

## **George B. Corbett** **1795 – 1879**

George Corbett was born 1795 in New Hanover County, North Carolina. He was the son of Thomas Corbett Jr. (his mother's name is unknown as of this writing). He married Sophie Sutton about 1824 (1) in Bladen County, NC (10). Their known children are:

1. Franklin - b. July 23, 1825 in Georgia and died October 31, 1867
2. Sarah - b. 1831 in Georgia

There is another male child whose identity is not known (2)

George Corbett was a veteran of the War of 1812. He served from 21 Jul 1812 to 31 Oct 1812 in Capt. John Mitchell's Company of the New Hanover NC Regiment, Twelfth Company. (10) He would be at or near 17 years of age at this time. The record also states he served for 6 months in Capt. Huzzey's Militia during 1813 as a substitute for Isaac Menton. (10)

George could be the male age 16-25 enumerated in the household of father Thomas during 1820 Population Schedule in Wilmington, New Hanover, North Carolina. The date of this enumeration was 7 Aug 1820. (4)

Sometime after the 1820 Census, George acquired land within New Hanover County. He sold said land to brother James Corbett in Nov 1827. (5) Five years later James sold the same land to Allen Peterson according to Book V.P. 161 on 19 Dec 1832. James relocated to Stewart County, GA the following year (1833).

Meanwhile. George, had relocated his family from New Hanover to neighboring Bladen County, where the family is found during the 1830 Census for that county.

Enumerated in this home are 2 males under 5 (Franklin and unknown) 1 male 30-39 (George) 1 unknown female 10-14, 1 female 30-39 (Sophie), 1 unknown female 40-49 (sister?) and one female 70-79 (mother). Three slaves were also enumerated. (6)

George is not found during the 1840 census in NC nor Stewart County, Georgia where his brother, James, and his family were enumerated.

George is found in Stewart County during 1850 as the head of household with children Franklin and Sarah. (7). The three are found living next to nephew Washington and his wife Amanda Lee. Residing in the dwelling next to Washington and Amanda are George's brother James Corbett, wife Susan and their six children. The same census indicates George had two slaves ages 9 and 11 in the household. (8) What is missing from this and subsequent census' is wife Sophie. She may outlived George as she files a Widows Pension claim

based on George's service in the War of 1812, as Sophy (3). George acknowledged Sophie as his wife in a post 1871 Pension Application (10) perhaps indicating a troubled, on and off-again marriage. No other records can be located for Sophie Sutton Corbett.

George's pension application stated he was living in Worth County, Georgia in 1855 (10)

The last year of George's life remain a mystery. We know his brother James and his family, and son Franklin and his family are found in Lowndes County, Georgia by 1860. George's pension application states he was in Lowndes in 1871. (10)

George passed away during 1879 in Lowndes County, Georgia. He is interred along with son Franklin and members of Frank's family in Hickory Grove Cemetery, Lake Park, Lowndes County, Georgia. (9)

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