

Notes on the Settlement and Indian Wars of the Western Parts of Va & Pa. by Joseph Doddridge (1769-1826) ^{MSA Lib.}

Alexander Wells ✓

John Doddridge, with Alexander Wells, and others settled near what is now Wellsburg W. Va. in 1773. Alexander built a mill there (Wells' fort). He died in 1813, aged 86, and was buried in the old Wells grave yard.

^(Joseph) ^(Mary Wells)
from "The son of John" "My mother died when I was about 6 or 7 years of age. My father then sent me to Maryland with a brother of my grand father, Mr. Alexander Wells, to school."

The frontier forts of Washington Co, Pa. dating from 1770-73 were about 37 in number. On Cross Creek was Alexander Wells' fort, near the junction of the north and south forks, in Cross Creek township.

The fort to which my father belonged was, during the first years of the war, three-quarters of a mile from his farm.

Quote from Joseph Doddridge

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Wellsburg^{W. Va.}, Brooke Co., 16 mi N. of
Wheeling, formerly called Charlestown, was
laid out as a town in 1790. It was
named for Charles Prather until 1816, when
it was changed to Wellsburg in honor of
Alexander Wells, a son-in-law of Charles
Prather

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The will of Capt. Zachariah Rankin who died near Hickory, Washington Co. Pa about Oct. 20, 1785, is at the registers office at Washington Pa., dated Oct. 17, 1785. It was witnessed by Robt. Lysle, Thos. Cherry, and Isaac Wells.

Among those who settled with Mr. Doddridge was Alexander Wells, who built a mill. Mr. Wells died in 1813, aged 86 years, and was buried in the old Wells graveyard. See notes on Wellshurg, (W. Va).

Mary Wells Doddridge was killed about 1777 by horses running away ^{with} a sled. Her body was buried on the Doddridge farm, but in 1824 was removed, with the remains of her husband, to Wellshurg. Mr. Doddridge was absent from home when his wife was killed; he had gone east for salt.

Notes Etc by Doddridge cont. ✓

The first church organized by Dr. Doddridge was St. John's Church in North Western Va. In 1793 it was a small log church.

Among the subscribers in 1800 were:

Abraham Wells

Richard Wells

George Wells

Thomas Wells lived on a farm in what is now Cross Creek Township. He was a noted warrior, hunter, and trapper.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Doddridge, the author of "Doddridge's Notes", was the eldest son of John Doddridge of Md of English descent, and Mary Wells, daughter of Col. Richard Wells of the same state. He was born 10-14-1769 in Friends' Cove, a valley situated a few miles south of the town of Bedford, in Bedford Co. Pa.

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The Doddridge Family

John Doddridge emigrated from England and settled in the colony of New Jersey. He was a descendent of Sir John Doddridge of Shepperton, England.

John Doddridge, the emigrant *John Doddridge*
Children: 2-14-1779

Anne Doddridge
Joseph Doddridge

Joseph Doddridge (died Bedford Co, Pa) ²⁻¹⁴⁻¹⁷⁷⁹ Married
Mary Biggs

Children:

Sarah Doddridge
Hannah Doddridge
Elizabeth Doddridge
Susan Doddridge
Mary Doddridge
Anne Doddridge
Phillips Doddridge
John Doddridge

John Doddridge B Maryland, 3-30, 1745 1st M
Mary Wells, daughter of Col. Richard Wells on
12-23-1767. She was born in Baltimore, Md.

Doddridge Family cont.

1776
1788
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9-19-1748. About the year 1768 they removed to Friends Cone, a few miles south of Bedford, Bedford County Pa, and left there for Washington Co, Pa in 1773.

