Thanks for hanging in there—yes, I can recover the substance and put it straight on the screen now. Here’s a concise, source-backed assessment of how reliable the **Jonathan York (1768–1833)** ancestry is on the WikiTree profile **York-308** and similar pages.

**Bottom line**

* **Some core facts are well-supported by independent/official records** (residence in Surry Co., NC across 1800–1830; 1807 marriage to Rebekah/Rebecca Hinshaw; an estate file for a Jonathan York opened 1834 in Surry, implying death about 1833). These anchor the right **man, place, and timeframe**. ([surrydigitalheritage.org](https://surrydigitalheritage.org/files/original/8f65127ac85947fbe724a0f2439b6f2d9d6c875b.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **Exact vital dates and the deeper ancestry (parents = James York & Nancy Whitaker)** are **plausible but not yet proven** from the online primary material we can see. They’re repeated across user-contributed trees, but those should be validated against the actual probate/marriage originals. ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/York-308?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Jonathan York (abt.1773-abt.1837)))

**What holds up (good evidence)**

1. **He’s in Surry County, NC through the period**  
   1800, 1810, and 1830 county census indexes show **Jonathan York** in Surry—consistent with the profile’s locality. ([surrydigitalheritage.org](https://surrydigitalheritage.org/files/original/8f65127ac85947fbe724a0f2439b6f2d9d6c875b.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
2. **Marriage to Rebekah/Rebecca Hinshaw on 9 Apr 1807 (Surry Co.)**  
   Transcribed local history notes (Surry Digital Heritage) mention this bond and even name brother **Joel York** as bondsman. It’s derivative, but it points to a specific bond entry in Surry records. (Hinshaw’s compiled site also repeats the bond date.) ([surrydigitalheritage.org](https://surrydigitalheritage.org/files/original/f2a9e5dc2948a15a4740af875e95e2d7311757a0.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
3. **Death timeframe fits an estate file opened 1834**  
   The North Carolina Genealogical Society’s **Surry County Estate Files Index** includes **“York, Jonathan (1834)”**—very consistent with a death about 1833 (as the WikiTree page asserts). You’d confirm by pulling the file from NC State Archives. ([North Carolina Genealogy](https://www.ncgenealogy.org/north-carolina-estate-files-surry-county-index/?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**What is not yet proven (caution)**

* **Exact birth & death dates.** WikiTree **York-308** currently shows *abt. 1773–abt. 1837* in the header but references *16 Apr 1833* in the text; elsewhere on the web you’ll see **22 Feb 1768** and other death years (1839). Those are **conflicting** and need resolution from primary documents (Bible record, tombstone with contemporary inscription, probate that states age, etc.). ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/York-308?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Jonathan York (abt.1773-abt.1837)))
* **Parents (James York & Nancy Whitaker).** This pairing is widely repeated, and WikiTree says Jonathan administered his father **James York**’s estate in **1814**; the Surry estate index does list a **James York (1814)**, which is encouraging, but you still need the **actual estate packet** to prove the relationship (e.g., “Jonathan York, administrator” or heirs named). Until that document is checked, treat the parentage as **likely** but **not proven**. ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/York-308?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Jonathan York (abt.1773-abt.1837)))

**How I’d grade the WikiTree York-308 ancestry (today)**

* **Residence & marriage (NC/Surry; 1807 bond)** → **Strong** (independent indexes/transcripts agree). ([surrydigitalheritage.org](https://surrydigitalheritage.org/files/original/8f65127ac85947fbe724a0f2439b6f2d9d6c875b.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **Death window (c.1833)** → **Good** (1834 estate file index backs it; pull the packet to lock it). ([North Carolina Genealogy](https://www.ncgenealogy.org/north-carolina-estate-files-surry-county-index/?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **Exact vital dates (1768 birth; 16 Apr death, etc.)** → **Tentative** (conflicting secondary claims). ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/York-308?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Jonathan York (abt.1773-abt.1837)))
* **Parents = James York & Nancy Whitaker** → **Probable but needs document** (estate of **James York, 1814** is the key). ([North Carolina Genealogy](https://www.ncgenealogy.org/north-carolina-estate-files-surry-county-index/?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**“Next document to pull” checklist (to convert ‘probable’ → ‘proven’)**

1. **Surry Co., NC Estate Files (originals):**
   * **James York (1814)** — look for administrator named **Jonathan** and any heir list.
   * **Jonathan York (1834)** — look for widow/children/heirs to tie him to Emily’s generation. ([North Carolina Genealogy](https://www.ncgenealogy.org/north-carolina-estate-files-surry-county-index/?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
2. **Surry Co., NC Marriage Bonds/Returns (image of 9 Apr 1807):**  
   Confirm bond, bondsman (**Joel York**), and any notations. (Local archives or state microfilm; the Surry Digital Heritage note gives a lead.) ([surrydigitalheritage.org](https://surrydigitalheritage.org/files/original/f2a9e5dc2948a15a4740af875e95e2d7311757a0.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
3. **Surry Deed Books (1810s–1830s):**  
   Deeds often mention “heirs of” or administrators—can triangulate family groups.
4. **Quaker/meeting records (if Hinshaw line is Quaker):**  
   New Garden/Deep River/Westfield minutes sometimes record “married out” or certificates—useful for Rebecca Hinshaw’s family context. (Background on Westfield Quaker migrations shows the right milieu.) ([NC DOCKS](https://libres.uncg.edu/ir/asu/f/Humphries%2C%20Ashley_2013_Thesis.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**A note on Emily York → Oregon (to tie your line)**

Oregon’s **Early Oregonian** database shows Emily **York** marrying **John Powell** (Linn Co., OR; profile appears via their children and Powell entries), which reinforces the linkage of your Emily to the Powell family in Oregon. It’s an official state archival index and a good anchor for the western end of the line. ([Oregon Secretary of State](https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/personprofile.do?recordNumber=112392&utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**Verdict**

Treat **WikiTree York-308** as a **good roadmap** for Jonathan York of Surry County **once** you backfill it with:

* the **1807** marriage bond image, and
* the **1814** (James) and **1834** (Jonathan) **estate files** from the NC State Archives.

Those three documents should settle the parentage and death window cleanly. Until then, anything beyond the marriage/residence facts (exact birth date, exact death date, full ancestry) is **provisional**.