

Carroll Co., AR Tax Records

1841 tax	1840 c-Osage		1840 tax	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831
Jeremiah T.	Jeremiah T.	50-60	Jeremiah T.	Jeremiah T.	Jeremiah T.	-----	-----	-----			
	John E.	50-60	John E.		John						
Jacob A. Saml	J. A.	20-30	Jacob A.	Jacob A.	Jacob A.	Jacob A.					
Jerry Jr. ?	Jeremiah	30-40	Jeremiah								

1840 c-White											Izard Co.
John	John	30-40	John Jr.		John		John			John	
		60-70			Jeremiah Sr.			Jeremiah ???		Jeremiah	Jeremiah
		20-30 x2	Jeremiah		Jeremiah Jr.						
Jerry Jr.	Jeremiah		Jeremiah		Jeremiah Jr.						
Jacob Sr.	Jacob	70-80	Jacob Sr.		Jacob			Jacob ???		Jacob	Jacob
L. D.	Dow	20-30	L. D.		L. D.	Dow					
	William	20-30	William								
			Lewis								
	Moses	30-40	Moses		Moses	Moses	Moses	Moses			
	Simeon	20-30			Simeon						
Geo W. ??				Washington	Washington	Washington		Washington			

Osage TWP Family

John E.	1780-1790
Jacob W.	1780-1790
Jeremiah T.	1788
Henry E.	1806
S/O Jeremiah T	
Jacob A.	1811
Samuel	1817
Father unknown	
Jeremiah	1806

White TWP Family

Jacob	1764	Jeremiah	1771-1780
Geo Washinton	1807	John	1806
Lorenzo Dow	1813	Moses	1811
Simeon	1817	Jeremiah	1815
John Wesley	1820	Lewis	1818
Jacob Clinton	1823	William	1821
		Squire	1827
Gray=1840 census			

The 1840 and 1841 tax lists are abstracts and it is always hard to draw conclusion from the position on the list. However, they both appear to have the Osage TWP family grouped together and the White TWP family grouped together. They closely match the 1840 census.

From these we know that the Jeremiah born 1788 was known as Jeremiah T. Meek. We know that his brother was referred to as John E. Meek born between 1780 and 1790. His son Jacob was known as Jacob Meek or J. A. Meek. Jeremiah T. Meek also had a brother named Jacob W. Meek born between 1780 and 1790. However, it is not clear that this person came to Carroll County.

From the 1840 records we can work backwards through the tax records. The 1837 tax list contains the most names. The lack of names in the other tax lists does not mean that the people were not there. Jeremiah T. Meek and son, Jacob A. Meek, can be identified. Jacob A. Meek also appears in the 1836 tax list. Sons of Shotgun Jerry and Blue Jacob, Moses, Lewis, Lorenzo Dow and Simeon, can also be identified. Washington and Moses are also in the 1834 tax list.

The question regarding the 1837 tax list is; what was the identity of the men named Jacob, John, Jeremiah Sr., and Jeremiah Jr. We have already identified Jeremiah T. and son, Jacob A. Of Osage TWP. We know that the brother of Jeremiah T, John E. came to Carroll County and was in the 1840 census and tax list. We also have reason to believe that John born 1806, son of Shotgun Jerry was also in the 1840 census and tax list. Since there are two John's listed it seems both men were in the 1837 tax list.

The single person named John in the 1835 tax list cannot be identified. However, a case can be made that the Osage County family did not arrive until 1836. On the other hand we can identify Moses and Washington of the White TWP family in the 1834 census.

Blue Jacob is listed in the 1840 census and tax list. Since two of his sons are listed in 1837 it is reasonable to assume that he was also the Jacob in the 1837 tax list.

That leaves Jeremiah Sr. and Jeremiah Jr. to be identified. Jeremiah T. Meek has already been identified. This is complicated by the fact that there is a stray Jeremiah age 30-40 in the 1840 census of Osage TWP. Shotgun Jerry had a son Jeremiah and he is likely the Jeremiah age 20-30 in the White TWP census of 1840. It is also assumed that Shotgun Jerry is the male age 60-70 with John Meek in White TWP. My best guess is that Jeremiah Jr. is the son of Shotgun Jerry. There is at least a possibility that Shotgun Jerry is Jeremiah Sr. but it could be the Jeremiah from White TWP age 30-40.

That leaves the question of the identity of Jeremiah and Jacob in the 1834 tax list.

We know that Jacob A. Meek of Osage TWP was married in November of 1834 in Tennessee. Thus he cannot be the Jacob in the 1834 tax list. One cannot exclude Jacob, brother of Jeremiah T. Meek as a possibility. However, if this person did come to Carroll County he did not leave much of a foot print. There is anecdotal evidence that the Osage County family did not arrive until 1835 or most likely 1836. At the same time we know that there was at least one son of both Shotgun Jerry and Blue Jacob in the 1834 census.

