



Lewis Tackett III

Abt 1730-1830

Patriotic Service - VA

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Lewis Tackett III, b. abt 1730 in Stafford Co., VA, son of John Moses and Priscilla *Kent* Tackett. Lewis' grandfather was Louis Tacquette (1675-1743/44), a French Huguenot who migrated to the Virginia Colony nr 1686.

Lewis married Mary Polly Grace abt. 1764 in VA. Their son Lewis Tackett, IV, was born 1765 in Stafford Co., VA. Daughter, Mary Keziah was born 1767 in what is now Kanawha Co. WV. Keziah married John Townsend in Augusta Co. VA in 1786.

Lewis Tackett, Charles Clendenin (P-329383), John Young (P-326268), Charles Young (half-brother of John) & William Morris, Sr. (P-252563) and their families were among the small group who ventured from Greenbrier Co. and followed the Gauley River to the confluence of the New River at Kanawha Falls.

In 1783 Lewis and his brother Christian/Christopher came to the Kanawha Valley with their families. In 1786 the Tacketts and John Young constructed Fort Tackett, a double cabin enclosed with a strong stockade located near the mouth of the Coal River near where it enters the Kanawha. At historical marker exists there today.

In this time, Lewis Tackett was captured by Indians, and on his way to Ohio he was tied to a pine tree. He was able to escape and was returned. Such began the landmark along the Kanawha known as "Tackett's Pine".

March 19, 1783: " To Lewis Tackett <sic> for 239 lbs. beaf 5th qr. included." Public Service Claims of Augusta Co., VA

About 1787 John Townsend was killed in an Indian raid. Keziah Tackett Townsend married John Young, 25 May 1789 at Young's Bottom, Kanawha Co., VA.

06 Oct 1789 - Lewis Tackett and John Young represented the people living at the mouth of Coal River in the organization of Kanawha County. [Kanawha Co. Rec. Bk., 1788-1803. [John Young Pension Application]

On 27 March 1790 Mary Tackett and her son Lewis Jr. were carried off by Indians and taken to Michigan. They were later set at liberty and returned to Pt. Pleasant on 26 Aug 1790 where they were met by Lewis Tackett and Charles Young and returned.

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