

150. JOSEPH RENTFRO

Born before 1700

Died 1776 Bedford County, Virginia

Married 151. Mary (Owens or Randolph?)

Born

Died after 1776

Children (order of birth unknown):

James Rentfro

b. c1727

d. c1801 Lincoln County, Kentucky

m. (1) Lydia -----

(2) Mary Rucker Vawter

Hannah Rentfro

b. 1731

d. before 14 Nov 1772

m. Moses Rentfro

75. Mary Rentfro

b. (c1743?)

d.

m. (74. John?) Jones

Joseph Rentfro Jr

b.

d. 1800

m. Olive -----

John Rentfro

b.

d.

m. Abigail -----

Susannah Rentfro

b.

d. c1810

m. Jesse Rentfro c1768

William Rentfro

b.

d. 1789 Greene County, Tennessee

m. Chloe Taylor

Joshua Rentfro

b. 1757

d. 1815 Meade County, Kentucky

m. Jane "Jenny" Hairston 1786 Henry County, Virginia

Mark Rentfro

b. 1758

d. 1813 Roundstone, Rockcastle County, Kentucky

m. Naomi Standiford 22 Apr 1779 Henry County, Virginia (bond date)

The parents of Joseph Rentfro have not been determined nor is the maiden name of his wife Mary known for certain. The wife and surviving children of Joseph Rentfro are identified in his will which was dated 14 November 1772 and proved on 25 March 1776. (Bedford County, Virginia, Wills, pages 243-245, photocopy of published abstract from Philip C. Ellsworth, Bethany, OK, 1986; *P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850,*P 28,53* Donald Ott Manshardt, M.D., Peoria, IL, photocopy from Ruth Smitt, Walkerton, IN, 1986.) The 30-year span of childbirth suggests that Joseph Rentfro may have been married twice and that he may have had more children.

Among his heirs was daughter Mary Jones. Circumstantial evidence suggests that she was the wife of John Jones, who moved to Kentucky from Franklin County, Virginia. John Jones has been identified as the son of Robert Jones and Mary Van Meter who moved from Frederick County in northern Virginia to the area of southern Virginia that became Franklin County. (Data of Merlyn J. Cook, Sun City West, AZ, 1983, and Gertrude C. Mann, Rocky Mount, VA, 1984.) The Rentfro family also moved south from Frederick County, Virginia, where they were neighbors of the Jones and Van Meter families. Joseph Rentfro bought land from Robert Jones in Halifax County and was a neighbor of Robert and John Jones in the part of Bedford County that became Franklin County.

The close association of the Rentfro and Van Meter families is demonstrated by an article of agreement made in 1764 by Joseph Rentfro, Sr. of Bedford County, James Rentfro, Sr. of Halifax County, Henry Van Meter (Metre), Sr. of Frederick County and James Davis, Sr. of Frederick County involving 800 acres in Hampshire County, Virginia. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*, abstract Frederick County, Virginia, Deed Book 11, page 215.) James Davis, Sr. was the husband of Sarah Van Meter and a brother-in-law of Henry Van Meter, Sr. and also of Mary Van Meter who married Robert Jones, Jr.

James Rentfro, Sr. must have been a brother of Joseph Rentfro, Sr., since Joseph's son James was not born until about 1727 and his son James, Jr. was not born until about 1775. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

Joseph Rentfro had 500 acres of land in Frederick County which was part of the grant to Jost Hite, from whom he must have purchased it. He apparently sold it to Abraham Van Meter before 21 September 1751, when Van Meter obtained a grant for it. It was surveyed for Van Meter on 05 April 1754: (*P 28,52*Abstracts of Virginia's Northern Neck Warrants & Surveys, Frederick County, 1747-1780*P 28,53*, Volume II, Peggy Shomo Joyner, Portsmouth, VA, 1985.)

Abraham Vanmeter, 21 Sep 1751 - 05 Apr 1754; 500 a. where Joseph Rainfrow formerly lived & where sd. Vanmeter has ground cleared & built a log house near Opeckon being part of Hites grant; adj. Wm. Williams, John Keywood, John Lemon, John Wright, John Strode. Chain carriers - John Dixon & Wm. McNew. Surv. John Baylis.

John Lindsey, 05 Apr 1751 - 03 May 1751; 424 a. on br. of Opeckon; adj. Abrm. Vanmeter, Joseph Rentfrow, John Owlent, Peter Beller. Chain carriers - Moses Keyward & Simon Linder, Jacob Vanmeter. Surv. William Baylis.

Frederick County was erected from Orange County, Virginia, in 1743. This area was in Spotsylvania County when it was opened up for settlement by John and Isaac Van Meter in 1730, followed in 1731 by Jost Hite. Orange County was formed from Spotsylvania in 1734.

James and Stephen Rentfro were on a list of Orange County tax delinquents who lived in the Shenandoah Valley in 1738: ((*P 28,52*Abstracts of Virginia's Northern Neck Warrants & Surveys, Orange & Augusta

Counties, 1730-1754*P 28,53*, Peggy Shomo Joyner, Portsmouth, VA, 1985.)

A List of Delinquents Over Shanandore for ye year 1738

James Renfroe	hath no esta(t)e
Stephen Renfroe	hath no estate

All but two of the other names on the list were shown as "run way." One of the two was shown as "cannot be found" and the other as "no estate."

On 23 May 1737 William Rentfro asked the Orange County Court to replace him as constable with either Peter Woolf or Sol. Frowman. (*P 28,52*Orange County, Virginia, Deed Books 1 and 2, 1735-1738; Judgements, 1735*P 28,53*, John Frederick Dorman, Washington, DC, 1961.)

William Rentfro (Rentfore) appears on the Frederick County Rent Roll for 1746 with 200 acres of land. (*P 28,52*Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administration Accounts of Frederick County, Virginia, 1743-1800*P 28,53*, J. Estelle Stewart King, Scottsdale, AZ, 1961, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1982.)