Therefore, it appears that Shotgun Jerry and Blue Jacob are Jeremiah and Jacob in the 1834 tax list.

Regarding John Meek 1840 White TWP census. The oldest male is age 60-70 and the next youngest male is age 30-40. It is believed that the person age 60-70 is Shotgun Jerry. He had a son named John born 1806. A person named John Meek appears consistently in the White TWP tax list. There is no evidence of an older person named John Meek other than John E. from Osage TWP who is listed in the 1840 census of that TWP.

“The Commission for Settlement South of Green River” issued warrant #687 to David Roberson for 200 acres of land located in Cumberland co., Ky. in Stogdons Valley on the Clear Fork of Spring Creek waters of Spring Creek Obeys River. On August 25, 1798. Survey # 1966 for this land was done by virtue of warrant # 687 on October 10, 1799. On October 26, 1799 Roberson assigned these 200 acres to Jacob Meek. Grant # 1966 was issued to Jacob for this land on January 14, 1815. Cumberland County was formed in 1799 from Green County, Ky. Green county was formed in 1793 from Lincoln and Nelson counties.

D. August 14, 1798: Charles Tuell: **Certificate #374** is granted to Charles Tuell for 200 acres lying near the headwaters of Wolf Creek in Pulaski County.

1. November 17, 1799: Charles Tuell assigns certificate #374 to Henry Swisher.

2. August 14, 1800: Henry Swisher assigns certificate #374 to Nathan Meek. The witnesses to this assignment are Marey Meek and Jackub Meek.

3. October 15, 1800: Nathan Meek assigns certificate #374 to Meredith Archer. Samuel Meek was witness to this assignment.

4. September 14, 1813: Meredith Archer assigns certificate #374 to Samuel Meek.

5. September 14, 1813: Survey #13467 was performed for Samuel Meek by virtue of certificate #374 for 200 acres described above. The chainmen were listed as Samuel Meek son of William and Samuel Meek son of Nathan.

6. April 19, 1816: Samuel Meek assigns certificate #374 to John Hibbs.

E. August 25, 1798: David Roberson: **Certificate #687** is granted to David Roberson for 200 acres on the Clear Fork of Spring Creek waters of Spring Creek Obeys River in Cumberland County.

1. October 10, 1799: Survey #1966 was performed for David Roberson by virtue of certificate #687 described this time as 200 acres in Cumberland County on the Clear Fork of Spring Creek waters of Wolf Creek River waters of Obeys River.

2. October 26, 1799: David Roberson assigns certificate #687 to Jacob Meek.

3. January 3, 1815: Land grant #1966 is issued to Jacob Meek for the 200 acres described by certificate #687.

F. August 25, 1798: Jeremiah Meek: Certificate #772 is granted to Jeremiah Meek for 200 acres located on Smiths Creek to join Samuel Dickson's claim on the south side of his claim and the claim of Jacob Meek on the west.

1. July 3, 1799: Survey #1335 is performed for Jeremiah Meek by virtue of certificate #772 for 200 acres in Green County on the head of Smiths Creek the waters of Obeys River.

2. January 14, 1799: Jeremiah Meek assigns certificate #772 to Edward Beck.

I. October 22, 1804: **Jeremiah Meek Jr.: Certificate #706** is granted to Jeremiah Meek Jr. for 400 acres lying in Pulaski County on the waters of Forbes Creek beginning on Majors claim lying between the Long Branch and the Wolf Pen Fork of said creek.

1. August 27, 1808: Jeremiah Meek Jr. assigns certificate #706 to Joseph Thomas. This assignment is **witnessed by "Jacob Meek** attorney in fact for Jeremiah Meek Jr."

J. May 27, 1805: **Jeremiah Meek: Certificate #796** is granted to Jeremiah Meek for 300 acres lying in Pulaski County on the **Alligator fork of wolf Creek**. This land adjoins the property of Betsy Roberts.

1. Jeremiah Meek assigns certificate #796 to Nathaniel Wilson but the date of this assignment is unknown.

2. October 17, 1807: Survey #10959 is performed for Nathaniel Wilson by virtue of certificate #796.

Jacob Meek: Pulaski County, Ky. 1802-1805, there is a Jacob W. Meek with Nathaniel Meek's sons in Henry County, Ky. in 1817-1818 and this same Jacob W. Meek appears as a witness on the marriage record of Richard Meek and Catharine Riddle Johnson in 1818 in Henry county, Ky.

John Meek married Elizabeth Rawlings on 8 Jun 1822. She is a widow by 1840. This person is unidentified.

Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN had sons named Jacob and John. There whereabouts after Henry Co., TN is unknown.

