

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN ALLISON SR.

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b. 22 January 1813 – d. 24 June 1864

s/o John McCaleb & Catherine Allison

md Eleanor Ray

b. 29 January 1812, Jackson Co., TN - d. 12 April 1890, Putnam Co., TN

d/o Joseph Ray & Kessiah Hensley

John Allison Sr. was born between 1720 and 1729, he came to America (possibly from Ireland) when a small boy and settled in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania. It was here he married Martha Hamilton. Martha was born in Antrim, Ireland, ca. 1733 and came to America, 4 October 1746. The following from Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641-1819 edited by Michael Topper, page 117, "October 4, 1746, James Maxfield assigns Martha Hamilton a servant from Ireland in the ship Rundell to William Allison of Lancaster Co., yeoman for four years from September 21, 1746. Consideration L 14:15 customary dues. This means that Martha was a servant to William Allison until September 1750. After her freedom she was married to John Allison, who is believed to be a son of the above William Allison.

John and Martha moved southeast into North about the time of the birth of their second child, where he appeared on the tax rolls in 1755 in Orange County, North Carolina. Here they had at least four sons who fought in the American Revolution in 1776. They continued to live in Orange County about eight miles north of Hillsborough where John made his will on 8 December 1795. This will was recorded in February 1796. Martha was known as "Grannie Mattie" and lived to be one hundred & five years old and died ca. 1838 in Orange County, North Carolina.

The following memoirs of John's grandson Samuel M. McCaleb were written about his grandparents in 1889. "My great-grandparents emigrated from Scotland or Ireland I have forgotten which. They raised five sons viz: Joe; Charles; John; James and Hamilton Allison. I think several of them were soldiers of 1776. They also raised five girls. Nancy married Joshua Bary; Peggy md James Robinson; Jeney md James Ray; Betsy md Samuel Madden; Mary md Thomas Curtis who was a drummer in 1776. And their daughter Grizzy Allison, never married but was the mother of Zilmon by John Porterfield. The old man died before my recollection, the old lady died at the advanced age of one hundred 5 or 6 years. I have seen her often and remember Granny Mattie perfectly well, even her features. She was of Irish descent and he was a Scotchman and I think came from Scotland. She was a Hamilton".

*See Chapter 1 for **Allison, Ellison, John Robert Sr.**

*See Chapter 1 for **Margaret Arizona Allison**

*See Story - **Memoirs of Margaret Allison Maddux.**