One of the Rentfros of the Shenandoah Valley married a Quaker woman in 1733. The first case of discipline among the Friends of Opeckon pertained to Elizabeth Rentfro (Renfro), the widow of Joseph Hollingsworth who was remarried outside the church by a priest. The priest probably was a minister of the Anglican Church, since the Rentfro family belonged to the Church of England in southern Virginia. On the 17th of the 09th month 1733 Katherine Ross and Mary Litler were appointed to deal with the problem. Later the men's meeting asked Alexander Ross and John Litler to intervene. Mary Litler was a daughter of Alexander Ross and Katherine Chambers, who came to the Shenandoah Valley from Chester County, Pennsylvania. Alexander Ross had been an apprentice in Chester County with Caleb Pusey. Alexander Ross and Morgan Bryan sponsored the settlement of 70 families in the Shenandoah Valley. Also from Chester County, Morgan Bryan, whose wife was named Margaret Strode, was not a Quaker. (*P 28,52*Hopewell Friends History 1734-1934, Frederick County, Virginia*P 28,53*, John W. Wayland, Strasburg, VA, 1936, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1975.) While Alexander Ross was living with Caleb Pusey, so was a nephew Caleb Pusey, who was known as Caleb, Jr. to differentiate him from his uncle Caleb. Caleb Pusey, Jr. had a son Robert Pusey who married Magdalena Van Meter, sister of Mary Van Meter who married Robert Jones. Robert Jones also came to Virginia from Chester County.

The Rentfro family apparently came to Virginia from Chester County, too. At a Chester County Court on 26 of the 06 month 1707, the coroner, Henry Hollingsworth, was ordered to take 12 men and investigate the death of a child who was brought to the home of John Rentfro (Renfrow). In 1714 John Rentfro was constable for New Garden. He probably resided in what is now Londongrove. Some of the settlers in what is London Britain were taxed as "inhabitants adjacent to New Garden" prior to 1723. In 1715 John Rentfro (Renfroe) was assessed there for 2 shillings. John Rentfro (Benttroe) was also taxed in 1722, as were William Pusey, Joseph Hedge and Edward Stroud. (*P 28,52*History of Chester County, Pennsylvania*P 28,53*, J. Smith Futhey and Gilbert Cope, Louis H. Everts, Philadelphia, 1881, reproduced Unigraphic, Inc., Evansville, IN, 1978.)

Joseph Rentfro was a resident of Bedford County, Virginia, on 19 June 1760 when he bought 315 acres of land on the Pigg River in Halifax County from Robert and Mary Jones of Bedford County: (Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, page 167.)

This Indenture made this 19th Day of June one thousand seven hundred and sixty Between Robert Jones of Bedford County ... and Joseph Rentfro of the same County ... Witnesseth that the said Robert Jones for ... one hundred and

fifty pounds ... Hath ... sold ... unto ... Joseph Rentfro ... 315 Acres in the County of Halifax on both forks of pig River ... In witness whereof the said Robert Jones hath hereunto set his hand and seal

Robert Jones (Seal)

At a Court held for Halifax County the Sixth Day of June 1760 The above Indenture was by ... Robert Jones acknowledged to his Act and Deed and Mary Wife of the said Robert Jones ... Relinquished her rights of Dower in the Land & premises Conveyed by the said Indentr which was ordered to be Recorded

A map of early settlers in the Franklin County area shows Joseph Rentfro with land on Lazy Run of the Blackwater River in 1747. Robert Jones (1747) had land on the north side of the Pigg River across from Thomas Jones and William Cook. William Cook (1755) also had land to the north on Fox Run of the Blackwater River. John Jones (1777) and Captain Thomas Jones (1777) were located west of the town of Ferrum on the road to Endicott, south of Turner Creek and east of Nicholas Creek. Robert Jones (1747) also is shown to the north of John and Captain Thomas, near where Turners Creek enters the Pigg River from the south. Robert Jones (1752) is also southwest of them between Nicholas Creek and Beards Creek. (*P 28,52*A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia*P 28,53*, Mrs. Gertrude Mann, Historian-Researcher, George A. Kegley, Researcher, J. R. Hildebrand, Cartographer, The Franklin County Historical Society, Rocky Mount, VA, 1976.) This area was in Lunenburg County in 1747. Franklin County, Virginia, was formed from parts of Henry and Bedford counties in 1785 and added to from Patrick County later. Henry County was established from Pittsylvania County in 1776. Pittsylvania County came from Halifax County in 1766. Halifax was organized from Lunenburg County in 1752. Bedford County was erected in 1753 from parts of Lunenburg and Albemarle counties. Lunenburg emerged from Brunswick County in 1746.

William Cook is listed in the records of Cumberland Parish in 1751 as a "Reader on Blackwater at the house of Joseph Rentfro." A reader was a layman of the Church of England who conducted religious services during the scarcity of ordained ministers. Readers were paid by a county tobacco levy. (*P 28,52*Sunlight on the Southside,*P 28,53* Landon C. Bell, Baltimore, 1931, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1974.)

Joseph and James Rentfro operated a mill on Blackwater River in Lunenburg County in 1746. Peter Rentfro was described as living west of the Blue Ridge at that time. (*P 28,52*History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia*P 28,53*, Maud Carter Clement, Lynchburg, VA, 1929, page 45, quoted in *P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.) In 1748 the Lunenburg County tithe list for the area, "From Mouth of Falling R. upwards," of all able-bodied males over 16, excepting ministers, included:

Joseph Rentfro	2	Robert Jones
James Rentfro		1 Thomas Jones
William Rentfro	1	Joseph Hollingsworth
William Callaway		Nicholas Haile
Richard Callaway		

James Rentfro probably was the son of Joseph Rentfro. Born about 1727, James, son of Joseph, would have been about 21 in 1748 and probably head of a household. The same persons were on Nicholas Hailes' tithe list in 1749 for the area "From Goose Creek and upwards." In 1750 Joseph Rentfro, 2, and James Rentfro, 1, appear on the list for the same area by the same assessor. In 1751 Joseph Rentfro, 2, and James Rentfro, 1, are on the list of John Phelps from "Falling River to Goose Creek." John Phelps' tithe list for 1752 included Joseph Rentfro, with John Anderson, Nathan Bartlet and Daniel Dunnahoe, charged for 6 tithes; James Rentfro

and David Judy, assessed for 2 tithes; and William Rentfro and Thomas Rentfro, together for 2 tithes. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*, quoting *P 28,52*Sunlight on the Southside*P 28,53*.)

