War of 1812 WIDOWS & ORPHANS

Part IV

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In 1991 and 1992 Clearfield Company reprinted "The Report of the Secretary of War, March 28, 1818" under the title *Revolutionary Pensioners of 1818*. The reprinters seemly were unaware that the "B" list of this report contained the following statement:

Widows and Orphans who are inscribed on the books of this office, as half-pay pensioners, for five years, conformably to the laws of the United States, especially the first session of the act of April the 16th, 1816.

Under this act a widow or orphan of a soldier who either died in the war or died after the war as a result of his wounds was entitled to a five year pension at one-half of the deceased soldiers pay. A widow who remarried was not entitled to a pension after her marriage, but the children of the deceased soldier were entitled to the pension, so long as they were not over the age of sixteen.

A search of extant indexes for War of 1812 pensions of a sample of the names on the "B" list did not reveal any matches. Found in the finding aid for Record Group 217, Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury was a related entry. This entry was entitled, "Settled Accounts of Pension Agents for Payments to Widows or Orphans of Veterans of the War of 1812. July 1812 - Aug. 1825." There are 51 boxes of records. They appear to be filed by account number, but there is some arrangement by state; however, some states are mixed together.

The genealogical information that is contained in these files has been abstracted. There is no additional information. The information may include account number, county of residence, name of pensioner or guardian, name of soldier, rank, name of captain or unit, date and place of death, names of children and their dates of birth, and for remarried widows the name of their new husbands and their date of marriage. Data is not complete in all files. Where the county of residence is the same county in which the pension office is located, the county listed may not be the county of residence, since the pensioner may have traveled to the pension office to complete the affidavits. Copies of these records may be obtained from the columnist for a fee. For more information, contact Craig R. Scott, 39475 Tollhouse Road, Lovettsville, VA 20180-9703.

Box 4

224 Davidson Co. Tenn. Elizabeth Turman William Turman Private, Captain Gunter's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 15 Dec. 1814

223

Bedford Co. Tenn. Elizabeth Hall William Hall Captain Matthew Neill's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1815

224

Henry Co., Va. Lucy Harris Charles Harris

228

Henry Co., Va. Polly Shelton Nathan Shelton

226 Henry Co., Va. Polly Raney Ezekial Raney

225

Henry Co., Va. Winney Harrell Mack Harrell

223

Henry Co., Va. Martha Casey Thomas Casey

227

Henry Co., Va. Martha Right James Right

229

Franklin Co., Va. William A. Burwell, Guardian William B. Scott Private, Captain Morgan's Co. of Va. Militia at Norfolk chil.: Nancy, James, Michael, William, Sanford, Amos, Elizabeth, and Hullum Scott

225

Wilson Co., Tenn.
John Harpole, Guardian
William Oneal
died 18 Jul. 1813 in the Illinois Territory
chil.: Asa, John H., William B. and Sally T. Oneal

226

Davidson Co., Tenn. Caly Wray Luke Wray Corporal, Captain John Hill's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 5 Feb. 1814

227 & 228

Davidson Co., Tenn. Nancy Stafford John Stafford Private, Captain Craig's Co., Tenn. Militia died 5 Jan. 1815 chil.: Permelia Annis Stafford intermarried with Laura Byrne on 25 May 1817

229

Davidson Co., Tenn. Russell Gower, Guardian Benjamin Moss Private, Captain Thomas White's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 27 Feb. 1815 chil: Benjamin and Ann Moss late widow intermarried on 8 Sep. 1817

230

Lincoln Co., Tenn. Rosannah Oliver Frederick Oliver Private, Captain Dobbins' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 17 Apr. 1815

231

Franklin Co., Va. Frankey Bartlett Thomas Bartlett

230

Franklin Co., Va. Elizabeth Boyd Robert Boyd

232

Franklin Co., Va. Catherine Kingery Peter Kingery

233

Franklin Co., Va. Rebecca Williams James Williams

231

Davidson Co., Tenn. Elizabeth Nolen Abraham Nolen Farrier, Captain Thomas White's Co. of Dragoons, Tenn. Militia died 23 Dec. 1814

232

Rutherford Co., Tenn. Nancy Lenoir John P. H. Lenoir Quartermaster Sergt., Col. Dyer's Regt. Tenn. Militia died 6 Jan. 1815

233

Williamson Co., Tenn. Elizabeth Morton Thomas Morton Private, Captain Sterling Gunter's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 20 Mar. 1815

234

Lousia Co., Va. Nancy Harris David Harris Private, Captain William Jackson's Co., 7th Regt., 4th Brigade of Va. Militia died 5 Feb. 1815

234

Hawkins Co., Tenn. Mary Coltharp James Coltharp Private, Captain Statten's Co. of Tenn. Militia

235

Davidson Co., Tenn. Winney Covington Henry Covington Private, Captain Crunk's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 11 Mar. 1815

236

Sumer Co., Tenn. Elizabeth Webb Ross Webb 3rd Lt., Captain Robert Moore's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 23 Feb. 1815

237

Sumner Co., Tenn. Charlotte Allen James Allen Private, Captain Wade's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 6 Jan. 1815

238

Davidson Co., Tenn. Mary Harris Nathan Harris Private, Captain Adam Harpole's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 9 Nov. 1813

239

Washington Co., Tenn. Nancy Hedrick Joseph Hedrick Private, Captain Scott's Co., 3rd Regt. Tenn. Militia died 14 Apr. 1815

