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| **RD-009** | Tracing John Jackson Jeffreys’ Lineage |

In my system, an “RD-###” document is a “Research Document” that is used before I transfer information to an “FT-###” document, which is a “Family Tree” document. The Family Tree documents are more statements of the various facts of that particular family, while the Research documents are more investigative, intuitive, and sometimes just plain guessing. If you see something named “Source ###”, that is my numbering system for the various sources that back up the conclusions in the FT and RD documents. Sources, FT documents, and RD documents are all numbered sequentially as I create them.

In this document I am trying to trace John Jackson Jeffreys Sr.’s (JJJ Sr.) lineage as far back as I can. I feel pretty sure that Gainer Jackson is JJJ Sr.’s father as I see that in lots of places, plus I see them living close together in several US Federal Census documents.

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| **Lineage** | [**Wikitree.com**](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Jeffreys-188) | **Gainer Jeffreys Lineage** |

In this Wikitree.com webpage, they have listed the following lineage for the Jeffreys family. I am not going to list all of the information that I think is an error (like listing Winifred Whitmore as a wife of JJJ Sr.).

JJJ Sr. Descendants:

JJJ Sr.

* Jemima (1785-1865) **[John Note: Not sure about this. Jemima may be JJJ Sr.’s sister)**
* Gainer (1794-1860) **[John Note: Not sure about this. I thought William was first child.]**
* William (1796-1879)
  + James Martin (1823-1893)
  + Mary (1828-?)
  + Elizabeth (1829-1897)
  + William (1830-?)
  + Jacob (1832-1902)
  + Sarah (1834-1893)
  + Jacob (1834-1893) **[John Note: Obviously a duplicate, wrong dates.]**
  + Malinda (1837-1905)
  + Melinda (1838-1905) **[John Note: Obviously a duplicate.]**
  + Thomas Isaac (1839-1869)
  + Nancy Ann (1844-1928)
  + Francis Marion (1846-1925)
  + Becky (1848-?)
* Gainer (1799-1873) **[John Note: This may be correct order for Gainer to be born.]**
* Carroll (1801-1856)
* JJJ Jr. (1802-1870)
* Evan (1803-?)
* Abner Baker (1809-1898)
* Simon (1810-1879)
* Melvina (1816-1912)

So lots of places I disagree on the descendants and some sloppy work overall. So let’s take the data about the ancestors of JJJ Sr. with a large grain of salt!

JJJ Sr. Parents:

* Gainer Jeffreys (1/23/1744 in Chester, PA – 1814 in Warren County, TN)
  + Father: Evan Jeffreys (1722 in PA – 1790 Unknown)
    - m. Elizabeth Pierce 3/17/1742 in Chester County, PA
    - Father: Unknown
    - Mother: Unknown
  + Mother: Elizabeth Pierce (1/24/1722 in Goshen Township, Chester County, PA – 1746 in Chester County, PA)
    - Father: [Gainer Pierce](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Pierce-723) (2/1/1694 in Thornbury, Chester County, PA – 1746 in Chester County, PA)
      * m. Sara Walter 9/26/1719 in Chester County, PA
      * Father: George Pierce
      * Mother: Ann Gainer
    - Mother: [Sarah Walter](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Walter-3152) (1/25/1701 in Concord County, DE – 3/25/1753 in Goshen, Chester County, PA
      * Father: [Godwin (Goodwin?) Walter](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Walter-2299) (~1661 in Froxfield, Wiltshire, England – 11/6/1735 in Chester MM, Delaware County, PA)
        + m. Elizabeth Sanghurst 9/2/1696 in Concord Township, Chester County, PA
        + Father: William Walter
        + Mother: Ann Unknown
      * Mother: Elizabeth Sanghurst (~1670 in Concord, Chester County, PA – 11/8/1726 in Chester County, PA)
        + Father: John Sanghurst
        + Mother: Unknown
* Sarah (Jackson) Woodward (~1750 in Chester, PA – 10/14/1791 in Warren County, TN)
  + m. to Sam Woodward 5/12/1773 in New Garden, Chester County, PA (1)
  + m. Gainer Jeffreys (unknown date and unknown location) (2)
  + Father: John Jackson (12/16/1712 in Ballitore, County Kildare, Ireland – 5/31/1791 in Harmony Grove, Chester County, PA)
  + m. Sarah Miller 2/17/1740 in New Garden, Chester County, PA (1)
  + m. Margaret Hayes (2) **[John Note: Wikitree notes some uncertainty about these 2 marriages.]**
    - Father: [Isaac Jackson](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Jackson-5555) (5/20/1665 in Oldcastle, County Meath, Ireland – 1750 in London Grove Township, Chester County, PA)
      * m. Ann Evans 4/29/1696 in Oldcastle, County Meath, Ireland
      * Father: Anthony Jackson III
      * Mother: Ann Lightfoot
    - Mother: [Ann Evans](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Evans-4911) (1673 in Kilkenny, County Kilkenny, Ireland – 1732 in Harmony Grove, Chester County, PA)
      * Father: Rowland Evans
      * Mother: Alice Norris
  + Mother: Sarah Miller (4/30/1723 in Kennett, Chester County, PA - ~1761 in Chester County, PA)
    - Father: [James Miller](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Miller-5648) (11/5/1696 in Kennett, Chester County, PA – 2/1/1732 in Kennet, Lancanster County, PA)
      * m. Rachel Fredd 6/20/1721 in Chester County, PA
      * Father: Gayen Miller
      * Mother: Margaret Henderson
    - Mother: [Rachel Fredd](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Fredd-10) (7/29/1698 in Chester County, PA – 2/23/1750 in Chester County, PA)
      * Father: Unknown
      * Mother: Unknown

