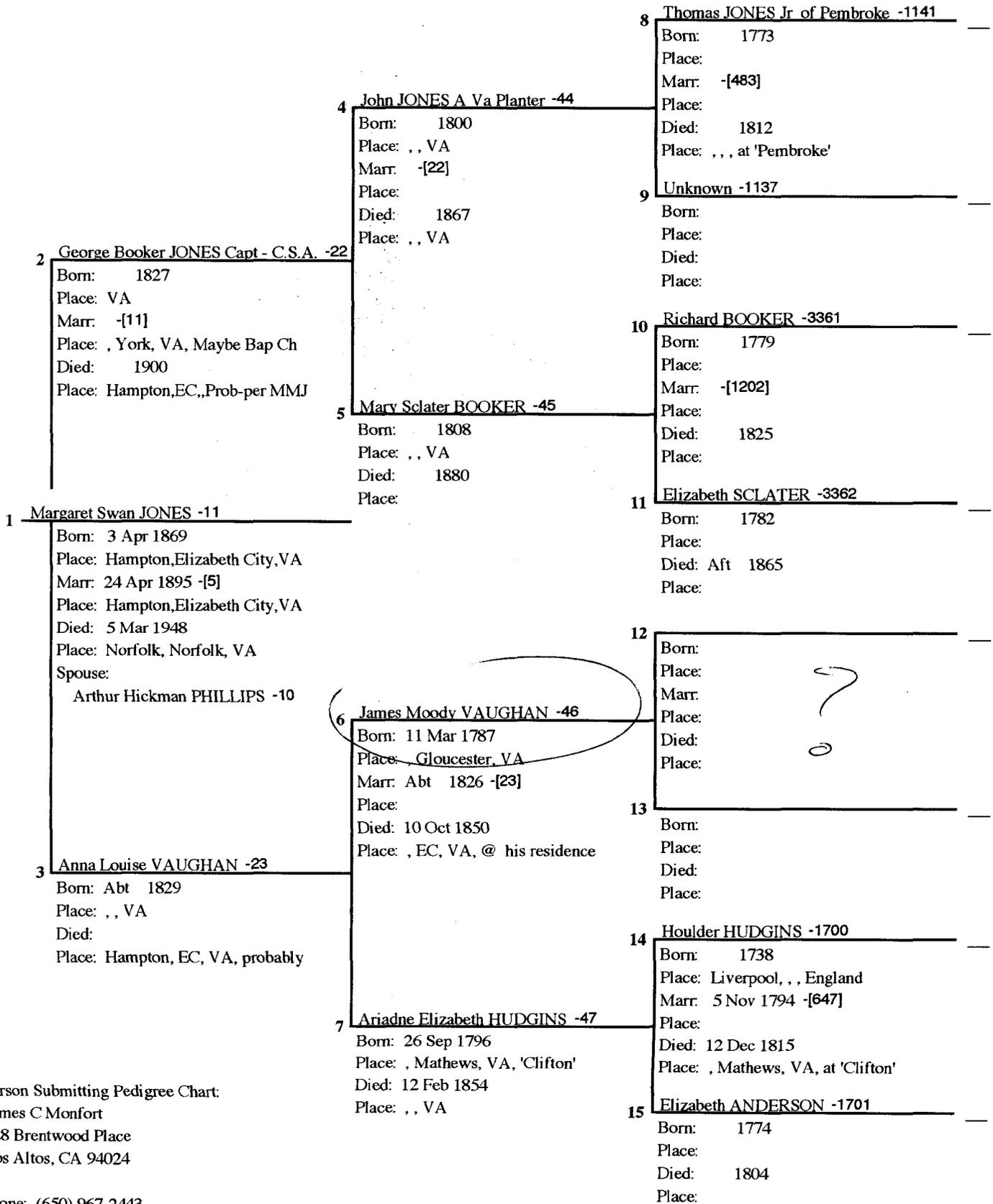
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Subj: Re: James Moody Vaughan
Date: Monday, May 8, 2000 6:55:17 AM
From: john.betsy@worldnet.att.net
To: JCMonfort@aol.com
cc: r.l.harris@larc.nasa.gov

Hello Jim - Glad you had a good trip. I haven't been to S.L. since 1954, but would like to return.

I had intended to have a reply there waiting for you, but have been mired in non-genealogical affairs - make that activities - lately.