Goose Creek rises in Blue Ridge Mountains in western Bedford County, near Villamont, and flows southeasterly, paralleling the Roanoke (Staunton) River, until they merge in Campbell County. There are two streams in Bedford County, now called Falling Creek. One is a tributary of the Roanoke (Staunton) River in the southwestern corner of the county, below Goose Creek. The other is north of Goose Creek, near the town of Otter Hill.

There are no Rentfros in the index for Halifax County Deed Book 1, covering the period 1752 to 1759, (*P 28,52*Halifax County, Virginia, Deed Book 1, 1752-1759*P 28,53*, Marian Dodson Chiarito, The Clarkton Press, Nathalie, VA, 1985) but Pittsylvania County records show Joseph Rentfro with land entered in that area as early as 1747, when the territory still was Lunenburg County: (*P 28,52*Index to Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Land Entries, 1737 to 1770*P 28,53*, Genealogical Services, Danville, VA, 1979.)

Rentfro, Joseph pages 57, 90, 364, 430 (1747-1768)
 James pages 87, 335, 338, 342, 348, 384 (1748-1766)
 James pages 277, 470 (1762-1770)
 James page 423 (1768)
 Peter pages 236, 389, 390, 469 (1747-1770)
 William page 467 (1770)
 William page 153 (1752)

Peter Rentfro was in Halifax County, Virginia, on 19 June 1753 when William Callaway proved an account against him, in the amount of 20 pounds, 12 shillings and 9 pence, in the Halifax County Court. (*P 28,52*Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*P 28,53*, Volume 24, Number 1, The Virginia Genealogical Society, Richmond, VA, 1986, *P 28,52*Halifax County Pleas No. 1, May Term 1752 - March Term 1755*P 28,53*, Marian Dodson Chiarito.)

The tithe list for Pittsylvania County in 1767 included: (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

Joseph Rentfro 0 tithes; 280 acres of land
 James Rentfro, Sr. 3 tithes; 600 acres of land
 James Rentfro, Jr. 1 tithe; no land
 Joseph Rentfro
 Peter Rentfro

Joseph Rentfro bought 285 acres on both sides of the south fork of the Blackwater River in Halifax County from Colonel Richard Randolph on 10 November 1755 which he conveyed to Joseph Rentfro, Jr. On 13 October 1772 Joseph Rentfro, Jr. and his wife Olive sold the land, then in Pittsylvania County, to Joseph Stout. James Rentfro, Nicholas Alle (Hailey?) and Joseph Ellis witnessed the deed. (Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, page 190.) On 18 April 1763 Joseph Rentfro obtained patents for three tracts which had been surveyed for him in Bedford County, 140 acres on both sides of the Blackwater River, 245 acres on both sides of Balls Branch and 90 acres on the north side of the Blackwater, corner to land of Thompson. In 1766 Joseph Rentfro of Bedford County sold 236 acres on both sides of the north fork of the Blackwater River in Bedford and Halifax counties, to Moses Rentfro of Bedford County. The land was part of 2350 acres patented to Richard Randolph in 1755. (Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, page 24.) Joseph got a patent (Number 41) from King George

III for 96 acres on the north side of the Blackwater in Bedford County in 1772. (Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, page 190.) Joseph Rentfro, Sr. of Bedford County sold 200 acres on both sides of the Blackwater River to James Callaway of the same place in 1773, for 50 pounds. On 29 February 1776 Joseph Rentfro, Sr. and his wife Mary conveyed 200 acres, on both sides of the Blackwater River, to James Callaway for 200 pounds. This tract was described as part of the land bought from Colonel Randolph. The deed was witnessed by Moses Rentfro, Isaac Rentfro and John Rentfro. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Rentfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850,*P 28,53* abstract Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 5, pages 139 and 390.)

Joseph Rentfro fought in the French and Indian War. In 1758 Lieutenant Joseph Rentfro, Joseph Rentfro, Moses Rentfro, James Rentfro and Stephen Rentfro were paid for their services in that conflict. Joseph Rentfro was also paid for supplying a horse and provisions to the militia. In 1760 Joseph Rentfro was appointed by the Bedford County Court to judge the dower rights of Alice Brown in Augusta County. Joseph Rentfro had a number of civic duties in Bedford County in 1763: (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Rentfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

He took oath as a Captain of a Company of Foot

He was appointed to view a road

He served on the May Court

He was assigned to take the tithe list in the area of the fork between

Staunton and Blackwater rivers

He qualified for and took oath as a Justice of the Peace

in Chancery Court

He qualified as sheriff

He and Moses Rentfro allotted dower to Martha Ray, widow of Joseph

Joseph Rentfro was on a list of tithes taken by Hugh Innes for Pittsylvania County in 1767: (*P 28,52*History of Pittsylvania County*P 28,53*.)

Joseph Rentfro

James Rentfro, Sen., Joseph Rentfro & Peter Rentfro

James Rentfro, Jr.

Robert Jones, Thomas Jones & Henry Jones

John Jones

Robert Jones, Jr.

William Cook

James Standeford

Joseph Rentfro was involved in lawsuits in Pittsylvania County in 1769, 1770, 1772, 1773 and 1774: (*P 28,52*Alphabetical Index to the Court Order Books of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1767-1800*P 28,53*, Genealogical Services, Danville, VA, 1982.)

29 Jul 1769 Stephen Trigg vs. Joseph Rentfro

24 Mar 1770 Solomon Elliott vs. Joseph Rentfro

28 Aug 1772 John Rowland vs. Joseph Rentfro

27 Nov 1773 Joseph Rentfro vs. David Hughes

28 May 1774 Joseph Rentfro vs. Thomas Livsey

Other legal actions in Pittsylvania County, involving Rentfros, were:

26 Aug 1768 James Rentfro vs. James Dillion
 29 Jul 1769 Israel Christian vs. James Rentfroe
 27 Jan 1770 John Blevins vs. Peter Rentfroe Jr
 24 Feb 1770 Peter Rentfro vs. Edward Callahan
 28 Jul 1770 Israel Christian vs. Peter Rentfro
 28 Jun 1771 William Mead vs. James Rentfroe Jr
 27 Mar 1772 Richard Huff vs. James Rentfroe
 27 Mar 1772 Richard Huff vs. James Rentfroe
 23 Jul 1772 Catherine Morgan vs. William J Rentfroe
 26 Aug 1772 Haynes Morgan vs. James Rentfro
 28 Aug 1772 John Wilkinson vs. James Rentfroe Sr
 19 Apr 1780 William Morgan vs. William J Rentfroe
 19 Apr 1780 Thomas Penoss vs. William Rentfroe Jr
 20 May 1790 James Rentfro vs. John Vanbedder (Van Bibber?)