OK, tons of information to digest and explore here! I don’t know how well sourced it is, but some of it has lots of sources in their pages. So we will have to see how it checks out.

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| **Item # 2** | **Jeffreys Information** | [Genealogy.c om](https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/j/e/f/Cindy-Lynn-Jeffreys/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0020.html) | **Information provided by Cindy Lynn Jeffreys on Genealogy.com** |

I found the following information on Genealogy.com. It seems to be sourced well, but we will have to see how it all works out.

**John Jackson JEFFREYS** (son of ***[Ganier JEFFREYS](https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/j/e/f/Cindy-Lynn-Jeffreys/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0022.html)*** and [***Sarah Jackson***](https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/j/e/f/Cindy-Lynn-Jeffreys/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0023.html)) was born 11.March.1764 in Penn., and died 30.June.1846 in Walker, Co. AL.He married (6) **[Jincey Edwyn](https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/j/e/f/Cindy-Lynn-Jeffreys/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0021.html)** on 09.March.1795 in Caswell CO., NC, USA.  
Notes for **John Jackson JEFFREYS**:  
Fact 1: 1790 census of Orange Co., Chatam District, NC  
Fact 2: 1800 census of Buncombe Co., NC  
Fact 3: BET. 1801 - 1802 Moved to White Co., TN.  
Fact 4: BET. 1812 - 1815 Payed Taxes in the "Falling Water" area of White Co., TN  
Fact 5: 1812 Served in War of 1812  
Fact 6: 1830 Census Morgan Co., AL  
Fact 7: 1840 Census Walker Co., AL  
Note:  
Most of the information on the wives of John Jackson Jeffreys and the children that they had, comes  
directly from Linda Green.

The following comes from correspondence from Linda Green dated 29 Jan 1998- DAR Supplemental  
approved Aug 15, 1997 on John Jeffreys number 0764038 A785