Pulaski County, Kentucky
Tax Rolls

1799 Meek: Note: the date given is the day of enumeration.

1. Thomas: August, 1 w/m of 21, 1 w/m 16-21, 2 horses.
2. William: August, 1 w/m of 21, 1 w/m 16-21, 3 horses.
3. Bazel: September, 200 ac. #2 land on Kings Creek granted to Bazel Meek, surveyed for Bazel Meek, 1 w/m of 21, 1 w/m 16-21, 3 horses.
4. Nathan: September, 200 ac. #2 land on Wolf Creek, 1 w/m of 21, 1 w/m +16, 1 horse.

1800 Meek:

1. Nathan: July 25th., 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
2. Bazel: July 25th., 200 ac. #3 land on Kings Creek, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
3. Thomas: July 15th., 300 ac. #2 land on Pitman Creek granted to Thomas Hayesford, 1 w/m +21, 2 w/m +16-21, 6 horses.

1801 Meek: This film to poor to read.

1. Bazel:
2. Jeremiah.

1802 Meek:

1. Bazel: May 21st., 253 ac. #2 land on Kings Creek, 1 w/m +21, 4 horses.
2. Jeremiah: May 21st., 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
3. Jacob: May 21st., “ “ “ “.
4. Jeremiah Jr. May 21st., 209 or 289 ac. #2 land on Kings Creek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
5. Nathan Sr.: May 21st., 100 ac. granted to Jeremiah Meek, 1 w/m +21.
6. Nathan Jr.: May 21st., 100 ac. granted to Nathan Meek.
7. Samuel: May 21st., 200 ac. granted to Samuel Meek, 1 w/m +16-21.
8. David: May 22nd., 1 w/m +21 1 horse.

1803 Meek:

Ed. Note: July 27th. is the enumeration date for all entries in 1803.

1. Bazel: 200 ac. #2 land on White Oak granted to Bazel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 6 horses.
 2. Jeremiah: 200 ac. #2 land on Goose Creek granted to Nat. Robins, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
 3. Jeremiah Jr. 289 ac. #2 land on White Oak Creek granted to Jeremiah Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
 3. Jacob: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
 4. David: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
 5. Nathan: 1 w/m +21.
 6. Samuel: 234 ac. #2 land on Wolf Creek granted to Samuel Meek, 1 w/m +16-21, no horses.
 7. Nathan Jr.: 100 ac. #2 land on Wolf Creek originally granted to Nathan Meek, 1 w/m +21, 4 horses.
- Also: 150 ac. #2 land on Wolf Creek originally granted to Julius Burton.
8. Jeremiah: (son of Nathan) 1 w/m +21.

1804 Meek:

1. Jeremiah: April 20th., 89 ac. #3 land on White Oak, entered to J. Meek, surveyed same, 2 w/m +21, 4 horses.
2. Jeremiah: April 26th.
3. Nathan Jr.: April 26th., 230 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
4. Nathan Sr.: April 26th., 1 w/m +21.
5. Jacob: April 26th., 200 ac. #2 land on Kings Creek or Oak Creek, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
6. Bazel: April 26th., 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak Creek, entered to Bazel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.

1805 Meek:

Ed Note: All enumerations done in June, days date to poor to read.

1. Nathan: 1 w/m +21.
2. Daved: 150 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek, entered to David Meek, surveyed for David Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
3. Nathaniel: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek, entered to Nathaniel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses. Also 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek, entered to Julius Burton, surveyed for Julius Burton. Note hard to read.
4. Samuel: 200 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek, entered and surveyed for Samuel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
5. Jeremiah: 200 ac. #3 land on Goose Creek, entered Jeremiah Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
6. Jacob: 1 w/m +21, 6 horses.

1806 Meek:

Ed Note: All entries were enumerated on June 27th.

1. David: 170 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for David Meek, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
2. Nathan Jr. 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered for Nathan Meek, 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered for Nathan Meek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse..
3. Samuel: 200 ac. #2 land on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for Samuel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
4. Bazel: 200 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for Bazel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 13 ? horses. Also 200 ac. #3 land on Forbes Creek entered to James ?derson. and 200 ac. #3 land on Forbes Creek entered to John Copeland.

1807 Meek:

1. David: May 7th., 178 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for David Meek, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
2. Nathan Jr.: May 7th., 150 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered by Samuel Gadberry, survey not stated, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses. Also: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for Nathan Meek, 1 w/m +21.
3. Nathan Sr., May 7th. 1 w/m +21.
4. Samuel: May 12th., 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

1808 Meek:

1. David: March 12th., 122 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for David Meek, patent preempted, 1 w/m +21, 5 horses.
2. Bazel: April 10th., 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak entered and surveyed for Basel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 4 horses. Also 400 other ac. entered to Olderson and Copeland.. Ed. note: this is probably the two 200 acre parcels listed for Basil in the 1806 tax roll.
3. Nathan: April 18th. 1 w/m +21, 1 w/m +16-21, 5 horses.
4. Jeremiah: April 26th. 100 ac. #3 land on Goose Creek entered and surveyed for Amasa Eddings, 1 w/, +21, 2 horses.
4. Nathan Jr.: ?. 12th., 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for Nathan Meek. Also 100 ac. #3 land on Goose Creek entered to Ann Edmans, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
5. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 4 horses.

