

Joseph Jackson Jared Descendants Story

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Joseph Jackson Jared² (John¹) born 2 January 1760 at Loudoun County, Virginia, a son of John and Hannah (Whitacre) Jared, died 4 March 1835, Jackson (now Putnam Co.) Tennessee, md 23 October 1780 (1) Agnes "Aggie" "Martha" Beard; md (2) 19 January 1802 Elizabeth "Besty" Baker, b. 22 February 1773, died 14 December 1836, daughter of Samuel and Mary Baker.

An interesting marriage contract lies in the vaults of the Bedford County Court House in Virginia. It reads: "Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Jarrett and George Simmons are held and firmly bound unto Patrick Henry Esquire Governor or Chief magistrate of the State of Virginia in the sum of Fifty pounds to which paim't, (payment) well and truly to be made to the said Patrick Henry or his Successors we bind ourselves and each of our Joints and several Heirs. Exor's and Admir's, firmly by these present. Sealed with our seals and dated this 23 day of October 1780.

The condition of the above oblige, is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly to be had and solemnized between Joseph Jarrett and Aggy Beard. Now if there shall be no lawful Cause to Obstruct the s'd marriage then the above Oblige, to be void. Else to remain in full force and virtue.

Filed with this bond was a paper stating that Margit Young, mother of Aggy Beard gave her consent to said marriage.

In the marriage contract Joseph's surname is written Jarrett. He signed the documents "Joseph Jared."

Joseph (2) was the second son of John Jared (1), wagonmaker of Virginia and his Quaker wife, Hannah Whitacre. His mother received permission to remove from the Quaker community of Kingswood Monthly Meeting in New Jersey to Loudoun Co., Virginia. It is possible, since his mother died before Joseph was three years old, that he had no one to tell him his exact place of birth. We do know he was the second son of John.

He was a veteran of the American Revolution. He enlisted on the 12th day of October 1779 in – Loudoun County, Virginia at Lacey's Tavern – on Bulskin Creek – in the service of the United States as a volunteer.

His regiment was immediately marched from Lacey's Tavern aforesaid to Richmond, Virginia with an expectation of going from that place to Hillsborough but when they arrived at Richmond, they were ordered to march on Portsmouth on Nancymond River. After being at Portsmouth a few days they were marched to Cabbins' Point, here they stayed a few days and were thence marched to an oil field, the distance not recollected, where they were stationed about ten or

fifteen days. At this place they built large tents of green pines with much order and regularity as to their arrangement after the manner of streets of a town and in consequence of this circumstance they called the place Green-Town by which name it has been called and known ever since. From Green-Town they were marched to Petersburg, Virginia, and were stationed about one mile from the place. Here they remained until the time for which they had volunteered, had expired, and during the time they were at this place, the Regiment was reviewed by General Stuban, after which the General complimented the soldiers for their patriotism in volunteering in the service of our country, called them good boys, and then dismissed the soldiers from further service at that time. They received no written discharges. Joseph returned home and remained until sometime in the summer of 1781, and again volunteered in the service of the United States in Loudoun County, VA, and at the same Lacey's Tavern. They again marched to Richmond, thence immediately to Gloucester in Gloucester County near Little York, where he joined the main Army under General Washington. Here he remained during the balance of the summer and fall until sometime after Cornwallis' surrender. After the battle they started to Nowling's Ferry on the Potomac river, to which place they guarded the prisoners. They were again discharged from service without receiving written discharges. He was not engaged in any other battle or engagement but the Battle of Little York. He was engaged in the service during the last campaign at least three month and to the best of his knowledge it was more than that length of time-which together with his first mentioned service would make more than six months-he has no documentary evidence of his service-never having received any written discharges from any of his Officers nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services.

William Jared was one of the first settlers of Putnam Co., Tennessee, arriving there in 1795 to take up his lands and establish his family. He perhaps influenced his brother Joseph to join him. According to Joseph's statement in the forgoing application for pension, he took up his residence in Jackson Co., Tennessee about 1810.

*After the American Revolution, several soldiers of the Continental Army settled in that part of the wilderness of Tennessee that was to become Putnam County. Joseph Jared came to Tennessee in 1810, settling in Buffalo Valley near his older brother William Jared. Martha Beard was his first wife and Elizabeth Bolen his second. He was born January 2, 1760, and died March 4, 1835, and is buried in the Jared-Ensor Cemetery on Highway 70N near the Smith County line.
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*Joseph Jackson Jared came from Virginia about the same time as William Jared. He located his farm on the ridge at a point know as the Low Gap. One son, Josiah Jared, was for many years a prominent citizen of the county. The large Jared family inter-married with the Byrnes, Boyds, Nichols, Holladay,

Ensor, Huddleston, Maddux, and Leftwich. *Pictorial History of Putnam County TN*
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*Joseph Jackson Jared was a Private in Feagin's Company, Russell's Virginia Regiment. He received a Tennessee Land Grant for his Revolutionary War Service. Joseph entered service as a volunteer October 12, 1779 in London Co., VA. He entered the service at Lacy's Tavern, on Bulskin Creek, under Captain Daniel Feagans, Lieutenant John Russell, Ensign Samuel Oliphant, Col. Russell, Major Merriweather, and Major Dick?

