

John Wesley Jarrett/Jared  
Kentucky

A History of the State,

*Embracing a concise account of the Origin and Development of the Virginia Colony; Its  
Expansion Westward, and the settlement of the Frontier Beyond The Alleghenies; The Erection of  
Kentucky As An Independent State, and Its Subsequent Development.*

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John W. Jarrett was born October 28, 1844 in Breckinridge County. He was a member during the late war of Company K, Forty-eight Kentucky Mounted Infantry, with which he served about two years as orderly sergeant. He was with the regiment at Hopkinsville and Eddyville, besides being in a number of minor battles and skirmishes. Wilson Jarrett; his father, was born August 20, 1810, also in Breckinridge County, where, except two years spent in Meade County, he has since resided. He was in early life a farmer, after which he engaged for about five years in general merchandising, embarking at the end of that time in the hotel business, in which he has since engaged. He is the fifth of a family of twelve children born to Joel and Mary (Dowell) Jarrett, both of Virginia. The former was born in Bedford County, July 12, 1785. He was a farmer, and a son of John Jarrett, who was born June 25, 1737, and who was a wagon-maker and a son of Thomas and Martha Jarrett, who were of English descent. Wilson Jarrett has been twice married; first, September 2, 1833, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Nehemiah and Mary (Board) Dowell.

From this union sprang eleven children, of who Samuel, William H., John W., Louisa (Smith) and James D. still survive. His second marriage was solemnized November 28, 1867, with Catherine, daughter of Steven R. and Matilda (Pemberton) Moredock. John W. Jarrett was married, March 5, 1882, to Miss Jennie, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Ackerman) Perrigo. This union has been blessed with one son, Grover C. Mr. Jarrett started in life with no capital but a strong pair of hands and a good constitution, but has by perseverance succeeded in securing for himself and family a comfortable competency. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also of the Baptist Church, and in politics a Democrat.

*\*See Chapter 8.*

...**Joel Jared** – b. 19 July 1785, Isle of Wight, VA – d. 10 December 1872  
md Mary “Polly” Dowell – b. 15 July 1787 – d. 12 June 1860 –  
d/o Micajah & Frances Dowell  
...Mason Jared – b. 5 November 1805 – d. 15 August 1871  
md Polly B. Dowell – *His 1<sup>st</sup> cousin.*  
...Israel Jared – b. 5 March 1807 – d. 6 January 1892, Jasper Co., IL  
md 1<sup>st</sup> 27 February 1837, Rhoda Meador – b. 22 January 1808,  
Hardenburg, Breckenridge, KY- d. 1 August 1874, Jasper Co., IL  
md 2<sup>nd</sup> 13 January 1876, Sarah Brown

*In the Fall of 1845 his family migrated to Jasper Co., IL with his father Joel, and his brother William. He had ten children at that time. On a rolling clearings, not far from the wooded banks of Painter's Creek, in Grandview Township, they built their log cabin home. The only landmark left today is the family well.*

...Sarah Jared – b. 6 November 1808 – md Archibald McGlothlin  
...**Wilson J. Jared/Jarrett** – b. 29 August 1810, Breckenridge Co., KY –  
d. 29 August 1881, KY -  
md 1<sup>st</sup> 2 September 1833, **Catherine Dowell** – b. ca. 1813, KY –  
d. ca. 1862  
d/o Nehemiah & Mary (Beard) Dowell – *From this union sprang 11 children.*  
md 2<sup>nd</sup> 28 November 1867, Catherine Moredock –  
d/o Stephen R. & Matilda (Pemberton) Moredock

*Wilson J. Jarrett lived in KY and owned slaves. However, four of his sons fought on the Union side. Samuel became a Captain, and when the war came to an end he returned to his home in KY. His father gave him so many hours to be gone. He went to Illinois, was married, and raised his family there.*

...Elizabeth “Besty” Jared – b. ca. 1836  
...Samuel Jared – b. 1 May 1837, Meade Co., KY –  
d. 15 January 1923, Olney, IL – md 1<sup>st</sup> Martha A. Grant –  
md 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Caroline Watt – d/o Fideller & henrietta (Capps) Watt  
...Mary “Molly” Jared – b. ca. 1839  
...Sarah Jared – b. a. 1841  
...**William Hunter Jared** – b. ca. 1840/3 - d. 23 December 1887  
...Ida Hester Jarrett – b. 23 May 1877  
...John Wesley Jarrett – b. 26 October 1879 – *Named after John Wesley Jarret, story above.*  
...Frances Jared –  
...Emily Jared –  
...James D. Jared – *Civil War Veteran – Hotel owner in KY.*  
...Junius Jared - *Civil War Veteran.*  
...Louisa Jared – b. ca. 1847 - d. ca. 1932, age 85, Louisville, KY  
md Elias Smith



...**John Wesley Jared/Jarrett** – b. 28 October 1844, Breckinridge Co., KY  
d. ca. 1920, Dallas, TX -  
*Sargent Company K, Forty-Eighth Kentucky Mounted Infantry.*  
md 5 March 1882, Jennie Perrigo –  
d/o Samuel & Catherine (Ackerman) Perrigo.  
\*See *Story of John W. Jarrett.*  
...Grover C. Jared/Jarrett  
...Frances “Fanny” Jared – b. 19 March 1812 – md Mr. Moredock  
...Rachel Jared – b. 23 December 1813, Breckenridge Co., KY –  
d. 8 March 1890, Jasper Co., IL – Buried: Bethel Cemetery, Yale, IL  
md 1<sup>st</sup> Warden Clemons at Newton, IL –  
md 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Farley

...Allen Jared- b. 14 December 1815 – d. 22 April 1825  
...Malinda Sue Jared – b. 1 October 1817, Breckenridge, IL  
    md Abner Laymon – *Both died very young leaving five small children.*  
...Thomas Jared – b. 6 July 1819 – d. 23 January 1820  
...William Jared – b. 3 January 1821, Breckenridge Co., KY-  
    d. 9 March 1863, Jasper Co., IL –  
    md 27 November 1845, Susannah Robertson/Robinson –  
    b. 13 September 1827, Jasper Co., IL – she married 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Cooper  
...Catherine “Kitty Ann” Jared – b. 13 December 1822 – md Henry Vanderhoof  
...Elizabeth Jared – b. 19 February 1825 – md William Andrews  
...Ora Andrews Jared – *School teacher in Jasper Co., IL*  
...Dr. Josiah C. Jared – *Signed his mother’s death certificate.*

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

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

*\*See Journal of John Jared*

*\*See History of Kentucky*

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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 fragmentry, 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 Stephensonport, 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Louisville, and is a teacher in Public Schools.”*

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