

LET THE DRUMS ROLL

Preface: Abstracts Biographical Sketches of the Soldiers

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PREFACE: pg. 5

Thirteen years ago Evelyn Bullock Shackelford and I began a project of locating and listing tombstones from abandoned graveyards in Maury County. During the course of this project we found the graves of several veterans of the American Revolution whose names were not listed on the plaque in the U. S. Courthouse and Post Office Building in Columbia, Tennessee, which was dedicated to the memory of "Those Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Maury County." I then decided to try to collect as data as possible on these veterans and to try to located the names of other veterans who may have lived in Maury County, but who may have been buried in unmarked graves or may have moved away from the county before they died.

This book is, therefore, the result of what began as a hobby. I did not work on the project in any systematic manner until 1971, when I compiled the data I had collected into a paper which was presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Honors in History at Middle Tennessee State University.

The most valuable source of information on the veterans of the American Revolution is the material contained in the applications the men filled out in order that they might obtain pensions based on their service. These applications were often written by men who were not well educated and who spelled phonetically. The punctuation used in the applications was also somewhat precarious. In order not to have a work filled with "sic's," all quotations from pension applications have been copied using the original spelling and punctuation.

I should like to express appreciation individually to all persons who have helped to make this work possible. However, limited space permits that acknowledgement be made only to a very few. Publication of this work has been made possible by financial assistance from the Maury County Historical Society. Member of the Society feel this is an appropriate project for the celebration of the Bicentennial, and I wish to express my appreciation to the entire membership for this assistance. I should also like to thank my husband, Jack LeRoy Lightfoot, who baby-sat, cooked, washed dishes, and displayed great patience with a wife whose home-making activities were neglected for research, writing, and typing. Four women, all of whom are excellent researchers and knowledgeable, local historians, deserve especial thank: Evelyn Bullock Shackelford, Jill Knight Garrett, Virginia Wood Alexander, and Evelyn Brown McAnally. They not only shared their records with me; they also located the names of several of the men and called them to my attention. Finally, my thanks and appreciation go to Dr. James K. Huhta of Middle Tennessee State University, who has read this material so many times he must have parts of it committed to memory.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE SOLDIERS: *Abstracts only shown.....the book has the person's whole story; including references. You can purchase the book from: Maury County Historical Society, P. O. Box 147, Columbia, TN 38402. This book gives biographical information taken from the Revolutionary War Pension papers of the many veterans of our War from Independence who lived in Maury County and there were many of them.*

David Abernathy – b. 29 July (22?), 1759, Dinwiddie County, VA, son of David and Ann Turner Abernathy. He entered service in Lincoln County, North Carolina, under Colonel McCalin. A marriage bond was issued on May 27, 1782, in Lincoln County, North Carolina, for him to marry Christina Forney, daughter of Jacob Forney.

Peter Akers, b. 31 January, 1756, VA, son of William Akers and Elizabeth Martye. His parents were William Akers and Elizabeth Martye of Campbell County, Virginia. He married Matsey (Martha) Harroway, daughter of Charles Harroway, on January 7, 1793 in Charlotte County, Virginia. The only reference to his service that has been located stated that he was a "soldier, American Revolution."

John Akin, b. 1756, SC, son of William Akin, a native of Scotland. John Akin's Revolutionary service was in Brandon's Regiment of the South Carolina Militia. John Akin died between July and December, 1821 in Wayne County, Tennessee; however, his body was returned to Maury County and buried in the Pisgah Methodist Church Cemetery.

James Allen, b. 1757 and died in 1829, indicate that he was a soldier in the Revolution. However, there were so many soldiers of this name that it has not been possible to identify positively a record for this man.

Charles Alexander, b. 4 January, 1755, Mecklenburg Co., NC, first entered service as a private in the latter part of July, 1775 under Captain William Alexander and Colonel Adam Alexander, on a campaign against the Cherokees.

Elijah Alexander, b. 1760, Mecklenburg Co., NC, son of William Alexander, a blacksmith, who set Elijah to Maryland in January, 1781. Elijah Alexander first entered service in March, 1780 in Captain Alexander's Company, /Colonel Polk's Regiment, North Carolina Line.

William Alexander, b. 20 January 1745, probably Cecil Co., MD, although some records gave his birthplace as NC. Son of Daniel and Prudence Alexander. William Alexander served as a Lieutenant in the Fourth Regiment, North Carolina Troops. According to information received from the National Archives, Bounty Land Warrant 64-200 was issued May 10, 1790 by the state of North Carolina, "on account of services of William Alexander as Lieutenant of North Carolina troops during the Revolutionary War." William Alexander and his wife, Esther Brown Alexander, probably moved to Sumner County, Tennessee from Cabarrus (formerly Mecklenburg) County, North Carolina shortly after 1790. *See William Alexander for more information.

William Alexander, b. 1760, PA; however, according to his own statement "he was brought by his father when a small boy to Mecklenburg Co., NC and has resided there and in Maury Co., TN ever since." Beginning in 1780 he served for eighteen months in Captain Robert McKnight's Company, Colonel Higgins' Regiment, North Carolina, Militia.

Hugh Allison, b. 1746, Chester Co., Pennsylvania. He moved with his father to Maryland, and from there they moved to York Dist., South Carolina, arriving late in December, 1776. Shortly after this about 500 Tories assembled in the area in order to join with some Indians who had already killed several families. Allison volunteered for service under Captain William Byers and Colonel Neil.

William Anderson, b. 28 March 1755, however his birthplace has not been determined. His tombstone noted "He was active in defense of this country in the Revolution." Since his place of residence during the Revolution has not been found, it was not possible to identify positively the service record for this man.

James Armstrong, b. 6 April 1764, Salem, Sumter District, SC. In 1780 he volunteered for service under Colonel (later General) Francis Marion.

John Atkinson, b. 18 September 1755, Cumberland Co., VA. About September 1, 1780, he volunteered under Captain Joseph Morton and Colonel Williams of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, "in consequence of the invasion of Virginia by Cornwallis, and marched to Island Ford on Dan River."

John Baker, b. ca. 1762, North Carolina; but "he was raised from a child" in Abbeville Dist., South Carolina, where he was living at the time the Revolutionary War. In the middle of May, 1780 he entered service as a volunteer under Captain John Irvin of Abbeville County and Colonel Robert Anderson of Pendleton County.

John Baldrige, b. 28 September 1754, Iredell Co., North Carolina. He was a Captain in the service of his native state during the Revolutionary War. He married Isabella Baldrige.

Abner Bankston, was a son of Daniel Bankston, a Georgia legislator. A Revolutionary veteran, he deserted one wife for another woman and eventually married a third woman.

George Barker, b. 25 March 1759, Louisa Co., VA. Barker served as a private in Captain Saunders' Company, Colonel Tinnon's Regiment, North Carolina Line.

William Benderman, b. 15 August 1749, lived in Mecklenburg Co., NC prior to migrating to Maury Co, TN. He married in Mecklenburg County, on November 17, 1794, Elizabeth Davis. Although no service record has been found for William Benderman in either the Virginia, North Carolina, or South Carolina published records, his name was included on the list of Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Maury County on the plaque in the United States Post Office in Columbia, Tennessee.

Jacob Biffle, b. 2 March 1763, Rowan Co., North Carolina. When he was a young boy, his father moved to Sullivan County, East Tennessee (then North Carolina), on the Holston River, where Jacob was living when he entered service. He fought in the Battle of King's Mountain, which took place October 7, 1780.

Daniel Bills, b. 28 September 1740, Lebanon, Connecticut. A sergeant in Captain William Stanton's Company, Connecticut Troops.

Ambrose Blackburn, b. 1750, Ireland. A Captain in the South Carolina troops, he resided in Greenville County, South Carolina during the Revolution. His wife was Frances Jones Halbert.

Abner Blankston, son of Daniel Bankston, a Georgia legislator.