Joseph Rentfro was identified as a resident of Bedford County in these court records. In 1770 Joseph Rentfro, Moses Rentfro and Richard Doggett were appointed to view the way for a road in Bedford County. The Bedford County Court made a judgement, in the amount of 16 pounds, 5 shillings, against Sheriff Joseph Rentfro in 1772. The next year Joseph Rentfro, Gent., was selected to survey a road from his house to Doggett's. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*, excerpt Bedford County, Virginia, Court Orders.)

The sons of Joseph Rentfro, Sr., and others, were residents of Henry County in 1782: (*P 28,52*Virginia Tax Payers 1782-87*P 28,53*, Augusta B. Fothergill and John Mark Naugle, Richmond, 1940, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1978.)

Henry County			Bedford County		
Name	Poll tax/slaves		Name	Poll tax/slaves	
Rentfroe, John	1	5	Rentfroe, Isaac	1	2
	John	1 -			
	Joshua	1 5			
	Mark	1 5			
	Moses	1 2			
	William	1 2			
	William	1 3			
			Montgomery County		
			Rentfroe, John	1	-
			Samuel	1	-

Moses Rentfro (1728-1824) who married Hannah Rentfro in 1755 was a son of William Renfro and Elizabeth Cheney. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.) Moses married (2) Elizabeth Turpin by a Bedford County marriage bond dated 24 May 1773, with Robert Alexander as surety. A consent was filed but the name is illegible. (*P 28,52*Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, Virginia, 1755-1800*P 28,53*, Earle S. Dennis and Jane E. Smith, Bedford, VA, 1932, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1975.)

Moses Rentfro was a preacher. His son Turpin Rentfro married Sarah Ann Troup, daughter of Jacob and Mary Troup. Jacob Troup died at Yorktown, leaving his widow Mary, son Henry and daughters Mary and Sarah. Son Henry Troup married Dolly Wade, sister of Royal Wade, who married Rachel Jones, daughter of John and Mary (Rentfro?) Jones, on 24 February 1791 in Franklin County, Virginia (bond date). Daughter Mary Troup married Peter Mikesell on 15 August 1797, with Henry Troup as surety. Daughter Sarah Ann Troup married (1) Turpin Rentfro and (2) Enos Miles in Montgomery County, Ohio, on 12 March 1812. The family of the Reverend Moses Rentfro lost many members in an Indian massacre on Red River in Tennessee. (Data of Gertrude C. Mann.) Enos Miles, son of Samuel and Sarah James Miles, was a brother of John and Isaac Miles who married, respectively, sisters Elizabeth Jones after 1780 in Henry County, Virginia, and Mary Ann Jones on 24 January 1787 in Franklin County, Virginia (bond date). Elizabeth Jones Miles and Mary Ann Jones Miles also were daughters of John and Mary (Rentfro?) Jones. Enos Miles married (1) Anna Bohannon, daughter of James Bohannon, on 25 July 1789 in Franklin County, Virginia. These closely associated families of southern Virginia all moved to the same area of Kentucky, about the same time. (Bohannon, Cook, Wade records of compiler.)

Moses and Hannah Rentfro also had a son James Rentfro (1763-1835) who married (1) Charity A. Huff in 1783 and (2) Dorcas Collier in 1832. He lived in Grainger County, Tennessee, and Bell County, Kentucky. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

The total amount of land that Joseph Rentfro owned in Bedford County, Virginia, has not been determined but he left a number of tracts to his sons: (Bedford County, Virginia, Wills, pages 243-245, photocopy of published abstract from Philip C. Ellsworth.)

Pages

243-245: Joseph Rentfro, Esquire. Will.

Dated: 14 November 1772

To Mary my dearly beloved wife "her or my Bed and Furniture," my riding horse and her saddle, likewise her third part according to law. Likewise a young negro woman

(Note: not referred to by name.) so long as she continues a widow.

To my beloved son James Rentfro five shillings current money of this colony.

To my beloved daughter Mary Jones five shillings current money of this colony.

To my beloved son Joseph Rentfro five shillings current money of this colony.

To my beloved son in law and daughter Moses Rentfro living and Hannah deceased five shillings current money of this colony (Note: These names are as seen in the Will as it is written in Will Book 1.)

To my beloved son John Rentfro five shillings current money of this colony.

To my beloved daughter Susanna Rentfro five shillings current money of this colony.

To my beloved son William Rentfro a piece of land lying between the old survey and the pine tree, likewise an entry on each side. Also bequeathed a negro boy or girl (not referred to by name.)

To my beloved son Joshua Rentfro the South side of this land on Black Water which I now live on likewise crossing the South Fork of Black Water through the Wild Meadow to the old line a straight course. Bequeathed negroes (not referred to by name.)

To my beloved son Mark Rentfro the north side of this land on Black Water which I now dwell on. Likewise a survey. Bequeathed negroes (not referred to by name.)

Also to my sons Joshua and Mark Rentfro an Entry south side of Black Water equally to be divided across according to their lines.

I desire my goods and chattles may be sold at public sale and the value equally divided between my three youngest sons William, Joshua and Mark Rentfro saving the third part as before mentioned to my beloved wife Mary.

Witnesses: M. Dunn, James Hunt

Note: Written under the names of the signing witnesses: "Executor appointed with consent of all parties Present James Rentfro Jun & Joseph Rentfro my son John Rentfro and Willm all my sons."

Proven: 25 March 1776 by oath of James Hunt at a Court held for the said County 22 April following further proved by the oath of Michael Dunn. James Rentfro, Junr., John Rentfro, William Rentfro granted administration with the will annexed. Security: John Talbot, Matthew Talbot and Charles Lynch, Gent.

