

Sevier County Census, 1850:

Archibald Trotter	51	b. Tenn.	(b. April 29, 1801, d. Aug. 29, 1877 , 1873)
Susana	"	40	Va. (b. Nov. 19, 1802, d. Dec. 16, 1855)
Mary	"	26	Tenn. Above dates from markers in Middle Creek
John	"	22	" Cemetery, and the census ages of these two
Jane	"	20	" are different; however, the Cemetery mark-
James	"	17	" ers should be more nearly correct.
Anna	"	15	"
George	"	12	"
Harrison	"	10	"
Dolly	"	8	"
Jemina	"	5	"

After the death of Susana Trotter Archibald married Rebecca (Rambo) Nichols, widow of Vance Nichols (b. 1814, d. 1842). She was a sister of John M. Rambo and Robert Rambo, and daughter of Peter Rambo and Frances (Marshall) Rambo. Rebecca was born in 1817 and died in 1891. Rebecca and Vance Nichols' son, Andrew W. Nichols (b. 1840, d. 1885) married his step-sister, Dolly Trotter, daughter of Archibald and Susana Trotter (b. 1842, d. 1883). Walter Nichols, Sevier County, and Mrs. Flora Rule of Knoxville, were children of the latter couple.

Anna Trotter, daughter of Archibald and Susana, married John Nichols. He died as a Union soldier at Murfreesboro during the Civil War. His widow then married John Murphy of Walden's Creek. Hettie Jane Nichols, daughter of John Nichols and Anna (Trotter) Nichols, married John Fox of Walden's Creek; some of their children living today are: West Fox, Roy Fox, John (Bud) Fox, Mrs. Harry Vaughan—all of Walden's Creek. John Nichols was a brother of Vance Nichols and both were sons of John Nichols Sr. who married Esther V. Black. The father of John Nichols Sr. was Flayl Nichols, Revolutionary War soldier from Bedford County, Virginia, who married Nancy Hatcher in Virginia in 1780; they settled with their family on West Fork of Little Pigeon near old Shiloh Church about 1790.

John Trotter, son of Archibald and Susana Trotter, married Mary Nichols (b. 1830, d. 1889), daughter of John Nichols Sr. and Esther (Black) Nichols. He was a local Methodist minister and they lived on Walden's Creek near Roy Fox's store. Most of the land on both sides of Walden's Creek in this vicinity was owned by John Nichols Sr. Rev. John Trotter and Mary (Nichols) Trotter had at least the following children: J.W. Trotter, Knoxville school teacher for many years; Nan Trotter who married Tillman Fox of Walden's Creek; and Alex Trotter who lived at Pigeon Forge.

Jane Trotter, daughter of Archibald and Susana Trotter, married Joseph B. Nichols (b. 1828, d. 1852); the latter was also a son of John Nichols Sr. and Esther (Black) Nichols. They had one daughter, Susan Nichols, who married Aaron Crowson of Wear's Valley. Her father died when she was an infant and she was raised by the Trotters on Middle Creek.

Who was Susana Trotter, first wife of Archibald Trotter?

Trotter Family, Middle Creek.

Mariah dau. John S.
 B. Jan. 14, 1812. M.
 Solomon Seaton migrated
 to Lathrop, Md.

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John Trotter Sen.	73	b. Md.
Aisley "	68	N.C.
Asia "	32	Tenn. (blind)
Asia "	19	"

The above "Aisley" Trotter was John Trotter Sr. second wife. It would be my guess that she was a daughter of Meady White, early settler on Middle Creek. He had another daughter, Sabra White, who married Robert Shields, son of the first Robert Shields, who with his wife, Nancy Stockton, ten sons and one daughter, settled early in the upper Middle Creek section; it was the latter Robert who built Shield's Fort. In 1797 the Indians killed William Shields and badly mutilated his body somewhere in the Middle Creek country. William was a son of the first Robert Shields.

Is the grave of John Trotter Sr. marked in the Middle Creek Cemetery? Does anyone know anything about Polly Haggard, his first wife?

Amos Trotter	40	Tenn.
Polly "	39	
Elizabeth "	15	
John "	13	
Asa "	12	
Andrew "	9	
Hetty "	8	
Amos "	5	
William "	4	
Mary "	2	

Who was Polly Trotter, wife of the Amos above?

Henry Trotter	23	Tenn.
Harriett "	24	"
Susannah "	1	"

This Henry Trotter must have been a son of Archibald and Susana Trotter. His wife was Harriet Carnes, daughter of Hubbard Carnes and Dicy Robertson; the latter was born in 1800 and was a sister of Gleason Robertson, Judge Ben Robertson's grandfather. Hubbard Carnes was a miller and before the Civil War operated a mill opposite John Seaton's on my father's farm. What happened to the Henry Trotter who is listed as a son of John Trotter Sr. and Polly Haggard Trotter? And what happened to Dolly Trotter, daughter of John Sr. and Polly? I have in my possession a sketch of Henry's Trotter's life, written by himself in 1905; one of my students brought it to me last year. He told interesting stories about camp meetings at Middle Creek; his home was at Pigeon Forge.

W.H. Trotter	36	Tenn.
Sarah "	21	

Married a Husk
 Buried in Sev. Co.

