

DEPOSITION OF JOBE MEADER/MEADOR

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State of Tennessee
Jackson County

On this day personally appeared before me, Francis M. Goolsby one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said county, Jobe Meader, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged sixty nine years old, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposeth as follows:

I am the oldest son of my father, Isham Meader, by his first marriage. I know when Mother died and length of time he lived a widower. I know the date of his second marriage. I lived about a half mile from him and about a mile from Martha Sul(l)ivan. She was a widow lady, her first husband's name was Sul(l)ivan. Affiant states that he has a full and personal knowledge of the marriage of his father with the said Martha. They were married by Parson Samuel King, a Methodist preacher. They were married about the 9th day of May, eighteen hundred and seventeen. There was five at the wed(d)ing- myself, and a few others. He was placed on Pension roll at the rate of twenty dollars per annum and drew the same until his death. I can therefore safely state they were legally married and lived together as man and wife until his death and that she is now his lawful widow. My father died on or about the (?)2nd day of March 1840 and she, the said Martha, has remained a widow ever since that time.

Sworn and subscribed to this 23rd day of June 1854.

S/s Jobe Meador

And I further certify that I am not interested in the prosecution of this claim.

S/s F. M. Goosby
Justice of the Peace

Addendum: Job Meadows married (1st) Permelia Burk "Melia"
(2nd) Mrs. Martha____Sullivan on the 9th day of May, 1817
(see above) Personal remembrance of Jonas B. Ragland

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The son of Joel Meador, Sr. and Susannah, was born in Bedford County, Virginia 20 March 1762⁹ & ¹⁸ His first wife was Beddy (Bitty or Betty) Bradshaw of Bedford, and they were married 2 November 1782. She died ca. 1812 – 1815. The second wife of Isham was a widow, Martha Sullivan of Smith County, Tennessee, whom he married on 9 May 1817. He died in Smith County 2 March 1840, and his widow Martha after 8 September 1855. There appears to be no issue from this second marriage.

The known children from the first marriage of Isham and Beddy are: Jobe, born 1785³⁴ born 1799; Peter and Eli. Other sons may have been William and Ambrose.

Mr. Edgar E. Weston, presently of Copan, Oklahoma, formerly of Barry County, Missouri, furnishes some family history of Eli, son of Isham and Beddy;

Eli was born in Bedford County, Virginia in 1789 and moved with his father and family to Smith County, Tennessee, where he married 31 August 1807 Sarah Turner. Sarah was also born in 1789. After their marriage Eli and Sarah purchased land on Drakes Creek in Sumner County.

During the War of 1812 Eli served in the Tennessee Militia.

About 1840, Eli and family moved to Allen County, KY, near present Meadorsville, where Eli died 10 January 1847. In 1870 at age 81 his widow Sarah was still living in Allen County, but died soon thereafter.

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