

## John Cates



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Born: 1751 NC

Married: Mary Lawrence

Died: 5 Sep 1829 Jefferson, TN

Parents: Robert Cate & Elizabeth Wyatt

1. **John CATE** was born in 1753 in NC.. He died in 1827. He was buried in Dumplin Valley Baptist Church Cem., Dumplin, Jefferson Co., TN..

**John Cate Sr.** came to Dumplin Valley in 1782 from North Carolina. He was one of the passengers on the ship Safety from England, settling first in Edenton, N.C. then moved to Orange Co., N.C. and then to Dumplin. He had 15 children and was said to be the "patriarchal" leader of the entire valley much in the manner of **Abraham**. He was one of the charter members of Dumplin Valley Baptist Church, which is still in 1999 an active church. He is buried in the church cemetery. The old **John Cate** home is a "historic Dumplin Valley home". The house was built in 1825 is a colonial style red brick home painted white. The bricks made by slaves. It is said **Mary** still makes appearances in the home. Dumplin Creek was said to have gotten it's name during the Revolutionary War. The local militia was camped at the creek and making dumplings for their supper, when the British attacked and scattered the locals, then dumped the dumplings into the creek.

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~famtrees/CATE/john\\_1.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~famtrees/CATE/john_1.htm)

HISTORY  
OF  
TENNESSEE

From the Earliest Time to the Present; Together with an Historical  
And a biographical sketch of from twenty-five to Thirty  
Countries of East Tennessee, Besides a Valuable  
Fund of Notes, Original Observation, Reminiscences, Etc.  
Illustrated

Chicago and Nashville: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1887  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TN – starting on pg. 856.

The first Baptist congregation was established in 1786 as French Broad Baptist Church. It met at Coon's Meeting House, two and one-half miles east of Dandridge (property of Michael and Rebecca Coons/Koontz). This church has a complete record from its beginning.

**Dumplin Baptist Church** was organized in 1797, its members having petitioned the French Broad Church for permission in 1794. John Cate, Sr., donated land for building the church, which was organized in 1797. Interestingly, 23 of the 27 charter members of Dumplin Baptist were women. Tidence Lane, progenitor of several Jefferson County family lines, was the first Baptist minister to establish a permanent church in present-day East Tennessee (Buffalo Grove, in Washington County).



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John Cate, Sr., was the first member enrolled on the records of Dumplin Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Tennessee, when it was organized in 1797.

Dumplin Baptist Church; photo taken January, 1999.

**GEORGIA D. A. R.**

**Mrs. Minnie W. Farley, daughter of J. C. and Mrs. M. J. (Zeigler)**  
 Martin ..... 6- 2-1887  
 B. C. Zeigler ..... 1-27-18..  
 E. K. Zeigler ..... 12- 5-1894

**J. D. AND EUGENIA HOWELL ZEIGLER.**  
 Bible owned by Mrs. J. D. Zeigler, Lake Park, Ga.

**BIRTHS:**

Joseph Lot Howell.....	1848	Mary Ann Barbary Cates..	12- 1-1829
Remie Farmer Stanfield...	1841	Jacob D. Zeigler.....	12-23-1851
Jacob Jefferson Zeigler ..	6-14-1821	Eugenia T. Howell.....	2-29-1864

**Children of J. D. and Eugenia Howell Zeigler:**

Stella May.....	5-22-1886	Ethel T.....	2- 5-1897
Lottie Cora.....	8- 8-1889	William F.....	10-24-1901
Mary I.....	9-28-1891	John Russell.....	4-11-1905
Joseph J.....	8- 2-1893		

