

Overview:
NANCY JARRELL MADISON
(1789 – 1875)

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Born: Ann “Nancy” Jarrell was born May 1789, Culpeper County, Virginia
[Source of date: Grave marker; formal name Ann: MDB19:109]

Parents: Alexander Jarrell Jr. and wife Sarah
[Source: MWB2:243; MDB17:116]

Note:

Alexander Jarrell Jr. - b. Abt. 1757, Culpeper Co., VA; m. Abt. 1778, Culpeper Co., VA
to Sarah; d. Bet. 28 Feb - 26 Apr 1810, Madison Co., VA

Son of:

Alexander Jarrell Sr. - b. Abt. 1735, Caroline Co., VA; m. Abt. 1756, Culpeper Co., VA
to Elizabeth; d. 1781, Culpeper Co., VA

Son of:

James Jarrell the Elder - b. Abt. 1702, of Caroline Co., VA; m. (2nd?) to Sarah;
d. Bet. 1762-1782, Culpeper Co., VA

Sons of James Jarrell the Elder (known wife Sarah):

James Jarrell "Sr." (d. 1786; wife Sarah), Alexander Jarrell Sr. (d. 1781, wife Elizabeth), Richard
Jarrell Sr. (d. 1789, wife Elizabeth), Daniel Jarrell (d. 1804, wife Mary Davis), Jeremiah Jarrell Sr.
(d.1828, wife Sarah Sims), John Jarrell (d. 1836, wife Ann Spoldin)
– All born in Caroline Co., VA except John, b. 1748, probably in Orange/Culpeper Co., VA

Occupation: Professional Weaver with Apprentice

Note:

On 12 Mar 1814, two Madison County Overseers of the Poor (one of whom was a Jarrell relative)
bound out to Nancy Jarrell a 9-year-old free negro named Maria Meekin as Nancy’s apprentice in
weaving. For the next nine years, Nancy was to instruct Maria "in the Craft, mystery and occupation
of a weaver which she the said Nancy Jarrel now useth." [MDB5:379]

Child: John “Jack” R. Madison

b. Bet. 1810-1820, Madison Co., VA; m. 8 Mar 1841, Madison Co., VA to Lucy B. Routt
(daughter of William P. Rout & Peggy Mitchell); d. Bet. 1847-1850, Madison or Orange Co.,
VA; bur. Routt Family Cemetery, Somerset, Orange County, VA [Source for parentage and burial: C.
Thomas Chapman. “Descendants of Ambrose Madison” (The Montpelier Foundation, 2006), p. 59]

Note:

Jack Madison was Nancy’s illegitimate child by William Madison while William was married to his first
wife, Frances Throckmorton, mother of his 11 legitimate children. Four of William and Frances’
children died of tuberculosis bet. 1809-1814, and another five children and Frances herself died of TB
before 1834. [Source: Chapman; also Holly C. Shulman, “Dolley Madison” Digital Ed.]

William Madison made a bequest to “Jack Madison” in his 1843 will but did not identify him as a son:

In consideration of my regard for Jack Madison and the further consideration of any claims he may have against me for services rendered as Overseer or otherwise, I hereby give him the sum of Six hundred dollars, which sum of money I put in the hands of Robert F. Page, in trust, to be invested by said Page in real estate, for the use and benefit of said Jack Madison, his wife & children. [MWB7:360]

Married: Nancy Jarrell married 28 Jun 1834, Madison Co., VA to widower William Madison
 Minister: Rev. James Garnett, "a Baptist minister of the Gospel" [NARA File W9944]
William Madison - b. 1 May 1762, Orange Co., VA; (m1: 20 Dec 1783 to Frances Throckmorton, b. 1765, d. 1832); d. 19 Jul 1843, Madison Co., VA

Note:

William Madison was a brother of James Madison, fourth President of the United States 1809-1817. William served as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War [NARA File W9944] and was a General in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812 [War of 1812 Bounty Land Warrants. Military Warrant Vol 14, p. 280 & Vol. 834, p. 332. GLO Records. USBLM] Contrary to undocumented online files, William Madison did not have a middle name or initial. He signed both his personal correspondence and legal documents, such as his pension application and his will, only as “William Madison,” and Madison Family scholars do not include a middle name.

