

BDATA.029 GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION ON JOHN WOODWARD SR. 2/, SON OF THOMAS (REGULATOR) WOODWARD & 1ST WIFE, JEMIMA COLLINS. THIS INCLUDES THE WILL OF JOHN WOODWARD AS WELL AS THAT OF HIS WIFE, EASTHER MCDONALD.

Entered in September of 1991 by Robert R. Hill Sr. of Brandon, Fla.

Sources: Information taken from the bible of John Woodward, information from Fairfield County, S.C. Museum, my own research and many other sources.

JOHN WOODWARD SR. 2/

John Woodward Sr. 2/ was the first born child of Thomas Woodward 1/ & his first wife, Jemima Collins. He was born on the 13th of July in 1747 in Fairfax County, Virginia.

In a book entitled "S.C. Provincial Troops, " by S.A. Salley, on Page 159. it shows a 1775 Muster Roll call for the 8th Company Rangers, commanded by Col William Thomson Rangers. It shows:

Captain Thomas Woodward, age 46, born in Virginia.
Lt. John Woodward, age 28, born in Virginia.

This clearly shows that Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 1/ was born in Virginia in 1729 and his son, John Woodward 2/ was born in Virginia in 1747 and not 1745 as is often stated.

Jemima Collins, the mother of John Woodward 2/ apparently died between the 7th of October 1762 and January of 1763, because by January of 1763, Thomas Woodward 1/ (the father) had moved his family, which included all six children, his widowed mother (Mary Simpson Woodward Robertson), who had remarried to John Robertson. Also included in the move were three Robertson half brothers, Henry, William and John Robertson Jr.

Little is known of John Woodward 2/ until the 2nd of June 1772, when he married (at age 25) Esther McDonald, the daughter of Daniel McDonald. Shortly after the marriage, the Revolutionary War broke out and John and his father, along with his younger brother, William Woodward 2/ fought against the British.

Based upon the entries of his bible, Captain John Woodward 2/ and his wife, Esther, had the following children, at last these are what is listed in the bible:

1. Thomas Woodward, son of John & Esther Woodward, was born on the 22nd day of March 1773.

2. Sarah Woodward, daughter of John & Esther Woodward, was born on ____ of March 1775.
3. Jemima Woodward, daughter of John & Esther Woodward, was born on (18?) day of March 1778.
4. Thomas Woodward, son of John & Esther Woodward, was born on the ____ day of June 1780.
5. John McDonald Woodward, son of John & Esther Woodward, was born on the 10th day of November 1784.
6. Cynthia Woodward, daughter of John & Esther Woodward, was born on the 1st day of August 1787.
7. Marian Collins Woodward, daughter of John & Esther Woodward, was born on the 29th of September --?
8. William Thomas Woodward, son of John & Esther Woodward, was born on the 7th day of April 1792.
9. Osmond Woodward, son of John & Esther Woodward, was born on the 10th day of September--?

Now when we compare the above entries with other information from the Fairfield County Museum in Winnsboro, tombstones and other sources it appears that the family of John Woodward Sr. 2/ and Esther McDonald were:

1. Thomas Woodward 3/ was born 22nd of March 1773 in Camden District, S.C. (today's Fairfield County, S.C.). He died on the 28th of February 1775.
2. Sarah Woodward 3/ was born in ? March 1775 in Camden District, S.C. (today's Fairfield County), married General William Strother. She died ca. 1850.
3. Jemima Woodward 3/, was born in March of 1778 in Camden District, S.C. (Today's Fairfield County). She died on the 23rd of May 1785.
4. Marian Collins Woodward 3/, was born on the 29th of September 1779 in Camden District, S.C. (today's Fairfield County), she married ca. 1810 to Thomas Lyles (Liles). She died in 1818.
5. Thomas Woodward (II) 3/, born in June of 1780 in Camden District, S.C. (today's Fairfield County), he died on the 18th of May 1785.
6. John McDonald Woodward 3/, was born on the 10th of November 1784 in Camden District, S.C. (today's Fairfield County). He married twice, first to Patsy Axum; 2nd to Alice Williamson. He died on the 19th of March in 1823.
7. Cynthia Woodward 3/, was born on the 1st of August 1787 in Fairfield County (as of 1785), she married John A. Durham, Cynthia died on the 14th of December in 1807.
8. (Col.) William Thomas Woodward 3/, was born on the 7th

of April 1792 in Fairfield County, S.C., married 1st to Jane C. Starke; 2nd to Harriet Smart (sister of his 1st wife). His 3rd marriage was to a widow, Mrs. Henry. He died on the 15th of August 1842.

