

Joseph Jared
b. 2 January 1760 – d. 7 January 1848 – 88 yrs old
Revolutionary War Veteran of the Virginia Line

Joseph was the second son and child of John & Hannah Whitacre. He was probably born at Kingswood, the old Quaker Colony of Hunterdon Co., NJ. His mother received permission to remove to Goose Creek monthly meeting in Fairfax, VA on September 10th, 1761. This is near Loudon Co., where her husband lived.

Joseph was 21 months old and probably didn't realized where he was born. In his pension application, he said he was born in VA. After moving there, a sister was born on August 9th, 1763, Naomi Jared.

His mother died 8 November 1765. His father, John, remarried 23 August 1767 to Rachel Palmer, 18 yrs. old, and they in turn had ten more children through 1788. There was always plenty of people around, 13 children by his father.

Loudon Co. is at the Northern tip of present day VA and close to present day WV, MD, and just northwest of Washington D.C., which didn't exist. This was very wild country on the frontier and many migrations crossed here, going West and also South. His father was a wagon maker and made and repaired many other items.

The Declaration of Independence came when he was 15. When he was 19 yrs. old, on the 12th of October 1779 he volunteered and served for three months on the VA line, was discharged and reenlisted again in the summer of 1781. He fought in the Battle of Little York, VA, under General George Washington, where the British were defeated.

In 1795 his brother, Capt. William Jared – Cont'l Army Rev'l War Veteran – moved from Bedford, VA to Jackson Co., present day Putnam Co., TN to his land, which VA gave to it's veterans as a reward.

His father, John Jared also served as a Rev'l War soldier on the VA line and died after 1805 in Bedford Co., VA.

In 1810 when Joseph was 50 yrs. old, he followed William and settled close by near Silver Point, TN, with about seven of his children and wife. He had seven more children, seven by his first wife and nine by his second wife, totaling 16. His last child was born about 1820, when he was 60 yrs. old.

At 73 he applied and received a pension of 20 dollars a year for his services during the Rev'l War. He died 7 January 1848 at 88 yrs. and was buried near his home in Silver Point, TN.

On May 10, 1936, the DAR in a public ceremony dedicated a new tombstones to Joseph at the Jared-Ensor grave yard, and to his brother William at the old Jared-Byrne grave yard now called the William Jared grave yard, which was part of his homestead. Many descendants were in the crowd that attended.