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### THOMAS JAMISON OF ADAMS COUNTY, PA.

#### [19700-19999]

**19700-1 THOMAS JAMISON**, was born circa 1715, Ireland. He died in the spring of 1755, Adams co., PA. Mr. Jamison married around 1734/35, Ireland, to Jane **Erwin**, born circa 1720, Ireland, died in the spring of 1755. They resided in York, then later in Marsh Creek, Adams co., PA.

#### Children:

((1-3) b. Ireland; (4) b. at sea; (5-6) b. Marsh Creek, PA.))

- (1) 19710 John, b.c. 1734; rem. to Virginia;
- (2) 19711 Thomas, b.c. 1736; rem. to Virginia;
- (3) 19712 Elizabeth "Betsy", b.c. 1739; d. 1755;
- (4) 19713 Mary, b. 1742; d. 9/19/1833; m.1) 1757, Chief She-nin-jee, d.c. 1760; m.2) 1762, Chief Hi-ok-a-too, b. 1708; d. 11/1811;
- (5) 19714 Matthew, b. 1746; d. 1755;
- (6) 19715 Robert, b. 1749; d. 1755;

#### Notes:

The Jamisons left Ireland some years after the minor emigration of Scotch-Irish that sailed in 1734-35 and settled in the southwest portion of Adams county, Pennsylvania. They sailed aboard the ship "William and Mary" arriving in 1742 in Philadelphia. During the ocean voyage their fourth child, Mary, was born to them upon storm-tossed seas which fore-shadowed the events of her life in America.

Mr. Jamison was a thrifty, industrious man and greatly liked by the community at large. In time he had razed the wooded land along the frontier near the source of the Marsh Creek into a large growing farm. Two additional children born to him and Jane marked their swift progress in a wild territory largely settled by the Scotch-Irish and swarming with Indians. In 1754 the Jamisons moved their home a short way upon their land settling into Buchanan Valley, then known as Pleasant Valley which was six miles in length and two miles wide. The Jamison land encroached upon the valley from the east and was previously owned by Joseph I. **Lever** and later was sold to Francis **Cole** after 1755 <sup>\*(1)</sup>. In that year the French and Indian War commenced

at Great Meadows when the Virginian force, 150 men, under Lt. Col. George Washington, was driven back from Fort Duquesne (Fort Necessity) by the French led by Coulon de Villiers in the Ohio territory. Among the men under Washington was John Jamison, as tradition would have it <sup>(2)</sup>, a brother of Thomas Jamison, killed in action on that fateful day of July 3rd. Tradition states that these Jamisons were part of a family of Jamisons from Leith, Scotland tied in with Henry Jamison (26500), James Jamison (25300), and William (of Maine) and John (of Boston) Jamison, brothers who came over in 1718 <sup>(3)</sup>.

In the spring of 1755, the Jamisons were attacked by Indians. In separate reports of the circumstances by Mary Jamison, herself, and Mrs. Robert **Bleakney** <sup>(4)</sup> some years later the following events transpired. Thomas Jamison was shaving an axe-halve at the side of the cabin, while Mrs. Jamison, Mary, Matthew, Robert, Mrs. **Buck** and her three children were inside preparing breakfast. Mary's two oldest brothers were working near the barn and Robert Buck stood near the front door of the house. When the alarm was first raised with a volley of shot, Mrs. Jamison, upon opening the door, saw Mr. Buck dead upon the ground. Mr. Jamison was captured and tied up by some of the six Shawanee Indians and four Frenchmen present. They rushed the house and took Mrs. Jamison, Matthew, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, Mrs. Buck, and her three children as prisoners while plundering the cabin of its contents. Thomas and John Jamison, the eldest sons, hid inside a hollowed out log near the barn and escaped the slaughter that befell their family and friends. Both boys left Adams county and settled in with their maternal grandfather, Mr. Erwins, in Virginia.

With their ten captives the perpetrators traveled westward passing a fort at Chambersburg continuing until the following day when they camped at a dismal swamp. Knowing they were pursued by a determined band of neighbors from Buchanan Valley, led by a Mr. **Field**'s, the Frenchmen and Shawanees, burdened by so many captives, killed and scalped Mr. and Mrs. Jamison, Elizabeth, Robert, Matthew, Mrs. Buck and two of her children. Mary and a son of the Bucks' remained and were taken by two Indian squaws in a small canoe down the Ohio River to a small Seneca town called She-nan-jee. There Mary Jamison was given a suit of Indian clothes and formally adopted into the tribe as Deh-he-wa-mis, meaning pretty girl. No other records indicate what had happened to the Buck boy.