Thomas Blair, b. 1764, Entram (?) Co., Ireland. He volunteered for service in March, 1779 and served thirteen months in Captain Ballard's Company, Colonel Marshall's Regiment, "horse troop," in the South Carolina Line.

William Bowden, b. 1742, entered service in Guilford Co., NC in 1776 and went on a tour across the mountains into the Indian Nation. He served again in 1781, when he lived in Surry County, North Carolina. On this tour he went to the "Moravian Town, which is now called Salem," to guard the General Assembly.

Andrew Boyd, b. 1749, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was buried in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Maury Co., TN. He was commissioned as Adjutant of the Second Battalion of Chester County Militia on May 7, 1777. "He fought from Philadelphia to Charleston, South Carolina, there until the close of the war."

William Bratcher, b. 5 October (or *) 1751 and enlisted in June, 1778 in Spartanburg Co., SC for a twelve month tour. He served in Captain John Blasingame's Company, Colonel Sumter's Regiment, South Carolina Line.

William Brawley, b. 12 May 1763, Ireland. His father settled in Rowan County, North Carolina. In 1780, when William was about seventeen years old, he was drafted into Captain Crawford's Company, which marched to Charleston, South Carolina, where they were attached to General Benjamin Lincoln's forces.

Hugh Brown, b. 8 February 1762, NC. Although no documentary evidence of his service has been found, his name was included on the list of Revolutionary soldiers on the plaque placed in the United States Post Office in Columbia, Tennessee.

Zachariah Butler, b. 15 November 1764, Amelia Co., VA. He entered service about February 1, 1781, as a substitute for John Foster of Amelia County. Butler saw action in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on

March 15, 1781. In June, 1781 he was drafted and went to Yorktown, where his company was under General George Washington's command.

David Campbell, b. 1 October 1761, Chester County, Pennsylvania, moved with his father about 1767 to Augusta County, Virginia. A short time before the Revolutionary War, Augusta County was divided, and "he fell in Rockbridge Cou8nty." He was drafted on January 10, 1781 marched across the Blue Ridge to Fredericksburg.

David Campbell, b. 1760, Ireland and was living in Camden Dist. South Carolina when called into service. His first term of service was at the Congress River in Richland County, South Carolina. He served under Captain Edward Martin, Major Pearson, and Colonel Richard Winn, "all from Camden Dist., South Carolina, now called Fairfield Dist, SC.

Pugh Cannon, b. 18 March 1761, Craven Co., NC. He entered service at the age of sixteen in May, 1777. He served again in 1778, 1779, and 1780, part of the time in a cavalry company.

James Dobbins, a "Revolutionary pensioner of the United States," was living in Maury County, Tennessee on June 5, 1833, when he executed a power of attorney for Barton W. Jenkins to receive Dobbins' pension from March 4, 1831 to March 4, 1833.

John Fendall Carr, b. 12 November 1764 and was living in Albemarle Co., VA when he entered service the latter part of 1780. He was "pressed into service" with his wagon and horse to moved prisoners from Albemarle Barracks to Fredericktown in Maryland.

Daniel Carter, b. 27 November 1761, Sumter Dist., SC. Early in the year 1780 his father and his family were forced to "retreat" to North Carolina, since South Carolina had fallen "entirely into the possession of the British."

Josiah W. Carthel, b. 11 April 1756, "was French and came to America from England." He "fought in the Revolutionary War and was a Mason." He married Sarah Morehead on December 26, 1786, probably in Halifax County, Virginia, where her father, Joseph Morehead, lived.

Robert Caruthers, Sr., b. 3 May 1753, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania. He was living in North Carolina in 1771 when he took part in the Regulator Movement. He with eight other men destroyed gunpowder and other provisions belonging to the North Carolina Troops under General Hugh Waddell. Because they distinguished themselves by blackening their faces, they were called the "Black Boys of Cabarrus."

Silvester Chunn, b. ca. 1757, in either Charles Co., MD or Halifax Co., VA. When he was three weeks old, his parents died, and he was taken by a Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who "adopted" him. On June 2, 1820 he was awarded a pension in Maury County on January 31, 1819 in the amount of eight dollars per month for three years' service as a private in Colonel Lewis' Regiment, Virginia Line.

Richard Clinton, b. 1755 in England. By the time he entered service in the spring of 1779, he was living in the town of Camden, South Carolina. While he was in service he marched 200 miles to the Black Swamp, then 250 miles to Charleston.

Benjamin Copeland, b. 1760, Indian Creek, Cheraws Dist., South Carolina. He volunteered when he was fifteen years old under Captain Littleton Isabel. He joined Colonel Washington in SC in August 1780 and served until the end of the war. He was listed in the 1835 List of Pensioners in Bedford County, Tennessee.

David Copeland, Sr., b. ca. 1750, Wake Co., North Carolina. He served as a private in the militia and was allowed eleven pounds specie for this service. His will was recorded in Maury County on January 26, 1824. It had been executed on July 24, 1817. His widow, Jane Craig Copeland, apparently died before he made his will.

Alexander Crafford, b. 28 September 1750, Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania. He volunteered on November 25, 1775 and was in the "Snow Expedition." He applied for a pension in Maury County on October 23, 1832, and was allowed \$46.66 per year for fourteen months; service as a private in Colonel Richard's Regiment of the South Carolina militia and line.

Robert Crawford, b. 1744, in "the Highland, New York," and he moved to South Carolina when he was twenty-six years old. He applied for pension on September 24, 1832 and was allowed \$40 per year for one year's service as a private in Captain Nobel's Company, South Carolina Line.

Benjamin Cutbirth and Daniel Cutbirth, father and son, were born about 1740 and 1760, respectively. Benjamin was born in Augusta Co., VA, and Daniel was born in Rowan Co., NC. Although DAR records stated that Benjamin served in Virginia in the Revolution, by 1781 he was living about twenty-four miles northwest of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on the north side of the South Fork of New River.

Adam Dale, b. 14 July 1768, Worcester Co., MD. At age fourteen organized in Snow Hill, Maryland a group of fourteen to sixteen year old boys to prevent Cornwallis from sweeping the country. He married on February 24, 1790 Mary Hall, who was born October 27, 1772 in Sussex County, Delaware.

John Davidson, b. 15 February 1750. At the time of the Revolution he lived in that part of Rowan Co., NC which was taken to form the new county of Burke in 1777. John Davidson married Ruth Clemens and, after her death, he married Frances Bateman.

Asa Davis, b. 1 October 1757, Amelia Co., VA. Asa Davis signed his name to his pension application, which he filed in Davidson County, Tennessee, October 23, 1832.

George Dixon, b. 1739, Chester Co., PA, son of Thomas Dixon, "planter" who came to America in 1735 from County Tyrone, Ireland & his wife Ann. During the Revolution he served in the Virginia Line. He had married Rachel Beard, whose three brothers also served in the Virginia Line.

David Dobbins, b. 6 May 1758, Rowan Co., NC. He first entered service as a volunteer for a tour of three months in 1775, under Captain George Cowan and Colonel Matthew Locke. He died January 24, 1842.

Elisha Dodson, b. 1758, Pittsylvania Co., Virginia. He served as an Ensign in Captain Richard George's Company of Pittsylvania County militia. His wife, Rachel Henry, was born in 1760 in Charlotte County, Virginia. He died in Maury County in August 1828.

James Dooley, 1747, Richmond, Virginia. He served in the American Revolution as a captain of the Augusta County, Virginia troops, according to one source. At least one source showed him serving in actual service under Ensign William Casey in April, 1782 out of Kentucky. Dooley's first wife, Margaret McKinney, was killed by Indians prior to November 29, 1787, when he married in Lincoln County, Kentucky, Rachel Moore, a widow.