John appears in the 1790 census of North Carolina as living in Orange Co. Chatham District North Carolina, by his brother Evan Jeffreys and father Gainer Jeffreys. John moved to Buncombe Co. NC about 1797 when it became a county. He appears here in the 1800 census and was living by his father Gainer Jeffreys. Evan stayed in Orange Co. John moved to Tennessee by about 1801 when one of his sons was born in TN and is listed in early records of White Co. TN as appearing on the jury for White Co. during 1810 and 1815. He also appears on tax lists 1812 for White Co. TN as having 1 white male and paying .12 1/2% state tax and .12 1/2% county tax. He also owned 37 acres in Falling Water, Hamilton Co. TN. **[John Note: I am not sure about this, i.e., John Jackson Jeffreys being in TN in 1810. There is no 1810 US Federal Census document for a John Jackson in TN, but there is for Caswell County, NC. I am not if John visited TN between 1800 and 1810 or where this information about John being in TN comes from. In “The History of White County” in the Ancestry.com Card Catalog, there is no mention of any Jeffreys in early White County, TN. However, for a contrary note, according to the US Federal Census documents from 1850 to about 1910, Abner, Melvina, and Evans were all born in TN between 1800 and 1815. So it does seem that the Jeffreys were in TN for some period of time, but this was not reflected in US Federal Census docs for John Jackson Jeffreys, Sr.]** Not only did he fight during the Revolution but he also fought in the War of 1812 in Russel’s Separate Batallion of Mounted Gunmen Tennessee Volunteers.... John Jackson Jeffreys moved to Cataco County (now Morgan Co.) Alabama after 1822 when he was still selling land in White Co. TN between 1841 and 1849. Son William had moved to Alabama Cataco Co. and was married there in 1820. John appears on the 1830 Morgan Co. Census. He was on the 1840 Walker Co. census and may have died in Walker Co. between 1841 and 1849. Son William was living in Marion Co., Walker was created from Marion in 1823. John is listed in the book ALLDREDGE-ALDRIDGE-BRACKEN-NESMITH FAMILIES AND THEIR KIN by Mrs. Memory Lester, as serving in the Revolutionary War, and that records have been found in the North Carolina State Archives. He served in the Continental Line recieving a total of 14 pounds 15 shillings, 1 penny according to Revilutionary Army Accounts Vol VII page 110 Folio 2 NC State Archives. The war records shows he served in Company J 2nd Regiment NC Roll of Capt. Benj. Coleman’s Company 2nd NC Battalion commanded by Col. John Patten.  
Records show he purchased land 6 Dec. 1833 in Lawrence Co. AL certificate was registered and Andrew  
Jackson signed certificate 16 Oct 1835.

Born Note: migrated from PA or was born in VA.  
Buried Note: May be buried in Hamilton in Marion Co. AL as Walker Co. was created from Marion Co.  
Born Source: 1850 Morality Schedule of Alamance Co. NC shows brother Evan born in PA. Evan was born after John so John would have to be born in PA also.  
From Allen Ray Jeffreys-  
The earliest account of John Jeffreys that the writer has been able to find is in the 1790 Census of Orange County, Chatam District, North Carolina. Then in the 1800 census he is listed as living in Buncomb County, North Carolina.... John is listed as paying tax on property in the "Falling Water" area of White County, Tennessee of 1812, 1813, 1814, and 1815.  
John Jeffreys joined in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain William Russel's Company of Tennessee Volunteers, Mounted Gunmen, Major William Russel's Separate Battalion. He was mustered into service September 28, 1814, and served until March 27, 1815. Company Muster Rolls show him to be present September 29, 1814, at Fayetteville and June 15, 1815, at Murphersborough. The Company Pay Roll shows that he was payed for six months, two day's service, the rate of pay being eight dollars per month. His total amount of pay being forty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents. He was also paid forty cents per day for the use of his horse which netted him seventy-three dollars and twenty-cents.  
Many settlers were moving into Alabama in the early 1800's, and John must have moved his family there soon after he returned from the War of 1812. Alabama became the 22nd state to be admitted to the Union in 1819. The next account found of John is in the 1830 census of Morgan County and then in 1840 in Walker County. He is believed to have died between 1840 and 1850. His place of burial is not certain, but family legend has it that he is buried in the Hardshell or Jeffreys Cemetary located off Highway 157 in Lawrence County, Alabama.  
From "Millers and Hoards Includes Millers Grist Mill and Hords of Hoards" by C. Wayne Miller  
"Ann Jeffreys Farrell, my fourth cousin (whose name and address Allen Jeffreys gave me) wrote a paper in which she said:  
"My father Benjamin Jeffreys stated he had been told and remembered faintly an ancestor George who had been executed because of differences in religion and the Roman Catholics in the late 1600's...I found George Jeffreys ("Hanging" Judge Jeffreys) was executed in the Tower of London when I visited London in April and May, 1978 and it is hard for me to believe this information would be available to a farm lad in Northeast Alabama through schools at that time. I have his letter in which it is stated that it must have been handed down from father to son. He said the family came from England in the late 1600's and his ancestor was Iver or Ever and his mother was Irish. They came to Virginia, then to North Carolina, then to Kentucky, then to Tennessee, and settled in Alabama." This would imply that a son (or perhaps a nephew if he had no son) of "Hanging" Judge Jeffreys came to Virginia, and was my ancestor. Another cousin, Dr. Allen Jeffreys mentioned before, suggested that when William II succeeded James II as King of England anyone with the name Jeffreys found it advisable to get out of England.  
Whether descended from "Hanging" Judge Jeffreys or not, it seems probable the family did come to North America late in the 1600's. However, the first definite record of the family was in the 1790 census. Page 93 of the printed abstract for North Carolina, Hillsborough district, Orange Co., Chatham District, lists "Garner Jeffers, Evan Jeffers, and John Jeffers" as consecutive entries. The family in Alabama spells the name Jeffreys, but pronounces it Jeffers.  
More About **John Jackson JEFFREYS** and **Jincey Edwyn**:  
Marriage: 09.March.1795, Caswell CO., NC, USA.  
Children of **John Jackson JEFFREYS** are:

