

Family Group Sheet		Husband's Full Name Absalom Looney Sr.			
		Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
Information Obtained From:		Birth:	ca. 1729	Isle of Man, Ireland	Traditionally
Wilma V. McKinney		Marriage:	Abt. 1750	Augusta Co., VA	killed by an
Oh Strange New World		Death:	28 September 1791	Bluefield, Botetourt Co., VA	Indian.
By Ida Campbell		Burial:		d. September 28, 1791	d. ca. 1796
Places of Residence:					
DAR Applicants		Occupation:		Religion:	Military Record: Rev'l War
Other wives					
Most Distinguished		His Father:	Robert Looney Sr.	His Mother:	Elizabeth (traditionally Llewellyn/Lewellyn)
Characters on the American Frontier		" According to the dictionary of surnames the name Looney is of Irish origin and means warrior or soldier			
		Wife's Full Maiden Name	Margaret "Peggy" Eleanor Moore		
		Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
By: Madge Looney		Birth:	ca. 1735	Chester, PA	
Crane & Phillip L.		Marriage:	Abt. 1750	Augusta Co., VA	
Crane		Death:	Bef. 1777	New Castle, VA	
Compiler:		Burial:			
Audrey J. Lambert		Places of Residence:			
Address: 39721 Timberln		Occupation:		Religion:	Military Record:
City: St. Hts.		Other husbands:			
State: MI		Her Father:	James Moore	Her Mother:	Martha Poage
Date: 6 July 2004					
Sex:	Children's Full Names:	Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
M	1. Michael Looney	Birth:	ca. 1751	Augusta Co., VA now Botetourt Co., VA	Temperance Cross
		Marriage:	ca. 1775/6	Botetourt Co., VA	d/o William
	Full Name of Spouse: Temperance Cross	Death:	January 01, 1839	Hawkins Co., TN	Brittain Cross &
		Burial:			Alice Cole
F	2. Elizabeth Looney	Birth:	ca. 1753	Augusta Co., VA	
		Marriage:			
	Full Name of Spouse: David Potts	Death:	Bef. 1811	Mercer Co., KY	
		Burial:			
M	3. Peter Looney	Birth:	24 November 1755	Augusta Co., VA	
		Marriage:		Sumner Co., TN	
	Full Name of Spouse: Rachel (traditionally) Harman	Death:	1 January 1830		
		Burial:			
F	4. Mary Looney	Birth:	ca. 1757		md 1 st Edward
		Marriage:		Williamson Co., TN	William Carvin
	Full Name of Spouse: Mr. Swanson	Death:	Between 1811-1823		
		Burial:			
F	5. Margaret Looney	Birth:	5 January 1758/9		Marriage record:
		Marriage:	25 July 1778	Botetourt Co., VA	Annals of SW, VA
	Full Name of Spouse: Alexander Caldwell	Death:			
		Burial:			
M	6. Jonathan Looney	Birth:	ca. 1761		
		Marriage:			
	Full Name of Spouse: Jane Harbison	Death:	ca. 1824		
		Burial:			
M	7. Absalom Looney Jr.	Birth:	ca. 1763	Botetourt Co., VA	
		Marriage:	21 September 1791	Huntsville, Madison Co., AL	Margaret "Peggy"
	Full Name of Spouse: Margaret Mills Warren	Death:	ca. 1818	Huntsville, Madison Co., AL	Mills Warren
		Burial:			
F	8. Ruth Looney	Birth:	ca. 1765		
		Marriage:	1790	Botetourt Co., VA	Marriage record:
	Full Name of Spouse: John McCormick	Death:			Annals of SW, VA
		Burial:			

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Wife's full maiden name		Margaret "Peggy" Eleanor Moore			
Sex:	Children's Full Names:	Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
F	9. Catherine Looney	Birth:	ca. 1766		
		Chr'nd			Marriage record:
	Full Name of Spouse: John Summerfield	Marriage:	1792	Botetourt Co., VA	Annals of SW, VA
		Death:			
		Burial:			
F	10 Ann Looney	Birth:	ca. 1767		
		Chr'nd			
	Full Name of Spouse: James Harbison	Marriage:	1 June 1781	Botetourt Co., VA	
		Death:			
		Burial:			
F	11 Priscilla Looney	Birth:	ca. 1771		
		Chr'nd			Marriage record:
	Full Name of Spouse: William Caldwell	Marriage:	1780	Botetourt Co., VA	Annals of SW, VA
		Death:			
		Burial:			
M	12 Benjamin Looney	Birth:	ca. 1773		
		Chr'nd			Marriage record:
	Full Name of Spouse: Elizabeth McClure	Marriage:	22 July 1793	Botetourt Co., VA	Annals of SW, VA
		Death:	November 1859		
		Burial:			

Lineage of Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert's connection:

Robert¹ md Elizabeth, Absalom Sr.² md Margaret "Peggy" Moore, Absalom Jr.³ md Margaret "Peggy" Mills Warren, Priscilla Looney Thompson⁴ md Thomas Kelloe Thompson, Esquire Looney Thompson Sr.⁵ md Arena Sarah Davis, Esquire Looney Thompson Jr.⁶ md Naomie Avo Jared, Mahulda "Hulda" Jane Thompson⁷ md John Tilford Jernigan, Essie Avo Jernigan⁸ md Milton Otis Loftis, Geraldine Loftis⁹ md Tim Denny, Audrey June Denny¹⁰ md 1st Dennis Patrick Case – md 2nd Michael Henry Lambert.

Robert¹, Absalom Sr.², Absalom Jr.³, Priscilla Looney⁴, Esquire Looney Thompson Sr.⁵, Esquire Looney Thompson Jr.⁶, Mahulda "Hulda" Jane Thompson⁷ md John Tilford Jernigan⁸, Essie Avo Jernigan⁹ md Milton Otis Loftis¹⁰, Geraldine Loftis¹¹ md Tim Denny¹², Audrey June Denny¹³ md 1st Dennis Patrick Case – md 2nd Michael Henry Lambert

SOURCE: *Courtesy of Wilma McKinney, she wrote: 6 May 2004: I belonged to the "Looney list at rootsweb" for many years.*

As to the marriage documentation for Thomas Kelloe Thompson and Priscilla Looney, there is no marriage license to be found. Bill Landers and I got the information from court records from Rhea Co. TN. She and her sister Jane Looney Thompson is mentioned as heirs of Absalom Looney dec. in Alabama. She was to get her 11th part of his estate.

(Wilma V. McKinney of Tucson, AZ: connection to **Robert Looney:** pg. 373: Most Distinguished Characters on the American Frontier: Robert Looney of Augusta (now Botetourt) County, VA

Robert Looney¹, Absalom², Absalom Jr.³, Priscilla Looney Thompson⁴, Esquire Looney Thompson Sr.⁵, Esquire Looney Thompson Jr.⁶, Rev. Joseph Franklin Thompson⁷, Nancy Elmyra Thompson Brown⁸, Wilma V. Brown McKinney⁹).

SOURCE:

Rhea County, Tennessee – County Court Minutes (Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions), May 1823-November 1828:

Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society

AUGUST TERM: 1824

(pg. 31): **pg. 99: Jesse Thompson & Jane W. Thompson**, his wife & others, heirs of **Absolam Looney**, Dec'd to **John W. Looney**.

Deed of Conveyance dated 2nd August 1824 for an undivided 11th part of a tract of land in Madison County, Alabama.

Acknowledged by **Jesse Thompson** and **Jane W. Thompson**, after having been privately examined separate and apart from her husband; ordered to be certified for further probate.

AUGUST TERM: 1824

(pg. 37): **pg. 114: Thomas Thompson, Precilla Thompson & other heirs of Absolam Looney**, dec'd to **John W. Looney**.

Deed of Conveyance for an undivided 11th part of a tract of land in Madison County, Alabama; certified for further probate.

FEBRUARY TERM: 1826

(pg. 78): **pg. 251: Jesse Thompson & wife & others to John W. Looney.** Deed of Conveyance dated 6th February 1826, for an undivided parcel of land in Madison County, Alabama; acknowledged by **Jesse Thompson** and wife **Jane W. Thompson & Thomas Thompson** and wife **Priscilla Thompson** (Jane and Priscilla examined separately); certified for further probate.

SOURCE: *Courtesy of Wilma McKinney, she wrote: 17 June 2004:*

Absalom Looney was in the battle of "Cow Pins" during the Revl. War. We just figured that he was of the right age as there were other Absalom Looney during that time.

Bill Landers and I found that after researching Absalom's land records that he was buried on his land and that land now is under the blacktop of the Huntsville Airport. If he had a headstone it might have been moved somewhere else, don't know for sure.

SOURCE: *Courtesy of Wilma McKinney, she wrote: 5 July 2004:*

I don't know of any proof of the marriage record of Absalom Looney Jr. and his wife Margaret "Wills" Mills Warren. I have put in the Mills and Warren surname with a ??? I feel that the surname Warren, used in their son's name John Warren is a good sign. In Augusta Co., VA there is a John Warren with other Warren families. There is a will of a Jacob Warren, 7th January 1770 where he names his children, Thomas, daughter Elizabeth, daughter Hannah, son John, wife Anna and granddaughter Ann Warren.

Bill Landers and I did search for a marriage record and did not find one. Also others have looked for many years and found none.

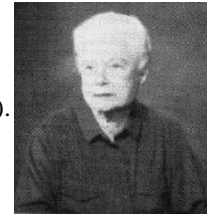
Absalom was in North Carolina and in Tennessee as well as Virginia. He could have married at any of these states. I don't know if he ever lived in North Carolina or just fought in battles there.

Oh Strange New World by Ida Campbell with Mary Hamilton, 1986

Publisher: Nortex Press, Austin, TX. Pages 9 –12, 36, 37, 38 about Absalom Looney (wonderful!).

Chapter II: The Quest for Land

Absalom (2) Looney



Ida Campbell
Author of
'Oh Strange New World'

As the frontiersmen, like Absalom Looney, in their never ending quest for land, moved westward, they encountered a sea of mountains and lush valleys. As Hank Messick in *King's Mountain* describes the area: "Wild and wonderful were the mountains. The northern range came to be known as the Blue Ridge, the southern as the Great Smokies. Mount Mitchell towered 6,684 feet, tallest peak east of the Mississippi, and there were other giants: Clingman's Dome, 6,643 feet; Roan High Knob, 6,313, and Grandfather, 5,984. The lower elevations were covered with hardwoods; chestnut, oak, maple, hickory, and locust. Near the top would be spruce and balsam and perhaps a 'rhododendron hell,' a jungle of underbrush so thick man could not penetrate. The tops of many mountains were bald; trees had ceased to grow and grass covered the ground....Avenues into the hills were the valley of Virginia from the northeast and the Yadkin Valley from the southeast."⁷

This region became the hunting grounds for frontier men like Absalom Looney, and many established their homes there. These men were known by many names as their exploits became legend – Long Hunters, Backwater Men, Riflemen, even Red Necks.

