

Martin Johnson, Sr

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Birth: Aug. 8, 1777
Lunenburg County
Virginia, USA
Death: Jan. 19, 1851
Madison County
Arkansas, USA

Martin was born in Virginia to James and Rachael (or Rebekah) Martin. His father drowned in a creek while bathing when Martin was only seven months old. His mother died abt. 1807 in North Carolina. His parents' burial locations are unknown.

Martin married 1st, Sarah "Sallie" Combs (1779-1829) abt. 1796 in Hawkins County, Tennessee. She was a daughter of Dorothy and Mason Combs, Jr. (1747-1802). Martin and Sarah had twelve known children: Elizabeth "Betsy" (Mitchell), William M., James B., Dorothy (Griffey), Pleasant Miller, Matilda, Thomas Murrell, Martin, Jr., Sarah, Richard Murrell, Nancy and John Clark Johnson.

During this marriage, Martin had a plantation. He also served briefly in the Tennessee Militia during the War of 1812: "On 28 Jan 1814, Martin JOHNSON was mustered in as a Sergeant in Capt. James TATE's Company of Col. Stephen COPELAND's 3rd West Tennessee Regiment of the General Thomas JOHNSON Brigade. He was discharged in May 1814" [combs-families.org]. This service made him eligible for bounty land granted in an 1850 act by Congress,

Sarah died in Warren County, Tennessee in 1828 but her burial site is unknown. Martin married 2nd, Mary Ann "Polly" Warren (1776-1862) on Jun. 14, 1829. They immigrated to Madison County, Arkansas, following other family members. The plantation was left in the hands of Martin, Jr.

Martin and Mary were buried in the remote, Martin Johnson Cemetery. Their graves are unmarked. Martin's descendants placed a memorial marker for him in the more accessible Wesley Cemetery in 1972 (see photo). The marker shows he died in 1852, but this appears to have been from a transcription



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error in an 1857 affidavit.

Family links:

Spouse:

Mary Ann *Warren* Johnson (1776 - 1862)

Children:

William Johnson (1800 - 1885)*

John Clark Johnson (1810 - 1885)*

Thomas Murrell Johnson (1811 - 1894)*

Martin Johnson (1813 - 1897)*

Dorothy *Johnson* Counts (1820 - 1881)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Martin Johnson Cemetery

Madison County

Arkansas, USA

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