1809 Meek:

Ed. Note: All entries were enumerated on April 4th.

1. Samuel: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to ? Hardrege, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
2. Nathan Jr.: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Nathan Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
3. David: 110 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to David Meek, 1 w/m +21, 4 horses.
4. Nathan Sr.: 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
5. Jeremiah: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Ann or Ana Eddins.
6. Jeremiah: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to William Spencer, 1 w/m +21.
7. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
8. Bazil: 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak Creek entered to Bazil Meek, 1 w/m +21, 4 horses.
8. Chrisley: 100 ac. #3 land on Pitman Creek entered to ? King, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

1810 Meek:

1. Jeremiah Jr. 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
2. William: 49 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered ? Burton, 2 w/m +21, 3 horses.
3. Nathan Jr.: 250 ac #3 land entered to William Spencer, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
4. Jeremiah: 100 ac #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to William Spencer, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
5. William 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Priscilla Meek, 0 w/m +21.
6. Nathan Jr.: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Nathan Meek. Also 100 ac. #3 land, on Goose Creek ,entered Casey Co.
7. Samuel: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Hardiver ?, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
8. Samuel: 94 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Spencer M Davis, 2 horses.
9. David: 122 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to David Meek, patent exempted, 1 w/m +21 3 horses.
10. Bazel: 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak Creek entered to Basel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 6 horses. Also 200 ac. #3 land on Fishing Creek and 200 ac. #3 land on Fishing Creek. Ed. note: this 400 ac. is probably on Forbes Creek.

1811 Meek:

1. Basil: 1 w/m +21, 1 black/male +16, 6 horses. 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak Creek entered to Basil Meek, 200 ac. #3 on Forbes Creek entered to James Alderson, and 200 ac. #3 land on Forbes entered to Thomas Copeland.

2. David: 1 w/m +21, 3 horses, land on Wolf Creek, patent exempted, 60 ac. on Goose Creek entered to Edward Morris.

3. Samuel: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek.

4. Jeremiah: 100 ac. on Goose Creek entered ? Spencer, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse. Also 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered to Samuel Gasbury.

5. William: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered to Priscilla Meek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

6. Nathan Sr.: 150 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Nathan Meek and 100 ac. on Goose Creek entered to James Gadbury, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

7. William: 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

8. Samuel: 94 ac. #3 land entered to Spencer McDaniel, 1 w/m +21.

9. Daniel: 1 w/m +21, 0 horses.

1812 Meek:

1. David: 122 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to David Meek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse. Also 50 ac. Casey Co. Goose Creek entered to Edwin Morris.

2. Jeremiah Jr.: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered to William Spears and 100 ac. Casey Co. Goose Creek entered to Ann Edons.

3. Nathan Jr. 100 ac on Wolf Creek entered to W.M. (William Meek ?) , 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

4. Nathan Sr.: 150 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to William Spears, 1 w/m +21, 4 horses.

5. Samuel: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered to William Tuggle (?) and surveyed for John Chaney, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

6. William: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Priscila Meek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

7. Baxil: 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak entered to Basil Meek, 2 w/m +21, 1 black/male 16 yrs, 2 total blacks one black not 16, 6 horses.

1813 Meek:

1. William Jr.: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Priscilla Meek, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.

2. Samuel Sr.: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered to Hardridge, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

3. Jeremiah : 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

4. Nathan: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

5. William Sr. : 20 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Edwin Burton, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

6. Bazel: 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak Creek entered to Bazel Meek, 2 w/m +21, 2 black/males +16, 3 total blacks, 7 horses. Also 200 ac. #3 land on Forbes Creek entered to J Alderson and 200 ac. #3 land on Forbes entered to J. Copeland.

1814 Meek:

1. David : 122 ac #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to David Meek and surveyed for David Meek.
2. William: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered ? Meek, 1 w/m +21.
3. Samuel: 98 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek.
4. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
5. Nathan Sr.: 150 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to William Spears and surveyed for Nathan Meek, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
6. Jeremiah: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
7. Bazel: 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak entered to Basel Meek and surveyed for Bazel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

1815 Meek:

1. David: 122 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to David Meek and surveyed for David Meek, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.
2. Samuel: 98 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to Chas. Jewel or Fewel, surveyed for Samuel Meek, 1 w/m +21. 1 horse.
3. Bazel: 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak Creek entered and surveyed for Basil Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 black/male +16, 3 total blacks, 5 horses.
4. William: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for Nathan Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.
5. Nathaniel: 1 w/m +21, 5 horses.