"While some immigrants worked their way up from Charleston, most of the Scotch-Irish debarked in Philadelphia and moved down the Great Wagon Road to the area around Winston-Salem. With their skills as farmers, hunters, and artisans, they brought the ability to make good whiskey. In the 'bottom' land of mountain streams they grew corn in excess of normal needs and combined it with pure water to produce 'white lightning.' It was high quality and valuable since, unlike excess corn, it could be stored indefinitely. In a world where specie was scarce, corn whiskey became a currency. It could be traded for anything except, perhaps, taxes, but a few drinks would put even the tax-collector in a mellow mood. And the backwoodsman felt he had a *right* to make whiskey just as he had a *right* to plant corn. In years to come he was to resist attempts to restrict that right."⁸

A hunger for land of their own possessed the new arrivals in America (Pennsylvania Dutch and French Huguenots, as well the Scotch-Irish). Great amounts of land were no longer available in the tidal area and the immigrants needed elbow room. Uncrowded land beyond the mountains beckoned to them.

Precious soil, I say to myself, by what singular custom of law tis it that thou wast made to constitute the Riches of the freeholder? What should we American farmers be without the distinct possession of that soil? It feed, it clothes us, from it we draw even a great exuberancy, our best meat, our richest drink; the very honey of our bees comes from this privileged spot. No wonder we should thus cherish its possession."⁸

This had been Cherokee country long before the white man came. Their homes were in the mountains and there they seemed invincible. To the west was a broad strip of neutral ground which Indians of all tribes could hunt but none control. Then came the white man, bringing disease and decimating the Cherokee population. Many outlying areas were abandoned by the Indians but retaliation, in the form of raids on settlements and massacres of white settlers, became common place.

As did most frontier families, the Looney's suffered at the hands of the Indians through the years. As has been mentioned, in 1753 or 1754 Robert asked his son, Absalom, and his family to come home and settle because of danger from Indians at the outlying settlement where Absalom was living on the Bluestone, a branch of New River. Robert, Jr. was with Lieutenant Wright on Reed Creek in 1755 and was among the first ones killed by the Indians turned hostile to the English settlers. We have already noted the capture of Peter and his imprisonment for about a year among the French and Indians at Fort Detroit. Thomas Looney (2) died in an Indian raid between 1755 and 1760. Samuel Looney (2) was killed by Indians in the early settlement of Sullivan County in 1760. The husband of Mary Looney, Edwin William Carvin, was killed by Indians in 1780, four miles east of Nashboro, Tennessee. In 1773 Michael (2) with his younger brother, Jonathan (2), and their first cousin, Benjamin, went on a long hunting trip in Kentucky, on which Jonathan was captured and Benjamin killed by Indians. Sherrod was a very small boy when he hid in a fodder shock and saw Indians kill his father in a field. Later on, as we have learned, Absalom (2) was killed by Indians at Dunkard's Spring, Virginia, sometime after 1791.

When Absalom and his family left Abb's Valley on the Bluestone, his father offered him part of the home place. They settled in "The Draft" on land where Absalom's brother, Daniel, had been living. Daniel deeded 180 acres on Long Run to Absalom on 18 September 1754. Also that year Absalom bought 240 acres on the south side of the James River. In 1765 Absalom and his wife, Margaret, deeded the 180 acres on Long Run to Peter (3) and moved a little farther west and sometime in 1767 he patented 54 acres on Stone Run, a branch of Craig's Creek. He must have lived here during much of the latter part of his life, near Ripley's Mills and Pott's Mountain. At the same time he had a grant of 166 acres on Craig's Creek.

Absalom (2) was likely born sometime between 1726 and 1732 before his parents came to America, and married Margaret in or near 1750. Their children were all born either on Long Run, a branch of the James River at the present Buchanan, a few miles southwest of Natural Bridge, or somewhere farther west on Stone Run, a branch of Craig's Creek. Twelve children are mentioned in Absalom's will, which was proved in June 1796. Absalom (3) was born about 1763. Other children were Michael, Elizabeth, Peter, Mary, Margaret, John, Jonathan, Ruth, Ann, Katherine, Priscilla, and Benjamin. (Could John and Jonathan be the same person?)

⁷*King's Mountain*, Hank Messick. Little, Brown & Company, 1976. By permission of publisher.

⁸ibid

⁹*Letters from an American Farmer*, 1782.

Chapter IV: The Revolutionary War

Pg. 17: After the French and Indian War, British policy toward westward expansion changed and a royal proclamation was issued in 1763 forbidding expansion beyond the Blue Ridge. A north-south line running from Canada to Florida along the mountain crest was drawn and all claims to lands west of the line were annulled and no private person could obtain title. Permission from the king was required even to visit beyond this line.

By their unwillingness to permit law and government to spread into the back country, the British invited lawlessness. The inhabitants of the backwoods, unfairly perhaps, gained the reputation of being lawless, immoral, illiterate roughnecks. Frustration over civil law in that territory was the basis of actions which led to this reputation. Taxes were high and fees exorbitant. "A marriage license cost \$15 – more money than the average man saw in a year – and to get it one might have to travel a hundred miles. Consequently, many residents of faraway places simply took each other before God and their neighbors and considered themselves married."¹⁴ Payment of taxes was difficult because of the shortage of currency.

¹⁴*King's Mountain*, Hank Messick. (Much of the information in this chapter was excerpted from *Kings' Mountain*.)

Pg. 23: Two of Robert Looney's sons, Absalom and David, led the way in support of the Revolution, Absalom "in support of the military forces under General Washington" and David as a major in the North Carolina Militia.

Absalom (3) and his brother-in-law, James Harbison, volunteered in Botetourt County, Virginia, in the "faul before the Battle of the Cow Pens" (1780) and served six months. They entered the service under Captain James Robinson, Major David Campbell's command, and marched to South Carolina. They were within six days' march of the Battle of The Cow Pens (January 17, 1781). They passed over through King's Mountain and thence to Hamsour's Mill, crossing on the dam in the night. Near the mill they joined Morgan's Regiment and marched to the Island Ford on Catawba River and marched down the river to Horse Ford. They heard the guns when General Davidson was killed on Catawba River. They then marched to Salisbury in North Carolina, thence to Bland Ford on the Yadkin River. They were in a small battle with the British and Captain Henly was taken prisoner. They were marched to Virginia on the Dan River where they were discharged. There is a referenced in White's *King's Mountain Men* to an Absalom Looney as present at the Battle of King's Mountain. If this is true, it is either Absalom (3) or his father Absalom (2) who would have been 51 at that time (October 7, 1780).

Peter (3), son of Adam (2) Looney, enlisted March 1776 in the Sixth South Carolina Regiment and died in service September 24, 1776. As had been mentioned, one of Absalom's sons died at King's Mountain. Three of his sons served in the Virginia Militia.

Michael (3) was in Captain Henry Pauling's Company, number 30 on the list of those present at the Battle of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, in 1774, and was also listed with Lord Dunmore in 1775. According to his descendants, he also claimed service in the Revolutionary War.

Benjamin Cleveland, who played a prominent role in the battle near Cape Fear early in the war and later at King's Mountain and who was recognized as a Revolutionary War hero, was connected with the Looney family through the marriage of his brother John's two granddaughters to Noah and Joseph Looney.

Chapter V: The State of Franklin

Pg. 31: Michael (3) son of Absalom (2) Looney, and his family were residents of the state of Franklin, settling on the east fork of Big Creek, 13 miles east of Rogersville in Stanley's Valley, Hawkins Valley, in what is now eastern Tennessee. In August 1788 he purchased from Michael Edwards, at 12 ½ cents an acre, a Stanley claim of 250 acres and a cabin adjoining McMurray and David Gamble. It is said that the purchase price was a "span of horses and a long butcher knife."

Michael's wife was Temperance Cross, Tempa for short. Tempa's story is quite romantic. It seems that she ran away from home and followed her lover on a later boat from Ireland, but when she reached America, she was unable to find him. She worked three years at 12 ½ cents a day to pay for her passage and soon after that she met Michael. They were married as early as 1778. When they migrated from Virginia to Tennessee, he brought his gun and Tempa brought her spinning wheel. Michael, a typical Tennessee pioneer figure, was 5 feet, 10 inches in height and wore his hair braided in a queue.

Chapter VI: Absalom (3) Looney

Absalom(2) Looney was known as "The Hunter." He had a true pioneer spirit and was forever seeking new lands to tame. In his later years, however, he seems to have settled down on substantial acreage near other members of the family and his farms produced provisions for the rebel forces during the Revolutionary War. This was another of his farms produced provisions for the rebel forces during the Revolutionary War. This was another of his patriotic contributions.

Absalom (3), his son, was also interested in acquiring land, but he was not so much a "loner" as his father was; he participated in local government in a small way. In 1783 he was one of the commissioners who came to the Cumberland District to survey the lands set apart by the Legislature for its soldiers of the Continental line and others. He is mentioned as a Justice of the Peace as early as September 1790.

John Sevier's Journal, November 1802, shows that the Commissioners on the night of Sunday, November 21, stayed at Michael Looney's on Big Creek in Stanley Valley and on Monday, the 22nd, he and General Rutledge crossed Clinch Mountains at Looney's Gap and traveled down the lower creek, probably Little War Creek, to Absalom Looney's.

Absalom (3) moved on down into Alabama, as several land records show. The tract book in the Land Office at Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, shows an entry on September 18, 1809, by Absalom Looney for the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 4 south, Range 1 west, 160.19 acres in Madison County. The tax list for 1810 shows Absalom Looney, Esq., 640 acres, 1 white poll and 1 black poll. On November 27, 1810 by deed registered May 6, 1811, Absalom (3) Looney of Hawkins County sold to Mathias Click of the same county, for \$1,000, 640 acres in Hawkins County on the north side of Clinch Mountain and south side of Clinch River, including the south of War Creek, the same land granted by NC, No. 311, to Absalom (3) Looney.