240

Washington Co., Tenn. Mary Moore John Moore Private, Captain Scott's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 20 Dec. 1814

241

Maury Co., Tenn. Mary Hunter Aaron Hunter 3rd Lt., Captain Jackson's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 20 Feb. 1815

242

Rutherford Co., Tenn. Elizabeth Bullard Joseph Bullard Private, Captain Gault's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 10 Feb. 1815

243 Dickson Co., Tenn. Polly Robinson

Daniel Robinson Private, Captain James Craig's Co., Col. Leroy Hammond's Regt., Gen. Nathan Taylor's Brigade of Tenn. Militia died 17 Feb. 1815

244

Dickson Co., Tenn. Betsey Shelton George Shelton Ensign, Captain Ellis' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 26 Feb. 1815

245

Dickson Co., Tenn. Hannah Doty Thomas Doty Private, Captain James Craig's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 25 Jan. 1815

246

Dickson Co., Tenn. Nancy Plant William Plant Corporal, Captain Joseph Williams' Co. of Tenn. Militia, Dyer's Regiment, Coffee's Brigade died 1 Mar. 1815

247

Davidson Co., Tenn. Polly Fealand William Fealand

248

Jackson Co., Tenn. Ann Dudney Abraham Dudney Captain, Tenn. Militia died 29 Nov. 1814

249

Maury Co., Tenn. Rachel Serigley Samuel Serigley Sergt., Captain Crawford's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 27 Sep. 1815

250

Maury Co., Tenn. Mary G. Beenland Edward Beenland Corporal, Captain Looney's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 17 Mar. 1815

251

Davidson Co., Tenn. Jane Fann Elijah Fann Private, Captain Brandon's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1 Dec. 1813

252

Davidson Co., Tenn. Nancy Dopett Willis Dopett Private, Captain John D. Byrnes' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 3 Nov. 1813

253

Dickson Co., Tenn. Nancy Sugg William Sugg Private, Captain Francis See. Ellis' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 9 Mar. 1815

254

Smith Co., Tenn. Betsey Woodcock William Woodcock Private, Captain Harris' Co. of Tenn. Militia

255

Wilson Co., Tenn. Benjamin Clifton, Guardian Hiram Williams chil.: Aquilla Williams, Jinney Williams, Nancy Williams, Sidney Williams, Roger Williams, Betsey Williams & Winney Williams

256

Rutherford Co., Tenn. Mary Moore James Moore Private, Captain McCain's Co. Drgs. of Tenn. Militia died 3 Nov. 1813

257

White Co., Tenn. Nancy Turner Isham Goad Private, Captain Newman's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 14 Jan. 1815 intermarried with Benjamin Turner on 25 Feb. 1818

258

White Co., Tenn. Catherine Miller James Miller Private, Captain Newman's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 21 Jan. 1815

259 checked out to Commissioner of Pensions

260White Co., Tenn.Rebeccah GlennJames HeltonMusician, Captain Newman'sCo. of Tenn. Militia

died 15 Jan. 1815 intermarried with Alexander Glenn on 15 Feb. 1818

261

Davidson Co., Tenn. Sarah Smith Kinchen Smith Private, Captain Beverly Williams' Co., Tenn. Militia died 1815

262

Jefferson Co., Tenn. Nancy Midkiff David Perkipyle Private, Captain John Jones' Co. of the 39th Regt. Inf. died 30 Aug. 1814 intermarried with Kimble Midkiff on 5 May 1816 chil.: Christopher Perkipyle, 5 yrs. (1818)

264

Montgomery Co., Tenn. Mary Bunch Henry Bunch Private, Captain John Weakley's Co. of Tenn. Militia died about 21 Apr. 1815

265

Smith Co., Tenn. Rachel Bratton James Bratton Private, Captain Tubbs Co. of Tenn. Militia died 12 Apr. 1815

266 Bedford Co., Tenn. Elizabeth B. H. Forsyth Benjamin Forsyth Colonel, a battle near Odetown

near the lakes died 1814

267

Davidson Co., Tenn. Dolly A. Avant Harris Avant Private, Captain James Blockman's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 12 Sep. 1814

268

Dickson Co., Tenn. Patsy Spencer William Jones Private, Captain James Craig's Co. of Tenn. Militia, Hammond's Regiment, Taylor's Brigade died 18 Mar. 1815 intermarried with John S. Spencer on 23 Apr. 1818

269

Dickson Co., Tenn. John S. Spencer William Jones Private, Captain James Craig's Co. of Tenn. Militia, Hammond's Regiment, Taylor's Brigade died 18 Mar. 1815 chil.: Middleton, Betsy & Richmand Jones.

