

Married Dec.6 1865; Harriet C.Thomason to Henry M.Wagner by Rev. C.W.Besent

J.Rankin Thomas of Greensboro, N.C.

N.C.History (Lewis Publishing Company) Vol.VI. page 92: J.Rankin Thomas born on a farm in the eastern part of Guilford Co.N.C., married 1st Mattie Apple (by whom has an only son, Guy) married 2nd Margaret Young. The parents of J.Rankin Thomas are John W.Thomas of Greensboro, (whose father was John) by wife Fanny (who died in 1913, daughter of Jerry Andrews) by whom had: Robert T., Capers E., Billy, J.Rankin, John C., Irvin R., Ada (wife of Thomas L.McLean) & Mamie (wife of Ed Brockman).

Book 16 page 87; Nov. 7 1797, Isaac Johnson & wife Elizabeth of Pitte Co., Kentucky, let Shadrack Dial of Rowan Co., N.C., have 133 acres on the waters of Dutchmans Creek beginning on the beginning corner of the original tract of the said Isaac Johnson at a pine & going north 27 chains & 4 links to a stake, west 48 chains & 54 links to a white oak, south 27 chains & 4 links to a stone on the original line of the said Isaac Johnson, then east 48 chains & 50 1/2 links to the beginning, for 29 pounds & 2 shillings & 6 pence, witnessed by Martha Witthead & James Bryan & proved by the latter in Feb. court of 1798.

William R. Thompson

Book 76 page 19; March 3 1894, H.H. Swicegood (as trustee) lets Mrs. J.L. Weant--both of Davie Co. N.C.--have 80 acres next lot #4 & ---Hairston, for \$205.00, (W.R. Thompson & wife F.C. made this trust April 9 1890--see book 7 page 153).

Mortgage book 7 page 153; April 9 1890, W.R. Thompson & wife Francis C. of Rowan Co. N.C. let H.H. Swicegood of Davie Co. N.C. (to whom they owe \$150.00) have 80 acres next lot #4 & ---Hairston, acknowledged on April 19 1890. (This is marked sold under mortgage on March 3 1894 to Mrs. J. R. Weant by the said Swicegood through his attorney R. Lee Wright).

James Crawford Thomas of Raeford N.C.

History of N.C. (Lewis Publishing Company) Vol. VI page 51: James Crawford Thomas, farmer, banker &c of Raeford, Hoke Co. N.C. married 1st Anne Arena Benton (born near Wadesboro, N.C. who had; Marshall W., James Benton & Mrs. Ina Lentz) who died, married 2nd Lillie F. Lentz (of Stanley Co. N.C., by whom has a son, Crawford Lents).

The parents of James Crawford Thomas were William Jackson Thomas, the Confederate soldier who died in 1892, & wife Mary Jane Covington (born near Rockingham in Richmond Co. N.C., who died in Dec. 1915, daughter of William H. Covington who is descended of the Covington family which settled in 1732 in what is now Richmond County of whom both William & John were born in England). The grandparents of William Jackson Thomas are James Thomas (who spent the earlier part of his life in Marlboro Co. S.C. & wife Charlotte Roper (the daughter of Thomas the son of Frederick Roper who founded the family in North Carolina, reared--this is ambiguous & might mean that the Ropers of Marlboro Co. S.C. instead of Thomas).

Bias Thomason

Book 39 page 417; Nov. 11 1845, Bias Thomason--no wife signs--lets William R. Fraley (both of Rowan Co. N.C.) have 60½ acres next George Thomason, Mary Hall & the old line, for \$250.00, witnessed by R. Locke & George H. Gheen & proved by the latter in May 1852.

Nov. 22 1816; The State vs Bias Thomason, bastardy on the body of Peggy Lewis. He gave bond of 500 pounds with Daniel Clary.

Alexander Thomas

The will of William Smith is proved by Bartholomew Williams on May 6 1801. Letters issued to the widow, Mary (one of the executors named)

Marriage bonds:

Elizabeth Smith to Paul Daniels Aug. 19 1790 signed by Moses Perkins

Book 11 page 279; Oct. 25 1786, The State grants (#1261 at _____ acres) to William Smith 400 acres on Abbotts Creek next Stephen Osborn (Cabain?) & William Spurgen.

The Pension roll of Davidson Co. N.C. gives Alexander Thomas as a private of the New Jersey Militia, aged 76 years to receive \$235.00 commencing March 4 1831.--see N.C. Pension-roll of pages 77 & 78.
Steve Osborne aged 81 years pensioned March 4 1831 fro service as a private in N.C. Continental line--to get \$240.00

William R. Thomason

James Thomason (Third Creek)

Book 41 page 580: May 1 1859, Esq. Luke Blackmer (as C.M.E., on a petition from the heirs of deceased James Thomason for a sale & was sold May 6 1845), lets Thomas R. Walton have 218 acres on the bank of Third Creek next ---Revel, ---Trott, ---Thomason & ---Armfield, for \$427.00, witnessed by W.A. Walton & acknowledged.

Jesse Thomason (Unity Township)

Book 85 page 484: Sept. 6 1899, John S. Henderson & Lee S. Overman (as commissioners in the Special Proceedings of D.R. Julian & W.H. Miller vs John A. Boyden & others) let D.R. Julian have 200 acres in Unity township "Known as the Jesse Thomason lands" which had been willed by J.H. Mingus to W.C. Mingus & co, for \$600.00,

Book 87 page 38: Sept. 15 1899, W.H. Miller & wife Mary R. let D.R. Julian--all of Rowan Co. N.C.--have their half of the following lands, for \$300.00

Book 87 page 246: Dec. 15 1899, D.R. Julian & wife M.R.B. let George F. Kenerly--all of Rowan Co. N.C.--have 36 acres in Unity Township next Daniel Winecoff & others "Known as the Wilford Dent Tract" formerly owned by Joseph Mingus--see book 84 page 380 & 87 page 38--; also 200 acres next Daniel Winecoff & Daniel Penninger "Known as the Jesse Thomason lands--see book 84 page 378, 85 page 484 & 87 page 38--which had been willed by J.A. Mingus to W.C. Mingus, for \$1200.00, acknowledged on the same day. (over)

James Crawford Thomas of Raeford N.C.

History of N.C. (Lewis Publishing Company) Vol. VI page 51: James Crawford Thomas, former

Richard Thomas of Virginia
N.C. D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 123: Mrs. E. B. Wiley, (Agnes Lee Dunlap) as #342056, from the services of Richard Thomas, a Private of Virginia, is listed among the "Former Members 1890-1947."

Jesse Thomason (Unity Township)

Book 84 page 378: March 14 1898, the sheriff, J.M. Monroe (in the suit vs W. Smithdeal see details, with orders to sell & did) let D.R. Julian & F.W. Miller--all of Rowan Co. N.C.--have the undivided half interest of 200 acres in Unity Township next Daniel Wine-codd, Daniel Penninger & others, for \$300.00, witnessed by Theo F. Kluttz & acknowledged on April 7 1898. (This is known as the Jesse Thomason land which J.H. Mingus willed to W.C. Mingus).

