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Zachariah Isbell family

CAPT. ZACHARIAH ISBELL, b. 1722 Caroline Co., Virginia; married Elizabeth---(said to have been a CALLAWAY); son of Henry Isbell & Miss Cox, daughter of James & Elizabeth Cox. Zachariah Isbell's brothers included James b. 1720 m. Frances Tompkins Livingston; Benjamin (m. Letitia Hickman), William m. Ann Dillard (father of George & others--see "Hist. 1 So. Fam." by Boddie), Henry Jr., etc.

Zachariah in 1754-- was 1st Sheriff of Bedford Co., VA.; founded the town of New London, VA.; 1st county seat of Bedford Co.; was also Justice of Peace & the 1st Commissioner of Bedford Co.

Was "a fearless Indian fighter," was Capt. of the militia; was granted land in Camden Dist., S.C. for service in the Indian Wars, in 1757 from King George III. By 1767, he had received 5 grants of land (Read Leonardo Andrea papers, what he says of him here. Land records in S.C. do show that his wife was An Elizabeth; Andrea says they had 6 children living with them in S.C.)

In 1767, he became a magistrate at New Bern, Craven Dist., N.C.; in 1771 was in Surry Co., N.C.; was in Wilkes Co. where his brothers

Benjamin & James had moved from VA. Some N.C. records may confuse him and Zachariah Jr. *Many of his Isbell relatives (Benj. & James) settled here, too*

About 1772-3, both Zachariahs went "over the Mtn." to east Tennessee with a group of "Regulators" (N.C. Civilians who had risen up against British taxation & battled in N.C. with troops of the Crown)

In Tennessee, they fought Indians; Zach Sr. & Jr. were both co-founders of the Watauga Settlement there, and the State of Franklin (now the State of Tennessee); Zach Jr.'s friend John Sevier was its 1st governor; Zach Sr. was the 1st Commissioner of Watauga.

At King's Mtn., Zach Jr. fought the Indians & received land from the State of N.C. for it.

Zachariah Jr. (b. 1751) & John Sevier were also the commissioners of confiscated property (from Tories.)

After Revolutionary War, he lived in Sevier Co., Tenn., owning several tracts of land; his wife was said to be POLLY MILLER (1760-1840) (His second wife?)

Among children of Zach. Sr. were said to be: David or Daniel, Zachariah Jr., William, Jason (& possibly a Godfrey?)

Zachariah Jr. had, among others: Levi b. 1770 N.C. (m. Sarah Jane (Todd?)); William; Zachariah III; Jason L.; & John Miller Isbell b. 1777.

Levi & John M. settled near each other in Lincoln Co., Tenn. before Levi moved to Dekalb Co., Alabama with the Bean & Womach families; (also from Watauga). J.M.I.'s descendants spell it "ISBILL" today.)

Wm. Isbell bought land in Sevier Co., TN. in 1796, but is said to have moved to Jackson Co., Ala. by the late 1820s, where he died. His widow Sarah (Richardson?) survived him in 1830.

Their children were: 1. JOHN b. 1789 TN.; 2. JAMES b. 1791 m. 1813 in Jackson Co., Ala. Elizabeth Birdwell (Godfrey Isbell was executor of her father John's estate there); 3. REV. Levi Isbell b. 14 Nov 1797 in Sevier Co., TN. d. 1 Nov 1876 Dekalb Co., Ala. bur. Marshall Co., m. Sarah H. (Sallie) Birdwell, her sister; 4. Miller Isbell, 1800-57;

5. Hannah m. Timothy Marchand; 7. Rebecca m. Madison M. Bruton;

8. William Isbell b. 1816 m. Mae; 9. Elizabeth m. Matthew Summers

9. Jemima m. John Summers, 10. Nancy Margaret b. 1814 m. John Baker, one of the founders of Wyeth City, Ala. (1st County seat of Marshall Co.);

11. Rev. Zachariah Isbell (Bethel Baptist Church) b. 1814, twin, unm.

Consult: Tenn. Cousins by W.S. Ray; Ramsey's & Putnam's Annals of Tenn.; VA. Hist'l Magazine vol. 19p. 431; Col. Records of N.C. vol. 10pp. 707-8; State Recds of N.C. vol. IIp. 652, vol. 22, p. 702-3; Roster of Soldiers & Patriots of the Am. Revolution by Lucy Womach Bates, 1974, p. 210; A marble monument at Elizabethton, Tenn. to Zach. Isbell, "one of the 13 founders of Tenn." THE ARKANSAS FAMILY HISTORIAN, April 1977; Hist'l Southern Families by J.B. Boddie; Notable Southern Families by S. Armstrong

