

JAMES CASON CEMETERY

Civil District 15. From Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN take Hwy 53 toward Celina. The cemetery is located on your left across the road from the Hurricane Church of Christ and behind the home of Mrs. Hiram (Susie) York, mail box number 2371. It is to the right of the house and down about 800 feet toward the Cumberland River.

JAMES CASON

b. 23 July 1758, Orange Co., VA - d. 12 July 1842, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN, md Rebecca Smith about 1784. Marker placed by DAR in 1940, maker has PVT 2nd VA State Regt. Revolutionary War.

Pension Number: S3124 – Service Source: S3124

Service Description: Capt. Quarles, Long, Cols Gregory Smith & Wm Brent, 2nd Regt.

Residence: Spotsylvania Co., VA

Source: Jackson County Sentinel, TN: 29 May 1941.

MARKER TO JAMES CASON, REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER, DEDICATED SUNDAY BY DAR.



Gainesboro turned the clock back one hundred years Sunday afternoon when interested spectators gathered at the old Cason family cemetery on what is now the John Cherry farm to witness the dedication of a marker placed by the Ft. Blount Chapter DAR at the grave of James Cason, soldier of the War of the American Revolution.

About thirty lineal descendants of this pioneer settler of Jackson County were present, the majority being the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Edward M. Cason, the youngest son of James Cason, and his sister, Eliza, who married Nathaniel Cox. Others were the descendants of another of the daughters, mother of the elder Bayless Anderson.

The program follows:

Assembly: Donald Russell

National Flags, by descendants of James Cason.

Allegiance to Flag: Chaplain

America: All

Ritual: Regent

Prayer: Chaplain

Why DAR Marks Grave, by Regent.
Placing of Wreath, by descendants.
Poem: Chaplain and members
Introduction of Speaker: Mrs. Jas. T. Quarles, Regent.
Accepting Marker, Mr. Jas. N. Cox, of Cookeville.
Poem and Prayer: Chaplain.
Taps: Donald Russell.

Descendents of James Cason present who registered were:

Jesse H. Cason, son of the late Tandy M. Cason and his sister, Mrs. Pearl Mabry, of Cookeville, Mrs. Settie Spivey, Mrs. Theo Spivey, Mrs. Florine Hix and Miss Zell Cason. Of the next generation of the family there were present: Charles, Hugh, Ralph, Roy and Edna Cason; Larry Spivey; Willene, Willard and Ridley Spivey; and Fred, Ben and Linda Fay Hix.

Mrs. Howard N. Naylor, of Oklahoma City, daughter of the late Henry Hall Cason; Fred Myers, Martin Myers and Miss Nan Ragland of Carthage, grandsons and granddaughter of Mrs. Adeline Cason Putty.

James N. Cox and John L. Meadows of Cookeville, grandson and great grandson of Mrs. Eliza Cason Cox and Robert, John, Margery and Rose Mary Meadows.

Mrs. Lalla Mai Quarles Draper and Miss Mirian Quarles, granddaughters of the late Bayless Anderson.

HISTORY OF CASON FAMILY GIVEN AT DEDICATION OF MARKER TO JAMES CASON.

By Mrs. Howard N. Naylor:

Madam Regent, Members of DAR, kinsmen, and kinswomen and friends:

“Tis true, ‘tis pity, and pity ‘tis ‘tis true,” that we in whose veins flows the blood of **James Cason** know not more about him. Our old family Bible tells us that he was born in Wales, July 23, 1758. Just how or when he came to the Colonies I do not know. Being one of the younger set of **Cason** grandchildren, and my grandfather, **Edward M. Cason**, having been nearly seventy-five years old when I was born, very deaf, and very nearly blind, I never heard him tell any of the family traditions.

