

GUTHRIDGE

James Gutridge

7g-grandfather

The connection between James Gutridge and the following generation is a little shaky but is based upon a common connection to the Turner family and the fact that next-generation John Gutridge's eldest son was named James.

If the connection is accepted, the James Gutridge story is still quite short. He probably lived from about 1725 to some time after 1769. He is recorded as a benefactor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Harford County, Maryland and is believed to be the first person buried in the parish cemetery. Two sons are frequently attributed to James Gutridge:

- John Gutridge, born about 1745
- James Gutridge

Sources and Related Information

- Robert Cochran website "Descendants of James Gutridge"



A recent photograph of Bethel Presbyterian Church

John Gutridge and Elizabeth Turner

6g-grandparents

John Gutridge, son of James Gutridge, was born about 1745 in Virginia and died about 1824 in Champaign County, Ohio. He is credited with service in the Revolutionary War.

Elizabeth Turner, daughter of Thomas Turner, was born about 1750 and died after 1824.

John and Elizabeth married about 1766 in Maryland and had 12 children:

A DECADE IN BRIEF

The 1770's

Incidents including the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party lead to the beginning of the American Revolution
✧ James Cook crosses the Antarctic Circle
✧ The Phi Beta Kappa fraternity is founded at the College of William and Mary
✧ John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman is born
✧ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is appointed concertmaster to the archbishop of Salzburg

- Sarah Gutridge, born about 1768
- Jane Gutridge
- James Gutridge, born in 1772
- Joseph Gutridge
- John Gutridge
- William Gutridge
- Catharine Gutridge
- Moses Gutridge, born in 1783
- Jesse Gutridge
- James Gutridge
- Aaron Gutridge, born in 1793
- Richard Gutridge

Throughout his life, John Gutridge and his family lived on the edge of the frontier. When he was quite old, son Aaron wrote these words about the life and times of his father:

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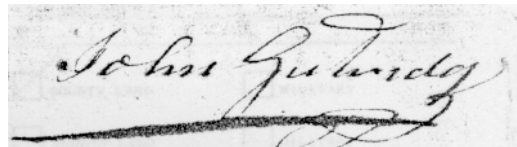
15th – Kentucky – June 1, 1792
16th – Tennessee – June 1, 1796
17th – Ohio – March 1, 1803
18th – Louisiana – April 30, 1812
19th – Indiana – December 11, 1816

Source

- Geobop.com

“My father, John Gutridge, was born in Virginia; from there he went to the State of Maryland. While there, in the year of 1766, married a lady by the name of Elizabeth Turner; remained there until after the close of the Revolutionary war ; from there moved to the State of Pennsylvania; lived there till the year of 1785. He and others moved down the Ohio river in flat boats, to what was then called Lime Stone, but is now known as Maysville, Mason county, in

Kentucky, and settled at Washington, near Kenton's Station. For a few years they were much annoyed by the Indian tribes, by killing of men, women and children, and calling their cattle and stealing their horses. I learned from my father that one dark, wet night the Indians stole his last horse, which was tied to the door-cheek of the house that they lived in. Often the men would follow them across the Ohio river. At one time the white men were about to overtake them. They had taken negro boy prisoner, cut his throat, and left him bleeding in their path then they scattered and made their escape among the drift wood of Eagles Creek, near what was called Logan's Gap. The white man's living was deer and buffalo meat. The first settlers of Kentucky underwent many privations and hardships; but many of them lived to see better days. There my parents buried their oldest son at Washington, Ky. My father was soon put in as Justice of the Peace and Judge of the Court, which office he filled as long as he remained in that State. My brother, Jesse Gutridge, was said to be the first child born, in 1786, in Mason county, Ky., white or black. My father still resided there. In a few years times became better; he followed farming and teaming on the road from the Ohio river to Lexington, Danville and other points My brother John was teamster, and was called the wagon boy. Times were fast becoming much better and prosperous. By this time my father got his mind placed on what was then called the Western Territory, north of the Ohio river, and in the year 1798 moved with his family into the territory. My parents raised twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, and all settled the territory on a stream of water called Fishing Gut. My father in a few years was elected Justice of the Peace in Adams county which office he filled until he moved out of the county. In the year 1807, he moved to the Madriver country, and settled on the east side of Dugan prairie, on the headwaters of Buck creek in Champaign county, Ohio. The people soon became alarmed about the Indians, and built a fort at John Taylor's mill, on Kings creek north of Urbana, but the fort was never occupied by the people At that time, the Indians were quite plenty in the Mad river country but seemed to be friendly ... my father was appointed Judge of the Court held at Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, which office he held until his health became impaired by sickness, then he resigned, and lived a retired life from business of any kind...”



Signature of John Gutridge
from an 1814 affidavit

Sources and Related Information

- Robert Cochran website “Descendants of James Guttridge”
- History of Champaign and Logan Counties, Ohio (Aaron Gutridge memoir), published 1872

Moses Gutridge and Margaret Slaughter

5g-grandparents

Moses Gutridge, the eighth of twelve children of John Gutridge and Elizabeth Turner, was born on August 12, 1783 in Mason County, Kentucky (nine years before Kentucky became the 15th state of the union). He married Margaret Slaughter (born about 1790) on January 12, 1814 in Champaign County, Ohio. They had seven children, who were given a modified version of the family name:

- Harrison Guthridge, born about 1815
- Joseph Guthridge
- Sarah Ann Guthridge
- Malinda Guthridge
- Absalom Guthridge
- Lemuel Aaron Guthridge, born in 1826
- Aaron E. Guthridge

A DECADE IN BRIEF The 1810's

James Madison and James Monroe serve as U.S. President ▫ The U.S. and Great Britain fight the War of 1812 ▫ Napoleon is defeated at Waterloo ▫ P.T. Barnum is born ▫ The bicycle is invented ▫ Spain cedes Florida to the United States

Both Moses and Margaret died in Champaign County, she in about 1833 and he in about 1836.

Sources and Related Information

- Robert Cochran website “Descendants of James Gutridge”

Lemuel Aaron Guthridge and Elizabeth J. Teeters

4g-grandparents

Lemuel Aaron Guthridge, the sixth of seven children of Moses Gutridge and Margaret Slaughter, was born on October 5, 1826 in Champaign County, Ohio. He became a farmer.

Elizabeth J. Teeters, daughter of Samuel Teeters, was born on November 29, 1826 in Henry County, Kentucky.

Both Lemuel and Elizabeth moved at some time to Morgan County, Indiana, where they were married on August 2, 1849. They had eleven children

- Willis A. Guthridge, born in 1850
- Samuel M. Guthridge
- Aaron G. Guthridge, born in 1857
- Margaret A. Guthridge
- Sarah Isabelle Guthridge, born in 1860
- Mary E. Guthridge, born about 1862
- Henry T. Guthridge, born about 1863
- James H. Guthridge, born in 1865



Approximate locations of Morgan County, Indiana and Champaign County, Ohio (green squares)



The gravestone of Lemuel and Elizabeth Guthridge in Centennial Cemetery near Martinsville, Indiana

- Maria May Guthridge, born in 1866
- William T. Guthridge, born in 1867
- A son, born in 1870, apparently died young

The family appeared in the 1880 census in Martinsville, Morgan County.

Lemuel died on April 4, 1911 in Morgan County and is buried in Centennial Cemetery in Green Township.

Elizabeth died February 17, 1916 and is also buried in Centennial Cemetery.

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- Robert Cochran website "Descendants of James Guttridge"
- U.S. census – 1880

The GUTHRIDGE line ends with Sarah Isabelle Guthridge, who married Thomas H. WILLIAMS.