See notes
Alexander
Wells

Mary Wells Doddridge died 11-30-1776;
John Doddridge died 4-20-1791

Children:

- Joseph Doddridge B 10-14-1769
- Anne Doddridge B 11-3-1770
- Phillip Doddridge B 5-17-1773 (became very prominent in legal and political life.)
- Susannah Doddridge B 5-6-1775 died in infancy
- Ruth Doddridge B 8-30-1776

John Doddridge 2nd M (1-23-1778) to Elizabeth Schrimplin B 10-26-1761

Children:

- Josiah Doddridge B 10-28-1778
- Eleanor Doddridge B 10-26-1780
- Abner Doddridge B 2-4-1783 died in infancy
- Benjamin Doddridge B 3-30-1784
- Enoch Doddridge B 7-4-1786
- John Doddridge B 5-6-1789

John Doddridge was the first settler in Independence Township, Washington Co. Pa. in 1773, coming from Bedford Co, and taking up

Doddridge family cont.

on a Virginia Certificate 437 acres of land on Cross Creek which was surveyed to him on April 6, 1786, under the title of "Extravagance".

The marriage of Joseph Doddridge, first born of John and Mary Wells Doddridge, and Jermina Bukey took place Sept, 1783.

Children:

Phillips Bukey Doddridge B Wellsburg 2-20-1795
died Columbus, O. 9-9-1860

Narcissa Doddridge B Wellsburg 4-7-1796
D 1-30-1874

Hezekiah Dunn Doddridge B 7-8-1799 died
in infancy

Eliza Matilda Doddridge B Wellsburg 8-10-1800
Died 2-1-1819

Harriet Sabilla Doddridge, wife of Major Williams
Duval, of Ft Smith Ark, B 8-14-1802 D 1-20-1841

Joseph John Gantt Doddridge B 5-27-1806;
died Woodstock, Ill. 2-16-1889

Bazaluel Wells Doddridge B 3-27-1809;
D in infancy

Susan Amelia Doddridge B Wellsburg 4-4-1811
died Mt Vernon, O. 9-25-1882

Robert Reeves Doddridge B Wellsburg; 12-8-1813
died Chillicothe O, 12-12-1825

Doddridge Family cont.

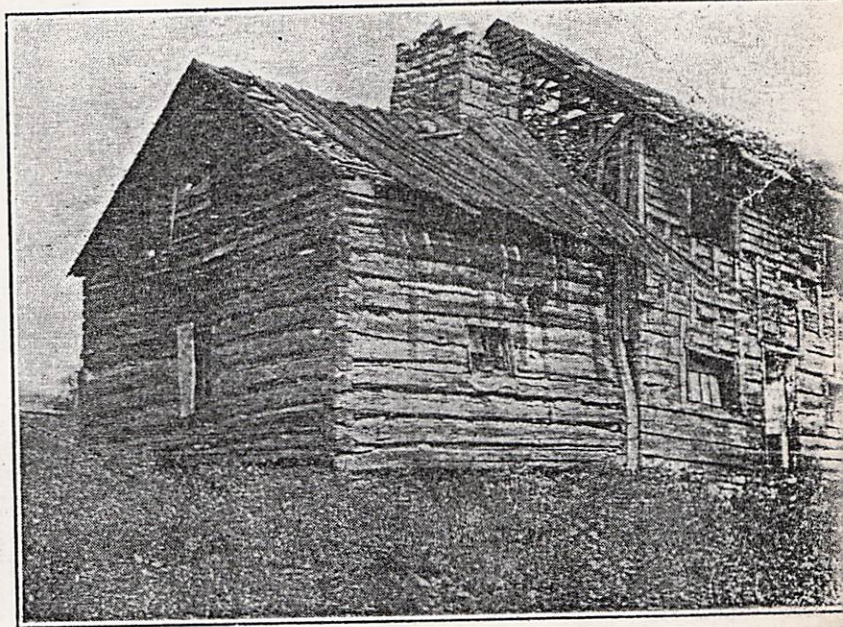
Charles Hammond Doddridge B Wellsburg
5-5-1816; died Chillicothe O, 10-19-1834

Mary Eliza Doddridge, wife of B. F. Brannan,
of Cincinnati B Wellsburg 12-20-1820;

died Cincinnati 4-10-1857. Their son

Joseph Doddridge Brannan was Bussey
Professor of Law in Harvard University.

Matilda Willis Doddridge, B Wellsburg,
2-28-1827, D San Francisco 11-20-1869



THE EARLY DODDRIDGE HOME IN 1911.

Built by John Doddridge at a date unknown. Probably the first dwelling erected in Independence township, Washington county, Pa.