

## JOSEPH HIXSON


### Biography of Joseph Hixson


Joseph Hixson was born in 1746 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He married Susannah, whose last name is thought to have been Stringfield. By the time of the Revolutionary War, he had migrated to Washington County, Maryland, where he was recorded having taken the patriot's loyalty oath on March 1, 1778. (1) During the War for Independence he enrolled in the Maryland Militia, although it is not known whether or not he was ever called to active duty. His name was listed in the 8th class of Capt. Martin Kershner's company of the Washington County, Maryland militia. (2) On November 1, 1786, he received a grant for 100 acres of land in Greene County, Tennessee. This land was located on the south side of Clear Creek, and he also owned land on Middle Creek in Greene County. He was on the Greene County tax roll for 1797 in Capt. Jas. Penney's company, and in 1789 he was appointed overseer of the road from Washington County to Camp Creek. His will was dated November 26, 1803 and was presented in court on January 23, 1804. (3) Apparently, his death occurred between these two dates. Named in his will were his wife, Susanna, and his children: Andrew, William, Timothy, Joseph, Ephraim, John, Susanna Davis, Benjamin and James.

1. Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh and Margaret Roberts Hodges, *Revolutionary Records of Maryland*, (1924; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1967), 12.
2. S. Eugene Clements and F. Edward Wright, *The Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War*, (Silver Spring, MD: Family Line Publications, 1987), 248.
3. Joseph Hixson's will (1803), Greene County, Tennessee Will Book 1: 200-201, Greene County, Courthouse, Greeneville, Tennessee

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 **Date:** Revolutionary War period

 **Place:** Maryland/Tennessee

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Most of John's children left the area after John's death. One son, John, remained in Greene County. A land sale in 1807 identifies the land 'adjacent to Joseph 'Hickson', corner to Washington Hanshaw. In the Tax Year 1813, John's widow, Susanah, is shown with 260 acres on Middle Creek.

In 1813 John was shown as a "poll", owning no land. John served in Captain Joseph Kirk's Company, War of 1812. A few years later, Susanah was still shown with acreage on Middle Creek. Son, John, was shown as a poll with no land and living adjacent to Washington Henshaw.

It is possible both Joseph Hixson and his wife, Susanah, are buried in the old Washington Henshaw Graveyard, located on Middle Creek and just below today's Hermon Southern Methodist Church Cemetery.

After the War, son, John (1783-1828) with his wife Laney Nelson whom he had married in Greene County on March 25, 1805 left Tennessee, headed for Indiana. Family stories tell John Hixson drowned while herding cattle across the White River while moving his family from Tennessee to Indiana. John's widow, Laney (1787-1849) is buried in Lawrence County, Indiana

**WILL OF JOSEPH HIXSON:**

In the name of God Amen. This twenty six day November one thousand eight and three I Joseph Hixson of the State of Tencee and County of green being verry weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and membry blessed be god and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is apointed for all men once to dy do make and publish this my last will and Testament in maner and form as following (Vz)

princibly and first of all I recomend sol to god who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried a Christian like and a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doughting but at the ginerall reserection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of god and ass touching such worldly Estate wherewith hath pleased god to bless with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following maner that is to say first it is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral Exspense be paid and sattisfyed I give to my beloved wife Susanah all my lands Negros and stocks of all kind of housed furnitree with ful possition of all Improvements to the plantation that I now live on with ful posseston of all property real and personal during her widowhood and if she marries then all the property that I will to my wife is to be Equally divided amongst all my children which is Andrew William Timothy Joseph Ephraim John Susanh Davis Benjamin and James and my wife and not to be sold except Seventy acres of land I give to my two sons Joseph and Ephraim a part of the land that I now live on agraible to the lines that wass run for my son Andrew for which my son Andrew received fifty pound of my sons Joseph and Ephraim and there shall be fifty pound redacted out of my son Andrews part or share of my Estate and fifty acres of land I give to my son Ephraim a new survey that he now on - and at my wifes death all the above mentioned Estate that I will to her shall be Equally divided Except two above mentioned tract of land and two Negros my Negro boy Abraham I give to my son Benjamin and Negro girl named Nance I give to my son James

And I do make ordain my trusty friends Susanah my wife my sons Joseph and Ephraim my soul Executors of this my last will and Testament I do hereby revoke disalow and disanul all former wills legeses and bequeaths rattifying allowing and allowing and confirming this and this only to be my last will and Testament in Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand the day the day and year first above written

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