



Joseph Whitely

Joseph Whiteley, Jr is one of two Revolutionary War Veterans buried at Mt Holly cemetery. He was born in Whitehaven, Cumberland, England in 1754 (1749 is incorrect) and died on his farm in White County, Tennessee in October, 1818. He was the son of Joseph Whiteley, Sr (about 1728-?) and Mary Plumley (about 1731-1757). Joseph, Sr came to America and died in Virginia. Joseph, Jr married about 1774 in James Town, James County, Virginia Sarah Ann Stapleton. She was born September 23, 1760 in St. Georges Parish, Hartford County, Maryland and died April 24, 1836 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. She was buried there in 1836.

Joseph Jr fought in the battle of Eutaw Springs under General Greene and was wounded several times. After discharge he moved to Washington County, Virginia. He later moved to Tennessee on the Cumberland.

Joseph and Sarah had a total of seventeen children, There were 13 boys and 4 girls. They expanded the Whitely universe; one or more moved to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky,

Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, and Arkansas.

Joseph Whiteley's farm was located on Eagle Creek between Maynard Branch and the Caney Fork River in White County, Tennessee. This area is now in Dekalb County, Tennessee. The old Whiteley family cemetery consisted of six graves. It was found by Mrs Helen England, a descendant of Nancy Johnson, who was buried there.

The U S Corps of Engineers disinterred the six people buried there and relocated them to Mt Holly cemetery.

It was a long journey from Whitehaven, England to Virginia and North Carolina by way of Eutaw Springs in the North Carolina Militia to Nashville on the Cumberland to Eagle Creek and then to Mt Holly. Joseph Whiteley, Jr did well.