

Casey Family - Revolutionary War Service

8. RANDOLPH CASEY [my ancestor]

Randolph was born in 1737, on the Roanoke River in VA; he may have married about 1760 in Va or SC to Mary Jane Pennington (b ca 1745, parents unknown).

Randolph Casey is not listed in the DAR Patriot Index, even though 3 of his brothers were: Capt. Benjamin, Lt. Christopher, and Lt. Col. Levi. However, Randolph seems to have had war service:

He was a sergeant in the 2nd SC regiment, serving under Francis Marion. He and his brothers fought in the Revolutionary War with SC troops, and supposedly he was at the meeting when a British officer came to treat with Francis Marion and later said, "*I have seen an American general and his officers, without pay, and almost without clothes, living on roots and drinking water; and all for*

LIBERTY! What chance have we against such men!" (See also: [The Life of General Francis Marion](#) at right) Francis Marion became very famous about 25 years after the war when a book was written about him, and it seems like there were as many baby boys named Francis Marion as there were George Washington!

Randolph did marry Charity Pennington, daug of Jacob (she's listed as wife in Randolph's will; if he married Mary Jane first, then he married Charity about 1788). [There is some doubt that he married Mary Jane. This is based on an old manuscript written in 1876 by Lewis F. Casey, great-grandson of Randolph. Lewis said that his sources were his grandmother, Nancy, wife of Abraham Pennington Casey, and also Gov. Zadok Casey, Abraham's brother. Lewis said that their mother was Mary Jane Pennington, but there has been no other evidence and Zadok's mother could not have been Mary Jane.]

Randolph raised his family in SC (from 1760 to about 1795).

In 1796 they were in Green Co., GA where their youngest child, Zadok,



was born.

About 1805-10 they moved to Sumner Co., TN. He died in Smith/Macon Co., TN in 1813.

Children:

Mary Jane's (I guess):

8a) LEVI CASEY, b 1768, SC; m Mary Sherrel; moved to Ill, 1817; d Johnson Co., IL.

8b) RANDOLPH CASEY, Jr., b 1769, SC; m Sallie Perkins; d Iowa

8c) ISAAC CASEY, b Apr 5, 1770, SC; m Elizabeth Mackey, 1788 moved to Barren Co, KY. Moved to IL where she died 1834; he m 2nd Jemima Oard, 1836. He d 1854, Jefferson Co, IL.

8d) ABRAHAM PENNINGTON CASEY, b Nov 1, 1772, SC; m 1794, Nancy Baker; d 1841, Oregon Co, MO; ch:

8e) REBECCA CHARITY CASEY, b abt 1775, SC; m 1st [Erasmus Noble](#) [*I have heard that there is a will of Erasmus' out there, but I haven't seen it*]; m 2nd William DePriest; d Jefferson Co, IL abt 1834. Ch: Lucinda NOBLES, Green, Isaac C., & Charity DePRIEST.

Charity's:

8i) NANCY CASEY, b 1788. She was not mentioned in Randolph's will. She married John Dotson about 1810 in Smith Co, TN.

8f) HIRAM CASEY, b 1789, SC; m 1807 Catherine DePriest; d 1828 (age 39) Hardeman Co, TN.

8g) SAMUEL CASEY, b 1793; m Ruth Gilbert; d 1850, Jefferson Co, IL.

8h) ZADOK CASEY, b 1796, GA; m 1815, TN to Rachel King; moved to IL 1817; was Lt. Governor of IL in 1830; d 1862 in Caseyville, IL.

Levi Casey (6th son of Abner Casey)

Levi Casey was Brigadier General of South Carolina who died at age 59, year of 1807 in Washington City (Known now as D.C.)

Early in the Revolutionary War, he received command of a company with which he gallantly assisted at the siege of Savannah. He was later a distinguished officer at the Battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Musgroves, King's Mountain, Fishdanford, Blackstocks and at Cowpens. At the Battle of Cowpens, Levi performed important services to General Morgan. Levi Casey participated in a campaign into Georgia and Florida. He first served in Captain Thomas Dugan's Company under the command of Colonel James Williams. Colonel Williams was killed and replaced by Colonel Joseph Hayes. Levi served as Captain and later Lieutenant Colonel. After Hayes was killed by Tories, Levi Casey was promoted to Colonel and took command of Colonel Hayes's

Regiment - then known as the Little River Regiment.

