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Partial Genealogy of the Polks, Part I
(of Tennessee & North Carolina)

Main Political Affiliation:

1763-83	Whig/Revolutionary
1789-1823	Federalist
1824-33	National Republican
1834-53	Whig & Democrat
1854-	Confederate

1600

Cpt Robert Bruce Polk III (Pollock)
(1640-1703)
(Fought in Oliver Cromwell's Army; father and grandfather barons)
(Emigrated from Donegal, Ireland with family, 1672, to Maryland to escape retribution by Royalists)
= Magdalen Tasker
(1636-1727)

1650

William Polk I
(1664-1739)
Nancy Knox =
(1665-1719)
= the Widow Gray
(1685-1739?)

6 Others

Ephraim Polk
(1671-1739)
SEE POLK OF DE GENEALOGY

Robrt Bruce Polk IV
(1672-1727)
SEE POLK OF DE GENEALOGY & SEE POLK OF TN GENEALOGY PART II & SEE POLK OF MO GENEALOGY

William Polk II
(1700-57)
(moved to Pennsylvania, then North Carolina)
Anne Knox =
(1685-1725?)
SEE POLK OF MD GENEALOGY FOR OFFSPRING OF WILLIAM POLK II & ANNE KNOX
= Margaret Taylor
(1704-63)
(of Philadelphia)

Charles Polke I
(1703-53)
SEE POLK OF IN GENEALOGY

1 Other

1700

2 Others

James Polk
(1719-70)
SEE POLK OF OH GENEALOGY

Gen. Thomas Polk I
(1730-94); (Fed)
(Mecklenburg co. NC magistrate)
= Susanna Spratt (1719-99)

Susannah Polk (1734-1813)
= Benjamin Alexander (1725-1807)
See Alexander of TN Genealogy

Cpt John Polk
(1739-85)
(Agent to Catawba Indians)
See Shelby of KY Genealogy
= Eleanor Shelby
(1738-1803)

Col. Ezekiel Polk
(1747-1824)
(Mecklenburg co. NC sheriff, 1782)
= Mary Jane Winslow Wilson
(1746-91)

1750

Thomas Polk II
(1757-1842)
SEE POLK OF NC GENEALOGY

6 Others

William Junius Polk I
(1758-1834); (Fed)
(NC house, 1787-93); (NC supervisor, 1794-1810)
(president State Bank of NC, 1811-19)
= Sarah Hawkins
(1784-1843)
See Hawkins of NC Genealogy

Margaret Polk (1762-1808)
= Dr. Nathaniel Alexander
(1756-1808); (Rep); (Rev War surgeon)
(NC house, 1797); (NC senate, 1801-02)
(US House, 1803-05)
(Governor of North Carolina, 1805-07)
See Alexander of NC Genealogy

7 Children

Jane Knox Polk
(1765-1819)
= William Carlyle Dobson I
(1761-1813)
(Emigrated from England to South Carolina with 5 brothers)
(Rev War); (moved to North Carolina); (tavern keeper)
See Dobson of NC Genealogy

7 Others

Maj. Samuel Polk
(1772-1827)
(moved to Tennessee)
(farmer, land speculator, surveyor)
= Jean Knox
(1776-1852)

Mary Ophelia Polk
(1785-1835)
= Thomas Jones Hardeman
(1788-1854)
(TX Rep. house, 1837-39)
(TX Rep. judge, 1843)
(TX house, 1847-51)

Grizelda Gilchrist =
(1768-99)

Thomas Gilchrist Polk
(1790-1869); (Whig)
(NC house)
SEE POLK OF NC GENEALOGY

Dr. William J. Polk II
(1793-1860)
= Mary Rebecca Long
(1797-1885

1800

Leonidas Polk
(1806-64)
(moved to TN, 1832)
(Episcopal Bishop, 1838-64)
(Confed general, 1861-64)
= Frances Ann Deveraux
(1807-75)

9 Others

Mary Brown Polk
(1809-34)
= George Edmund Badger
(1795-1866)
(Whig); (lawyer)
(NC house, 1816)
(NC judge, 1820-25)
(US Secretary of Navy, March-September, 1841)
(US Senate, 1846-5)
(NC secession convention, 1861; opposed secession)
See Badger of NC Genealogy

Rufus King Polk
(1814-43)
= Sally Moore Jackson
(1818-88)

Sally Moore Polk
(1841-at least 1882)
= Lucius Eugene Polk
(1833-92)
(Confed general, 1862-64)
(TN senate, 1887)
(Look Left)

James Knox Polk
(1795-1849); (Democrat)
(TN house, 1823-25)
(US House, 1825-39)
(Governor of Tennessee, 1839-41)
(11th US President, 1845-49)
See Childress of TN Genealogy
= Sarah Childress
(1803-91)

7 Others

By Adoption

Marshall Tate Polk I
(1804-31)
= Laura Theesa
(1808-48)

Marshall Tate Polk II
(1831-84)
(Confederate Col.)
(TN treasurer, 1877-83)
(Embezzler)
= Evalina McNeal Bills
(1836-1926)

10 Children

William Hawkins Polk
(1815-62)
(TN house, 1842-45)
(US Minister to Two Sicilies, 1845-47)
(US House, 1851-53)
= 4 Wives

5 Children

5 Children

Griselda Gilchrist Polk
(1819-1901)
= Russell Houston
(1810-95)
(Whig before Civil War; Dem after)
(moved to Tennessee, 1847)
(TN house, 1851-52)
(TN supreme court, 1862)
See Houston of AL Genealogy

7 Others

Lucius Eugene Polk
(1833-92)
(Confed general, 1862-64)
(TN senate, 1887)
(Look Right)
= Sally Moore Polk
(1841-at least 1882)

8 Children

1850

Rufus King Polk
(1866-1902); (Dem)
(moved to Pennsylvania)
(US House, 1899-1902)
(Spanish-American War)
SEE POLK OF PA GENEALOGY

4 Others

1900