The will was signed by Joseph Rentfro. (*P 28,52*William Renfro 1734-1830,*P 28,53* Josie and Delilah Baird, typescript, Kentucky Historical Society files, photocopy from Ruth Smitt.)

Moses Rentfro, Stephen Lee, James Talbott and James Callaway allotted to Mary Rentfro, widow of Joseph Rentfro, her share of his estate in 1776. In 1782 Mary Rentfro, widow of Joseph, waived her dower right in 200 acres on the Blackwater River that had been bequeathed by her husband to Moses Rentfro. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

Mark Rentfro was a minor who selected John Rentfro as his guardian in 1777. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700- 1850*P 28,53*.) However he was old enough to get married in 1779. Mark Rentfro and Naomi Standiford (Standifore) obtained a marriage bond in Henry County on 22 April 1779. Joshua Rentfro and Jennet Hairston (Hairstone) were married in 1786 by William Lovell, minister. (*P 28,52*Henry County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds, 1778-1849,*P 28,53* Virginia Anderton Dodd, Richmond, 1953, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1976.) Mark and Naomi Standiford Rentfro moved to Greene County, Tennessee, as did Jesse and Susannah Rentfro and William and Chloe Taylor Rentfro. William was killed by Indians there, about 1789. (*P 28,52*William Renfro 1734-1830*P 28,53*.)

Mark Rentfro (1758-1813) died at Roundstone in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. He had six known children, Chloe Rentfro (1781-1853), who married Absalom Rentfro (1774-1830), son of James and Lydia Rentfro, in 1798 in Garrard County, Kentucky, and died in Boone County, Missouri, Patsy Rentfro (1791-1876), who

married Elijah Stephens (1744-1866) and died in Boone County, Missouri, Skelton Rentfro (1793- 1878), who married Judith Rentfro, daughter of James Rentfro and Charity Huff, and lived in Rockcastle County, Mary Ann Rentfro (1795-1875), who married Charles Eve Collier (1786-1876) and lived in Rockcastle County, Nathan Rentfro, who married Lydia Halcomb in Garrard County, Kentucky, in 1824, and Joseph Rentfro, who married Elizabeth Lutrell in Garrard County, Kentucky, in 1827. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

Ruth Hairston gave a negro girl to Jenny Rentfro, wife of Joshua Rentfro: (*P 28,52*Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books Franklin County, Virginia*P 28,53*, Volume 2, Sara Motisher Beck, Franklin County Bicentennial Commission, Rocky Mount, VA, 1978, Deed Book III, page 572.)

05 May 1798 - Bill of sale

Ruth Hairston of Franklin County to Jenny Rentfro, wife of Joshua Rentfro of Patrick County, in Consideration of natural Love and Effecton and \$1.00, "one negro girl named Janty which is about ten or Eleven years old which negro Girl I

purchased of George Hairston & all her Increase ..."

Wit: Saml Hairston

Ruth Hairston

Peter Saunders Jr

Peter Saunders

Recorded May 1798

The name of the wife of Joshua Rentfro is given as Jean and Jane in a deed on 15 September 1788: (*P 28,52*Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books Franklin County, Virginia*P 28,53*, Volume 1, Deed Book I, pages 470-472.)

Joshua Rentfro and Jean his wife of Franklin County to Theodorick Webb of Franklin County, for 300 pounds current money, 322 acres on Fox Run, a branch of Blackwater River. The boundaries were described as: ... crossing three branches ... Wm. Cooks line ... in James Rentfros line ... Isaac Jones line

...

Wit: Theodorick Webb

Joshua Rentfro

his

Jane Rentfro

James X Webb

mark

his

Authbert (Cuthbert?) X Webb

mark

Recorded 05 January 1789

Joshua and Jenny Hairston Rentfro had fourteen known children, Ruth, born 1786, Mary B., born 1788, Joseph, born 1790, Robert, born 1791, Ann H., born 1793, Jane O., born 1793 (sic), Sarah H., born 1798, Patsy, born 1799, Peter, born 1800, William, born 1804, Hardin, born 1806, Elizabeth. born 1808, America, born 1810, and Amanda, born 1813. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

The wife of John Rentfro is identified as Abigail in deeds dated 04 August 1788: (*P 28,52*Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books Franklin County, Virginia*P 28,53*, Volume 1, Deed Book I, pages 423-426.)

John Rentfro & Abigal Rentfro of Franklin County To Peter Saunders of Franklin County, for 550 pounds current money of Virginia, 300 acres on both

sides of Pigg River ... Crossing the River below the fork ... Crossing the Pounding Mill Run ... on the old line ...

John Rentfro
her
Abigail X Rentfro
mark

Abegail the wife Relinquished her Right of Dower
Recorded 04 August 1788

John Rentfro & Abigail Rentfro of Franklin County to Peter Saunders of Franklin County, for 550 pounds current money of Virginia, 300 acres on the north side of Pigg River ... adjoining Jones line ... Gearharts line ... crossing a Branch ... his own line ... crossing a branch ...

(Same signatures and notation)

The parents of Chloe Taylor, who married William Rentfro, were not identified. (*P 28,52*William Renfro 1734-1830*P 28,53*.) William and Chloe Rentfro sold land in Franklin County, Virginia, to William Akers on 30 January 1788: (*P 28,52*Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books Franklin County, Virginia*P 28,53*, Volume 1, Deed Book I, pages 344-345.)

William Rentfro & Cloe his wife to William Akers, for 200 pounds current money of Virginia, 199 acres, more or less, on both sides of the North Fork of Blackwater River adjacent to Theodorick Webb, Peter Kingary and the said William Eakers ...