1816 Meek:

1. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 2 horses 80 ac. on Wolf Creek entered to C. Harold and surveyed for Samuel Meek..
2. William: 100 ac. on Wolf Creek entered and surveyed for Nathan Meek, 1 w/m +21. 4 horses.
3. Nathan Sr.: 1 w/m +21.
4. Bazel: 200 ac. #3 land on White Oak entered and surveyed for Bazel Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 black/males +16, 3 total blacks, 7 horses.

1817 Meek: No Meek listed in this year!**1818 Meek:**

1. Jesse : 1 w/m +21. 1 horse.

1819 Meek:

1. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
2. William: 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

1820 Meek:

1. Samuel: 1 w/m +21.
2. William: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

1821 Meek:

1. William: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
2. Samuel : 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

1822 Meek:

1. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 0 horses.

1823 Meek:

1. William: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.
2. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 0 horses.

1824 Meek:

1. Samuel: 100 ac. #3 land on Wolf Creek entered to W Taylor and surveyed for Chesney ?.

1825 Meek;

1. Samuel: 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

1826 Meek: film too dim to be able to read--if any Meek listed unable to read.

1827-28-29 Meek: None found

Henry Co. TN, Book E, pages 398,399,400
Registration of Grants Deeds &c in Henry County.

John E. Meek 80 acres conveyed by Mary Meek, & others registered November the 1st 1836

This Indenture made and entered into this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five by and _____ _____ Mary Meek widow & relict of Jacob Meek, Decd, **Jacob W. Meek**, **Jeremiah Meek** of Henry County and State of Tennessee, Bartlett Fry and **Delilah** his wife formerly Delilah Meek of the County and State aforesaid, Henry Meek of the County of Gibson and State of Tennessee, Eli Keith and **Elizabeth** his wife formerly Elizabeth Meek, and John Bibb and **Sally** his wife formerly Sally Meek of the County of McNairy and State aforesaid, Hiram Langston and **Nelly** his wife formerly Nelly Meek of the County of Washington and Territory of Arkansas, Matthew Pate and **Polly** his wife formerly Polly Meek of the County of Washington and State of Illinois, heirs and legal representatives of Jacob Meek late of Henry County aforesaid, Deceased of the one part and **John E. Meek** of the County of Henry & State of Tennessee of the other part, whereas Jacob Meek, Died, seized and possessed of one tract of land in Henry County aforesaid containing three hundred acres out of which one hundred acres was laid off set apart and allotted to the said Mary Meek widow and relict of the said Jacob Meek as her Dower land therefore this indenture witnesseth that the said Mary Meek widow and relict of the said Jacob Meek and the said Jacob W. Meek, Jeremiah Meek, Bartlett Fry and Delilah his wife, Henry Meek, Eli Keith and Elizabeth his wife, John Bibb & Sally his wife, Hiram Langston and Nelly his wife, Matthew Pate and Polly his wife, heirs and legal representatives of the said Jacob Meek for and in consideration of the Sum of Eight hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have and by these presents do give grant bargain sell assign convey and confirm unto the said John E. Meek his heirs and assigns forever. All the right title claim and interest they have in and to the said one hundred acres of land laid off and set apart to the said Mary Meek as her Dower situate lying and being in the County of Henry aforesaid in the 12th Surveyors District. Range four, and section Six and _____ it being part of a five hundred acre tract of land purchased by the said Jacob Meek of T. P. Deveraux also all their right title claim and interest in and to one other tract of land Granted to the said Jacob Meek, deceased, by the State of Tennessee by Grant No. 258 founded upon Certificate No. 2468 and entered in the name of John Moore, Entry No. 1531 situate lying and being in the 12th Surveyors District in Henry County in the Sixth Section of the fourth range and bounded as follows to wit Beginning on a black oak the north west corner of Alfred W. Taylors 100 acre entry on the South boundary of Denmans 500 acre entry running south west Taylors line thirty six poles to a black oak Thence west thirty five and three fourth poles to a stake with ?sassafras ?polesties thence north thirty six poles to a stake on said Denman's line thence east thirty five and three fourths poles to the beginning containing eighty acres to be same more or less To have and to hold the above described tracts or parcels of land with the appurtenances to him the said John E. Meek heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said John E. Meek his heirs and assigns forever. The said Mary Meek, Jacob W. Meek, Jeremiah Meek, Bartlett Fry and Delilah his wife, Henry Meek, Eli Keith and Elizabeth his wife, Hiram Langston and Molly his wife, Matthew Pate and Polly his wife and John Bibb and Sally his wife for themselves their heirs Executors and administrators, do hereby covenant and ?apart and with the said John E. Meek, his heirs Executors administrators and assigns that the above ?recited tracts of land with the appurtenances they will warrant and forever defend from the claim or claims of any and Every person or persons Whomsoever in testimony Whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affix their seals the day and year first above written, Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of J. D. ?Lomax [?Lonuf],

