**Jacob Wells (P-316216)  
Julian Walker SAR# 108224**

Jacob Wells was born in Duplin County, North Carolina. There is speculation about the origin of the Wells Family in Duplin County, North Carolina, even speculation about the name of Jacob's father. Any provable record concerning Jacob Wells' family will have to start with him. Jacob Wells, born 1758 in Duplin County, North Carolina, died 1843 in Duplin County, North

Carolina. Jacob was in the foot service (the Infantry) He served three separate times, 1779, early in 1781, and late in 1781. Each enlistment was for three months. The first two times he was in no battles, just a few skirmishes with the British. The third enlistment Jacob Wells was in the Battle of Rockfish Bridge and was captured by the British. He was released but he did not know how it happened. He told those interviewing him for his pension that one day an American officer showed up and made arrangements for the release of the prisoners. He was released but the British kept his mare and he never received compensation for her. After his release, he returned to his home in Duplin County. A typescript of his appearance in Court to apply for his pension is attached.

10 Mar 1785 Jacob married Mary Bowzer, daughter of Emanuel Bowzer and his wife Mary.

Jacob Wells and Mary Bowzer had five children, all born in Duplin County

i. Henry, born ca 1785, married Mary

ii. Hugh, born ca 1790, married Rhoda

iii. Jacob, born ca 1795, married 1st Boney, 2nd Sophia \_\_

iv. Alexander, born 1802, married Ann "Nancy" Flanagan

v. Mary, born ca 1805, married John Bradshaw

Jacob Wells married 2nd Elizabeth Evens, ca 1812, also in Duplin County. They had five children, all born in Duplin County:

vi. Margaret, born ca 1813, married Solomon Price

vii. Thomas E. born ca 1815, married Margaret S. Price

viii, Esther, born unknown, married John R. Taylor

ix. Elizabeth Jane, born 2 Nov 1819, married Benjamin Fussell who died 1890

x. Sarah Ann, born 1822, married John D. Malpass who died 1854

Sources:

"Descendants of Jacob Wells of Duplin County, North Carolina," by James W. Wells of Benton, Ark, privately printed 1973.

Typescript of appearance in court by Jacob Wells applying for his Pension

Response from DAR listing Jacob Wells as Rev Vet DAR papers Annette Wells McGhee Map of Duplin county during period after Rev War showing residences and cemeteries of Wells families

Surname Map, Duplin County., NC

Pension records from War Department