Absalom (3) Looney made final payment on his 160 acres, about two miles south of Huntsville on Indian Creek, in April 1810. On an 1811 tax list for Madison County, Alabama, Absalom was listed for 160 acres on Indian Creek, with 2 polls, and 6 slaves. In 1812 he had 1 poll and 5 slaves. On December 23, 1816, Absalom Looney was a purchaser at the sale of the effects of Jacob Sivley of Madison County, Alabama.

On June 27, 1817, the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 5 south, Range 1 east, 160 acres was granted to Absalom Looney. This quarter section was about eight miles southeast of Huntsville. On February 26, 1818, Absalom Looney purchased the northern half of Section 14, Township 5 south, Range 2 west, 320 acres. These 320 acres were about 10 miles southwest of Huntsville on or near Indian Creek and nearer Triana, one time called Looney's Landing, on the Tennessee River.

There is no record evidence of the name of Absalom Looney's wife where has been found. However, Mrs. O.H. Looney of Nashville, in researching the Looney family, reported in 1903 that **Absalom (3) Looney was married to Peggy Wills (Margaret "Peggy" Mills Warren)** on September 21, 1791. There were four, possibly five, children, among them **John Warren Looney, Margaret, Martha and Absalom.**

The estate of Absalom Looney was appraised in November 1818 and John Looney was administrator. The effects were sold at auction on January 4, 1819, by John W. Looney, with total receipts of \$8,425.94.

Chapter VI: Frontiersmen in the War of 1812

The youthful United States of America was soon drawn into another war with England, known as the War of 1812. Some decisive battles were fought in the South, involving the frontiersmen for whom the British had nothing but contempt.

After the British defeated the untrained militiamen guarding Washington and burned the Executive Mansion, the Capitol, and other public buildings, they turned to the capture of Baltimore. Here the heroic defense of Fort McHenry forced the British to abandon the attack and sail away. When at dawn following a night of British bombardment, the American flag still waved above the fort, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write "The Star Spangled Banner," much later designated as our national anthem.

Near the close of 1814, the British invaded American soil in the Gulf region, hoping to capture New Orleans and Louisiana and thus be in position to dictate humiliating terms of peace to the Americans. General Pakenham with some 10,000 veteran troops advanced against New Orleans. General Andrew Jackson, who had just won a decisive victory over the hostile Creek Indians, proceeded to the defense of the city. His force consisted of hastily recruited militia from the frontier of the southwestern states, the mountain men. The Battle of New Orleans took place on January 8, 1815, the bloodiest battle of the war, in which Pakenham and about 2,000 of his men fell before the crack rifle fire of the despised frontiersmen. The total American loss was 71.

"This great victory not only repulsed British veterans and freed New Orleans and the Southwest from invasion, but gave to the West a military hero in Andrew Jackson upon whom the political spotlight was to play in all its brilliance. The war that probably would not have begun had there been modern means of communication, closed in a battle that undoubtedly would not have been fought, for peace had been signed two weeks earlier.

"After three years of inconclusive war, a 'peace without victory' was accepted. Boundaries remained as they were before the war. Neither side gained or lost...again America was at peace with the world, having gained its commercial independence and taught the British to treat us with respect."²⁸

As a result of the Creek War, in the Treaty of Fort Jackson, August 9, 1814, Jackson forced the Indians to cede to the United States over 20,000,000 acres, more than half the old Creek country.

As was always the case when the freedom of their country was threatened, a number of **Looney men** saw service in the War of 1812 and in the war with the Creeks.

Isaac, son of Peter³ enlisted December 10, 1812, in Capt. John W. Byrnes' company of Tennessee Militia and served as a sergeant until February 9, 1813, at Nashville. He enlisted again on October 4, 1813, and served as a lieutenant until January 4, 1814.

Absalom David Looney, son of Michael³ was born March 5, 1790, and died December 12, 1862. During the war of 1812 he volunteered in Hawkins County on October 2, 1813, for three months and was mustered in at Knoxville, Tennessee, as a private in Capt. George Argenbright's Company, 4th Regiment of East Tennessee Volunteers, under Col. William Lillard, and served four months, six days against the Creek Indians.

Michael, another son of Michael³ was born in 1795. He served as a private³ in Stanley Valley and as a private in Capt. James Cummings' Company, Child's Battalion, Mounted Gunmen, East Tennessee Volunteers.

Michael⁴, son of Peter³, was born probably in 1786 in the Nashboro area and perhaps on the 640 acres on which Peter Looney entered on June 7, 1785, on the east branch of Drake's Creek, north side of the Cumberland River. He enlisted September 1, 1813, for three months in the war with the Creek Indians and Great Britain, and was discharged at Ditto's Landing in Madison County, Alabama.

Chapter VIII: John Warren Looney (4)

John Warren (4) Looney, son of **Absalom (3)**, was born about 1793 on the 640-acre tract which his father acquired from William Lee on August 7, 1789. The land was in Hawkins County, but now is probably near Treadway in Hancock County, Tennessee. John Warren was probably the eldest child and about 17 when the family moved to Alabama.

With marriage license dated February 8, 1815, **John Warren was married to Nancy Campbell at Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.** Nancy was born in 1794 in Virginia, **daughter of Elizabeth Campbell and granddaughter of Owen and Elizabeth Camel** who moved from Culpepper County Virginia, to Gallatin, Tennessee, to Huntsville, Alabama. Owen Camel lived on 160 acres which he purchased on September 18, 1809, about a mile south of Absalom Looney's first purchase, his home plantation on Indian Creek.

John Warren Looney, aged about 25 years and married three years, made his first land entry February 4, 1818, for 82 acres, the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4, Range 2 west. This land was about eight miles west southwest of the **Absalom Looney home plantation on Indian Creek and was John Looney's first homestead.**

After the death of his father, John Warren Looney was appointed administrator with a bond of \$10,000. When the personal property of Absalom Looney was sold in 1809, John Warren Looney was the principal purchaser, to the extent of \$932.50. The plantation was rented at the same time to Thomas Cain for \$610. No account of settlement of the estate has been found.

John Warren Looney was appointed Justice of the Peace on April 21, 1821.

The home plantation where the Absalom Looney family lived, or at least 100 acres of it, was again offered for rent in the Huntsville Republican on December 28, 1821; also the plantation of the Looney estate at Big Cove. In March, 1825, Looney seems engaged in horse breeding and had a stable 1 ½ miles west of Mullins Creek and five miles from Triana.

On April 13, 1824, John Warren Looney sold to Edward H. Vann all that quarter of Section 11 which was granted to Absalom Looney June 17, 1817. On January 8, 1825, John Warren Looney and wife Nancy sold to Thomas and William Branden the southwest quarter of Section 12, the original Looney homestead in Madison County, purchased by Absalom Looney, assignee of John Hunt.

At February court, 1827, Looney was granted permission to erect a water grist mill and other water works on his land on the waters of Indian Creek at Lanier's Ford. In the Democrat of Huntsville, Alabama, for November 28, 1828, John Warren Looney announced that his mills were in complete order and ready for the receipt of cotton.

After the death of Owen Campbell in 1824 in Madison County, Alabama, John Warren Looney was named sole executor. Goods and chattel were sold on December 5, 1826, (on credit) and a quarter section of land was sold, also on credit, on August 4, 1828, for \$455.

During the years 1831 to 1837 John Warren Looney entered and purchased land at least five times, a total of 520 acres. With his wife Nancy, he sold the "mill tract" on November 1834. This sale included mill, mill house, etc., on 240 acres entered by J. W. Looney in 1818 and 1831. On March 13, 1848, John Warren Looney and his wife Nancy sold for +\$6,240 a total of 520 acres, including 320 acres purchased by Absalom Looney February 26, 1818. This probably included the plantation on which they were living, about five miles northeast of Triana, just before the family removed to Texas.

On November 10, 1837, John Warren Looney, for the sum of \$50, purchased 640 acres of bounty land from William Boyd of Harrisburg County, Republic of Texas. This bounty land was given to Boyd as his entitlement for service as a soldier in the Republic of Texas which the purchaser, John Warren Looney, or his heirs, should choose. At the time of the purchase John Warren Looney was considered a resident of Harrisburg County, Texas. On December 2, 1885, the deed to the bounty land was filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of San Patricio County.

John Warren Looney made other trips to Texas in 1845 and in 1846 to purchase lands, chiefly on both sides of the San Antonio River in Goliad, Victoria and Refugio counties.

In 1848, after selling all lands in Alabama, he started for Texas with most of his family and all movable possessions. His children **were Harriet, Ann Eliza, Tuberville, Susan, Elizabeth, John Warren Jr., Andrew Jackson, and Martin Van Buren.**

SUSAN LOONEY CAMPBELL GOFF (5)

His daughter, Susan (5) Looney, was born January 25, 1821, according to an obituary in the Goliad Guard, but census records of 1850, 1860, and 1870 give respectively 1825, 1826, and 1820 as her birth year. At the time of her birth, her parents lived at or near Triana and Looney's Landing on the Tennessee River in the southwest corner of Madison County, Alabama.

Susan was married either July 3 or July 5, 1843 to **Harrison Campbell.** The Madison marriage license was dated June 29, 1843. Harrison Campbell (b. Tennessee ca. 1820, d. Goliad, Texas 1852) **was the son of Hiram and Sarah (Gordon) Campbell of Limestone County, Alabama.** Hiram Campbell was a mechanic and his son Harrison was a cabinet maker and mill worker who specialized in the construction of cotton gins. He removed to Texas with his wife's family and was listed as a householder in Goliad in 1850.

Harrison's father Hiram Campbell, was born about 1792 in Kentucky and died sometime after 1879. He lived in Madison County, Alabama, in 1818, then in Limestone, Alabama. He was in the 1850 census of Lawrence County, Alabama, and was living there in 1878. He was said to have been in the War of 1812, but copies from the General Services Administration show that claim for service pension was denied. He married Sarah Gordon in Maury County, Tennessee; she was born about 1796 in North Carolina.

After Harrison's death in October 1852, **Susan Looney Campbell married in 1855 Joseph M. Goff, born 1821 in Connecticut.** They were listed in the census of 1860 and of 1870 in Goliad, Texas. He was postmaster in 1870.