270

Davidson Co., Tenn. Sarah Nicholas David Nicholas Captain Jackson's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1815

271

Davidson Co., Tenn. Elizabeth Morris

James Morris

273

Warren Co., Tenn. Whitwell Hill, Guardian John Christian chil.: Malinda Christian, born 22 Nov 1810, Peyton Christian, born 29 Dec. 1811 mother: Biddy Christian, now Hill

274

Rutherford Co., Tenn. Hannah Norman William Norman Private, Captain John Reynolds Co. of Tenn. Militia died 2 Jan. 1814

275

Davidson Co., Tenn. Mary Ann Hoppper Zachariah Hopper Private, Captain Williams Co. of Tenn. Militia died 16 Nov. 1814

276

Davidson Co., Tenn. Sarah Howard Richard Howard Private, Captain Williams' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 2 Jan. 1815

277

Sumner Co., Tenn. Nancy Noles Robert Noles Private, Captain Griffin's Co. of Ky. Militia died 17 Feb. 1815

278

Smith Co., Tenn. Margaret Noel ORA William Noel Private, Captain Neal's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 28 Dec. 1814

279

Sumner Co., Tenn. Mary Oliver Drury Oliver Private, Captain Griffin's Co. of Ky. Militia died 20 Feb. 1815

280

Sumner Co., Tenn. Lydia Garrett Joseph Garrett Private, Captain Griffin's Co. of Ky. Militia died 22 Feb. 1815

282 Allen Co., Ky. Mary Moore Marchus Moore

283
Smith Co., Tenn.
Agnes Boyakin
Joel Boyakin
Private, Captain Neal's Co. of Tenn. Militia
died 25 Mar. 1815

284

Smith Co., Tenn. Margaret Smith Jeremiah Smith Private, Captain John Hill's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 22 Jan. 1814

1815 285 Smith Co., Tenn. Ann Howard Private, Captain Neal's Co. of ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Tenn. Militia died 25 Jan. 1814

286

Smith Co., Tenn. Phebe Harper William Harper Private, Captain Neal's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 8 Jan. 1815

287

Hawkins Co., Tenn. Catharine Morelock George Morelock Private, Captain McPherson's Co. of East Tenn. Militia died 25 Jun. 1814

288

Hawkins Co., Tenn. Nancy Clark James Clark Private, Captain Benjamin Powell's Co. of East Tenn. Militia died 13 Nov. 1814

289

Smith Co., Tenn. Elizabeth Withrow Samuel Withrow Private, Captain S. Dodd's Co. of the 14th Regt. of Ky. Militia died 22 Feb. 1815

290

Wilson Co., Tenn. Ransom King, Guardian Elisha Rogers chil.: Littleton, Clairborn, Cantrill, Emily & Jeremiah Rogers

291 White Co., Tenn. Ann McDaniel Joseph McDaniel Private, Captain David Newman's Co. died 8 Feb. 1815 at New Orleans

292 Hawkins Co., Tenn. Rachel Webb James Webb Private, Captain Benjamin Powell's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 9 Feb. 1815

293

Davidson Co., Tenn. Polly Simms James Simms Private, Francis See. Ellis' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 2 Mar. 1815

294

Hawkins Co., Tenn. Patsey Roberts John Roberts

295

Sumner Co., Tenn. Stacy Tilly Lewis Tilly Private, Captain Neal's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1 Feb. 1815

296

Sumner Co., Tenn. Maria Meadows Jonas Meadows Corporal, Captain Hany's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 30 Jan. 1815

297

Sumner Co., Tenn. Rebecca Meadows Joseph Meadows Private, Captain Hany's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 4 Feb. 1815

298

Davidson Co., Tenn. Sally Nance Bird Nance Captain, commanding a Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1815

299

Wilson Co., Tenn. Nancy Furgason Samuel Fergason Private, Captain Charles Wade's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 28 Jan. 1815

300 Smith Co., Tenn.

301

Nancy Wright Jacob Wright

Sumner Co., Tenn.

Phebe Norman Ezekiel Norman Lt., Captain Dav

Lt., Captain David Smith's Co. of Tenn. Militia, Col. Pipkin's Regt. 1814

302

White Co., Tenn. Dicy Daniel James Daniel Captain Daniel Newman's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1815 chil.: Nancy, Mary, and Milissa Daniel

303

Barren Co., Ky. **Elizabeth Ricketts** John Ricketts Private, Captain Elijah Hany's Co. of Tenn. Militia died about 15 Apr. 1815 in the Indian Nation on their return march chil.: Nancy, born 24 Dec. 1800; James, born 5 Sep. 1802; Sally, b 3 Oct. 1804, Jiney, b. 3 Oct. 1804 (twin), William, b. 7 Feb. 1807, Seebird, 6 Oct. 1808, Nelson, born 29 Jul. 1811, and Curtis b. 29 Jul. 1811 (twin).

304

Davidson Co., Tenn. Nancy Alexander Andrew M. Alexander Private, Captain Jesse Barnes' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 23 Dec. 1814

305

Washington Co., Tenn. Hannah Constable Jacob Constable Private, Captain Hunter's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1 Dec. 1814

306

Davidson Co., Tenn. Amy Arnold William Arnold Captain Brannaw's Co. of Tenn. Volunteers Mounted Gunman died 1814

307

Davidson Co., Tenn. William Arrant, Guardian John Simmons Private, Captain W. Mullins' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 21 Apr. 1815 chil.: Nancy, Smith, Tempey, James & Elizabeth Simmons

308

Hawkins Co., Tenn. Tabitha Kelly Daniel Kelly Private, Captain Phagan's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 27 Mar. 1814

309

Roane Co., Tenn. Hannah Shockley Caleb Shockley Private, Captain Henry Hunter's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 1 Apr. 1815

210

Sumner Co., Tenn. Polly Yancy Garland Yancy Private, Captain M. Neal's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 6 Feb. 1815

311

Davidson Co., Tenn. Mary Stevens Loame Stephens Private, Captain Martin's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 21 Feb. 1815

312

Williamson Co., Tenn. Cela Sparkman William Witherington Private, Captain Thomas Wells' Co. of Tenn. Militia died 18 Feb. 1815 Cela Sparkman intermarried with Humphries Sparkman on 19 Feb. 1818

