

Mason Family Records

James Elder and **Polly Mason**, daughter of **John**, married in 1789 in Campbell County, Virginia (see first record below). I've assembled the following records in an attempt to identify the ancestors of **Polly Mason**. One problem is that several John Masons lived in the Campbell-Charlotte area in this time period. An account of the difficulty is given here: <http://www.myoutbox.net/mason.htm> (Kenneth W. Dobyons).

1. **Jesse Mason** witnessed and provided bond (9 Sep 1789) for the marriage of **James Elder** and **Polly Mason**, daughter of **John Mason** [Baber and Williamson, *Marriages of Campbell County, Virginia, 1782-1810*, pages 33, 67, and 105]

2. **John Mason Senior** land records:

John Cobbs sold to **John Mason Senr**, both of Campbell County, 100 acres on branches of big Falling River, adjoining **Smith** and **Thomas Jones**; witnesses **Charles Cobbs**, **John Marshall**, **Charles Cobbs Jr.**, **Adam Mitchell**; dated 27 Nov 1789 and recorded 1 Apr 1790 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, 1784-1790, page 475; Microfilm Reel 101, Library of Virginia]

John Mason sold to **Thomas Alexander**, both of Campbell County, 50 acres adjoining **Matthew Jones**, **Perrin Smith**, **Thomas Jones**, **John Mason**; dated 5 Sep 1793 and recorded ? [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, 1790-1796, page 355; Microfilm Reel 1, Library of Virginia]

John Mason sold to **Thomas Alexander**, 50 acres on Big Falling River, adjoining **Jones**, **Cobbs**, **Alexander**; witnesses **Perin Smith**, **John Buckner**, **John Cobbs**; dated 18 Dec 1795 and recorded Feb 1796 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, 1790-1796, page 619; Microfilm Reel 1, Library of Virginia]

John Mason Sr. appears in Campbell County Land Tax Lists as follows: 1790-1793 – 100 acres; 1794-1795 – 50 acres; not listed thereafter [Campbell County, Virginia, Land Tax Lists, Microfilm Reel 56, 1782-1806, Library of Virginia]

3. **John Mason Senior's** will, dated 24 Mar 1796 and proved 6 Oct 1796, gave one third of household furniture to **Jesse Mason**, "son of my son **John Mason**," and the rest to **Thomas Alexander**; **Jesse Mason** executor [Campbell County, Virginia, Will Book 1, 1782-1800, page 309, Microfilm Reel 19, Virginia State Library]

4. **John Mason** (widower) married **Frances Brooks** (widow); bond (26 Sep 1794) by **John Mason** and **Peter Cass**; minister return Sep 1794 by **Charles Cobbs**.

5. **John Mason** land records:

Note: **John Mason** appears to have been identified in records as **Senior** after the death of his father.

John Mason patented 95 acres on west branches of Turnip Creek in Bedford County, 1 Sep 1780 [Land Office Patents E, 1775-1776, 1780-1781 (v.2 p.463-930), p. 499 (Reel 46)]

Charles Cobbs and **Thomas Cobbs** sold to **John Mason**, all of Bedford County, 400 acres on both sides of a Great Branch of Turnip Creek; witnesses **James Callaway**, **Richard Stith**, **Robert Alexander**; dated 27 Apr 1778 and recorded 24 Jul 1780 [Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 7, pages 11-12; Microfilm Reel 3, Library of Virginia]

John Mason sold to **Alexander Howard**, both of Bedford County, 150 acres in Bedford County bounded by **Mason's** line, Osten Creek, **James Zachery**; witnesses **John Claytor**, **Valentine ?**, **John Weaver**, **Mary Eleonor Rodgers**, **Elizabeth Anne Rodgers**, **Nathl Rodgers**; dated 8 Nov 1780 and recorded 26 Nov 1780 [Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 7, pages 38-39; Microfilm Reel 3, Library of Virginia]

Note: the remaining 250 acres appears to be the land taxed in Campbell County in 1782. Campbell County was formed from Bedford County in 1782.

John Mason Sr. sold to **Jesse Mason** of Campbell County, 100 acres in Campbell County on branch of Turnip Creek, adjoining **Joseph Crews**, **John Mason Jr.**, **John Clark**, **John Elder**; witnesses **Wm Mason**, **Thos Hanks**, **James Wilson**; dated 5 Jun 1798 and recorded 10 Sep 1798 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1796-1799, page 429; Microfilm Reel 2, Library of Virginia]

