

JOHN TADLOCK
Soldier, VIRGINIA

John Tadlock is a documented Revolutionary War Soldier, by the D. A. R. Three wives are named: Wife 1, Sally Keel [1754-1802]; Wife 2, Mrs. Ann Harold; Wife 3, Mrs. Nancy Rochester.

John lived in what would become Greene County, Tennessee. John appears several times in the Chancery Court Records. In the February 1884 session, a lawsuit him was brought by John Trotter. Then, in August 1784, John Tadlock, "order that John Tadlock have leave to keep a public house." In 1887, he was among the signers of the Petition for the State of Franklin. By 1800, John had moved to Mercer County, Kentucky, and in 1803 he was in Christian County. It is thought John died in Trigg County about 1820/21.

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The Circuit Court.—The Court of Quarter Sessions was succeeded, in 1803, by the Circuit Court, in accordance with an act of the Legislature. The first term was held in Christian County March 28, 1803. Hon. Samuel Hardin and Hon. James Wilson presented their commissions from James Garrard, Governor, as Assistant Judges, and were sworn in by John Campbell, Justice of the Peace. The records inform us that "they took their seats, and the Sheriff opened court." Young Ewing was appointed Clerk *pro tempore*, and entered into bond, with Samuel Caldwell and Rezin Davidge, as securities, and took the required oath.

Rezin Davidge, Samuel Caldwell, Matthew Lodge, James H. McLaughlan, John A. Cape, Robert Coleman and James H. Russell produced their licenses, and were sworn in as attorneys at law in this court.

It was then "ordered that Rezin Davidge be appointed Attorney for the Commonwealth to this court." The first case was, "The Commonwealth, plaintiff, *versus* Matthew Lodge, defendant, for profane swearing." The result of the suit was, the defendant was fined five shillings and costs. The second case was, John Tadlock *versus* William Daniel and James Dillingham for debt.

The Grand Jury for this court was as follows: Samuel Bradley, Foreman; Isaac Stroud, William Husk, Hugh Johnson, John Wilson, William Cravens, Benjamin McClendon, Bartholomew Wood, John Weldon, Peter Thompson, Daniel Bristow, William Stroud, James Barnett, Thomas Martin, Thomas Vaughn, Isaac Hayes, John Caruthers and Joseph Starkley, "who being impaneled and sworn, and having received their charge withdrew from the bar to make up their presentments."

Several unimportant cases were then disposed of, and the "records of the late Court of Quarter Sessions, was received into the Circuit Court from John Clark, late Clerk of said Quarter Sessions Court."

The Grand Jury returned a number of indictments against different individuals, mostly for "profane swearing by God," and were then dismissed. The court then proceeded to try the same, and in most of the cases fined the delinquents five shillings and costs.



A brief biography was published on John Tadlock and his brothers by descendants in the May 1989 issue of *The Greene County Pioneer*, Volume 5 Number 2. It is possible John's older brothers also served in the War.

Joshua Tadlock

Joshua was b. ca 1750. He and his wife Nancy was located in Washington Co TN as late as May 1793. He next appeared in Barren Co. KY records (by 1800) along with James Tadlock and Thomas (1803). Joshua's will was probated in Glasgow, Barren Co., Ky, in Dec., 1805. The Children of Joshua and Nancy were probably:
William, b. ca 1785, TN
Edward, b. ca 1790, TN
Louis, b. ca 1792, TN
Andrew, b. ca 1798 TN/KY
Betsy b. ?

Thomas Tadlock

Thomas Tadlock left TN about the same time as Joshua and John. A Thomas Tadlock is found in the 1803 Barren Co, KY tax list. A Thomas appears in the 1820 Trigg Co., Ky census. A Thomas was reported to be in Jackson Co., TN in 1833. There is an 1812 marriage to Catherine David. Possible children are:
Commodore Tadlock, Smith Co TN
Richard Tadlock, Smith Co TN
Asa Teddock, 1830 Trigg Co Ky census
David O. Thatlock, 1830 Smith Co, TN census
Richard Padlock, 1830 census Smith Co TN

John Tadlock

John was b. ca 1755 in VA. He d. ca 1820-21 in the Trigg/Christiar Co Ky area. He married three times. His first wife was Sally Keel, dau of Rev. James and Mariah Keel. She was apparently the mother of all of his children. She d. in 1802. His second wife was Mrs. Ann Harrod, 1803, Mercer Co., Ky. The second marriage was dissolved when the "dead" Mr. Harrod showed up! The third marriage was to a Mrs. Nancy Jordan Rochester in Mercer Co., Ky.

John was a deputy sheriff of Greene Co., TN in 1784, and became County Sheriff in 1786. In 1796, he moved to Mercer Co., Ky.

The children of John and Sally Tadlock were:
Elizabeth ca 1782-1845, KY m. Richard Davenport

Maria ca 1790TN -. She m. Henry Willis

John H. Tadlock ca 1792TN- 1845MS m. 1st Susan Sturman, 2nd Esther

Sevier ca 1798 KY- before 1850 TX. m. Melinda Berry

Carter ca 1800 KY- 1836 KY, m. Cynthia Berry

Sarah Shannon Tadlock, b. ca 1801 KY, m. Robert Moore

Lewis Tadlock

Lewis was b. 1764 and d. 1815. He m. Jane Blair.* He lived on the headwaters of Lick Creek on the Greene/Washington Co line.

Children of Lewis and Jane Tadlock:

1. Elizabeth ca 1789TN - . m. Jesse Mullins 3 Mar 1806.
2. John ca 1790 TN - . He m. three times : 1st Polly Horton, 29 Sept 1806; 2nd ?; 3rd Hester T. Clark 20 Jan 1848, Greene.
3. James, ca 1793 TN- 1891 MO. He m. Ruth Baxter.