David Ephland, b. ca. 1751. He was a resident of Orange Co., NC at the time of his enlistment. He enlisted "about the time the Declaration of Independence: for three years under Captain Goodman and Colonel Thackson of the first Regiment of the North Carolina Line. Ephland was in the Battle of Guilford Court House on March 15, 1781.

Joel Fagg, b. 4 September 1755, Maryland. He enlisted in the army the last of July or first of August, 1776 under Johnson Stone, a recruiting officer in Charles County, Maryland. He moved to Maury County, Tennessee, where he was living on September 16, 1835, when he made application for a pension. At that time he noted that he lived "seventeen miles from the Courthouse in Columbia."

Caleb Feris, b. 1765, Chester Co., Pennsylvania. He moved with his father in 1766 to York District, South Carolina, where Caleb was living when he entered service as a drafted militiaman. His regiment was under the command of Colonel Richard Winn, "who afterwards died in Maury County, Tennessee. He made application for a pension in September 1832 and was allowed \$22.75 per annum for six months and twenty-

five days' service as a private in Captain Houston's Company, Colonel Winn's Regiment, South Carolina militia. Caleb Feris died in Maury County, Tennessee on June 11, 1838, leaving his widow, who also died in 1838. She was his second wife, Molly McFadden, whom he had married in Maury County on April 4, 1820.

Isaac Feris, b. 22 May 1757, Pennsylvania. Brother of Caleb Feris. Isaac Ferris volunteered in August, 1777 in York District, for a tour of duty under Colonel Thomas Neal against the Indians on the headwaters of the Broad River in North Carolina. Feris executed his will, October 29, 1839, and died in Maury County, Tennessee.

Frederick Fisher, b. ca. 1762, probably in Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina. Son of Charles Fisher. In 1777, when Frederick was fifteen, Charles Fisher apparently moved from Mecklenburg County to Washington County, Virginia. Three years later, on October 7, 1780, Frederick Fisher and his brother John were in Colonel Campbell's Regiment at the Battle of King's Mountain, when Frederick as severely wounded. He applied for a pension for his duty and wounds as early as 1781 in Washington County.

James Freeland, who died in Maury Co. prior to 1820, was the son of James Freeland of Orange Co., North Carolina, and the brother of Thomas Freeland who was killed in the Revolutionary War. Definite proof of service for James Freeland was not found; however, he may have been the James Freeland in captain Bledsoe's Roster for 1777, which was given in one source consulted.

Joshua Frierson, b. 25 November 1755, South Carolina. He served under General Francis Marion in the Revolutionary War. His wife, whom he married on October 15, 1805, was Elizabeth Bigham.

Robert Frierson, b. 6 March 1743, South Carolina. Fought in the Battles of King's Mountain and Cowpens in South Carolina. He fought in the Battles of King's Mountain and Cowpens in South Carolina. Robert Frierson died on June 9, 1808. At his request his body was taken to the burying ground of the church which his congregation had just built in Maury Count, and he was the first person to be buried in Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery. He married Elizabeth McCauley.

Francis Gholson, born in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. He served in the French and Indian Wars in Company H of the Virginia Militia. He also served as an Ensign in the Revolutionary War. He married Mary Craig.

Jacob Gillham, b. 8 August 1761, Augusta Co., Virginia. He was drafted from York District soon after the war broke out in South Carolina and participated in the Stono Campaign. He then volunteered and was in two battles which were fought on "Sabbath Day," the Battle of Rocky Mountain and the Battle of Hanging Rock.

Henry Ginger, b. 4 April 1758, Middleton Township, Cumberland C., Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1776 he enlisted in the city of Philadelphia for three years in Captain Walter Denny's Company of the Seventh Pennsylvania Regiment. His regiment marched to join the troops under General Washington on the Delaware, when Washington moved his troops across the river the night before the Battle of Trenton. Ginger was in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown and went into winter quarters at Valley Forge.

Thomas Goodrum, b. 1752. Served as a soldier in the Revolution from Orangeburg, South Carolina. His wife evidently did not survive him, since she was not named in his will. Thomas Goodrum executed his will on February 20, 1836 and died April 7, 1936.

William Gordon, b. 4 March 1757, Maryland. He was living in Orange County, North Carolina when he entered service. He volunteered about June 1, 1780 and went from Hillsboro to Fayetteville and then into South Carolina. Gordon applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee on October 29, 1833 and was allowed @23.66 per year for eight months' service in Captain farmer's Company, Colonel Ramsey's Regiment, North Carolina Line.

William Gray, who was "upwards of 80 years old" in 1827, moved to Maury County, Tennessee from Abbeville Dist., South Carolina in the fall of 1824. Since his name was a rather common one, it has not

been possible to identify positively this man as a Revolutionary veteran. However, a record in South Carolina may have referred to this William Gray. Eighty-seven pounds, ten shillings were paid to William Gray for militia duty. Gray died in Maury County, Tennessee between February 22, 1831, when his nuncupative will was executed, and June 10, 1831, when his will was probated.

Thomas T. Greenfield, b. ca. 1745. Although no documentary proof of service was found for him, his tombstone was inscribed, "The deceased was one of the earliest patriots of the Revolution." He died in Maury County, Tennessee on November 15, 1825.

John Griffin, b. 1752, entered service in Orange County, North Carolina, as a private. In 1778 he was promoted to a Captain in the Fourth Regiment, NC, under Colonels Thackston and Lytle. His application was rejected under the Pension Act of 1828, due to insufficient evidence. Captain John Griffin died in Maury County, Tennessee on December 28, 1829, and was buried in a small graveyard about 300 yards from Fountain Creek. His widow, Jane, whom he had married in Orange County, North Carolina in 1783, died in Gibson County, Tennessee in 1840.

Ambrose Hadley, b. 24 October 1758, was a Quaker who gave material aid to the cause of the American Revolution. He was born in either Virginia or North Carolina and married his first wife, Martha Buston, in Halifax County, North Carolina in January of 1782. A marriage bond was issued in Maury County, Tennessee on February 7, 1823 for him to marry Louise McLeod. He died in Maury County, Tennessee on November 18, 1839 and was buried in Lasting Hope Cemetery. He left a widow and eighteen children.

Moses Hanks, b. 15 July 1746, VA. A record was found for a Moses Hankins for service in Virginia, during the Revolution. Moses Hanks executed his will prior to his death on August 19, 1831. His widow, Agatha Dodson Hanks, survived him. They were the parents of eleven children.

James Hardison, b. ca. 1759, Martin County, North Carolina. He was drafted in Martin County, North Carolina. He entered service under captain John H. Jones in Colonel Eaton's Regiment. They marched to Guilford County, where Hardison was a guard during the Battle of Guildford. He married Mary Robertson about 1789 in North Carolina.

John Hawthorn, b. January 1748, Province of Ulster, County of Monaghan, Ireland. He emigrated to America in 1767, landing at Charleston, South Carolina, and settled in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He enlisted in Fairfield County in June, 1778 and served three months in Captain Robert Hancock's Company. His wife was Margaret Greene, but the names of their children were not found. He died after March 4, 1834.

Joseph Haynes, b. 15 October 1749, was living in Rowan County, North Carolina when his company was called into service in 1775. He served a three month tour of duty under Captain Dixon. He served several other times during the Revolution. He was awarded a pension in the amount of \$60 per year for eighteen months' service as a private in Captain Falls' Company, Colonel Davis's Regiment, North Carolina Line.

Elisha Headlee, b. 18 May 1760, Morris County, New Jersey. He served in the Morris County Militia during the Revolution. He married Mary Fairchild in Morris County, and they moved to Burke County, North Carolina in 1791.

William Henderson, b. 1746, gave material aid to the cause of American Independence. He was paid by the state of North Carolina for sundry public claims incurred during the Revolution. He married Nancy Baldrige in the neighboring county of Lincoln.