Levi Casey was Justice of the peace, Justice of Quorum, County Court Judge, Commissioner and U.S. Senator (1800 - 1803) from the 96th District, Spartanburg, South Carolina. He also was Tax Collector (1786), served in the State House of Representatives as representative of Little River (1786 - 1788). Levi was representative for Newberry County in the State House (1792-1796).

John Casey (Son of Abner Casey)

Moved from Roanoke, Virginia to South Carolina circa 1775. He settled on the Enoree River, Newberry County. John served in the Revolutionary War. (no details of his service have been found yet) According to our research, he is the Great-Grandfather of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain).

James Casey (Son of Abner Casey)

James lived with his wife, Nancy , and four sons in Spartanburg County, South Carolina - District 96. James, as his brothers did, served in the Revolutionary War.

Christopher Casey (Son of Abner Casey)

He entered the Revolutionary War shortly after the fall of Charleston to the British (May 1780). Christopher entered service as a Private under Colonel John Thomas and Colonel Cecil's command. Next, he served as a Lieutenant in command of a post at Calleo Harrison's Cabin for Colonel Beard. His third tour of duty was under Peter Brooks in Colonel John Thomas' regiment which was commanded by General Pickens. In this expedition he served as Lieutenant and Marched to Orangeburg, where they 'routed some Tories'... Still under Captain Brooks, he marched to Bacon's Ridge where General Pickens rendezvoused for the purpose of assisting General Green. Christopher Casey served in Colonel Roebuck's regiment as Lieutenant and had command of a small detachment to Augusta for salt. He also served in Captain Ford's Company of Colonel Kiljourns Regiment during the siege of '96'. Christopher Casey lived in an area sometimes known as the "Spartanburg District".

Moses Casey (Son of Abner)

Moses Casey lived in Spartanburg, South Carolina with three sons and five daughters in the 1770's. ⁽¹⁾He was a Captain in the Revolutionary War. No details of his service are available. In 1784, Moses bought 100 acres from his brother Christopher Casey (Sr.), said to be part of 250 acres lying along land claimed by his brother, James Casey. In 1787, Moses Casey bought 50 acres from ⁽²⁾Jesse and Mary Casey (our ancestor). These 300 acres were in what was known then as Berkeley County, South Carolina, but today this area is in Spartanburg County.

Benjamin Casey (Son of Abner Casey)

Randolph and Levi Casey had a brother, ⁽³⁾Benjamin. Randolph and Levi were in the 2nd Carolina Regiment under the command of Colonel Elijah Clark.

Jesse Casey (Son of Abner Casey)

⁽⁴⁾Jesse is listed with a wife, 4 sons, and 3 daughters in a survey made in the 96th District of South Carolina when he had 100 acres surveyed on the branches of Two Mile Creek, waters of the Enoree River. He is recorded as buying and selling several pieces of land, as being a slaveholder, and having other properties in District 96, Spartanburg County. In the late 1700's, Jesse moved to Tennessee where he is buried in Roane County. He is believed to have served in the Revolutionary War while living in District 96, South Carolina.

Aaron Casey (Son of Jesse Casey)

⁽⁵⁾Aaron Casey served in ⁽⁶⁾Roebuck's Regiment after the fall of Charleston. He served for three years.

Randolph Casey (Son of Abner)

Randolph Casey served as Sergeant under Francis Marion - the famed "Swamp Fox of the Santee". He was at the Battle of King's Mountain and many other battles throughout the Carolinas and Georgia.

Zaddock Casey (Son of Randolph Casey)

As Governor of Illinois (1833), he often spoke of his father's (Randolph) Revolutionary War days.

Jesse E. Casey (Son of Aaron Casey)

Born 1799, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. ⁽⁷⁾Jesse's father was of Irish descent and served through the Revolutionary War.

¹ Paper: Mount Vernon Register "Sesquicentennial Feature"

2. One of our Family's Grandfathers. (Michael Burlison)

3. Book: "The King's Mountain Men"

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6. Certificate of Indenture: Aaron Casey

South Carolina Militia Duty - Revolutionary War

Number 3426, Book X

Dated: August 1, 1786

7. Book: "A Reminiscent History of the Ozarks Region"

Author: Goodspeed (1894)