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Who erected Ben Bolling's headstone, & when?

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edited **Aug 29, 2018** by [Maggie N.](#)[comment](#)[Answer this post](#)

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ANSWERED MY OWN QUESTION!

His **tombstone** is inscribed: "B. **Bolling**, b. **1734**, d.**1832**." The **tombstone** was made by his son Jeremiah. **Benjamin** is shown on the 1790 Randolph Co., NC census and on the Russell Co., Virginia 1810 tax list and the 1820 census. He was a Baptist Minister who visited some of his brothers in KY.FOUND HERE: <http://www.wikitree.com/g2g/70360/who-erected-ben-bollings-headstone-%26-when>COMMENTS APPRECIATED. THANKS!
- DESCENDANT OF THE INFAMOUS BEN[answered](#) **Mar 22, 2014** by anonymous[comment](#)

In his will John Bolling "divided his large estate among his sons, giving very little to his daughters." [The author then summarizes the will, mentioning by name Thomas, John, Robert, Edward, Archibald and the "widow."]

No Benjamin ?

[commented](#) Aug 22, 2014 by [Maggie N.](#) [G2G Astronaut](#)[reply](#)

My fellow research cousin who was the authority regarding Benjamin Bowling who is also my ancestor Harley Bowling sadly passed away in 2014. Benjamin Bowling is not the son of John Bolling, DNA tests have already proved this. As for the marker, the new marker, it was made before the YDNA testing results confirmed that Benjamin was not the famed descendant of Pocohontas.

[commented](#) Sep 14, 2016 by [Sherry Baker](#) [G2G Crew](#)[reply](#)

Yes, thank you Sherry Baker for pointing out the DNA problem with Benjamin being descended from Pocahontas ! You don't know how many folks in chats and etc. I have tried to help with this as , yes, his headstone being a source of misinformation. My Uncle and myself have him as a 4 & 5 time great grandfather in my paternal grandmothers line. The group for those that have him in their line are Group 3 and Group 9. Group 1 of the Bowling Family DNA project are those that descend from Pocahontas. Most of these testers are also included in the Lumbee project at FTDNA, my Uncle included. May be a motive for making him descend from a famous Native instead when erecting a stone at that time as that was not a popular time to be First Peoples or Black? Nice to know now we all have such a diverse Heritage. I do descend from Pocahontas' sister in two other lines of my tree. The DNA trail proves that, sure was stumping me at first as to how the DNA was pointing on the other side of my tree from Benjamin and not his leg of the tree that had some written records as to that legacy.

[commented](#) Sep 27, 2017 by [Loretta Morrison](#) [G2G6 Pilot](#)[reply](#)**+2**
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I added this information to Benjamin's profile but I wonder if there is another source for Benjamin Bolling's connection to John Fairfax Bolling and Elizabeth Blair Boling Bland as stated on the tombstone erected by his son, Jeremiah ?

Is there is a case for disputed parentage ?

I hesitate to add Benjamin as one of the children of Elizabeth Blair Bolling Bland and John Bolling until we find another source than the tombstone.

Re : <http://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Bolling-59>

answered Mar 22, 2014 by [Maggie N.](#) **G2G Astronaut** (1.1m points)
edited **Aug 22, 2014** by [Maggie N.](#)

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Also have the added problem on Benjamin not being listed on this Find A Grave site for his father, John Fairfax Bolling :

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=34656576>

Any help would be much appreciated , all Bolling decendants !

The WikiTree profiles on the early Bollings are based on the "Memoirs of the Bolling Family" by his son, Robert Bolling , who chronicled the Bolling Family History from England to USA . This source is listed on John Bolling's profile but it's not the main source. Please contribute and bring other sources into these profiles so we can connect all the Bollings together.

Thanks !

commented Mar 22, 2014 by [Maggie N.](#) **G2G Astronaut**
edited Mar 22, 2014 by [Maggie N.](#)

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What about the book by Oakley Dean Baldwin who claims he's proven by DNA that Benjamin Bolling is indeed related to Pocahontas written in 2015?

I've read it, but don't have enough information to refute or agree with it. For those who have studied this more, what is your take on his argument? The book is on Amazon- "Pocahontas to Benjamin Bolling."

commented Feb 15, 2019 by Kendy

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The book is nearly a complete work of fiction. I would put it on the same level as the now defamed book written by Brent Kennedy titled "The Melungeons--Ressurrection of a Proud People". Like Kennedy, this book is exploitative, poorly researched and put together and is basically a money-making venture to the 'author.'

commented Nov 22, 2019 by Gary M Mullins

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Some will disagree with this new testing. The book "Pocahontas To Benjamin Bolling" is based on hundreds of Autosomal DNA connections from Benjamin Bolling 1734-1832, all of these connections only match Benjamin to other Bolling family members who are listed as Red, White and Blue Bollings. Along with other documents and circumstantial evidence, this book is to be used as a tool to assist you with your personal research.

commented May 30, 2020 by anonymous

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Well obviously if you do auDNA tests on a lot of descendants of Benjamin Bolling, you'll get matches with people who descend from a wide spread of colonial Virginians, including blue Bollings, some white Bollings, and a few Red Bollings.

That can safely be said without making any assumptions and without doing any tests.

But what could the tests show that would prove anything?

commented May 30, 2020 by [Living Horace](#) **G2G6 Pilot**

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Again, there is NO DNA test (whether it be autosomal or otherwise) that indicates that the descendants of Benjamin Bolling of Pound, VA are affiliated genetically to descendants of Pocahontas. And, that is because they are not. It doesn't matter how many book erroneously claim it, it's just NOT so. It doesn't matter how many times it is stated, it just is NOT so.

commented May 30, 2020 by Gary M Mullins

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This book is a total rip-off and should NOT be purchased by anyone looking for factual information. It is a blatant attempt to cash in on the decades of erroneous misinformation that has previously been published on the Benjamin Bolling line, which DID have a Native American ancestor--just NOT Pocahontas. Readers will NOT find any reputable or new information of value in the book, and the author's claim of autosomal evidence is just a joke. BUYERS BEWARE~

commented May 30, 2020 by Gary M Mullins

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