Francis Hill, b. 2 February 1760. He may have been the "Fra Hill" who was drafted in Captain Kennedy's Company of the Hyde County, North Carolina Militia on July 26, 1777. He married Elizabeth M., born Maruch 16, 1769 and died in Maury County, Tennessee on April 16, 1840.

James Hill, b. ca. 1761, was probably living in North Carolina during the American Revolution. His sister, Martha Hill, married John McFall in Rowan County in 1783.

Samuel Hillis, b. 19 February 1760, Rowan County, North Carolina. He entered service in Salisbury, Rowan County, on July 16, 1776 in General Griffith Rutherford's troops. On April 3, 1841 it was reported to the court that Samuel Hillis had died since the October term of court. His wife, Elizabeth, died in March, 1843. The following year their children were involved in a legal dispute of the ownership of the land which Samuel Hillis had purchased in 1812 or 1813.

James Holland, b. 1754, Anson County, North Carolina. The part of the county in which he was born later became Mecklenburg County, then Tryon County, and when Tryon County was discontinued in 1779, became Rutherford County. Shortly after he attained his majority, James Holland began a long and distinguished career of public service. When he died in Maury County, Tennessee on May 19, 1823, his wife "performed herself the said office of washing and shrouding him." His wife was Sarah Gilbert, whom he married in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He was buried in the family graveyard on a bluff above Duck River in Maury County, Tennessee.

Christopher Houston, b. 19 February 1744, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Christopher Houston married Sarah Mitchell on April 23, 1767. He served in Captain Richard Pearson's Company in the North Carolina Militia and was in the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County. He married Patience Bills, daughter of Daniel Bills, a Quaker.

Thomas Hudspeth, b. ca. 1760, probably in North Carolina. A patriot, he assisted in establishing American Independence by rendering material aid. He executed his will in Maury County, Tennessee on October 7, 1835 and died "son after" May 18, 1837. He was survived by his wife Sarah Glen Hudspeth, who was born about 1768 in North Carolina.

James Hues (Hughes) b. either 1751 or 1753, Orange County, North Carolina. He first entered service in Orange County as a drafted militiaman in Captain George Oldham's Company, Colonel Stephen Moore's Regiment. He was living in Maury County, Tennessee on September 18, 1832, when he applied for a pension. Although he stated that he served in the militia, he was awarded a \$40 per year pension for twelve months' service in the North Carolina Line.

James Hurt, b. ca. 1749, enlisted in "Liberty Town," Bedford County, Virginia on July 30, 1780 for eighteen months. He was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse, Ninety-six, Camden, and Eutaw Springs.

James Hutcheson, b. ca. 1757, enlisted in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in March, 1776, in Colonel Christopher Gadsden's Regiment. At the time of his enlistment, Hutcheson was between eighteen and nineteen years of age. He was sent to South Carolina and served twelve months in the South Carolina Line. He died in Maury County, Tennessee ON November 27, 1836 and was buried in the McKee-Roundtree Cemetery. On September 3, 1839, his widow, Elizabeth "Hutchinson" (sic), applied prior to January 23, 1849, when a certificate was issued awarding her \$80 per year retroactive to March 4, 1848.

Irvine Hyde, b. 28 February 1762, Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He was called out for militia service in 1776 and served two tours of three months each. In 1781 he served another six months in the militia and was at the "slege of Little York." He was among 150 "well built grenadiers" chosen for light artillery and was at the surrender at Yorktown.

Mark Jackson, b. 12 November 1742, Brunswick County, Virginia. He was living in Ninety-six Dist., South Carolina when he entered service "on horseback a few days after Christmas, 1779," under Colonel McCall. Although Mark Jackson did not die until 1839, he had executed his will on July 16, 1823.

Abner Johnson, b. 1759, North Carolina, was one of five brothers who fought in the American Revolution. He volunteered in October, 1777 in Guilford County, North Carolina, under Captain John Nelson. On September 22, 1832 Abner Johnson applied for a pension and received \$36.66 per year for eight months' service as a private in the North Carolina Line. His widow, Nancy, whom he had married on March 14, 1783, applied for a widow's pension on October 11, 1852.

John Johnson, b. ca. 1750-51, possibly in the part of Orange County, North Carolina, which was taken into Chatham County. He was married about 1771 to Isabella Erwyn. Although he lived in Chatham County, North Carolina, he apparently served in South Carolina. John Johnson moved to Maury County, Tennessee, probably with his children, and died in 1823. He was buried in the Sellers-Timmons graveyard. Although no tombstone was placed at this grave, it was covered with rocks arranged to form a "bos" over the grave.

William Johnson, b. 27 December 1749, probably in Amelia County, Virginia, where his brother Gideon was born in 1754. He served as a private in the North Carolina troops. He married Sarah McClaren, and they moved to Tennessee, probably before 1824.

John Johnston, b. 5 January 1753, probably in Maryland. In the summer of 1774 he married Martha Allison in Baltimore, Maryland. Shortly after their marriage they moved to York District, South Carolina, where they were living when John Johnston enlisted in Captain Moffett's Company, Colonel Watson's Regiment. A sergeant, John Johnston was in the battles of Hanging Rock and King's Mountain. His wife assisted in "preparing & packing provisions for the soldiers after the Battle of King's Mountain.

John Jones, b. 8 May 1750, Albemarle County, Virginia, where he was living when he enlisted for a three-month tour as a militia man in 1777, "the 27th year of his age." In 1778 he enlisted in the Virginia Line under Captain Leander Jones in Colonel John Cole's Regiment. He applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee on November 12, 1832 and was awarded \$80 per year for two years' service in the Virginia Line. Jones's wife's name was Barshaba.

Samuel Jones, b. October, 1755, Franklin County, North Carolina, where he entered service in 1777 as a First Lieutenant in the North Carolina line. In late September or early October of 1790 Samuel Jones married Elizabeth Goodloe at the home of her father, Robert Goodloe, in Granville County, North Carolina.

Samuel Kelsey, b. 1755, Ireland, came to America in 1760 and settled in Chester County, South Carolina. He served as a private under General Francis Marion and also rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence. Samuel Kelsey's wife was Mary Mills.

Hugh King, b. 17 December 1754, Argyle, Scotland. In 1777-78 he was living in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, when he volunteered under Major Davie, "later Colonel and afterwards Governor of North Carolina." On April 1, 1781 King enlisted for ten months in Captain Alexander's Company. They marched to South Carolina, where they were in the Battle of Strawberry Fields, eighteen miles from Charleston. On June 11, 1833 King applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee. He was allowed \$93.33 per annum for ten month's service as a private of cavalry and fourteen months as a private of infantry in the North Carolina Line.

Nathaniel Laird, b. ca. 1756, possibly in Pennsylvania. In 1776 he entered the "land service" in Captain James Moore's Company in the Fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania troops commanded by Colonel Anthony Wayne. He applied for a pension in Bedford County, Tennessee on October 13, 1823. He was awarded a pension of \$8 per month for one year's service as a private in the Pennsylvania Line.

John Langley, b. 15 December 1760, "on James River, State of Virginia." Langley enlisted in Ninety-six Dist., South Carolina in June, 1780. He applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee on November 30, 1833 and was awarded \$40 per year for one year's service as a private in the South Carolina Line.

William Lawhorn, b. 1764, in "the county of Johnson Swift Creek six miles of Smithfield, North Carolina." Lawhorn was discharged three days before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and reenlisted in Granville County for the duration of the war. He had been allowed a pension of \$40 per year for twelve months' service as a private in Captain Jone's Company, Colonel Parmet's Regiment, North Carolina.

Joseph Lemaster, b. ca. 1758-59 and was a resident of Maryland when he entered service. He enlisted December 26, 1776 at Morgantown, Virginia, in Captain David Scott's Company, Colonel Crawford's Thirteenth Virginia Regiment. Lemaster participated in the Battles of Germantown and Brandywine and in

several engagements with the Indians. In 1792 he married his second wife, Mary Waddell, in Abbeville District, South Carolina where he was listed in the 1790 census.

