

**The Nance Memorial**  
**A HISTORY OF THE NANCE FAMILY IN GENERAL**

**RICHARD NANCE**

Was born about 1714; his ~~wife was Mary~~. He no doubt went from Dinwiddie, to Bedford County, Virginia, as his sons, Nathaniel and Thomas came from that county. He probably spent his declining years with his son, Thomas, as the Bedford records show that on 27 Mar 1780, he deeded eight negroes and all other real and personal property to his son, Thomas.

The children of Richard and Mary Nance, were Elizabeth, who married William Jones, and had one child, Mary Jones, who married John Bates, 10 November 1774. She was born 25 September 1749, and was left to the care of her grandparents, Richard and Mary Nance.

Richard and Mary Nance were also the parents of three sons, William, Nathaniel and Thomas. Nothing further is known as to the family of Elizabeth Nance and William Jones. Nathaniel was a planter in Dinwiddie County, and appears to have remained there. Nothing is known as to his posterity.

**WILLIAM NANCE**

Was twice married. His first wife was a Hawkins. She bore him two sons, Hawkins and Mourning, and three daughters. Nothing is known as to any of these five branches.

His ~~second wife was Mary Thorpe Hoard~~, widow, whom he married in 1784. They were the parents of six children, Thomas, Joel, Paschal, Mary M. (Ryan) and Elizabeth (Bocock), it is said settled in Kentucky, near Roring Springs, Trigg, County. Paschal never married. Thomas and Joel each reared a large family, it is said. Mary had no children. Nothing is known as to the family of Elizabeth.

**JOHN NANCE**

John is the remaining son. He remained in Bedford County, Virginia, caring for his mother in her old age. He was born in 1790 and died in 1846. His wife was Martha Estes. They were

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first cousins, their mothers being sisters. They were the parents of fifteen children.

**JOEL NANCE**

Joel Nance married Polly Philpot in Virginia. Nothing more is known of him, only that he had one son, Clement, and a son, Allen. Allen is said to have lived in Benton, Kentucky; to have had one son, Rev. George Nance, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Texas. It is more than likely that Joel is the son of William Nance, and grandson of Richard Nance who was head of the above family. Joel is said to have emigrated to Kentucky with his brothers, **Thomas**, Paschal, and Peter, between 1810 and 1826, settling near Roaring Springs, Trigg County, Kentucky.