

SMITH COUNTY TENNESSEE

1820 CENSUS

The 1820 Census of Smith County was collected by Brice F. Martin. The census was recorded by letter, but not alphabetized inside each letter grouping. I have included all of the Denney listings as well as households that I know to contain Denney relatives, and other households that may have included Denney relatives. For instance, Zachariah Denney was married to Catherine Stallings, name of parents not known. I suspect that she was the daughter of Charity Stallings, but there is also a female older than Catherine Stallings Denney in her and Zachariah's home.

WILLIAM DENNEY One male aged 16-26; one female under 20, one female 16-26; one person involved in agriculture; one male slave under 14; one female under 14. Page 51, line 485.

CLAIBORNE DENNEY One male age 10-16, two males age 16-26; one male 45 and up; one female 26-45; three persons involved in agriculture. Page 52, line 496.

BENJAMIN DENNEY One male under 10, two males 16-26, one male 45 and up; five females under 10, two females age 10-16, two females age 26-45; 3 persons involved in agriculture. Page 52, line 514.

WILLIS DENNEY Two males under 10, one male 16-26; one female 16-26; one person involved in agriculture. Page 52, line 515.

ZACHARIAH DENNEY One male under 10, one male 16-26; one female 16-26, one female 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 52, line 517.

JOHN DENNEY One male under 10, one male 10-16, one male 16-18, three males 16-26, one male 45 and up; one female under 10, one female 10-16, one female 26-45; three persons involved in agriculture. Page 52, line 518.

Benjamin Denney had a daughter named Judah who married a William B. Allen. His age and parents are not known for certain (I think he was the son of Daniel Allen, there may also be some connection to Moses Allen) so I have included all the Allen's from the 1820 Census of Smith County here

GRANT ALLEN One male 16-26, one male 45 and up; one female under 10, one 10-16, two females 45 and up; seven persons involved in agriculture; five male slaves under 14, four male slaves 14-26, two male slaves 26-45, 1 male slave 45 and up; five female slaves under 14, one female slaves 14-26, three female slaves 26-45, 2

female slaves over 45. Page 39, line 4. (Probably no connection, Grant Allen lived near Dixon Springs)

THOMAS ALLEN One male 26-45; three females under 10, one female 16-26; eight persons involved in agriculture; four male slaves under 14, three male slaves 14-26, six female slaves under 14, four female slaves 14-26, one female slave 26-45. Page 39, line 5. (Dixon Springs)

ROBERT ALLEN Three males under 10, 2 males 10-16, one male 16-26, one male 26 to 45; one female under 10, one female 10-16, one female 26-45; twenty two involved in agriculture; one person involved in commerce; four male slaves under 14, five male slaves 14-26, 2 male slaves 26-45, one male slave 45 and up; 6 female slaves under 14, 6 female slaves 14-26, two female slave 26-45, two female slaves over 45. Page 39, line 9. (Colonel and Congressman Robert Allen, uncle of the Eliza Allen who married Sam Houston, lived on Turkey Creek near Carthage. Probably no relation)

CHARLES ALLEN One male under 10, one male 16-26; one female 16-26; one person involved in manufacturing. Page 39, line 12. (?)

JAMES ALLEN Two males under 10, one male 16-18, two males 16-26, one male 45 and up; one female 10-16, three females 16-26, one female 45 and up; two persons involved in agriculture. Page 39, line 20. (?)

WILLIS ALMAN One male under 10, two males 10-16, 1 male 16-18, three males 16-26, one male 45 and up; one female under 10, one female 10-16, one female 45 and up; three persons involved in agriculture. Page 39, line 29. (Neighbor of Benjamin Denney)

WILLIAM ALLEN One male 26-45; two females 10-16, one female 26-45; five persons involved in agriculture; two male slaves 14-26; one female slave under 14, two female slaves 14-26, one female slave 26-45. Page 39, line 34. (Brother of Robert Allen above, lived on the Caney Fork River near the Trousdale Ferry. Probably no relation)

ISAAC ALLEN Two males under 10, one male 26-45; two females under 10, one female 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 39, line 37. (?)