James Martin Lewis, b. 7 May 1762, Albemarle County, Virginia, son of William Terrell and Sarah Martin Lewis. During the American Revolution, James M. Lewis served as a lieutenant under his brothers, Captian Joel Lewis and Major Micajah Lewis. He married Mary Boswell Herndon at her father's plantation in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

John Lindsay, whose will was executed in Maury County on January 22, 1810 has also been established as a veteran of the American Revolution. This John Lindsay was paid for service in South Carolina. He was allowed \$8 per month to begin on January 31, 1827. He "died about the time his pension was approved."

William Lingo, b. ca. 1753, and enlisted in 1779 in Louistown, Delaware, under Captain Peter Joyette in Colonel Vaughn's Regiment of the Delaware Line. He died in Maury County, Tennessee on October 10, 1835 and was buried in Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery. He had received a pension in the amount of \$8 per month since April 8, 1830.

William Linn, b. May 1750, enlisted in York County, South Carolina in June, 1775 in Captain William Brown's Compnay, Solonel Thomas Sumter's Regiment of the South Carolina Line.

William Littlefield, b. 1753 at Block Island, Rhode Island. He served in the Revolution first as a lieutenant and later as a captain in the Second Regiment, Rhode Island Continental Infantry. His wife Elizabeth Brinley Littlefield, died in Maury County, Tennessee on August 19, 1822, aged sixty. He died shortly afterwards on November 1, 1822, and they both were buried in Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

James Lockridge, b. 10 March 1757, in "what is now (1832) Rockbridge County, Virginia." On August 21, 1788 Lockridge married Ann (maiden name not given) in Rockbridge County, Virginia. He applied for a pension on October 23, 1832 and was allowed \$55.66 per year for seventeen months' service as a private in the South Carolina Line.

David Long, b. 1758, Bedford County, Virginia, was living in Rowan County, North Carolina when he enlisted about 1777 in captain John Graham's Company, Colonel Rutherford's Regiment. He married Maury Howe on June 28, 1787 in York District, South Carolina. He applied for a pension on September 12, 1832 and was awarded a pension in the amount of \$50.00 per year for a fifteen months' service. He died January 24, 1835 in Marshall County, Tennessee.

David Love, b. 25 March 1763, Augusta County, Virginia. Although his name was included on the plaque listing the Revolutionary soldiers buried in Maury County, no documentary evidence of his service has been found. He married Mary Draper, daughter of John and Elizabeth Robertson Draper, on July 9, 1784 in Montgomery County, Virginia.

James Love, b. 10 March 1762, Augusta County, Virginia. James Love was drafted in 1779 in Captain Sawyer's militia company. He applied for a pension on October 4, 1834. he was allowed \$20 per year for six months' service in the Virginia militia. His brother was Robert Love.

Jacob Lowrance, b. 7 August 1759, Rowan County, North Carolina, where he was drafted in 1777 and put in a "horse company" under Captain White and marched through South Carolina to Augusta, Georgia and from there to Stono, where a battle was fought. His wife was Rebecca Beard whom he had married in Rowan County, on November 17, 1783. He and his wife are buried in Bear Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Marshall County, Tennessee.

James Lynn, b. 1 October 1764, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, entered service a the age of fifteen on November 15, 1779. He applied for a pension on November 20, 1832, Morgan Coutny, Alabama. He was allowed a pension in the amount of \$74.33 per year for serving twenty-two months and nine day in Colonel Davie's North Carolina Regiment.

John Mack, b. 1740, Scotland. He was living in Virginia during the Revolution, where he served as a private soldier. He died in the seventy-fourth year of his age. Sarah, "the only wife of John Mack," was born in Pennsylvania and died in the eighty-third year of her age.

John Macon, b. 10 March 1755, Warren County, North Carolina, a son of Gideon and Priscilla Macon. He attended the College of New Jersey (later Princeton University), and served as captain in the Seventh Regiment of the North Carolina Line. On April 18, 1816, John Macon married Mrs. Mary Jossey, the widow of Henry Jossey of Georgia.

David Mathews, b. 1763, Ireland. During the Revolution he served as a soldier under General Francis Marion. He married Elenor Marshall and after she died he married Mrs. Mary Bigham on January 26, 1819.

James Matthews, b. 12 August 1739, County Antrim, Ireland. He was living in North Carolina in 1771, when he was one of the "Regulators" who took part in the Battle of Alamance. During the Revolution he was a resident of Guilford County, North Carolina. He married Mary Doke on February 6, 1766.

Edmond May, b. 1762 and enlisted in March or April of 1777 in Captain James Toliver's Company, Colonel Richard Parker's Regiment, Virginia Line. Edmond May died June 14, 1825. A letter was written to the Pension Office from Nashville, Tennessee on July 21, 1842, requesting a form to apply for widow's benefits for Martha May, whom Edmond had married about the year 1800.

Samuel Mayes, b. 5 July 1759, Ninety-six Dist., South Carolina. He was twenty years old and living with his father in Ninety-six Dist, in September, 1779, when he was drafted into Captain Robert Faris' company, Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment. He graduated for the University of Pennsylvania and became a practicing physician. His first wife was a Miss Scott. After her death he married Mary Frierson in Williamsburg District, South Carolina, May 4, 1797.

Isaiah McBride, was probably the man listed as "Captain McBride" on the plaque in the Post Office Building in Columbia, Tennessee. On May 15, 1815, Jane McBride requested the court to appoint Francis and Samuel McBride administrators for the estate of her deceased husband.

John McBride, ca. 1752, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was living in Orange County, North Carolina when he volunteered for service under Captain Nathaniel Christmas. The company rendezvoused at Hillsborough and marched against the tories in Chatham County.

Jared, McBride's name was included on the plaque in the Post Office Building. The same letter which gave the information on Captain McBride (mentioned above) noted that Jared McBride was buried in the Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Maury County, Tennessee. However, no record or reference to this man has been located in Maury County, Tennessee.

Hugh McCabe, b. ca. 1757. At the time he entered service he lived on the Pedlar River in Amherst County, Virginia. He was living in Maury County, Tennessee when he applied for a pension on September 14, 1832. A Certificate of Pension allowing him \$30 per year was issued April 4, 1833. He left his widow, Sarah McCabe the pension. He died on December 5, 1832 in Mt. Pleasant.

John McCandless, b. ca. 1749-1751 in County Down, Ireland. He sailed from Ireland on June 5, 1772 and landed in Newcastle on August 26, 1772. He volunteered between the first and tenth of October, 1775 and served in the "Snow Campaign" under Captain James Harris.

John McConnell, apparently was one of the first veterans of the American Revolution to apply for a pension in Maury County. He applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee. His application was prepared and forwarded to the Pension Office in Washington prior to November 29, 1832. he was died by the time, and his widow apparently made an effort to obtain the pension,

Manuel McConnell, b. 1757 in the town of Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland. He applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee on September 18, 1832, when he was seventy-five years old. He was allowed \$46.66 per year for fourteen months' service in Captain McCall's Company, Colonel Morgan's Regiment, South Carolina.

David McCord's, service record in the Revolutionary War was received several years ago. Unfortunately, the letters containing the information were burned and the material has not been replaced.

John McCormack, b. 1754, enlisted in Buckingham County, Virginia (year not given) under Captain Thomas Patterson in Colonel Butler's First Virginia Regiment. He executed his will on May 15, 1827. He named in his will his wife, Elizabeth and children.

John McCrory, b. in Ireland, in May, 1763 and emigrated to Guilford County, North Carolina in 1775. He entered service in the fall of 1781 as a substitute for Jeremiah Reeves of Guilford County, under Captain Charles Gordon and Major Joel Lewis. He married Catherine McCrory of Maury County, Tennessee.

