

JOSEPH LOONEY BRANCH

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Joseph (2) Looney, youngest son of Robert (1) and Elizabeth Looney, was born about 1740, perhaps just about the time that his parents removed from the home on the South bank of the Potomac, near Hagerstown, Md., to the Looney's Mill Creek section on James River in what had become Augusta County in 1738 and was to become Botetourt County in 1770.

Robert (1) Looney gave to Jeremiah Jack a deed to the Potomac River property and the recording was ordered by the Orange County Court on 22 March 1739. Apparently however, the deed was lost for in 1766 a new deed was recorded in Frederick County (which had been taken from Orange). The first record of land surveyed to the family in the new location was dated April, 1740, to Robert Looney, Jr. and land later granted to Robert (1) Looney was surveyed in June 1740 (Baylor's Book of Surveys at Frederick County Court House). These grants were dated 1742.

Joseph (2) Looney had license to marry in Botetourt County 25 June 1764. (Believe this Augusta County as Botetourt founded in 1770. E. Looney 1967) His wife was Jane Bowen, dau. of John and Lilly Bowen. On 20 Nov. 1764 Robert (1) Looney deeded to son Joseph (2) Looney for L20 160 acres at Sinking Spring on west side of James River. Joseph (2) Looney was a witness on 28 Feb. 1767 when John Smith sold slaves to Jonathan Smith; and again a witness on 27 July 1768 to John Bowen's will. On 14 July 1769 Joseph (2) Looney patented 60 A. in Augusta County on South side of James adjoining his former survey. In this same year, he obtained from the County Clerk a copy of the agreement of 11 Oct. 1759 between his father Robert (1) and Robert's sons. Joseph was named executor with his mother Elizabeth in his father's will dated 14 Sept. 1769. Joseph was also named the residual legatee after the death of his mother. He proved the will in Botetourt County on 13 Nov. 1770. Joseph (2) viewed a road on 10 April 1770 and was on a Grand Jury in Botetourt County 13 Nov. 1770, and was on a Grand Jury in

Botetourt County 13 Nov. 1770 as one of the most capable freeholders of this County."

Joseph Looney and Jane Looney his wife deeded 160 acres at Sinking Spring to Conrad Wall on 13 Aug. 1771. Joseph was on the Grand Jury again 12 Nov. 1771. In April 1772, as assignee of Jno. Smith he sued Robert Looney and Jas. Lidderdale (Lauderdale correct) for debt. On 20 June 1772 Joseph patented 85 A. on Stone Run of Craig's Creek in Botetourt County. Joseph, Adam and John Looney served on a Jury 12 Sept. 1772. On 8 Dec. 1772 Joseph (2) Looney was appointed guardian to Peter (3) Looney son of Peter (2) Looney deceased in room of James McCain and Jonathan Smith.

On 11 Feb. 1773 Jos. Lonny and Jean his wife deeded to Jas. Gilmer the 60 A on South side of James River patented on 14 July 1769. Joseph (2) Looney was on Jury on 16 Sept. 1773 with John (2) Loney, his brother. The will of Lilly Bowen, 4 April 1780, Washington County, Va. names child Jean Looney.

In 1781 Capt. Joseph Looney, Lt. Tosh (Toch?) and Ensign Wm. McClenachan marched a company to Yorktown and Fiatt Wyson, one of the men, states that he was present at the surrender. Capt. Joseph Looney is listed as present at Guilford C. H. On 9 March 1784 Joseph Looney and others were sureties for Pat Lockhart, Sheriff. On 14 Sept. 1784 Joseph Looney was appointed to take lists of all white persons in each family within the bounds of his company of militia, etc., on or before 1 March 1785.

On Nov. 1784 Andrew Lewis of Botetourt County agreed to give an acre lot in the town of Point Pleasant, then being settled, to each of 18 men including Joseph Looney if they continued to defend the place. On 12 Sept. 1786 he was again named to take lists of tithables in his company of militia. Joseph Looney was Commissioner of the Peace in 1779, 1782, and 1786 and 1788. On the Virginia tax rolls of 1782-1787 Joseph Luney appears in Botetourt County with 1 poll and 5 slaves.

