

THOMAS GLADNEY, AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT

Thomas, born about 1749, Kinbally, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, was the youngest son of Richard Gladney II and Jane Wilson Gladney. It is believed that Jane, a widow, and two of her sons, Richard and Thomas, arrived in Charles Town, SC about 1760. Records show that the lands they received in the Colony were granted under the "Act of Settlement, 1761". Thomas held a Grant of 100 acres, the survey plats being completed and certified in 1771. His 100 acres were situated on Reedy Branch of Jackson's Creek, Craven County, SC.

The SC Department of Archives and History has the following record of his service to the American Revolution: "Wagon Hire: September 1778; 99 days with his wagon and team in Fairfield Co., SC, Camden District." Robert Martin, a neighbor to Thomas, had a daughter, "Nancy" Agnes, a young widow with one child. Thomas and Agnes were married before 1783 and had seven children:

- I. Rebecca, b 1783, d June 17, 1848, m William Gregg
- II. Jane, b 1784, m Robert Stitt
- III. Richard, b May 1788, d April 9, 1834, m Margaret Rosborough
- IV. Robert Thomas, b June 20, 1790, d Oct 2, 1827, m Jane Unknown
- V. Joseph, b October 3, 1792, d September 30, 1863, m "Nancy" Agnes Rosborough
- VI. Nancy, b April 16, 1794, d December 25 1874, m 1) Charles Strong Gladney and 2) Hugh Kerr, Jr.
- VII. Jenny, b 1796, m David Reid

Their descendants migrated to many other states - Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Texas and westward. Thomas died in Fairfield County, April 22, 1820 and is buried in the old Gladney Cemetery next to his wife, Agnes.

"NANCY" AGNES MARTIN GLADNEY, Wife of Patriot, Thomas Gladney

"Nancy" Agnes Martin was believed to be born 1764 in Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, the third child of Robert and Mary Rebecca Martin. Her brother, Edward Martin, was a Captain in the American Revolution. Agnes was a young widow, with a small daughter, when she married Thomas, a neighbor of her father, circa 1783.

She and Thomas had seven children and Thomas adopted Margaret as his own. Agnes died in 1827, seven years after the death of Thomas, and is buried next to him. Five of the seven of their children are also buried in the old Gladney Cemetery, Fairfield County, SC.

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6th North Carolina Historical Reenactment Society.

*Gladneys in America Family Association
and
Joseph McDowell Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Hendersonville, North Carolina*

*are proud to place
Daughters of the American Revolution Markers
to identify*

*Thomas Gladney
American Revolutionary War Patriot*

and

*Agnes Martin Gladney
Wife of Thomas Gladney, Patriot*

*Dedication in the
Old Gladney Family Cemetery
Saturday, July 31, 1999
10:30 A.M.*

Order of Service

<i>Call to Order</i>	<i>Bettye Hogue Bond (Mrs. Gene T.) President, Gladney Family Association and Member of Cumberland County Chapter, NSDAR, New Cumberland, PA</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Perry Ann Renwick, Regent, Thomas Woodward Chapter NSDAR, Winnsboro, SC</i>
<i>Presentation of the Colors</i>	<i>6th NC Historical Reenactment Society</i>
<i>Pledge and Salute to the Flags (In Unison)</i>	<i>Led by Virginia Reid Ivens, Mary Blount Chapter, NSDAR, Maryville, Tennessee</i>
<i>The American's Creed (In Unison)</i>	<i>Led by Joanne Thompson, (Mrs. Emmett), Regent, Joseph McDowell Chapter NSDAR, Hendersonville, NC</i>
<i>Thomas Gladney, Patriot</i>	<i>C. Wallace Gladney</i>
<i>Dedication of Marker</i>	<i>Carolyn Gladney Powell (Mrs. D. J., Jr.) Joseph McDowell Chapter, NSDAR, Hendersonville, North Carolina</i>
<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Bettye Hogue Bond (Mrs. Gene T.) President, Gladney Family Association</i>
<i>Laying of Wreath, Thomas Gladney</i>	<i>Linda Powell Mitchell (Mrs. Gary B.) Joseph McDowell Chapter, NSDAR Hendersonville, NC</i>
<i>Agnes Martin Gladney, Wife of Thomas Gladney, Patriot</i>	<i>C. Wallace Gladney</i>
<i>Dedication of Marker</i>	<i>Carolyn Gladney Powell (Mrs. D. J., Jr.)</i>
<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Bettye Hogue Bond (Mrs. Gene T.) President, Gladney Family Association</i>
<i>Laying of Wreath, Agnes Martin Gladney</i>	<i>Linda Powell Mitchell (Mrs. Gary B.)</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Penny Renwick, Thomas Woodward Chapter, NSDAR, Winnsboro, SC</i>
<i>Retiring of the Colors</i>	<i>6th NC Historical Reenactment Society</i>

Invocation

Dear Lord, with hearts filled with love and gratitude, we gather to ask Thy blessing on these markers placed in honor of Thomas Gladney, an American Revolutionary War Patriot and his wife, Agnes Martin Gladney.

The unequalled liberties enjoyed in America today are the legacy of brave, strong patriots. Their deep faith and belief in Thy guidance, together with the hope of living in freedom, fortified them throughout the War for Independence.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for Thy many blessings and ask that Thy Holy Spirit be with us always. May we never forget those who fought for the freedom of their new country. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of The United States of America

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands - one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Salute to the Flag of the State of South Carolina

I salute the Flag of South Carolina and pledge to the Palmetto State, love, loyalty, and faith.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

- William Tyler Page -

Benediction

Now may grace, mercy and love abide with us all, now and ever more. Amen

"Man asked Life of Thee and Thou gavest it him even length of days forever and ever. His struggles in mortal combat are indicative of Man's will to live. Let us recall that his influence can long outlive the life that sheds it, that much of this world's work is being done by the departed, that among all the forces of the earth there is none more potent than that of those we call dead." (Author Unknown)

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