Harrison and Susan Campbell had four children: **Mary Ellen, Martha Eliza (twins), William Henry H., and Sarah Ann.**

Susan was known as "Dan" by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ANDREW JACKSON LOONEY (5)

Although some of John Warren Looney's family returned to Alabama some time after the family moved to Texas in 1848, it appears that Andrew Jackson "Jack" Looney remained. In Grace Butler's Centennial Book we find: "For many years the area around Pawnee was known as the Wilson Ranch, as John E. Wilson purchased, around 1877, many of the surveys in the northwestern part of Bee County. Around 1882, W.A. Pettus bought the large pasture, which W.J. Lott purchased, first as his partner then as sole owner. A.J. "Jack" Looney, ranch foreman, for many years was the lone settler."

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LOONEY FAMILY LINE

John & Llewellyn Looney (the spelling before America was Llewellyn): 1. Moses; 2. Josiah; 3. James; 4. Peter; 5. Jonathan; 6. Adam; 7. John; 8. Benjamin; 9. Michael; 10. Samuel; (1) 11. *Robert* – generation in America (1); 12. David; 13. Joseph; 14. Abraham; (and doubtless some daughters).

Tentative list of children of *Robert & Elizabeth Looney*; 1. Thomas; 2. Robert Jr.; 3. Adam; 4. Samuel; 5. Daniel; 6. Louisa; (2) 7. *Absalom* (sometimes referred to as Abraham in the records); 8. Lucy Jane; 9. John; 10. Peter (born in America); 11. David; 12. Joseph.

Absalom & Margaret Looney: 1. Michael; 2. Elizabeth; 3. Peter; 4. Mary; 5. Margaret; 6. Jonathan; (3) 7. *Absalom*; 8. Ruth; 9. Ann; 10. Catherine; 11. Pricilla; 12. Benjamin. **Absalom & Peggy Wills (?) Looney: (4) 1. John Warren; 2. Margaret; 3. Martha; 4. Absalom.**

John Warren Looney & Nancy Campbell Looney: 1. Harriet; 2. Ann Eliza; 3. Tuberville; (5) 4. Susan; 5. Elizabeth; 6. John Warren Jr.; 7. Andrew Jackson; 8. Martin Van Buren.

Susan Looney & Harrison Campbell (Joseph M. Goff after Harrison's death); 1. Mary Ellen Campbell; (6) 2. Martha Eliza Campbell; 3. William Henry Campbell; 4. Sarah Ann Campbell.

Martha Eliza Campbell & Ansel McKinney; (7) 1. Ida; (7) 2. Mary Ella; (7) 3. William Moses; (7) 4. Lillian; (7) 5. Maud; (7) 6. Minnie (died in infancy); (7) 7. Florence Seeligion; (7) 8. Ansel Nott; (7) 9. Homer Lee.

In the Huntsville *Republican* of December 28, 1821, John W. Looney, administrator of the estate of Absalom Looney, deceased, advertised for rent the plantation of 100 acres where Absalom Looney lived, two miles south from Huntsville on Indian Creek, and also the plantation belonging to the Looney estate at Big Cove. This may indicate that Absalom's wife survived him and, accordingly that the real estate was not sold and divided immediately. Absalom (3) Looney died possessed of his home plantation of 160 acres about nine miles southeast of Huntsville. It is possible that the widow may have died just before John Warren Looney, administrator, sold the home plantation to the Brandons on January 3, 1825.

Source: NSDAR INDEX:

http://www.dar.org/cgi-bin/darnet/dn_default.cfm

LOONEY Sr. Absalom (View Complete Record)

Birth: Circa 1729

Service Location: VA Rank: PS

Spouse: Margaret X

LOONEY Sr. Absalom

Birth: Circa 1729

Rank: PS

Service: VA

Death: VA 28 Sep 1791

Patriot Pensioned: No

Widow Pensioned: No

Children Pensioned: No

Heirs Pensioned: No

Spouse: (1) **Margaret X**

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Pg. 358: #95: Absalom Looney Revolutionary War Service.

The Botetourt County Court recommended **Absalom Looney** as an ensign in the county militia on July 13, 1780 (Botetourt County Court Order Book 6 (1780-1784), pg. 42. LDS microfilm 0030723. Abstracted in Lewis Preston Summers, *Annals of Southwest Virginia*, Volume 1, pg. 325).

Pg. 357: Leroy W. Tilton Manuscript, **Absalom Looney Branch.** (*Birth of Absalom Looney Jr.*). *Leroy W. Tilton md Elizabeth Dibrell Simons.*

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1st Generation: Robert Looney Sr. – b. 1692-1702 probably on the Isle of Man - d. 1770, Botetourt Co., VA – md *traditionally Elizabeth.* In 1724-27 tax lists of Nantmel Township, Chester County, PA- he settled in VA 1735-36 to 1739 on Cohongorooto River, Upper Potomac) – he built Looney's Mill on Looney's Mill Creek in Augusta Co by April 1740 – he established home at the mouth of Looney's Mill Creek by 1742 – he operated Looney's Ferry by 1750 & he built Looney's Fort in July 1755.

2nd Generation: Absalom Looney Sr. – b. ca. 1729 probably in PA²⁷ – d. ca. 1796³⁰ *traditionally killed by an Indian-* md **Margaret Moore**²⁹.

One of the earliest settlers in Southwest, VA²⁸.

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Leroy W. Tilton Manuscript: Tilton wrote that **Absalom Looney was born on the Isle of Man.** More likely Absalom was born in Pennsylvania, since the tax records list Robert Looney in Pennsylvania by 1724. The papers in the case of Margaret Looney vs. Robert Looney and John Bowyer prove that Absalom Looney was a son of Robert Looney.

Pg. 218: Margaret Looney vs. Robert Looney and John Bowyer: A summons dated May 28, 1762, was sent to Robert Looney "to Answer a Bill in Chancery Exhibited against him by Margaret Looney an Infant Under the Age of twenty one Years by Alexander Evans her next friend. The case of **Margaret Looney, the only child of Daniel Looney**, deceased, plaintiff, vs. **Robert Looney (her grandfather)** and **John Bowyer**, defendants, was first listed in the Augusta County Court order book on August 24, 1762. "This summons was dated just ten days after the Court appointed **Robert Breckenridge** as the guardian of **Peter Looney** "to Prosecute a Suit against his **Grandfather Robert Looney.**"

The papers in the case of Margaret Looney vs. Robert Looney and John Bowyer prove that Absalom Looney was a son of Robert Looney. "Robert shown make a Title in fee simple to the said Daniel of that part of the plantation whereon the said Robert lived lying on the south side of the Creek. That your Oratrixs Father the said Daniel in Consequence of the agreement entered into with the said Robert made him a title in Fee simple to the said Tract of Land Called George Drapers place trusting tha the said Robert would Convey to him that Part of his Plantation he was to have in Lieu of Drapers Place which **the said Robert afterwards conveyed to his son the said Absalom** but the said Daniel Departed this life Intestate before any conveyance was mde him by the said Robert his Father for the Land sold him leaving your Oratrix his only Child and Heiress."

"Court of Chancery before your Worships where mat(t)lers of this Nature are Cognizable and agreements Carried into Executions To the End therefore that the said Defendants may full true and perfect Answers make to all and singular the promises here in before mentioned as fully and particularly as if the same were here again particularly Repeated and interrogatred more Especillay may set forth and Discover whether the said Daniel was not seized of the Tract of Land called George Drapers whether **the said Robert** did not make application to him to purchase it of him **for his son Absalom** whether the said Daniel did not sell it to him in Consideration of his making a Title in Fee simple to that part of the Tract of Land whereon **the said Robert Lived lying on the south side of the Creek** or upon what other Terms whether he has not conveyed it to **his son Absalom** or how did the said Absalom come into the possession of it whether he conveyed that part of the Land lying on the South side of the Creek according to the agreement to the said Daniel in his Lif(e)time or hath to your Oratrix since his Death if he hath not set forth and Declare the Reason why whether the said Daniel hath not departed this Life Intestate leaving your Oratrix his only child and Heiress whether the said John Bowyer did not know of the sale made by the said Robert to the said Daniel if he did why did he made a Second purchase and that the said **Robert Looney** and **John Bowyer** may be Compelled by Decree of this Worshipful Court to Execute and Acknowledge such deed or deeds as will be Sufficient to Convey the Fee Simple Estate of the said Tract of Land to your Oratrix

and that your Oratrix may be further Relieved in the premises according to Equity and good Conscience may it please your Worships to grant to your Oratrix his Majestys most gracious writ of subpoena & c.

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Chalkley, Volume 1, pg. 497. Deposition of Col. John Smith. Absalom Looney had settled on Bluestone River before 1753 or 1754.

Pg. 221: Complaint Bill of Margaret Looney:

William Preston, Israel Christina, and Felix Gilbert were summoned on August 28, 1764, to speak on behalf of Margaret Looney. No records of their depositions have been located.

Col. John Smith and Col. John Buchanan gave depositions in the case of Margaret Looney vs. Robert Looney and John Bowyer. The actual depositions have never been located, but abstracts appeared in Chalkley's *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*. Chalkley gave abstracts for two depositions by Col. Smith and two depositions by Col. Buchanan. All four depositions appeared under cases named Looney vs. Looney. From the content of the depositions, it seems that the following two depositions were given in the case of Margaret Looney vs. Robert Looney and John Bowyer. The content of the other two depositions seem to relate more to the case of Peter Looney and David Looney vs. Robert Looney and John Bowyer and will be given later.

Col. John Smith deposes that in 1753 or 1754 **Robert Looney sent for his son, Absalom**, to come from Blue Stone to James River with his family. That before he came in **Robert Looney proposed to his son Daniel** that he would give him (Daniel) the land over the Creek for his land in the Draft to settle his son Absalom on, to which Daniel agreed, and when Absalom came in he settled on the land and Daniel Looney took possession of the land over the Creek. That some time afterwards Daniel Looney made the said Absalom a title to the same. That Daniel never got any title from his father that the deponent knows of, though he often afterwards heard the said Robert Looney acknowledge the bargain, and that when the said Robert Looney made over his other lands to his sons, he excepted and reserved the land over the Creek for his son Daniel.

Col. John Buchanan deposes: Of the original agreement he knows nothing, but that in 1755 Daniel Looney was in possession of the land over the creek, and that **Robert** often told deponent he had given his **son Daniel** the land over the creek in lieu of the **land in the draft whereon Absalom Looney** then lived, and that Daniel Looney repeatedly told deponent the same thing. That when Daniel was on his death bed he sent for deponent, and among other things, it was mentioned that the land whereon he then lived was his, and the **said Daniel** then desired that after his death it might descend to his daughter, which **his father, Robert Looney**, said nothing against, though he was present.

