

Name: James Elder KERR

Sex: M

Birth: 4 NOV 1786 in Fannet Twp., Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Death: 21 FEB 1870 in Buckskin Twp., Ross County, Ohio

Note:

Buckskin Township's history, written in 1880, states that a James Kerr married one of Robert Cunningham's daughters and lived north of Lyndon Station.

According to the Register of the Buckskin (Presbyterian) Church of South Salem, Ross County, Ohio, page 117, "James Elder Kerr was a veteran of the War of 1812." The State Centennial History of Highland County, Ohio, also states that he was a soldier in the War of 1812, and moved from Chambersburg (Franklin County) Pennsylvania in 1815.

James Elder Kerr, Sr. moved to Ross County, Ohio in Nov, 1815. By 1826, eight of his brothers and sisters and their families had settled in the vicinity of Pisgah Church in the western part of Ross County, a few miles out from Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.

James and Nancy settled in the Pisgah neighborhood in Ross County. According to the biography of James B. Kerr published in the Portrait and Biographical Record of Jasper, Marshall, and Grundy Counties, Iowa in 1894, "James and Nancy (Cunningham) Kerr were born in Pennsylvania, whence in an early day they removed to Ohio, and in Ross County entered a tract of land from the Government, establishing their home in the midst of a surrounding wilderness."

They joined the Presbyterian Church at South Salem in Buckskin Township on Jun 21, 1817. On May 10, 1822, they requested their membership be transferred to the church at Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. On Sep 2, 1822, they were admitted to that church, their names entered as James E. Kherr and Nancy Kherr.

The record of James Elder Kerr, Sr.'s death is on file in the Ross County court death records, volume 1, page 26. He died of "old age." He was buried in the cemetery now known as the old burying ground in Madison Township, Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. His tombstone reads, "James E. Kerr died Feb 21, 1870 Aged 83 yrs 3 mos 17 ds."

The 1894 biography, described above, stated, "They had a family of thirteen children, of whom the following-named survive: Robert and the Rev. Samuel Kerr, residents of Ross County; Jerry, who is a Postmaster at Greenfield, Ohio; Esther, Mrs. McElroy, of Ottumwa, Iowa, a widow, whose husband was killed in the Lee Creek disaster in 1865; Elizabeth, the wife of J. P. Beatty, of Newton Township, Jasper County; and Mrs. Catherine Hopkins, a resident of Washington C. H., Ohio. Grandfather Kerr died in 1870."

Marriage 1 Nancy (Mary) CUNNINGHAM b: 27 DEC 1798 in Huntington County, Pennsylvania

Married: 6 AUG 1816 in Ross County, Ohio

Children

Nancy Elder KERR b: 10 MAY 1817

Robert Ross KERR b: 3 MAR 1819

Elizabeth KERR b: 21 JUN 1821

Rebecca KERR b: 23 SEP 1823

Martha KERR b: 28 FEB 1826 in Ohio

Esther KERR b: 31 AUG 1830 in Buckskin Twp., Ross, Ohio