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DANIEL JARRELL'S WIFE MARY OF VA 1700's

By [Joan Gilbert](#) May 14, 2007 at 06:30:54

I have been researching Mary, the wife of Daniel JARRELL, and believe there is strong evidence that her name was not Mary TERRY but Mary DAVIS. This MARY DAVIS had a niece Mary TERRY and a nephew William TERRY, and she (as "Mary JARRELL") along with Mary and William TERRY were all named in the will of her brother James DAVIS. So perhaps that is where the confusion arose about Mary's maiden name. I can find no William Terry, with or without a will (as some posts have mentioned there might be) who had a daughter or niece Mary Jarrell.

This is evidence I have found that indicates Daniel JARRELL's wife was MARY DAVIS.

1. James DAVIS, in his 1817 Madison County VA will, bequeaths to "the children of my sister MARY JARRELL." [MCWB 3:312-313]

2. Another brother of MARY DAVIS JARRELL was Benjamin DAVIS (Jr). His will was witnessed 2 Sep 1796 by ELIJAH JARRELL, GIBSON JARRELL, and SIMEON JARRELL, sons of DANIEL and MARY JARRELL. [ECWB B:23]

What makes this even more interesting is that Benjamin DAVIS had moved from Madison County VA to Elbert County, Georgia in 1791. There were no men of even one of those witnesses' names in Georgia that I could find. Which seems to mean MARY DAVIS JARRELL's brother Benjamin was visiting with DANIEL and MARY JARRELL's family at the time he got ill or injured enough to write his will (later filed in Elbert Co GA on 24 Jul 1797).

3. After MARY DAVIS JARRELL's brother James DAVIS died in Madison County VA in 1824, one of the purchasers of his estate was ELIJAH JARRELL. [MCWB 5:60]

Why would Elijah have come all the way from now-West Virginia unless he were a member of James DAVIS' family? (If I am correct about Mary, Elijah would also be an heir, being a child of "my sister Mary Jarrell.")

4. On 3 Sept 1793, DANIEL and MARY JARRELL ("of Madison County") sold 245 acres in Madison Co (formerly Culpeper) adjacent to Thomas WATTS that they had bought originally from brothers Bland and William BALLARD (purchase deed missing). Bland BALLARD and Thomas WATTS had been long-time acquaintances of Benjamin DAVIS Sr., MARY DAVIS JARRELL's father. Land adjacent or very near DANIEL and MARY JARRELL's Culpeper/Madison Co. property had been bought in 1761 by William JOHNSTON, and that deed was witnessed by Benjamin DAVIS. One of MARY DAVIS JARRELL's nieces was Mary TERRY who married Richard GULLEY. After she died Richard married Elizabeth BALLARD. DANIEL and MARY JARRELL sold some of their land in 1786 to Benjamin QUINN. Quinn's wife Elizabeth VERNON was the sister of Richard VERNON who married Robert DAVIS' daughter Elizabeth.

The point here being that all these people who were connected with DANIEL and MARY JARRELL in Culpeper/Madison Co. were also connected with MARY DAVIS JARRELL's father Benjamin DAVIS Sr. and others of her family.

All this, together with no records to the contrary, seems to present very strong evidence that DANIEL JARRELL's wife was really MARY DAVIS, not a Mary Terry.

If anyone has comments, corrections or additions, I would appreciate hearing from you. --Joan

P. S. By the way, the book "Kith and Kin of Boone County, West Virginia" as quoted in posts is in error about when Daniel and Mary and their family left Culpeper/Madison County for Monroe Co, now-West Virginia. It says they left shortly after selling Culpeper land to Benjamin Quinn 16 Jun 1786. But the Madison County deed

referred to above shows they were still residents of Madison County in 1793:

3 Sept 1793 Indenture between Daniel Jarrell and Mary his wife of Madison County and Benjamin Johnson of Orange County for 65 pounds, sell land lying in Madison County...land purchased by Daniel Jarrell from Bland & William Ballard and contains 245 acres..bounded by Ambrose Barbour, Thomas Watts & Benjamin Cave.

[MCDB 1]

MARY DAVIS JARRELL

Born: Abt. 1742, King William or Caroline Co, VA; Died: 1810-1817 (I believe in Monroe Co, VA/WV)

Father: BENJAMIN DAVIS Sr., born abt. 1695, King William Co, VA; died: 1763, Culpeper Co, VA

Mother: Unknown

Note: Benjamin Davis Sr. was a master carpenter. Davis Street in the center of Culpeper, VA, now a historic district, was named for Benjamin. He was leasing, living, and building upon the 30 acres that became the town of Culpeper (first called Fairfax) at the time the town was established in 1757. [Hening's "Statutes" Vol. VII, p. 306-307]

Mary's proved siblings are:

1. James DAVIS - b: abt 1730, King William or Caroline Co, VA; d: bef. 28 Oct 1824, Madison Co, VA

2. Benjamin DAVIS Jr. (RS, wife Mary) - b: 1736, KW or Caroline Co, VA; d: will proved 24 Jul 1797, Elbert Co, GA

3. Sarah DAVIS (husb. Thomas TERRY) b: abt 1738, KW or Caroline Co. VA; d: aft 21 Dec 1817, Madison Co VA

Probable other siblings:

4. John DAVIS (wife Frances) b: abt 1728, prob. KW Co, VA; d: bef. 19 Sep 1808, Pittsylvania Co, VA

5. William DAVIS (wife Sarah) b: abt 1733, KW or Caroline Co VA

Robert DAVIS (wife Ann) b. Spotsylvania or Orange Co, VA; d. bef. 25 July 1816, Madison Co, VA (may be son of Benjamin Sr. or perhaps more likely of his son James DAVIS)

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