Same book page 380: Another on same day in same case to them of 36 acres next the above, known as the Wilfred Dent tract", for \$100.00 (This had been formerly owned by Joseph Mingus).

Thomason.

Book 28 page 42:

John Williamson--no wife signs--lets William Thomason (both of Rowan Co. N.C.) have 121 acres on both sides of Third Creek next Samuel Marlin (by purchase from John Williamson), near a branch next John Rowley & ---- Moon's corner, for \$327.30, witnessed by Daniel Lyerly & Samuel Marlin & proved by the latter in May 1825. (This is part of the land which Martin Randleman let John Williamson have on June 17 1823).

Thomas

Page 118: Mrs. J. S. Thomas, (Elizabeth Sheffield), as #116543, from the services of Samuel Bailey Paymaster of Virginia, is listed among the former members 1890-1947."

Page 194: Mrs. W. P. Jew, (Mary Reamy Thomas), gave her Supplemental Lines as Samuel Bailey Paymaster of Virginia, & Major George Walter of Virginia.

Page 19: Mrs. W. P. Jew, (Mary Reamy Thomas), as #51635, from the services of Sergeant Major John Pidd of Virginia, joined the General Davie Chap-ter, (Organized Oct. 13, 1911), of Durham, N.C.

Page 19: Mrs. S. A. Thomas, (Virginia Ashlin), as #333671, from the services of Captain James Franklin of Virginia joined the same chap-ter.

Page 13: Mrs. W. Busham Thomas, (Mary Cassady), as #325469 from the services of Richard Randolph I. of the Virginia Convention, joined the Liberty Hall Chap-ter (Organized March 13, 1909), of Charlotte, N.C.

William Wiley (Haw River)

July 12 1763; Deed from William Wiley & wife to Arthur Parr for 640 acres April 28 1763 proved by Thomas Donnel Esq.
Book 5 page 365; April 28 1763, William Wiley & wife Mary let Arthur Parr N.C.--have 640 acres for 30 pounds, witnessed by Richard Wright & Thomas Donnell & proved in 1763. (Earl Granville let the said Wiley have this on May 23 1758).

Oct. 11 1763; Deed from Arthur Parr & wife Margret, to Richard Wright for 640 acres --- 1763 proved by Esq. Thomas Donnell.
Book 5 page 366; Oct. 8 1763, Arthur Parr & wife Margaret of Orange Co. N.C., let the farmer, Richard Wright of have 320 acres on the fork of Haw River, for 20 pounds, witnessed by William Hamilton & Thomas Donnell & proved in Oct. 1763. (Earl Granville let William Wiley have this on May 23 1758 & he let the said Parr have it).

April 12 1764: Deed from Richard Wright & wife to Harmon Husbands for 320 acres April 8 1764 proved by Christopher Nation Esq.
Book 5 page 449; April 8 1764, Richard Wright & wife Ann --he is a farmer--let Harmon Husbands (all of Orange Co. N.C.) have 320 acres in Fork of Haw River, for 32 pounds & 10 shillings, witnessed by William Robins & Chrs. Nation & proved in April 1764. (This is a half of 640 acres granted by Earl Granville to William Wiley on May 23 1753, who let Arthur Parr have, who let Richard Wright have).

Jan. 13 1767; Deed from Harmon Husbands & wife to William Robertson for 320 acres Jan. 2

William Thomason.

Book 27 page 63; Feb.27 1822, Henry Trott of Tenn--no wife signs--lets Thomas Trott of Rowan Co.N.C., have 110 acres on the north bank of --- Creek next Widow Leach, William Thomason & his field, next John Trott, the spring, east side of the branch next Thomas Trott, for \$100.00, witnessed & proved by J.Dent in May 1822.

Book 27 page 167; Feb.25 1822, Henry Trott of Rutherford Co.Tenn. appoints Josiah Dent of Rowan Co.N.C., his attorney to attend to business &c. witnessed & proved by A.Hall in Aug. 1822.

Mortgage book 4 page 238; Dec.17 1887, William A.Thomason & wife E.C. let Levi Powlas--all of Rowan Co.N.C., to whom they owe \$115.00.--have 48 acres next lot #3, acknowledged on the same day.

Thomas

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Henry Thomas

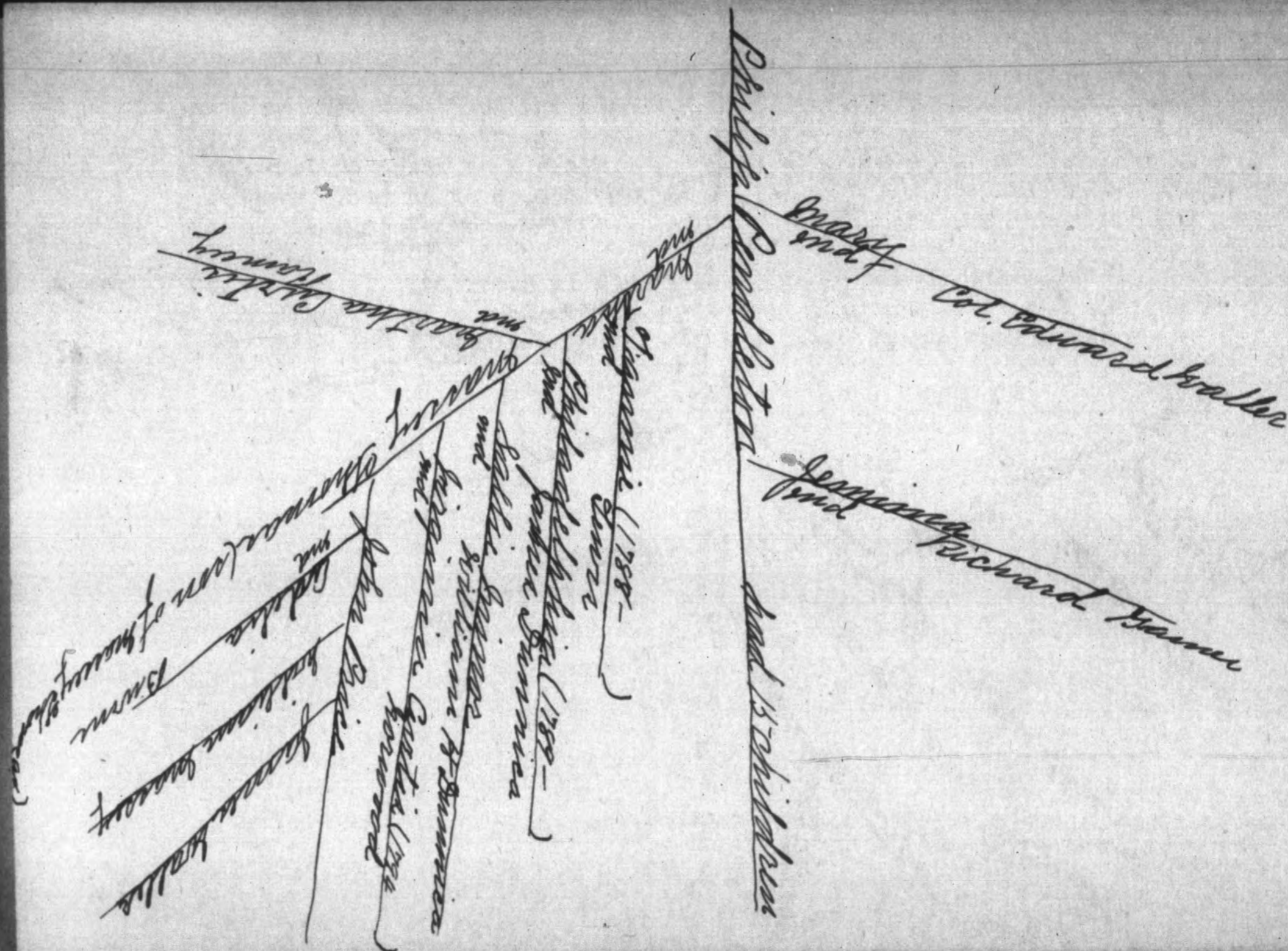
Book 11 page 377; Aug. 9 1787; The State grants (#1617 at 50 shillings the 100 acres) to Henry Thomas 154 acres next the deceased Jacob Thomas & others, beginning on the old line of said Jacob Thomas, at a white oak, going north 60 poles to a black oak, east 60 poles to the corner of John Ramsey & a hickory on the line of said Ramsey 115 poles, east 120 poles to a black oak, south 125 poles to an elm, then to the beginning.