9. Osmond Woodward 3/, was born on the 11th of September 1795 in Fairfield County, S.C., married Martha Williamson, he died on the 15th of August 1863.

Notes: Now daughter (Number 2) Sarah Woodward 3/ and her husband General William Strother, had a son, John Dargon Strother. General William Strother died in 1834.

Reference to Daughter Number 4, Marian Collins Woodward 3/ and her husband (Major Thomas Lyles) had two known children:

a....William Strother Lyles 4/, who married in 1818 to a cousin Sarah Woodward 4/, believed to be the daughter of John McDonald Woodward 3/, brother of her mother.

b....Thomas M. Lyles 4/, born in 1811, died in 1902. e married in 1833 to Eliza R. Peay (1818-1897).

Reference to son Number 6, John McDonald Woodward 3/, by his first wife (Patsy Axum) they had the following children:

- a. Cynthia Woodward 4/ m. Caleb Clark Jr.
- b. Sarah Woodward 4/ m. William Strother Lyles.
- c. Thomas Woodward 4/.
- d. Osmond Woodward 4/.
- e. William T. (Thomas) Woodward 4/.

By the second wife (Alice Williamson) they had:

- f. Esther Woodward 4/ m. Mathias Clarke.

There were two other children but the mother is unknown:

- g. John Woodward 4/.
- h. Helen M. Woodward 4/.

Tombstone markers copied by Robert R. Hill in August of 1985 at Woodward Family Cemetery in Fairfield County, S.C. near Anvil Rock (close to Rockton):

Number 1:
John Woodward
Captain S.C. Militia
1747-1817

(This was John Woodward 2/, son of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward & Jemima Collins.

Number 2:

In Memory of John Woodward Durham
died January 20th, 1858 in 51st year of age.

Number 3:

William T. Woodward (son of John Woodward)
died August 19th, 1842.

Number 4:

Harriett Woodward, wife of Wm. T. Woodward,
died May 12th, 1837 age 50 yrs old.

Number 5:

Mary A. C. (Ann Collins) Woodward, wife of Major Lyles,
born 9th May 1831
died 9th June 1845 (Other sources indicate this should have
been 1855. She had married Major Lyles in December of 1810
and had 2 children, Thomas M. Lyles and Wm. S. Lyles).

Number 6:

William Strother Woodward
died October 16th, 1825 age 5 months, 19 days, son of Osmund
& W. Woodward.

WILL OF JOHN WOODWARD 2/

Recorded in Book 7, Pages 122 to 127 in Apt 34, File 550
No date given when will was proved or probated.

In the name of God, Amen

I John Woodward of Fairfield District, being weak in body but
of sound mind and memory and understanding, do make and
publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following,
that is to say.... First, I lend unto my beloved wife Esther
Woodward, for and during the term of her natural life, all
that Plantation or tract of land (or tracts moisties or parts
or parcels of tracts of land composing the same) whereon I
now reside, Also the use of the following Negroes to wit:
Harriet; Amey; Samuel, a weaver;, Tardy, Jem; and Souney and
also one feather bed and mattress to her the said Esther
Woodward and her heirs forever; the whole of said Negroes are
to be kept on the said plantation for the support and
maintenance of my said wife.

Item...I give to my daughter Sarah Strother, and her heirs
forever, one hundred acres of land whereon she now lives,
granted in the name of Thomas Woodward, also eighteen acres
of land, more or less, adjoining the before mentioned tract
and granted in my own name, also a Negro man named Jack, a
Negro woman named Silvey and her increase, a Negro man named

Charloco, a Negro woman named Back Senr (sic) and Easter her child.