Pg. 30: Abb's Valley, now in Tazewell Co., VA:

Near the headwaters of the Bluestone River is a beautiful region called Abb's Valley, now in Tazewell County, Virginia. The noted historian Henry Howe described Abb's Valley as "a delightful tract, 10 miles long, and about 40 rods wide....(which) derives its name from Absalom Looney, a hunter, who is supposed to have been the first white person ever in it."¹

Historians claim that Absalom Looney² settled in Abb's Valley in 1771 or 1772, shortly after a few other adventurous families had already settled the area (now Tazewell County²). Available sources now show that Absalom Looney² settled there by 1753 or 1754 (some 17-18 years before the date given in the histories³). Col. John Smith gave a deposition in 1764 which states that "in 1753 or 1754 Robert Looney set for his son, Absalom, to come from Blue Stone to James River with his family" (see pg. 221).⁴ Margaret Looney³ (daughter of Daniel² Looney) stated that the exchange of land in 1753 or 1754 had been arranged because "Absalom who had been driven from his own Plantation by the Indians..."⁵ William T. Moore (grandson of Capt. James Moore) knew the location of a cave (or opening under some limestone rocks) used by Absalom Looney "for his refuge and hiding place from the savages and wild beasts."⁶ After the exchange of 1753 or 1754, Absalom Looney settled on the Draper place on Long Run, a branch of Looney's Mill Creek.⁷ Absalom's return coincided with the outbreak of the French and Indian War (1754-63), a time when settlements on the western waters were abandoned.⁸ Absalom moved to Carolina before 1759,⁹ but returned about 1762 and settled on the part of Robert Looney's land on the south side of Looney's Mill Creek (land that Daniel Looney² had received in the exchange of 1753 or 1754).¹⁰

Several histories note that Absalom Looney² settled in Abb's Valley between 1770-72.¹¹ Apparently he didn't stay long because the Botetourt tithable lists show he resided on Craig's Creek in 1772 and afterwards.¹² He was living there in 1778 when he saw six Indians on Looney's Mountain (Aps Knob).¹³ **Family tradition claims that Absalom Looney was killed by an Indian on Craig's Creek about 1796.**¹⁴

Abb's Valley is probably best remembered for the Indian attack on the Capt. James Moore family in 1786. Capt. Moore and two of his children, William and Rebecca, and John Simpson were killed during the attack. Mrs. Moore, the remaining children (John, Jane, Polly, and Peggy), and Martha Evans were taken prisoners. On the trip home the Indians killed John Moore and beat the youngest child's brains out against a tree. After reaching the Indian towns, Mrs. Moore and her daughter Jane were burned at the stake. It is claimed that the Indians tortured Mrs. Moore for three days by sticking her body full of lightwood splinters, which were set on fire.¹⁵

Eventually Martha Evans and Polly Moore returned home.¹⁶ Another son, James Moore Jr., had been captured in Abb's Valley in 1784. He learned of the fate of his family while in captivity.¹⁷

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Some Male Descendants of Robert Looney:

FIRST GENERATION

Robert Looney Sr.

b. 1692 – 1702 probably on the Isle of Man
d. 1770 in Botetourt Co., VA
md Elizabeth (traditionally Llewellyn)
In 1724-27 tax lists of Nantmel Township, Chester Co., PA.
Settled in VA 1735-36 to 1739 on Cohongorooto River (Upper Potamac).
Built Looney's Mill on Looney's Mill Creek in Augusta Co., by April 1740.
Established home at the mouth of Looney's Mill Creek by 1742.
Operated Looney's Ferry by 1750 – built Looney's Fort in July 1755.

SECOND GENERATION

Thomas Looney

s/o Robert Looney Sr.
b. 1718 probably on Isle of Man
d. 1760
md ? Harman
On western waters by 1745.

THIRD GENERATION

...Lovice/Louisa Looney

b. 1745/46
md James Brigham

SECOND GENERATION

Robert Looney Jr.

s/o Robert Looney Sr.
b. 1721 probably on Isle of Man
md Margaret Rhea – she md 2nd Stephen Renfro
d. killed by Indians in 1756

THIRD GENERATION

...Capt. John Looney

s/o Robert Looney Jr. & Margaret Rhea
b. 1744, Augusta Co. – d. 1819
md Elizabeth Renfro
Capt. John Looney was captured by Cherokee in 1782.

...Capt. Moses Looney

b. 1748, Augusta Co. – d. 12 July 1824
md Sarah Holston

...Samuel Looney

b. 1754, Augusta Co. d.- killed by Indians in 1779

...Benjamin Looney

b. 1756, Augusta Co. – d. killed by Indians in 1783
md Mary Johnson

...Mary Looney – b. ca. 1756 md Grimes

FOURTH GENERATION

John Looney – Revolutionary War soldier – War of 1812.

b. 1771, probably in Botetourt Co.
s/o Capt, John Looney & Elizabeth Renfro

md Rebeckah

John Looney moved to St. Clair Co., AL in 1817. Double long house now the John Looney House Pioneer Museum 8 miles southwest of Ashville, St. Clair Co., AL.

Moses Looney

b. 6 August 1780 – d. 9 January 1855

s/o Capt, John Looney & Elizabeth Renfro

md Mary Guest

FOURTH GENERATION

John Looney

b. 1774 – d. 1839, Greene Co. MO

s/o Benjamin Looney & Mary Johnson

md Mary Garrison

Isham Looney

b. 1775 in what is now Hawkins Co., TN – d. between 1850-60, St. Clair Co., MO

s/o Benjamin Looney & Mary Johnson

md Ann(e)

Absalom Looney

b. 1782 – d. 1860, Bossier Parish, LA

s/o Benjamin Looney & Mary Johnson

md Nancy Long – md Eleanor Wilson

Eleanor Wilson owned Bible mentioned by his grandson, Judge Benjamin F. Looney.

SECOND GENERATION

Daniel Looney

s/o Robert Looney Sr.

b. 1723

d. 1760

md Jane – she md 2nd Alexander Evans

THIRD GENERATION

...Margaret Looney

b. 1755/60, Augusta Co.

md John Minor

SECOND GENERATION

Adam Looney Sr.

s/o Robert Looney Sr.

b. 1725 probably in Pennsylvania

d. 1770 in Tryon Co., NC

md Hannah Wright

THIRD GENERATION

...Robert Looney – Revolutionary War Service

b. 1748

md Mary “Besty” Quinn

...Adam Looney Jr. - Revolutionary War Service

b. 1750

...Moses Looney - Revolutionary War Service

b. 1752

...Elizabeth Looney

b. 1753

md David Potts

...John Looney - Revolutionary War Service

b. 1754

md Hannah

...Peter Looney – Killed in the Revolutionary War in 1776.

...David Looney - Revolutionary War Service: Battle of Fort Sullivan

b. 9 August 1758 – d. 1828, Lewis Co., KY

David took out a permit for a mill.

SECOND GENERATION

Samuel Looney

s/o Robert Looney Sr.

b. 1727

THIRD GENERATION

...Elizabeth Looney

b. 1753

md David Potts

...Mary Looney

b. 1757

md William Carvin

...Margaret Looney

b. 5 January 1758

md Alexander Caldwell

...Ruth Looney

b. 1765

md John McCormick

...Catherine Looney

b. 1766

md John Summerfield

...Ann Looney

b. 1767

md James Harbison

...Priscilla Looney

b. 1771

md William Caldwell

SECOND GENERATION

Absalom Looney Sr.

s/o Robert Looney Sr.

b. 1729 probably in PA

d. 1796 traditionally killed by an Indian

md Margaret Moore

One of the earliest settlers in Southwest VA

THIRD GENERATION

...Michael Looney

b. 1750 – d. 1839, Hawkins Co., TN

md Temperance Cross

Michael Looney was in Battle of Pt. Pleasant (1774) settled in Hawkins Co., TN.

...Elizabeth Looney -

...Peter Looney

b. 24 November 1755 – d. 1 January 1830

md Rachel – traditionally Harman

Peter Looney made a trip with Col. Donelson in 1779-80 to French Lick (now Nashville)

...Absalom Looney Jr. – Revolutionary War soldier

b. 1763

...Benjamin Looney

b. 1773

d. November 1859

md Elizabeth McClure

FOURTH GENERATION

William Looney

s/o Michael Looney & Temperance Cross

b. 1785, in what is now Hawkins Co., TN

d. 1846, MO

md Rhoda Stubblefield

William Looney settled in Elm Store, AR

Absalom Looney – Revolutionary War soldier – War of 1812.

s/o Michael Looney & Temperance Cross
b. 5 March 1790, probably in Hawkins Co., now TN
d. 12 December 1862, Hawkins Co., TN
md Sallie Starnes
Absalom Looney served in Tennessee's General Assembly.

SECOND GENERATION

John Looney Sr.
b. 1732 probably in PA
d. 1817 in Botetourt Co., VA
s/o Robert Looney Sr.
md Estheher Renfro, traditionally at Boonesborough in 1775.

THIRD GENERATION

...Jane Looney – b. 1763
md Stephen Hgolston/Holstine
...Mary Looney
b. 1768
md Henry Cartmill
...Esther Looney
b. 1777
md John Walker
...Eleanor Looney
b. 1780
md George Walker Jr.
...Joseph Looney - Revolutionary War soldier – War of 1812.
b. January 1783 – d. 1867
md Nancy Hendrickson
...John Looney - Revolutionary War soldier – War of 1812.
b. 1784 – d. 1814
md Elizabeth Walker – She md 2nd E. Reynolds
...Robert Looney - Revolutionary War soldier – War of 1812.
b. 1786 – d. 6 January 1879
md Catherine Stover
Robert Looney settled at what became Looneyville, Roane Co., WV

FOURTH GENERATION

John Looney
b. 14 January 1814, Botetourt Co. – d. 9 April 1889
s/o Joseph Looney & Nancy Hendrickson
md Phoebe Huffman
John Looney settled at Walton, Roane Co., WV
Joseph Looney
b. 1 March 1805 - d. 1884, Buchanan Co., VA
s/o John Looney Jr. & Elizabeth Walker
md Polly Looney – md Melissa Shortridge
John “Jackie” Looney
b. 1807 – d. 1884, Buchanan Co., VA
s/o John Looney Jr. & Elizabeth Walker
md Cynthia Stiltner
John & Cynthia Looney along with their Uncle Robert Looney established Looneys of Buchanan Co., VA.