HEZEKIAH ALLEN Two males under 10, two males 10-16, one male 45 and up; two females under 10, one female 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 40, line 57. (?)

SARAH ALLEN Two males under 10, two males 10-16; one female under 10, two 16-26; one person involved in agriculture. Page 40, line 57. (?)

MOSES ALLEN Two males under 10, one male 10-16, one male 16-26, one male 45 and up; three females 10-16, one female 16-26, one female 26-45; two persons involved in agriculture; one male slave 14-26, one female slave 14-26. Page 40, line 62. (Near Alexandria, connected to many people that the Denney's were connected to. His son Moses, Jr. was the clerk of the Brush Creek Baptist Church)

Wiley Denney married Clara or Clary Enoch. She was almost definitely the daughter of Benjamin Enoch below. The other two men were most likely her brothers.

JOHN ENOCHS Three males under 10, one male 10-16, two males 16-26, one male 26-45; three females under 10, one female 10-16, one female 26-45; five persons involved in agriculture. Page 54, line 594.

DAVID ENOCHS one male under 10, one male 26-45; one female under 10, one female 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 54, line 596.

BENJAMIN ENOCHS one male under 10, two males 10-16, two males 16-18, two males 16-26, two males 16-26, one male 45 and up; one female 45 and up; three persons involved in agriculture. Page 54, line 597.

Benjamin Denney had either a daughter or a granddaughter named Elizabeth who was born in 1826 and married James Monroe Greer. He was probably the son of Nathan Greer of Rutherford County. There is probably some connection between these two Greer families and the Greer family of Rutherford County.

SARAH GREER One male under 10, two males 10-16, one male 16-18, two males 16-26; two females under 10, one female 45 and up; two persons involved in agriculture; five male slaves under 14, one male slave 26-45; one female slave 14-26, one female slave 26-45. Page 58, line 738.

JOHN GREER Three males under 10, two males 10-16, one male 26-45; one female 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 58, line 740.

Jonathan Denney (most likely son of Claiborne) married Mary Rison, daughter of the man that follows. After the death of Jonathan, Mary married _____ Luckey. After the death of her second husband, Mary applied for a War of 1812 widow's pension for Jonathan's service in the war, she was denied the pension because of lack of proof. Jonathan did serve two tours of duty during the war.

ELLERY RIZEN One male 45 and up; one female 10-16, three females 16-26, one female 45 and up; one person involved in agriculture; one male slave under 14, two male slaves 14-26, one male slave 26-45; one female slave under 14, one female slave 14-26, one female slave 26-45. Page 82, line 1626.

James Rollins was the father of Evaline Rollins who married first Benjamin Denney (son of John) and then Dawson B. Harris.

JAMES RAWLINGS Two males under 10, one male 26-45; one female under 10, one 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 83, line 1684.

Zachariah Denney married Catherine Stallings who was born on March 2, 1798. Their first son was named James Mills Denney. The Charity Stallings below was the widow of Mills Stallings who was recently deceased when the 1820 census was taken. The will of Mills Stallings mentioned son James by name, and mentioned that he had other children but did not give their names. Mills Stallings' farm was very near that of John Denney.

JOHN STALINGS One male under 10, one male 26-45; one female under 10, one female 16-26; one person involved in agriculture. Page 86, line 1770.

THOMAS R. STALINGS One male under 10, one male 10-16, one male 26-45; two females under 10, one female 10-16, one female 16-26, one female 45 and up; one person involved in agriculture. Page 86, line 1771.

CHARITY STALINGS One male 10-16; two females under 10, two females 16-26, one female 45 and up; one person involved in agriculture. Page 86, line 1791.

