

Some researchers (from years ago) showed that John was born in Lancastershire, England, but I don't know what the source for that is. Recently Elizabeth Bailey found some Baptismal records from Lancashire County, England in the Urswick Parish Register that shows a "John Pemberton" baptized on 16 Oct 1742, a son of Richard Pemberton, Berdsea (or Bardsea). She also found in the same records a marriage for Richard Pemberton, Bardsea, Sailmaker and Ann Atkinson dated 10 Feb 1739/40. Now it seems likely that Richard and Ann (Atkinson) Pemberton are the parents of the John who was baptized on the 16th. The question remains whether this was our John Pemberton or not, but it certainly could be. Our John would have been 4 days old at that point in time.

A follow up question is whether or not "Lancastershire" and "Lancashire" are the same place. I've done no English genealogical or historical research, so I'm not very familiar with English place names.

Though his parents are not known (though Richard and Ann are certainly strong candidates), it is very likely that John Pemberton was a brother to George Pemberton and William Pemberton. Their relationship to each other is unproven, but they are related without doubt. The proof of their connection is this. John Pemberton's daughter Sarah, married George Pemberton's son Thomas. That shows that John and George were related somehow. Secondly, John Pemberton's son Staunton Pemberton was witness to William Pemberton's Will in Washington Co, VA. John, When William's widow Nancy made her Will in 1818, she named Jonathan King as Executor. Jonathan was son-in-law of John Pemberton. George and William Pemberton were all about the same age as John, and they all clearly knew each other, so it does seem likely they were brothers or somehow closely related.

If John Pemberton was actually born in England, then he was a fairly "late" immigrant to America, coming sometime just before the Revolutionary War. There were many Pembertons in Virginia (and New England also) in the early 1700's, so I've always wondered if he was actually born in England or if perhaps he was really born somewhere in Virginia instead.

The earliest record we have for John Pemberton is in Culpeper County Virginia in 1768 when he purchased property from Stephen Souther. I'm sure this is the same John Pemberton because this is the county where his wife Elizabeth Delaney was from. The deed was dated 8 Aug 1768 per the Index. I have not seen the actual deed, so I don't know the details. (Culpeper Co, VA Deed Book E page 561, shared by Betty Pierce)

John Pemberton married **Elizabeth Delaney** before 1766 probably in Culpeper County, Virginia.

For years, researchers listed John's wife as Elizabeth Stanton (or "Staunton"), and although no one ever presented any evidence, it was generally accepted as correct, because they did name one of their sons "Staunton Pemberton". A year or so ago my cousin Jeff George sent me copies of the Charles N. George (1790) letters that he had in his possession. Several of those letters were between Charles N. George and General John R. Delaney (1799-1879) of Sullivan

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Co, TN. I had seen the General's name before as he had filed an affidavit on behalf of Charles' widow Celia Smith George for her Widow's Pension application for Charles' War of 1812 service. I assumed that Delaney and George had served together in the War of 1812, until I realized that he was not old enough to have served in that war.

After reading several of the letters from General Delaney I finally noticed one he signed as "your cousin". I was shocked, for I had never come across the Delaney name in relation to my George family, and immediately set out to determine how the Delaneys could possibly be cousins to the Georges. I knew very little about John R. Delaney so I looked him up and found that his parents were William Delaney (1755-1831) and Nancy Rodes. I saw no connection here either. I then found that William Delaney had a sister named Elizabeth Delaney who married a John Pemberton, and that none of the Delaney researchers had any additional information on John Pemberton and Elizabeth after marriage, but that Elizabeth Delaney was born 28 Jan 1746. Our Elizabeth Pemberton was born 27 Jan 1746 per her tombstone!

I realized the mystery was solved. Gen. John R. Delaney was a 1st cousin to Charles N. George's mother Elizabeth Pemberton George, daughter of John Pemberton and Elizabeth Delaney. As far as I knew, no one else had found this before, so I immediately contacted several of my George and Pemberton cousins and told them about it, and all agreed that my theory was correct, and they began to dig into it some more and found lots of Delaney data, including the fact that Elizabeth Delaney (wife of John Pemberton) was a daughter of John Delaney and Frances Staunton (thus explaining the name Staunton Pemberton).

