

Hawkins County Revolutionary Pensioners As Found in the 1840 Census

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Back in 1896 someone had been studying the 1840 Hawkins County census – remember that included names of Revolutionary pensioners – and wrote an article about it for the Rogersville paper.

Among his notes are the following:

Bartlett Belcher, 86, lived on Copper Ridge near the Swinfields, Andersons, Eidsons, and Isaac Bloomer.

Henry Blevins, 84, lived on Choptack, a near neighbor to Geo. Rider, Wm. D. Brooks, Wm. Altom, Nancey Kyle, and Haston Davis.

John Britton, 87, lived in the mountains on the waters of Northfork of Beech Creek, not far from Stacey postoffice.

Wright Bond, 87, lived with Arthur Bond in the neighborhood of the Mayses...in the Mooresburg district.

Littleton Brooks, 90, lived on Pearson's Mill Creek neighborhood of the Frosts, not far from Clinch river, now Hancock.

Thos. Brooks, 80, lived in the neighborhood of the Galbraiths, Brookses, Reeses, and Beases, Choptack.

Wm. Burrill, 77, lived South of Holston River, not far from Burem's Mill.

Robert Campbell Sr., 80, lived in Carter's Valley, on farm where Michael Elegit now lives.

Pharaoh Cobb, 90, lived South of Holston River, just below Cobb's ford....

Thos. A. Fletcher, 90, lived with Anthony Smith, in Caney Valley in the neighborhood of Fisher's Creek.

Abner Gordon, 82, lived in the neighborhood of the Elroads, Eppisons, Mills, probably near where Bennett Cantwell now resides.

John Hicks Sr., 80, lived on Cloud's Creek near Henry Elkins...and Ensley Carpenter.

Wm. Jewell, 97, lived on Upper Beech Creek...

Daniel Jones Sr., 86, lived...in Terrapin Valley, above where Hodge Lawson now lives.

John Leonard, 82, lived in the Dotson Creek district in the neighborhood of the Kiles, Lonback, and Portrams.

Momon Lawson, 95, lived with Peter Lawson in the Collins and Gibson neighborhood, and near Jabez Hopkins, now Hancock county.

Jonathan Long Sr., 78, lived in the St. Clair district, near the residence of the late Rodham Chestnut.

John Light, 76, lived on Upper Beech Creek, in the Ball, Lucas, and Light neighborhood.

James Lovin, 81, lived...near the old forge on Poor Val-

ley Creek, Mooresburg district.

Richard Matlock, 79, lived with George Matlock, Upper Clinch, in the Edens and Isoms' neighborhood.

Seth Manis, 78, lived in Pumpkin Valley, on Pearson's Creek...near the Edmond Bray place, and not far from Littleton Brooks.

Wm. Molsbey Sr., 82, lived in Hickory Cove, probably where the widow of Samuel Molsbey now resides.

Jas. Morrison, 86, lived on Upper Beech Creek....

Flower Mullins, 87, lived on Upper Beech Creek, in the Dykes, Mullins, Crawford, and Dalton neighborhood.

Thos. Price, 79, lived south of river, in the Beckner, Everhart, and Long neighborhood.

John Rains, 81, lived on Clinch, near Flat Gap, in the neighborhood of the Wolfes, Jordans, and McGinnises.

Sam'l. Riggs, 80, lived near Russellville, now Hamblen County, in the Shepperd and Miller neighborhood.

John Scaff, 79 (suspended), lived in the neighborhood of the Scotts, Buttrys, Trents, and Templetons, now in Hancock county.

Wm. Skelton, 79, lived in McPheeter's Bend, south of Holston river and near Blossom postoffice.

James Simmons Sr., 81, lived in Hickory Cove, where O.A. Rice now lives, near Alum Well.

John Sowel, 80, lived with Wm. Ritter on Upper Clinch, in the Staley and Ellen Anderson neighborhood.

Notley Thomas Sr., 93, lived...not far from where Hiram Horton now lives, on Clinch river, now Hancock County.

Wm. Thurman, 79, lived in Carter's Valley where Jacob Debusk now lives.

Alex Trent Sr., 81, lived in the neighborhood of the Copes, Trents, and Cobbs, now Hancock.

Francis Winstead, 81, lived with Marg't. Winstead on Clinch, in the neighborhood of Laurence Pearson....

Mary Beatty, 86, widow of Walter Beatty, lived...in the neighborhood of Oakdale P.O.

Letitia Rorack, 93, widow of Michael Rorack, lived on Dodson's Creek, south fork....

Elizabeth Smith, 79, widow of Robert Smith, lived with Jos. Mooney, not far from St. Clair.

Now, we don't know who the author was, and we don't know how he knew this. But consider that only 56 years after the 1840 census was taken there were certainly people still alive who knew those pensioners and where they had lived.

If any of these are your ancestor and you want to pin down where they lived, here's a great place to start!

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