**Grandchildren of J. D. and Eugenia Howell Zeigler:**

Mattie Lou Lane.....	9-28-1913	Ethel Doris Lane.....	10-25-1925
Rosolind Lane.....	8-16-1919	Lester William Zeigler...	5- 1-1926
Harley C. Zipperer.....	8- 6-1914	Mary Emma Zeigler.....	2- -1929
Marie Remie Lane.....	10-13-1920	Barley Zipperer.....	12-28-1884
Ralph B. Lane.....	2-10-1923	John B. Lane.....	10- 9-1885
Joseph Franklin Zeigler..	9-15-1922	Ralph B. Lane.....	10- 9-1894
Talulah Antonette (Lunett) Lane.....	2- 5-1921	Eunice Knight.....	3-17-1903

**MARRIAGES:**

J. D. Zeigler to Eugenia Howell.....	10-22-1883
Jacob Jefferson Zeigler to Mary Ann Barbary Cates.....	3- 8-1846
Joseph Lott Howell to Remie F. Stanfield.....	----
Stella Zeigler to Harley Zipperer.....	12-19-1909
Lottie Zeigler to John B. Lane.....	3-23-1913
Ethel Zeigler to Ralph B. Lane.....	3-28-1917
Willie Zeigler to Eunice Knight (1st. wife).....	10-18-1921
Willie Zeigler to Mamie Sirmons (2nd. wife).....	----
John Russell Zeigler to Grace Bates.....	7- -1927

**DEATHS:**

Jacob Jefferson Zeigler (killed in service).....	5-28-1864
Mary Ann Barbary Cates Zeigler.....	4-12-1904

**JACOB AND MARY A. B. CATES ZEIGLER.**  
 Bible owned by Mrs. Holman Zeigler, Miami, Fla.

**BIRTHS:**

Jacob Zeigler, Sr.....	8-10-1782	John D. Cates.....	1797
Ann Zeigler (Pendavis)...	6-24-1751	Jacob J. Zeigler.....	6-14-1821
John D. Cates.....	1751	Mary A. B. Cates Zeigler..	12- 1-1829
Emily Zeigler.....	12- 4-1808		



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## MARRIAGES:

Joseph C. H. Zeigler to Emily Cates Hoffman	12-30-1830
Jacob Jefferson Zeigler to Mary Ann Barbary Cates	3-8-1846
John Jacob Cates to Narcissa Irabinett	9-4-1851
David Slatar to Ann Elizabeth Zeigler	12-9-1852
Duncan Clayton to Anna Catherine Zeigler	6-11-1856
John T. Allen to Emily Susan Zeigler	8-6-1856
Benjamin Cates Zeigler to Sarah Lander	11-13-1860
Joshua Martin to Mary Idella Zeigler	7-25-1861
Krastus Kelsó Zeigler to Malinda Griffin	6-14-.....
Robert I. Hinely to Mary Emily Zeigler	1-12-1870
Liman Carter to A. E. Allen	12-9-1875
Nathaniel Hiers to Ella Clayton	12-29-1881
William Alderman to Mildred C. Zeigler	1-12-1881
Laurence Manning to Jane E. Zeigler	11-20-1879
James O. H. Zeigler to Emily Cates	12-30-1850
John T. Allen to Emily Susan Zeigler	8-6-1856
E. H. Zeigler to Malinda Griffin	.....

## DEATHS:

Ann Daniel	5-10-1826
Washington Brown Zeigler	11-1-1826
Margaret Lavina Zeigler	11-21-1826
Elizabeth Zeigler	11-.....-1826
Daniel Cates	9-5-1830
Issac Zeigler	8-29-1838
Eliza Lorn (or Farn)	7-9-1841
Conrad Zeigler	12-2-1842
Jacob Hoffman	1-14-1842
James D. O. Zeigler	3-21-1852
Ellison Elmore Zeigler	8-28-1853
Ann Elizabeth Slatar (Slaten)	2-19-1854
William D. Cates	3-21-1857
Mary Hoffman	7-11-1857
Narcissa Cates	3-20-1858
Anna Ella Zeigler	7-10-1862
E. K. Zeigler	12-4-1864
Jacob J. Zeigler (killed in war)	5-28-1864
James D. O. Zeigler (killed in war)	6-1-1864
Alice E. Zeigler	11-30-1865
James Jacob Cabel Zeigler	1869
William R. Hinely	7-28-1872
Joshua O. Martin	7-4-1875
Joseph C. H. Zeigler	4-5-1878
Cabel Hoffman	1882
John S. O. Hoffman	6-18-1884
Jane E. Manning	12-29-1884
Mamie Zeigler, wife of H. M.	9-5-1885