Book 69 page 267; Nov. 19 1884, W.A. Thomason & wife E.C., J.L. Correll & wife M.P., R.M. Thomason & wife Lorena make a quit claim for good reasons, to M.J. Shaver for 32 1/2 acres (as in the division of James Thomason's estate), witnessed by D. Penninger & acknowledged on Aug. 8 1885.

Book 69 page 280; Nov. 19 1884, William A. Thomason & wife E.C., J.S. Correll & wife M.P., A.W. Shaver & wife M.J. for good reasons & 200.00 let R.M. Thomason have 39 1/2 acres (being lot #3 in estate of deceased James Thomason next lot 2, witnessed by D. Penninger acknowledged on Aug. 8 1885.

Thomason

Book 11 page 531; Aug. 9 1787, The State grants (#1586 at 50 shillings the 100 acres) to James Thomas 165 acres, beginning on the original corner of the old survey of Jacob Thomas, at a white oak, going west 60 chains to a post oak, north 160 poles to a black oak, south 120 poles to a black oak, then to the beginning.

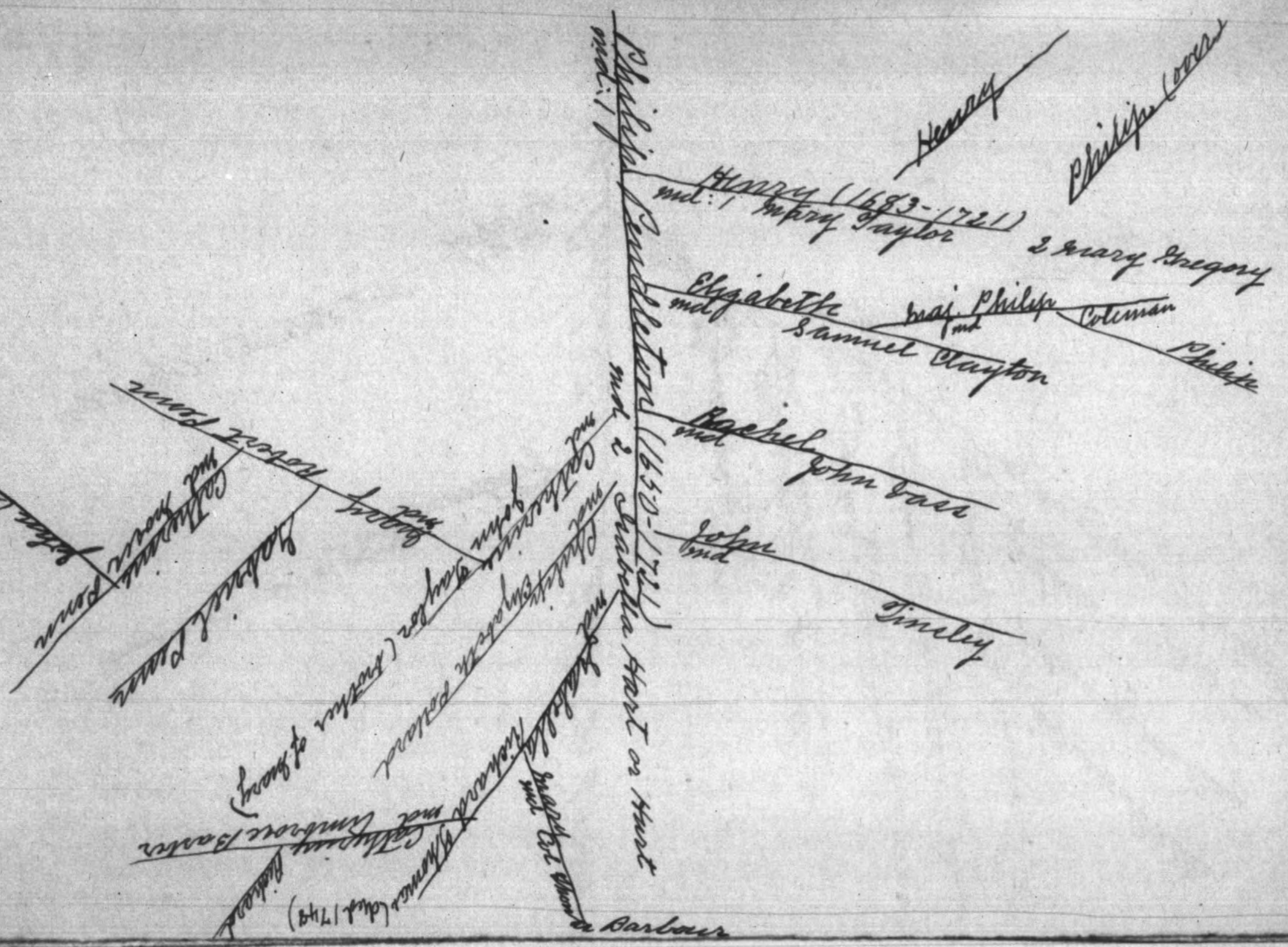


Marriage bond; John Thomas to Barbar Fite March 7 1803 signed by Nicholas Moyer & Adlai L. Osborne, J.P.

Book 40 page 222; May 1 1854, John Thomas & wife Barbara of Iredell Co. N.C., let Cornelius Kester of Rowan Co. N.C., have 46 acres on the south side of Crane Creek next James Goodman, Michael Peeler, Cornelius Kester, for \$25.00, witnessed by S.J. Peeler & acknowledged in May 1854. (This is their seventh part of the land heired from Conrad Fite.)