W.H. Trotter (con):

John	"	12	Tenn.
Elizabeth	"	10	"
Isaac	"	8	"
Maria	"	6	"
Ashley W.	"	1	"

William H. Trotter was a son of John Trotter Sr. and Asa(White) Trotter. Sarah his wife was Sarah Trigg Emert, daughter of Philip Emert and Elizabeth Reggan. Philip Emert was a son of Frederick Emert I, who settled very early in the Emert's Cove section of Sevier County. This Frederick Emert's wife was Barbara Nightish?, as shown by his Revolutionary War pension file in the National Archives, which I examined in July of this year(1953). Frederick died Jan. 7, 1829 and his widow, Barbara, died July 7, 1842. Dr. Burnett's Emert family did not have these dates; neither did he learn the name of Frederick's wife. The pension application was rejected because the son, Daniel Emert, filed for the pension after the death of both father and mother and there was no provision in the law for a pension to the heirs of deceased soldiers or ~~wid~~ deceased widows.

James Trotter	"	24	Tenn.
Sarah	"	22	"
Jemima	"	3	"
Asia	"	1	"

The above James Trotter must have been the James listed as a son of John Trotter Sr. and Asa (White) Trotter. Who was his wife, Sarah? The given name "Jemima" is used in the Butler family on Middle Creek; do you know its origin?

Isaac Trotter	"	29	Tenn.
Mary	"	26	"
Sarah	"	5	"
Amos C.	"	3	"
Daniel W	"	1	"

This Isaac must have been the son of John Sr and Asa(White) Trotter? Who was Mary, his wife? Is the Amos C. Trotter ~~age 3 this 1850~~ ~~the oldest brother who~~ lived to be quite an old man, where ~~behind John Trotter's day~~ and Asa (White) Trotter

John T. Trotter	43	Miller Tenn.
Tillitha	"	18
John	"	16
Martha	"	13
Asia	"	11
Sarah	"	8
James	"	5
Pleasant	"	2
George	"	2/12
Nancy	"	

listed as "John Sevier?" The census taker may have made this mistake. Who was Tillitha? Where was his mill? He is listed in the census as being worth \$6000.00, quite a large sum in 1850.

Was he same man as Uncle Amos Trotter, old bachelor, who lived where Ratt. County lives?

West J. Trotter	34	blacksmithing	Tenn.
Margaret "	29		"
Louisa "			"
Pulaskie "			"
James "			"
Alexr "			"
Nancy "			"

The above West J. Trotter must have been the son of John Trotter Sr. and Asa (White) Trotter. Who was his wife, Margaret? Where did he live and have his blacksmith business?

William J. Trotter	20	Tenn.
Mary R. Trotter	18	" married within the year

Who were the above two Trotters?

J.T. Trotter	37	Tenn.
Mary "	30	
Laransey "	15	
William "	13	
Mack "	10	
Jane "	7	
Randal "	5	
Maria "	2	

The above J.T. Trotter was James Trimble Trotter, son of William Trotter, Revolutionary soldier, who settled on Flat Creek, Sevier County, about 1798. It is my belief that he was a brother of John Trotter Sr. who settled on Middle Creek, Sevier County, and that both were sons of William Trotter of Augusta County, Virginia, Miss Jesse Trotter's g.g. grandfather.

The following is the Revolutionary War Pension File of William Trotter which I abstracted in the National Archives, Washington, D.C., in July, 1953:

William Trotter Virginia Service S 1598

3 Sept. 1832, William Trotter, Sevier County, Tenn., appeared before Wm. C. Maples, Elijah Cate and Randall Hill, justices of the peace; stated that his age was 69. That he lived in Augusta County, Va. during the Revolution, and enlisted there as a substitute for Richard Trotter; that he was under Capt. Thomas Smith in Col. Samuel Lewis' regiment of militia; their rendezvous was at Widow Fears on South River; they marched across the James River and went to "Williams Burgh,"; at latter place Gen. Washington took command in chief; Gen. Muligburgh was his brigadier; then they marched to Yorktown and he was at the siege of Yorktown and helped capture Cornwallis; then they marched back to "Williams Burgh," and waited at latter place for supplies; he was verbally discharged and there-

fore had no documentary evidence of his military service; signed, George McCown, Co. Court Clerk.

25 July 1833, William Trotter amended above declaration before Isaac Love, justice of the peace, Sevier County; stated that he was born in December, 1763, in the "neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,"; that he lived in Augusta County, Va. for 12 years after the Revolution and then moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee, and remained there for 3 years, then to Sevier County, Tennessee. He stated that he was acquainted in his present neighborhood with Col. Alexander Robertson, Capt. William Robertson, Robert and Matthew Henry, Col. M.C. Rogers, Sheriff George Rogers, and William Canterbury.

If the list of Miss Jesse Trotter's g.g. grandfather William Trotter's family is accurate, I feel confident that the above William Trotter who served in the Revolution in Virginia was ~~xxxxxx~~ the William in this list; therefore, a brother of John Trotter Sr. and Richard Trotter for whom he stated he served as a substitute. However, John Trotter Sr., or the Middle Creek John, was born according to the census of 1850 in 1777, and the Revolutionary soldier William, who settled on Flat Creek, was born in 1763 by his own statement in the Pension File, but this would not be too much difference in a large family of nine children.

Does anyone in the Trotter family know the approximate date of John Trotter Sr. migration to Sevier County? It is clear from the above Pension File that the Flat Creek William came about 1798, stopping for three years in Jefferson County. The Middle Creek John Trotter would have been 21 years old in 1798. Have these two sets of Trotters in Sevier County ever claimed relationship?

If you find errors in any of this and that is very likely feel free to correct them, because much family history is a compilation of errors.

I wish you would check the families of Trotters in the census of 1850 and give the maiden names of the wives, if you know them. Any other data that you or any Trotter descendant could add to this would be helpful. I am sending you two copies of this; you can make corrections or additions on one copy and return it to me.

Miss Jesse's copy seems based on Chalkey's Augusta County, Virginia, records, which was published in three volumes, and is considered a very good source. I was glad to get this data because I have wondered about these two Trotter families in Sevier County and if there was not some connection.