313

Williamson Co., Tenn. William Sparkman, Guardian William Witherington chil.: William A. & Sally Muncie Witherington

314

Wilson Co., Tenn. Lydia Allen John Allen Private, Captain Charles Wade's Co. of Tenn. Militia died 14 Mar. 1815

315
Dickson Co., Tenn.
Celia Smith
Edward Smith
3rd Lt., Captain Hudson's Co. of Tenn. Militia
died 23 Feb. 1815

Box 5

Louisa Co., Va. Lucy Anderson Francis Anderson

2

Richmond City, Va. Polly Brown Dudley Brown Private, Captain Burfoot's Co. of Va. Militia died 19 Jan. 1815 Josiah Jenkins, Guardian Lodowick Snyder chil.

3 Stafford Co., Va. Frances Bussell Randall Bussell Private, Va. Militia

4

Northmumberland Co., Va. William Anderson, Guardian Samuel G. Barnes 1st Lt., Captain Travers' Co. of Va. Militia died 19 Aug. 1814 chil.: Edward, Sally, George, and Eliza Barnes

5

Halifax Co., Va. Caroline Brooks Warren Brooks died at Norfolk

6

Stafford Co., Va. Grace Beagle Joseph Beagle Private, Captain Harding's Co. of Va. Militia died 25 Dec. 1814

7

Botecourt Co., Va. William Brooks, Guardian & Grandfather William Brooks chil.: Sally, Nancy, & William Brooks

8

Halifax Co., Va. Nancy Baynhauss William Baynhauss

9

Richmond City, Va.

Rhoda Beveridge William Beveridge

10 Montgomery Co., Va. Mary Bowlin Thomas Bowlin

11 Henrico Co.,Va. Catharine Cook George Cook

12

Harrison Co., Va.
Robert & Nancy, his wife Shingleton, Guardians
Adam Corbin
Va. Militia at Norfolk
chil.: Lewis Corbin, 19 on 17 Dec. 1817; Mary Corbin, 16 on 14 Feb. 1817; Lydia Corbin, 11 on 1
Mar. 1818; Banks Corbin, 12 on 25 Jun. 1818; Malinda Corbin, 8 on 24
Apr. 1818; George Corbin, 4 on 22 Apr. 1818

13

York Co., Va. Catharine Crocket Tyler Crocket Private, Captain Shield's Co. of the 1st Regt. Va. Militia died 25 Jun. 1813

14

Rockingham Co., Va. Susanna Crawford Martin Crawford

15 Bedford Co., Va. Sally Freeman

Jesse Freeman

16

Cumberland Co., Va. Edith Farnier Burwell Farner 2

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17

Lewis Co., Va. Mary Flesher Peter Flesher died at Norfolk

18

Cumberland Co., Va. Rhoda Galloway William Galloway

19

Norfolk Co., Va. Ann Galt John M. Galt Captain of Artillery

20

Goochland Co., Va. Sarah Holland Thomas S. Holland

21

Stafford Co., Va. Benjamin Ficklin, Guardian Elijah Harding Captain widow intermarried with Coleman R. Brow during the winter of 1817 chil.: Hamleton, Wiley, Roy, Elijah Ann Harding

22

Chesterfield Co., Va. Tabitha Holloway Archibald Jones died at Charles City Courthouse Tabitha Jones intermarried with David Holloway, 5 Nov. 1818

23

Franklin Co., Va. Nancy Kizzee George Kizzee chil.: two small female infants, one seven and one six

24

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Rockingham Co., Va. John Morris & John Koontz, Guardians Jacob Koontz chil.: Maria G. Koontz, under 14 in 1816

25

Norfolk Co., Va. Catharine King Thomas King Captain Hopwell's or Sabler's Co. of the 4th Regt. of Va. Militia

26

Surry Co., Va. Nancy Lane Joel Lane died at Norfolk chil.: seven still living

27 Buckingham Co., Va. Ann Land John Land

28

Henrico Co., Va. Catharine Mayfield Jesse Mayfield U.S. Army

29

Susanna McLaurine Joseph M. McLaurine Captain died at Norfolk

30 Augusta Co., Va. Cleanor Markwood Jacob Markwood

31

Richmond City, Va. Nancy Nunnerly Claiborne P. Nunnerly

32

Mecklinberg Co., Va. Jane Noblin Allen Noblin Private, Va. Militia died at Petersburg in 1814

33

Bedford Co., Va. Phoeby Adams John Adams

34

Fredericksburg City, Va. Enoch Edwards, Guardian John Newton Sgt., Va. Militia mother intermarried chil.: Ann Newton

35

Stafford Co., Va. Sarah Payne Lewis Payne Private, Captain Stone's Co., 36th Regt. of Va. Militia died 5 Oct. 1814

36

AMANO Stafford Co., Va. 101/1.200 Susan Payne SUCIETY William Payne Private, Captain Harding's Co., 1st Regt. Va. Militia died 20 Oct. 1814

37

Pittsylvania Co., Va. Kerenhappuck L. Shumate John Shumate

38

Mecklenburg Co., Va. Francis Stone Asher Stone Militiaman died 1814 at Norfolk

39 Norfolk Co., Va. Ann Tomlinson James Tomlinson

40

Harrison Co., Va. Mary Watkins Henry Watkins

41

Beaford Co., Va. Agnes Wheeler James Wheeler

42

Caroline Co., Va. Ann H. Gates Reuben C. Gates Lt. of Militia of Caroline Co.