Aug. 5 1839; Administration on the estate of deceased Conrad Fite is granted Henry Fite who gave bond of \$1200.00 with Christian Bringle & Daniel Kerns

Subdivision of Independence



Tomlinson

(Piney Woods Quaker Meeting House & Graveyard)

Book 14 page 843, July 17 1794, Samuel Tomlinson--no wife, signs--lets the "over-seers of the society of the people called Quakers of the county", have 5 acres on Hunts Fork of Abbots Creek, beginning on the line of Nathan Hunt at a white oak, going west 20 poles to a black oak, south 40 poles to a post oak, east 20 poles to a hickory, then north to the beginning, for 10 shillings, witnessed by Joseph Tomlinson, Charles Pedgion & Nathan Hunt & proved by the last named in Feb. court of 1797.

(Mr. Tomlinson of Thomasville, N.C., who is descended of both Samuel & William Tomlinson, says he lives quite near this old meeting-house, north of the town, which was formerly a Quaker one but later became Methodist).

- Virkus Compendium, Vol. IV page 303: Pearl Idol of 409 W. High St. High Point, N.C., born Dec. 14 1876 in Jamestown, N.C., a member of D.A.R. &c., gave her line as:
- (9) William Clayton, (son of Thomas) came from Chichester, England in the "Kent" to New Jersey in 1677, settled at Burlington, but moved to Chester, Pa. married Prudence----
 - (8) Mary " () married in 1662, John Beals (son of Thomas Beals 9 who married Sarah, the daughter of John Edge)
 - (7) Sarah Beals (1713-1800) married John Mills (1712-94, son of John Mills 8 who came from England), of the American Revolution, who moved from Frederick Co. Va., to Orange--now Guilford Co. N.C.
 - (6) Sarah Mills (died in 1778) of Guilford Co. N.C., married William Hunt--see #6
 - (5) William Raper (1725-95) came from England in 1754 & settled in Rowan Co. N.C. in 1755, served in American Revolution, married 2nd, Rebecca (daughter of Wm. Simmons 6 who died in 1772)
 - (4) " " (1771-1859) of Guilford Co. N.C., married Leziah (1775-1851, the daughter of William Davis 5 who died in 1799, served in the American Revolution, by wife Elizabeth----who died in 1818)
 - (3) Austin " (1810-76) of Guilford Co. N.C., married in 1852, Martha Mottsinger--see #3 below
 - (2) Louisa " (born in 1853) married in 1875, William Nussey Idol of High Point, N.C.
 - (1) Pearl Idol (born Dec. 14 1876)
 - (3) Martha Mottsinger (1822-1862) married Austin Raper--see #3 above
 - (4) Adam " (1790-1864) " 1814, Mary Idol
 - (5) Daniel " () " Dianna (daughter of Adam Winkler who died in 1799, by wife Catherine----)
 - (6) Felix " (1727-91) removed from Pennsylvania to Rowan Co. N.C. in 1776 & served in American Revolution
 - (7) Jacob " (born in 1700) came in 1735 from Germany & settled in Pennsylvania

Restoration of Independence

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John M. Thomas

Davidson Co. N.C. book 7 page 351: July 14 1840, Zebulon Hunt, (as the surviving executor of deceased Andrew Caldcleugh) with John M. Thomas (as the surviving executor of deceased John Monroe) in compliance with the will of said Caldcleugh (which gave his two said friends Zebulon Hunt & said deceased John Monroe, the power to look after the interests of Sally Zimmerman) let Sally Zimmerman--all of Davidson Co. N.C.--have 215 acres on Brushy Fork of Abbotts Creek next Buckner Daniel, Benjamin Jones & Christian Rothrock (which they had bought for her from Frederick Clayton), witnessed by Robert Foster & John P. Mabery & acknowledged in Aug. 1840.

John M. Thomas

A letter from Mrs. J.M. Aldrich (Eliza Allison Treadwell) of Michigan City, Miss., wanting information to fill out her Monroe line. The last wife of John Monroe was Sarah Danel whom he married in Rowan Co. N.C. on Jan. 25 1806. He was living in Rowan on March 14 1831 when he made his will--in that portion cut off into Davidson County. He willed to his widow, that portion of his homestead plantation described as being on the northwest side of the main road leading from what was generally called Dobson Cress road, to Wm. C. Beard's. His children were: 1 William (who died before 1831 leaving a daughter Pheby); 2 Abner; 3 Hugh; 4 Henry; 5 Elizabeth (who married James Stafford); 6 Pheby (who married William Markland); 7 Margaret (who married Williams) & by his last wife had 8 Abigail (who married John Thomas); 9 George Washington; 10 Lucy Wilkie (who married Francis Dunn Farabee) & 11 Randolph.

After the death of John Monroe, his widow, Sarah Danel & her four children moved to Miss. & the family got scattered. She, his son-in-law, John M. Thomas & William Bodenhamer were appointed executors--there was a relationship between her & William Bodenhamer whom she called "my son"--he may have been a step-son or grandson. The witnesses of the will were Hugh Delap & Ezekiel Brown. (Anderson & Tempe Delap of Memphis Tenn. spoke of our family as cousins).

John Monroe Farabee (son of Lucy) used a leather folding book during the Civil War which his mother's uncle, Samuel (who served in the American Revolution) gave him, while a son of Abigail Thomas says there was an "Uncle Tommy" on the mother's side--three of John & Sarah Monroe's grandsons were living in 1927 but two died the next year. There is said to be a family connection with President James Monroe--this can when proved carry the name through Virginia back to the eleventh century in Scotland.----- Marriage bonds in Rowan Co. N.C.: John Monroe to Sarah Danel Jan. 25 1806 signed Jno. Bodenhamer Phebee Monroe to William Markland Aug. 27 1816 signed by Robert Hampton Margaret " " Jonathan Williams March 9 1818 " " John Markland

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Monroe

John E. Thomas
 Davidson Co. N.C., book 7 page 564: --- -- 1841, Sarah Monroe gives to her son, Randolph Monroe, a negro named Wesley, aged 7 months
 The will of William Monroe (Rowan Co. N.C., book G page 316) made while "weak in body" on March 29 1814 & probated in May 1814. Wife Catherine, who is Exx. & little daughter, Phebee. Witnesses: John Monroe & Cudbert Daniel.
 Wednesday, May 11 1814; The will of William Monroe is proved & Catherine Monroe qualified as Exx.

John Monroe

md 3 12 3 Sarah Daniel
 (baptized 1784, married Jan 26 1801, died Oct 28 1848 at Old Hudsonville Miss.)

The parents of Francis Dann-Farabee were Benjamin, born 1760 in Kent Co. Del. died in Davidson Co. N.C. (son of Capt. Caleb of Kent Co. Del. Militia in 1758) & wife Mary Cook of New Jersey.

Lucey Salley Monroe
 born March 30 1809 in Davidson Co. N.C. died June 23 1869 in Early Kent Co. Miss. married 1st Francis Dann Farabee (born 1799 in Davidson Co. N.C. died 1847 Shelby Co. Tenn.)
 2nd Mary Stark

Lucy Alice Farabee
 born 1836 in Shelby Co. Tenn. died 1887 in Lamar, Miss. married William Townsend Headwell (born June 19 1828 in Rutherford Co. N.C. died 1908 in Lamar, Miss.)