William Rentfro

Recorded 04 February 1788

William Rentfro reputedly was killed by Indians in 1789 in Greene County, Tennessee, (*P 28,52*William Renfro 1734-1830*P 28,53*.) but it also has been reported that he died in Botetourt County, Virginia, in 1789, leaving a will that mentioned his wife and children without specifying their names. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

Joseph Rentfro, Jr. apparently was left 5 shillings by his father because he had received his share of the estate previously. On 13 October 1772 Joseph Rentfro, Jr. and his wife Olive sold 285 acres on the south fork of Blackwater in Pittsylvania County to Joseph Stout. The tract had been conveyed to Joseph Rentfro, Sr., Gent., of Bedford County, Virginia, on 10 November 1755. The deed was signed by Joseph Rentfro, Jr. and Olive Rentfro and witnessed by James Rentfro, Nicholas Allee (Hailey?) and Joseph Ellis. (Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, page 190, abstract *P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.) Joseph Rentfro, Jr. was in the group of pioneers, led by Colonel John Donelson down the Tennessee River in 1779, that settled around the site of Nashville, in the part of North Carolina that became Tennessee. Joseph was killed by Indians in 1780 at the Rentfro Station on the Red River, where it enters the Cumberland River at Clarksville. (*P 28,52*William Renfro 1734-1830*P 28,53*.) His widow Olive resided in Livingston County, Kentucky, in 1810. Joseph and Olive Rentfro had two known children, son John Rentfro, who was born about 1784, married Patsy McClain in 1810, lived in Livingston County, Kentucky, in 1810 and died in 1834, and a daughter Polly Rentfro, who was born about 1785 and married David Brown in Livingston County in 1805. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

Jesse Rentfro (c1740-c1798), who married Susannah Rentfro, also was a son of William Rentfro and Elizabeth

Cheney. He died in Lincoln County, Kentucky, where his will named son John and daughters Roddy Parker, Jemima Menefee and Jenny Fisher. The known children of Jesse and Susannah Rentfro were Hannah Rentfro, who was born c1768 and married James Handy in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1786, Rhoda Rentfro, who was also born c1768 and married John Parker in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1786, Jemima Rentfro, who was born c1780, married Reuben Menefee in 1800 and died in Lincoln County, Kentucky, in 1849, Bartlett Rentfro, who was born about 1782, married Chloe Parker in Sumner County, Tennessee, in 1803 and died in Lincoln County, Tennessee, John Rentfro, who was born about 1785, married Maria Rentfro, daughter of Lewis Rentfro, in 1819 and died in Laclede County, Missouri, in 1857, and Jenny Rentfro who married ----- Fisher. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

The maiden name of James Rentfro's first wife Lydia is not known. He married (2) Mary Rucker Vawter, widow of David Vawter. Born about 1727, James Rentfro was in Lincoln County, Kentucky, in 1781, where he died about 1800. His surviving children and a niece Jemima Menefee (Menifee) were named in his will. His known children were Joseph Rentfro, who was born in 1760 and married Peggy Carty in Montgomery County, Virginia, in 1793, Absalom Rentfro, who was born in 1774, married Chloe Rentfro (1781-1853), daughter of Mark Rentfro and Naomi Standiford, in Garrard County, Kentucky, in 1798, and died in Boone County, Missouri, in 1830, James Rentfro, Jr., who was born about "1775," married Margaret Jackson in Woodford County, Kentucky, in "1785" and died in Madison County, Illinois in 1830, Isaac Rentfro, who was born about 1775, also, lived in Kentucky from 1800 to 1814, in Missouri from 1818 to 1828 and, perhaps, then moved to Texas, Lewis Rentfro, who must have been the father of Maria Rentfro who married John Rentfro, son of Jesse and Susannah Rentfro, and Hannah Rentfro, who married ----- Jones. (*P 28,52*William Rentfro 1734-1830; Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

James Rentfro, Jeremiah Rucker and Elijah Creed witnessed the will of Joseph Johnson of Fayette County, Virginia, on 30 June 1788. (*P 28,52*Kentucky Court and Other Records*P 28,53*, Volume II, Mrs. William Breckinridge Ardery, Lexington, KY, 1932, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1979, abstract Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book A.)

James Rentfro was taxed in Fayette County, Virginia, on 03 June 1789. (*P 28,52*"First" Census of Kentucky 1790*P 28,53*, Charles B. Heinemann, Washington, 1940, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1971.) This part of Virginia became the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1792.

James Rentfro was affiliated with Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church in Woodford County, Kentucky, where John and Mary (Rentfro?) Jones also were members, as were the Cook, Bohannon and Miles families who came to Kentucky from Henry and Franklin counties, Virginia. James Rentfro married Mrs. Mary Rucker Vawter who later died in Versailles. He sold land on North Elkhorn Creek to Achilles Stapp in Woodford County in 1790 and to John B. Hodson in 1809 in Warren County, Kentucky. He was in Lincoln County, Kentucky, in 1801. James Rentfro (Jr.) and Margaret Jackson were married on 31 December 1790 in Woodford County by the Reverend John Dupuy, a Baptist minister who came to Woodford County from Pocahontas County, Virginia, about 1786 and later moved to Shelby County, Kentucky. Susanna Rentfro and Alexander Phillips were married by James Rucker on 25 May 1795 in Woodford County. David Vawter and Mary Rucker were married in Orange County, Virginia, and they had at least six children. After his death, his widow married James Rentfro. (*P 28,52*Forks of Elkhorn Church*P 28,53*, Ermina Jett Darnell, Standard Printing

Company, Louisville, 1946; *P 28,52*History of Woodford County, Kentucky,*P 28,53 William E. Railey, Frankfort, KY, 1938, reprinted Regional Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1975.) James Rentfro (Jr.) was born before 1775 since he and Margaret Jackson were married in 1790.

On 29 November 1796 James Rentfro had 500 acres on Elkhorn Creek in Franklin County, Kentucky, surveyed for him. The land was granted to him on 19 June 1800. (Survey Book 6, page 623, Survey Number 4626, Grant Book 15, pages 92-93.) He had two parcels of land on Dix (Dick's) River in Lincoln County, Kentucky, surveyed on 01 November 1797. They were granted to him on 12 February 1799. One contained 125 acres and the other had 67 acres. (*P 28,52*Index for Old Kentucky Surveys and Grants*P 28,53*, Joan Brookes-Smith, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, 1975, Survey Book 5, pages 4 and 5, Survey Numbers 2900 and 2901, Grant Book 10, pages 230-232.) The land of James Rentfro, on Elkhorn Creek in Franklin County, was adjacent to Quinn's land. Some of the Bohannon and Cook families lived at Quinn's (also called Innes') Bottom on Elkhorn Creek, where several were killed by Indians in 1792. On 23 November 1798 James Rentfro of Lincoln County, Kentucky, sold to Charles Holloway of Franklin County, Kentucky, for 33 pounds and 10 shillings, 22 1/2 acres in Franklin County on the waters of Elkhorn, beginning on Jesse Vawter's line and Sawyer's line and thence north, mentioning Quinn's line. The indenture was recorded in the Kentucky Court of Appeals on 23 December 1798. (*P 28,52*Kentucky Court of Appeals Deed Books A-G*P 28,53*, Volume 1, Michael L. Cook, C.G. and Bettie A. Cook, C.G., Cook Publications, Evansville, IN, 1985.)