SECOND GENERATION

Sgt. Peter Looney
b. 1734, PA
d. 1760 - Captured by Indians at Ft. Vause on June 25, 1756.
s/o Robert Looney Sr.
md Margaret Lauderdale – she md 2nd James McCain

THIRD GENERATION

...Peter Looney (Luna)

b. 1 October 1760 – 16 February 1851
md Mary ? – traditionally Pitman – md Elizabeth Hogan
Peter Looney made trip with Col. Robertson in 1779-80 to French Lick now Nashville

SECOND GENERATION

Col. David Looney

b. 1736
d. 1810 Sullivan Co.
s/o Robert Looney Sr.
Captain at Ft. Chiswell by 1766. Distinguished citizen of Southwest Virginia and Sullivan County, NC later TN.
md Mary McClellan

THIRD GENERATION

...Jane Looney

b. 1774
md Samuel Carruthers

...Abraham Looney

b. 1776, Sullivan Co., now Tennessee – 14 October 1841
md Elizabeth Gammon

FOURTH GENERATION

Col. Abraham M. Looney

b. 19 December 1820 – d. 29 December 1904
s/o Abraham Looney & Elizabeth Gammon
md Susan Todd of Elm Springsw, near Columbia, Maury Co., TN
Col. Abraham M. Looney served in Tennessee General Assembly officer in Confederate Army.
Col. Robert Looney – Officer in Confederate Army.

b. 1824 – d. 19 November 1899

s/o Abraham Looney & Elizabeth Gammon
md Louisa Margaret Crawford of Memphis, TN.

Robert Looney Carruthers

s/o Jane Looney & Samuel Carruthers
Elected governor of Tennessee, but never served because Union military forces occupied the state.

Abraham Carruthers

s/o Jane Looney & Samuel Carruthers

Samuel Carruthers

s/o Jane Looney & Samuel Carruthers

SECOND GENERATION

Capt. Joseph Looney

b. 1740 probably in Augusta Co., VA
d. 1817 Roane Co., TN
s/o Robert Looney Sr.

Captain during Revolutionary War settled in Knox Co., TN

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Source: Early Marriages, Wills and Some Revolutionary War Records – Botetourt County, Virginia, compiled by Anne Lowry Worrell, 636 Walnut Avenue, S. w. Roanoke, Virginia, 1958, printed by Carroll Publishing Corporation, Hillsville, Virginia.

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Looney, Absolum, Will pro. June, 1796. Names ch. Michael, Elizabeth Potts, Peter, Mary Swanson, Margaret Caldwell, Jonathan, Absolum, Ruth, Ann Harberson, Catherine, Pricilla Caldwell and Benjamin.

Looney, Robert, Will pro. Nov., 1770. Wife, Elizabeth, and ch., Joseph, and others, no names or number.

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Descendant of Michael Looney

Ann Lee NSDAR Chapter, Altus, OK: Verified and Approved: 13 April 1935

Descends as follows: Roxie⁶ Looney Wood, William Carol⁵, Absalom⁴, Michael³, Absalom², Robert Looney¹.

Andrew J. Wood md Roxie Looney, d/o William Carol Looney, (s/o Absalom Looney & Sallie Starnes) & Rachel George Payne.

Absalom Looney, s/o Michael Looney & Temperance Cross).

Michael Looney, s/o (Absalom Looney Sr. & Margaret Moore).

Absalom Looney Sr., (s/o Robert Looney).

1. I **Mrs. Elsie Wood Stroud** being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from **Michael Looney** who was born in Botatourt Co., VA on the ____day of ca. 1755 and died in Hawkins Co.,

TN on the ____ day of after 1830. His place of residence during the Revolution was Virginia. I was born near Jefferson City, Danridge County Seat, Country of Jefferson, TN.

State volume and page of references to authorities or give certificate of unpublished authority:

2. Michael Looney is listed in the Mt. Pleasant Battle of 1774.

3. Absalom Looney is listed in Goodspeed History of Knox Co. as being in King Mountain battle – pg. 999-1000, and was wounded in that battle. Acklen's Tombstone Inscription & History – Mss, TN pages 234-235.

4. Abbs Valley and Looney Gap was named for Absalom Looney 1st who settled there in 1771.

5. A Will dated 28th September 1791 – Probably June 1796, southwest, VA – pp. 109,113,1431, 1413 (Service).

The said **Michael Looney** is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of **Private Soldier in Capt. Paulings Co., Pt. Pleasant Battle 1774.**

My ancestor's service in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Michael Looney, my GreatGreatGrandfather, was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, being in Capt. Henry Paulings Co. at the Battle of Point Pleasant, 1774. Was also soldier in Lord Dinsmore's war, 1775. History of West Virginia.

Absalom Looney, his father, was born in England, and had a patent for land from the English Crown.

*Other References: Military Record: Dunmore's War, by Thwaites, pg. 411.

Goodspeed History-Knox County-page, 999-1000

Lord Dunmore's War 1775 – History of West Virginia

Verified by National Number: 287315

*Genealogy notes:

There is still in possession an arithmetic with **Michael Looney's** name written with a quill pen, dated Botatourt Court House, May 27, 1777. Also a Bible which **Michael Looney** carried with him in the Revolutionary War. These statements have been acknowledged and the seal of the County Court Clerk, R. W. Easley, Shawnee, Oklahoma, place on it.

My Revolutionary War ancestor was married to **Temperance Cross** at Botatourt Co., Virginia

Children of Revolutionary Ancestor:

Margaret Looney – b. ca. 1777 md Dangerfield Rice

William Looney – b. ca. 1780

Mary Looney – b. ca. 1781md Sherrod Williams

Rachael Looney md McVeigh

Michael Looney the 2nd md Susan Mathew

Absalom Looney the 3rd – b. ca. 1790 md Sally Starna

Benjamin Looney – b. ca. 1792 md Jane "Jenny" Caldwell – md Jane "Jenny" Brice

Jno Looney – b. 2 October 1799 md Elizabeth Brice

Signed and sworn to before me at Altus, Oklahoma this 14th day of January A.D. 1935 by **Mrs. Elsie Wood Stroud.**

Source: Miss Mary Elizabeth Looney : National Number: 621670

Descendant of Michael Looney

Susan Riviere Hetzel NSDAR Chapter, District of Columbia, Washington D.C.: Verified and Approved: 12 July 1977

Descends as follows: Robert Looney¹, Absalom², Michael³, Sr., Michael⁴, Jr., John Calvin⁵, James Murphy⁶, Sr., James Murphy⁷, Jr., Mary Elizabeth Looney.

James Murphy Looney Jr. md Jennie Houghton Millier -*Note: James Murphy Looney Jr. born on the Old Looney Homplace, Franklin Co., TN

James Murphy Looney, s/o James Murphy Looney Sr. & Mary Susan Francis

James Murphy Looney Sr., s/o John Calvin Loony & Adeline R. Hogue

John Calvin Looney, s/o Michael Looney Jr. & Susan Matthews

Michael Looney Jr., s/o Michael Looney & Temperance Cross

Michael Looney, s/o Absalom Looney & Margaret "Peggy" Moore

Absalom Looney, s/o Robert Looney - *Note: Absalom Looney was killed Indians while drinking water from his well.

1. I **Mary Elizabeth Looney** being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from **Michael Looney**, Revolutionary soldier was was born in Botetourt Co., Virginia on the ____ day of _____, 1755 and died in Hawkins Co., TN on the 11/12th day of January, after 1830. His place of residence during the Revolution was Botetourt County, Virginia.

References For Lineage

2. Tombstone located in Franklin County, Tennessee.

3. Family Bibles: Records preserved in **Michael Looney** Family in Hawkins County, Tennessee, states "Michael, Jr. settled on Crow Creek (Jackson County, Alabama with wife Susan Mattlews and had three sons, William Eldridge, **John Calvin**, and James Carroll. Deeds show Susannah Suttin, and her brother, executors of Michael Looney, deceased, of Jackson Co., Alabama, sold land of his in 1838. Deeds 17-26.

4. Will of Absalom Looney names Michael Looney; probabted 1796.

5. Generation 3 – 1860 census, Winchester, Franklin Co., TN: pg. 225.

My Revolutionary War ancestor was married to **Temperance Cross** at Botetourt County, Virginia, 1780.

Children of Revolutionary Ancestor:

Margaret Looney – b. ca. 1777 md Dangerfield Rice

William Looney – b. ca. 1780 md Rhoda Stufflefield

Mary "Polly" Looney – b. 2/14/ 1781md Sherrod Williams – Both died in Franklin Co., TN.

Rachael Looney md McVeigh

Michael Looney Jr. – b. ca. 1787 md Susan"Susannah" Matthews

Absalom David Looney – b. ca. 1790 md Sally Starnes

Benjamin Looney – b. ca. 1792 md 1st Jane "Jenny" Caldwell, his cousin – md 2nd Jane "Jenny" Brice

John Looney – b. 2 October 1799 md Elizabeth Johnson

Rachel – md McVey (1st name unknown)

Ancestors Services:

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Michael Looney (spelled Mical Luney on list) Private #30 on the list in Capt. Henry Pauling's Co. of Botetourt Troops at Battle of Point Pleasant, 1774, and Dunmore's War, 1775.

References:

Goodspeed's History of Knox County, Tennessee: pgs. 999-1000

Acklin's Tombstone Records and History, Mss. Tennessee, pgs. 234-235

White's Kings's Mountain Men, pg. 201

Summer's Southwest Virginia, pgs. 109, 113, 1431, 1413.

Also see Michael's father, Absalom's record as patriot, National Number: 511480).

The said Michael Looney is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Private in Battle of Point Pleasant and Dunmore's War, 1775, Virginia.

The service record of Michael Looney has been established by DAR # 287315 in 1935 and 290259 in 1935.

In 1954 the Monument Division of Quartermaster General of Army furnished a Revolutionary soldier's grave marker for the unmarked grave of Michael Looney in Looney Family Cemetery in Stanley Valley, Hawkins Country, Tennessee. Although the roster of Troops used spelling "Luney" evidence was presented that it was incorrect and the marker was inscribed with correct spelling.

Signed and sworn to before me at Washington D.C. this 30th day of April 1976 by **Mary Elizabeth Looney**

Source: Mabel William Huff: National Number: 388669

Descendant of: Absalom Looney Sr.

Mary Anthony McGary NSDAR Chapter, Evansville, Indiana : Verified and Approved: 2 October 1972

Descends as follows: Absalom Looney Sr.¹, Peter Looney², Isaac Looney³, Rachel Looney⁴, Ella Belle Smith⁵, Johnnie Pearl Taylor⁶, Lewis Simon William⁷, Mabel William Huff.

