

EARLY HISTORY OF PUTNAM COUNTY
SOME MORE PROMINENT PIONEER CITIZENS OF
PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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Capt. William Jared

Capt. William Jared, a Captain in the Revolutionary War, located his Revolutionary War land grant on Indian Creek, in what is now Putnam County, and emigrated to what is now Putnam County from Berkeley County, Virginia, about 1800. He was a son of John Jared, a prosperous Virginia planter of Loudon County, Virginia. He was born June 3, 1758, in Virginia.

Capt. William Jared's residence stood near the residence of the late John Bell Denny on Indian Creek. He owned several hundred acres of land. (*Capt. William Jared's land now owned by Robert Shanks as of 1993*).

He married Elizabeth Raulston, a daughter of Matthew Raulston, on December 6, 1792. (*Early East Tennessee Marriages Vol. 1 by Grooms – pg. 189, Jared, (Garret), William to Elizabeth Roulstone 12-2-1792, Jefferson Co., TN*). Her father owned and lived upon the farm which was later owned by the McKinley family for many years and is now owned by Mrs. Ralph Jared. A D.A.R (*Daughter of the American Revolution*) marker was placed in front of the old Raulston home, about sixteen miles West of Cookeville, on the Nashville Highway, several years ago.

Capt. William Jared's wife was a sister of Col. James Raulston, a Colonel in General William Carroll's Second Division of the Tennessee Militia in the War of 1812. Col. Raulston commanded the 18th Tennessee Infantry in the Battle of New Orleans. His portrait hangs in the State Capital at Nashville. (*It no longer is in the State Capital building*). In a report by General William Carroll, relative to the war record of Col. Raulston, General Carroll stated "that his good conduct, subordination and valor, under the most trying hardships, entitle him to the gratitude of his country." Although reared at the old Raulston home, where his parents died, in what is now Putnam County, Col. James Raulston, after the War of 1812, moved to Marion County, this State. He has numerous descendants in that section. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Simmons, belonged to a prominent pioneer family of Putnam County.

Capt. William Jared was one of the leading pioneer citizens of the section in which he lived. He died September 22, 1827. His widow, Elizabeth Raulston Jared, born January 6, 1770, died June 18 1835. The graves of Capt. William Jared and his wife are in the Jared-Byrne family cemetery, near the residence of the late John Bell Denny. Their graves are marked by tombstones placed shortly after their respective deaths.

Several years ago, the Old Walton Road Chapter, D.A.R., of Cookeville, placed Revolutionary War markers at the graves of both Capt. William Jared and his brother Joseph Jared.

Capt. William Jared and his wife, Elizabeth Raulston Jared reared the following children:

Moses Jared, born April 10, 1794, died **March 20, 1829**, *10 April 1827* married Malinda Byrne, May 3, 1818. Their children were: Elizabeth Ann Jared, wife of David H. Nichols, Rhoda Jared, wife of Adolphus Young, Mary "Polly" Jared, wife of Jefferson W. Boyd, and one son, Moses A. Jared.

Martha "Patsy" Jared, born October 16, 1795, died April 10, 1832, married Lawrence "Larry" Byrne, June 12, 1821. They reared a large family.

Naomi Jared, born September 17, 1797, died December 30, 1877 *24 December 1876* married John Simmons, October 5, 1815. John Simmons was a Captain under General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. They moved to Missouri and their graves are in the Mt. Grove Cemetery, MO. It is inscribed on John Simmons tombstone that "he was a Captain under General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812."

Joseph Jared born March 17 1800 married Dorcas Byrne, October 31, 1824 and after her death he married Rachel Ray. He reared a large family.

Ruth Shamblin Jared born March 18, 1802 married Martin Brown, November 24, 1825. Their four children, all daughters, were Elizabeth, Martha Ann, Malinda and Naomi.

William Jared born June 18, 1805, died September 22, 1827. He married Martha Jett.

