

BDATA.008 WILL OF ELIZABETH WOODWARD, 2ND WIFE OF THOMAS (REGULATOR) WOODWARD. WILL DATED 12TH AUGUST 1802 AND FILED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY S.C. WILLS VOLUME I, BOOK 4, PAGES 32 & 33.

Entered in September 1986 by Robert R. Hill Sr.

NOTE: This woman's maiden name was Elizabeth Stokes, and was 1st married to John May. She was the 2nd wife of Thomas (The Regulator) Woodward (m. ca. 1763 in S.C.) and she was the grandmother of General Thomas Simpson Woodward, who wrote the data for the book "Reminiscences of the Creek-Muskogee Nation."

WILL OF ELIZABETH WOODWARD

In the name of God, Amen, I Elizabeth Woodward, of the District of Fairfield and State of South Carolina, being sick and weak of body, but perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and that is appointed of God for all men once to die, have thought proper to make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament.

First, I recommend my soul to God, who gave it and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian burial, And as to such Worldly goods, as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I mean to dispose of them as follows, VIZ.

I allow all my just debts to be paid out of my crop when finished and gathered in, Also all the debts which my daughter LUCY WOODWARD has contracted previous to this date out of the crop.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter SARAH RILEY 1 Bay Horse, half of my stock of hogs, Also one half of whatever remains of my crop after the above debts is paid and the Negroes is supported until the crop is finished, Also the whole of my household furniture with all my clothes except 2 beds & furniture.

Also I give and bequeath unto my sons HENRY WOODWARD the remaining half of my stock of hogs.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter ELIZABETH MCMORRIES one bed and furniture.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter LUCY WOODWARD one bed and all the furniture that she now claims and that I have given off to her, Also as much corn and fodder as is sufficient for one horse.

Then the balance of my property I give and bequeath as follows, VIZ... When the crop is finished, the remaining part

of the same with the property not mentioned shall be sold and equally divided between BENJAMIN MAY, THOMAS MAY, ELIZABETH MCMORRIES, JANE FREEMAN, LUCY WOODWARD, JOSEPH WOODWARD and HENRY WOODWARD, only Fifteen Dollars I will and bequeath to the heirs of my son, THOMAS WOODWARD.

Lastly I do constitute ordain and appoint JOSEPH WOODWARD an Executor, to this my last will and testament, And I do hereby Revoke, Disannul and disallow all former Wills or testaments and do hereby declare this to be my last Will and testament. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 12th day of August 1802.

ELIZABETH (X) WOODWARD
her mark

Signed and published in the
presence of: JOHN BELL, WM.. SCOTT

Interlined before signed: I do also give and bequeath unto the Heirs of my son THOMAS WOODWARD, Fifteen Dollars, Also inteiled??? (initialed) (interlined?) before signed.

(signed) JOSEPH WOODWARD
EXECUTOR

Proved _____
Recorded in Book 4, Pages 32 & 33
November 24, 1802
Apt 33, File 525

Additional Note by Robert Hill Sr: We do not have the date of death of Elizabeth Woodward but it had to have been between the date of this will (12 August 1802) and the date it was Recorded (November 24, 1802???).

The May children named in this will was by a first marriage to Benjamin May, who died and his widow Elizabeth Stokes May remarried to Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ who died in May of 1779. All of the Woodward children named in this will were his. Note that the wife did not mention any of the Woodward children by her husband's first wife. Jemima Collins HOWEVER she did name Joseph Woodward 4/, son of Rev. William Woodward 3/, as Executor. Rev. William Woodward 3/ was the step son of the above Elizabeth Stokes (May) Woodward, writer of this will.

END OF DATA.