

## Owen Sizemore

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Born: 1755 VA

Married: Elizabeth Bingham

Died: 1837 Hawkins CO. TN

Parents: Edward Sizemore & Winifred Green

Owen Sizemore Sr. was born ca 1755 in Halifax Co. Va., and died abt. 1837 in Hawkins Co.,Tn. He married Elizabeth Bingham in 1777-8. She was born 1760, and died about 1840.(Hawkins County Circuit Court Minute book 1742-1848 records the following: A Aaron Anderson administrator of Elizabeth Sizemore decd. vs. Stephan Delp, judgement for \$14.90. 15 July 1841.@ ) Owen was the son of Edward "Ned" Sizemore who was born 1725 died 1779?. Ned was reputed to be a full blooded Indian. Over 2000 of the descendants of Owen, and his brothers George, and Lydia Sizemore Blevin (wife of James Blevin) filed Eastern Cherokee Application beginning in 1906.(The Eastern Cherokee Applications are recorded in the national archive Washington. DC)

Edward "Ned" Sizemore probably moved from Halifax County, Va., with the New River settlers in 1767 near the border of Fincastle/Montgomery County VA & Surry County NC . A tax list 1771-4 of Surry County NC, records Edward Sizemore. According to some descendants, Edward "Ned" Sizemore was hung by Benjamin Cleveland in a corn field near Wilkesboro North Carolina about 1780, but no first name was given in that record which reads: (Draper letter 5DD110, p1-2 ) first name was not remembered by James Gwynn, who witnessed the hanging. Gwynn stated that he knew the man's last name was Sizemore, but could not recollect his first name.") Some of these New River settlers were recorded in both VA & NC records, " A 1780 Montgomery County delinquent tax list's included Owen Sizemore, with the notation "moved to NC." Several Tory uprisings are recorded in this New River area: "Montgomery Co. area, 1779. At the request of Captain John Cox, those who were engaged in the insurrection, Edward Sizemore, Owen Sizemore, David Smith, Thomas Penorese, and James Green were allowed to take the Oath of Allegiance, and post bond for good behavior." ( Summers Annals p. 720,721,in Western Waters by Kegley)"

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Owen, Edward and George moved to South Carolina about 1781. These events suggest they may have fled North Carolina after the insurrection, which may have lead to their father Ned's hanging by Col. Cleveland. Military records show that all three were paid as Royalist in Rev. War. Owen & Edward were paid as SC Royalist Feb. 24 --April 24, 1781. Owen was probably living in SC 28 July 1784 when his daughter Lydia was born, then he moved back and purchased land on Praters Creek in Wilkes Co.,NC. He sold this farm to his brother George , and moved to Hawkins County, Tn., abt. 1799-1800.



Owen lived in the Clinch, Pumpkin Valley area of Hawkins County, and near the present day Hancock County, Tennessee Line.

Article from online research

Information from:

[www.jgoins.com/sizemoreowen.htm](http://www.jgoins.com/sizemoreowen.htm)

**OWEN SIZEMORE (father probably Edward "Ned" Sizemore);** born probably in VA or SC ca. 1755; died between 1836 and 1840 in Hawkins County, TN; married Elizabeth "Betsy" Brigham. Owen was consistently found in records of VA, SC, and NC with his brother George Sizemore during the 1770's period through 1800. Sometime prior to 1810, he moved his family to Hawkins County, Tennessee where he remained the rest of his life. His will dated March, 1836 named his wife and several children indicated in the chronology below. The chronology will also indicate that Owen was active in the Revolutionary War as a Tory in Virginia and later with the British Royalists forces in Camden, SC. He had one of the early land entries in Ashe County, NC, obtaining a 400 acre grant there in 1786 (although not otherwise found in NC until 1792). The 1800 Ashe, NC Census lists two daughters who have not been identified. I speculate that one of more of these older unknown daughters may have married before the family left Ashe for Hawkins and stayed in NC. Very possibly the oldest was Mary "Polly" Sizemore who married Randall Hubbard and lived in Ashe County. A daughter Cynthia (otherwise unidentified) is named in ECA's # 34400 and 40116. ECA 34400 also lists a daughter Tulesther not identified in Owen's will (could she be Tabitha who is not listed in that ECA?)

Information from Sizemore Legend and Fact by Roy Blevins

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OWEN SIZEMORE, MARCH 12, 1834 OR 1836? ALCEY SIZEMORE, WIFE

SOLOMON SYZEMORE, OWEN SIZEMORE. ELIZABETH WILLIS.