Joseph (2) Looney seems to have left Botetourt County, VA. about 1790/2 and settled in Knox County, Tenn. In 1792 he was Justice of the Peace in Knox County.

Jos. Looney of Knox Co. of Territory South of the Ohio River, on 14 Dec. 1798 sold to Walter McDonald of Botetourt Co., 304 A on Craig's Creek of James River (three surveys). Witnesses were John (2) Looney, Sr., Peter Looney, Benj. (3)(of Absalom (2) Looney), Wm. Caldwell, Hugh Caldwell, Henry Walker. Joseph (2) Looney, Sr. was in Knox County in Apr. 1802 when he sued Wm. Murphy in court of pleas and quarter sessions. Joseph Looney, Jr., was mentioned.

The will of Joseph (2) Looney was dated 5 Nov. 1816 and proved in Jan. 1818 in Roane County, Tenn. The will mentions dau. Elizabeth Mansfield; dau. Jane Bogard and her eldest child, Betty Bogard; and son Joseph (3) Looney named executor. The will also mentions land purchased from George and Moses Preston, heirs of George Preston.

Joseph (2) Looney and his wife, Jean (Bowen) Looney were the parents of:

JEAN (3) LOONEY (Sometimes shown as JANE, E. Looney's note):

b. say 1766; m. in Botetourt Co., Va., 1786 or 1787 to George Preston; Joseph Luney's name mentioned. George Preston resided in Capt. Richard Oliver's Company in 1802. Jane and George Preston had sons George and Moses Preston.

When Kingston was established in 1799, George Preston was among those appointed commissioners. Roane County was established by Act of 1 Nov. 1801. Jane Preston administered on the estate of George Preston in Roane County in June 1808. She m. 2nd on Jan. 4, 1812, Wm. Bogart. (Believe this was meant for Abraham Bogart. E. Looney's note 3/2/67). Their daughter Betty Bogard was born ante 1816. Also at least one other child.

JOSEPH (3) LOONEY

Born say 1770, was mentioned in Knox County as on Jury in Oct. 1795; also again on 26 April, 1796. He was again mentioned there when his father sued Wm. Murphy in 1802. At that time he was living in Roane Co. in Capt. Richard Oliver's Company. Joseph was mentioned (named, rather) as executor of his father's will, dated 5 Nov. 1816. At the 1830 Census of Roane County he is listed as b. 1765 / 5 with wife b. 1775 / 5, 3 boys 15 to 20, 2 boys 10 to 15; 2 females 20 to 30, and 1 girl under 5. In 1838 there is a deed from Joseph Looney to Cravens. Then in 1848

in same Roane Co., LeRoy Looney, administrator of the estate of Joseph Looney, deeds land to Cravens. Leroy Looney was in Bledsoe Co., West of Rhea at the 1830 Census; b. 1805 / 5, wife in same age group with 2 boys and 1 girl all under 10 years of age.

ELIZABETH (3) LOONEY

b. say 1773, m. in Knox Co., Tenn. 30 Oct. 1795, Nicholas Mansfield, who resided in Capt. Richard Oliver's Company in Roane Co., Tenn. in 1802. Both were living on 5 Nov. 1816.

PETER (3) LOONEY

Possible son of Joseph (2) Looney. Perhaps b. about 1768. Could be the Peter Looney who witnessed the deed by Joseph (2) Looney in 1796; also he who m. Mary Thorp in Jefferson County, Tenn. 10 May 1794. There was a Peter Looney in Knox Co. in 1799, 1804, and 1806. He may have died before 5 Nov. 1816 when Joseph (2) Looney made his will.

End of Leroy W. Tilton Study

*Prentiss Price says Peter was not son of Joseph (2) Looney; however, no proof has been offered either way. Elizabeth Looney has found a Peter Looney in Missouri who could possibly be the Peter Looney mentioned above; however, no mention of his parentage is known. She is still trying to ascertain more information. Informant say the Peter in Buffalo, Missouri was married four times!
(E. Looney's note of 3/2/67)*