43

Rockingham Co., Va. Polly Cooper Leonard B. Cooper

44

Rockingham Co., Va. Catherine Fawley

Anthony Fawley died Dec. 1814

45

Rockingham Co., Va. Clarinda Hemphill Samuel Hemphill

46

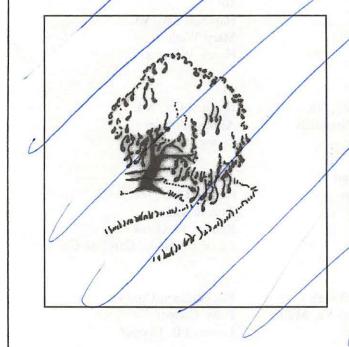
Rockingham Co., Va. Madeline Kephart Henry Kephart died at Richmond

47

Rockingham Co., Va. Elizabeth May John May died Dec. 1814, Albany Co., N.Y. Josiah Jutkins, Guardian Lodowick Snyder chil.: John Jutkins, Guardian Lodowick Snyder chil.: John Snyder and Anthony Snyder Josiah Jutkins intermarried with the widow of Lodowick Snyder and removed to the western part of the state of New York, Town unknown

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Harper. For years now, it has been widely circulated that wife of Jacob Harper (a son of Philip Harper Sr.) was Margaret Simmons. This does seem likely, and has been based solely on the recollections by Susanna (Skidmore) Harper, the wife of Nicholas Harper, a son of Jacob and Margaret. These recollections were recorded by her son, Dr. Eli Akim Harper of San Diego, CA, in the 1880's. The erroneous portion of Margaret (Simmons) Harper's story are the birth and death dates that have been attributed to her. In Grave Register, Pendleton County, WV, 1977, p.78, she was reported to have been buried in Cemetery #28, near Solomon's Chapel on North Mountain. Her purported tombstone was interpreted to have read "Decd. Nov. 9, 1847. Age 96Y-6M-7D." There were many discrepancies with this. Some of these were: 1) she wasn't buried with her husband: 2) such an age would have made her 48 when her youngest child was born; 3) no record could be found of her after 1820. With this last one, she did not sign with her husband on deeds in 1821 and 1824, she was not mentioned in his estate proceedings, and she could not be found on the 1830 and 1840 Censuses with family, friends, or neighbors. The reason for all of these discrepancies is that the tombstone does not belong to Margaret (Simmons) Harper, the wife of Jacob Harper. Nedra Brill, editor of The Henckel Genealogical Bulletin, recently re-examined the stone, and concluded that the dates read: "Decd Nov 9 1867. age 16Y 6M 7D" Such a date matches Margaret Harper, the probable daughter of Aaron and Hannah (Hedrick) Harper; Aaron was a son of Moses, and grandson of Jacob and Margaret (Simmons) Harper. In the 1860 Census, the family of Aaron was scattered. His wife appears to have died, and he was living with Michael Hinkle; daughter Mahulda (age 14) was living with Esau Hinkle, as was Margaret Harper, age 10. This census enumeration closely matches the birth date reported on the tombstone, and the following circumstantial information. There is no further record for this Margaret Harper. As it turns out, Michael Hinkle used to own the farm where Margaret Harper's tombstone is. Given the logic of these circumstances, and the illogic of it being Margaret (Simmons) Harper, one must conclude that the tombstone belongs to the probable daughter of Aaron Harper.

Nelson/Starns. An amazing number of researchers descend from the Nelson family of Pendleton County. Oren Morton, in his *History of Pendleton County, WV*, suggested that the Nelson patriarch, John Nelson, had married Sarah Stearns. He did not offer any evidence for this, as the nature of his work did not permit space to do so. Given this situation, researchers have been left to their own devices to account for this. As any researcher of Pendleton families knows, Lyman Chalkley's *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement of Virginia* is a great source of information. Chalkley's work included information on Frederick Sr. and Mary Starnes/Sterns that settled on the New River in the 1740's in western Virginia. Well, researchers tentatively wondered if they could be the parents of Sarah Stearns. As has been noted previously, such tentativeness (and the accompanying question marks on a group sheet) fade after several years, and such information begins to look like fact. Unfortunately, I was one of the researchers that wondered, mostly verbally, but sometimes in writing, if Sarah was the daughter of Frederick and Mary Starnes. My wondering was wrong; they are not Sarah Nelson's parents.

In fact, there is no evidence known at this time to connect Sarah to the family of Frederick Starnes. A history has been written on the Starnes family, called *Of Them That Left a Name Behind*. It documents the migration of the Staring family from Germany to NY, to PA, to the VA frontier, where they became known as Starnes. Given the dates and generational configuration of Frederick Starnes' family, the wife of John Nelson would correspond to the grandchildren of Frederick Sr. However, again, there is no presently known evidence to connect her to them. Oddly enough, another Pendleton family on the North Fork may have a Starnes. It does seem too coincidental that two families on the North Fork would have such suggested ancestry, and would also have much intermarriage. There may in fact be truth in these women's suggested maiden names; there just isn't yet any corroborating evidence to support the suggestions.

While there are more families on whom incorrect information has continuously circulated, these represent some of the ones that seem to appear on the most group sheets.