One of Benjamin Denney's eldest daughters (Agnes "Nancy" b. 1807) married a Spence or a Spencer. Both names are given in the estate records of Benjamin Denney, but the name Spence is given only once. Their daughter used the name Spencer on her marriage record. An unidentified Nancy Denney of Smith County married an M.B. Byrd in Smith County in the 1830's. It is possible that Nancy, daughter of Benjamin, was married first to a Byrd, and second to a Spencer. Spencer was dead by 1850 when daughter Agnes "Nancy" is listed in the home of her mother as Agnes Denney.

CHARLES SPENCE One male under 10, one male 10-16, one male 45 and up; four females under 10, two females 10-16, one female 45 and up; two persons involved in agriculture. Page 85, line 1756.

CHARLES SPENCER One male under 10, two males 10-16, one male 26-45; two females under 10, one female 10-16, one female 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 89, line 1867.

JOHN SPENCER One male 16-18, one male 16-26, one male 45 and up; one female 16-26, one female 45 and up; one person involved in agriculture. Page 89, line 1877.

ELIJAH SPENCER One male 16-26, One female 16-26; one person involved in agriculture. Page 89, line 1888.

JACOB SPENCER One male 16-26; one female 16-26; one person involved in agriculture. Page 89, line 1889.

An unnamed daughter of John Denney married an unnamed Wilkerson in time to have a married daughter named Harriet who was named in the will of John in 1847. Harriet appears to have been listed as a member of the household of John and Sarah Winfree Denney in the 1840 Census, but married William J. C. Spellings in Gibson County, Tennessee in 1843. It would seem that she had moved west between the two events. The two Wilkerson families lived very near the home of John Denney from about 1812 to 1828. The Turner Wilkerson listed below was the progenitor of the family. All of his sons are accounted for except for two. One, a namesake Turner Wilkerson died an old bachelor with no heir named Harriet, the other is this Brooks Wilkerson listed below. The 1810 Census of Granville County, North Carolina shows the John Denney home to include one daughter aged under 10. This should be Elizabeth born in 1808 who married James Madison Winfree. The 1820 Census of Smith County shows a second daughter of John and Sally Winfree Denney aged between 0 and 10. This seems to rule out Brooks Wilkerson as the son-in-law. The Denney family had been intimate with another Wilkerson Family, that is probably related to this one in Person and Granville Counties, North Carolina, during the 1780's and 1790's. Possibly John Denney had a daughter who married before the 1810 census? This would mean she probably would have had to have been born before 1795, making her among the eldest of John's children.

BROOKS WILKERSON One male 16-26; one female 10-16; one person involved in agriculture. Page 96, line 2152.

TURNER WILKERSON Two males under 10, one male 16-18, one male 18-26, one male 45 and up; one female under 10, two females 10-16, one female 16-26, one male 26-45; two persons involved in agriculture; one male slave under 14; one female slave 14-26. Page 96, line 2153.

Benjamin Denney had a daughter named Fannie who died in 1847 who married a Woodson. Almost the only unaccounted for Woodson is Thomas Woodson, son of one of the men below.

TUCKER WOODSON Two males under 10, one male 26-45; one female under 10, one female 16-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 98, line 2221.

JOHN WOODSON One male 16-18, one male 16-26, one male 45 and up; one person involved in agriculture. Page 98, line 2225.

OBEDIAH WOODSON Two males 10-16, one male 26-45; three females under 10, one female 26-45; one person involved in agriculture. Page 99, line 2239.

As close as the Denney and Winfree families are connected in both North Carolina and Tennessee, it would seem that this first Winfree in Smith County was not closely related to John Denney's wife Sarah. If he was, then his heirs were left out of the estate settlement for Sarah's brother Charles in the 1870's. One of Wilson Winfree's son-in-laws did purchase the interest of a legatee, but many of the legatees sold their interest in the estate before it was settled. If the heirs of Wilson Winfree had been legatees of Charles Winfree, then they would have gotten shares themselves.

WILSON WINFREY One male under 10, one male 16-26; three females under 10, one female 16-26; two persons involved in agriculture; one male slave under 14, one female slave under 14. Page 99, line 2252.

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