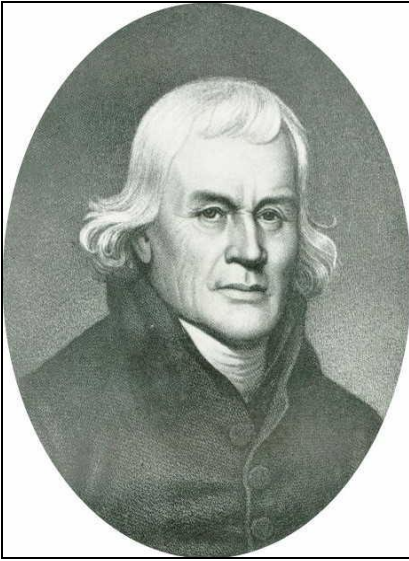


JOHN WEEMS

John Weems is a documented Revolutionary War Soldier by D.A.R.: born c. 1745; died c. October 27, 1812.



**Famous Methodist Minister
Francis Ashbury**



**Wesley's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church.
North Greene County near today's Baileyton Road.
Numerous Weems descendants are buried here.**

**An entry in the journal of Bishop
Asbury states he preached to about
30 people at the John Weems place
in North Carolina on March 11, 1783**

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John Weems History & Will By Diana Muir

History of John Weems of Greene County, Tennessee

As early as 1767, John Weems, born about 1745, first appears in the records of Orange County, North Carolina where he receives property from William Castleberry, serves as a juror on several court cases, and is assigned as the guardian for an orphaned child named McCarty. John eventually marries Catherine (Kitty) Goodwin, the sister of John Goodwin who also shows up in the Regulator Rolls of Orange County, North Carolina. At this time it is unknown whether John Weems, b. about 1745 is related to the Abbeville, South Carolina group, or if he is related to the Anne Arundel County, Maryland group. Recently, we discovered a Margaret Weems, born about 1740, also of Orange County, NC who married a Richard Gott and had several children. Margaret and John both lived in Hillsboro and may have been brother and sister. It is hopeful that information about Margaret will lead to additional information about John and tie them into the correct family.

Many of John and Catherine's children are born in the St. Thomas District, called Hillsboro, in Orange County, North Carolina and several married there. Then John Weems receives a land grant for Greene County, Tennessee during the "Big Land Grab" in 1783 when the Hillsboro office was only open for 9 months. His entire family, plus the families of his several of his married children, move to what is now known as Baileyton, Greene County, Tennessee, right in the heart of the Cumberland Gap.

John and Catherine Weems are both buried in the old churchyard burial ground, now paved over by a county road, but not too far distant from the Weems/Bailey Family Cemetery. The cemetery is directly south of the Thomas Porter Bailey homestead on the south side of Baileyton and can easily be seen from the front of the current church and cemetery. In this small family cemetery lie the remains of Elizabeth Weems (John's eldest daughter) and her husband, Thomas Bailey of Londonderry, Ireland, as well as several other related families, all descendants of John and Catherine (Kitty) Weems. The links below represent the resources and data that Diana has collected over the past 30 years on the Wemyss/Weems descendants in the Americas. While it appears that most are descended from the three children of Sir James of Bogie Wemyss and Lady Elizabeth Loch, there is also another branch, that of Thomas Scott Weems, who is actually a cousin of their children. Each line has been designated below so that you may see how they weave together over the years. The Will of JOHN WEEMS can be found in Greene County Will Book 1 pages 51 and 52. It can also be found in the book 'Greene County, Tennessee Wills, 1783 - 1890' on page 34 compiled by Burgner. Names are spelled as they were in the Will.

**Further information on John Weems may be found in Historic Greene County and
Its People, page 350.]**

John Weems's dec'd.

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(Page 51) Tuesday 27th
October 1812 Will proven by
Jacob Smith and John Cass
subscribing witnesses and
ordered to be recorded And
John Cass and John Young
qualified as Executors
(Minds 7 P. 47) Will "In the
name of God Amen, I John
Weems of the County of Green
and state of Tennessee being
weake of body but of sound
& perfect memory thanks be
to Almighty God and calling to
remembrance the uncertainty
of this transe^{ry} life do make
ordain and constitute this as
my last Will and Testament
in maner and form following
that is to say, First of all I
will & bequeth that my true
and loving wife Kitty Weems
have my plantation which
I now live on during her
continuing to be my widdo
and to have all the house

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jureneture and my Negro
woman called Ester two
bows and one heffer as long
as she remains single. It is
also my will and desire that
my son in law John Young works
the plantation whered now
live on, and report my wife
Kitty Weams efficiently well
during her natural life, and
for a compensation to my
son in law John Young, I will
that he shall have the full
wright to my plantation at my
(Page 52) wifes death I further
will that my son George
pay to my son Thomas twenty
pounds and my son William
five pounds out of the
sixty pounds which he my son
George justly owes me in trade
and the balance he my son George
to keep in his own hands.
and I further will that my
son James keeps the eight
pounds twelve and six pence

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which he justely owes me
of money lent I furthermore
will that my son in law
John Young & let my son James
have two^o Acres of my plantation
adjoining my son James tract
where he now lives, I also will
that all the moveable property
which I leave to my Wife
may be at her own disposal
amongst my children as
she thinks proper. I further
will that all my property
of every description not
herein named may be sold
to the highest bidder or
divided equally including
all debts coming from
any person to me to be equally
divided between my fore
daughters, that is to say
Elizabeth Baley, Agness
Young, Kitty Bowers and
Sally Dugger. I furthermore
will that John Gass and John
Young act as my true and

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lawful Executors to see that
this my last Will and
Testament may be fully
complied with. In witness
whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal
this 18th day of February
in the year of our
Lord 1812. Signed,
sealed and acknowledged
in presents of

Jacob Smith

John Weems

Alexander X Matticks

(Seal)

mark
John Gass.