

Early Jeans/Janes Records in Tennessee

Please send any additions or corrections to us, we will add them here to help everyone else out.

The earliest record I have found is for a Joseph Janes/Jean in Knox County. He was there before Knox was even formed in 1792.

Bedford County (formed from Rutherford, 1807)

1812 – Hardy Jeans, Tax List. Book just gives abbrev. for county as B there was only Bedford, Blount and Bledsoe Counties at that time, that started with a B.

1830 – Fanning Janes, Census

1830 – Oakley Janes, Census

1830 – John Janes, Census

1830 – There also looks to be Wm. Janes, James Janes, Keller Janes, Matthew Janes, Laben Janes and Wm. Janes. It looks like Janes, there are Jones around but they look like Jones.....

Blount County (formed from Knox 1795 plus other land added later)

1802 – July 13- Bethsheba Janes married Henry Williams

Question - could she be the child of Joseph Janes of Knox or Jesse Jeans of Roane?

1822 – Oct 17 -Elizabeth Janes married Robert Bohannon

Note- some have her as Elizabeth James moved to Murrey, GA

1823- Aug 17 – Sally Janes married David B. Tipton

Question - could they be the children of Jesse Jeans of Roane County? Published trees show Sally “Sarah”, wife of David B. Tipton as Sally Jones but the TN marriages show her as Janes. 1850 Census Jackson County, AL lists “Sarah” age 48 born in TN so born about 1802.

Bradley County (formed 1836 from Indian Lands)

1840 – Mary Jane, Census

Carter County (formed from Washington, 1796)

1830 – Wyatt Jeanes, Census

Cocke County (formed from Jefferson, 1797)

1821 Wm Jeans, Carter Jeans and John Jeans, Tax List.

1830 - Henry Janes, Census

Davidson County (formed from Washington, 1783)

1805 Daniel Jane Tax List (I see records of a Daniel James in this county)

1840 – David Gheen, Census

Franklin County (formed from Bedford and Warren, 1807)

1812- Tax List - Philip Jeans page 84, (listed in order Thomas Briant, Mason Briant, Thomas A. Williams, Philip Jeans, James Lamburth, Stephen Adcock, John Lyttleton).

1820 – Obadiah Janes, Census (Obediah is from the family of William Jeans of Albemarle County, VA)

1830 – Obediah Janes, Census

1840 – Michery Jeans, Census

1840 - Obadiah Jeans, Census

1840 – Riley Jeans (or Wiley?), Census

Giles County (formed from Maury, 1809)

1830 - Jacob Geen

Grainger County (formed from Hawkins and Knox, 1796)

1810 – Nathaniel Jean, Tax List

1816- March 14, Thomas Janes married Jane Windham

1816- Nov 17, Sarah Janes married Briant Davidson. Briant Davidson is in Lincoln County, TN 1820 next door to John Davidson and James Jones HQ page 130.

1830 – Nancy Jennes, Census

Greene County (originally formed from Washington, 1793)

1821 - Nathaniel Jaynes, Tax List

1830 – James Jeans, Census

1840 – Ann Janes, Census

1840 – Joseph Janes, Census

1840 – William Jeanes, Census

1840 – Wyott Janes, Census

Hardeman County (formed from Madison and Hardin, 1823)

John F. Gean, Census (son of Bird Gean of Chatham County, NC)

Hardin County (formed from the Western District of TN, 1819)

1820 – Isaac, Henry and Jesse Janes, Census, indexed as Jones.

1830 – Thomas D Jayne, Census

Hawkins County (Originally formed from Sullivan, 1787)

1840 – Henry Jean, Census

Henry County (formed from Western District, 1821)

1840 – Edward Janes, Census (two Edward Janes?)

1840 – James D. Janes, Census

1840 – Joseph Janes, Census

1840 – Thomas Janes, Census

Hickman County (formed from Dickson, 1807)

1830 – Allen Janes, Census (appears to be Jones, not Janes)

1830 - John Jean, Census (John Jean from Chatham County, NC)

1830 - William Janes, Census (there ar two William Jones and this William Janes or James, he is 2 pages from William Cotham and three from John Jean, he is age 50-60)

1840 – John Jeanes, Census

Humphreys County (formed from Stewart, 1809)

Jesse Janes, Census (Jesse is 50-60years old), there is a younger Jesse in 1840 but can't really tell if it is Jones or Janes, I guess Janes, he is in the same spot.

1840 – William Janes, Census

Jefferson County (formed from Greene and Hawkins, 1792)

1822 – Nathaniel Jayne, Tax List along with Blaney and Thomas Hazlewood.

1830 – Nathaniel Jayne, Census, 50-60 years old. Thomas Hazlewood 5 houses away

1830- Census - Milas or Miles and Stephen Janes (Stephen nindexed as Sope Janes)Neighbors are Sally Birchett, James, Thomas and Wm. Rankin and John Lockhart, Milas and Stephen are 8 houses apart. Milas is 30 – 40 years old and Stephen is 20-30 years old and apparently newly married. Also A Thomas Janes or Jones, this one is hard to tell, he is 5 houses away from a John Lockhart and there is a Joshua Janes or Jones on the same page.

Knox County (formed from Washington, 1792) (note first court held in 1790?)

1790- Joseph Janes in Hawkins County, area that became Knox County in 1792 and possibly the area that became Roane in 1801.

Minutes of the County Court of Knox County, TN

Joseph Janes in Knox County, TN in 1790 he is involved in a lawsuit in Court on June 26th.

