

**SARAH ABBOTT**  
**Daughter of Joseph Abbott of Halifax County, Virginia**

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**SARAH ABBOTT**

Daughter of Joseph Abbott and first wife (name unknown)  
Born: Bet. 1730-1750, in or near King and Queen County, VA  
Died: Aft. 30 Mar 1787, Halifax County, VA  
No recorded or apparent marriage

Sarah Abbott is named in her father Joseph Abbott's 1787 will among "my three oldest daughters namely Anney, Sarah & Rachel." [HWB2:298] Sarah was the second daughter still surviving in 1787 from Joseph Abbott's first marriage, but his first wife's name is not known. Based on what little information we have, Sarah and her two sisters Ann and Rachel were born roughly between 1730-1750. (See report for her sister Ann Abbott for more about their age range.)

Sarah and her sisters Ann and Rachel apparently were still unmarried in 1787 when their father wrote his will. No marriage record has been found for any of the three, although most Virginia marriage records prior to the Revolution have not survived. However, Joseph's will names all seven of his daughters by their first name only, and a parent's will normally names married daughters by their legal married surnames. We have proof that Joseph's "four youngest daughters" named in the will were not married when Joseph wrote his will, and there is no marriage record for this Sarah Abbott after that time, when Halifax marriage records are generally complete.

Contrary to many online files, this is not the Sarah Abbott who married John Keeling in Halifax County by bond of 5 Nov 1804. [Halifax Marriage Bond Register No. 1, LVA Reel 82] That Sarah Abbott was the next generation, a daughter of Joseph Abbott Jr. (c1750-1811) and wife Magdaline Lacy. Sarah's father Joseph Abbott (Jr.) gave his consent to her marriage in 1804. Joseph Abbott (Sr.) died in early 1788, a year after writing his will that names his daughter Sarah among his oldest three daughters.

Some undocumented online files with numerous proved errors say Joseph Abbott's daughter Sarah was the one who married a Daniel Trigg, but that is a mistake for a different Sarah Abbott. (As with much of the Abbott family information currently circulated online, people wrongly assumed that a same name means the same person.) Daniel Trigg married "Sally Abbott" by bond of 15 Nov 1799 in Spotsylvania County, VA. ["Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940," *index, FamilySearch*] Spotsylvania is nowhere near Halifax County, where Joseph's family lived from 1762. There is no record of any association between the Halifax County Joseph Abbott's family and any Trigg family, and no Trigg is recorded in Halifax in the relevant time period. Besides, Daniel Trigg's wife Sally Abbott was born no earlier than 1776. Thus, she

could not be among Joseph Abbott's "oldest daughters," because the first of Joseph's "youngest daughters" in his will is proved to be born abt. 1767.

Like her sisters Ann and Rachel, Joseph Abbott's daughter Sarah Abbott apparently died unmarried in Halifax County sometime after her father's will written 30 Mar 1787, but the date of her death is not known, and no death or probate records exist for her.

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