

## ISAAC ISRAEL JETT

### NOTES

1. Although we believe that Isaac was the son of Stephen Jett Sr. and Elizabeth Read, we have been unable to prove this through the records. Isaac would have been born during the period that Stephen Jett Sr. left Culpepper County without satisfying certain taxes which he was expected to collect. Isaac would have been born c. 1759. We do know that Isaac does not show up in Kentucky until the time that the Granville Jetts and associated families migrate there. In addition we do know that both Isaac and Stephen Jett Jr. were involved in St. Clair's War with the Kentucky militia.
2. We also have difficulties identifying exact who Isaac married or the exact time of the marriage. Various family trees identify her as Mary Litcher, Mary Letcher and Mary Fletcher. Some sources show Isaac and Mary's wedding date being about 1783. Again, I found no records to support this. However, I have found records regarding the "Letcher" family in early Kentucky. Stephen Jett served with Lt. Col. Richard Davenport's Kentucky Mounted Volunteers. There were three other individuals serving in the same group. Those individuals were John Letcher, Roland Letcher and Stephen G. Letcher. This suggests to me that "Letcher" might be the correct name for Isaac's wife.
3. We do know more about Isaac and Mary's children. The children are:
  - a. Nancy Jett (b. 1785).
  - b. Elizabeth Jett (b. 1786).
  - c. Henrietta Jett (b. 1788). She later became Henrietta Haney Mylar.
  - d. Isaac Israel Jett (b. 1791-1793).
4. Some of my readers may be interested in the lyrics of a son called St. Clair's Defeat with New words and musical adaption by Bob Gibson and copyrighted by Robert Josiah Music. Those words which are very descriptive of the defeat go as follows:

#### **St. Clair's Defeat**

'Twas November the fourth  
In the year of ninety-one  
We had a strong engagement  
Near to Fort Jefferson  
St. Clair was our commander  
Which may remembered be  
But we left nine hundred comrades  
In that dreadful territory

The Indians attacked our force  
Just as the day did dawn  
The arrows fell like deadly rain  
As we were set upon  
One hundred men lay writhing  
Before our startled eyes

While horrid yells of savages  
Resounded through the skies

'Twas at Bunker Hill and Kennebec  
Where many a hero fell  
Likewise at Canandaigua  
It is I the truth can tell  
But such a bloody carnage  
May I never see again  
As happened near Fort Jefferson  
All on that river plain

Three hours more we fought them  
Till then we had to yield  
Nine hundred of our comrades  
Lay stretched upon the field  
Says Major Clark, "My heroes  
We can no longer stand  
We will strive to form in order  
And retreat the best we can"

The word retreat being passed around  
There rose a dismal cry  
Then helter skelter through the woods  
Like wolves and sheep they fly  
This well appointed army  
Which had fought so brave before  
Now fled before the savage  
And his bloody kind of war

Alas the dead and dying  
How awful to relate  
The tomahawk and scalping knife  
It was to be their fate  
But pity more the wounded  
Who were taken in that fray  
To writhe in torment at the stake  
To close that awful day

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