W.V. Research

THE 1812 WAR COMPANY OF CAFTAIN JONATHAN WAMSLEY

by

William H. Rice

Military records are an excellent source of both historical and genealogical information. Under the care of the National Archives, they are among the most complete, accessible and best protected type of documents available to the researcher. While the records of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars have been very popular and published extensively over the past century, the lesser known records of the War of 1812 still wait patiently for those researchers who will someday discover those historical and genealogical gems they hold. The 1812 War records are more complete than their Revolutionary War counterparts. They are also more complete than what remains of the Civil War records maintained by the Confederate States of America. In Western Virginia the 1812 War was supported on two fronts. The first of these was in the fall of 1812 when units were sent to protect the southern shore of Lake Erie from the Canadians. The second was in the fall of 1814 when units were sent to Norfolk to protect that area from the British. One example of the latter is the Company of Infantry under the command of Captain Jonathan Wamsley which was mustered at Beverly in Randolph County on 3 September 1814 and became part of Lt. Colonel Henry E. Coleman's 6th Regiment of Virginia Militia. The following is intended to be a complete list of all the members of Captain Wamsley's Company based on the Muster Rolls of the unit in the National Archives. Supplementary information is included for some of the members as found by the author in the Service and Pension records for the individual soldiers which also are maintained by the National Archives. The list is in alphabetical order:

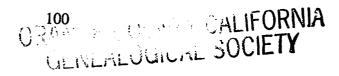
- 1. ROBERT ARMSTRONG Private
- 2. N. ROBERT BALL Private
- 3. GEORGE BEALL Private
- 4. TOWNSEND BEALL Private
- 5. ESY/ESEAY BENNETT Private
- 6. WILLIAM BENNETT Lieutenant. Resigned 7 October 1814

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- 7. CHRISTIAN BICKLE Frivate. Transferred to Captain John Hammond's Company 20 October 1814. 25 March 1817 affidavit as resident of Randolph County appoints John M. Hart his attorney to collect money due him for service at Camp Nelson near Norfolk under Captain Jonathan Wamsley in which he states "I never received any part of the pay Captain Wamsley drew for me at discharge."
- 8. ARNOLD BOHON Private. Transferred to Captain John Hammond's Company 20 October 1814
- 9. WILL IAM BOHON Private. Transferred to Captain John Hammond's Company 20 October 1814. Pension records indicate he also served in Company of Captain M. McCorn. Received Land Bounty. Married Eliza/Athaliah Goff 25 April 1830. Living in Preston County in 1850 and 1854. Died 20 April 1870. Widow was living at St. George in Tucker County in 1873.
- 10. DAVID BOOTH Private
- 11. JONATHAN BOOTH Private. May have died in service at Norfolk.
- 12. PRICE BOYLES Private. Received Land Bounty. Pension records show he married Margaret Stemple in Preston County in 1841 and they lived at Philippi in 1871. His wife died 23 February 1876 at Weston and he died in Barbour County 1 May 1877.
- 13. WILLIAM BOYLES Private
- 14. JOHN BRADY Private
- 15. JOSEPH BROWN Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company 20 October 1814
- 16. BAYLIS BUTCHER Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company 20 October 1314
- 17. JAMES CARR Private
- 18. EZEKIEL CASEBOTT Private. May have died in service at Norfolk.
- 19. JAMES CASTO Private. Reduced from Sergeant 20 October 1814. Pension file shows he married Sidney Kessel in Harrison County on 27 August 1817 and he died in Jackson County (WV) on 22 Pecember 1866. His widow was living in Jackson County in 1878.
- 20. JONATHAN CASTO Private. Received Land Bounty. Pension records show he married Magdalena Weatherholt in Randolph County on 10 June 1816 and he died in Jackson County (VA) on 22 October 1851. His widow was living in Jackson County in 1878.
- 21. JOHN CHILTON Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company 20 October 1814.

- 22. MOSES COBERLY Private
- 23. JACOB CONRAD Private
- 24. JESSE CUNNINGHAM Private
- 25. SILAS CUNNINGHAM Private
- 26. SAMUEL CURRENCE Private. May have died in service at Norfolk.
- 27. HENRY CUTRIGHT Private
- 28. THOMAS DAMRIL Private
- 29. JOHN DEAN Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company 20 October 1814.
- 30. ROBERT FERGUSON Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company 20 October 1814.
- 31. JOHN GAINER Private
- 32. ADAM GILMORE Private
- 33. GEORGE GOFF Private
- 34. AARON GOULD Private
- 35. DANIEL GOULD Private
- 36. EBENEZER GOULD Private
- 37. ROBERT GRAHAM Private
- 38. BENJAMIN HAMRICK Private
- 39. DAVID HAMRICK Private
- 40. WILLIAM HAYS Corporal
- 41. GEORGE HELMICK Private
- 42. JAMES HERDMAN Private
- 43. MATTHEW HINES Private
- 44. DAVID HOLDER Lieutenant. Declared a supernumerary (more than needed) on 19 October 1814.
- 45. ROBERT HOLDER Corporal
- 46. JOHN HOLTSBERRY Ensign

