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A memorial marker was placed in Union Cemetery in Florence, Missouri on 27 April 2002, for John Chilcoat, Revolutionary War soldier from Pennsylvania. The Eldon Chapter NSDAR and the Christopher Casey Chapter SAR sponsored the event and placed bronze plaques on the marker. (Photo by Patsy West, 2002.)

Background

John Chilcoat, Revolutionary Soldier, the son of Robinson Chilcoat, was born in Western Run, Baltimore Co., MD on 27 November 1758. John died 10 July 1851 in Morgan Co., MO, at 92 years of age. He was a private and Indian spy in the Pennsylvania Militia during the American Revolution.

No burial site has been located, but he was probably buried on his farm in Florence, Missouri. In 2002, I received a memorial gravestone for John Chilcoat from the Veteran's Administration. This gravestone was placed in Union Cemetery, Florence, Missouri on April 27, 2007 at 2 p.m. The cemetery is located to the south of the Florence UM Church. The Eldon Chapter NSDAR and the Christopher Casey Chapter placed bronze plaques for his Revolutionary War service on the gravestone, and organized a lovely memorial service. Some Chilcoat descendants are also buried in Union Cemetery. Over 40 Chilcoat descendants attended this event, from as far away as Arizona, Canada, and Alabama.

John Chilcoat had two known wives: Susannah ___ who appears in land records in Madison Co., KY, and Huldah ___ who appears on deeds with John in 1825 and 1830 in Cooper Co., MO.

Location and Timeline for John Chilcoat:

1758, born in Western Run, Baltimore Co., MD. His family had lived in the Baltimore area for several generations.

May 1775 through end of 1777--serving in American Revolution from Bedford Co., PA

According to his pension application, he then moved back to Western Run, MD and then to Rowan Co., NC. The family story is that his father Robinson Chilcoat died in Rowan Co. of swamp fever or as a British Prisoner of War Camp, but we have been unable to prove this.

August 1799, John Chilcoat signed for his daughter Nancy to marry Alexander Wells in Madison Co., KY. Listed in 1800 tax list. Signs later for another daughter, Margaret, to marry James Harper in 1806. Richard Chilcoat b ca 1811 in KY and Wm J. Chilcoat, b ca 1812 in Kentucky lived next to John Chilcoat in the 1850 Census.

1812 to 1817. Records for John Chilcoat in Franklin Co., Tennessee. He was a member of the Winchester Home Guard during the War of 1812 and three of his sons, William, James and Thomas, served in the War of 1812 and received Bounty Land. Grandson James R. Chilcoat is born in Franklin Co., TN in 1812.

1819, 1822 Cooper Co., Missouri, John Chilcoat is listed in tax lists.

1820, John Chilcoat is enumerated in Cooper County, Missouri.

1824--John Chilcoat appraised a stray taken up by Ruben Smith; signed "x." 15 January 1824 *The Missouri Intelligencer*.

1828, John Chilcoat buys land in Cooper County, Missouri: Township 45, Range 18, Section 14, SW corner. Entry # 29027. Deed entered 6 February 1828.

1834, John Chilcoat appears in Cooper County, Missouri Court to seek a pension for American Revolutionary War service.

1835, Added to Revolutionary War pension rolls in Missouri.

1855, Guardians of his **two minor sons** appear in Morgan County, Missouri Court to seek bounty land for John Chilcoat's service in the American Revolution. John died 18 July 1851, in Morgan Co., Missouri.

Photos (2002) from log cabins on the farm where John Chilcoat lived in Morgan County, Missouri.



The log cabins date back to the 1860s, and may have been used by John Chilcoat and his family. The cabin on the left is viewable from the public road, to the right as you face the

private driveway that leads to Chilcoat's farm. The cabin on the right is only viewable from the private driveway, and is on the left as you drive up the driveway. Permission should be requested before going on the property. Both cabins are in poor repair, especially the one on the left, which appears to be the older. The larger cabin on the right has additions to its structure. (Photos by Patsy West, April 2002.) Chilcoat's farm is intact, as of 2002.

1850 Morgan Co., MO Census Schedule

1850 Missouri Census, Moreau Township, Morgan Co., MO, p. 233, 26 Aug 1850. Shows John Chilcoat and three Chilcoat males, his sons (?), enumerated in consecutive households.

