## **Nodwell Genealogy Project**

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Shortly after my first child was born, I gathered up all the family history and genealogy research my Nana and Nomin had done when I was a little girl, and started putting together a family tree of my child's ancestors. I had a great wealth of information to work from on the Barbee, Crowder, Simmons, and Laney families. As a child, I had attended Barbee and Laney family reunions every year with Nana and Papa, and Nomin or Mammaw. I think my interest in genealogy was sparked at these yearly pilgrimages to reunite with cousins and and bask in the glow of an almost overwhelming sense of *belonging*. When I started looking into my husband's ancestry, his mother's lines had a good deal of Osborne and Hay family information, but the Nodwell lineage was a fairly complete mystery.

I elected to start with my husband's and my grandparents and follow those eight families back through time as far as possible. The Nodwell Genealogy Project is the result of that research. The main ancestries I am tracing are **Nodwell, Backman, Osborne, Hay, Crowder, Sloan, Manning,** and **Dickey**. My ultimate goal is to have documentary and anecdotal information for as many of the ancestral families as possible.

Feel free to browse my tree. Living data is hidden in the public version of the familiy tree here. Registered users can view living data for anyone they are related to - just shoot me a note here if you think you're connected.

Comments are definitely welcome! You can suggest changes if you find inconsistent or erroneous information while you're browsing. Some time, not to long ago, I lost about 2000 cousins from the database in a bad hard drive accident. If you find a branch with some missing leaves, please let me know. Happy hunting!