Jeremiah (his mark) Meek:

Mary (her mark) Meek

Jacob W. Meek

Jeremiah (his mark) Meek

Eli Keith

Elizabeth (her mark) Keith

Henry Meek

John Bibb

Sarah (her mark) Bibb

Thomas Langston

Nelly (her mark) Langston

Bartlett Fry

Delilah (her mark) Fry

Matthew Pate

Polly (her mark) Pate

Acts of Tennessee, Henry County: Personally appeared before me Tho. K. Porter, Clk of the County Court for said County Mary Meek, Jacob W. Meek, Jeremiah Meek, Bartlett Fry and Delilah Fry some of the bargainers to the foregoing Deed with whom I am personally acquainted and acknowledged the execution of the above for the purposes therein contained. Witness my hand at office the 28th of September 1836. Signed: Tho. K. Porter, Clk.

State of Tennessee, Henry County: Personally appeared before me Thomas K., Porter Clerk of the County Court for said County J. D. ?Lomax [?Lonuf] & Jeremiah Meek witnesses to the foregoing Deed who being just sworn depose and say they are personally acquainted with Henry Meek the bargainer and that he acknowledged the execution of the same in their presence on the day it bears date for the purpose therein contained Witness my hand at office, the 31st of October 1836. Signed: Thos. K. Porter, Clk.

State of Tennessee, McNairy County: Personally appeared before me William S. Wisdom, Clerk of the Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County, Eli Keith and John Bibb with whom I am acquainted and they acknowledged that they signed sealed and delivered the within and to be their act and deed and Sarah Bibb and Elizabeth Keith having also personally appeared before me privately and apart from their husbands, the said Sarah Bibb and Elizabeth Keith acknowledged the executions of said deed to have been done by them fully Voluntarily and understandingly without compulsion or restraint from their said husbands and for the purposes therein expressed, Witness William S. Wisdom Clerk of said Court at office in ?Purdy, this 25 March 1835. Signed: Wm. S. Wisdom, Clk.

Territory of Arkansas, County of Washington: United States of America. Be it remembered that on the twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty five before me a Justice of the Peace Within and for the County personally came Hiram Langston and Nelly his wife and severally acknowledged the foregoing indenture as their act and deed and the land and premises therein mentioned and bargained and do ____ to be the right and Estate of John E. Meek therein mentioned his heirs and assigns forever. She the said Nelly being by me privately examined apart from her said husband whether she executed the same Voluntarily and without compulsion or under influence of her said husband taken and certified the day and year aforesaid. Signed: J. C. Blair, J.P.

State of Illinois, Washington County: Be it remembered that on the Sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty five before a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid, personally came Matthew Pate and Polly his wife and severally acknowledged the foregoing indenture as for their act and deed and the land and premises therein maintained and bargained and said to be the right and estate of John E. Meek therein mentioned his heirs and assigns forever. She the said Polly being by me privately examined apart from her husband whether she executed the same voluntarily and without compulsion or under influence of her said husband acknowledged and declared that she executed the same Voluntarily and without compulsion or under influence of her husband. Taken and certified this day and year aforesaid. Signed Joseph Whittenbury, J. P.

Petition to the General Assembly of Tennessee (continued)

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20-2-1813 Petition of James WHITE and George McNUTT of Knox Co for compensation for their time and travel expenses incurred when they were subpoenaed to appear as witnesses in Nashville at the trial of William COCKE, Judge of the first judicial circuit. 12 Oct 1813 (2 pages)

21-2-1813 "State of Tennessee, Bledsoe County To the Honourable, the General Assembly, of the State of Tennessee now in Session Whereas, John MISER, Tobias LONG, Wm BLEAVINS, Robert Long, John JULIAN and William HAIL were bound in a Regagnizance as Securities for the appearance of a certain Joseph PATE, against whom the State of Tennessee had instituted a prosecution

And whereas the said Pate failed to make his appearance and it became entirely impracticable for his securities to surrender him, and whereas also, the property of some of the Securities has been executed and sold which has amounted to the costs attendant on said prosecution etc...To the very great distress of said Securities & In consequence of all, which your honourable body that forfeiture incurred. And your petitioners will pray etc. John Miser Tobias Long

(Ed. note: This document is transcribed as written; there seems to be some omission as no specific request is made.)

