

At a meeting of the Pittsylvania Committee on Monday 27 of Feb. 1775, the following gentlemen are nominated as officers for the Militia, agreeable to the ordinance of Convention viz: John Donalson, Esq; Lt. Robert Williams, Esq; Col. William Turnstall; Lt. Col. John Wilson, Esq; Major Charles Irby and David Chadwell as Ensigns.

R. William, Chairman

Wm. Peters Martin, Clerk

David Chadwell Member of House of Delegates from Lee County, 1794-5 and 1798 VA From Register of General Assembly of VA p. 358

Warrant to Captain David Chadwell, for pay rations, etc. of his Company of Militia from Henry County, on duty in Montgomery County, Pay Roll etc. 330--17-10

I declare the above mentioned reference to Capt. David Chadwell to be a true copy from the volume mentioned, also that it is the only reference to the said David Chadwell among the Revolutionary Archives of the State of Virginia.

Richmond, VA Mar. 26, 1924

"David Chadwell was purportedly a man large in stature, over six feet tall, with red hair, a strong physique, and known for his courage and daring. He was either the son of George or John Chadwell, was born in England according to tradition in 1732/3, and emigrated to the American Colonies with his parents in the early 1740s. The names of his children would indicate that he is related to George and John Chadwell. Two of David's children were given the names John and Barthena--these are the names of John, son of George and Jemima, and his wife, Barthena. There are no records that show the names of John's children." (Some researchers believe that David was born in America instead of England.)

Records show that David owned land in Halifax/Pittsylvania/Henry Co., VA. Later, David moved to Russell Co., VA, then Lee Co., VA, and finally, Claiborne Co., TN.

David married abt 1770 to Elizabeth Turner (1752-54-?), daughter of John/Jessey Turner. (Some researchers believe this may have been David's second marriage.)

"From all indications David Chadwell was an adventurous, ambitious man, but also a devoted family man. He acquired thousands of acres of land in the southwest section of VA and Northeastern TN. According to records, he registered his cattle mark and was granted permission to establish a grist mill in Russell County, VA in 1790. We also know that he ran a way station and tavern (Chadwell Station in Lee Co., VA) so he was a man of diversified interest. He was obviously successful in most of his undertakings as he amassed a sizable estate. This, in spite of the fact that he could not write his name."

In 1979 the DAR dedicated a memorial stone for Capt. David Chadwell, who died in 1833. The Breastworks Hill Cemetery is near Tazewell, Claiborne Co., TN.

the Chadwell Gap Trial that is located near Ewing, VA close to the Chadwell Station location. The trial takes you to the Ridge Trial, Hensley (settlement), and Sand Cave.

If you go to the visitor center at Cumberland Gap, you will find a huge map of the area that shows

the location of Chadwell Gap in the mountains to the east of the Cumberland Gap.

Years ago in my research I found a deed listing which indicated that Capt. David Chadwell owned a portion of the Cumberland Mtns. or land that butted against the mountains. I believe the gap is named in his honor.