Edward McFadden, b. 5 July 1740, in Ireland. He entered service as a volunteer in January, 1755 in a company of militia in Chester Dist., commanded by Captain Robert Patton in Colonel John Winn's Regiment. On September 4, 1832 McFadden applied for pension was allowed \$28.33 for eight and a half months' service in the South Carolina Militia. He executed his will in August, 1829 and died in Maury County, Tennessee in 1836. His wife's name was not found.

John McFall, b. 22 April 1753, and was a resident of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina when he entered service as a Lieutenant in a militia company commanded by Captain Martin. He married Martha Hill in Rowan County, North Carolina on August 7, 1783. She was his second wife.

William McGaughey, b. 1740, Scotland and was a private in Virginia during the Revolution. His wife Elizabeth Lackey McGaughey, died January 5, 1841.

John McGimsey, b. 22 May 1755, Ireland and came to America at the age of sixteen. Although no service record was found for him, his tombstone (which had been broken into pieces and had to be put together like a jig-saw puzzle) stated that he contributed to the cause of the American Revolution.

Alleghany McGuire, b. 6 August 1757, Cumberland County, Virginia, where he was living when he volunteered for service in 1776. He entered service under Captain Charles Scott and was appointed orderly sergeant. He applied for pension in Maury County, Tennessee on June 30, 1833. He was allowed \$105 per year for nine months' service as a private and fifteen months as a sergeant in the Virginia Line.

Daniel McKie, b. 6 May 1759, Lunenburg County, Virginia. He lived with his father until February, 1779 when he volunteered as a militiaman. At the Battle of Stono McKie was a sergeant and "in action the whole day." He participated in the Battle of Guilford. He applied for pension in Maury County, Tennessee on March 18, 1834. He was allowed \$26.66 for eight months' service in Captain Mason's Company, Colonel Burwell's Regiment, Virginia Line. Data on his children and wife Frances McKie were included in his pension papers.

Ephraim McLean, Senior, b. 1730, Scotland, came to America in 1750 and settled in western North Carolina. He was living in Rowan County when he was a member of the Committee of Safety which met in Salisbury on September 20, 1775. He and his wife, Elizabeth Davison Mclean, were the parents of twelve children.

John Middleton, Senior, b. between 1750 & 1760, Ireland and migrated to South Carolina before the Revolutionary War. He received payment for militia duty in South Carolina during the years 1779 and 1782. He executed his will on April 17, 1831, and died between that date and June 23, 1831, when the will was probated in Maury County, Tennessee.. In his will he named his wife, Rebecca and two sons, Alfred and Drury.

James Mitchell, b. 20 December 1765, Orange County, North Carolina, where he was living when he entered service in April 1781 as a substitute for his brother, Andrew Mitchell. James Mitchell was only sixteen years old at the time, but since his older brother's wife was ill, James took his place. He applied for pension on September 4, 1832 and was awarded \$30.00 per year for nine month's service as a private.

John Mitchell, b. 1760, Orange County, North Carolina, brother of James and Andrew Mitchell, discussed above. They were sons of Andrew and Mary McGowan Mitchell. He married Agnes Mitchell sister of his brother Andrew's wife, Mary.

Francis Moody, of Mecklenburg County, Virginia was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, "from the time the first gun was fired until the close of the war." His tombstone is in Tuscaloosa, Alabama which states: In memory of Francis Moody, a Revolutionary Soldier, and of his wife, Ann Hester, both born in Mechlinburg (sic) County, Virginia, he die din Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Later on she die din Fayette County.

James Moore, was a Revolutionary War veteran who was living in Maury County, Tennessee in 1825. It was not possible to locate a service record for this man, since nothing other than his name was found to identify him.

Nathaniel Moore, b 10 December 1757, Granville County, North Carolina. He served as a private in Cole's Company in the North Carolina Troops. He married Frances Taylor on 15 January 1768.

Samuel Moore, b. 11 May 1763, Pennsylvania. He moved with his father to Lincoln County (formerly Kentucky County), Virginia. In 1780 Samuel Moore served in Captain John Boyle's Company, which was possibly a militia company. Moore married Elizabeth Berry in Lincoln County on December 20, 1790.

William Newsum, b. 28 August 1761, Southampton County, Virginia. "His father died before this event & his mother a few days after – he was raised among his relations in different parts of the state." In 1779 he was living in Greensville County, Virginia and volunteered for service under Captain William Nelson.

David Osteen, b. 11 April 1761, Carteret County, North Carolina where he was living when he was drafted in the fall of 1778. About 1824 he moved to Morgan County, Alabama, where he was living when he applied for a pension on January 28, 1833. he was allowed \$23.33 per annum for seven month's service as a private in the North Carolina Militia. On December 22, 1838 David Osteen requested that his pension payments be transferred to Bedford County, Tennessee to which county he had "lately revoked" in order that he may live with his relations.

William Parham served in the American Revolution in Halifax County, North Carolina. He died in Maury County, Tennessee on 22 August 1839, aged seventy-five years. His son, Thomas Jones Parham, was living in Maury County, Tennessee, in 1840, at which time he was between forty and forty-nine years of age.

Abraham Parker, b. 3 October 1764, Edenton, North Carolina. He was living in Orange County, North Carolina on June 7, 1780, when he was drafted in Captain William Rhea's Company. He applied for a pension under the Acts of 1818 and 1820.

Charles Partee, b. 31 August 1747, Versailles, France. Although Charles Partee's tombstone is inscribed with the words, "Colonel in the Revolutionary War," no documentary evidence has been found to support that claim. He died in Maury County, Tennessee, on December 18, 1829 and was buried in a small graveyard on his land. He and his wife, Barsheba Barringer, were the parents of at least ten children.

Edmund Partee, b. ca. 1754, Loudon County, Virginia. Brother of Charles Partee. In 1780 while residing in Granville County, North Carolina, Edmund Partee entered service as a substitute for Edmund Kearns in the Granville County Militia under Captain Mangrum.

James Patterson, b. 5 July 1758, Montgomery County, Virginia. He was living in Rutherford County, North Carolina when he was drafted in July, 1775 in the North Carolina Militia. His officers were Ensign Thomas Clarke, Lieutenant Hugh Montgomery, and Captain James Wilson. He was wounded in the Battle of Cowpens. He married a Miss Nelson in Tennessee in 1794.

William Pickens, b. 5 October 1748, Augusta County, Virginia, son of Gabriel and Zerubiah Pickens. When William Pickens was about fifteen years old, his father moved to Abbeville Dist., South Carolina, where the son was living when he volunteered about the first of August, 1776, in Captain Thomas Langdon's Company, Colonel Dayton's Regiment.

William Pillow, b. 1739, Virginia. He served in the American Revolution from Albemarle and Amelia Counties, Virginia. He applied for a pension on September 16, 1833 in Maury County, Tennessee and was allowed \$46.66 per year for fourteen month's service as a private in the South Carolina Line. He married Jane Hamilton on February 29, 1776.

Charles Pistole, Senior, b. 1757, Dinwiddle County, Virginia where he was living in January, 1781 when he volunteered under Captain William Dicks, "to prevent the British & Tories from crossing Dan River into Virginia." He applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee on September 12, 1832, and was allowed \$26.66 per year. He moved from Maury County, Tennessee to Arkansas, where he died September 6, 1839. His widow, Elizabeth Pistole, whom he had married shortly after leaving service, applied for a pension about 1846 in Independence County, Arkansas.

Ezekiel Polk, b. 7 December 1747, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. On June 18, 1775 he was commissioned Captain of Rangers in the Provincial service of South Carolina. Ezekiel Polk was married three times: to Mary Wilson, Bessie Davis, Polly Campbell and Mrs. Sophia Neely Lennard. When James K. Polk ran for President in 1844, his opposition started the rumor that his grandfather, Ezekiel Polk was a Tory during the Revolution. The newspapers of the period were filled with letters from his old comrades and others testifying that, "there were no better Whig in all this country during the war than Ezekiel Polk."