“Family”: Nancy’s husband, William Madison, died in 1843, and their son, Jack, Nancy’s only child, died about five years later. In Madison County Court on 23 June 1853, Nancy (Jarrell) Madison filed for the pension and bounty land for which she qualified as the widow of William Madison, a Revolutionary War soldier and pensioner who also was granted 200 acres of bounty land 29 Mar 1838. [NARA File No. W9944/BLWT2205] The Act under which Nancy qualified for widow benefits was passed by Congress 3 Feb 1853, and her pension certificate was issued 17 Sep 1853.

Nancy immediately moved “her family” to Fairfield County, Ohio. On 13 Jun 1854 in Fairfield Court, she made a statement regarding the change of location for her pension payments. Nancy explained that she recently moved from Madison Co., VA to Fairfield Co., OH because *“she was desirous to promote, as far as she could, her future interest and that of her family to the greatest extent of her limited means.”* [italics added]

Nancy’s “family” to whom she referred were James F. Peyton and his wife Laurretta and six children. James F. Peyton (b. 1826) had been Nancy’s overseer in Madison County, although no actual family relationship between them has been found.

James F. Peyton’s “wife” Laurretta (b. c1829) was William Madison’s mulatto slave whom William gave to Nancy in his will written 16 Jul 1843, proved in Madison Court 24 Aug 1843, saying. *“I give to my wife Nancy, my negro woman Laurretta and her child Albert, and the children she may hereafter have.”* [MWB7:360, italics added]

The 1830 census lists Nancy Jarrell with three young slaves. The slaves seem likely to belong to William Madison since Nancy’s father died owning no slaves to bequeath to her and she was not wealthy. Thus, the female slave under age 10 could be Laurretta. Nancy Madison’s 1850 census household was composed of herself, her “overseer” James F.

Payton (*sic*), and seven slaves: two adult black males loaned by William's will and five mulattos who match Laretta and her children by James F. Peyton in age and sex.

James F. Peyton and his slave wife Laretta (whom he could not legally marry) had five other children after Albert, all born into slavery in Madison County and legally owned by Nancy Madison. By "removing" them in 1854 to Ohio where slavery was illegal, Nancy obtained and secured their freedom.

Nancy Jarrell Madison and the Peyton family, later including Albert's Ohio wife, continued to live together as a family for 21 more years on Nancy's land in Fairfield County, OH.

Died: May 1875, Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio

Buried: Baptist Corners Cemetery, Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio

(Located at the corner of Coonpath Road and Lake Road outside Lancaster, OH)

Note:

The inscription on Nancy's grave marker reads:

Nancy Madison
Wife of Wm Madison
Died May 11, 1875
Aged 85y.11m.15d

[Transcribed by Natalie Herdman 6 Feb 2011. Photo by Natalie Herdman on Find A Grave Memorial # 65285037 online at: <www.findagrave.com>]

The following obituary was published 21 May 1875 in the *Cincinnati Gazette* newspaper. This gives a conflicting death date of 15 May 1875 rather than 11 May 1875 that would also change Nancy's birth date from 26 May 1789 to 30 May 1789. No official death record exists to resolve the conflict, but research to date indicates that the grave marker death day of May 11 is the more reliable.

Lancaster, O[ho]. May 20 [1875] – Mrs. Nancy Madison, relic of Lieutenant-General [*sic*] William Madison, who was a brother of ex-President James Madison, died at her home in Pleasant Township on the 15th. She was the last revolutionary pensioner of this county.

[Source: Obituary. A. & L. E. Railway. Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette. Friday, May 21, 1875, *Cincinnati Daily Gazette* (Cincinnati, OH), p. 2. GenalogyBank.com. Transcribed by J. Horsley, comments in brackets added. Note: William Madison was a Lieutenant in the Revolution and a General in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812 rather than "Lt. Gen."]

Research on Nancy Jarrell Madison is ongoing, and an extended paper with complete records and more details is planned once research is complete. Any corrections or additions to this Overview or to the research in general are welcome.

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