

# WILLIAM REYNOLDS

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We have very little information about William at this time. Although many speculations, we still are not sure exactly who his parents were, when he was born, or the exact location of his birth. Most of the information that we have comes from the book by Capt. Paddock History of North and West Texas, 1906-Vol II which stated that William Reynolds was born in Kentucky and was descended from an honored old Virginian family.

William married Jane Milliken of Bedford County, Tennessee on August 23, 1790 in Greene County, Tennessee. It is believed that they produced a total of eleven children:

THOMAS REYNOLDS was born about May 1791. He died about 1808. He married (1) JUDITH MCGEE. She was born about 1790 in Virginia. She died about 1862 in Conway County, Arkansas. JAMES REYNOLDS was born about Jun 1792 in Kentucky, USA. He died before 1840 in Izzard County, Arkansas. He married (1) SALLY in 1832 in Bedford County, Tennessee. She died in Izzard County, Arkansas. He married (2) SUSAN.

JOHN REYNOLDS was born about Jan 1794 in Kentucky, USA. He died about 1868 in Jackson County, Alabama, USA. He married Mary Ann Hudlow about 1820 in Bedford County, Tennessee.

She was born about 1801 in Virginia. She died about 1855 in Jackson County, Alabama, USA. Benjamin, his third son to serve in the War of 1812 was born in March 1795 and died around 1831 in Arkansas, it is known that he had one son named Moses;

BENJAMIN REYNOLDS was born about Mar 1795. He died about 1831 in Arkansas, USA.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS was born about May 1796. He died before 1832.

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS was born about Jul 1797 in Adair County, Kentucky, USA. She died in Bedford County, Tennessee, USA. She married Arthur Campbell in Bedford County, Tennessee, USA. He was born about 1786 in Tennessee. He died about 1854 in Bedford County, Tennessee. HENRY REYNOLDS was born about Jun 1800 in Adair County, Kentucky, USA. He died about Oct 1886 in Jackson County, Alabama, USA. He married (1) MARY BROWN, daughter of John G. Brown and Polly Friddle, in Bedford County, Tennessee, USA. She was born in Tennessee or Virginia. She died about Aug 1844 in Jackson County, Alabama, USA. He married (2) DORETTER BROWN.

DAVID REYNOLDS was born on 06 Mar 1802 in Adair County, Kentucky, USA. He died on 09 May 1884 in Clark County, Illinois, USA. He married (1) PLATA DAVIS, daughter of John Davis and Margaret, on 01 Jun 1826 in Clark County, Illinois. She was born on 01 Mar 1808 in Kentucky. She died on 09 Dec 1855 in Douglas, Clark, Illinois. He married (2) DOLLY COOK LYCAN, daughter of John Vardiman Lycan and Nancy Whitley, on 05 Mar 1856 in Clark County, Illinois. She was born on 27 May 1822 in Edgar County, Illinois. She died on 08 Feb 1899 in Clark County, Illinois.

ANDREW REYNOLDS was born about 1804 in Crab Orchard, Green, Kentucky. He died between 1860-1870 in Arkansas, USA. He married Martha Jeanes Group, daughter of Jeanes and Zilpha, about 1830 in ? Bedford/Lincoln, Tennessee, USA. She was born about 1814 in Franklin County, Tennessee. She died after 1870.

JOSHUA REYNOLDS was born about 1806. He died before 1840.

RICHARD REYNOLDS was born about 1808 in Flat Creek, Bedford, Tennessee, USA. He died after 1880 in Pope County, Arkansas, USA. He married Elizabeth C. Jeanes, daughter of Jeans and Zilpha, about 1828 in Bedford County, Tennessee, USA. She was born about 1809 in South Carolina. She died in Pope County, Arkansas.

A lot of this is speculation and may be corrected at a later date. The exact order of children is not known. I feel there were possibly two sets of twins in the first half dozen children.

William was a Blacksmith and Farmer and spent most of his adult life in Kentucky and Tennessee. The first recorded history that I have of him is when he was married in Greene county Tennessee on August 23, 1790 to Jane Milliken, however, I believe that he left there and went to, or returned to Kentucky prior to 1795. He is listed on the Green County, Kentucky Tax list each year from 1795 to 1800. I do know that he purchased land in Green County, now Adair County, Kentucky in 1799 and is on the Adair County Tax List from 1802 through 1806. I believe that most, if not all of his children were born in Kentucky. William and Jane returned to Tennessee into what is now known as Bedford County and settled near the town of Flat Creek sometime prior to 1808. It is possible that he moved there around 1807, we know that he sold his land in Kentucky in October, 1807.

Jane was the daughter of James Milliken of Green County, Tennessee, and I believe she was born between 1776 & 80 in Virginia. It is possible that her mother's name was Elizabeth.

William died of heat exhaustion by overworking himself in his Blacksmith shop in the summer of 1808, and is buried in Flat Creek Cemetery (Near Shelbyville), Bedford County, Tennessee. In the book, Memories of Bedford County, Tennessee by William Floyd, he writes: The first grave yard was perhaps on J. L. Hutson's farm, where a few graves can still be seen from the turnpike. It was known as the Prewitt grave yard. Soon thereafter a grave yard was opened on the hill near the Separate Baptist Church. The first man buried was a Mr. Reynolds and he was carried to the grave yard in a sled drawn by oxen and over a road-way cut through the canes. On the same hill William Haselett killed a black bear. In Memories of William Floyd, of Bedford County, Tennessee Poly Bouton writes: First man buried at Flat Creek was named Reynolds; lived near Jim Floyd's; hauled him out through canes on an ox sled.

It is possible that William was several years older than Jane since records indicate he died from overwork. A young man did not normally do this in the 1700-1800 era. Jane had to be very young when she married in 1790, if later census records are accurate. She was listed as 26-44 years old (born 1776-1794) in the 1820 US Census for Bedford County, Tennessee and 50-59 years old in the 1830 Census (born 1771-1780). Therefore she was born between 1776 and 1780 which would make her about 13 years old when she got married and about 31 or 32 when William died in 1808.

If William was indeed older than Jane, it is possible that he was married before, and could have had other children by this marriage. Jane also died in Bedford County, Tennessee in the year 1839, and is also buried in Flat Creek Cemetery.