Lewis Simon William md Johnnie Pearl Taylor – parents of Mabel William Huff

Johnnie Pearl Taylor, (s/o John Albert Taylor) md Ella Belle Smith

Ella Belle Smith, d/o John Smith & Rachel Looney

Rachel Looney, d/o Isaac Looney & Betsy Brigance

Isaac Looney, s/o Peter Looney & Rachel (probably Harmon)

Peter Looney, s/o Absalom Looney Sr.

References for Lineage:

Generations 2 thru 5 see applicants paper: #388669

Generation 6 see applicants paper for Mildred Olevia Euban #511480 & 437 & 511480

My Revolutionary ancestor was married to **Margaret.**

Children of Revolutionary Ancestor:

Michael Looney – b. ca. 1751 md Temperance Cross

Elizabeth Looney – b. ca. 1753 md David Potts

Peter Looney – b. 11/24/1755 md Rachel

Mary Looney – b. ca. 1757 md 1st Edwin Carvin – md 2nd Edward Swanson

Margaret Looney – b. ca. 1759 md Alexander Caldwell

Jonathan Looney – b. ca. 1761 md Jane Harbison

Absalom Looney Jr. – b. ca. 1763 md Margaret Wills (*Margaret "Peggy" Mills Warren*)

Ruth Looney – b. ca. 1765 md John McCormick

Ann Looney – b. ca. 1767 md James Harbison

Catherine Looney – b. ca. 1769 md John Summerfield

Priscilla Looney – b. ca. 1771 md William Caldwell

Benjamin Looney – b. ca. 1774 md Elizabeth McClure

The said Absalom Looney Sr. is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Patriot who furnished supplies, Virginia.

Public Service Claims Certificate of 1781 “Stoner’s Seedbed of the Republic” pp. 131 & 143

Signed and sworn to before me at Evansville, Indiana this 31st day of May A.D. 1971 by **Mable William Huff.**

Source: Mrs. Rhonda Kay Smith Sudbrink: National Number: 388669

Descendant of: Absalom Looney

Josiah Bartlett NSDAR Chapter: Borger, Texas; Verified and Approved 10 February 1999

Descends as follows:

Absalom Looney¹, Mary Looney², James Swanson Sr.³, Mary Swanson⁴, Edwin Richard Myrick⁵, Rosa Pearl Myrick⁶, Earl LaVern Smith⁷, Rhonda Kay Smith⁸

Earl LaVern Smith md Florence Odell Hays – parents of Rhonda Kay Smith

Earl LaVern Smith, s/o Earl Thruston Smith & Rosa Pearl Myrick

Earl Thruston Smith, (s/o Odus Luther Smith)

Rosa Pearl Myrick, d/o Edwin Tastus Myrick & Flora Emmaline Perry

Edwin Tastus Myrick, s/o Edwin Richard Myrick & Mary Elizabeth Nicholson

Edwin Richard Myrick, s/o David Nicholson Myrick Sr. & Mary Swanson

Mary Swanson, d/o James Swanson Sr. & Mary Nicholson

James Swanson Sr., s/o Edward Swanson & Mary Looney

Mary Looney, d/o Absalom Looney Sr. & Margaret “Peggy” Moore

References for Lineage

1st **Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +778**

2nd **Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +778**

3rd **Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +778**

4th **Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +778**

- 5th Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +778
6th Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +778
7th **Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +732**
8th Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +732
9th Generation: Proofs submitted and approved NSDAR #730120 +732
10th **Generation: Will of Absalom Looney**

Children of Revolutionary Ancestor:

Michael Looney – b. ca. 1751 md Temperance Cross
Elizabeth Looney – b. ca. 1753 md David Potts
Peter Looney – b. 11/24/1755 md Rachel
Mary Looney – b. ca. 1757 md 1st Edwin Carvin – md 2nd Edward Swanson
Margaret Looney – b. ca. 1759 md Alexander Caldwell
Jonathan Looney – b. ca. 1761 md Jane Harbison
Absalom Looney Jr. – b. ca. 1763 md Margaret Wills? (*Margaret "Peggy" Mills Warren*)
Ruth Looney – b. ca. 1765 md John McCormick
Ann Looney – b. ca. 1767 md James Harbison
Catherine Looney – b. ca. 1769 md John Summerfield
Priscilla Looney – b. ca. 1771 md William Caldwell
Benjamin Looney – b. ca. 1774 md Elizabeth McClure

The said Absalom Looney who resided during the American Revolution at Botetourt County, Virginia assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Patriot furnished supplies.

My ancestor's services during the Revolutionary War were as follows:
Sold 375 pounds of beef in 1782.

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for Military Record: Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims, Volume 1, Page 131. by Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Borger, Texas this 9th day of April A.D. 1998 by **Rhonda Kay Smith Sudbrink.**

Source: Mary Frances Riley Gray: National Number: 823733

Descendant of: Absalom Looney

Rev. James Caldwell NSDAR Chapter: Jacksonville, IL: Application Verified and Approved: 14 November 2003

Descends as follows:

Absalom Looney Sr., Elizabeth Looney, Margaret Potts, Jessell Henry, Charles Elliott Henry, John William Henry, Catherine Lucile Henry, Edward Francis Riley, Mary Riley Gray.

Edward Francis Riley md Catherine Lucille Henry – parents of Mary Riley Gray
Catherine Lucille Henry, d/o John William Henry & Susan Eliza Ferguson
John William Henry, s/o Charles Elliott Henry & Susan Eliza Ferguson
Charles Elliott Henry, s/o Jesse Henry & Martha Elvira McConnell
Jesse Henry, s/o David Henry & Margaret Potts
Moragaret Potts, d/o David Potts & Elizabeth Looney
Elizabeth Looney, d/o Absalom Looney

References for Lineage:

- 1st Generation: **Applicant's Cert. of Birth, Marriage licenses and applications, R.E. Gray birth certificate.**
2nd Generation: **E.F. Riley and L.C. Henry Cert. of birth & Cert. of death, Marriage license**
3rd Generation: **Generation 3 through 8 see National Number #525629 Supplemental for Absalom Looney by Mrs. Bernice Henry McCollum Applicant's Aunt. Cert. of Birth and Obit. for Bernice Henry McCollum.**
4th Generation: **Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900**
5th Generation: **Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900**

My Revolutionary Ancestor was married to Margaret

Children of Revolutionary Ancestor:

Michael Looney – b. ca. 1751 md Temperance Cross
Elizabeth Looney – b. ca. 1753, Augusta Co., VA md David Potts

Peter Looney – b. 11/24/1755 md Rachel
Mary Looney – b. ca. 1757 md 1st Edwin Carvin – md 2nd Edward Swanson
Margaret Looney – b. ca. 1759 md Alexander Caldwell
Jonathan Looney – b. ca. 1761 md Jane Harbison
Absalom Looney Jr. – b. ca. 1763 md Margaret Wills? (*Margaret "Peggy" Mills Warren*)
Ruth Looney – b. ca. 1765 md John McCormick
Ann Looney – b. ca. 1767 md James Harbison
Catherine Looney – b. ca. 1769 md John Summerfield
Priscilla Looney – b. ca. 1771 md William Caldwell
Benjamin Looney – b. ca. 1774 md Elizabeth McClure

The said Absalom Looney Sr. who resided during the American Revolution at Botetourt County, Virginia assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Patriot in Virginia.

My ancestor's services during the Revolutionary War were as follows:

*Soldier in the Militia, Capt. Looney's Company, Discovered Abb's Valley in Tazewell Co., VA – Kegley's, pg. 163, Patriot – furnished supplies, Indian Fighter.

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for Military Record: Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

***Kegley's Virginia Frontier** – pg. 405. **Chakely's Records of Augusta Co., VA. Seed Bed of the Republic by Robert Douthat Stoner**, pp. 130, 143. **Public Service Claims Certificate of 1781 placed in file case.**

***Abercrombie & Slatten, VA Public Claims, Vol. 1, pg. 131.**

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Jacksonville, Illinois the 6th day of June A.D. 2003 by **Mary Frances Riley Gray**

SOURCE:

Rhea County, Tennessee – County Court Minutes (Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions), May 1823-November 1828:

Abstracted/transcribed by: Bettye J. Broyles - Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society

The page number at the beginning of paragraphs correspond to those in the minute book. The page numbers in the index beginning on page 153 refer to the page number in this publication. Bettye J. Broyles

Pg. 31: in book: August Term 1824

(pg. 99): **Jesse Thompson & Jane W. Thompson, his wife & others, heirs of Absolam Looney, Dec'd to John Looney.** Deed of Conveyance dated 2nd August 1824 for an undivided 11th part of a tract of land in Madison County, Alabama. Acknowledged by **Jesse Thompson** and **Jane W. Thompson**, after having been privately examined separate and apart from her husband; ordered to be certified for further probate.

Pg. 37: in book: August Term 1824

(pg. 114): **Thomas Thompson, Precilla Thompson & other heirs of Absolam Looney, dec'd to John W. Looney.** Deed of Conveyance for an undivided 11th part of a tract of land in Madison County, Alabama; certified for further probate.

Pg. 78: in book: February Term 1826

(pg. 251): **Jesse Thompson & wife & others to John W. Looney.** Deed of Conveyance dated 6th February 1826, for an undivided parcel of land in Madison County, Alabama; acknowledged by **Jesse Thompson** and wife **Jane W. Thompson & Thomas Thompson** and wife **Priscilla Thompson (Jane and Priscilla examined separately)**; certified for further probate.

SOURCE:

Rhea County, Tennessee – County Court Minutes (Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions), May 1823-November 1828:

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FOREWORD:

The following minutes were abstracted/transcribed from a Xerox copy of the original minute book. The book is also on microfilm (State Archives Roll No. 47) and a typed copy was made by the W.P.A. during the 1930's (also on microfilm).

The 1823 to 1828 minute book is the oldest of the books presently located in the Rhea County Courthouse. Three of the earlier books are among the Barnes Collection at the University of Tennessee Library in Knoxville and will be transcribed as soon as a good xerox copy can be obtained.

The term "abstracted/transcribed" is being used because many of the entries have been copied in their entirety. Although there is some duplication, no entry has been skipped or omitted.

Prior to May 1825, wills, inventories, and estate settlements were recorded in the minute book. *Includes the names of the recorded wills.*

After May 1825, the wills, inventories, and settlements were presented to the Court for approval, but were recorded in a special Will Book. These books can be found in the County Court Clerks office in the Courthouse (also on micro-film from State Archives).

