

JOHN WHITAKER – SOLDIER OF THE WAR OF 1812  
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Floyd Levi Jernigan

\*See Chapter 10 for complete family listing. & Jernigan Family.  
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John Whitaker was born ca 1783 to John and Winney Whitacre. He came to the mountains near what is now Monterey, TN with his family about 1800. He settled in the 9th Civil District of what was then Overton County, TN (after 1854, Putnam County, TN). He served in the War of 1812 four months as a private in the 3 Tenn. Militia, Capt. David Williams' Co., Col. Stephen Copeland's regiment. Each non-commissioned officer, as well as each private, traveled 330 miles, marching to Camp Johnson, where they were mustered in, and from Fayetteville, where discharged, to their residence in Monroe, Overton Co., TN. He received 36 dollars and 19 cents for his service. John sold his land near Monterey to his son Jefferson and moved to New Hope, AL about 1851 or earlier. Here he applied for a Bounty Land Grant under the Bounty Land Act of 1855, and received it. He was then 72 years old. His father, the elder John Whitacre, was living in New Hope. They are both buried in the Whitaker Cemetery In AL.

John's children were:

1. Nathaniel, b. Cd 1813, m. 1) Susan \_\_\_\_, lived In Jackson Co., TN.  
When John moved to Al Nathaniel moved also. He then m.  
2) Mrs. Rebecca  
Stanley, and moved to Marshall Co., AL. His children were:
  - A. Elizabeth, b. ca 1834
  - B. Nelly b, ca 1838
  - C. Madison, b. ca 1839
  - D. Clayburn, b. ca 1841
  - E. Jefferson, b. ca 1843
  - F. James b. ca 1843
  - C. Catherine, b. ca 1849
  - H. Elizah, b. 1851

II, Thomas Jefferson, b. 18 Dec. 1818, d. 30 Nov. 1900, m. Nancy Dillard Clark.

They are both buried in Whitaker Cemetery, Monterey, TN.

Their children:

- A. James (Jack) b. 16 Mar. 1843, d. 26 Dec. 1922, m. Nancy Elmyra Bagwell.
- B. Margaret Emeline, b. 6 Apr. 1845, d. 7 Nov. 1913, m. David Alexander Buckner.
- C. Alcy, b. 25 Aug. 1848, d. 4 May 1923.
- D. Elizabeth, b. 26 Feb. 1850, d. 28 June 1871, m. Daniel Buckner.

- E. Martha, b. ca 1853, m. Eli Neal
- F. George, b. ca 1856, m. Nellie Jane Ray.
- G. Nancy, b. 1859
- H. Haley, b. ca 1862, m. Louis Swofford.

III. James, b 10 Mar. 1821, d. 1855, New Hope, AL, m. Nancy Henry, daughter of John and Susannah Henry. James is buried in the Whitaker Cemetery in AL.

Their children:

- A. John Harrison, b. 29 Nov. 1840, 15 May 1922. m.
  - 1) Catherine Miller Home, and had three children. John Harrison served in the Civil War and was known for his sharpshooting abilities with a rifle. The children of John Harrison and Catherine were:
    - 1. John Morgan, b. 17 Jan. 1877, d. 7 June 1962, m. Lorittie Whitaker, dau of William and Elzira Jane Nash Whitaker. He m. 2) Alice Green.

(Children of John Harrison & Lorittie Whitaker)