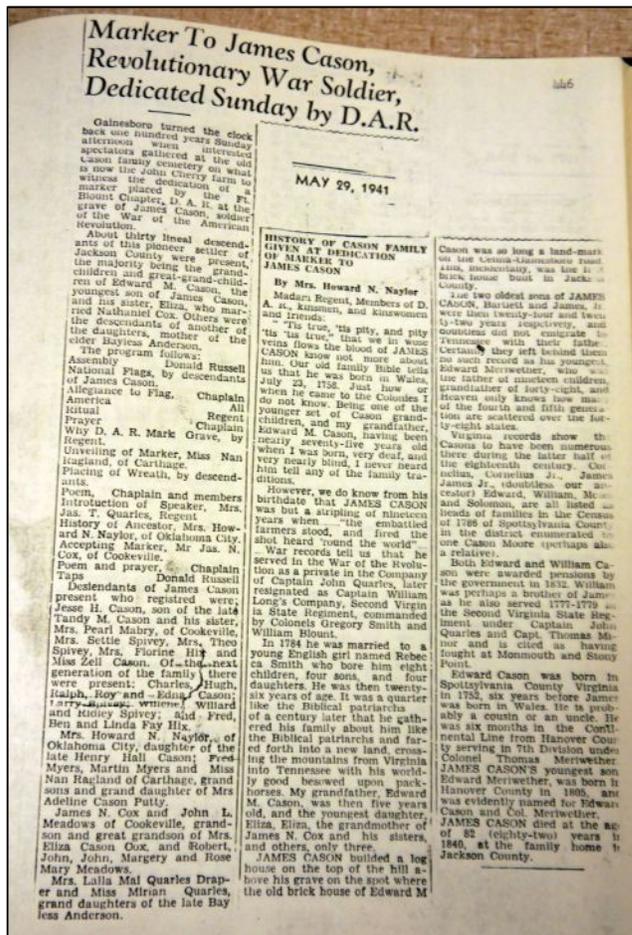
However, we do know from his birthday that **James Cason** was but a stripling of nineteen years when...”the embattled farmers stood, and fired the shot heard ‘round the world”... War records tell us that he served in the War of the Revolution as a private in the Company of Captain John Quarles, later resigned as **Captain William Long’s** Company, Second Virginia State Regiment, commanded by **Colonels Gregory Smith** and **William Blount**.

In 1784 he was married to a young English girl named **Rebecca Smith** who born him eight children, four sons, and four daughters. He was then twenty-six years of age. It was a quarter like the Biblical patriarchs of a century later that he gathered his family about him like the Biblical patriarch and fathered forth into a new land, crossing the mountains from Virginia into Tennessee with his worldly goods bestowed upon pack horse. My grandfather, **Edward M. Cason**, was then five years old, and the youngest daughter, **Eliza**, Eliza, the grandmother of **James N. Cox** and his sisters, and others, only three.

James Cason built a log house on the top of the hill above his grave on the spot where the old brick house of **Edward M. Cason** was so long a land-mark on the Celina-Gainesboro road. This, incidentally was the first brick house built in Jackson County.

The two oldest sons of **James Cason**, **Bartlett** and **James, Jr.** were then twenty-four and twenty-two years respectively, and doubtless did not emigrate to Tennessee with their father. Certainly they left behind them no such record as his youngest **Edward Meriwether**, who was the father of nineteen children, grandfather of forty-eight, and heaven only knows how many of the fourth and fifth generation are scattered over the forty-eight states.

Virginia records show the **Casons** to have been numerous there during the latter half of the eighteenth century. **Cornelius**, **Cornelius Jr.**, **James**, **James Jr.**, (doubtless our ancestor) **Edward**, **William**, **Moses** and **Solomon**, are all listed as heads of families in the census of 1786 of Spotsylvania County in the district enumerated by one **Cason Moore** (perhaps also a relative).



Both **Edward** and **William Cason** were awarded pensions by the government in 1832. **William** was perhaps a brother of **James** as he also served 1777-1779 in the Second Virginia State Regiment under **Captain John Quarles** and **Capt. Thomas Minor** and is cited as having fought at Monmouth and Stony Point.

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Jackson County Sentinel, TN: 29 May 1941.

WILL OF JAMES CASON SR. 1758 – 1842

From tngenweb.org/jacksoncourt Reel 58. These court records were transcribed by Mary Lu Johnson.