Two revolutionary War pension applications were included in this minute book: Thomas Moore (pg. 59) and Joseph Atchley (pg. 64); and two applications for the emancipation of slaves: Mary Walker (pp. 24, 36) and Rezin Rawlings (pg. 97).

The County Court was presided over by Justices of the Peace appointed by the State Legislature and Commissioned by the Governor. The Court heard cases pertaining to assault and battery, affrays, selling "spirituous liquors" without a license, disturbing public worship, gaming, bastardy, etc., many of which were tried by jury. Jurors also were appointed for the Circuit Court.

The Justices appointed various County officers (Court Clerks, Trustee, Registrar, Sheriff, etc.), administrators on estates, guardians for orphans and minor heirs, road overseers, juries of view to lay off new roads or change existing roads, committees to supervise the building of bridges and the County buildings, and authorized the establishment of ferries across the Tennessee River. Tax rates, rates of ferriage, etc. also were set by the Justices. Paupers and poor persons were cared for through appropriations made by the Justices, providing for their maintenance and burial.

The minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session (County Court) contain hundreds of names of residents in the County. The road orders not only appoint an overseer, but list the hands (men who lived along the short section of road) assigned to help the overseer.

The Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions met on the first Monday in the months of February, may, August, and November. Most sessions lasted the entire week, although the number of Justices present was reduced to three or four after the first day.

The page number at the beginning of paragraphs correspond to those in the minute book. The page numbers in the index beginning on page 153 refer to the page number in this publication. Bettye J. Broyles

Source: Tennessee Cousins – 1950

A History of Tennessee People By Worth S. Ray

Author of "The Lost Tribes of North Carolina"

Pg. 88: SAMUEL POWELL, NOTED ROGERSVILLE JUDGE AND LAWYER

JUDGE SAMUEL POWELL, who died in 1841 and whose tombstone record in the Presbyterian Churchyard at Rogersville, shows that he married MARY, was a distinguished citizen of HAWKINS COUNTY, who lived on his farm near Rogersville. He served one term as a member of Congress from Tennessee. In 1807 he was elected Judge of the Superior Court; later, in 1821 he became Judge of the First Judicial District, in which office he served until his death in 1841. Several of his sons and daughters are buried in the same cemetery. In 1805 SAMUEL POWELL was Master of the first Masonic Lodge organized in HAWKINS COUNTY. Among the members in 1805 we find the names of JACOB PECK, R.L. CARUTHERS, ORVILLE RICE, **ABSOLOM LOONEY**, WILLIAM YOUNG, and a JOHN A. RODGERS.

Pg. 90: A GLANCE AT SOME OF THE COURTHOUSE RECORDS OF HAWKINS COUNTY, TN

February 28, 1794, the military officers of HAWKINS COUNTY were named as EDWARD MITCHELL, Captain, and JAMES LATHAM and HENRY DYER as Ensigns. Justice of the Peace for HAWKINS COUNTY were BENJAMIN CALDWELL, WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, NATHANIEL HENDERSON and GEORGE MAXWELL. Also, in September of 1790 JOHN GORDON, ALEXANDER NELSON and **ABSALOM LOONEY** were appointed Justices of the Peace for HAWKINS COUNTY, TN.

Pg. 673: In 1785, the "Commissioners" **ABSOLOM LOONEY**, ISAAC DHELBY and ANTHONY BLEDSOE, came to the Cumberland District to survey the lands set apart by the Legislature of North Carolina for its soldiers of the Continental Line, and others. This Act provided for an adequate military guard of not less than one hundred men, for chain carriers, markers, and others to accompany the commissioners as they plunged into the wilderness. Members of the "Commissioner's Guard" and other necessary helpers were to be entitled to lands for their services. (See Chapter and notes on WILLIAMSON COUNTY). Many settlers participated in this surveying expedition.

Source: Looney Family in America Manuscripts, 1963 Edition by Leroy W. Tilton

After the Revolution Absalom³ may have gone to Western North Carolina. In 1783 the Commissioner Absalom Looney, Isaac Shelby, and Anthony Bledsoe came to the Cumberland District to survey the lands set apart by the legislature of North Carolina for its soldiers of the Continental Line and others. (Tennessee Cousins, pg. 673). It is difficult to see how this could be other than Absalom³ Looney unless it was David² Looney rather than Absalom who was the Commissioner.

On 7 August 1789 **Absalom³ Looney** acquired from William Lee a claim to 640 acres on Little War Creek, near the mouth of Was Creek, on the southeast side of Clinch River. (the entry, No. 2189, had been made by Stephen Williams in 1779). North Carolina Grant No. 311 was issued 27 November 1792 to Absalom Looney and it recites, "**where he now lives.**" (Nashville Book 3, pg. 232; Case 423, NC Land Records, Raleigh, NC).

In 1793 Absalom³ Looney and his brother Michael³ Looney testified in a suit of Simmons vs Tillery and Wilson, Washington District of Tennessee. The land in question was on Big Creek in Hawkins County. Absalom and Michael et al proved that Wilson paid John Bishop 2 horses, seemingly on 1 September 1787.

Absalom Looney is mention⁴ed as Justice of the Peace as early as September 1790. Gov. William Blount's Journal shows that he was reappointed for Hawkins Co. on 27 September 1794. (territorial papers of the U.S. IV, 462). On 15 August 1797 Absalom Looney and William Eley witnessed a deed from William McClean to William Vaughan for \$400 for 250 acres on Little War Creek on the north side of Clinch Mountain. (Hawkins Deeds 2, 433). Also on 15 April 1800.

John Seveir's Journal November 1802, shows that the Commissioners on the night of Sunday, 21 November, staid at Michael Looney's (on big Creek in Stanley Valley) and on Monday 22nd he and General Rutledge crossed Clinch Mountain at Looney's Gap and traveled down the lower creek (probably Little War Creek) to Absalom Looney's.

Absalom³ Looney was still in Tennessee where the tax list for 1810. Captain Looney's Company (probably Captain John), Hawkins County, included John Looney, 300 acres, 1 white poll; and Absalom Looney, Esq. 640 acres, 1 white poll and 1 black poll. Soon, on 27 November 1810, by dead registered 6 May 1811 (Hawkins Deeds 6, 296), Absalom³ Looney of Hawkins County sold to Mathias Click of same, for \$1000, 640 acres in Hawkins on north side of Clinch Mountain and south side of Clinch River, including the mouth of War.

When Jacob Fuqua had license to marry Margaret Looney, on 25 August 1818, Absalom Looney was surety.

No record evidence of the name of Absalom Looney's wife has been found. Mrs. O.H. Looney of Nashville reported in 1963 that Absalom³ Looney married 21 September 1791, Peggy Mills.

The estate of Absalom Looney was appraised 19 November 1818 by Robert Beaty, **William Thompson**, and Archibald McDonnell. John Looney was administrator. (Wills and Inv. 208). The effects were sold at auction on 4 January 1819 by John W. Looney; total receipts \$8,425.94. The list of sales recorded 22 June 1819 mentions 1 hog as having been killed for use of "the family." (Wills and Inv., 198.) In the Huntsville republican of 28 December 1821, John W. Looney, admr. of the estate of Absalom Looney, dec'd., advertised for rent. The plantation of 100 (160/wbl) acres where Absalom (sp wbl) Looney lived, 2 miles south from Huntsville on Indian Creek; likewise the plantation belonging to the Looney estate at Big Cove. This may indicate that Absalom's wife survived him and, accordingly, that the real estate was not sold and divided immediately. In the notice of sale, accordingly, it was stated that the plantation would be rented for 1 year and possession given the same week.

Absalom³ Looney died possessed of his home plantation of 160 acres near Huntsville, 320 acres, southwest, near Triana, and 160 acres about 9 miles southeast of Huntsville.

The widow may of died just before John W. Looney, admr. sold the home plantation to the Brandons on 3 January 1825.

The children of Absalom³Looney were:

John⁴ Warren Loony – b. say 1793, TN. See 4th Generation: Looney Family in America Manuscripts, 1963 Edition by Leroy W. Tilton

Margaret Looney – b. say 1797, TN. Md (lic) 25 August 1818, Madison Co., AL, Jacob Fuqua. Absalom Looney was surety. About 1827 Ailas Fuqua was administrator or Jacob Fuqua, Franklin Co., AL and John Looney was guardian of Stokley and Perrine Fuqua. (was Margaret called "Polly" by tradition?).

Martha Looney (called Patsy) – b. say 1801, TN – md Col. Fleming Hodges (who d. ca. 1828) by Jo. Smith, J.P., 14 April 1823 as 2nd wife. (Morgan Co., AL, lic.).

Absalom⁴Looney – b. 1809, TN. See 4th Generation: Looney Family in America Manuscripts, 1963 Edition by Leroy W. Tilton (according to tradition, there was a "Susan" in this family. Is there any connection with Elijah Looney – b. ca. 1805 who md (lic) 7 June 1828, Susan Dickey in Madison Co., AL. See 1810 census of Madison Co., AL, 1840 census of Marshall Co., and perhaps 1850 census of Hardin Co., TN for possible interest).

KEGLEY'S VIRGINIA FRONTIER – THE BEGINNING OF THE SOUTHWEST – THE ROANOKE OF COLONIAL DAYS 1740-1783, with maps and illustrations by F. B. Kegley.

Source: Annals Of SW Virginia

Botetourt Co. VA, Marriages 1770-1803 Sorted by Groom's Surname

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1778	Caldwell, Alexander	Margaret Looney	Absolum Looney
1780	Caldwell, Wm.	Priscilla Looney	Absolum Looney
1793	Looney, Benj.	Elizabeth McClure	Absolom Looney

1790 McCormick, Jno. Ruth Looney Absolem Looney
1792 Summerfield, John Catherine Looney Absolem Looney

Land Grant Abstracts, Botetourt Co. VA

Absolom Looney 1 Jun 1782
Botetourt County
114 a. On the waters of Craigs Creek a branch of James River
Grants No. F, p. 509

John Looney 25 Mar 1801
Botetourt County
72 a. On the waters of Craig Creek a branch of James River adjoining the lands formerly Joseph
Looney's
Grants No. 48, p. 201

Joseph Looney 20 Jan 1772
Botetourt County
85 a. On the waters of Stone run a branch of Craigs Creek, a branch of James River
Grants No. 40, p. 666

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