Pigg Allison Headwell
 born 1866

The Annals of Haywood Co. N.C. (by W.C. Allen in 1935), page 623: "THE THOMAS FAMILY. More than a century and a quarter ago, a young couple, who had married a short time before in Virginia, came to the fertile and scenically beautiful Pigeon valley in what is now Haywood County. There they purchased lands and began the building of a home for themselves. They lived together in that new country for about two years when their brief union was tragically broken by the drowning in Pigeon river of the young husband.

"The actors in this tragic drama were Richard Thomas, who was born in Virginia, and Temperance Calvert, a descendant of one of the brothers of Lord Baltimore who had settled the Maryland colony in 1634. Only a few weeks intervened between the death of the father, Richard, until the birth of the son, William Holland, the third person in this singular story of the coming of the Thomases to Haywood County. Temperance Calvert Thomas was thus left in a strange and almost uninhabited country. Almost alone, except for a few settlers who were living in the valley far apart, this heroic woman was left desolate with an infant on her knee. She set herself to rearing her son and making a living upon the place her husband had begun. She, therefore, gave her son a good education, if it was "homespun," and at the same time managed the estate so well that a good living for both of them was made.

"This boy was the famous Colonel William H. Thomas, whose biography in full is given elsewhere in this volume. His career was long and eventful, one of the really great characters born and reared in Haywood County.

"He was married in 1858 to Sarah J. Love, oldest daughter of James R. Love, of Waynesville, and a granddaughter of Colonel Robert Love of Revolutionary fame. His home was in Jackson County on the Tuckaseegee river near the spot where General Griffith Rutherford routed the Cherokees in battle in 1776.

"Colonel Thomas left three heirs, as follows: William H. Thomas, Jr., who for many years was a resident of Jackson County; James R. Thomas, who has a home in Waynesville; and Sallie Love, who married Judge A.C. Avery, of Morganton. Colonel Thomas died in 1893."

Avery--W.H. Thomas
Line of Sons of American Revolution: Capt. James Avery (son of Christopher); Samuel; Humphrey; Waighstill; Isaac Thomas; ^{Avery}Alphonso Calhoun Avery Sr.; Alphonso Calhoun Avery Jr.

Western North Carolina Historical & Biographical (published in 1890 in Charlotte, N.C.), page 122; Hon. Alphonso Calhoun Avery, born Sept. 11 1837, (son of Col. Isaac T. Avery of Burke Co. N.C. by Harriet Erwin, a daughter of William Erwin & granddaughter of Col. William Sharpe. Col. Isaac T. Avery was the son of Col. Waighstill Avery, Signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, Member of Colonial Congress & the First Attorney General of North Carolina.), married Feb. 27 1861, Susan W. (granddaughter of General Joseph Graham, great-granddaughter of two Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration. Her father being Rev. R.H. Morrison.) & after her death, married Dec. 31, 1888, Miss Sallie Love (the daughter of Col. W.H. Thomas, of Jackson Co. N.C., a great-granddaughter of Col. Robert Love of Buncombe Co. N.C. *N.C. D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 67: Mrs. Sarah Thomas Avery, as #27034, from the services of Lieutenant Robert Love of North Carolina, is listed among the former members 1890-1947.*

Colonels John Thomas Sr. & Jr. Of Fair Forest, South Carolina.
Southern Presbyterian Leaders. (By Henry Alexander White) page 147:***"in July, 1780, Captain Huck led his British cavalry into Bethesda congregation in York County, South Carolina. This, as we know, was one of the churches under the pastoral care of John Simpson. Hugh's men tried to frighten the women and children to make them tell where their husbands and fathers were hiding. Mary McClure, a young girl, mounted a horse and rode rapidly across the country to General Sumter's camp. There she told her brothers about the cruelty of Captain Huck. A force of about two hundred and sixty riflemen, most of them from John Simpson's two congregations, let by William Bratton, Edward Lacey, John McClure, Andrew Neil and McConnell, urged their horses through the forests and came upon Huck at Williamson's plantation. At early dawn on the morning of July 12, 1780, the crashing report of their rifles was heard in the British camp. Every bullet went straight to its mark. Huck was slain, his force was defeated and many of his men captured.
John Thomas was an elder of the Fairforest congregation in the present Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He was commander of the Spartanburg regiment. Colonel Thomas was captured by the British, but his son John became leader of that regiment. On that day after Huck's defeat, young Thomas and his Presbyterian riflemen defeated a force of British cavalry. At once, then, the men of all the Presbyterian congregations in upper South Carolina went out to fight. With their long black-barrelled rifles in their hands they rode away on horseback under the gallant Sumter to take part in the fight against Cornwallis."
History of South Carolina in The Revolution (McCrady) Vol. 1775-1780, page 608; "A singular exception to the general sentiment of the people in this section was a congregation of Presbyterians of the Fair Forest church, of which it was said that there was not a Tory among them. Of these Colonel John Thomas was one of the leaders. He was a native of Wales, but brought up in Chester County in Pennsylvania and removed to South Carolina. Before hostilities commenced he was residing upon Fair Forest Creek in the lower part of what is now Spartanburg County. He was one of the founders of the
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"JAMES R. Thomas, a son of Colonel William H. Thomas and Sarah Love Thomas, was born in Jackson County, December 16, 1860. The Thomas home, Stecoah, located near Whittier and Quallatown in the Indian Reservation, is a place of much interest.
"James R. Thomas was educated in the Waynesville schools and early turned his attention to politics. He was elected to the State Legislature from Jackson County in 1894 and served in the session of 1895. He retired at the end of his term.
"Coming to Waynesville in 1896, he early became interested in the affairs of the town. For two terms, he was a member of the board of aldermen, and, while a member in 1905, he was active in having Main Street paved with hard brick, the first street in Haywood County to be hard surfaced.
"In 1896, he married Josephine Smith, of Raleigh. They reared four children, Josephine, who married Odin Buel, of California; Sarah, who married R.R. Campbell, of Waynesville; Dorothy, who married J.F. Hodges, of Virginia; and James R., Jr."

WILLIAM THOMAS
Sons of American Revolution lines from William Thomas Sr.: Stephen Thomas Henderson; Wil-
lis Irwin Henderson; Stephen Moorman Thomas; James Thomas; William Thomas Jr.; William
Thomas Sr.

Giles Thomas of Maryland.
N.C.S.A.R. Register of 1947, page 94: Mrs. Edward Keith (Hettie Davis),
as #48945 from the service of Giles Thomas a Soldier of Maryland,
is listed among the former members 1890-1947"

church and a militia captain and magistrate under the Royal government. Having resign-
ed his Majesty's commission, he was elected Colonel of the regiment in the place of
Fletcher when that officer refused to join the new government. After the fall of
Charleston he was, under Sir Henry Clinton's proclamation, thrown into confinement in
violation of the parole he had given and the protection he had received. He had four
sons in the rebel service, two of whom fell in the cause. John Thomas, Jr., succeeded
his father in the command of the regiment and made his mark on many a well-fought
field. The other son was a youth at the time of the war, but not too young to do some
important service. He had also four daughters, each of whose husbands was a Whig and
each ultimately held a commission in the field.