I don't have answers to your Vaughn questions off the top of my head, nor in my files, but I am referring you to Rodney Harris at ~~r.l.harris@larc.nasa.gov~~ *SEE LATER NOTE*. He is my successor at LaRC, and has access to some Vaughn materials in the historic preservation files; also he is in contact with his Air Force counterpart.

By copy, I am giving Rodney a heads up. (Rodney note : also check with Mary Morgan. I seem to remember her saying that she was connected to that family.)

All the best -
John Mouring

Subj: Re: Vaughn / Hudgins
Date: Monday, April 10, 2000 11:55:14 AM
From: john.betsy@worldnet.att.net
To: JCMonfort@aol.com

Hello Jim - I espied your query on the Elizabeth City County page at VA Genweb Project only last night. Vaughn and NASA stood out. Have you been to the cemetery and/or do you already have the gravestone info available there? If not, then there may be room for me to help, and/or put you in touch with the appropriate official people who may.

I retired as the NASA Langley Chief Architect and Master Planner two years ago. One of my hats was that of Facility Historic Preservation Officer (my mentored replacement will help too). I also worked closely with my counterpart at the Air Force. You may already know that NASA Langley Research Center and Langley Air Force Base - though abutting one another - are distinctly separate organizations and properties. Though the Vaughn Family Cemetery is seen and accessed best from the NASA side, it is actually on forrested Air Force property.

Answer my paragraph one question, before I fire up the archives. And, how far do you live from the "Langleys" in eastern tidewater Virginia?

John

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Jim Monfort

Subj: James Moody Vaughan
Date: Monday, May 8, 2000 12:28:00 AM
To: john.betsy@worldnet.att.net

Hi John,

I came back from Salt Lake City about a week ago after a wonderful but not too productive a trip. The city was beautiful with loads of flower gardens around Temple Square area. The new library is fantastic and was not too crowded so had little trouble getting to use any of the computers, copiers, books, etc.

Unfortunately I did not find any new information about James Moody Vaughan and his family. I had hoped that when I got back I might have a note from you. Do you know who his parents were? Do you know if there are any pictures of his home that was on the NASA property until about the 70's? To whom should I write to obtain any copies of any extant pictures? Do you know who any of JMV's siblings were? I would be most appreciative of any info about him or his family.

My wife and I are leaving in about a week to go to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to visit a cousin of Jackie's (my wife). He and his wife are going to drive down to Key West with us for a couple of days and return to Ft. Lauderdale. After that we will play it by ear for a few days.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future and many thanks in advance for any information and for just responding to my old query. Regards,

Jim Monfort

Subj: Re: Vaughn / Hudgins
Date: Monday, April 10, 2000 9:34:33 AM
To: john.betsy@worldnet.att.net

Hi John,

That's great news about James Moody Vaughn. I will be delighted to know something new about him. I know nothing about his parents on back. I do know some information about his children.

Your note comes at a great time as I am leaving for Salt Lake City tomorrow morning with a friend to do research there. I have not been there for almost 20 years. My friend has been going every year for about the last 5 or 6 years. He says I wont know the library - new building, computers, etc.

How did you happen to come across this Vaughan info and how did you happen to remember that I was looking for him and his family?

Again, thanks very much for remembering and I will look anxiously between now and tomorrow morning in case you get back to me that soon. What can I do for you in return?

Regards and good hunting, Jim Monfort

Subj: **Information on James Moody Vaughan and Family**
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2000 3:57:40 PM
From: JCMonfort
To: ~~RODNEY HARRIS~~, r.l.harris@larc.nasa.gov *wrong.*

Hello Rodney,

Your friend John Mouring has given me your address and told me to contact you about some of the history in the area there particularly as regards James Moody Vaughan and his family. I am James (Jim) Monfort and I live in Los Altos, CA, 5 miles from Ames Research Center. I went to work for Ames in 1951 and retired from there in 1980. I was a senior project engineer in the Unitary Plan Wind Tunnels. My step-grandfather was Holden Chester Richardson, Naval Aviator No. 13 and was the Navy's representative on the very first NACA 'Committee' in 1915 or 16. My father was Naval aviator No. 35 and was the executive officer of the USS Enterprise when it was constructed in Newport News and when it went on its Shakedown Cruise to Rio in the middle 30s. I was born in Norfolk. You can see I have a lot of association with NACA/NASA. This above information has nothing to do with the purpose of this note - I just thought you might be interested.

