

The only Acre/Acree/Acrea family in Wayne Co., Kentucky seems to be the family of William Acree, the Revolutionary War veteran. Leonard Acre is probably the grandson of William. The surname of the family is spelled Acree, Acre and Acrea by various members. William apparently spelled his name Acree. Somewhere along the line some of the members used Acrea and Acre.

In his application for bounty land based on his service in the Revolutionary War, William Acree appeared in Wayne (Kentucky) County Court on the 27th of August 1832 and stated he was a resident of said county, age 80 years. He was born in Frederick Co. Maryland on 16 Aug 1752. He lived in Maryland until he was 12 or 13 years of age, at which time his father died. After his father's death his mother moved her family to Guilford Co., North Carolina, where he resided when the Revolutionary War.

In 1777 or 1778, when he was about the age of 25 years, he entered the service in Guilford County. He served as a private in Capt. Doogan's Company and then under Col. Martin's North Carolina Troops. He later serviced in Capt. Henry Whitsel's Company for three months in 1881 before leaving the service.

He resided in Guilford and Randolph Counties, North Carolina until about 1804, when he moved to Otter Creek, Wayne Co. KY where he lived his death on 3 March 1832.

William was married first to Phoebe (maiden name unknown) who was born on 15 May 1756 in North Carolina. After her death he married Edith Doss 22 Dec 1820 in Wayne Co. He was married to her when he died. Edith remarried John Jones of Wayne Co. in 1854 after William's death. According to several researchers, Edith was the daughter of James Doss and his second wife, Ann Thurman.

William had the following children: John (b. 1776; William (b. 1780); Elizabeth (b. 1782); Ephriam (b. 1784) who married Mary Winn; Mary (b. 1789; Peter (b. 1794); Catherine (b. 1796) and Phoebe (b. 1799).

[Source: Pension Abstracts - William Acre: Wayne Co. KY, 27 Aug 1832, Pen #W25334 - Bounty Land @ 36998-160-55 – North Carolina and A roster of Revolutionary ancestors of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution : Commemoration of the United States of America bicentennial, July 4, 1976, Daughters of the American Revolution, Egan, Thomas Martin, Unigraphic, Evansville, Ind., 1976, application #511252.]



Several things point to the probability that Leonard is the son of William. Leonard was born in North Carolina about 1799. He married Sarah Ballard on 9 Jan 1824 in Wayne Co., Kentucky. His first son was named John which would make this consistent with the custom of the time of naming your first born male for your father. Also, Leonard named a son Ephraim, presumably after Ephraim, the son of John. The only two sons of William that are old enough to be Leonard's father are John and William. William's family has been researched and the researchers do not list a Leonard as a child. Also, William's will, written on 9 Feb 1820 and probated May 1820, does not mention Leonard. The

circumstantial evidence points to the fact that Leonard is the son of John and the grandson of William, the Revolutionary War veteran.