

William Jared Story

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William Jared was born 3 June 1758, the first child of John and Hannah (Whitacre) Jared. Family tradition has always told us that he and his brother, Joseph, were born in Loudoun County, VA. I would rather think they were born at Kingswood, the Old Quaker Colony of Hunterdon Co., New Jersey, because on 10 September 1761, Hannah Jared, their mother, received permission to remove from Kingswood, ("The Monthly Meeting in New Jersey" to Goose Creek Monthly Meeting in Virginia, Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, Vol. 6) at which time William was three years old and Joseph was nearly one year old.

Goose Creek was located in the part of Fairfax Co., VA that is closest to Loudoun County. Near the time of Hannah's removal to Loudoun County, we read in the Quaker Minutes of the Kingston Monthly Meeting that her parents, the Whitacres' also received certificates of removal to the Goose Creek Monthly Meeting in Virginia.

William Jared's life was filled with interest. Loudoun Co. was very new in his boyhood days. The Indians had to be crowded back and the wolves discouraged. Mountains were rugged, streams turbulent, and forests thick. The physical elements were menacing, yet they furnished clothes and houses, bread and beans.

The back woods people of Virginia were fiercely patriotic to the cause of freedom and independent government. They made their own chairs, tables, beds and cupboards. Their rich relatives, still in the Tidewater region imported English newspapers and furniture, and sympathized with England's thinking. The Piedmont settlers were more self-reliant and they meant to remain so.

When the war for independence came in William's young manhood, he was torn between the Quaker leanings of his mother's family and his duty to the home and country he had helped his father wrest from rugged nature. The peaceful Quaker religion allowed no participation in war for any reason. Now the Jared home was threatened and John and his two oldest sons, William and Joseph, marched away to defend it.

There is one page in the account book of John Jared that is devoted to transactions with his son, William. It is interesting in that it establishes the Revolutionary War service of both William and John and gives the exact time of removal of the Jared family from Loudoun to Bedford County, Virginia. The entries read: "In year 1781 by work done by him (William) at home- I went to

camp.” In 1782: “By tending sawmills for me and Mr. Neilson” – “By guarding the prisoners at Winchester.”

It was in 1782 when Cornwallis’ Army was held prisoner in Virginia.

13 April 1785, William helped his father with the wagon to Bedford County. William spent the spring months moving to their newly established home and preparing it for habitation. In June he returned with John to Loudoun County and “helped to move the family out.”

The year of the move to Bedford County, 1785, marked the 24th year in the life of William Jared. For seven years we find no mention of William’s name in any Virginia records. West of the Wabash River at a place called Vincennes, George Rogers Clark held a fort against Indians and French traders. We do not know if our William Jared mingled in that company. There was a William Jared enrolled there. We do know our William could throw up a half-faced camp and survive zero weather. The tall timber that frightened many explorers was his friend. He survived the combination of woods and lurking Indians and dared to move a young family to middle Tennessee as early as 1796. He established a home when many not fitted for pioneering a new land got lost, or lost their reason. He had to be a hunter, warrior, horseman, farmer, carpenter, toolmaker, and blacksmith. A pioneer’s life depended upon his skill in the forest and the home he could make.

In 1792 William was again recorded among his family and friends in Bedford County. On 6 December 1792 he married *Elizabeth Raulston* the 22 year old daughter of *Matthew Raulston* of Bedford County, Virginia. William was 34 years old.

To begin the Exodus of the Jared Family from Virginia, through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky, Illinois, and Tennessee, William and Elizabeth (Raulston) Jared moved from Bedford County with their two oldest children, little Moses and baby Patsy, to a tract of land patented to him for his Revolutionary War Service in the year 1796. Their third child, Naoma (Simmons) and the six children following her were born in what is now Putnam County, Tennessee.

On May 10, 1936, the descendants of William and Joseph Jared and the Daughters of the American Revolution gave honor to these two Revolutionary War Veterans and Tennessee Pioneers in appropriate services.

*William Jared, the older brother of Joseph, came to Tennessee in 1796 and settled on Indian Creek near Buffalo Valley on land given him for his service during the Revolution. Four years earlier he had married Elizabeth Raulston in Bedford County, Virginia. He may have influenced his brother Joseph to follow him in the area. Born on June 3, 1758, he died Sept. 22, 1827, and is buried in

the Jared Family Cemetery located near the old homesite on Indian Creek Road.
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*William was in the Revolutionary War. Although the National Archives have no record of his service at this time. His only existing war record comes from his father's journal. This record has been established and approved by the DAR and his descendants, now you may join the patriotic organ, from the following number 428534.... or 811361.

Ref: Army Records, VA State Archives Library; Auditor Accts, Vol. 15, Militia of VA, Vol 8, DAR # 524900. *Taken from the Web Site of: Trisha Carden (G-Ma@home.com) - www.tcarden.com/tree/ensor/Whitacre.htm.

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 Baker his second. He was born January 2, 1760, and died March 4, 1835, and is buried in the Joseph Jared Cemetery, located on Hwy 70 west of Gentry, TN.

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