Joseph Jackson Jared enlisted again as a volunteer in 1781, at the same place as before under Captain Elgin. The regiment was marched to Richmond, thence to Gloucester, near Little York, where it joined the main army under the command of General Washington, and there engaged in the Battle of Little York. Here the regiment remained until after the surrender of Cornwallis. At the close of the war, Joseph was discharged from the army. After he was discharged from his first service, and before he again enlisted, he married Martha Agnes Beard at Bedford Co., VA. The date being October 23, 1780.

Ref: DAR #297903; VA Troops File # 1539 – Dept. of Interior, TN DAR 33-34 yearbook, page 66. Joseph Jared emigrated from VA about 1810 and located his farm on the ridge at a point known as Low Gap.

...Ruth Jared – b. 8 May 1802, Bedford Co., VA – d. 20 March 1862,
Ensor Valley, Putnam Co., TN
d/o Joseph Jackson Jared & Martha Agnes Beard
md ca. 1819, Jonathan Lasley Ensor – b. 8 April 1800, Washington Co., TN –
d. 23 December 1826, Sangamon Co., IL –
Cause of death: Fell from his horse.
s/o William Talbott Ensor - b. 1771, Baltimore Co., MD –
d. 1847, Washington Co., TN & Martha Anne Lasley –
b. 27 September 1797, Washington Co., TN – md 27 September 1797,
Washington Co., TN -
d/o William & Sarah (?) Lasley

Jonathan Lasley Ensor came from Washington County to settle in the lower end of Putnam County near the Low Gap about 1820. He married Ruth Jared, youngest daughter of Joseph Jared and his first wife, Agnes Beard Jared. They were members of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Rock Spring Valley. He was the father of: Capt. William Asbury Ensor, Emiline Ensor, married John Holladay, and Martha Ensor married William Tate; and the grandfather of: Johnathan Lasley Ensor, Isaac Monroe Ensor, Virginia Carr Ensor, Dr. Lorenzo Dow Jared Ensor, Louvina Ensor, Emma Avo Ensor "Emmie," Tennessee Frances Ensor, and William Wirt Ensor.

Jonathan was from Bristol, TN. He came down South after leaving home as a young man. Sixteen miles down Walton Road, (now Highway 70) at Low Gap, Ruth Jared lived in the home of her parents. There was no school near, and little

social life where young folks participated. She wondered what her fate would be. One night she dreamed she saw a young man riding a bay horse. He had beautiful, penetrating blue eyes and was wearing a brown jean suit.

When Jonathan arrived in Middle Tennessee, he stopped for the night at the home of Joseph Jared. A few days after her dream, when Jonathan knocked at the Jared door, Ruth recognized him immediately as the man in her dreams. It was love at first sight for both of them, and they were soon married.

Ruth's brothers had a sawmill in Sagamon, IL. Five years after Jonathan and Ruth were married Jonathan took his family there. On 23 December 1826 Jonathan was killed from a fall from his horse. Ruth started back to Tennessee with her little children in a horse drawn wagon. One of the horses died, and she exchanged the other and the wagon for 2 oxen and a cart, and made her way back to the home of her father.

Children of Ruth Jared & Jonathan Lasley Ensor are:

Captain William Asbury Ensor – b. 14 March 1825 in Ensor Valley, Putnam Co., TN; d. 12 March 1901 in Ensor Valley, Putnam Co., TN. md Naomi Florella Huddleston – 5 December 1846. *Fought for the Confederate States of America, Company G, 84th Infantry – Buried Joseph Jared Cemetery – Putnam Co., TN. The W.A. Ensor, TN, 84th Infantry, Company G, Captain was William Asbury Ensor from Putnam Co., TN. William Asbury Ensor organized a group of volunteers and was “elected” Captain. It may be interesting to know that William Asbury Ensor was not a slave owner.*

Emmeline “Emily” Ensor – b. 24 November 1821, Ensor Valley, Jackson Co., TN – d. 20 September 1882, Putnam Co., TN – Buried: Holladay Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN - md John Holladay

Martha Ensor – b. ca. 1823, Ensor Valley, Jackson Co., TN – d. ca. 1844, childbirth in Putnam Co., TN – Believed to be buried at Joseph Jared Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN – md William Tate