



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

James Maxwell, Virginia, A075932

- Captain
- Residence: Montgomery Co VA
- Born: c. 1750, Ulster, Ireland
- Died: before 27 Mar 1821, Tazewell Co VA

James married Jane Roberts and settled in Augusta Co VA. This county is now Rockbridge Co near the Clinch River Valley on the Western frontier of VA. James was the son of John and Mary Maxwell. Little is known of how he came to the Colonies, but by 1772 he had moved to VA.

Six of James and Jane's children have proven DAR daughters. They are:

- Elizabeth born c.1767 in VA and died in Tazewell Co VA after 1 Jun 1850. She married Henry Marrs who was born c 1762 and died in Tazewell Co VA on 4 Feb 1831.
- Jane Jean born 13 Mar 1778 in VA and died in Pike Co MO after 1860. She married John Maxwell 8 Jan 1807 in Tazewell Co VA. He was born 6 Apr 1788 in VA and died in Pike Co MD before 1 Dec 1843.
- James born in 1780 at Tazewell Co VA and died there in 1866. He married Mary Witten 4 Apr 1804 in Tazewell Co VA. She was born in 1780 in Tazewell Co VA and died in 1788.
- Margaret (Peggy) born c-- 1782 at Montgomery Co VA and died in Tazewell Co VA on 19 Dec 1851. She married David Whitley 24 Jan 1797 in Wash Co VA. He was born c. 1776 at Botetcourt Co VA and died at Tazewell Co VA c. 1844.
- Robert born 5 Jul 1786 in VA and died in Linn Co MO on 20 Apr 1861. He married Rebecca Maxwell in Tazewell Co VA on 26 Jul 1809. She was born 31 May 1790 in VA and died in Shelby Co OH on 25 Sep 1853.
- Nancy was born in VA. She was married in 1801 to Paul Whitley.

James became a soldier and Indian scout in the war with the Indians in 1774. As of 1774 James served as a Lieutenant commanded by Capt. Thomas Mastin. They defended the settlements in southwestern Virginia from Indian attacks. Later he joined the State Regiment under Col. William Preston and Maj. Walter Crockett. He was appointed Captain 4 Aug 1778.

In 1800 when Tazewell County was formed, he became its first Sheriff and remained an active and influential citizen until his death 1820. He was a qualified Justice of the Peace. The will of James Maxwell was proven in Tazewell County 27 Mar 1821.

At least eleven children were born to James and Jane Maxwell. Two daughters, Jennie and Mattie, died during an Indian Massacre in the spring of 1782.

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