I have been an avid genealogist for the past 25 years, starting my family searching with practically no information. I did know that my mother came from the Hampton area and now after many years of searching I realize almost all of my mother's family came from there. One set of my mother's great grandparents were James Moody Vaughan and his wife Ariadne Elizabeth Hudgins. I know that they had a home on the property now owned by NASA and I have been to Langley several times. I have seen the plaques that indicate where the house was and I know about the cemetery there also. I am related to nearly everyone in the cemetery. Two very nice fellows there found the key and let me into the cemetery several years ago.

I know a lot about Ariadne Hudgins and her part of the family but I know very little about James Moody Vaughan. John told me you could probably rummage through your files and probably come up with a great deal of information that I do not know. I would be most appreciative of any info you can dig up.

All I know about JMV is that he was born, I believe, 11 Mar 1787, maybe in Gloucester and married AEH about 1826. They had six children, one of whom, Anna Louise Vaughan, was my great grandmother. The information I need the most is 'who were the parents of JMV?' Naturally I would be very pleased to get any info about the family. My records indicate that JMV died 10 October 1850 in his residence there.

I guess I could have saved myself lots of typing by copying my correspondence with John and snail mailing it to you - I probably will do that anyway. That will give you a better idea of what I know and what I would be interested in. John gave me your name, etc., quite a while ago but I have been in Florida on an extended vacation and when I came back I had a gross of e-mails. Thanking you in advance for anything you can come up with and maybe I can get back there again in the not-too-distant future. Thanks again,

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Subj: Re: Vaughn / Hudgins
Date: Monday, May 8, 2000 7:42:45 AM
From: john.betsy@worldnet.att.net
To: JCMonfort@aol.com
cc: rodney.t.harris@larc.nasa.gov

Jim - I did you wrong. Here is the correct address for Rodney :
rodney.t.harris@larc.nasa.gov . I've been in touch w/ Rodney (757
864-6118). He will be helpful w/ whatever info that may be filed there.
Mary Morgan may be a good source too, since she is related to at least
certain folks in the Vaughn Cemetery.

John Mouring

Husband: James Moody VAUGHAN

Born: 11 Mar 1787 Place: , Gloucester, VA
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: 10 Oct 1850 Place: , Elizabeth City, VA, @ his residence
 Bur.: Place: , Elizabeth City, VA, Vaughan Cem
 Marr: Abt 1826 Place:

Father: Mother:

Wife: Ariadne Elizabeth HUDGINS

Born: 26 Sep 1796 Place: , Mathews, VA, 'Clifton'
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: 12 Feb 1854 Place: , , VA
 Bur.: 1854 Place: Hampton, Elizabeth City, VA, Vaughan Cem

Father: Houlder HUDGINS Mother: Elizabeth ANDERSON

Sex Children List each child (living or dead)
 M/F in order of birth

1. Name: William Ryland VAUGHAN Dr Spouse: Mary Ann SMITH

M Born: 28 May 1827 Place: , , VA
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: 29 Sep 1889 Place:
 Bur.: Place: Hampton, Elizabeth City, VA, Vaughan Cem
 Marr: Place:

2. Name: Anna Louise VAUGHAN Spouse: George Booker JONES Capt - C.S.A.

F Born: Abt 1829 Place: , , VA
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: Place: Hampton, Elizabeth City, VA, probably
 Bur.: Place: Hampton-NASA, EC, VA, Vaughan Cem
 Marr: Place: , York, VA, Maybe Bap Ch

3. Name: Henrietta VAUGHAN Spouse: William T HENDREN Dr.

F Born: 5 Apr 1832 Place: , , VA
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: 15 Feb 1899 Place:
 Bur.: Place: Hampton, Elizabeth City, VA, Vaughan Cem
 Marr: Place:

4. Name: Robert VAUGHAN Spouse:

M Born: Place: , , VA
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: Place:
 Bur.: Place:
 Marr: Place:

5. Name: Betty VAUGHAN Spouse:

F Born: Abt 1839 Place: , , VA
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: Place:
 Bur.: Place:
 Marr: Place:

Name and Address of Submitter:

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Relationship of Submitter to Husband: _____ Wife: _____

This is all I know about JMV and wife Ariadne Hudgins.

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Husband: James Moody VAUGHAN

Year of Birth: 1787

Wife: Ariadne Elizabeth HUDGINS

Year of Birth: 1796

Sex Children (continued)

6. Name: James M VAUGHAN Jr

Spouse:

M Born: 28 Jun 1840 Place: , , VA

Chr.: Place:

Died: 30 Sep 1853 Place:

Bur.: Place: Hampton, Elizabeth City, VA, Vaughan Cem

Marr: Place: