

OLD JOURNAL OF JOHN JARED
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A LETTER FROM: Mrs. Ray V. Jared, 5 April 1952:

“Now we thought we had struck the Jack-pot when my husband’s second cousin, John W. Jarrett, Little Rock, Arkansas, found in a Kentucky attic an old ledger of John Jared’s ‘situate on his plantation in the 4th division of the 3rd Survey in District of Virginia.’ Entries were from 1772-1780 by John, then his last entry 1805. Later his son Joel Jared, R.V.’s ancestor, one-half brother to your William, took it and used it until 1831.

“John in his own handwriting left this record: ‘John Jared, son of Thomas and Martha, his wife, was born 25 June 1737.’ Also Perrins “History of Kentucky” page 1065 says: ‘John Jarrett born 1737, wagon maker, son of Thomas and Martha Jarrett, English descent.’

“Hannah, his wife, your Miss Whitaker, was born 21 September 1739, married 28 Aug.---, (no year).

“William Jared was born 3 June 1758, Joseph Jared was born 2 January 1760; Naomi Jared was born 9 August 1763.

“Hannah, wife of John, was daughter of John Whitaire (not Whitaker) and Naomi his wife. She died 8 November 1765. Then he gives second marriage 1767 to Rachel --, 18 years old, but all records of her last name is blotted out. Can we be sure it is Palmer?

I (Eleanor Hall) wrote to this most helpful cousin in Little Rock. His record seemed to tie in perfectly. Here was a wagonmaker writing his name both Jared and Jarrett; his children had the right names and ages. Could the wife’s name, Whitaire, be really Whitacre – was what appeared to be an “i” really a “c” making a name that would be pronounced Whitaker,” to make my great grandmother’s story correct? Would he examine the hand writing minutely for this clue to a name?

I received the following letter 27 September 1952:

It seems apparent that all the “cousin,” “descendants of John Jared of Bedford County, Virginia, would make quite an army of WAC’s and GI’s. I have so far been in contact with only the descendants of John’s youngest son, Joel, born in 1785, who was my great grandfather. John and Joel each had twelve children and surely the “CLAN” comprising John’s progeny would furnish the population for a good sized county.

As you will notice from the enclosed list showing my descent, my father died when I was only eight years of age. My mother went back to her own people to live with her two children, myself and an older sister, who is Mrs. John Gibson living at Hardinsburgh, KY. I grew up among my mother's people and knew very little of my father's family. While on a visit to my sister in 1950, I discovered that she had acquired an old account book which none of us had known about. It was found in an apartment in Louisville that had been occupied by our Aunt Louisa Smith, sister of my father, until her death in 1940. At my sister's insistence, I brought it home with me.

The book is very fragile, ready to fall to pieces, and is also fragmentary. (At least half the sheets have been cut out and many pieces of pages have been sliced out, probably for us in writing receipts, notes, and similar instruments. The entries are not in chronological order, but seem to have been entered from time to time wherever a blank space was available.) The earliest entry (still in the book) was made in October 1772, and the latest in 1831. At the bottom of the first page is the following notation, "John Jared, his book, Bedford County 1803, page 16." At the top of a subsequent page appears "john Jared his account book 1805." No accounts in the name of John Jared appear after the 1790's and the accounts of Joel Jarred begin in 1812, or earlier, and continue to 1831. Only one notation made later than Joel Jarred's accounts appear in the book. It reads "Wilson Jarrett January the 28th 1857, and was born the 29th of August in the year of our Lord 1810."

The various accounts show that John Jared was a wood worker making wagons, wagon wheels, spinning wheels, and looms, and such other implements as pioneers used in those days. It seems that he also operated a distillery for a time in the "Fourth division of the Third Survey in the District of Virginia.

I am enclosing a copy of the page showing the family record, a copy of an entire page on which the name Whitacre (or Whitaire) appears three times, and a copy of an account with William Jared which I think will be of interest to you.

The media Research Bureau, Washington, D.C. list fourteen different spellings of the name in England and America. From my description of the account book you will notice that the name in this one family is spelled three ways. Our English and early Virginia ancestors were not especially good at spelling. In the records of the Virginia Company Sir Edwin Sandys, the Secretary, spells his own name two different ways. The pioneer Americans wrote a fine hand, but did not spell names correctly. But it is evident that a large number of Jared's, Jarred's and Jarrett's are descended from John of Bedford County.

The old journal extracts prove our genealogical connections to be solidly made.

Eleanor Hall

July 17 80 William Jared 68 - 75
 By work done in hay harvest at Ashburn & Thom
 1781 By work done by him at home 46 & went to camp 287
 1782 By lending summit for me to Mr Wilson 220 89
 1783 By gardening the prisoners at Concord to 100 40
 1784 By helping with the wagon for Bradford
 and working this part summer and helping William 18
 By answering a debt for me to George Robinson 900
 June By the use of his mare's milk 2 1/2 qts - - - 0 1/2
 By helping take the wagon home and move in family out 16
 1786 By the work of his day mare 72 days - - - 14
 By Cash Received of him all of harvest - - - 14
 By Tom Rivard of me, having on his account - - - 6 3
 By 2 pater Browns 13/4 2 yards of flannel 5 - - - 1 1/2

Names and ages of Joel and Polly Jared's Children

1. Myson Jared was Born the 5th of November - 1805 -
2. Erail Jared was Born the 5th day of March 1807
3. Sally Jared was Born the 6th day November 1808
4. William Jared was Born the 29th of August 1810
5. Fanny Jared was Born the 19th of March 1812
6. Rachel Jared was Born the 23rd of December 1813
7. Allen Jared was Born the 16th of December 1815
 Allen died on the 22nd of April 1825
8. Melvody Jared was Born the 1st of Oct. 1817
9. Thos Jared was Born the 6th of July 1819 -
 and Died the 23rd of January 1820
10. William Jared was Born the 3rd day of January 1821 -
11. Hettysan Jared was Born the 13th of December 1822
 1822
12. Elizabeth Jared was Born the 19th of Feb. 1825

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 1825

	William Jared C.R.	L S D
July 11 1780	By work done in hay harvest at Osburns & Thompsons	-----
In yr 1781	By work done by him at home – I went to camp	2 7 --
1782	By tending sawmils for me & Mr. Neilson	2 19 –
	By garding the prisoners at Winchester	10 10 –
13 April 1783	By helping with the wagon to Bedford and working there that sumer and helping us move the family in	12 0 –
	By answering a dett for me to George	9 0 --
June	By the use of his mare to ride to Bedford	0 6 –
	& by helping take the wagon home and move the family out	0 16 –
1786	By the work of his bay mare 7 ½ days	0 7
	& by cash received of him att Harveys	0 12 –
	By iron received of Mr Harvey on his Account	5 3 –
	By 2 putor basons 13/4 2 yards flannel	5/ 0 13 1

- *Note: The right side of the page is so badly worn that the figures showing the "pence" are not legible.*

Names and ages of Joel and Polly Jarreds Children

Mayson Jarred was Born the 5th of november 1805

Isarel Jarred was Born the 5th of march 1807

Sally (*Sarah*) Jarred was Born the 6th of november 1808

Wilson Jarred was Born the 29th of August 1810

Frances Jarred was Born the 19th of March 1812

Rachel Jarred was Born the 23rd of December 1813

Allen Jarred was Born the 14th of December 1815
Allen died on the 22 of April 1825

Melindy (*Malinda Sue*) was born the 1st of Oct. 1817

Thos Jarred was Born the 6th of July 1819
And Died the 23rd of January 1820

William Jarred was Born the 3rd day of January 1821

Kittyann (*Catherine*) was Born the 13th of December 1822

Elizabeth Jarred was Born the 19th of February 1825

- *Note: Joel Jarred/Jared was born 19 July 1785, died 10 December 1872 at the age of 87 years. He was the twelfth child and sixth son of John Jared the wagonmaker. His mother was John's second wife, Rachel Palmer Jared. He married Polly Dowell, daughter of Macajah and Frances Dowell, born 15 July 1787.*
- *Ada Matheny of Yale, Illinois, has the old family Bible which once belonged to Joel and Polly Dowell Jared. The history of the Bible is given on its flyleaf as follows:*

(Publication date not given.)

"Handed down to me October 1895 by Aunt Katy Vanderhoff – A.K. Watt, Newton, IL

"From Mother to Delia 1922"

"From Delia (Cordelia) to Ada Matheny, her daughter."

The family record is apparently written by Polly Dowell Jared:

"Joel Jared and Polly Dowell were married in Bedford Co., state of Virginia in the year of our Lord 1805 and moved to Breckenridge County, Kentucky in the fall of 1806, where we continued to live till this present day, it being the 21st day of Feb. 1836."

The family record follows with births, marriages and deaths, all in Polly's handwriting. Then in another handwriting we find:

“Joel Jared son of John and Rachel Jared was born 19th July 1785.

“Joel Jared died the 10th day of Dec. 1872. His age 87.”

“Polly Jared daughter of Micajah Dowell and Frances his wife was born the 15th of July 1787, died the 12th day of June 1860 her age was 73.”

In 1852 Polly and Joel with their family moved to Illinois where they united with the Bethel Congregation of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She lived to see all her children and some of her grandchildren become members of the Church. She was one of the practical Christians who believed in doing the work and by works her faith was made perfect.

(Continuation of John Jared's Journal)

Page 18. Mr. Edward Snikers Dr.		L S D
May 12 th 1773	To 3 new spokes felle 2/6	0 5 6
July 1 st	To 2 jumpt spokes 3/ and 5 Briv spokes 3/ a felle 2/6	0 8 6
Sep 8 th	To a new pair of wagon wheels & a moltro To taking the tive of a pair of wheels and repairing them	2 5 0 0 8 0
	To a whole set of new running gear	1 0 0
	To 1 axeltree 5/ one English wagon body and irons 1/5	2 10 0
Novem 5 th	To 2 axeltrees 10/ Bolster and standards Ironing of them and sending boxes	0 19 0
12 th	To one Days work at the quarter	0 5 6
March 20 th 1774	To repairing a wagon Body	0 10 0
	To a Bond given to Shanlin payable Oct 1 st 1775	<u>16 0 0</u>
		L 24 9 6

Opposite page:

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July 6 th 1773	By cash two Dollars	0 12 0
Sep 2	By one Bowl of Toddy	0 1 5
October 11 th	By cash 48/ a Biter Dram /4	2 8 4
November 17	By 2 quarts of cider	0 0 8
	By Cash paid to Bryon Fairfax as rent	<u>9 0 0</u>
		L 12 2 3
27	By Mr William Neilsons accumpion	12 7 3

THE BOOK OF JARED

John Jared son of Thomas & Martha his ^{the 2^d} wife was Born
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 & she was married on the 28 of august
 Minn Jared was born June the 8 1758
 Joseph Jared was born January the 2 1760
 Sammy Jared was born august the 7 1763
 Hannah Jared was born wife of John Jared Daugh^{ter}
 of John white wife & Sammy his wife died on the
 Eighth of november in the year of our lord 1768
 John Jared & his wife was married in this year 1767
 In which year the said Rachel was 18 years of age & that on ^{the}
 of august 23
 Hannah Jared was Born the February the 14 1770
 & Died this 25 of november in this same year
 Ruth Jared was Born november the 5 1769
 Israel Jared was Born august the 12 1771
 Rachel Jared was born September, 30 1773
 John Jared was Born - December 3 1775
 Thomas Jared was Born September 7 ^{the} 1777
 Elisabeth Jared was Born January the 9 1781
 Sarah Jared was Born January the 20 1783
 Jack Jared was Born July the 12 1785
 Saml Jared was ^{born} december the 29 1788

9-00
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 Saml Jared
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 1 37 1/2 75
 1 44 1/2 50 - 1/2

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Hannah Jared was Born the February the 14 1768
& Died this 25 of November in the same year
Ruth Jared was Born November the 5 1769
Israel Jared was Born August 12 1771
Rachel Jared was born September the 30 1773
John Jared was Born November the 3 1775
Thomas Jared was Born September the 7 1776
Elizabeth Jared was Born January the 23 1781
Sarah Jared was Born January 20 1783
Joel Jared was Born July the 12 1785
Sam'l Jared was Born December the 29 1788

Rachel Jarett was Born August the 23 1748

- *Notes on this page:*
The last entry is in a different handwriting and with ink that has faded more than the entries on the upper part of the page.
- *The words "was born" after the name of Hannah Jared is marked out in the same ink in which it was written.*
- *The year "1739" showing the year of birth of Hannah Jared first wife of John Jared has written over it in different ink "1855" and under it the result of a subtraction 116. Its meaning is most uncertain as she is reported as having died November 8 1765.*

(This is the last page in the old account book. All the remaining pages are gone and apparently more than half of the book had been cut out.)

Account of Spirits distilled from domestic materials & sold or disposed of by John Jared from one still marked AD53V belonging to the said Jared Situate at

his plantation in the fourth Division of the third Survey in the district of Virginia.