In the name of God amen. I James Cason in the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee...buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executrix...touching my worldly estate...I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit after my death and my beloved wife Rebecca Cason's death –

First I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susannah Cason a certain Negro Boy named Milton and fifty dollars.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Coks bodily heirs a certain Negrow girl named Amelia.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto my son James Cason two children the heirs of Harriet, James Penelton and his brother his name not known Seventy five dollars Each.

4th. I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Malitia one hundred and fifty dollars.

5th. I give and bequeath unto my son Bartlett Cason's three children to wit James Cason, Martin Cason, and Jane Cason one hundred dollars Each.

6th. I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Edna Anderson bodily heirs a negro child named Edna.

7th. I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Cason three hundred eighty two and one half acres of land it being the tract of land I now live on...and other property that I have heretofore given to the said Edward M. Cason. He bonds himself to pay unto my daughter Susanah Cason one hundred and fifty dollars. Also he is to pay to the bodily heirs of Fanny Anderson one hundred and fifty dollars. He also is to pay to Eliza Cox bodily heirs one hundred and fifty dollars. The above mentioned monies the said Edward M. Cason is to pay at the expiration of twelve months after my death and my wife's death.

8th. I give and bequeath unto William Wilson Five dollars who married my Daughter Hulda Cason. My reason for not giving him more is that I have given him heretofore a good deal.

Be it understood that after my death and my wife's death all the property that is not mentioned heretofore in my will that may be left after my death and my wife's death together with the household and kitchen furniture shall be sold on a Twelve months credit and the monies arising from the sale or sales shall go towards paying up the legatees mentioned above in said will with the exception of the 3 legatees before mentioned to wit Susannah Cason, Fanny Anderson's bodily heirs, and Elisabeth Cox's bodily heirs which the said Edward Cason is to pay one hundred and fifty dollars each out of his own funds. Be it understood after the before mentioned property is sold there is to be paid out of the money arising from the sales paid unto the six grand children or any agent that may be appointed by the Court, the amount above mentioned heretofore in said will and the balance of the money that may be left after the legatees above mentioned is paid off is to be divided equally between my three children to wit Susannah Cason, Eliza Cox, and Edward Cason. It is my request that Mounce Gore and Edward Cason shall be appointed Executors of my estate and last will hereby revoking all former wills by me made....this 25th of April 1836. s/s James Cason

Witnesses: Mounce Gore, Erasmus Gore

Recorded and examined, s/s A. Montgomery, Clerk

Book D, pages 195 to 97, 19 March 1845.

Will of James Cason Sr. (Synopsis)

Written 25 April 1836

Summarized from www.tngenweb.org/jackson/court_reels/court_reel_58.htm

(This is only a summary of people named in will)

Wife, Rebecca Smith

Daughter, Susannah

Daughter, Eliza Coks (Cox)

Son James Cason's two children the heirs of Harriett, James Penelton and his brother

Grandaughter, Malitia

Son Bartlett's three children James Cason, Martin Cason, and Jane Cason

Granddaughter Edna Anderson

Son Edward (later referred to as Edward M. Cason)

Heirs of Fanny Anderson (daughter?)

William Wilson who married daughter, Hulda

Executors: Mounce Gore and Edward Cason

Signed 25 April 1836

(Commas are missing. If placed correctly, the will would make more sense regarding James Jr., Harriet and her two children - Melissa is not mentioned, unless she is the one called granddaughter Malitia. Anyone know?).

Joshua Pemberton married Harriet Cason Jan. of 1832. If Harriet was living at the time the will was written, she died shortly after her second son was born, William C. (referred to in will as brother of James who is James F. Pemberton). Joshua remarried to Millie Dudley in 14 June 1836.

The above will and marriage of Joshua Pemberton to Harriet Cason, along with Joshua Pemberton going to court in Wilson Co., TN to claim the inheritance of his two sons, James F. and William C. after the death of James Cason and after the death of Joshua's wife, Harriet, is evidence that this is my line.

SAR 1904 application states that James Cason Sr. was born in Wales. Revolutionary War Pension Applications (and his brothers) do not indicate this. According to James record, he was born in Caroline County, Virginia.

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<http://www.ajlambert.com>