In the meantime many of the remaining Scots-Irish, including the Bleakneys removed to Conowago for protection. Hance **Hamilton**, a neighbor, was not idle either raising a 200 man militia from the surrounding area and became its Captain. Mr. Fields' relief party of six men were in hot pursuit speedily moving in on the enemy as they tracked them down during the next two days. But the massacre at the swamp and the bloodied and naked forms of the slain was too much for Fields and his party when they came upon the grizzly scene. They soon returned to their town saddened and disheartened by the unexpected murders. With Hamilton, they embarked on defending the territory settling their scores in the defense pushing the frontier further west toward Ohio.

In Virginia a John {Jonathan} Jamison resided in Augusta county with his wife, Jane Erwin, and their nine children. He and Jane were both born in Ireland and after emigrating to the Virginia Plantation married in present day Augusta county. Mrs. Jamison was a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (**Hobson**?) Erwin of Tinkling Springs, Augusta co., VA. Both Matthew and Elizabeth show up in Thomas and Jane Erwin Jamison's list of children. While evidence is not conclusive and considered vague concerning the John Jamison under the command of George Washington in 1754, speculation persists circumstantially that the John Jamison in Augusta co., VA. may have been a brother of the foregoing Thomas Jamison. Who better than relatives should the sons, Thomas and John Jamison, flee to in 1755 after the Indian massacre? In the same area as Matthew Erwin and John Jamison was a William and Margaret Jamison of Tinkling Springs. The couple in 1769 sold to John and Jane Erwin Jamison for 55 pounds a 310 acre farm. This resulted in a 45 pound lost for them having purchased the tract in 1765 from William Martin for 100 pounds. The transaction was an "Estate of Inheritance in fee simple". Could William and Margaret have been Thomas' and John's parents? Or was William Jamison his brother? What happened to them after 1769? Did they live on their

son's farm after selling it to him? To this is further added another record of a John Jamison, born in 1752 and who died in 1790, Rockbridge co., VA.\*<sup>(5)</sup> He married Barbara **Carlock** in 1782 and they had the following children:

James, b. 1782;

John, b.c. 1783;

Jane, b.c. 1785;

Catherine, b.c. 1787;

and two daughters of whom nothing is known. Besides the obvious naming of the children above, John's grandson, Samuel M. Jamison, his son's James' son, removed in 1824 to Williamson and Davidson counties, TN. The family then moved on to Dent co., MO. between 1830 and 1833.

The connections to Adams co., PA. and Augusta co., VA. are tenuous and strife with uncertainty, but further documentation from another source indicates that Thomas and Jane Jamison's son, Thomas, appears to have had descendants. This will be explored in the follow-up section on the son. Add to all of this that the Jamison's out of Rockbridge, latter named among the above group of people, moved on to the same area of Tennessee as Thomas Jamison (19711) did and speculation takes on a decidedly circumstantial turn, instead.

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#### **19701-1 ?? JOHN JAMISON**

**19702-1 ?? WILLIAM JAMISON**, a brother of John and Thomas Jamison above. Was he the William who married Margaret and resided in Tinkling Springs, Augusta Co., Va?

**19711-2 XX THOMAS JAMISON** [Thomas], was born about 1736, Ireland, the son of Thomas and Jane (Erwin) Jamison (19700). He died in TN. He was married, but no information tells us to whom.

The only Child known was:

(Born TN)

(1) 19730 Thomas, b.c. 1760; m. & had children;

Notes:

Mr. Jamison left Pennsylvania in 1755, right after the murders of his parents and siblings. He removed to Virginia with his brother, John, possibly to Augusta co., VA. where a number of the Erwins were residing at the time and there settled down to a much quieter life than the one experienced in Adams county. He moved westward to Tennessee and settled into the Rutherford county area.

References:

1] Biographical Memoirs of Mississippi, 1891,ps.1013,14,18;

**19730-3 THOMAS JAMISON** [xx Thomas, Thomas], was born about 1770, TN. the son of Thomas Jamison II(19711). He died in TN.