PHENABY ---SIZEMORE. SALEY BROWN, NANCY STAPLETON

AIREBREY ANDERSON, LIDDA SIZEMORE, RE AGGY STAPLETON

Document above is from: "Hawkins County, Tennessee, Marriages and Wills" by Lucy Kate McGhee. Above document lists Lidda Sizemore as a daughter.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA ROYALISTS

Muster, Captain Robert Pearis' Company, SC Royalists, Camden, SC, 24 Feb 1781, 60 days inclusive, 24 Feb-24 Apr 1781

Nr	Rank	Name	Remarks
1	Captain	Pearis, Robert,	recruiting
1	Lieutenant	Waugh, David	
1	Sergeant	Graham, George,	prisoner with the rebels
2	"	Adair, John,	on command
3	"	Miller, William	
1	Corporal	Harrison, Benjamin	
2	"	Dickson, John	
1	Drummer	Hornett, John	
1	Private	Farmer, John	
2	"	Sizemore, Edward,	(deserted 19 Apr 1781)
3	"	Sizemore, Owen,	" " " "
4	"	Sellers, Solomon	
5	"	Niblet, Levi	
6	"	Sutherland, Gibson	
7	"	Williams, Nathaniel,	deserted 19 Apr 1781
8	"	Marke, Henry	
9	"	Taylor, John	
10	"	Greer, James	
11	"	Saunders, Moses	
12	"	Kelly, Dennis	
13	"	Dickson, Michael,	prisoner with rebels
14	"	Hamby, Thomas,	" " "
15	"	Hamby, William,	" " "
16	"	Libby, John,	on command and recruiting
17	"	Stevenson, William,	" " "
18	"	Bird, Thomas,	" " "
19	"	Allsway, Joseph,	" " "
20	"	Buffington, Samuel,	" " "
21	"	Attaway, Harley,	" " "
22	"	Hamby, Isaac,	" " "
23	"	Stone, William,	" " "
24	"	Ball, Jacob	" " "
25	"	Poor, Edward,	" " "
26	"	Fannon, David,	deserted 26 Jan 1781
27	"	Carter, Jesse,	" " "

Mustered at Camden, SC, 24 Feb 1781: 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 2 corporals, 1 drummer, 8 effective private men

attest: John Jenkins, Deputy Muster Master  
Provincial Forces  
David Waugh, Lieutenant  
SC Royalists

(PAC, RG81 "C" Series, Vol 1902)

Article from online research shows that Owen and Edward deserted the South Carolina Royalists. It is believed that at this time they migrated to Hawkins County, TN.

The will Of Owen Sizemore SR Dated 12th March 1836 Recored in will Book 1 I Owen Sizemore Being of sound and perfect mind and Memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form as Follows First I give and bequeath into my loving wife all my real and personal Estat her life time Secondly I give and bequeath into my daughter Alcey a sorrell mare a Saddle and Bridle and a young cowalso 2 featherbeds and furniture. futher give and devise unto my two youngest children Solomon and Alcey the plantation where i now live One Hundred to my daughter alcey the other hundred Solomons bounds at the lower farm next to MFS Monahun I want at my wifes death all my personal property to be equally divided between my two sons Solomon and Owen and my (x6x marked Over) eight daughters to wit Elizabeth Willis, Phenaby Monhun, Sally Brown , Nancy Stapleton, Tabitha Anderson, and alcey also my daughters Lydia Sizemore, and Aggy Stapleton on this 12 day of march 1836 Signed By Owen (X) Sizemore, Witnesses were Lewis Click, and Samuel Brown  
Above transcribed will from online research at: Ancestry.com

Copy of original will follows on next page.

A note from Wayne Peters (Peters/Sizemore family historian):

As I stated on the Sizemore home page, tracking the Sizemore ancestors has been extremely difficult. Stories of an Edward "Ned" Sizemore being hung for being a Tory is complicated by the fact that there appears to be several Sizemore families at this time in history with the names Edward, Owen, and George There is documentation that Edward and Owen were deserters of a South Carolina Royalist Company (see Muster on next page). They seem to have been popular names back then, especially for the Sizemores. My wife's mother has told us that she was told growing up that they were part Cherokee, but again, no facts to this assertion have been found. I can not conclude which stories are true or accurate but I simply place them here as possibilities. Perhaps future researchers may finally be able to sort out the truth from fiction.

James Jones  
 Will of Owen Seymour  
 Dated Mar 12 1836

I the said Owen Seymour being of sound mind perfect memory and necessary age make and publish this my last will and Testament in and with force as follows To wit I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth all my real and personal estate the like I have bequeathed to my son Solomon and my daughter Ellen the said Owen Seymour and I further give and bequeath unto my son Solomon the said real and personal estate and I have bequeathed unto my daughter Ellen the said real and personal estate and I have bequeathed unto my son Solomon the said real and personal estate and I have bequeathed unto my daughter Ellen the said real and personal estate

to my son Solomon one hundred & my daughter Ellen the other hundred Dollars the said of the same and unto the said my wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath all my personal property to be equally divided between my son Solomon and Owen and my wife Elizabeth to wit Elizabeth Miller Phineas Chapman Gabe Brown Harvey Stephen William Anderson and Ellen the said my daughter Lydia Seymour and my wife Elizabeth. This is my last Will and Testament by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and first my Seal. This 12 day of March 1836  
 Owen Seymour (Seal)  
 Signed sealed published and delivered by the above named Owen Seymour to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator  
 Lewis Chick  
 Samuel <sup>his</sup> Brown