John Davis vs. Joseph Janes, case still going on in 1795

Joseph West vs Joseph Jean, Knox County.

The first session of court in Knox County, TN was July 14, 1790.

July term, 1791

At the July term, 1791, the grand inquest

presented to the court the following persons for the offenses named: Patrick Simpson, Anthony Smith, Joseph Janes and Derick Simpson for a riot; Joseph Janes for an assault and battery upon Marie Lefevre, a widow; Patrick Simpson and Anthony Smith for an assault and battery upon Josette Andre, wife of Joseph Andre". It was the practice for the grand jury to appear at the bar of the court and make verbal presentment to the court of persons charged with crime, and for the court to direct the prosecuting attorney to draw up and sign the indictment. Upon this occasion the court appointed John Rice Jones, prosecuting attorney, and he prepared the indictments against these parties. These were the first indictments prepared in the county charging persons with the commission of crime, and John Eice Jones was the first prosecuting attorney. At the ensuing October term these parties were tried on these indictments and found guilty, and severally assessed with fines ranging from \$12 to \$22.

April 1796 Reese Mordicia Mendenhall vs Alexander Carmichael & Joseph Janes. Note- Alexander Carmichael lived in the portion of Knox that became Roane and the first court was held at his house.

Lawrence County (formed from Hickman and Maury, 1817)

1830 -James Janes, Census

1830 – William Jane, Census

Lincoln County (formed from Bedford, 1809)

1820 – David, John and Martha, Census (from Edmund Jeans line of NC)

1830 - Hardy Jane, Census

1830 - Jesse L Jane, Census

1840 – David Janes, Census

1840 – John Janes, Census

1840 – W.W. Jean, Census

McNairy County (formed from Hardin, 1823)

1840 - Jesse P. Jeans, Census (is he the Jesse in Hardin County in 1820? some of this family was supposed to have been in the area since 1814, from what I've read.)

1840 - Josiah Jeanes, Census

1840 – W.W. Jeanes, Census

Madison County (formed from Western District, 1821)

1830 - Edmund Janes, Census

Marion County (formed from Indian Lands, 1817)

1830 - William Geene, Census

Maury County (formed from Williamson, 1807)

1830 - Edward D. Janes, Census

1830 – John M. Janes, Census

Perry County (formed from Hickman about 1819)

1840 – Lewis Janes, Census

1840 – R.A. Janes, Census

1840 – Samuel D. Jaines, Census

1840 – Wyley Janes, Census

Roane County (formed from Knox, 1801 then expanded with land from Indian Territory, 1803)

1805 Roane County Tax List- Jesse Jeans. No other information on Jesse.

1813 Sept 18 – Mary Jeans married Joshua Birdwell, this family moved to Blount County, TN. Could Mary be the daughter, widow or sister of Jesse Jeans? The Birdwell family lists her as born about 1777. So possibly Jesse Jeans widow?

More about the Birdwell's – (from message boards) 1)Elizabeth Birdwell was born June 20, 1814 in Surry Co, NC, and died May 16, 1881 in Roane Co, TN. She married James N. Harvery son of Thomas Harvey and Susannah Smith. He was born October 08, 1811 in Surry Co, NC, and died March 08, 1891 in Roane Co, TN 2) I am looking for more information on Joshua Birdwell who was born Nov. 4, 1777. He lived at some time in Roane and Blount Co's TN. I don't know where he died, just that it happened in 1839. He married Mary Jeans and had at least six children; Patsy, Dicy, Elizabeth, Nancy, Sellers and Rufus.

1830- Zopher Jane, Census, one house away from a Thomas Raybourn in between them is Joseph Brashears.

1840 – Hardy Janes, Census

Robertson County (formed 1796 from what was considered Tennessee County?)

1820 - David and Anthony Janes, Census, Springfield District.

Rutherford County (formed from Davidson, 1803)

1830 - Ali Janes, Census

1830 – David Gheen, Census

1840 – Bazwell Jeans, Census

1840 – Hardy Jean, Census

Sullivan County (originally formed from Washington, 1779)

1830- James Blevins Janes, Census

Sevier County (formed from Jefferson, 1794)

1830 - John Janes, Census

1840 – Amey Jeans, Census

Smith County (formed from Sumner, 1799)

1820 – Joseph Janes, Census

Stewart County (formed from Montgomery, 1803)

1830 - John Ally Jane, Census

1840 – Haward Janes, Census

Sumner County (formed from Davidson, 1787)

1830 – Richard Janes, Census

Warren County (formed from White, 1807)

1812 – a Nathaniel Jones or James on Tax List (wondered if it could be Janes)

1820- Philip Jean, Census Philip is over 45 and has 5 kids and a wife, could he be the Philip on the Franklin County Tax List? He is not in Warren in 1830.

1830 - Isaac Janes, Census

1830 – Joshua T. Janes, Census

1840 – Alsa Janes, Census

Wayne County (formed from Hickman, 1817)

1840 - Geo Jean, Census

1840 – William Jean, Census

Weakly County (formed from Henry and Carroll, 1823)

1840 – Burgess Janes, Census

Williamson County (formed from Davidson, 1799)

1820 - Wilea Janes, Census, 2 males 16-26 and 1 female 16-26, 2 male slaves.

1830 – Judith T Janes, Census

Wilson County (formed from Sumner, 1799)

1820 – Drury Janes, Census

1830 – John Geenes, Census