Household & dwelling number 165, lines 11-13:

John Chilcoat, 95, M, Maryland
John V., 16, M, Laborer, Missouri
Joshua, 14, M, Missouri

Household and dwelling number 164, lines 5-10:

Household of Richard Chilcoat, 38, b Kentucky, farmer.

Household & dwelling number 166, lines 14-16:

household of William J. Chilcoat, 39, b Kentucky, farmer.

Household & dwelling number 167, lines 17-20:

household of Flawed [Floyd] Chilcoat, 23, b Missouri, farmer.

Appearance in Morgan Co., MO Court on 22 September 1855 of Guardian of John and Joshua Chilcoat, Minor Sons of John Chilcoat, Sr., deceased

State of Missouri)
Morgan County) ss

On this 22nd day of September A.D. 1855 personally appeared before this _____ Clerk of the County Court, witness and for the County and state aforementioned. John Vaught, guardian of John Chilcoat and Joshua Chilcoat minor heirs of the late John Chilcoat of Morgan County Missouri now dead, who being duly sworn according to law declare that said John Chilcoat Senior dead, was for many years previous to his death a citizen of Morgan County, State of Missouri, that during many of the late years of his life he drew annually a pension from the United States for his service as a soldier in the War of the Revolution that he has no personal knowledge of the time said Chilcoat entered the service of the United States or of the length of time he served, but he has been informed and believes that he entered the service in the state of Maryland [sic] and served for five years [sic]. He further states that said Chilcoat died in Morgan County Missouri on and about the 10th day of July 1851 leaving no widow and his wards John and Joshua Chilcoat are his only minor children and that he has no knowledge of the said Chilcoat ever having received bounty land for said service and believe he never did.

He further states that John Chilcoat and Joshua Chilcoat for an on whose behalf this application is made are children of said deceased and are not under the age of twenty-one years and through him as their guardian makes this application to obtain the county land to which they may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855.

John Chilcoat
Joshua Chilcoat
John-- his X mark-- Vaught, Guardian

Now Flawed Chilcoat and Jesse Jones residents of this County of Morgan state of Missouri upon an oath declares that he was personally well acquainted with John Chilcoat Senior. That he departed this life in Morgan County Missouri on or about the 10th day of July 1851, that he left no widow his wife having died some years previous, that since we were at the death of said Chilcoat now are well acquainted with John Chilcoat the persons named in the forgoing application and on whose behalf the same is made and we know them to be the identical persons they represent themselves to be and that they are under the age of twenty-one years and the only minor children of said record and that we have no interest in this claim.

Flawed-- his X mark--Chilcoat
/s/ Jesse Jones

Children of John Chilcoat

Not all researchers have exactly the same list. It's hard to determine relationships, and determining children (versus grandchildren) is complicated by the fact that his proved children were born between about 1777 and 1837, a 60 year period.

1. **Anne "Nancy/Nanny" Chilcoat** married Alexander Wells in Madison County, Kentucky in 1799. Her father signed her marriage license. Her daughter, Susan/Susannah Wells Roberts moved to Lawrence Co., Alabama. Anne was b aft 1777, as she was underage at marriage. She and her husband died young, and their daughter was raised by her grandfather, John Chilcoat.
2. **Margaret Chilcoat** married James Harper in Madison Co., KY, 18 February 1806.
3. **Heathcote Chilcoat** was born in Bedford Co., PA 1779 and died 19 September 1858 at 79 years of age in Bedford Co., PA. He married Mary A. Gosnell.
4. **James Chilcoat** was born ca 1780 and died 1823 in Lawrence Co., AL. He married Jemima Fowler in Madison Co., KY, 7 January 1806. He served in the War of 1812 (from Tennessee), according to Larry Hill.
5. **William Chilcoat** was born ca 1780. William died 1826 in Lawrence Co., AL, at 46 years of age. He married Elizabeth Broiles in Madison Co., KY, on 24 August 1813. Four of John Chilcoat's older children married in Madison Co., KY (Anne, Margaret, James, and William).