James Rentfro and others of the family were taxed in Kentucky in 1800: (*P 28,52*"Second" Census of Kentucky 1800*P 28,53*, G. Glenn Clift, Frankfort, KY, 1954, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1970.)

Lincoln County	23 Aug 1800	Garrard County	06 Aug 1800
Rentfrow, James		Rentfro, Isaac	
	James Jr	Moses	
	Lewis		Thomas
	Turpen		
Rentfro,	Absalom		
Livingston County	10 Mar 1800	Cumberland County	1799
Rentfro,	John	Renfee, Mark	
	Oliver		

Joshua Rentfro had 462 acres on Paint Lick Creek in Garrard County, Kentucky, surveyed for him on 28 November 1787, but he must have transferred the land to Charles Perrin who got the grant for it on 10 July 1799 (*P 28,52*Index for Old Kentucky Surveys and Grants*P 28,53*, Survey Book 5, pages 528-529, Survey Number 3700, Grant Book 13, pages 96-97.)

Some of the Rentfro family were involved in a search for a silver mine as outlined in an agreement made in Shelby County, Kentucky, on 02 November 1810: (*P 28,52*History of Shelby County, Kentucky*P 28,53*, George L. Willis, Sr., Shelby County Genealogical and Historical Society, Shelbyville, 1929, reprinted Cook and McDowell Publications, Hartford, KY, 1979.)

Know all men by these presents that John Blackburn, Isaac Rendfroe, Bland W.

Ballard, James Bradshaw, William Renfroe, Chichester Benson; all of the State of Kentucky and counties of Henry, Shelby, Lincoln, and Garrett and Elisha

Wallin, John Wallin, and James Renfroe, all of the county of Claibourn, State of Tennessee, vein the penal sum of ten thousand dollars to each other to be levied on our goods & chattells lands & teniments if defalt be found in the condition under written. That is to say whereas the sd John Blackburn,

Isaac Rendfroe, Bland W. Ballard, James Bradshaw, Chichester Benson, William Renfroe, Elisha Wallin, John Wallin & James Renfroe have this day a flattering prospect of obtaining & finding a silver mine sd formerly to be occupied & worked at by a Mr. John Swift together with the Hopes of finding a number of dollars & crowns sd to be Hid by the sd Swift, now if this Companeey or only part of them Shall be so successful as to find the same we jointly agree and covinant to each that we will make An Equal Divide and go our Equal Shair in all Profits and Lossis that may occur by venture of the foresaid enterprise and that we will not Directly or Indirectly make known the plan (or place) to any other person or persons whatever without the Consent of three or more of the sd Companeys Consent nor take in any other Person or Persons in any wise whatever except as Shaires in the mine and not in the silver already sd to be bouried and Hid and that we will further make such exertions and no such other things as shall be only and of advantage to the Promoting the intrust and advantage of each other as a Company in the above mentioned persuit and do further by these presents discontinue all others who have here to fore be a part of sd Companeey until sutch times as satisfaction be maid for their conduct in witness whereof we have here unto set our Hands and seals this second day of november 1810.

at est

Judith Renfro
Mary Renfro

John Blackburn
Issac Renfro
Bland W. Ballard
James Bradshaw
Chichester Benson

Note that the above named James Bradshaw and for the use of his name in the body of the within obligation is done with consent and approbation of us, the undersigned

Chichester Benson
Bland W. Ballard
John Wallin
James Renfro

The 1810 Federal census for Kentucky shows Isaac Rentfro in Lincoln County and William Rentfro in Garrard County: (*P 28,52*Index to the 1810 Census of Kentucky*P 28,53*, Ann T. Wagstaff, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1980.)

Rentfrow, Isaac	Lincoln County		
Rentfro, Moses	Garrard County		
Wm	Garrard County		
Absalam	Rockcastle County		
Thomas	Rockcastle County		
John	Butler County		
Joseph	Butler County		
Mark	Butler County		
Peter	Butler County	William	Butler
Rentfrow, John	Livingston County		

Since the Reverend Moses Rentfro has been credited with the naming of the Red River in the western part of North Carolina, which later became Tennessee, he must have been the leader of the Rentfro family group that accompanied Colonel John Donelson in a flotilla of settlers that emigrated down the Tennessee River in 1779. Joseph, Isaac and James Rentfro were with Moses on this expedition to the mouth of the Tennessee River and then up the Cumberland River to the Red River and beyond to Nashboro, which became Nashville. Nathan and Solomon Turpin also were in the group. Joseph Rentfro was killed in 1780 when Indians attacked Rentfro Station. In 1784 the heirs of Joseph Rentfro were entitled to land in Davidson County, North Carolina, for defending the country against the Indians and a patent was issued to them in 1793 for 640 acres in Davidson County on the Red River. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*, Davidson County, Tennessee, Book G, page 187.) The Red River enters the Cumberland River at present-day Clarksville, north of Nashville. Tennessee became a state in 1796.

There was an Abraham Jones who was wounded during the Indian assault on Rentfro Station in 1780. The injured Jones was being carried on a horse-litter by the fleeing survivors, when he and his elderly parents were killed. His brother, who was described as "a youngster," was captured. His wife escaped with her son Shadrack, who was identified as "a lad," and her infant daughter Betsy. (*P 28,52*William Renfro 1734-1830*P 28,53*, Draper Manuscripts S-32, Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, WI.) This could not pertain to Robert and Mary Van Meter Jones and their son Abraham because Robert and Mary were alive in 1795. Furthermore this Abraham Jones had a brother who was described as "a youngster." Since Robert Jones and Mary Van Meter were born in 1696 and 1709, respectively, it is not likely that they had a son who was considered a "youngster" in 1780. This appellation suggests a birth after 1765 and the children of Robert and Mary were born about 1730-1750, with their son Abraham apparently being the last born. Additionally, the children of the deceased Abraham were identified as a lad and an infant, which suggests that he was a young man, born around 1755-1760.

