

James Sellers 1759-1843

Am. Rev.

Enlisted 1799 in Chatham NC; fought in Battle of Stono Creek

Lived in

Burke Co. NC, prior to moving to TN. According to 1842 statement when pension papers stolen or lost, James said he had been living in Bradley Co. TN 4 yrs, Grainger Co. TN 26 yrs and had moved back to Grainger TN. Before that, lived in Burke Co NC.. So moved from NC abt 1812 or so.

Wife

Unk. In 1830 Census, Grainger TN probable wife was age 60-70. May or may not have been 1st wife.

Children

3 children seem to be confirmed via family histories, etc.

- 1) James Sellers b. 1791 NC, d. 1853 Dillard, Crawford Co. MO, md. Elizabeth Brock (1799- 1839) 1st and Winny Dyer Wickliff, 2nd. Winny was widow of Marvel Wickliff. The Dyers had moved to Shelby Co IN and

Winnie and brother William Dyer moved back to Grainger TN.

2) Ruth Sellers b. 1797 NC md. Sampson H. Dotson

3) John Sellers b. 1802 d. 1860 Grainger Co TN, bd. Nicely Cmtty Grainger Co TN md. Eleanor Brock in 1822, Grainger Co TN

As to examining Census data 1800 and 1810

According to above, in 1800, there should be 1 male, James, age < 10 or could be listed as age 10 and above and 1 female, Ruth, age < 10 and has to be < 10. The father, James, should be 26-45.

In 1810 there should be 1 male 16-25, James; one female 10-15, Ruth and one male < 10, John.

Other possible children, re the TN Census data and Tax lists for Grainger and Bradley Co's who might figure in 1800-1810 Census could be:

Robert Sellers age 20-30 in 1830 Grainger TN census so b. 1800-1810

Daughter Unk (maybe Sarah?) age 20-30 in 1830 Grainger TN census, living with father, James , and also b. 1800-1810.

Son age 15-20 in 1830 Census (David?) would likely not have figured in 1810 Census but could have

Reuben Sellers in 1832-4 Tax list but no Census data, d. 1839?

Just considering the Children who should be in the Censuses, see below.

Census Data for Chatham and Burke Co NC 1800 and 1810 (no data for 1820 Grainger TN as data lost):

Chatham Co NC 1800

James Siler: 1 male 16-26 and 1 female 16-26 – NO

James Sellars: 1 male 16-26; 1 male >45; 1 female > 45 – NO, but the copy is a mess! Still, think not.

Burke Co NC 1800

James Sillars on same page as Scott – 4 males < 10; 2 males 10-16; 1 male 16-26; 1 male > 45; 2 females 10-16; 1 female 16-26 and one female 26-45. Could be but there is no girl=Ruth < 10. Head of family is also over age 45. But there not being a girl < age 10=Ruth seems to make this not be the family.

James Sillars 1800 Burke on same page as Robert Sellers, possible but not convincing due to number of children and ages : 2 males < 10 (so one would be James, but who was the other?); 1 male 10-16 (who would that be?) and, 1 male 26-45, could be James//4 females < 10 (1 would be Ruth but who were the others?; 2 females 10-16 (who were they?); 1 female 26-45, wife. Data does not fit.

Robert Sellers 1800 Burke has 3 males < 10, one of whom could be James; 1 male 26-45 who could be James Sr and 2 males age > 45 Robert and ?; 2 females < 10, one of whom could be Ruth and a female age 16-25 (?). Possible that James was in this family unit.

No other families with variations of Sellers surname in NC found that could have included James Sellers's family. Of

course possible that he and family were in household of in-laws but we don't know wife's surname.

Chatham Co NC 1810

No Sellerses or Jameses at all? Census description does not say that data is missing. This is odd.

Burke Co NC 1810

James Sellers with no males < 10 so no John; 4 m. 10-15 (who are they?); 1 male 16-25 could be James; one male 45+ could be James, Sr; 1 female 10-15 could be Ruth. No wife? And one slave? Or did I read it wrong and wife 45+?

James Sellers with no males < 10; 4 males 10-15 and 1 16-25 and 3 females <10 and one 16-25 – same arguments as above.

1800/1810 Census data from NC does not fit this James Sellers's family