- a. Henry Peyton, b. 30 Nov. 1902, d. 1 Mar. 1971, m. Nelly Clouse, dau of Rollis Bevy and Pearlie Lee Finley Clouse, 25 Apr. 1927. Their children:
  - 1. Henry Thomas Whitaker, b. 24 June 1928, m. Dixie Austin, 12 Feb. 1955. Their children:
    - a. Mary Nell, b. 11 Dec. 1955
    - b. Henry Thomas, Jr., b. 18 Sep. 1958
    - c. Richard Morgan, b. 30 Sep. 1959
    - d. Dixie Ann, b. 2 Feb. 1970
  - 2. Arvel Leonard, b. 29 Sep. 1929, m. Mary Hodge
  - 3. **Blanche Willidene**, b. 20 Sep. 1932, m. **Floyd Levi Jernigan**, 18 Mar. 1954.
    - a. Floyd Levi Jernigan, Jr., b. 21 Nov. 1955, in. Margaret Jenkins Hudson.
      - 1. Holly Erin Jernigan, b. 9 Aug. 1980
  - 4. Wanda Cliffene, b. 27 June 1935, m. Joseph Palladino, 19 July 1958.
    - a. Joseph Kenneth, b. 30 Nov. 1959
    - b. Leonard, b. 19 Aug 1964
- b. Mary Belle
- c. Bertha Laney, b. 8 Apr. 1901, d. 2 Apr. 1980, m. John Grant
- d. Rosey Jane, b. 29 June 1904, m. Roy Kirby
- e. Ollie Della, b. 28 Nov. 1905, m. William Vinson
- f. Callie Elizabeth, b. 8 July 1907, m. Hubert Jackson
- g. David Harrison, b. 8 Jan. 1909, d. 25 Dec. 1959
- h. Ruby Lee, b. 15 June 1910, d. 26 Apr. 1974, m. Harvey Mansell
- i. Arh Edward, b. 8 Aug. 1912, d. 19 Sep. 1936

- j. Harvey Paul, b. 8 June, 1916, m. Mildred Murphy
- k. Gracey Ellen, b. 29 Dec. 1914, m. Sam Bullock
- l. Walter Thomas, b. 22 June 1918, d. 22 Feb. 1986, m. Gladys Jackson
- 2. Elizabeth, b. 8 June 1880, 17 Dec. 1967, m. Alfred Welch
- 3. Walter Monroe, b. 23 Sep. 1896, d. 6 Apr. 1963 in. Lou Ella Randolph
- 4. Tyra Rolone, b. 30 Sep. 1882, d. 5 Sen. 1973, m. 1)Lizzie Pearson;  
2)Zeffie King.
- 5. Ollie Von, b. 21 Nov. 1884, d. 17 May 1975.
- 6. Kelley, b. 18 Nov. 1884, d. 4 Feb. 1894.
- 7. Calvin Haston, b. 15 Jan. 1890, d. June 1967, m. Emma Henry.
- 8. Sina Belle, b. 22 July 1886, d. 11 July 1964, m. Modesty Ford
- 9. Amy, b. 11 Aug. 1892, d. 11 July 1964, m. Joe Ford
- B. Ligard Jefferson, b. 15 Feb. 1843, d. 10 Apr. 1932, m. Rhoda Frances Byrne.  
Their children:
  - 1. Demps Corner, m. Judah Huddleston
  - 2. James, m. Lou Roberson
  - 3. Sue, m. Winburn Elrod
  - 4. Sonora
  - 5. Hennie, m. Corner McBroom
  - 6. Mary Jane, m. William Huddleston
  - 7. Ocie, m. Marley Watts
  - 8. Cleor, m. Young Watts
  - 9. Joe, m. Eliza Allison
- C. James Wesley, b. 1845, m. Becky C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Alfred Nelson Whitaker, b. 17 Jan. 1847, d. 22 Aug. 1907, m.
  - 1)Cather- the Whitaker, dau of Elias Lee and Elizabeth Huddleston Whitaker; and
  - 2)Mary Buttern. His children were: (No. 7- No. 9 by Mary Buttern)
    - 1. Verney, m. Champ Buttern
    - 2. Tom, m. Cynthia Burrern
    - 3. Francis, m. Joe Henry
    - 4. Joseph Hunter, m. Lola Etta Roberson
    - 5. Lewis W., m. Crety Henry
    - 6. Avo, m. Lidge Henry
    - 7. Fountain, m. Laura Henry
    - 8. Dempsey, m. Irene Mitters
    - 9. Rose. m. John Robinson
- E. Susan (Sookie), b. 1850
- F. William Nathan, b. 1852, m. Frances Ford. Their children were:
  - 1. Jimmy, b. 1874, d. 1597
  - 2. Julie Ann, b. 1876, d. 1897
  - 3. Joe, b. 1878, m. Bell Robinson
  - 4. Nancy B., b. 1881, m. George McCormack
  - 5. Bessie R., b. 1883, m. Reeler Bohannon