John Polk, b. 1767, probably in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina where his parents were living at the time. He fought the Revolution as a mere boy. John died in Maury County, May 24, 1845 and was buried in the family cemetery on the land given him by Ezekiel Polk. John Polk and his first wife, Elizabeth Alderson, were the parents of seven children. John Polk married 2nd Rebecca. In December, 1969 his tombstone was moved from the family graveyard on Carter's Creek and placed in the St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery.

Isaac Rainey, b. 12 January 1763, Orange County, North Carolina. He enlisted in the Continental Army, January 20, 1781, at the age of eighteen, in Caswell County, North Carolina. In 1819 he moved to Maury Co., TN, where he lived until 1823 when he moved to Bedford (later Marshall) Co., TN. He applied for a pension November 12, 1832, while a resident of Bedford County. Isaac Rainey died June 17, 1836 and was buried in the family graveyard on his property. Rainey had married Sarah Malone in Orange Co., NC.

Isaac Reed, b. 1760, Rowan County, North Carolina when he entered service. At the age of sixteen he volunteered in Captain John Graham's Company, Colonel Griffith Rutherford's Regiment. Reed participated in skirmishes with the British "while Cornwallis was marching through the country, particularly at Charlotte." He applied for a pension September 12, 1832, at the age of seventy-three. He was awarded \$63.33 per year for seventeen months' service as a private in the North Carolina Militia.

James Reese, b. 14 September 1745, Pennsylvania His father, David Reese was a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. James Reese served during the Revolutionary War as a Captain in the North Carolina Militia. He also served as Commissioner of Confiscated Property and as Tax Collector in Mecklenburg County. *See James Reese story for more information.

William Renfro, b. 1734, Virginia. He received payment for militia duty in South Carolina, "for militia duty since the fall of Charleston in Bandon's Regiment of Anderson's Return." William Renfro died in

1830, aged about ninety-six and was buried in the family graveyard about two miles east of Culleoka, Tennessee. He had at least six children by his 1st wife Chloe Renfro.

Aaron Reynolds, b. 1 December 1753, possibly in Virginia. He entered service March 5, 1775 in Stafford County, Virginia, "near Fredericksburg- in company with Thomas Sharp and others of his then vicinity." Reynolds enlisted under Captain Augustus Brown Wallace "in the regular service," in the Third Regiment of the Virginia Line. He was living in Giles County, Tennessee where he applied for a pension on August 27, 1833. He was allowed \$80.00 per year for two years' service as a private in Captain Wallace's Company, Colonel Wieden's Regiment, Virginia Line.

Ebenezer Rice, b. ca. 1756, Vermont. He served as a private in Captain Ebenezer Allen's Company, Vermont Troops in 1776. He died in Maury County in June 1831, having executed his will on January 1, 1831. In his will he named his wife, Henrietta; and children.

Isaac Roberts, b. 1 March 1764, Maryland. He served in the Revolutionary War and moved to Davidson County, North Carolina (later Tennessee) in 1786 or 1787. On November 14, 1789 he was appointed First Mayor of Davidson County by Governor Samuel Johnson of North Carolina. He married Mary Johnson, November 5, 1789. He died in Maury County, Tennessee, on February 16, 1816, "of the epidemic called cold plague." His wife died Marych 15, 1844, "of the epidemic that rages in this section of the country called errisipules or putrid sore throat." They were buried in the family cemetery.

Roberson Ross, b. 1759, enlisted July 15, 1780 in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland, in the Third Maryland Regiment of the Continental Line under Colonel Williams. Ross was later transferred to the First Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong, Ross marched to North Carolina and fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Sarah Ross applied for a pension in Calloway County, Kentucky. She stated that her name was Sarah Triger and that she and Ross were married in Dorchester County, Maryland in 1792.

John Royal, b. 1756, Virginia, served as a lieutenant in the Virginia militia. He served at Yorktown "under Lewis." According to one source, John Royal, "left among his personal papers a Revolutionary War diary of the year 1781, in his own handwriting..." He executed his will in Maury County on August 30, 1823 and died before January 10, 1824, when his will was recorded. His wife, Catherine Dudgeon, died in November, 1830.

Albert Russel, b. 25 May 1755, Virginia, served in 1776 as an ensign in the Eight Virginia Regiment. In 1779 he served as Regimental Adjutant and later served as a lieutenant in the Virginia Continental Line. He moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where he died June 27, 1818. Albert Russel and his wife, Ann Frances Hooe, had at least two children: John Hooe Russel; and Ann Frances Russel.

William Rutledge, b. 1756, near the site of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He served as a volunteer for three tours of service "early in the war." He served as a volunteer for three tours three months each under Captain David Caldwell. Rutledge was in the Battle of Guildford Courthouse. He applied for a pension in Wayne County, Tennessee September 25, 1832, and was awarded \$20.00 per year for six months' service as a private in the North Carolina Militia.

John Sage, b. 1756, and served two years in Captain Stephen Ashby's Company of the Twelfth Regiment of the Virginia Line under Colonel James Wood. His family consisted of his wife; an eighteen year old daughter, Lucinda; and a thirteen year old son, Abner.

Samuel Scott, b. June 1763, Williamsburg, South Carolina. He served in the American Revolution as a private under Francis Marion. Scott married Sarah Matthews in Georgetown Dist., South Carolina, January 18, 1786. Samuel Scott executed his will on September 2, 1828 and died March 2, 1829. They had twelve children.

Jacob Seagraves, b. ca. 1763. When he was between fifteen and sixteen years old, in 1778, he enlisted in Captain Joseph Rhodes' Company, Colonel Dickson's Regiment, North Carolina Line. Seagraves enlisted

in Granville County, North Carolina. He applied for a pension in Maury County, April 22, 1822, when he was fifty-nine years old. Jacob Seagraves died in Illinois, June 7, 1835. His wife, Alinar Seagraves, died before May 20, 1851.

Williams Sims, b. 7 May 1751, Hanover County, Virginia. He married Judith Cross, August 16, 1773. he served as a private of Virginia Troops during the Revolution. (His grandson stated that William Sims was a colonel in the Revolutionary War; however, no proof of his having held this rank has been found).

Nathan Skipper, b. ca. 1755, enlisted as a private in 1777 under Captain Frederick Hargett in Colonel Armstrong's Regiment of the North Carolina Line. Skipper saw action in the Battles of Bradywine, Germantown, and Monmouth. On June 20, 1826 he applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee.

James Turner Smith, b. probably between 1754 and 1760, Charles County, MD. He married May 4, 1784, Constance Ford. At the age of seventeen, James T. Smith volunteered in a company commanded by his uncle, Captain James Turner Smith. Smith was badly wounded at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. He married Constance Ford.

Nathaniel Smith, b. 5 May 1762, Brunswick County, Virginia. His birth was recorded by his parents "in a volume of Bailey's Dictionary." Smith was living in Henry (later Patrick) County, Virginia when he entered service in 1779. A call for volunteers was issued, and Smith joined a company of forty to fifty men who spent three months "in keeping down tories." Nathaniel Smith and his wife, Mary Hanby Smith, had several sons and daughters.

John Sewell, b. ca. 1762, contributed to the American Revolutionary cause by giving material aid. He was living in Bertie County, North Carolina in 1790 and moved to Maury County, Tennessee prior to 1820. He died in Maury County, October 8, 1825, at the age of sixty-three and was buried in the family graveyard. His wife, Elizabeth, died April 20, 1847, aged seventy-eight.

Moses Spencer, b. ca. 1744, and enlisted as a private soldier, February 10, 1778, in Charlotte County, Virginia under Captain James Batup, Colonel Heath's Seventh Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. Spencer fought in the Battle of Monmouth and was discharged after one year's service, on February 16, 1779. He later served as a volunteer militia man in the Battle of Guildford.

