

HOW TO LOCATE YOUR FAMILY

This genealogy may be thought of as falling into six main divisions -- the descendants of the five sons of Valentine Sevier the Immigrant (plus his daughter Catherine) and the section on Unclassified Sevier Families.

1. Consult the Table of Contents for a listing of all of Valentine Sevier's descendants on whom a considerable amount of data is available, down to and including the third generation of the family in America. In case of persons with common Christian names such as Valentine, John and James, the Table of Contents lists their military title, wife's name or place of residence. Such identification is continued in the family listing as an aid in distinguishing one from another.
2. An asterisk in the main text (not the Index) indicates the fourth and later generations of this line are carried in this book.
3. Check the Table of Contents for the page on which the families of the fourth and later generations begins.
4. In the heading above the individual family listing, a superior or raised number such as

ELBRIDGE GERRY SEVIER⁴ AND MARY CAROLINE BROWN

indicates the head of the family is in the fourth generation counting Valentine Sevier the Immigrant as the first. Expect to find all material on Elbridge's descendants before you see the next heading with a four in it -- such as CLARISSA CARTER SEVIER⁴ AND JOHN IVAN JONES.

5. Chronological order of listing the children beginning with the oldest is maintained throughout each section.
6. Small running headlines at the upper right corner of a page offer immediate identification of the names of the second and third generation of the particular family presented on that page, in case one is leafing through the book at random.
7. Observe carefully all special designations such as military titles, the name of the wife or husband, or place of residence as an aid in distinguishing different individuals throughout the book. The Valentine Seviere in the early generations are consistently designated as:

Valentine Sevier the Immigrant
Col. Valentine Sevier, second son of the Immigrant
Valentine, son of Gen. John Sevier
Valentine of Greeneville, Tenn., also called the Red Fox
Valentine Sevier of West Tennessee and Texas

In later generations when middle names became more common, every effort is used to give the full name of the individual.

8. In the cases of individuals on whom not enough material was available to determine in which family they belong, see the Table of Contents on the Unclassified Sevier Families. Some of these have many generations given in the text, but only the earliest known family head is listed in the Table of Contents. In addition, there are many brief miscellaneous items on others at the end of the appendix, arranged by geographical location and dates, but not listed in the Table of Contents or Index.