Distilled And disposed of	Quantities distilled in gallons	To whom sold or disposed of in galls
Jany 1	none	George Scott
March 9	7 3 1	John Pearson
13	- - - - -	Geo Scott 3
13	- - - - -	Capt Williams 2 2
13	- - - - -	Jos Jared 0 1
14	7	Ro Baker 0 1
19	- - - - -	Ro Baker 0 1
22	- - - - -	Richard Anderson 2 0
29	- - - - -	Mathers Pate 2 1
		Ro Baker 1

This account continues through June and shows a total of gallons distilled 112 0 1, and about 36 entries in the column showing the amounts disposed of. A number of the remaining names are faded until they are illegible.

Proof of Ancestors Service:

John Jared, sometimes recorded as John Jarrett, had two sons, William and Joseph who served in the Revolutionary War.

It is known that John lived in Loudoun and Bedford Counties of Virginia during the period of the Revolutionary War.

An old account book of John Jared was found in an attic of the apartment of one of his descendants in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1940. This book is now in the possession of John W. Jarrett, Little Rock, Arkansas. On the first existing page it clearly states "John Jared, His Book."

The ledger is badly worn with about half of the pages cut out and in it John Jared, states that he was the son of Thomas and Marha Jared and gives the names of his wives and also his children's names and dates of birth.

The accounts are not entered chronologically but wherever a blank space was available, and the entries that are still intact cover the period from 1772 to 1831.

Entries from 1780 to 1786 show payments made to his son William Jared. In the year 1781 it states "By work done by him at I went to camp." In 1782 "by 'garding' the prisoners at Winchester." This probably gave the father John Jared a chance to go home for a while.

The next entry is in the same vein. "13 April, 1783, By helping with the wagon to Bedford and working there that summer and helping us move the family in." This was probably the date 1783 the family of John Jared moved from Loudoun Co. to Bedford Co., Virginia.

The prisoners at Winchester which John guarded were evidently a part or all of Cornwallis Army.

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J.W. Jarrett, Little Rock, Ark. to his sister July 20, 1950.

"Dear sister,

"Since I came home I have copied some of the most interesting accounts and pages in the Old Account Book, and am sending you copies as I believe they will be of interest to you. The book is so fragmentary, frayed and worn that it is hard to find accounts that are entire and therefore logical. I have copied entries that seemed to throw light on the early history and way of life of the family. The book carries the record back about two generations further than anything yet known, giving the birthdate of Joel Jarred and his father John Jared as well as the given names of the grandfather and grandmother. The home location was evidently Bedford County, Virginia, but place names are scarce. Nothing in the book indicate when the family, or any member of it moved to Kentucky, but it was probably around 1805 or 1806."

From a letter to Raymond R. Jared 14217 Forrer, Detroit, Michigan from J.W. Jarrett Jonesboro, Ark. date 13 August 1935.

"The oldest son of Joel Jarrett, Mason, settled at Clifton Mills, Kentucky where he reared a large family, none of whom I ever knew although I grew up within fifteen miles of them.

"Your grandfather, Israel Jarrett, seems to have moved to Illinois where he also reared a large family. Allen went to Florida where he was killed in a duel. One of the daughters married a Mr. Clemons in the southern part of Breckinridge Co., and her granddaughter is the wife of Henry Cary of Tulsa, Okla., a brother of my wife, who was Miss Jessie Cary of Glendean, Kentucky.

"I am the grandson of Wilson Jarrett and Catherine Dowell who settled at Stephensport, KY in the first half of the nineteenth century. Wilson Jarrett also reared a large family of whom my father, William Hunter Jarrett, was the second son born in 1840. He died in 1887 when I was only eight years of age, leaving my mother with two children, a daughter Ida Hester Jarrett, born May 23, 1877,

and myself, born October 26, 1879, and consequently we grew up among her people.

“My father was a member of the Kentucky Orphan Brigade in the Southern Army, while his older brother, Samuel, and younger brother, John Wesley, for whom I was named, were officers in the Union Army. After the Civil War Samuel Jarrett settled at Olney, Illinois where he died in 1923, leaving a widow and four daughters.

“My father’s brother, John Wesley Jarrett, was an attorney in Breckenridge Co., KY until about the year 1900 when he removed to Dallas, Texas to be with his only son, Grover C. Jarred, and died there about 1920.

“The only one of my father’s sisters that I ever knew was Mrs. Lousia Smith, who died in Louisville, KY in 1932 at the age of about 85, leaving one daughter, Miss Maud Smith, who now lives at 45047 S. 3rd St. in Louisville, and is a teacher in Public Schools.”

**See Story of John Wesley Jarrett/Jared*

**See Chapter 9 & 10 & the Jared Family*

**See Story of Israel Jared & Joel Jared.*

**See History of Kentucky*

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