Samuel Steel, b. 1 January 1762, Pennsylvania. When he was a small boy, his father left Pennsylvania and Samuel Steele was living in Burke County, North Carolina when he entered service. In the early part of the war he volunteered in the militia under Captain Robert Holmes. He applied for a pension in Maury County, September 13, 1832, and was allowed \$22.50 per year for six month's service as a private in the North Carolina Militia.

James White Stephenson, b. 1 June 1756, Augusta County, Virginia, was living in Williamsburg (then Georgetown) Dist., South Carolina at the time of the American Revolution. He joined the army as a private in General Sumter's command and fought in the Battles of Blackstocks, Hanging Rock, and several others. Stephenson narrowly escaped death on two different occasions.

James Stockard, b. 1750, probably in Pennsylvania. He contributed to the cause of the American independence by giving material aid. James Stockard was living in Orange County, North Carolina in 1790 and moved to Maury County, Tennessee about 1807. In 1811 he paid taxes on 223 acres of land on the west fork of Big Bigby Creek in Maury County. He purchased 240 acres of land on Big Bigby Creek on February 2, 1813. One record gave his date of death as July 26, 1818. His widow, Ellender Stockard, was listed as the head of her household in the 1820 Maury County census records. James and Ellender (Ellen) Trousdale Stockard were the parents of at least 10 children. **See James Reese story for more information.*

William Throop (Troop), b. ca. 1757-1758 and entered service in 1778, when he was about twenty or twenty-one years old. He enlisted as a private soldier in the New Jersey Militia under Colonel Shelton (or Shelden). Throop fought in the Battles of Monmouth, Guilford Courthouse, and the Cowpens, "and on one occasion had the end of his finger shot of (sic)." On February 20, 1849, Nancy Troop, "alias Nancy

Troop," aged eighty-two, applied for a widow's pension in Jefferson County, Illinois. She stated that she was born about 1767 and married William Throop when she was sixteen years old.

Martin True, b. ca. 1756 and enlisted on April 28, 1778 in Halifax County, Virginia, under Captain James Porter, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Nall, and Colonel Abraham Buford in the Virginian Continental Line. True was in the Battles of Savannah and Monk's Corner and at the surrender of Cornwallis. True was discharged in Richmond Virginia, October 20, 1781.

James Turner, b. ca. 1732, served as a captain of Virginia Troops. His nephews, James Turner Smith, and Sylvester Chunn both served under Captain James Turner. They fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, in which James Turner Smith was wounded. James Turner's first wife was a Miss Wyatt. He married his second wife, Sarah Irby, in Halifax County, Virginia, June 27, 1779.

Matthew Wallis, b. 1 March 1762, Pennsylvania. He was living in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in April 1779, when he volunteered in Captain William Alexander's Company for a three month tour of service. Wallis fought in the Battle of Hanging Rock, shortly after when he was discharged.

William Walston, b. ca. 1749. The words "Soldier of the Revolutionary War" were inscribed on his tombstone, although no dates giving either birth or death were added. Although he apparently was a pauper and had no estate and no relatives, a tombstone was placed at his grave.

Robert Watts, enlisted for two years on February 9, 1776 in Culpepper County, Virginia in Captain George Slaughter's Company, Colonel Muhlenburg's Regiment. He was honorably discharged at the end of his term of service by General Scott at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. In 1778 he reenlisted for three years at the end of which he was honorably discharged at West Point by General Weeden.

Shadrack Weaver, b. 2 August 1766, Chatham County, North Carolina. At the age of sixteen he volunteered in Chatham County under Captain Alexander Clark and Lieutenant John Christian, militia officers. His wife Lucy Green Weaver, was born March 4, 1774 and died October 15, 1826.

Samuel Webb, b. 3 February 1762, Wilmington, North Carolina and served as a private in the North Carolina troops during the American Revolution. He married Mary Haller, may 6, 1785, and died July 4, 1846 in Maury County, Tennessee. Although DAR records indicate that Webb died in Maury County, Tennessee, this writer has found no county records to substantiate this claim.

Jonathan Webster, b. 17 may 1767, Wilkes County, Georgia. He served as a private in the Georgia Militia during the Revolutionary War. Three of his brothers were killed by the British. He was one of the first to bring jacks and jennets to the county. Prior to this time there were no mules in Maury County. His first wife was Mary Williams, and after her death he married Sarah Jossey in Wilkes County, Georgia, May 9, 1805.

Benjamin White, b. ca. 1756 and entered service as a volunteer in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in May, 1776. He served one year in Captain Robert Smith's Company, Colonel Thomas Polk's Regiment of the North Carolina line. He applied for a pension on December 27, 1824, at the age of sixty-eight. His family consisted of himself; his wife, Sarah, aged about sixty years, a daughter Polly and a son James.

James White, who died before July 6, 1832 in Maury County, was a soldier in the revolutionary War. We was seventy-six years old at the time of his death. No further information was found to identify him. However, since these data were found in a Nashville newspaper dated July 6, 1832, there may have been an error in his given name. He may have been the Benjamin White listed above, since he was the same age and died about the same time.

William Whiteside, b. ca. 1763, Chester County, South Carolina. In April, 1781 he volunteered in Captain Littleton Isbell's Company. He was primarily engaged in watching, pursuing, and arresting the Tories between the broad and Catawba Rivers.

Elisha Williams, b. 1759 in Bedford County, Virginia, where he was living when he enlisted in Captain Harry Bluford's Company, under Colonel Lewis, in the Indian expedition to the Long Island of the Holston River. He was discharged after six months. He applied for pension in Williamson County, Tennessee.

Francis Willis, b. 5 January 1745, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Edwards of Brunswick County, Virginia, February 9, 1767, and lived for a short time in the county. Francis Willis ran for representative from the sixth congressional district of Tennessee in 1825. There were five candidates in the race, three of whom were from Maury County. However, James K. Polk was victorious in this.

Meshack Willis, died in Maury County, Tennessee, October 24, 1818 served from February 3, 1777 to February 3, 1780 as a sergeant under Captain Jesse Walton, Captain Edward Wood, and Colonel Joseph Bannel in the Georgia Continental Line. A Meshack Willis, Junior, lived in Maury County and was probably a son of this Revolutionary veteran.

Cornelius Wilson, b. ca. 1766. In October, 1777, when he was eleven years old, he ran away and enlisted as a fifer in the fifth Virginia Regiment. He served in captain William Fowler's Company, Colonel Joseph Parker's Regiment. After William was wounded in the mouth with a sword (his lip was split) he became a drummer. He was at valley Forge, Pennsylvania and served in the Commander-in-Chief's Guard. Cornelius Wilson executed his will in Maury County, April 24, 1821, and died before February 24, 1824, when the will was recorded. He named his wife, Anney Wilson and children.

Richard Winn, b. 1750 in Virginia. Richard Winn executed his will in Maury County, TN on February 18, 1818 and died December 18, 1818. Richard Winns was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Rangers, June 10, 1775. He was appointed on November 18, 1775 to the Committee on the State of the Colony.

Thomas Wren, b. ca. 1764, Virginia. He was referred to by an early Maury County historian as one of the Revolutionary soldiers, "whose bones rest beneath our (Maury County) soil." He executed his will September 3, 1841 and died after August 2, 1850. His wife, whose name was not found, must have died between 1840 and 1850, since a female of an appropriate age was listed in the 1840 census, but not in 1850.

Jacob W. Young, b. 21 November 1763, Queen Anne's County, Maryland. He was living in Caroline County, Maryland in February, 1781 when he volunteered in a company which was called, "The Select Company of Militia of Caroline County." He applied for a pension, December 12, 1832, and was allowed \$40.00 per annum for twelve months' service as a marine "on Board the Denfense."

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