It happened that while Colonel John Thomas the elder, with two of his sons, was
confined at Ninety-Six as a prisoner, Mrs. Thomas visited her husband and sons, and
while there overheard two women in conversation, one remarking to the other, "On to-
morrow the Loyalists intend to surprise the Rebels at Cedar Spring." This was a camp
in which Colonel John Thomas, Jr., her son, was organizing a body to join Sumter at
Clem's Creek. Startled at this information, as she had two sons as well as many of
her friends and neighbors in that camp, which was but a few miles beyond her own home,
Mrs. Thomas determined at once to return and apprise them of the intended attack. This
was on the 12th of July, the night on which Huck's party was cut to pieces at William-
son's plantation in York. She started early the next morning, the 13th, and reached
Cedar Spring that evening in time to give her friends warning of the impending danger.

Colonel John Thomas, Jr., the son of the heroine of this story and of Colonel John
Thomas the prisoner, who had succeeded his father in command of the Fair Forest Whigs,
now headed the small band of some sixty in number encamped at the Cedar Spring. On re-
ceiving the timely intelligence of the intended attack, Colonel Thomas and his men,
after a brief consultation, retired to a distance in rear of their campfires, and
awaited the impending onset. The British enemy, one hundred and fifty strong, soon
made their appearance, and rushed upon the camp, where they expected to find the luck-
less rebels profoundly enwrapped in slumber; but on the contrary they were wide awake

Col. John Thomas^{Sr. &} Jr. of Fair Forest, South Carolina
and astonished their assailants with a volley of rifle balls. Several were slain and
the rest routed. It was a short, quick, and decisive affair. It was fortunate for the
Thomas party that the attack was made at night, as it prevented the enemy from discov-
ering their own great superiority in numbers.¹ Reference 1 to King's Mountain and its
Heroes (Draper), 73-75; Hist. Presbyterian Church (Howe), vol. I, 533-534.

Page 636; On the evening of the 7th of August Clarke and Shelby went into camp on
Fair Forest Creek, nearly two miles west of Cedar Springs**** "Before their retirement
from their camp at Fair Forest the evening before, Josiah Culbertson--a son-in-law of
Colonel John Thomas, Sr., who had, on a former occasion, shown great gallantry and de-
termination, and who had recently joined Shelby--had obtained permission to return
home two or three miles distant on Fair Forest Creek, charged, however, with the duty
of making observation of any enemy he might find in that quarter. About daylight the
next morning he rode fearlessly into the encampment he had left the evening before,
supposing it still to be occupied by his friends, not knowing that they had retreated
and that Dunlap had occupied it. But Culbertson was equal to the emergency. Quickly
discovering his mistake, with extraordinary coolness and presence of mind he rode very
leisurely out of the encampment, with his rifle resting on the pommel of his saddle
before him. As he passed along, he observed the dragoons getting their horses in read-
iness and making other preparations, indicating an immediate renewal of their line of
march. No particular notice was taken of him in the British camp, as it was supposed
he was one of their own men. He quietly left the camp in this way, but when out of
sight he dashed off with good speed in the direction he inferred that Clarke and Shelby
had gone, and soon overtook his friends, and found they had chosen their ground and
were prepared for the onslaught." Reference 1 Howe's Hist. Presbyterian Church, Vol. I
page 534.

Selection of Independence

Dorothy Thomas

N.C. D.A.R. Register of 1947 page 131: Mrs. J. S. Conyers (Dorothy Thomas) gave her Supplemental Line as Robert Thomas, a Soldier of North Carolina; Andrew Warwick a Patriot of North Carolina; James Stafford a Patriot of North Carolina; John MacClintock a Patriot of North Carolina; Zachariah Allen, a Patriot of North Carolina who gave material aid; George Allen of the North Carolina Rangers; William Burney of the North Carolina Militia; John Burney of the North Carolina Militia; Sampson Stewart of the North Carolina Rangers; Finley Stewart (Stuart), a Soldier of North Carolina; James Mebane a Soldier & Patriot of North Carolina & Colonel Alexander Mebane a Patriot & Justice of the Peace of North Carolina.

Page 26: Mrs. J. S. Conyers (Dorothy Thomas) as #242102, from the services of Daron Lambeth, a Private of North Carolina, joined the "Guilford Battle Chapter" (organized Feb. 22, 1902) of Greensboro, N.C.

Col. John Thomas Sr. of Fair Forest section, S. Carolina. King's Mountain And It's Heroes (Lyman Copeland Draper, L.L.D.) page 73: "Parties were sent out to scour the north-western portion of South Carolina, and apprehend all the Rebel leaders who could be found. Among those who had taken protection, and were yet hurried off as prisoners to Ninety Six, was Colonel John Thomas, Sr., of the Fair Forest settlement, then quite advanced in life. His devoted wife rode nearly sixty miles to visit him, and convey to him such comforts as she had it in her power to bestow. While there, Mrs. Thomas overheard a conversation between some Tory women, of which her quick ear caught these ominous words: "The Loyalists intent, to-morrow night, to surprise the Rebels at Cedar Spring." This intelligence was enough to thrill a mother's heart, for Cedar Spring was but a few miles beyond her Fair Forest home, and with the Whig force were many of her friends and neighbors, and some even of her own children. No time was to be lost--she intuitively resolved to do her best to apprise them of the enemy's intention before the meditated blow could be struck. She started early the next morning, and reached Cedar Spring that evening in time to give them warning of the impending danger, when she quietly repaired to her home, conscious of having done her duty to her country, as well as performed an act of the noblest humanity."

"This was on the twelfth day of July. Colonel John Thomas, Jr., the son of our heroine, had succeeded his father in command of the Fair Forest regiment, and headed the small band, some sixty in number, now encamped at the Cedar Spring. Joseph McJunkin was one of the party. It seems to have been a camp formed for collecting the regiment, and drilling them, preparatory to joining Sumter. On receiving the timely intelligence of the intended British attack, Colonel Thomas and his men, after a brief consultation, retired a small distance in the rear of their camp fires, and awaited the impending onset. The enemy, one hundred and fifty strong, rushed upon the camp, where they expected to find the luckless Rebels profoundly enwrapped in slumber; but, on the contrary, they were wide awake. Several were slain, and the survivors scampered off badly demoralized. Among the slain was a Tory named John White, well known to Major McJunkin, and who, in the early part of the war, had declined bearing arms against the Indians, on the trump-

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Page 113: Mrs. H. D. Shackelford, (Annie R. LaHar), as #81084 from the services of Stephen Thomas, a soldier of South Carolina, is listed among the former members 1890-1947.

Page 147: Mrs. H. D. Shackelford, (note spelling, Annie Robertson LaHar), gave her Supplemental Lines as Joseph LaHar, Sergeant of South Carolina, & Seth Sotmore a J.P. & Inspection Com of Connecticut.

Colonels: John Thomas Jr. & Sr. of South Carolina. (over)
ed plea of being a non-combatant.* It was fortunate for Thomas' party, that this was a night attack, as the enemy had no opportunity of discovering their decided superiority; and doubtless retired with the belief that the Americans must have numbered several hundred. This embodying of the friends of liberty in the Fair Forest settlement, probably hastened the movement of Ferguson to that quarter."