Children:

(Born TN)

(1) 19800 Hugh Black, b. circa 1800; d. 12/25/1837; m. 8/28/1817, Susan **White**;

(2) 19801

Notes:

References:

1] Biographical Memoirs of Mississippi, 1891,ps.1013,14,18;

**19800-4 HUGH BLACK JAMISON** [Thomas, xx Thomas, Thomas], was born some time between 1790 to 1800 in Tennessee the son of Thomas Jamison (19730). He died December 25, 1837, Rutherford co., TN. Mr. Jamison married August 28, 1817, Rutherford co., TN., Susan **White**, born circa 1800, died before 1846, Rutherford co., TN., the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (**Searcy**) White. They resided in Rutherford co., TN.

Children:

(Born Rutherford co., TN.)

(1) 19850 Stephen White, b.c. 1818; d. 5/1864, Resaca, Gordon co., GA.;

(2) 19851 Jane Black, b. 1820; d. 4/8/1893; m. 8/16/1842, Tilghman Anderson **Cantrell**;

(3) 19852 Henry, b. 1/23/1822; d. 3/7/1902; m. 10/28/1847, Letitia H. **Jones**;

- (4) 19853 Sophia, b. 8/10/1823; d.c. 1885, Attala co., MS;
- (5) 19854 Rebecca Clementine, b. 1/11/1830; d. 2/5/1900; m. 1/1846, Dr. William G. **Cantrell**;
- (6) 19855 William H., b. 8/28/1833; d. 8/12/1889, Attala co., MS; m.c. 1860, Miss **Haseltine**;
- (7) 19856 Charlotte, d.c. 1844, TN;
- (8) 19857 Elizabeth, d.>1890; m. 3/23/1840, Jackson **Fleming**;
- (9) 19858 Fanny Ann,

Notes:

Mr. Jamison was a farmer and successful businessman. Of Scotch-Irish descent he was born in Tennessee from Scottish stock that left Ireland in 1742 and settled in Pennsylvania. His great grandfather was Thomas Jamison who in 1755 was killed by Shawanee Indians. Two sons, Thomas and John Jamison, fled to Virginia where they resided with their mother's father, Erwin. This ancestor was no doubt Matthew Erwin who resided in Tinkling Springs, Augusta county, VA.

Hugh Jamison resided 1820, Rutherford co., TN. He purchased from Jack **Dyer**, June 1819 a plot of 125 acres and registered it on the 18th. In the following year, 1820, he bought additional land from William **Patterson**, which was witnessed by Stephen White, his father-in-law. Both men had a bond on Augustus H. **White**, who was elected 1821 as a County Trustee. On January 26, 1824, Mr. Jamison, Stephen White, and others were appointed to lay out a bypass from the Murfreesborough Road to Shelbyville. Mr. Jamison was sued by John L. **Linch**, but the suit was dropped and both men split the court costs November 20, 1830. Additional Bill of Sales to John **Priett** and Stokely **White**, brother-in-law.

Mr. Jamison enlisted into the military in the summer of 1836 in Capt. **Wilson**'s Cavalry and served until the summer of 1837. Just before the Second Seminole War commence, Jamison, under the command of General **Coffee** of Tennessee, took part in the Creek war that lasted from 1835 to 1837 and was listed at the battles of Horseshoe Bend and Orleans. Mr. Jamison fought in the Second Seminole War of 1836 to 1842. Unlike the first, in the second engagement the Seminoles refused to leave the lands they gave up in the first War. In December of 1835 110 soldiers were ambused and killed by the Seminoles. General Winfield **Scott** was ordered to Florida to take over the proceedings from Brig. Gen. Edmund **Gaines**, who was detached to Texas where he was expecting trouble along the frontier. But Gaines had raised a force, none-the-less, went to Florida with a 1000 men and nearly overrun but for one of Scott's reinforcements that came along in the nick of time. He returned to New Orleans claiming peace had been attained, but was quite wrong in that assessment. Scott made a go at it, but was eventually transferred and in the following six years three other commanders were placed and replaced as failures mounted to move the Seminoles. The only way to root out the tribes was a plan of extermination with 5,000 regulars and 20,000 short-term volunteers against some 1,000 Indians. As a result nearly 1500 militia lost their lives from battle and disease to move 3200 half-starved Seminoles west. Mr. Jamison was wounded in the neck and survived it.