So after years of mistakenly thinking John Pemberton's wife was a Stanton, we now know she was Elizabeth Delaney, born either on 27 Jan 1746 (per tombstone) or 26 Jan 1746 (per Delaney records, which I think is from a Family Bible, though I have not seen the record). Elizabeth was born in Virginia, probably in Orange County (but I'm not sure of that). Elizabeth was a daughter of John Delaney (1718-1803) and Frances Stanton. This is proven by the Will of her father dated 28 Apr 1800 when he named his heirs including daughter "Elizabeth Pemberton".

On 15 Mar 1773, Jonathen Cowherd, John Delany and John Pemberton appraised the estate of Richard Breeding alias Cross, deceased. (Culpeper Co, VA Estates, shared by Betty Pierce).

Sometime in the late 1770's or at least by ca 1781, John Pemberton and family (along with some of the Delaneys) moved down to Sullivan County, North Carolina (now Tennessee) and settled there.

It is probable that John Pemberton was in several of the militia units called up during the numerous Indian troubles, but I haven't found any records proving that.

John Pemberton was involved in the Revolutionary War. He served with the "Over the Mountain Men" in the Battle Of Kings Mountain (October 1780). At this time, John Pemberton

was a Captain. After the war he obtained the rank of Colonel by 1788.

On 10 Oct 1784, John Pemberton received a North Carolina Land Grant of 306 acres in Sullivan County on Little Sinking Creek adjoining John Cawood (Caywood), Robert Thompson, John Shelby, William Thomas, Thomas Gibson, William Delaney (his brother-in-law) and his own land. (Sullivan Co, TN Deed Book 1 page 224)

In 1788 Colonel Pemberton was involved with the dispute between John Tipton and John Sevier when Sevier laid siege to Tipton's home. John Pemberton came to the defense of Tipton. Details of this are recorded in "Historic Sullivan. A History of Sullivan County, Tennessee with brief Biographies of the Makers of History" by Oliver Taylor, 1909. It is also recorded in "Annals of Tennessee" by J. G. M. Ramsey, 1853. Both books state that John Pemberton was a Colonel at that time (1788).

John would probably have been listed on the 1790 census, but unfortunately this census was lost for Tennessee.

In 1790, North Carolina ceded the western territories to the United States and Sullivan County became part of "The Territory South of the Ohio River" until 1796 when Tennessee was admitted as a state.

John Pemberton was listed on the 1796 tax list in Sullivan County, and taxed for 606 acres, 3 whites, and 1 black. The three whites were probably himself, his son James (1767) and son Thomas (1775).

John was listed on the 1797 tax list in Sullivan County. He was taxed for 505 acres (he must have parted with 101 acres since 1796). He was also taxed for 3 whites and 3 blacks.

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On 28 Apr 1800, John Delaney made his Will in Madison County, Virginia and named his wife Frances and children including Elizabeth Pemberton.

John would probably have been listed on the 1810 census in Sullivan County, but unfortunately this census record was lost for Tennessee.

John Pemberton was listed on an 1812 tax list for Sullivan County in Captain Harvey King's Company. He was taxed for 306 acres, and 0 whites and 3 blacks. No whites were taxable because he was apparently over the taxable age and was exempt.

Elizabeth Delaney Pemberton died on 7 Aug 1812 (per tombstone) in Sullivan County.

John Pemberton died on 25 Oct 1813 (per tombstone) in Sullivan County. John and Elizabeth are buried at the Pemberton Cemetery. An old cemetery survey referred to it as the

"Pemberton/Hawkins/Grant" Cemetery.

Teri Tillman recently visited the cemetery and recorded the information on the stones: "In Memory of John Pemberton Born Oct 12, 1742, died Oct 25, 1813". And there is also a newer stone for him that has the same dates and mentions he was a Captain at Kings Mountain. Elizabeth's stone says "In Memory of Elizabeth Pemberton Born Jan 27 1746, died Aug 7, 1812".

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