- 47. EDWARD HOPKINS Private
- 48. DANIEL HOWDERSHELL Sergeant
- 49. JOHN HOWELL Private
- 50. WILLIAM HUFF Private
- 51. URIAH INGRIM Ensign. Original payroll form in service record. For the period from 3 September 1814 through 30 October 1814 he was paid \$38.00 and received reimbursements for 20 days of rations @ 3 rations per day @ \$.20 per ration. He also was paid by the paymester on 1 March 1815.
- 52. ISAAC INGRIM Private
- 53. JACOB ISNER Private. May have died in service at Norfolk.
- 54. SELESTIAL ISNER Private. Deserted at Norfolk 20 October 1814.
- 55. ROBERT JOHNSON Private
- 56. ABEL W. KELLY Private. Discharged due to ill health at camp in rear of Fort Barbour at Norfolk on 18 October 1814. Pension file says he was drafted on 3 September 1814 at Beverly, married Jemima Kittle near Beverly on 24 September 1809, and he was 84 years old and living on Cheat Mountain in Randolph County on 14 March 1871.
- 57. ISAAC KELLY Private
- 58. JOHN KELLY Private
- 59. JOHN KERNS Private
- 60. JAMES LIPSCOMB Private
- 61. PHILIP LOUGH Frivate
- 62. WILL IAM LOUGHERY Private. Service record shows he died in service at Norfolk on 6 December 1814. 29 May 1817 affidevit from Randolph County Clerk Archibald Earle says William Loughery married Margaret Johnson on 6 April 1809. 24 May 1817 affidavit from widow, Peggy Loughery, appoints John M. Hart as her attorney to collect what was due her husband for his service.
- 63. JOHN LUNSFORD Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 64. HENRY MACE Private
- 65. JOHN MACE Private. May have died in service at Norfolk.



- 66. ABNER McCLEAN Private
- 67. JAMES McCLEAN Private
- 68. JONATHAN MCHENRY Private
- 69. JAMES MILLER Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 70. MARTIN MILLER Private
- 71. NATHAN MINEAR Private
- 72. GEORGE MUCKLEWANE Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 73. SAMUEL MORRISON Sergeant. Promoted from Corporal on 20 October According to Pension record he was stationed at Camp Tar 1814. in rear of Fort Barbour adjacent to Norfolk. He stated he helped drive back the enemy at Portsmouth. He was 5' 9" tall, fair complexion, dark hair and blue eyes. He married Isabella Barr 19 September 1811. She died at Beverly 8 March 1830. He married Eliza McCall at Beverly 11 February 1832. He received an Honorable discharge at Fort Nelson at Portsmouth. On January 22nd 1851,55 year old Henry Sturm, a member of the Virginia Legislature from Barbour County, testified in Richmond in support of his service record. Testimony by several people during the 1870s supporting his loyalty to the "Union" during the Civil War. Samuel died near Beverly on 13 July 1878. In October 1879 his widow, Eliza, moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa and on 18 July 1887 she was still living there at 112 3rd Avenue. She was living with her daughter, Jane Morrison. An enquiry in the file from Samuel J. Fitzhugh of St. Albans, Vermont, a grandson of Samuel Morrison, suggests that Morrison was wounded at Washington when the British burned it.
- 74. HENRY OWERS (OURS) Private. Discharged 20 October 1814.
- 75. SOLOMON PARSONS (OF JAMES) Private. Pension file indicates he enlisted on 30 August 1814. He marched with unit from Randolph County to Norfolk. He was discharged for disability on 30 December 1814. On 7 April 1855 John D. Nestor states that he was 60 years old. A letter in file dated 9 April 1855 from William Ewin written at Westernford, Randolph County and witnessed by widow Lucy DeMoss, widow Mary Parsons, Solomon Parsons, Martin Miller and John Stevenson. He was married on 28 August 1810 to Hannah Parsons at her father's house in Tucker County. On 24 March 1871 he was a resident of Portland in Preston County, West Virginia.

- 76. SOLOMON PARSONS (OF WILLIAM) Private. Pension file says he was drafted on 26 August 1814 and honorably discharged at Fort Nelson on 10 February 1815. On 10 December 1814 he employed George W. White as his substitute. On 3 September 1817 at Huttonsville he was married to Mary, the daughter of Jacob Ward. A witness to the marriage named Parsons was living at St. George in Tucker County in 1879. Solomon died 7 March 1833. His widow was living at St. George in 1870.
- 77. THOMAS FARSONS Sergeant
- 78. JOHN PHILL IPS Private
- 79. JOAB PITMAN Private. May have died in service at Norfolk.
- 80. JONAS FOLING Private
- 31. MARTIN D. FOLING Corporal
- 32. RICHARD POLING Private
- 83. SAMUEL POLING Private
- 84. WILLIAM POLING Private
- 85. WILLIAM POLING, JUNIOR Private
- 86. NICHOLAS RECK Private
- 87. THOMAS RECK Private
- 88. JACOB RHINEHART Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 39. JEREMIAH RIDDLE Private
- 90. GEORGE RIFFLE Private. Letter in Service Record to his widow, Susannah Riffle states that he died in service on 13 March 1815 and that she would receive a half pay pension from that day until 4 September 1817. His children and heirs are listed as Jonathan Riffle, born 25 May 1811, Phoebe Riffle, born 25 December 1812 and George S. Riffle, born 30 December 1814.
- 91. PETER ROBERTS Servant. Enlisted 20 October 1814.
- 92. THOMAS C. H. ROWAN Private. Affidavit in Service File dated 15 November 1316 by which Rowan appoints John M. Hart his attorney to collect money due him which he had never received. He was stationed at Camp Tar near Norfolk.
- 93. JOHN ROY Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.