James Rodgers, Miles Vernon, Thomas Vernon Jr, Sam1 Terry, Valentine Spring, Anderson Skillern, Thos J Campbell, Thos Vernon Sr, Thomas Billingsley, Adam Miller, Reuben Brown, Jno Dwiggins, Joel Hilliard, John Marsaman, Richard Hudson, John Portman, Aler Carthe,

John Burch, Jessee McGee, Andrew Loury, Joel Doss, Raleigh Parker, John Doss, Jameson Hunte, Robt Loury, Sam Loury, JaS Vernon, Harrison Vernon, Ephraim Alexander, John Hail, Peter Whittenburg, Peter Loony shfee, Hiram Kilgore, John Kelley

Reuben Rogers, Joel Burden, Eligah Burden, Smith Pankey, John Russell, Jeremiah Rogers, Hugh Lamb, Jas Blair, Elisha Rogers, John Henson, Jesse Sapp, Alex Jonston ,Alex Lamb, Berry Grason, Charles Kilgore, William Steward, Joseph Bishop

John Sears, John Parker, John Powel, Dan. Atchley, Joshua Atchley, Martin Atchley, Benjamin Hughes, **Michael Rawlings**, Joseph Hage/Hoge, John Anderson, Tim. Hinson, Sam. Smith, James Standifer, Alex Kelly Jr, Ephraim Hixson, John Rains, Willm Rains

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James Roberson, James Dann/Davis, Sam Randolph, John Tollett, Dan. Holmon, Jas Childers, Thos Salus/Sales, John Hu/Hee/Hes, Wm Cade, Thos Parham, Thos Hail, Kinza Rants/Routs, Jesse Robnit, Nath. Cooper, George Vaughn, George Cooper, Xathias Crawford, Pecer Upshaw, John Tollett Jr, Willm Christian, George Anderson, Andrew McCallea, Johnathan Crawford, John Austin, William Jacks, Morris Baker, James McKinny, Silas White, Francis Self, Thomas Swafford, Joseph Martin, **Jacob Meek**, Stiffix/Stihix [sic], **John Meek**, David Tollett, Jacob Sullivan, Rich Blevins, Jas Brown, Wm McGuire, Wm Hutcheson, Step Brown, Lathan Graves, Presley Self, David Gilbreath, Luke Hale, Sam. Laird, Jesse Braun, **Eli Keith**, Thos Gunter

Jon. Titus, Thos Allred, H. Swafford, John Hail, James Stennet, Geor. Ausbourn, Josua Renphro ,Peter Rotiers? **John Blevins**, Michael Miser, wm Hutcheson, Sam Cowan, John Seaboun, John Riddle, Wm Riddle, Jesse McKinney Esqr, Jas Orrick Thos Hutcheson, Charles Hutcheson Esq., Jas Doherty, Jas Sullivan, John Hefey, **Nico. Keith**, Elijah Hicks, Charles Shirrel, Sam , Jason Jacks, Isaac Hicks, **John Rawlings Esq.**, Jas Gallant, Andrew Mille,r Thos Barret, Wm Brown, John Rankins, Charles Hutcheson Jr, Spencer Self, Sam Worthington, **Jacob Meek Sr**, John Spring, Jas Gooden, John Daves, Wm Sales, Thos Swafford, Thos Cook, Sam Kelley, Jacob Teters/Feters, John Hutcheson, Thos Coulter

Wm Farmer, John Miller, Wm Cozby, Wm Orrick, Thomas Tones/Jones/Fones, **Jerehiah Meek**, Joseph McClendon, Jesse Dees, John Runyan, John Benson, Robert Porter, Charles Merriman, Jas Vernon, Levi Self, Eli Thurman, Phillip Parker D.D., John Jonson, Copeland [sic], Robt Cozby, Jas Howel, Geo. Howel, Andr Copeland, Wm Holt, Perry Tunnel, Samtt Gott,

John Billingsley, Sam Walker, Reuben Anderson, Baley Hutcheson, Irby Holt, Richd Prady, Wm Loftin, Malicha Merriman, Jas Adam, Ben] Brown/Brawn, Charles Clack, John Graves, Lewis Hutchesom, Jos McReynolds, **Jacob, Meek**, Isham Hail Jacob Chany Jacob Atkins Stephen McReynolds John Groam/Groom, Henry Tollette Alex Hall, Reuben Holeman

Dan. O Baker, Jas , Mathew Gilman/Gilmore, Martin Hambleton, Abram Swafford, Jessee Self, John Cozby, Wm Gilmore, Joseph Allin, John Thomas, Robt Worthington, Jacob Gibson, Allen Brock, Robert Kirkland, John Hankins ,John Seabourn, Geor. Skillern, Solomon Ausbourn, Alex Harbeson, Thos Worthington, Joseph Pelers/Peters ,Dan. Kirkland, Isaac Hutcheson, John Alls, Andrew Bush, John Orick, Anderson Crabtree, George Guiger, Sam Cozby, Jas Anderson, Willis Hail, Joseph Moore, Sam McKinny, John Rankins, Wm Parker, Carn./Corn. Archer, Phillip Archer, John Self, John Holmon, Robert Henderson, Eligah Elexandria, James Doss, Andrew Aldridge, Archibald Kirkland, James Kirkland, Peter Hoodenpyle, Thomas Goldson
(6 pages)

(Ed. note: All names appear to be written in the same hand except the list eleven names which appear to be in another hand)

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State)	James Todd was bound in Recognizance at last term to
)	appear at this term and answer a charge to be exhibited
VS)	by the state against him, and it appearing that no bill
)	had been preferred or charge exhibited against him on
James Todd)	his motion he was discharged from said Recognizance.