Nathaniel Rodgers and wife **Catherine** sold to **John Mason Sr.**, all of Campbell County, 100 acres on Osten branch of Turnip Creek in Campbell and Charlotte Counties, part of estate of **Thomas Rodgers** deceased, adjoining **John Clark**, **John Johnson** on NE, **John Mason's** old line on NW, **John Hughes** and **Patrick Henry** on SW; witnesses **John Mason Jr.**, **James Wilson**, **Jesse Mason**, **Wm Farthing**; dated 13 Mar 1798 and recorded 10 Sep 1798 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1796-1799, page 425; Microfilm Reel 2, Library of Virginia]

John Mason Sr. sold to **John Mason Jr.**, both of Campbell County, 100 acres on Osten branch of Turnip Creek, adjoining **John Clark, Jesse Mason, Crews**; witnesses **Wm Mason, Thos Hanks, James Wilson**; 9 Jun 1798 and recorded 10 Sep 1798 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1796-1799, page 430; Microfilm Reel 2, Library of Virginia]

William Singleton sold to **John Mason** 400 acres on Falling Run, adjoining **John Marshall** and others on W, **Mark Ward** on N, **Henry Wray** on SE; witnesses **Nathl Rogers, James Wilson, Stephen Smith, Chas. Cobbs, Wm Mason, Thomas Bailey**; dated 18 Mar 1797 and recorded 12 Jun 1797 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1796-1799, page 446; Microfilm Reel 2, Library of Virginia]

Valentine Sublett and wife **Margaret** of Charlotte County sold to **John Mason Sr.** of Campbell County, 92 acres in Charlotte County on Turnip Creek, adjoining **Nathan Zachery, Luke Palmer, Johnson, Thomas McDearman, Merriman Tucker**; witnesses **John D. Johnson, Isaac Read, Thomas T. Scott**; dated 7 Jan 1799 [Charlotte County, Virginia, Deed Book 8, 1797-1800, page 143, Microfilm Reel 3, Library of Virginia]

John Mason and wife **Frances** sold to **Dorotha Henry** executrix of **Patrick Henry**, late of Charlotte County, 400 acres adjoining **John Marshall, Henry Ray, Mary Ward, Matthews, William Mason** (the land conveyed by deed from **Wm Singleton**); dated 1 Jul 1799 and recorded 8 Jul 1799 (**John Mason** agreed in writing 11 May 1798 to sell to **Patrick Henry** a tract of land on Falling River in Campbell County for 80 pounds, paid by **Patrick Henry** in his lifetime) [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1796-1799, page 599; Microfilm Reel 2, Library of Virginia]

John Mason and wife **Frances** sold to **Griffin Lewis Jr.**, all from Campbell County, 100 acres near the mouth of Little Falling River, adjoining **Charles Walker, John Marshall, William Hamesly, William Johnson, William Key** (land of **John Brooks** deceased sold by court order); witnesses **John Marshall, Chas Walker, Pleasant Talbot**; dated 4 Jul 1799 and recorded 8 Jul 1799 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1796-1799, page 598; Microfilm Reel 2, Library of Virginia]

John D. Johnson and wife **Sarah** sold to **John Weatherford**, 121 acres in Charlotte County, adjoining **John Hughes** (S), **John Mason** (W & N), **Nathan Zachery** and Turnip Creek (E); dated 10 Dec 1799 [Charlotte County, Virginia, Deed Book 8, 1797-1800, page 245, Microfilm Reel 3, Library of Virginia]

Richard Blanton and wife **Jensey** of Charlotte County sold to **John Mason Sr.** of Campbell County, 70 acres on Turnip Creek in Charlotte County where the said **Blanton** now resides, adjoining **John Weatherford, John Hughes Sr., Luke Palmer, John Mason**; witnesses **Wm B. Morton, Robert Morton, Claborne Mason**; dated 21 Nov 1806 and recorded 1 Dec 1806 [Charlotte County, Virginia, Deed Book 10, 1803-1806, page 262, Microfilm Reel 4, Library of Virginia]

James Mason to **Josiah Mason** and **Claborne Mason**, 1/3 part of a tract formerly property of **John Mason** deceased; witnesses **John Hughes Jr., Edward P. Hughes, Jesse Hughes**; dated 31 Aug 1808 and recorded 5 Jun 1809 [Charlotte County, Virginia, Deed Book 11, 1806-1810, page 180, Microfilm Reel 4, Library of Virginia]

John Mason appeared in Campbell County Land Tax Lists as follows: 1782-1798 – John Mason 260 acres; 1799 – John Mason Sr. 260 acres; 1800-1802 – John Mason Sr. 260, 100 and 400 acres; 1803 – not found; 1804-1807 – John Mason Sr. 100 and 200 acres; 1808 – no tax; 1809-1811 – John Mason Sr. est 100 and 200; 1812-1813 – John Mason est 100 and 200, Turnip Creek; 1814 – John Mason est 100 and 200, Turnip Creek, 25SE (25 miles SE of Courthouse) [Campbell County, Virginia, Land Tax Lists, Microfilm Reels 56 (1782-1806) and 57 (1807-1817), Library of Virginia]

