

# John A. Turnbough Biographical Notes

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**John A. Turnbough** originally immigrated to this country from Alsace-Lorraine, a small area now situated between Germany and France on the Rhine River. He was born there approximately 1740, but it is not known when he immigrated to Colonial America. He married a Margaret/Margit and lived in Chester, South Carolina, as early as 1767; there he had a 150 acre farm on the Enora River. He later served in the Chester District Militia during the Revolutionary War, horseman duty under Colonel Edward Lacey in Cap't. Samuel Adams Company.

1774      received Royal Land Grant - 96th District - A John Turnbough purchased 150 acres from the Crown on Sept. 13, 1774 on the waters of the Renkey Creek, in South Carolina.

1781      John Andrew Turnbough served in Chester District Militia of South Carolina under Col. Edward Lacey in Cap't. Samuel Adams Company during the Revolutionary War c 1781. He served three terms of enlistment in 1781 as follows:

February 40 days Horsemen's Duty

April 21 days Horsemen's Duty

July 53 days Horsemen's Duty

These short terms were typical for enlisted men who served in State Militia units during the Revolution. When a campaign was about to be launched, the officers would recruit men on a short-term basis, then when the campaign or the term of enlistment was up they would return home to their farms or businesses. The number of men available for a battle or campaign varied greatly because of these short enlistment periods, causing no small concern for the generals trying to win the war.

John was also compensated for a horse lost in the public service of the South Carolina Militia. Payment was authorized by John Buchanon.

1786      Lived in Greenville County, South Carolina. A John Turnbough was found purchasing a 323 acre tract of land on the Enorci River in district 96 in the state of South Carolina.

1790's    Family traveled westward into the French Broad Valley of East Tennessee and Knoxville.

1795      moved to Washington County, Kentucky

1796      moved to Green County, Kentucky

1802      moved to Adair County, Kentucky

John married Margaret CLAIRBORNE on BET. 1760 - 1770 in Greenville County, South Carolina. Margaret was born about 1740 in South Carolina.

(Also spelled Margit and Marget in some tree's.)