6. Okley b. 1886, m. Aldora Collins
  7. Bennie, b. 1889, m. Ova McCormack In 1913
  8. Coolie, b. 1891, m. John McCormack
  9. MelvIn, b. 1894, m. Cathie Lee
- C. Joseph Wailer, b. 10 Mar. 1855, d. 1 Aug. 1931, m. Leah Robinson, dau  
of Preston and Jane Jackson Robinson. Their children:
1. James Preston, b. 15 Apr. 1880, d. 3 July 1919, m. Lee Ann Poteet
  2. George Jefferson (Bud), b. 13 Nov. 1881. d. 30 Oct. \_\_\_\_\_, m. Rhoda Davis
  3. Van Caugh, b. 20 Nov. 1883, d. Dec. 1948, m. Lou Harp
  4. Nancy Jane, b. 31 Aug. 1883, d. 16 May 1962, m. David Roberson
  5. Callie, b. 18 Jan. 1888
  6. Ova L., b. 24 Nov. 1889, d. 3 Nov. 1962, m. Lee Grimsley
  7. Ethel C., b. 8 Aug. 1891, d. 10 Apr. 1960, m. Effie Garrison
  8. Josie, b. 13 Aug. 1893, d. 20 Nov. 1949, m. Thomas Welch
  9. Alice A., b. 1 Feb. 1895, d. 16 Feb. 1896
  10. Fannie E.
  11. Mary Ellen, b. 22 June, 1901, d. 13 June 1928, m. William Homer Selby
  12. Mintie D., b. 7 Dec. 1896, m. Tilford Moore
- IV. Permelia Enunaline (Mede), b. 10 May 1826, d. 12 Mar. 1881, m. Elisha N. Henry. Their children:
- A. Taylor, b. 1848
  - B. George W., b. ca 1849
  - C. Jasper N., b. ca 1850
  - D. John, b. 3 Jan. 1851, d. 2 Feb. 1881, m. Hilly A.
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- E. James Vinet, b. 5 Jan. 1854, d. 27 May 1931, m. Margaret Whitaker, dau of Elias Lee and Elizabeth Huddleston Whitaker
- F. Joseph, b. 10 Mar. 1855, d. 3 Nov. 1935, m. Senie
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- C. Mary Ann, b. 9 Jan. 1857, d. 10 Feb. 1929, m. Crocket C. Conley
- H. Mattson Columbus, b. 3 Dec. 1863, d. 27 June 1919, m. A. Z. (Levisa) Robinson
- i. Lidgard J. (or F), b. 1863, d. ca. 1893
  - J. L. Dillard, b. ca 1867
- V. Sally
- VI. Eliza

Resources:

Deed Book L, 1785 - 1788, Pitt Co., NC

Deed Book O, 1797-1801, Pitt Co., NC

A History of Putnam County, Tennessee, by Walter S. McClain

Census of Overton Co., TN, 1820, 1830, 1840  
Census of Putnam Co., TN, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900  
Madison County Deed Book Z  
Putnam County Deed Books  
Family papers of Henry Peyton Whitaker  
War Record of John Whitaker (1812)  
Civil War Record of John Harrison Whitaker  
Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN, Sunday, 23 Sep. 1979  
Family Bible of Peyton Whitaker  
Wilbert Uhitaker, Monterey, TN, now deceased  
Benton Henry, Henry family information  
Census of Madison Co., AL, 1860

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