6. **Jesse Mason** appeared in most Campbell County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax lists from 1786 until 1813 and not after that:

1786 1-0-0-0-1	1800 not found
1787 0-0-0-2	1801 2-1-0-3
1788 0-0-0-2	1802 not found
1789 0-0-0-2	1803 3-1-0-4
1790 0-0-0-1	1804 3-1-0-4
1791 0-0-0-1	1805 2-1-0-3
1792 0-0-0-1	1806 2-1-0-3
1793 ?	1807 2-1-0-3
1794 0-0-0-2	1808 no VA Property Tax
1795 1-0-0-2	1809 3-2-0-3
1796 1-0-0-2	1810 2-2-0-4
1797 1-0-0-2	1811 2-2-0-2
1798 too faded to read	1812 2-2-0-2
1799 1-1-0-2	1813 1-2-0-0-2

[Personal Property Tax Lists, Virginia State Library: Campbell County, Virginia, 1785-1814 and 1815-1829, Microfilm Reels 66 and 67]

7. **Francis M. Pettey** sold 81 acres in Campbell County to **John Elder**, bounded by **Joseph Elder**, **James Elder**, and **Jesse Mason**; witnesses **Joseph Elder**, **Luke Matthews**, **Nathaniel Rogers** and **Joseph Crews**, 1 Feb 1797 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1796-1799, page 199, Microfilm Reel 2, Virginia State Library]

8. Three daughters of **John Weatherford** and wife **Martha (Sublett) Weatherford** married **Masons** [Knorr, *Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns of Charlotte County, Virginia, 1764-1815*, page 55]:

30 Dec 1803 (bond) **Joseph Mason** and **Elizabeth Weatherford**, daughter of John Weatherford

20 Dec 1809 (bond) **Obediah Mason** and **Louisa Weatherford**, daughter of John Weatherford

11 Mar 1812 (bond) **Jesse Mason** and **Martha Weatherford**, daughter of John Weatherford

9. In the suit of **John L. D. Johnson** against **Dorothea Henry**, **Edmund Winston** and **George D. Winston**, executors of the estate of **Patrick Henry** deceased, the May 1801 Court ordered:

that **James Elder**, witness for **Johnson**, be paid \$1.06 by **Johnson** for two days' attendance

that **John Mason**, witness for **Henry's** executors, be paid \$4.26 by them for two days' attendance and for twice coming and returning 20 miles from Campbell County

[Charlotte County, Virginia, Order Book 13, 1801-1803, page 16, Microfilm Reel 27, Library of Virginia]

Note: this is **Patrick** "Give me liberty or give me death!" **Henry** who lived at Red Hill in Charlotte County at the end of his life.

10. "**John Mason** (son of **Jesse**)" appeared in Campbell County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax lists (for source, see record 6) for 1805 and 1807.
11. **Samuel Woodalle** sold 100 acres in Campbell County to **Jesse Mason Junior**, adjoining **Benjamin Roberts**, **A. Hanks** and **William Pamplin**

Senior; 11 Feb 1809 [Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 8, 1807-1810, page 423, Microfilm Reel 4, Virginia State Library]

12. The following **Masons** appeared in the 1810 Census of Campbell County, Virginia [M252, Roll 68, Ancestry.com]:

Head	Sex	<10	10-15	16-25	26-44	>44	Page
	M	1		1			17
Frances	F			1	1	1	
Jesse	M	1		3		1	7
	F	1	1	1	1		
John	M	2	2	1		1	10
	F	1	1			1	
	M						19
Mary	F					1	
Peter	M	4	2		1	1	13
	F	1	2		1		
Philip	M			1			10
	F			1			
Philip	M				1		17
	F			1			
William	M	2	1		1		10
	F	2			1		
William	M			1		1	16
	F				2	1	
Wm	M	1	2			1	11
	F	1			1		

13. Account of estate of **John Mason**, presented by **Frances Mason** administratrix, lists **Jesse Mason, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Abner Mason, Claiborne Mason** and **Philip Mason**; 10 Feb 1812 [Hopkins, *Campbell County, Virginia, Wills and Inventories, 1782-1847*, page 42 (page 151 of Will Book 3, 1810-1817)]
14. **Obadiah Mason** appeared in the Campbell County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax list (op. cit.) for 1812.
15. **Jesse Mason** and wife **Susannah** sold 100 acres on Osten branch of Turnip Creek in Campbell County to **John Marshall**, adjoining **Joseph Crews, John Mason Junior, John Clark** and **John Elder**; witnesses **L. D. Poindexter, John Harroway** and **James Jones**; 8 Oct 1813 [Campbell

County, Virginia, Deed Book 10, 1813-1815, page 242, Microfilm Reel 2, Virginia State Library] See record 5 (acquired from **John Mason Sr.**).

