



Jacob Keller (L2BK-L35) (<https://familysearch.org/tree/#view=ancestor&person=L2BK-L35&section=memories>)

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### JACOB KELLER AND FAMILY

First, a background of the time-frame of our early Keller ancestry. The first permanent settlers came south from Virginia into a new territory. After 1691 this province was called North Carolina. Jacob Keller was born about 1747 and Rowan County was not officially created until 1753. Basically he was born in Rowan County North Carolina. It is interesting to note that a Temple Index Bureau card for Henry Keller, born about 1758, of Shenandoah, Virginia listed Temperance Keller Penrod, a granddaughter of Jacob Keller, as "heir" and the relationship given as "relative". Jacob married Barbara (Barbary) about 1771. Barbara was born about 1757 in Rowan County. Her surname was not recorded in the available records. Jacob and Barbara's children were all born in Rowan County North Carolina. JOHN was born in 1772. he married Rose Walker 15 October 1798 and reared a large family in Rowan County. He left a will dated 4 April 1849 and the administration was dated September 1857. CATHARINE was born in 1774. she married Daniel Ernest about 1789. Her name appears in the document of the division of her father's land. She died before 1841, the date of her mother's will. BARBARA was born in 1776. she married Joseph (Youst) Cope about 1791. Her name appears in the document of the division of her father's land. JACOB was born in 1778. His name appears in the document of the division of his father's land. HENRY was born in 1780. He married Susanah Latham 13 January 1806. His name appears in the document of the division of his father's land. MARY (Molly/Polly, names used interchangeably) was born in 1782. She married Henry Nail/Neal, 1 September 1798. Her name appears in the document of the division of her father's land. CHRISTINA (Tene) was born in 1783. She married George McClamroch 16 July 1798. George came to Rowan County and brought with him a daughter Nancy from a previous marriage. Christina's name appears in the document of the division of their father's land. ABRAHAM was born in 1784 (Census: 66 in 1850). He married Sarah Hinkle 13 April 1809. All eight of their children were born in Rowan County North Carolina. They then moved to Dongola, Union, Illinois. Abraham's name appears in the document of the division of his father's land. CHRISTOPHER (Christian) was born in 1786. His name appears in the document of the division of his father's land. Christopher died before 1841, the date of his mother's will. ISAAC was born in 1788. His name appears in the document of the division of his father's land. JOSEPH was born in 1790. His name appears in the document of the division of his father's land. Jacob Keller had applied for a land grant and received a large tract of land in 1786 located in the State of North Carolina in Rowan County (which became Davie County in 1836). The land grant totaled approximately 1,169 acres. Bear Creek ran the full length of his land. Jacob Keller died, intestate, in Rowan County at age fifty-six. The administration of his estate was dated May 1803. For the division of the land the Court, using the services of surveyors, produced a detailed drawing and description of the boundaries of each lot. Jacob had given his eldest son John his share of the estate sometime earlier. After the Court assigned 364 acres to his wife Barbary the remainder of the land was divided into ten (ten) parts. Lots were cast and the heirs drew lots for their portion of the estate. On November 3, 1803 the Court ruled: "one year's provisions for the widow of Jacob Keller." Barbary Keller continued to live in her home and finished raising the children. She was about forty-six years old when Jacob died. She was eighty-four years old when she wrote her Will in 1841. She had been a widow for at least thirty-eight years. Barbary named each of her children in her will, except Catherine and Christopher who must have died

before 1841. Jacob Keller and Barbara (Barbary) were honorable, devoted parents. Their family was nurtured in love and contentment. They loved North Carolina - having been born, lived, loved and died amidst its beauty. They were always faithful to each other and their family. We, their descendants, appreciate this small glimpse into their lives.



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