- 94. MICHAEL SEE Lieutenant. Resigned 20 October 1814. According to his Pension record he again served as a Captein in the Virginia Militia from 18 February 1815 through 8 March 1815 in Mason County. There he had married Nancy Greenlee 15 February 1808. Michael See died in Mason County 10 September 1827. His widow was living in Salem, Illinois in 1858. She died in 1871. (Note: The author suspects some confusion in this pension with another Michael See who was also a veteran of the 1812 War in Randolph County. This second Michael See was 76 years old in 1853 when he was a resident of Montgomery County, Missouri. He seems to be the more likely person who served in Jonathan Wamsley's Company.)
- 95. DANIEL SCHOONOVER Private. According to Pension record he was drafted at Beverly on 22 August 1814 and was discharged at Fort Nelson on 2 February 1815. He received an Honorable Discharge at Norfolk on 22 February 1815 since he had furnished a substitute to serve the balance of his tour. He married Susanna Wilmoth in Randolph County on 20 August 1801 and was living at New Interest Post Office in Randolph County on 25 April 1871.
- 96. JOSEPH SCHOONOVER Private
- 97. ABRAHAM SKIDMORE Private
- 98. ANDREW SKIDMORE Private
- 99. JAMES SKIDMORE Private
- 100. JOSEPH SKIDMORE Private
- 101. SAMUEL SMITH Sergeant
- 102. THOMAS SMITH Servant. Enlisted 12 October 1814.
- 103. DANIEL SPILLMAN Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 104. ABSALOM STAL NAKER Private
- 105. SAMUEL STALNAKER Fifer
- 106. HENRY STURMS Private
- 107. JAMES SUTTON Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 108. JOHN D. SUTTON Corporal. Reduced from Sergeant 20 Oct 1814.
- 109. WILLIS TAYLOR Private
- 110. HENRY TOOMIRE (DUMIRE) Private

- 111. JOHN TOOMIRE (DUMIRE) Private
- 112. FRANCIS VANNOY Private
- 113. AARON VANSCOY Private
- 114. JACOB VANSCOY Private
- 115. JACOB WAGGONER Private. May have died in service.
- 116. JOSEPH WALKER Private
- 117. ISAAC WAMSLEY Ensign. Resigned 7 October 1814. Pension record states he married Susannah Yeager on 13 March 1813. He died on 29 December 1862 at Truby Run in Upshur County (WV). Susannah died on 24 November 1878 in Lewis County.
- 118. JESSE WAMSLEY Frivate
- 119. JONATHAN WAMSLEY Captain. Referring to Harrison County (WV) Circuit Court File 4-1 in case entitled Jonathan Wamsley vs. Benjamin West is a 13 September 1815 deposition from a John Brown who stated that about 15 March 1815 Captain Jonathan Wamsley was at the Columbian Hotel in Richmond (VA) with \$400 in Treasury notes in his possession, believed to be the payroll for the members who served in his Company. Wamsley asked Brown if he could put the notes in his trunk. Brown gave him key to trunk and room door. After supper Wamsley evidently gave the room key to John Mayse. Wamsley and Brown then went to a house (not the Hotel) to lodge for the night. They had to come back early since the stage left Richmond at 4 s.m. Wamsley found that the money was gone. He asked the Hotel to check their servants and said he would be ruined if the notes were not found. Evidently they were not located.
- 120. WILLIAM G. WAMSLEY Sergeant
- 121. WILL IAM WARD Private
- 122. DANIEL WEESE Private. Discharged 13 October 1814 at Norfolk. In an affidavit dated 25 November 1816 Daniel Wees of Randolph County appoints John M. Hart his attorney to collect money due him that he did not receive. Wees served at Camp Tan near Norfolk. George Stalnaker witnessed the affidavit.
- 123. NICHOLAS WEATHERHOLT Private
- 124: WILLIAM WELCH Private
- 125. ISAAC WESTFALL Private. Referring to Randolph County (WV) Minute Book on 22 August 1856, Catherine Westfall, widow of Isaac, states he died in December 1814 in Norfolk of disease while in service in 1812 War.

- 126. MOSES WILSON Private
- 127. HENRY WINEMILLER Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 128. ZACHARIAH WOODS Private. Transferred to Capt. John Hammond's Company on 20 October 1814.
- 129. WILLIAM YEAGER Private
- 130. JACOB YOKUM Private
- 131. SOLOMON YOKUM Private
- NOTE: While the above is intended to be a complete list of the soldiers in this unit, it only includes information from a small portion of the available service and pension records for the members of this Company. (WHR)

ARFHS REPRESENTED AT TREASURE MT FESTIVAL ?Pendleton County interest group forming?

Several members of ARFHS chaired a table at the Treasure Mountain Festival in Franklin, West Virginia on September 20. A number of festival goers stopped to ask questions and a new member or two was gained. ARFHS members David Armstrong, Jeff Carr, Jennie Hott and Bonnie Miller were on hand for the event, and Yankee Doodle himself was present in the form of Mr. Carr in Revolutionary period costume.

There was some brief discussion about forming subinterest groups within the ARFHS, much like the German interest, Irish interest, Computer interest etc. groups inside of the structure of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society at Pittsburgh. It is thought that the above persons would be a good core group to start a Pendleton County interest group. If any member would be interested in joining such a group contact Jeff Carr, 1255 Sunset Ave. Ext., Charlottesville, VA, 22903 phone (804) 295-9308. As of this writing no plans are in place to form a Pendleton County interest group but we would be open to ideas and suggestions on the same or other areas of special interest.