Samuel Raulston Jared born August 3, 1807, died May 12, 1883 married Mary J. Scruggs, February 26, 1832.

John Jared born June 8, 1811, died December 21, 1896, married Anna Carr, August 25, 1831.

Matthew Raulston Jared born July 2, 1813, died August 25, 1847. He never married. Many descendants of Capt. William Jared are members of the D.A.R. and S.A.R., under his Revolutionary War record. For the information of any of his descendants who are not members of these organizations but desire to make application for membership, will state that Capt. William Jared was Captain of the Berkeley County, Virginia Militia troops of the Revolutionary War. He married Elizabeth Raulston on December 6, 1792, in Berkeley County, Virginia, before he and his wife's parents, Matthew Raulston and wife, emigrated to what is now Putnam County. (*Early East Tennessee Marriages Vol. 1 by Grooms - pg. 189, Jared, (Garret), William to Elizabeth Roulstone 12-2-1792, Jefferson Co., TN*). While living in Virginia, he and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church, but, after emigrating to what is now Putnam County, they joined the Methodist

Church of which church they were thereafter faithful members until their deaths. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Joseph Jared

Joseph Jared born January 2, 1760, died January 7, 1843 was a younger brother of Capt. William Jared. There was only nineteen months difference in their ages. Joseph Jared was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He located his Revolutionary War land grant about sixteen miles West of the present city of Cookeville and his residence was located on the Nashville (Walton) road, near the point known as the "Low Gap."

It is generally understood by the descendants of these brothers, Capt. William Jared and Joseph Jared, that they emigrated from Virginia to what is now Putnam County at the same time, about the year 1800. If they did not come together, Joseph Jared came very soon after his brother located his Revolutionary War land grant on Indian Creek. They were both middle aged married men when they emigrated from Virginia to what is now Putnam County.

Joseph Jared died at the age of 88 years and five days. He was married twice. His grave and the graves of both of his wives are in the old Joseph Jared family cemetery on the hill, near the "Low Gap." In his old age, Joseph Jared received a Revolutionary War pension.

He was a well educated man for his day and was known for his splendid intelligence, sound judgment and upright life, enjoying in the highest degree the confidence and esteems of all who knew him.

Joseph Jared was twice married, first to Martha Beard, and after her death to Elizabeth Baker. He reared a large family by each of his wives.

One of his sons, the late Josiah Jared of Rock Springs Valley who was his last surviving child, was, for many years, one of Putnam County's most prominent and highly respected citizens. He reared a large family and his last surviving child, Mrs. Victoria Jared McGinness, widow of the late Felix P. McGinness, died about a month ago, at her home in Carthage, at the advanced age of 96 years. Other daughters of Josiah Jared were Mrs. James Nelson Maddux, *Eudora "Dora" Jared*, Mrs. H.B. Maddux *Hugh B. Maddux*, *Mary Jared*, and Mrs. W.W. Ford *William W. Ford*, *Elizabeth Betty Bell Jared*. The late Joe H. Jared, Ethel "Bert" Jared and Ed F. Jared *Edward Franklin Jared*, were sons of Josiah Jared.

Many of the descendants of both Captain William Jared and his brother Joseph Jared have attained prominence and success in all callings, professions and avocations. The list is too long to attempt to here refer to them by name, while to refer to some and omit reference to others would be certain to invite disappointment.

All of the Jareds of Putnam County are descendants of either Capt. William Jared or of his brother Joseph Jared, the two Revolutionary War soldiers, who located their Revolutionary War land grants in what is now Putnam County a century and a half ago. Hundreds of people of Putnam County whose family names are other than Jared are descendants of each of them, and, by reason of intermarriage of relatives, many people of Putnam County are descendants of both Capt. William Jared and his brother, Joseph Jared, who bequeathed to their posterity honorable names that are revered descendants of these two pioneer by their many descendants. The brothers compose one of the largest, if not the largest family connection in Putnam County.
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