

My NSDOAF Ancestor, Samuel Jefferson Widener – Information provided by Terry Gale Greer Kramlick – Member #1433

My farmer ancestor is Samuel Jefferson Widener from Virginia. He was born in Abington, Virginia in 1862 and died in Damascus, Virginia in about February 1936. He married Laura Hand in Washington County, Virginia on 11 July 1888. Together they had 8 children.

Samuel's 2nd great grandfather, Michael Widener. Michael had immigrated with his father, Johann Heinrich Widener from Germany. Because Michael's native tongue was German, he served under General George Washington as a translator at Yorktown.

According to the 1900, 1910 and 1920 census record Samuel worked as a farmer in Washington County, Virginia.

Samuel and his wife, Laura, were originally buried in Stone Creek, Virginia with only a rock for a marker. In 1991 their granddaughter, Sue (Greer) Shehan, had their remains exhumed and moved to Zion Methodist Church Cemetery in Abingdon Virginia. She had a proper tombstone erected in their honor.