Census listing-2 males 16-25; 1 female 0-10; 1 female 16-26; 1823, on list of petitioners regarding Rutherford and Bedford co. boundary lines; of curious note is the 1870 census showing S. W. Jamison, age 51 residing in Rutherford co., TN while the date of death is listed as 5/1864, Georgia? Tax listings for the area show:

Thomas Jameson, Sumner co., TN., years 1787, 88, 89, 90, 93, 95, 98.

Henry Downs Jamison was a son of William Caldwell Jamison; this family migrated from Bucks co., PA., to

SC., to GA., and on to Montgomery co., TN in 1798, and Henry to Rutherford in the 1820s and 30s.

A William Jamison in Rutherford co., TN. m. 5/29/1956, Betty D. **Jones** a dau. of Robert Jones. And a W. H. Jamison married in Bedford co., TN. 2/6/1881, Fannie F. **Freeman**.

Of interest is a Hugh and Isabel Jamison in Attala co., MS. Children were: Margaret, age 16, NY; Sarah, age 15, MS; John, age 11, MS; Mary, age 7, MS; Hugh Jamison was age 63, b. 1787, Ireland, and wife, Isabel age 45, b. 1804/5, Ireland; Related?

In Leake co., MS., H. Jamison, age 25, b. 1824, TN.; wife. L. Jamison, age 23, b. 1826/7, TN.; children: Mary, age 2, b. TN; and two others: J. B. **Misses**, age 10, male, b. AL; and Carter **Lain**, age 24, male, b. AL;

The 1870 MS Census shows the following:

George Jamerson.....Attala county

Henry Jamerson.....Attala county

William H. Jamerson.....Marshall county

Alexander Jamison.....Attala county

Robert J. Jamison.....Attala county

Stephen Jamison.....Itawamba county

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**19850-5 STEPHEN WHITE JAMISON** [Hugh, Thomas, xx Thomas, Thomas], was born circa 1818, Rutherford co., TN., the son of Hugh and Susan (White) Jamison (19800). He was killed 1864, Resaca, GA. Mr. Jamison never married. He resided in Attala co., MS and Rutherford co., TN.

#### Notes:

Jamison was brought up in Rutherford co., TN. upon his parent's plantation. He served during the Mexican War as a private in Company G, 3rd Infantry enlisting September 20, 1847 at Millersburg, TN. and later honorably discharged at Memphis, July 24, 1848. With the War at an end, Stephen returned to Millersburg and in the succeeding years purchased some land and conducted a few real estate dealings. He settled on a 250 acre spread that in 1849 was value at \$2000.00.

**19851-5 JANE BLACK JAMISON** [Hugh, Thomas, xx Thomas, Thomas] was born 1820, Rutherford co., TN., the daughter of Hugh and Susan (White) Jamison (19800). She died April 8, 1893, Rutherford co., TN. Miss Jamison married August 16, 1842, Rutherford co., tN., Tilghman Anderson **Cantrell**, born circa 1802/03, Caswell co., NC, died June 11, 1897, Floresville, Wilson co., TX., the son of William and Elizabeth (**Page**) Cantrell. They resided in Rutherford co., tN., and Chambers and Randolph cos., Al.

Children:

((1), b. Rutherford co., TN; (2,3) b. Chambers co., Al; (4-6) Randolph co., AL)

(1) Mary White, b. 9/29/1844; d.c. 1880;

(2) Stephen P., b. 1846;

(3) Alexander Campbell, b. 8/3/1848; d. 4/25/1929; m. 12/13/1874, Sarah Franklin **Stubbs**;

(4) Thomas Jefferson, b. 4/1852;

(5) Susan Jane, b. 10/18/1855; d. 9/22/1883;

(6) Rachel A., b.c. 1857; d. 1882;

**19852-5 HENRY JAMISON** [Hugh, Thomas, xx Thomas, Thomas] was born January 23, 1823, Rutherford co., TN., the son of Hugh and Susan (White) Jamison (19800). He died March 7, 1902, Attala co., MS. Mr. Jamison married October 28, 1847, Rutherford co., TN., Letitia H. **Jones**, born June 6, 1824, Rutherford co., TN., and died January 16, 1889, Attala co., MS. They resided in Rutherford co., TN. and Attala co., MS.