The wife of Abraham Jones was identified, without documentation, as Mary Rentfro, daughter of Joseph Rentfro of Bedford County whose will was dated in 1775 (sic). The widowed Mary Rentfro Jones later married a Mr. Berry. (*P 28,52*William Renfro 1734-1830*P 28,53*.) Some obvious discrepancies in this material weaken its credibility.

Another report of this event gives the name of the victims as Johns: ("*P 28,52*The Civil and Political History of Tennessee*P 28,53*, John Haywood, 1823, photocopy from Ruth Smitt.)

... Some of the migrants who came down the Tennessee in boats in the beginning of this year (1780) remained at Red River with the intention to settle there. Among them were a number of persons by the name of Renfroe and their connections, Nathan Turpin and Solomon Turpin. Not long afterward in the month of June or July, the Indians, a party of Choctaws and Chickasaws, came and broke them up and killed Nathan Turpin and another man at the station. The residue attempted to run off to the bluff where Nashville now is. Some of the women and children were conducted under the care of the Renfroes, who intended to return for their property. They went to the station on Red River with some others from the bluff, got possession of the property they had left there and were returning to the bluff. They encamped the night about two miles north of Sycamore at a creek now and ever since called Battle Creek. In the morning Joseph Renfroe, going to the spring to drink, was fired upon by the Indians who lay concealed in the bushes. He died instantly. They then broke in upon the camp and killed old Mr. Johns and his wife, and all his family. Only one woman, by the name of Jones, escaped ... Eleven or twelve other persons were there at the time of the attack who were all killed ... (page 127)

Some of those who came with Col. Donaldson, the whole of them not being recollected, were ... Moses Rentfro and his family, Joseph Renfroe and his family, James Renfroe and his family ... (page 107)

... In the summer of 1781, between Freeland's Station and the French Lick, a party of Indians killed old Peter Renfroe and withdrew ... (page 133)

The name also is given as Johns in another account of the massacre: (Draper Manuscripts, interview with Mrs. John Donelson, Jr. by Lyman C. Draper, 1844, Wisconsin Historical Society, photocopy from Ruth Smitt.)

Mrs Donelson says that the Renfro Defeat occurred in 1780. The Renfroes, Turpins, Johns, wife, son and daughter and Crutchfield are recollected by Mrs. Donelson. The defeat, she says, was well along in August and knows from the circumstances that the Donelson settlement left Clover Bottom that month and went to Mansco's Station and when the Renfro defeat occurred, Mrs. Crutchfield and her children who had escaped came there and placed themselves under the protection of Col. Donelson and went with the Colonel and his people to Kentucky. Mrs. Donelson never saw any of the Johns family - thinks they were all killed. Does not think the killed at all large - thinks the whole Renfroe settlement numbered about 40 ...

John Rentfro was appointed as an ensign in the militia under Lieutenant John Donelson in Pittsylvania County in 1775. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.)

James Rentfro, Sr. of Halifax County, Virginia, who was associated with Joseph Rentfro, Sr. of Bedford County, Virginia, in 1764, (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*, abstract Frederick County, Virginia, Deed Book 11, page 215.) apparently was born about 1698 which makes James and Joseph contemporary and probable brothers. James Rentfro married Hester (Esther) Van Bibber. In 1745 he got 140 acres of land west of the Blue Ridge, near Buffalo Creek in Augusta County, Virginia, by patent dated 01 May 1747 (Patent Number 24). James and Hester Rentfro sold this land in 1747 and moved to the part of Lunenburg County, Virginia, that became Franklin County. Buffalo Creek is in the area of the James River settlement, west of Blue Ridge, in what is now Botetourt County. (*P 28,52*William Rentfro 1734-1830*P 28,53* quoting Kegley's *P 28,52*Virginia Frontier: The Beginning of the Southwest; The Roanoke of Colonial Days, 1740-1783*P 28,53*, Frederick Bittle Kegley, Roanoke, VA, 1938, page 91; *P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28,53*.) James Rentfro and Hester Van Bibber had a daughter Hester (Esther) Rentfro who married Vachel Dillingham and had a daughter Patience Dillingham who was born in 1766 and married Benjamin Clark in 1782. Vachel Dillingham, who was born in 1736, and Hester Rentfro moved to North Carolina with some of her relatives. He died in Christian County, Kentucky, in 1803. (*P 28,52*William Rentfro 1734-1830,*P 28,53* quoting *P 28,52*The Dillingham Papers*P 28,53*, Manuscript on microfilm, Southwestern Genealogical Library, El Paso, TX.)

John Rentfro was in the militia company of Captain William Christian in Augusta County in 1764 and Stephen and Margaret Rentfro resided in the Buffalo Creek area from 1747 to 1770. John and Joseph Rentfro served on a jury in Botetourt County in 1772. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850.*P 28,53*)

William Rentfro, who was of the same generation as Joseph Rentfro, Sr. and James Rentfro, Sr., (*P 28,52*William Rentfro 1734-1830*P 28,53*.) may have been a third brother. This must have been William Rentfro of Orange County, Virginia, who asked the Orange County Court to replace him as constable on 23 May 1737. (*P 28,52*Orange County, Virginia, Deed Books 1 and 2, 1735-1738; Judgements, 1735*P 28,53*.)

In 1746 William Rentfro (Rentfore) was listed on the Frederick County, Virginia, Rent Roll with 200 acres of land. (*P 28,52*Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administration Accounts of Frederick County, Virginia, 1743- 1800*P 28,53*.)

William Rentfro (1734-1830) died in Maury County, Tennessee, where he left a will (Maury County, Tennessee, Will Book E1, page 274.) His son John Rentfro was born on 12 November 1760 in Bedford (Pittsylvania) County, Virginia, and died on 22 April 1846 in Barren County, Kentucky. William and John Rentfro signed the Oath of Allegiance in Pittsylvania County in 1772. (*P 28,52*Chronological Index of the Renfro Family in the United States, 1700-1850*P 28, 53*.)