Footnotes for over
* * In crediting Mrs. Jane Thomas with this heroic act, we are aware that Mills, in his Statistics of South Carolina, has accorded it to Mrs. Mary Dillard; but the uniform testimony of the Thomas family, including Major McJunkin, who married a daughter of Colonel Thomas, gives the narrative as we have substantially related it. The occasion of her visit to Ninety Six, and residing in the neighborhood of Cedar Spring, go far to sustain this view of the matter. Mrs. Dillard, on the other hand, lived fully thirty miles south-east of Cedar Spring, and south of the Enoree river, in Lauren's District--and on the route Tarleton pursued when on his way to attack Sumter at Blackstock's on Tyger; and Tarleton relates, that "a woman on horseback had viewed the line of march from a wood, and, by a nearer road, have given intelligence" to Sumter. That woman was Mrs. Dillard."

Page 136: The marauder, Capt. Samuel Brown, a hardened wretch, "ventured, on one occasion, to the house of Josiah Culbertson, on Fair Forest, accompanied by a single associate named Butler, and inquired of Mrs. Culbertson for her husband. But this young woman, the daughter of the heroic Mrs. Colonel Thomas, gave him some pretty curt and unsatisfactory answers. Brown became very much provoked by this spirited woman, and retorted in much abusive and indecent language; assuring her, furthermore, that he would, in a few days, return with his company, lay her house in ashes, kill her husband, and plunder and murder the principal Whigs of the neighborhood. After a good deal of tongue lashing, and bravado of this character, Brown and Butler rode off, leaving Mrs. Culbertson to brood over her painful apprehensions.

"Brown's cup of iniquity was running over, and the day of retribution was at hand.

Thomas.

Book 23 page 716: May 18 1816, James Smith--no wife signs--lets Samuel Thomas (both of Rowan Co.N.C.) have 21 acres on south side South Yadkin next --- Thomas, --- Huey & --- Renshaw, for \$30.00, witnessed by Abraham Buntain & William Renshaw & proved by the latter in May 1816.

Book 23 page 722: April 5 1816, John Guffey--no wife signs--lets Samuel Thomas (both of Rowan Co.N.C.) have 94 acres on south bank of South Yadkin River, for 152 pounds & 10 shillings, witnessed by Abraham Buntain & William Renshaw & proved by the latter in May 1816.

Book 23 page 726: Sept. 1 1809, James Orten--no wife signs--lets John Guffey (both of Rowan Co.N.C.) have 94 acres on south bank of South Yadkin, for 200 pounds, witnessed & proved in May 1816.

Book 23 page 718: April 1 1816, William Renshaw--no wife signs--lets Samuel Thomas (both of Rowan Co.N.C.) have 40 acres on Yadkin River next ---Smith, --- Orten & ---Neely, for 10 pounds, witnessed by Abraham Buntain & John Renshaw & acknowledged in May 1816.

Stephen Thomas of South Carolina
N.C. D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 83: Mrs. Bert J. Geisley, (Mary LaFar),
as #332057 from the services of Stephen Thomas, a Private of
South Carolina, is listed among the "Former Members 1890-
1947."

Page 101: Mrs C.C. Moore (Margaret Louise LaFar), as #140137,
from the services of Stephen Thomas, a Private of South
Carolina, is listed among the "Former Members 1890-1947."

N.C. D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 118: Miss Annie Eliza Thomas, as #144319, from
the services of Moses Lambeth, a Private of North Carolina, is listed among
the "Former Members 1890-1947."

Page 118: Miss Annie Thomas, as #153762, from the services of Moses Lambeth, a
Private of North Carolina, is listed among the "Former Members 1890-1947."

Page 118: Miss Nancy Corinne Thomas, as #153763, from the services of Moses
Lambeth a Private of North Carolina, is listed among the "Former Members,
1890-1947"

Thomas.

The will of Isaac Knight (book H page 659) made while sick on Sept. 17 1834
& proved in Feb. 1835. Sister Rachel Thomas (\$800.00). Son James. Others:
John Kinder of Salisbury (a house & lot in town); Samuel Reeve (238 acres
where I live). Exrs: Richard H. Alexander & Samuel Reeve. Witnesses: R.H.
Alexander & Aaron Cruse.

Book 32 page 463: May 4 1835, Isaac Thomas & wife Rachel of Wayne Co. Indiana (she was
formerly Rachel Knight, a sister & an heir-at-law of deceased Isaac Knight late of Rowan
Co. N.C.) appoint Abel Knight & Jesse Shelly of Guilford Co. N.C., their attorneys to get
what is due them from the said estate, witnessed by Jacob Hackett & Eli S. Moorman

Book 31 page 113: Nov. 26 1828, William S. Macay--no wife signs--lets Isaac Knight (both of
Rowan Co. N.C.) have some land in Salisbury where Mrs. Eliza Balfour formerly lived (but
which my brother, Alfred Macay bought at a Sheriff's sale as the property of Ralph Kes-
ler), for \$125.00, witnessed by G.D. Smith & Peter Heldebrand & proved by the latter in
Nov. 1830.

Book 35 page 312: June 5 1841, John Hartman & Jacob Fullinwider of Rowan Co. N.C.--no
wives sign--let Josiah Huie of Autauga Co. Alabama, have the house & lot where Silas
Huie now lives in the south square of Salisbury, for \$200.00, witnessed by Silas Huie
& L.A. Bringle & proved by the latter in Aug. 1841. (Isaac Knight willed this to John
Kinder)

Margaret Thomas

Prof. Ernest Merrill of Cullowhee, N.C. (author of the Merrill Family) setn me the Rev-
olutionary War record of Daniel Merrill of Randolph Co. N.C. (brother of John & Benjamin
who married Penelope); Dan Merrill married Elizabeth Lytle (1763-1810, daughter of Thomas
Lytle) by whom had: Lytle Merrill (who married Mary or Polly, daughter of David Jones of
Randolph Co)--the census of 1790 shows that Daniel Merrill also had three daughters in his
family.

Daniel Merrill married Hannah Bishop on Dec. 21 1837 (it appears that he married twice be-
tween the above mentioned marriages)

Dan Merrill to Rachel Ward on June 20 1816 (she was born 1763 died Aug. 18 1817)

" " " Margaret Thomas Jan. 5 1818

Daniel Merrill who served in the Revolution & lived in Randolph Co. N.C., enlisted on July
22 1776 while a resident of Guilford (later Randolph), served as a private in Capt. Thomas
Flack's Company of Col. James Martin's N.C. Regiment against the Indians & was discharged
the latter part of Oct. 1776. He volunteered Sept. 15 1780 & served as a private in Capt.
John Johnson's Company of Col. Collier's N.C. Regiment. After the battle of Guilford the
soldier was frequently called out on short tours by Capt. John Knight, against the Tories,
on one of which tours his horse was shot under him, several bullets passing through his
clothes, he was taken prisoner, treated with great cruelty, received a wound in the head
from a broadsword from which he did not recover until after the end of the war. He served
seven months in all, He was allowed a pension on his application executed Nov. 6 1832,
while a resident of Randolph Co. N.C.