Children:

((1,2) b. Leake co., MS; (3-8) Attala co., MS)

(1) 19890 Mary, b.c. 1848; d.<1890;

(2) 19891 Susan Elizabeth, b. 2/3/1853; d. 2/16/1919;

(3) 19892 James Henry, b. 9/11/1855; d. 1/9/1904;

(4) 19893 Stephen White, b. 1/31/1857; d. 11/25/1927;

(5) 19894 Henry Black, b. 11/7/1858; d. 10/31/1943;

(6) 19895 Sophia J., b.c. 1858;

(7) 19896 Letitia H., b.c. 1860;

(8) 19897 infant, b. 9/10/1866; d. 9/10/1866;

**19854-5 REBECCA CLEMENTINE JAMISON** [Hugh, Thomas, xx Thomas, Thomas] was born January 11, 1830, Rutherford co., TN., the daughter of Hugh and Susan (White) Jamison (19800). She died February 5, 1900, MO. Miss Jamison married January 1846, Rutherford co., TN., to William G. **Cantrell**, born November 23, 1826, Jefferson co., TN., died July 18, 1902, MO., the son of Tilghman A. and Nancy (**Mckee**) Cantrell. They resided in Randolph co., AL., Alton, and Oregon co., MO.

Children:

((1,2) b. Randolph, Al; (3-5) b. Alton, MO.)

- (1) Harvey Perry, b. 5/7/1848; m. 5/20/1881, Josie **Dempster**;
- (2) James Knox Polk, b. 8/16/1850; d. 5/18/1917; m. 3/17/1871, Nancy Jane **Wickersham**;
- (3) William Hugh, b. 1853; d. 1863;
- (4) Tilghman Andrew, b. 1853; d. 1863;
- (5) Frank Whitten, b. 9/25/1856; d.>1920; m. 2/26/1885, Rebecca Anne **Foster**;

**19855-5 WILLIAM H. JAMISON** [Hugh, Thomas, xx Thomas, Thomas] was born August 23, 1833, Rutherford co., TN., the son of Hugh and Susan (White) Jamison (19800). He died August 12, 1889, Attala co., MS. Mr. Jamison married about 1860, Miss **Haseltine**, b.c. 1843, MS, and died after 1880. They resided in Attala co., MS.

Children:

(Born Attala co., MS)

- (1) 19900 Fannie A., b.c. 1859;
- (2) 19901 James H., b.c. 1862;
- (3) 19902 Imalou, b.c. 1864;
- (4) 19903 Stokely, b.c. 1865;
- (5) 19904 William, b.c. 1867;
- (6) 19905 Charles, b.c. 1870;
- (7) 19906 Samuel B., b.c. 1873;
- (8) 19907 Woodson, b.c. 1875;
- (9) 19908 Emma, b.c. 1877;



(10) 19909 Ella, b.c. 1877;

(11), Susan J., b.c. 1879;

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[1.](#) Among the settlers from 1734 to 1754 were: James Bleakney, the first settler in the Valley; Casper **Hiller**; Nicholas **Strausbaugh**, John **Dellone**, Andrew **Noel**, Donald **McClellan**, William **Cobb**, and James **Kern** who settled in the north to northwest areas; Michael **Dellone**, Jacob **Starner**, and William **Milligan** in the southern part; James Jamison, Robert **Buck**, Christopher **Warren**, Jacob **Symmons** in the east. Buchanan Valley was changed from Pleasant Valley in 1856 during the Presidential campaign of James **Buchanan**.

[2.](#) Traditional history, no supportable evidence to confirm family relationships.

[3.](#) There is no known proof of blood connection of any of these people to Thomas Jamison.

[4.](#) Mrs. Bleakney was the wife of Robert Bleakney a grandson of James Bleakney, one of Thomas Jamison's closest neighbors in the Buchanan Valley at the time fo the massacre in 1755.

[5.](#) Rockbridge co. was still a part of Augusta county at this time. The family resided just below the present day border of Augusta co., not far from Christian Creek and Tinkling Springs.