16. **Abram Mason** (1 Sgt.), **Isaac Mason** (Ens.), **Joseph Mason** (1 Lt.), **Thomas Mason** (Pvt.), and **James Elder** (Corp.) served in **Benton's** 2 Rgt. of Tennessee Volunteer Infantry [Microfilm Series M602, Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812, Roll 65 EDW-ELK and Roll 133 MART-MASP, National Archives].

Dec 1812-Apr 1813: "This regiment, along with Colonel **William Hall's** First Regiment of Tennessee Volunteer Infantry and Colonel **John Coffee's** Volunteer Cavalry, comprised the army under **Andrew Jackson** that undertook the expedition to Natchez in late 1812."

[<http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/military/1812reg.htm>]

17. **Abram Mason** (1 Sgt.), **Isaac Mason** (Ens.), **Joseph Mason** (1 Lt.), **Thomas Mason** (Pvt.), **James Elder** (Sgt.) and **Elias Elder** (Pvt.) served in **Pillow's** 2 Rgt. of West Tennessee Volunteer Infantry [Microfilm Series M602, Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812, Roll 65 EDW-ELK and Roll 133 MART-MASP, National Archives].

Sep 1813-Dec 1813: "This regiment, composed of about 400 men, participated in Jackson's first campaign into Creek territory along with the regiment under Colonel Bradley. Both these regiments fought at the Battle of Talladega (9 November 1813) where Colonel Pillow was wounded."

[<http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/military/1812reg.htm>]

18. **Coleman Mason** (Pvt.) and **Philip S. Mason** (Pvt.) served in **Cocke's** 2nd Regiment of West Tennessee Militia [Microfilm Series M602, Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812, Roll 133 MART-MASP, National Archives].

Nov 1814-May 1815: "This regiment was one of three West Tennessee militia units at New Orleans under the command of Major **General William Carroll**. They were part of the flotilla that went down to New Orleans via the Cumberland, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers."

[<http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/military/1812reg.htm>]

19. In Rutherford County, Tennessee, **Obediah Mason** and others were ordered to help an overseer of roads in July 1813 [Wells, Rutherford

County, Tennessee, County Court Minutes, 1811-1815, page 69 (290) (at DAR)].

20. **Jesse Mason** having died without a will, **Susannah Mason** applied for and was granted letters of administration, having given bond with **John Mason, Jesse Mason** and **Coleman Mason**, 13 Jan 1817 [Rutherford County, Tennessee, Minute Book, volume K, 1816-1817, page 125]
21. A bill of sale for Negro **Frank** from **Susannah Mason, John Mason, Obidiah Mason, Jesse Mason** and **Coleman Mason** to **William Edwards** was proven by oath of witness **William A. Sublett**, 14 Apr 1817 [Rutherford County, Tennessee, Minute Book, volume K, 1816-1817, page 243]
22. An inventory of the estate of _____ **Mason** was returned by the administratrix and ordered to be recorded, 15 Apr 1817 [Rutherford County, Tennessee, Minute Book, volume K, 1816-1817, page 256]
23. A record of the inventory of the estate of _____ **Mason**, returned to April Term 1817 by administratrix **Elizabeth** (sic) **Mason**, included: notes on **John Hutton, Obadiah Mason, James Elder, Benjamin Hancock, William Alford** and **William Nothery**; accounts on **Obadiah Mason** and **Coleman Mason**. Recorded 19 May 1817. [Rutherford County, Tennessee, Wills, Inventories and Settlements, volume 4, 1816-1820, page 63]
24. Will of **Coleman Mason** dated 3 Feb 1819: loaned mother **Susannah** 50 acres of land lived on for her life; on her death everything to go to brother **James Mason**; when **James** reached lawful age he was to give sisters **Susannah Mason** \$89 and **Patsy Mason** \$100; witnesses **Griffin Dodd, Joseph P. Patterson, Joel Metheny** and **Job Metheny**. Recorded 7 Oct 1820. [Rutherford County, Tennessee, Wills, Inventories and Settlements, volume 5, 1820-1823, page 13]

25. The following **Masons** appeared in the 1820 Census for Rutherford County, Tennessee [M33, Roll 124, Ancestry.com]:

Head	Sex	<10	10-15	16-18	16-25	26-44	>44	Page
Abner	M	1					1	183
	F		2		3		1	
Abraham	M	1	1	1	2	1		190
	F	3	1		1	1		
Edmund	M				1			174
	F	1			1			
James	M	2				1		191
	F	4				1		
Jesse	M				1			197
	F				2		1	
Joseph	M		1			1		190
	F	3			1			
Obediah	M	1	1			1		196
	F	1				1		