

Phoebe BRASHEAR was born on July 8, 1769 in Guilford Co, North Carolina. She died in 1839. This child was a twin.

Phoebe BRASHEAR and Stephen RICE were married on June 12, 1790 in Tennessee. **Stephen RICE** was born on April 23, 1770 in Tennessee. He died before 1801 in Tennessee. Phoebe BRASHEAR and Stephen RICE had the following children:

I. **John B RICE** was born about 1787 in Tennessee. He died on December 5, 1872 in Decatur Co, TN. He was buried in Peace Chapel Cemetery, Decatur Co, TN.

SARAH "SALLY" BRASHEARS & JOHN B. RICE

From Charles Brashear:

"The Bible record of John B. and Sarah Rice is extant; in possession of Abigail (Rice) Hyde, of Ridgely, TN.

In the very earliest days of the westward movement, c1768, a Henry Rice, b. c1717, d. 1818 (101 years old); m.1. ____; m.2. Esther ____, came down the Holston River into Cherokee territory and founded a trading post called Rice's Station, in present-day Hawkins Co. Henry had a very large family. He and his sons are said to have fought the Indians during the Revolutionary War.

Among his sons was one James Rice, whose descendants are well documented. One of the descendants wrote a very reliable book on that branch of the Rice family. (I don't know the name of it at the moment.)

Another son was William Rice, (s/o Henry Rice) d. 1831, Wilson Co, TN; m. in Caswell Co, NC, Esther Chounanunty

Another possible son was John Rice, believed to be the father (no documentation) of Stephen Rice (who m Phoebe Brashear, dau of Robert Samuel Brashear), John B. Rice, and Polly (Rice) Brashears (Mrs. Zaza Brashears Jr--nephew of Robert Samuel Brashear)

Henry Rice, b. 1717, lived at least in his early years on "Big Sandy River" in VA, according to Melvin Little's book, "Henry Rice, Tennessee's Pioneer Gristmill and His Twelve Children". Matthew Rice, d. 1775, s/o Thomas and Marcey Rice, of Hanover County, VA, and his family lived on the waters of the Sandy River in Prince Edward County, VA, according to Paul Rice's book, "Rice Family. Ancestors and Descendants of Early Jackson County, N.C."

John B. Rice served in the War of 1812, in Capt William Neilson's Company of militia Infantry, East Tennessee Volunteers. He joined 30 Sep 1813, at a rate of \$8.00 per month. His wife-to-be's brother, Walter Brashears, was in the same company. The two men were life-long friends. Later, in Decatur Co, TN, John B. Rice helped Elizabeth (Roberts) Brashears, widow of Walter, to secure her bounty land grants, based on Walter's service.

John B. Rice and Sarah Brashears lived their early married life in Roane Co, TN, where all of their children were born. In 1830, they were sending their two oldest children, Eliza Jane and Isaac Columbus, to a subscription school run by Master John C. Harvy. For each child, they paid 75 cents per month tuition for twelve months, beginning Jan 4, ¼ in corn, ¼ in pork, ¼ in cotton, and the balance due either in wheat or linen, all delivered to Mr. Harvy's home.

Between 1831 and 1835, John and Sarah Rice moved to Perry Co, TN, (area now Decatur Co) and lived in the area near Scotts Hill. They bought 100 acres of land in Perry Co. on 19 Jan 1836, 169 acres in Decatur Co on 27 Aug 1846, and 346 acres in Decatur Co on 4 Sep 1846, adjoining their other property. By 1860, John and Sarah owned over 1000 acres of land and owned 8 slaves.

In their family Bible: "John B. Rice deceased December Thursday morning at 2 o'clock the 5 day, aged 87 years, 2 months and 3 days."

"Sarah Rice deceased May, Saturday night at 10 o'clock, 23 day, 1874, aged 85 years 7 months & 7 days."

"Difference in ther deatthes... one year five month & eighteen days."

GENEALOGICAL TIDBITS FROM THE MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL DURING THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF 1876, By Jonathan Kennon Thompson Smith

Descendants of Phoebe BRASHEAR

"Memphis was laid out as a town in 1819, on what is known as the John Rice grant, being a grant of 5000 acres of land from the State of North Carolina to John Rice; John Rice having parted with his interest to John Overton, Andrew Jackson, William George and James Winchester, who were the original proprietors of the town."

Tombstone - Rice, John B., Oct. 2, 1785-Dec. 5, 1872, military marker "Pvt Brown's Regiment East Tennessee Volunteers War of 1812"; on granite base: "This chapel and cemetery was donated by John B. Rice from his adjacent farm after Civil War. It was first called Rice's Chapel and was of the Methodist denomination."

Phoebe BRASHEAR and Nathaniel MASON were married on July 9, 1801 in Knox Co, TN. **Nathaniel MASON** (son of MASON) was born in 1769 in Virginia.

From: **Angerer, Crockett, Dill, McCune, Inman, Mason, Payne, Ritchie, Usery, and Wright Families of Missouri - tree of Linda Jo Payne-Gatch**

"Nathaniel Mason voted in the petition to form Roane county election in 1801 at Roane County, Tennessee.

The Roane County Sheriff reported that Nathaniel Mason was "not to be found within the bounds of this county" when he attempted to serve papers on him. We may assume that he skipped the country. It is possible that Nathaniel Mason simply abandoned Phoebe, or that they got a divorce.

Nathaniel Mason was a soldier at South West Point, the garrison at Kingston; he was probably a brother of Daniel Mason, who married Phoebe's sister, Mary Brashear.

Daniel and Nathaniel Mason who were probably brothers, were the first of that name in Roane County. Their relationship to Col. George Mason has not been proven, but according to Goodspeed's History of East Tennessee "Daniel (1770-80 - 1839) came to Fort South West Point as a young man from the Potomac River in either VA or MD. Nathaniel Mason married (7/9/1801) Phoebe Brashears, daughter of Robert Samuel Brashears. Daniel Mason married (3/6/1797) Phoebe's sister, Mary "Polly" Brashears, who was the well-to-do young widow of Robert Gilliland who had bought [land] in 1794 (Knox Book C, p.22) 640 acres on the north side of Clinch River from Reed and Swaggerty"

Phoebe BRASHEAR and Nathaniel MASON had the following children:

II. **Margaret Elizabeth MASON** was born between 1800 and 1810 in probably Tennessee

III. **Jesse H MASON** was born about 1802 in Tennessee. Living in St Francois County, MO with second wife Eltin by 1850.

IV. **Elizabeth MASON** was born in 1812 in Tennessee. She died between 1854 and 1860 in Arkansas.

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