

Story of George Birdwell Sr.
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George Birdwell, Sr. b. circa 1721 in Stafford County, Virginia married circa 1759 to a lady named **Mary** who was possible the granddaughter of Robert Looney. George acquired land on the James River in Virginia and in 1780 removed his family to the Holsten area of North Carolina which is now Sullivan County, Tennessee. The parents of George Birdwell are believed to be Benjamin Birdwell of England and his wife Sarah key, but this is only speculation.

The children of George and Mary Birdwell, all born between 1760 through 1781 were George, Jr. married Jane Russell; Elizabeth; Benjamin married Mary Perry; Joseph married Rachel Russell; Moses married Hannah Falkindon; John married Mary Allen; William married Betsy; James; Joshua married Mary; Mary; and Jane. George Birdwell, Sr. had children from a prior marriage who were all born before 1751. They were Robert who married Ellen Sanford; Sarah and Anne. Several of these children and their spouses removed to Western Tennessee, one of whom was **William Birdwell** who settled in Jackson County, Tennessee.

William Birdwell b. 10 February 1772, Botetourt County, Virginia was in Jackson County for the 1820 census. His wife, Betsy, was born in South Carolina and may have been a LeFevre. Their children were Mary/Polly Ann b. 3 February 1816 – d. 11 August 1904, married Johnson Spurlock; **John Harvey Sr.** b. 25 April 1812 married **Martha**; George b. ca. 1809 married Loucinda; Joseph b. 1803/8 – d. 1870-80 married Elizabeth Jane; Elisabeth b. 1812 who was still single in 1880 and living with her brother George; another male b. 1815 – 1820 and perhaps others.

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