William J. Chilcoat is listed in the 1850 Morgan Co., Missouri census, on the same page as Richard, John and Flawed (Floyd) Chilcoat, all shown as head of households. William J. Chilcoat is shown as being 29 or 39 (hard to read) and born in Kentucky. That would make his birth between 1810 and 1821. His wife is Elizabeth L., age 22/32 and b in Missouri. He has one son Thomas W. Chilcoat, one month old and b in Missouri. Family researcher James Chilcoat shows him as a son of John Chilcoat, b 1758. Larry Hill shows John Chilcoat, b 1758, as having a son William Chilcoat b ca 1780, but not one born between 1810-1821 in Missouri. We haven't found any record information about whether William J. Chilcoat is a son or grandson of John Chilcoat, b 1758.

1860 US Census, Morgan Co., Missouri, Richland Twp, p. 570: William Chilcoat (age 32) and his wife Elizabeth (age 32), John Chilcoat, age 7; Margaret Chilcoat, age 5, and H---Ann, age 20. All are shown as being b in Missouri.

There are two William Chilcoats in the **1900 US Census, Morgan Co., Richland Twp, p. 114: #91, William Chilcoat, b September 1871, age 28, wife Susan F., b Aug 1787, age 23, married three years; Emet [sic Emmett] F., son b Nov 1899 (6/12); All persons and both of their parents were shown as b in Missouri.**

Household #93: **William Chilcoat, head, b Nov 1826** (age 73); wife Mary A., b Sept 1836 (age 63), married 7 years, she has no chn living or ever; W--- H. White, grandson, b May 1885, age 15. William b Missouri, both parents b in Maryland; wife and her parents b KY; grandson and his parents all born Missouri.

6. **Thomas Chilcoat** was born in Madison Co., KY 1795. Thomas died 1887 in Winston Co., AL, at 92 years of age. He married Patience Fowler. Patience was born 1797 in Kentucky. Patience died 1863 in Winston Co., AL, at 66 years of age. Larry Hill says he served in the War of 1812 (from Tennessee).

7. **Richard Chilcoat** was born in ?Winchester, Tennessee 1812. He married twice. He married Sarah Harmon and later Rebecca __. (Census, 1850 age 38, MO). In *Missouri Marriages Before 1840* (compiled by Susan Ormesher, Baltimore: GPC, 1982), p.42, a Richard Chilcote married Sarah Harmon on 2 August 1838 in Morgan Co., Missouri (formed from Cooper Co.). By 1850, his wife's name is Rebecca, and she is shown as a widow by 1860. In the 1850 Missouri census, there is a Richard Chilcoat, age 31 or 37 (b between 1812 & 1819) in Missouri, with a wife, Rebecca, age 29 b Kentucky. Richard is the household next to John Chilcoat (b 1758).

8. **Floyd Chilcoat** was born in Cooper Co., MO on 9 January 1820. Floyd died 13 October 1873 at 53 years of age. He married Susan Dinwiddie in Morgan Co., MO, 18 February 1844. In the 1850 Census, Floyd Chilcoat was listed as a head of household in Moreau Township, Morgan Co., MO: Floyd, age 23, b Missouri, with Sarah age 29, Frances (f age 5), and Huldah C. (f age 3) in his household.

In 1860, Floyd Chilcoat is enumerated in Dallas Co., MO (household dwelling # 156, household # 175.) He is listed as 39, farmer, born in Alabama. Sarah is listed as 39, b KY. Frances Dinwiddie, age 75, b Virginia, is listed as a "house hand." Presumably, Frances is Sarah's mother. James Chilcoat of Glendale, AZ shows Floyd's birth as 9 Jan 1821 and his death as 1859.

?9. **Susan Chilcoat** was born about 1828. She married John Dinwiddie in Morgan Co., MO, 6 January 1848. James Chilcoat shows her as a daughter of John Chilcoat, b 1758, but Larry Hill does not.

10. **John Valentine Chilcoat** was born in Cooper Co., MO ca 1835. He married Orry Jane Estes. He is mentioned in court records in 1855 as a son of John Chilcoat.

11. **Joshua Chilcoat** was born in Cooper Co., MO ca 1837. He married Mary Baty. He is mentioned in court records in 1855 as a son of John Chilcoat.

References

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7. My research and that of James Chilcoat; Larry Hill; Joan; Warren Louis Forsythe; Brenda Chilcoat; and Rita and Chris Wuehrmann.