



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Oakey (Okey) Van Arsdale (Vanarsdale, Vanosdol), New Jersey, A117110

- Private, Pension *S9507
- Born: 22 Dec 1757, Somerset Co NJ
- Died: 7 Jul 1849, Bethel Clermont Co OH

Oakley married c1783 Mary South (b 8 Oct 1767 NJ d 27 May 1894) in NJ and ten children were born to them. About 1805, he moved to Clermont Co OH. On 21 Oct 1807, Oakley married Mary (Polly) Wright (d p11 Sep 1815) and they had four or five children. In 1821 Oakey married Catherine Collins Bradwell/Bredwell, the mother-in-law of his son Robert.

As of Summer 2021, NSDAR recognizes daughters from six children: James, Robert, Mary (Maria/Marie), Kiziah, Nancy, and Isaac.

- James (b 9 Jan 1784 d a26 Sep 1837) married on 15 Mar 1818 to Lydia Meeker.
- Robert (b 4 Jan 1791 NJ d 4 Feb 1872 Williamsburg Clermont Co OH) married on 10 Jan 1815 to Sarah Bredwell (b 20 Sep 1793 KY d 5 Apr 1882 Williamsburg Clermont Co OH) in Clermont Co OH.
- Mary (Maria/Marie) (b 6 Jun 1794 d 18 Aug 1829) married on 2 Feb 1815 to Joseph Collen Test (b 2 Jun 1792 d 23 Apr 1851).
- Kiziah (b 1795 d 1850) married in 1816 to Richard Johnson (b 1793 d 1857).
- Nancy (14 Oct 1808 OH d p7 Oct 1837) married at Clermont Co OH on 30 Jan 1826 to John Davis (b 5 May 1805 OH d p7 Oct 1837).
- Isaac (b 7 May 1810 Clermont Co OH d 26 Sep 1894 Clermont Co OH) married on 19 Apr 1832 to Rhodan Bennett (b 4 May 1814 d 12 Apr 1849 Clermont Co OH).

About ten years before the Revolutionary War, Oakley moved to Middlesex Co NJ with his father. Oakey enlisted Sep 1776. First, he served with Capts. James De Bow under Col Nixon in New Jersey. In the summer of 1777, he served two months in Capt. William Wycoff's company in Col Auke Wikoff's New Jersey regiment. He was in the skirmish at Black Point.

In the summer of 1778, Oakey was involved in the Battle of Monmouth at Colts Neck NJ. While decamping from Philadelphia to station themselves in NY, the British forces were met by Washington's troops. In a series of skirmishes, the American army managed to harass the British formations but not defeat them.

Oakley's monument in the Tate Township Cemetery Bethel OH reads: "He was one of the fathers of our free institutions and a soldier in the Revolutionary War of 1776." Additionally, inscribed on his stone is "Here I must unwearied lie till my deliverer comes and wipes away his servant's tears and leads his exile home".

His name has various iterations. His children go by different spellings. His pension is Vandodol.



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