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Dear Mrs Sanborn:

Your letters received. Did not expect to put you to so much trouble. Am sorry have done that.

When I wrote you about the marriage of a daughter of Thomas Woodward & James Andrews thought maybe a descendent of Thomas Woodward knew the given names of his daughters by his first wife. With this information we may be able to determine which daughter married James Andrews & whether he was Sr. or Jr.

Have a copy of will of James Andrews Sr.; Edward Andrews Sr., Stephen Gibson Sr. & Jacob Gibson Sr. Also copies of the settlement of the estates, inventory for Jacob Gibson. In fact have several hundred pages of information on the Gibsons. Have traced the family to Penna. *also have a Gibson*

Have not been able to find much on the Andrews family. Have you read, McMaster's History of Fairfield Co. He makes a statement something like this; "when some of the early white settlers came into Fairfield Co., they found living on the backwaters of Broad River, James Andrews, Solomon McGraw & several other families." Then he adds, "no one knows where they came from nor when they came to Fairfield Co".

During the last few years of his life, Mr E.L. Wright tried to find where all the Regulators of the Fairfield section are buried & take pictures of their last resting place. Knowing I am an Andrews descendent, he sent me a picture he took in the Andrews Family cemetery Fairfield Co. Am sorry it was not of the tombstone I am searching for.

Some one had told Mr Wright that Jim Mason, Bethel Community had opened up a road to an Andrews family cemetery on his farm. Mr Wright visited the cemetery & took some pictures. He was disappointed not to find a marker for James Andrews Sr. Any one planning to visit this cemetery should go when things are dry. A red clay farm road is a hazard when wet.

The little fat, elderly man in the State Archives is a Woodward descendent. The last time I was down there, had a time getting anything done. This man seemed to think he should tell all the smutty things he found out about his ancestors. Most people prefer to keep such information to themselves,

Below is what *is* in one of our DAR records, on Thomas Woodward,

*see Mrs. tap.*

Thomas Woodward, the Regulator, born in Annapolis, Md. Killed on Dutchman's Creek 5/12/1779. Wife Jemima Collins of Virginia.

Father of Revolutionary Soldier---Thomas Woodward

Mother " " " ----Elizabeth Simpson

*Nelson* Thomas Woodward & Jemima Collins had 4 daughters & 2 sons: Mrs James Wilson; Mrs Phillip Raiford; Mrs JAMES ANDREWS : & Mrs Robert Rabb: John & William Woodward. Thomas married 2nd. Mrs John May (who had 3 children).

These were children of the last marriage. 3 daughters; Mrs William Mooter; Mrs William Augustine; Mrs Reeves Freeman. *James, Mary and Joseph*

Stub entries # 268, Book Q.p.253 militia duty. He organized one of the first companies for Revolutionary War 1776.

*on Dutchman's Creek where he fell*

Grave near Winnsboro, in Woodward Cemetery, on Hyw. to Columbia, S.C.

*grave site unknown*

Monument in Woodward Cemetery placed by DAR.

Have you compared records with Miss Alice Walker? I was in Winnsboro a short time Monday afternoon. Met Miss Walker down street. Asked her for the given names of daughters of Thomas Woodard by first wife. She promised to check & see if she had them & if so, to send me the list. Am not interested in names of daughters by second wife. My genealogical work is done in an unorthodox manner. I find my ancestor & trace or look for my ancestor in each generation. Believe the way it should be done; is trace line of each child of the first ancestor found & continue thus throughout the whole line. That takes too much time & I do not want all that extra information cluttering up my files.

I judge from what the man at the Archives said there is very little authenticated information on the family of Thomas Woodward. Lets keep our eyes open maybe we shall find the given names of the daughters by the first wife.

Suppose it was that book; The South Carolina Regulators, which states Thomas Woodward lived near James Andrews. James Andrews Sr. was my ancestor. He was also one of the Regulators.

If you do find any information about the daughters, shall appreciate a copy. If I find any thing, shall send you a copy.

Shall be glad to hear from you any time.

Yours sincerely,

*Was there a Woodward Bible? who has it? The names given of his children may be in that.* *Mattie Lee Cooley*