See also: The Isbell Family in the South, Page of Robt. Isbell by E.W. Mason

Descendants of Benjamin Isbell

- 1 Benjamin Isbell Born: Abt. 1730 King William Co, Virginia Died: Bet. 1787 - 1790 Surry or Stokes Co, North Carolina Military service: Rev War VA Battalion of Regulars 1759-14feb1780 King & Queen Co, VA? Census: Bet. 1784 - 1787 North Carolina State Census-Surry County Property: 1752 Benjamin Isbell of King William Co, Virginia-Sells to John Quarles 300 acres that was part of the "plantation and mansion house" inherited from unnamed father's estate in Chesterfield Co (formally Henrico Co), refers to brother, Jason Residence: Bet. 1782 - 1786 Surry Co, North Carolina
- .. +Lettice Hickman Born: Abt. 1730 Virginia Died: Surry or Stokes Co, North Carolina
- 2 Thomas Isbell Born: Bet. 1756 - 1774 Virginia Died: Bet. 1800 - 1810 Possibly Stokes Co, North Carolina (Unconfirmed) Census: Bet. 1784 - 1787 North Carolina State Census-Surry County / 1790 Stokes Co, North Carolina / 1800 Stokes Co, North Carolina 3 m -10, 1 m 16-25, 1 m 26-44, 1 f -10, 1 f 10-15, 1 f 26-44 Property: 1789 Stokes Co, North Carolina-Sold 300 acres on Dan River to Matthew Moore
- +Phebe Unknown Born: Bet. 1756 - 1774 Died: Bet. 1800 - 1810 Possibly Stokes Co, North Carolina (Unconfirmed)
- 2 Hickman Isbell Born: Bet. 1760 - 1770 Virginia Died: Aft. 1830 Probably Washington Co, Tennessee Census: 1790 Stokes Co, North Carolina-Enumerated alone (unmarried) / 1830 Washington Co, Tennessee (age 60-70)-Enumerated alone, no other Isbells listed on census Tax List: 1796 Early East Tennessee Tax Lists and Petitions-Sullivan County
- 2 Richard Isbell Born: Bet. 1765 - 1770 Virginia Died: Aft. 1840 Probably Warren Co, Kentucky (Unconfirmed) Census: 1790 Stokes Co, North Carolina / 1810/30 Surry Co, North Carolina / 1840 Warren Co, Kentucky (age 70-79)
- +Unknown Wife Born: Bet. 1765 - 1770 Virginia Died: Aft. 1840 Probably Warren Co, Kentucky (Unconfirmed)
- 2 Jason L. Isbell Born: Bet. 1765 - 1774 Culpepper Co, Virginia Died: Bef. 27 May, 1817 Warren Co, Kentucky Census: Bet. 1784 - 1787 North Carolina State Census-Surry County / 1790 Stokes Co, North Carolina (over 16) / 1810 Warren Co, Kentucky (age 25-44) Property: 1781 Surry Co, North Carolina-Edwin Hickman & Jason Isbell enter bond , refers to 117 acres on Dan River, the plantation home of Jason Residence: Abt. 1795 Rutherford Co, North Carolina Tax List: 1782 Surry Co, North Carolina / 1800 Warren Co, Kentucky / 1816 Warren Co, Kentucky (1817 Property belongs to Jean Isbell, widow)
- +Elizabeth Davidson Born: Abt. 1752 Died: 1805 Warren Co, Kentucky
- *2nd Wife of Jason L. Isbell:
- +Jane Jincey Cox Born: Abt. 1786 Henry Co, Virginia Married: 12 May, 1807 Warren Co, Kentucky Died: Abt. 1853 Warren Co, Kentucky
- 2 Lettice Isbell Born: Abt. 1769 Virginia Died: Bef. 1850 Randolph Co, Missouri Burial: Probably on farm near Huntsville, Randolph Co, Missouri
- +William Hickman Born: 1770 Culpepper Co, Virginia Died: 1851 Randolph Co, Missouri Burial: Probably on farm near Huntsville, Randolph Co, Missouri Census: 1820 Warren Co, Kentucky (See Census Note) Property: 11 Feb, 1797 Stokes Co, North Carolina-Gift deed from father, Edwin ; both sides of Lovins Creek Property
- 2 Two Female Isbell Born: Bef. 1788 Virginia

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