

JOHN KEY OF VIRGINIA

John Key, born about 1696, settled Albemarle County, Virginia. He married Martha Tandy (?), had son, John, Jr., Martin, Henry, Mary, who married Robert Dalton, and probably other children. John, Jr., is said to have married Susannah Watts and had John Key III, who married Agnes Witt, and George, Price, Judith, Joseph, Barbara Ann, Mildred, William Waller, Martin and Elizabeth Key. (See Witt family, also census report, John Key's widow.)

John Walter Key, son of John and Agnes (Witt) Key, born May 11, 1751, served in the Revolutionary War in Virginia. In 1787, he, with his brother Joseph, and sister Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Watts, removed to Georgia. John settled in Franklin County, where he remained until his death in 1827. He married Virginia "Jennie" Wade, an orphan. George W. Key, of Jourdanton, Texas, a great grandson of John W. Key, states "that his father often told him that his grandmother was noted for her physical strength and prowess, that she could stand inside of a half bushel measure and shoulder two bushels of wheat."

John Walter and Virginia (Wade) Key had children: Lucinda, m. a Fields; Agnes "Aggy," m. a Harrilson; Elizabeth, m. Embry; Martha "Patty," m. Beasley Thomas; Pierce (or Price), m. Sarah Hix, daughter of Nathaniel Hix; Winney, m. Boley Embry; Tolbert, m. Elizabeth Embry; Sarah, m. Bailey (had two children: Louise and George Key Bailey), and George W. Key, who married Delilia Embry.

Martha "Patty," daughter of John W. and Jennie Key, of Virginia, and Franklin Co., Ga., m. Beasley Thomas, Jefferson Co., Ga., 1806. Issue: John T., Newton, Brandon and perhaps others.

John T. Thomas, born 1808, Georgia, died April 21, 1897, Lamar Co., Ala., m. Sarah Thomas, grand daughter of Mr. ? Key, who lived near Augusta, Ga. Their children: Newton, m. Miss Bean Thomas; Jennie, m. Shirrod Holley; Simeon B., b. Nov. 29, 1834, died Nov. 3, 1907, married 1st Nancy Copelan, 2nd Margaret Graves; Jane, m. James Chandler; Lethia, m. Thomas H. Finch; Christopher Columbus, m. Martha Malloy; George Key, m. Rebecca Copelan; Frank P., m. Molly ?; Wm., m. Mary Jane Waldroup. No issue.

Newton Thomas, m. Miss Bean Thomas. Issue: John Tatler, m. Miss Drew; Phillip and Thomas Leonard.

Simeon B. Thomas, son of John T. and Sarah Thomas, m. Nancy Copelan, April 20, 1850. Issue: Mary L., b. Sept. 17, 1856, d. Feb.