

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN EDWARDS

Generation 1

John Edwards, Sr., b. abt. 1710, prob. Dinwiddie Co., VA; d. 1801, Orange Co., NC; m. Mary Stokes (prob. daughter of Sylvanus STOKES, Jr., of Sussex Co., VA; d. aft. 1796, prob.) John and Mary s are believed to be buried at the Edwards-Cabe Cemetery, Orange Co., NC. [NOTE: An article in Raleigh Star & North Carolina Gazette July 8, 1846, based on memories of relatives, noted that **John Edwards, Sr.** came from Buckskin Creek, VA.] Land records indicate that John Edwards, Sr., was granted 400 acs. in Orange Co., NC between 1755-1759. His land was located a few miles south of Hillsborough near the present-day towns of Durham, Carrboro and Chapel Hill (view map). ISSUE:

1. John Edwards, Jr., m. Lucy CATE
2. David Edwards, Sr., m. Elizabeth MORRIS
3. Edward Edwards, d. Sept. 13, 1781, a Loyalist killed at Battle of Lindley's Mill
4. Mary Edwards, m. John CAMPBELL.
5. Susannah Edwards, m. unk. ODEAN.
6. **Richard Edwards**
7. Sylvanus Edwards
8. William Edwards
9. Henry Edwards, m. Eliz. Lindsey

Generation 2

Richard Edwards, b. ca. 1750's, Orange Co., NC; d. Sep. 12, 1781 in Battle of Kirk's Farm, near New Hope River, wherein he was a captain of a loyalist Tory group that lost to the Patriots [substantiated by several Rev. War pension applicants]; m. Unk.; ISSUE:

1. Richard
2. Elizabeth
3. Mary
4. Edward
5. **Sarah Edwards.**

Generation 3

Sarah Edwards, b. abt. 1778; m. 1798 to Levin Covey - See [Covey Tree](#)

Notes on Orphans:

1. Orange Co, NC Court Minutes 1777 - 1786: Feb 1785 - John Edwards appointed Guardian of orphans of Richard Edwards deceased: Richard, Elizabeth, Mary, Edward, Sarah.
2. Orange Co, Records Vol. XIII, Inventories & Accts. Sales 1758 - 1785 - Richard Edwards estate deceased sold by court order 21 Feb 1783.
3. Aug Term 1782 - Administration of estate for Richard Edwards, deceased, was granted by Robert Millikin who entered into bond with John Steel Jun. Sec. in the sum of 200 pounds.
4. Apr.-May 1782, John & Mary CAMPBELL filed a petition on behalf of the orphan children of Richard EDWARDS, requesting that land in Orange Co. owned by the deceased, which was taken because he failed to perform his tour of duty in the militia, be returned to his children. No action was taken on the petition. (Source: NC Archives, State Records Collection, General Assembly Records Group, Session of Apr.-May 1782, Folder No. 66.8.27.5.5, "Miscellaneous Petitions.")
5. Aug. 1782, letters of administration for the estate of Richard EDWARDS were issued to Robert MELLCKEN [MILLIKEN] in bond with Robert REA.
6. Court records indicate that Richard's orphans (Richard, Elizabeth, Mary, Edward, and Sarah EDWARDS) were made wards of John EDWARDS, Jr., in Feb. 1785.

Refs:

1. Cheek Family at <http://www.moonzstuff.com/edwards/john1710.html>
2. Rootsweb.com (World Connect)