Daniel Merrill died March 11 1844, survived by a widow named Hannah (maiden name not sta-
ted & no details of marriage given) no reference to claim of children.
(In 1845, D.W.C. Johnson, of La Grange, N.C., stated that this soldier's widow, Hannah, was
his aunt & that he had two others but didn't name them).

Thomas

N.C.D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 28: Mrs. R.C. Gary, (Julia Thomas), as #339272, from the services of Colonel Nicholas Long of North Carolina joined the "Old Bute Chapter," (organized Jan. 30, 1926), of Henderson, N.C.

Page 118: Mrs. Gordon Thomas, (Betty Rose Phillips), as #269285, from the services of Samuel Hardy a Private of North Carolina, is listed among the former members 1890-1947.

Page 118: Mrs. C.W. Thomas, (Juanita Gaddy), as #159468, from the services of Sherwood Harris, a Justice of the Peace of North Carolina, is listed among the former members 1890-1946.

History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina (by Geo. Howe, D.D.) Vol. I page 544: Captain Andrew Barry, born 1732 in Pa., came with his brothers (Richard & John) & Charles Moore to South Carolina about 1760-5 & settled on Tyger River. He married about 1767, the daughter of Charles Moore, & had ten children.

D.A.R. Div. 44, page 305: Mrs. Walter Hannon McAdory (Daisy Crook), born at Norton, Miss., as #43810, joined on the service of Andrew Barry, (1746-1811), who was Captain of the South Carolina Partisan Rangers & wounded at Musgrove Mills in 1780. He and his brother-in-law, Thomas Moore, gave distinguished service at Courtoons. His wife was a scout to the whigs & encountered many dangers in recruiting patriot soldiers for Gen. Morgan's small army - both are buried on the plantation near Spartanburg.

James Crook (1746-1822), born in Virginia, removed to South Carolina in 1790, died in Spartanburg County, was a Private in Col. Daniel Morgan's eleventh & twelfth Virginia regiments, & was wounded at Bunker Hill battle - see also numbers 7353 & 20716.

Captain John Thomas of Virginia

N.C.D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 117: Mrs. Eugene A. Taylor, (Sarah Primes), as #252559, from the services of Captain John Thomas of Virginia, is listed among the former members 1890-1947.

Hearst's Atlanta American of Oct. 1930, (in answer to Query #364 of A.H.D. of Sept. 14 1930), Miss Annie Boggs of 326 University Ave., Oxford, Miss., wrote "Capt. Andrew Barry married Margaret Katherine Moore about 1767-8. Her sister, Rosa, married Richard Barry, brother to Captain Andrew. Another sister, whose name I do not know, married Charles Hanna, of York County, S.C. Capt. Andrew Barry's daughter, Violet, married James Hanna, of York County--probably a cousin. She may have been twice married--one record gives J. Thomas. Her brothers and sisters were: John, who married Miss Watson; Charles, who married Jane Davitt, Andrew (Major) died 1860; Hughey, who married Malinda Kilgore and moved to Mississippi; Richard, who married Margaret Kilgore & moved to Mississippi; Pol, who married Thomas Lawson; Margaret (Peggy), who married David Thomas; Katy, who married Jesse Crook, and Alice, who married DeForest Allgood.

Captain Barry's wife was a scout in the Revolutionary War, and was flogged by the Tories to make her tell the whereabouts of her husband. She was called the 'Heroine of Cowpens'."

D.A.R. Lineage, Vol. XLIII page 63: Mrs. J. Olivia Armstrong, born in Notasulga, Ala., joined as #41157 from Charles Moore (1727-1805), born in Ireland, settled in Spartanburg, S.C., in 1760, took up grants in 1763 where he & his wife lived & died--a marble tombstone marks their graves. He was a prominent whig & his house was a refuge for patriots when neighbors were arrayed against each other.

*Edmund Spear Armstrong
married Mary Emma Bell
Elizabeth Spear
and Richard Barry (1751-1812)*
*Adam Spear
Kate and Richard Barry*
*Charles Moore (1727-1805)
Mary*

Captain Aaron Thomas of Connecticut

N.C.D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 147: Mrs. W. E. Rosenstengel (Greda B. Woodruff), gave her Supplemental Line as Aaron Thomas, a Corporal & Captain of Connecticut.

Page 11: Mrs. W. E. Rosenstengel (Greda B. Woodruff), as #164839, from the services of Gashawiah Brainerd, a Private of Connecticut, is listed among the former members 1890-1947."

Thomas

N.C.D.A.R. Register of 1947 page 40: Mrs. W. E. Thomas (Estelle Bullock), as #217606, from the services of David Mitchell, a Justice of the Peace of North Carolina, joined the "John Penn Chapter" (organized March 8, 1924), of Oxford, N.C.

Page 40: Mrs. Harris Kester (Sarah Thomas), as #359540, from the services of John Lyon a Private of North Carolina, joined the same chapter.

Page 118: Mrs. W. A. Thomas (Leila McRae), as #58976 from the services of Samuel Williams a Private of North Carolina, is listed among the former members 1890-1947."

General Tristram Thomas of South Carolina

N.C.D.A.R. Register of 1947, page 48: Mrs. Hattie Mae Covington, as #195498, from the services of General Tristram Thomas of South Carolina, joined the "Craighoad-Dunlap Chapter" (organized Dec 21, 1912), of Wadesboro, N.C.

Page 128: Mrs. Matt Parki, Jr. (Grovena Dunlap) gave her Supplemental Line as General Tristram Thomas of South Carolina. (over to page 36).

Page 77: Mrs. B. H. Covington, (Kate McLaughlin), as #203945, from the services of Tristram Thomas, Captain & Major General of South Carolina, is listed among the former members 1890-1947."

Page 77: Miss Hathleen Covington, as #195499, from the services of General Tristram Thomas of South Carolina, is listed among the former members 1890-1947. (over to page 91).

Thomas

N.C.D.A.R. Register of 1947 page 49: Mrs. Robert W. Thomas, (Evelyn Bethea), as #301137, from the services of John Bethea, a Patriot of South Carolina, joined the Thomas Wade Chapter; (organized May 26, 1914), of Wadesboro, N.C.

Page 143: Mrs. C. L. Oates, (Stella Hermione Thomas), gave her Supplemental Line as Colonel Benjamin Blount of the N.C. Convention.

Page 105: Mrs. C. L. Oates, (Stella Thomas), as #39892, from the services of William Slade an Ensign & Lieutenant of North Carolina, is listed among the Former members 1890-1947."

Major Tristram Thomas of North Carolina

N.C.D.A.R. Register of 1947 page 91: Mrs. Milton Hunter, (Haskell Covington), as #195499, from the services of Tristram Thomas, Captain, Major & Colonel of North Carolina, is listed among the Former members 1890-1947." (over to page 77).

Page 36: Mrs. Scott Parks, Jr., (Groove Dundak), as #364098, joined the John Foster Chapter; (organized Oct. 18, 1916), of Monroe, N.C., from the services of George Dundak a Private of South Carolina. (over to page 128)