During the Revolutionary War years, 1775-1783, there was very little hard cash (specie) in the new states. Paper money (currency) was printed both by the Continental Congress and by the individual states, but rarely, if ever, was there sufficient specie or bullion in the Continental or state treasuries to back up these issues of paper money. The saying, "Not worth a Continental," is based on the public lack of faith in the paper money which was issued between the outbreak of the Revolution in 1775 and the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1789. A depreciation in the value of paper money resulted in an inflationary situation. At one point, near the end of the war, one dollar in gold or silver was worth \$800 in paper money.

### PAY VOUCHERS AND CERTIFICATES

With little or no gold or silver in their treasuries, yet obliged to provide for necessary expenditures, North Carolina and the other states resorted to a complicated system of credit notes. In North Carolina this did not represent a new system, having been used during Governor William Tryon's administration (1765-1771) to defray the expenses of the War of the Regulation.

Very simply stated, the following procedure was used: In place of hard cash for military service, soldiers were issued vouchers or certificates as written promises that they would be paid a specified amount in hard cash at some time in the future. The same system was adopted to pay for goods or other services that were bought or impressed as the war progressed. (As a comparison, the situation would have been the same had the U. S. Government decided to pay its soldiers in World War II in savings bonds instead of dollars.)

<http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/FindingAids/Circulars/AIC1.pdf>

Below is a copy of a voucher issued to John Cates:

No 596. State of North Carolina Hillsborough  
 District Auditors Office February 13. 1782  
 This may Certify that John Cates  
 Exhib His Claim and was owed three  
 Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty pounds Current  
 Test Watts Clk John Nichols  
 £3750. Curr. y. A. Paton

## REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ACCOUNTS

Revolutionary Army Accounts are books that were kept in the fashion of ledgers, between about 1780 and about 1795, for the purpose of recording various Revolutionary War military payments. A few volumes were compiled during the war by the district auditors on the occasion of their issuing or reissuing specie certificates; but most volumes were compiled between 1788 and 1793, to explain and detail North Carolina's Revolutionary War expenditures when the state's military accounts with the Federal Government were being settled. There are thirty-one volumes in this series in the Archives; however, internal and external evidence indicates that some volumes in the series have not survived intact.

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Here is a copy of a ledger that includes the name of John Cates and matches the amount on the voucher from page 5.

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855	Charles Horton	440	
710	Wm Montgomery	202	
181	George Hooper	236	5
774	Alex. Bolling	720	
68	William Leathers	270	
862	Worham Glen	225	
160	John Douglate	355	10
1188	Jacob Albright	273	
173	Abram Allen	10	10
707	Wm Clendenning	1798	
420	Wm Johnston	1484	8
→ 596	John Cates	3,750	
588	Henry Hastings	2,249	5
1133	John Rutherford	552	
1129	Matson Baldridge	600	
715	Edward Gwin	3,800	
731	Wm Cocal	8,134	
391	Wm McCauley	6,752	
106	John Christmas	572	
500	Gilbert Haughan	1,328.4	
683	Thomas Hart	7,206	
158	Wm Ware	8	
740	Wm McCauley	6,306	
513	John Hart	3,201	
588	John Haughan	6,000	
702	Charles Johnston	2,956	
854	Ben. Rhodes	75	
787	Wm Shippard	45	
397	John Parby	807	5
600	Wm Pickett	852	
170		64,168.7	



Head Stone of John Sr. Dated (1753-1827)

Buried in Dumplin Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, TN



Cemetery Photo

Gate to Dumplin Cemetery at top of hill. Located behind Dumplin Baptist Church.