

AM I RELATED TO JIM?

This is in response to an email asking if I was related to “Jim.” At first, I didn’t know who she was talking about... time to start an investigation.

The person sending the email was named Rachel Ball. I found an interesting candidate in Vera Cathcart (1915-1999), who married Heaman Roland Ball (1921-1983). Vera had a brother named James Paul... so perhaps this was “Jim.” A subsequent email confirmed that I had the correct family.

But now I need to trace back and see if there was a connection.

My database stopped at James Paul and Vera’s parents: [James and Annie Woodward Cathcart](#).

Time to break down a brick wall.

Given the location of the census records I had matched with James:

- 1920: Glen Springs, Spartanburg County, SC age 25
- 1930: Cross Anchor, Spartanburg County, SC age 35

it would appear that James is a “Spartanburg Cathcart.” But where does he fit in?

To further nail down James’ date of birth, I found this likely World War one draft registration card (June of 1917):

204 REGISTRATION CARD		2
1	Name in full	James Cathcart
2	Home address	Pauline B.C.
3	Date of birth	Dec. 22 1894
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural Born
5	Where were you born?	Pacolet S.C.
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Farmer
8	By whom employed?	Pauline, B.C.
9	Where employed?	Pauline, B.C.
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	Wife and two children
11	Married or single (specify which)?	Married
12	What military service have you had? Rank	None
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	No
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
James Cathcart		

Figure 1 James World War 1 draft card

The date of birth looks good, and his present address of Pauline, SC is within five miles of Glenn Springs... so that matches. James states that he had a wife and two children (Vera and Frank H) on that date, and that also matches my data fairly closely.

James gives his birth location as Pacolet, which is much further to the north... more on that later.

Next, who are James’ parents? I started looking for James Cathcarts in the Glenn Springs area of SC.

The best match was:

- [William Hampton & Della Cathcart](#)
 - Jim is six in 1900 and 15 in 1910
 - That matches quite well

The 1910 Census has BS and WH Cathcart living right next door to each other.

Jun 169	195	Cathcart Boyd	Head	1 R	74	W	41	m
✓		= Pauline	Wife		72	W	38	m
✓		= Tiny	Daughter		7	W	16	S
✓		= Norrell	Daughter		7	W	16	S
✓		= Robert E. L.	Son		72	W	9	S
✓		Smith Eugene	Step son		72	W	10	S
✓		= Cole L.	Step son		72	W	5	S
✓		= Walter B.	Step son		72	W	2 ¹⁰ 12	S
✓		Sister Ida	Sister in law		7	W	29	S

Figure 5 1920 Jonesville, Union, South Carolina p. 11b

Having a daughter named “Tiny” makes searching easier!

Then to prove that Pauline’s maiden name was Lister, here’s the 1910 Census showing that Pauline and Ida Lister were sisters:

132	135	Lister, Ida	Head	X	75	W	20	S			South Carolina
		Pauline	Sister		75	W	18	S			North Carolina
133	136	Bishop Lewis O.	Head		78	W	33	Mar	13		South Carolina

Figure 6. 1910 Jonesville, Spartanburg, South Carolina p. 11b

By 1930 Pauline’s two boys’ last name has been changed to Cathcart.

168	71	72	Cathcart Boyd	Head	R	510	70	71	51	71	71	70	70	By the residence
			Pauline	Wife	H		✓	71	47	71	37	70	70	North Carolina
			Cole L.	Son			✓	30	71	15	6	74	74	North Carolina
			W. Boyd	Son			✓	30	71	12	6	74	74	By the residence

Figure 7. 1930 Gaffney, Cherokee, South Carolina, p. 5a