

JOHN EDWARDS, was born 1762 in Orange Co., NC and married Mary Burton born 1773 in North Carolina. In 1822 this family of 12 set out for Indiana where John purchased land in Marion Township, Lawrence Co., IN in late 1822.

John, being the son of John Edwards Jr. a Revolutionary War Vet born in 1739, was a farmer by trade and remained an active part of his community up to the time of his death around 1855. John's wife Mary, who also died around 1855, are both buried in Liberty Cemetery in Orange Co., IN next to one of their sons Young Edwards 1818-1900.

John's nephew Young Edwards 1781-1864 and his wife Catherine Cox from Ashe Co., NC also came to Lawrence County where they purchased land in July of 1822. They sold this land, section 8-town 3 north-range 1-west in 1828 to George Isom and moved back to Ashe Co., NC where they remained.

John and his family lived about one mile south of the entrance to Spring Mill State Park where the home of Young Edwards 1818-1900 still stands in the Pioneer Village there, (the old hat shop).

This Edwards Family contributed much for the preservation of freedom in America. Young Edwards 1818-1900, losing two sons of his own to the Civil War, is but one contribution of military history made by this Edwards Family. They have fought

bravely and died honorably in every war America has ever been involved in.

William Henry and John E., sons of Young Edwards 1818-1900 and Catherine Briney, served with Company A, 24th Indiana Infantry Regiment of Volunteers when they died in 1863. William Henry, being shot through the heart by the enemy in battle at Champion's Hill, MS, and John E. falling to disease in New Orleans, LA.

Young Edwards 1818-1900 purchased sections nine and ten in Marion township, Lawrence Co., IN from Charles Henry Edwards on Apr. 2, 1855. Charles Henry Edwards also being from Orange Co., NC.

Young Edwards 1818-1900 and his family of 14 remained, for the most part, on this land in Marion township up to the time of their deaths, with some children moving through the counties of Indiana and spreading out among other States of the Union. The children of John and Mary Burton Edwards of Marion township, Lawrence Co., IN:

1. Elizabeth "Betsy" born 1802 North Carolina, married John Downs in Lawrence Co., IN.
2. Sarah "Sally" born 1805 North Carolina, married Henry Miller in Lawrence Co., IN.
3. John born 1807 North Carolina, married and remained in Lawrence Co., IN.
4. William born 1809 Orange Co., NC, married Elvira Jenkins in Orange Co., IN and moved to Louisville, Clay Co., IL in 1840 and died there in 1885. William married second, Catherine Shirley.
5. Nancy born 1811 North Carolina, married Nathan Farmer in Lawrence Co., IN.
6. Charles F. born 1815 Orange Co., NC served with Company B, 2nd Indiana Infantry Regiment of Volunteers in the Mexican War and was wounded in the battle of Buena-Vista. Charles also served with Company B, 40th Illinois Infantry Regiment of Volunteers in the Civil War and was again wounded, this time in the battle of Shiloh. Charles died in Clay Co., IL in 1867. He never married.
7. Mary "Polly" born 1817 North Carolina, married Bluford Gatliff Davis in Lawrence Co., IN.
8. Young born 1818 Orange Co., NC, married first Catherine Briney and second Mary Kincaid Moore in Lawrence Co., IN. Young died in 1900 in Marion township and is buried in Liberty Cemetery, Orange Co., IN.
9. Henry born 1819 Orange Co., NC, married Caroline Wheat in 1847 in Orange Co., IN, where he died in 1901, and is buried there in Stampers Creek Cemetery. Henry served with Company B, 2nd Indiana Infantry Regiment of Volunteers in the Mexican War and took part in the battle of Buena-Vista on Feb. 22 and 23, 1847.
10. Francis D. "Franky" born 1821 Orange Co., NC, married William Thomas Bohannon in Lawrence Co., IN and moved to Putnam Co., MO in 1858 where she died in 1920 and buried in Union Church Cemetery, Unionville, Putnam Co., MO.

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