

JOHN HAAS

Sarah Haas, who became the wife of Joseph Parrett August 8, 1814, in Shenandoah County, Virginia, was the daughter of John Haas and Elizabeth Wilkins Haas. A baptismal certificate of Sarah Haas is in the possession of one of her great-granddaughters, Elizabeth Wilkins, the mother, was a daughter of Godfrey Wilkins, Sr. This Godfrey Wilkins and Frederick Parrett came to this country in the same sailing vessel. So in this marriage of Joseph Parrett to Sarah Haas, these two men found a closer tie.

John Haas was the son of John Haas, Sr. and his wife Catherine Kelp Haas. Catherine was the daughter of William and Susan Kelp of Lancaster Co. Pa.

John and Catherine's children as named in his Will were, John, Jacob, Mary Ann Heisey, Christina Gochenour, Elizabeth Gransdorf and Mary Guelting.

John, Jr's, as taken from family Bible were, William, John, Simon, Absalom, Adam, Lena Robertson, Sarah Parrett, Rachel Harris, Mary Grabill and Catherine Haas. The old home in Ohio, to which he moved along with the families of Philip Smoots and John Wilkins, is still standing near Utica, Licking Co., Ohio. There too, are the graves of John and Elizabeth Haas.

I have heard it said that it was not fair to admit into the D. A. R. those whose ancestors did not go forth to battle. Many, many years ago, King David listened to just such complaints. This is what he said, "For who will hearken unto you in this matter? But as his part is that goeth down to battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall share alike." The part of John Haas (sometimes written Hause) was to tarry by the stuff, but in the old Minute Book in the vault of the Court House in Woodstock, we find frequent mention of his providing beef for the army, guarding the jail, etc., and so we do him honor. In 1812, he is enlisted as a soldier in Virginia Militia.