

JOHN GROVE

John Grove, who served as Private in the War of the Revolution, joined the army at Romney, West Virginia when fifteen years old. His name is found on the Romney Pay Rolls, page 15.

John Grove was married to Mary Brown (no date given) who was born September 15, 1768 and was the child of William Brown and Elizabeth Shepherd Brown. William Brown was born September 13, 1724 and died in 1788. Elizabeth Shepherd was born October 8, 1738 and died in 1788.

Elizabeth Shepherd was the daughter of Thomas Shepherd (1705 – 1776) who married Elizabeth Van Meter, the daughter of John Van Meter. Their son, Duke Van Meter Shepherd, according to genealogy page 205-208 by Gordon Smyth, was a General.

John Grove had thirteen children, the second one being Jacob Grove, born August 25, 1787. Jacob Grove married Kissie Sangster, born February 6, 1785. Jacob Grove and Kissie Sangster Grove were the parents of Mary Grove, born December 21, 1821, died March 16, 1888.

Mary Grove married Joseph Kelso born September 12, 1814, died August 26, 1890. Joseph Kelso and Mary Grove Kelso were married in 1834. They were the parents of James Grove Kelso born January 11, 1835, died September 19, 1919.

James Grove Kelso married Elizabeth Cope August 17, 1869. Elizabeth Cope was the daughter of Daniel A. and Anna Moses Cope. She was born June 1, 1844, died May 30, 1904. She was one of a pair of twins.

Adah Florence Kelso, whose Revolutionary War ancestor is John Grove, is the second child and only daughter of James Grove Kelso and Elizabeth Cope Kelso. Thus her descent from John Grove is traced in the above genealogy.

It has been a matter of record that the Kelso family had part in the early settlement of America and gave service in the Revolution.

It has also been a matter of interest to the descendants of the Cope-Rowe family that their ancestry fought in the Revolution. However, these records have not been explored or pried into, and so, as yet, have no authoritative basis.