1. +[**William JEFFREYS**](https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/j/e/f/Cindy-Lynn-Jeffreys/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0009.html), b. 1796, NC, d. 11.October.1879, Marrion Co., AL.

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| **Item # 3** | **Jeffreys Lineage** | [**Daughters of the American Revolution**](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_descendants/?action=list&MyPrimary_Seqn=586778&MyLineageCount=1) | **Some Lineage data on Gainer Jeffreys** |

I am running across evidence that JJJ Sr.’s father – Gainer Jeffreys – was an American Revolutionary War soldier or something. So I started perusing through the Daughters of the American Revolution website, and will present several lines of evidence.

For this item, we can see that Gainer Jeffrey (1/23/1744 in Chester County, PA – 1814 in Warren County, TN) is listed as an American Patriot (Ancestor # A134334) with a service description of “rendered material aid”. This is not too surprising (that he wasn’t a soldier), as I think the Jeffreys were Quakers in PA and therefore did not fight as soldiers. More on that later.

This webpage says that Gainer Jeffreys married Sarah Jackson Anderson in ~1742 in (probably) PA and they had a daughter named Sarah (~1773 in Orange County, NC - ~1873 in Lawrence County, AL). Sarah married James Bracken (~1772 in Orange County, NC - ~1857 in Lawrence Count, AL) on 9/30/1794 in Rowan County, NC.

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| **Item # 4** | **Jeffreys Lineage** | [**Daughters of the American Revolution**](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_descendants/?action=list&MyPrimary_Seqn=1141383&MyLineageCount=1) | **Some Lineage data on Gainer Jeffreys** |

For this item, we can see that Gainer and Sarah had another daughter named Elizabeth (~1770 in unknown – 1840 in Lawrence County, AL). Elizabeth also married a Bracken – Edward Bracken (~1758 in unknown - ~1847 in Lawrence County, AL) - on and unknown date and place.

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| **Item # 5** | **Jeffreys Lineage** | [**Daughters of the American Revolution**](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/default.cfm?Action=Search&Opt=&Last_Name=Jeffery&First_Name=Gainer&P_ID=A134334&ServiceState=&BirthState=&DeathState=&SpouseLastName=&SpouseFirstName=&Rank=&Live_County=&Live_City=&Live_District=&Live) | **Some Lineage data on Gainer Jeffreys** |

When we do an “Ancestor” search on the DAR database using Gainer Jeffreys Ancestor number (A134334), we can see that all of the applications for DAR membership went through the Sarah (Item #3) and Elizabeth (Item #4) family lines. No one seems to have submitted applications using the JJJ Sr. line. So if any application is filed from our family, an extensive application will need to be filed.

So at this point, it’s not useful for me to purchase the Gainer Jeffreys’ DAR documentation, as I don’t have anything that ties my line to Gainer.

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| **Summary of Information researched** |

[John Note: This is the area where I summarize what I am learning as I go in this Research Document. I imagine this document will change as I find new information.]