John Narrimore and Jesse McKinney Justices of the Peace for the County of Bledsoe returned to Court Sundry Recognizance whereby it appears that Joseph Pate together with Tobias Long, John Julian, Robert Long, William, John Miser and William Blevins were jointly and severally bound in the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the appearance of Joseph Pate to answer a charge exhibited by the stae against him. That **Jacob Meek** and Saml Gault were each bound in the sum of five hrundred Dollars for the appearance of **Mary Meek, Sally Meek and Henry Meek**, to give evidence against the said Joseph Pate. That Jacob Meek, Joshua Hale, and William Hill were bound in the sum of five hundred dollars for the appearance of **Jacob Meek** to give evidence against the said Joseph Pate, and that Isham Hale, William Hale, **Jeremiah Meek** and Samuel Gault were bound in One Thousand Dollars for the appearance of the said Isham Hale and William Hale to give evidence against said Joseph Pate

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Which said persons being severally called came not, Therefore it is ordered that they forfeit the amount of their several recognizances. Ni si and on motion of William Kelly Solicitor General scire facias to issue.

John Meek's Birth Date

John Meek who married Jennie was one of the better known ancestors in these families. John's date of birth has been widely reported as being 1806. However, this author has been unable to find any reliable source for that date. It appears that this date is based on the 1850 census which in earlier times may have been one of the few sources readily available to many researchers.

Today other census records are readily available as well as some court records including those from the U.S. Southern Claims Commission. These records provide no consistency what so ever for John's date of birth, even when we know that John is giving the information.

Census records have unknown informant who may or may not have had accurate knowledge of people's ages. In addition, errors by the census takers were common. John signed with his mark and was not a literate person. Some of the documents available to this author were written by other people based on what John told them. John was in his 60's and 70's during this time. These are situations also prone to mistakes.

If I were to put a date on his year of birth I would say between 1802 and 1805. His probable parents, Jeremiah and Betsy, were married in February 1802. But of course a formal marriage might have little to do with when they started living together on the frontier. The bottom line is that John's date of birth is not known.

Census records-Informants unknown

1840 born between (**DOB: 1801-1810**) (dates inclusive, not 1800)

6 Oct 1850 age 44 (**DOB: 1806**)

5 Jul 1860 age 63 (**DOB: 1796-1797**)

8 Aug 1870 age 70 (**DOB: 1800**)

U.S. Southern Claims Commission Claim #20050

John Meek (**DOB: 1799-1800**)

Date 21 May 1873 Benton Co., AR, submitted 5 Jun 1873

Deposition states his age is 73 and that he is a residence of McDonald Co., MO near the Arkansas state line. The claim was joined by Thomas J. Meek and Moses Meek.

This claim appears to have been based on a previous claim noted below.

His witnesses and other people mentioned include Enoch Meeks (s/o Jacob b: 1764), Moses Meek (nephew), Thomas J. Meek (son), John Harper (son-in-law), William Meek (son), Jerry Standridge and Squire Meeks (son).

Filed in Newton Co., AR, 3 Sep 1866

John Meek, age 64, (**DOB: 1802**)

a resident of Newton Co., AR

On 15 May 1864 while a resident of Crawford Co., AR one horse and 2 mules were taken by the 9th Kansas Calvary.

Jeremiah Meeks & Betsy Blevins

This document is on plain paper 7 ½ by 7 inches and folded four times. The first part below is written on the outside. I suspect that the date on the outside should be the 8th of July rather than the 3rd. Inside it is clearly the 8th.

Blount County, Tennessee, 252, License Bond, Jeremiah Meeks & Betsy Blevins, Isd. 3 of Februry 1802, sec. John Kee.

"Know all men by these presents that we Jeremiah Meeks & John Kee are jointly & severally held & firmly binds unto Arch Rowan Governor & his successors in office, the penal sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars _____ on condition there be no lawfull objection why Jeremiah Meeks & Betsy Blivins should not be joined together in the State of Matrimony witnesses our hands & seals this 8 day of February 1802.

Attest: Jeremiah (his + mark) Meeks

John (his x mark) Kee

J. ?Fauston"