Item ...I also give to my said daughter Sarah Strother (after the death of my wife) a Negro fellow named Sauney, to my said daughter Sarah Strother, her heirs and assigns forever--also one feather bed and furniture, one bay horse called Babraham, one bay mare called the stern mare, one other mare called ski--er (sic) filly, and also two cows and calves with the increase of the said mares and cows; all which lands, and the said Negroes (Excepting Charloco), Beck and child Easter her child, and Sauney) and other chattels by me now hereby given and bequeathed to my said daughter Sarah Strother, have been by me heretofore put into the possession and keeping of my said daughter Sarah Strother and her husband William Strother and now are in their possession and keeping.

Item ...I give to my son John Woodward four hundred acres of land I purchased of Andrew McDowell, also two hundred acres of land (more or less) adjoining thereto, on the branches of the Wateree Creek, which I purchased of Thomas Johnston; also three hundred acres of and (more or less) which I purchased of Moses Young, granted to James Rogers and children, lying on Reedy Creek, adjoining the lands (of) William McReight, Jesse Havis (sic), and the lands late belonging to McHenry and children and Wylie. Also sixty acres of land (more or less) purchased of Robert Wilson, adjoining lands formerly of said Wilson, Wear and Robert Smith; also one third part of an undecided moiety of a tract of land containing one hundred acres (more or less) situate near the town of Winnsboro also forty acres (more or less) purchased of William Admonds, joining, or near to Caleb Powell's lands; also one lot of land in the town of Winnsborough, marked and known in the plan of the said Town by Lot No. 85 (number eighty-five), Also two other lots of land in the town of Winnsborough marked and known in the plan of the said town by Lots No. 145 (Number one forty five) and No. 57 (Number fifty-seven) also three hundred acres of land (more or less) granted to Joseph Kirkland, situate on Little River, joining William Kincaid, lands formerly Barlee myths (sic) and lands formerly William Bell's; also the following Negroes to wit: Jack, a blacksmith; Clerisa; a woman fellow named Ben; a wench named Goan (Joan?) a little boy named captain, also David, Hannah, Belly (Billy?) and Sam, together with all the increase or children of the said woman Clarisa, also a young sorrel horse with a blace in his face, a mountain filley colt, and also eight head of cattle with their increase; all of which Negroes, horses, cattle (except the Negro Ben), Little Captain, David, Hanah, Joan, Billy, and Sam have been by me heretofore put in the possession of my said son, John Woodward and all of which before mentioned lands, Negroes, horses, cattle, by me herein bequeathed to my said son, John Woodward, I do hereby give and bequeath to my said son, John Woodward, his heir and assigns forever.

Item ...I further give and bequeath to my said son John Woodward (after the death of my wife) a Negro fellow named Jem (Jim), to my said son John Woodward, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give to my grandson John Dargon Strother, the infant child of my daughter, Sarah Strother, two hundred acres of land I purchased of Frances Palmer, joining lands of James Owens, Jim's old place; Also thirty eight acres of land granted in my own name, and adjoining the land herein devised to my daughter Sarah Strother, together with a Negro child named Louise, to my said grandson, John Dargon Strother, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give to my grandson John Woodward, child of my son John Woodward, a Negro girl named Bet, a child of Jean, now in his father John Woodward's possession to my grandson John Woodward, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give to (my) daughter Marian Collins Lyles, the wife of Thomas Lyles, five hundred and forty eight acres of land purchased of Phillip Raford, also eighty or ninety acres of land (more or less) purchased of George Harson (Harrison?) being part of a tract granted to Obed Kirkland, which two tracts adjoin each other and are situate on Mill Creek; Also three hundred and forty acres of land (more or less) granted to Jack Hendrix, situate on the branches of Cedar Creek, and adjoining lands of the said James Hendrix; also two hundred acres (more or less) purchased of Lewis Elvey, a part of a tract of land granted to Jane Kirkland, called the widow Shaver's old place, which said last mentioned tracts of land adjoining each other, together with the following Negroes: Coo, a Negro fellow, a fellow named Gobady, a boy named Jesse, a girl named Cloe, a wench named Jenny, and her child Charlotte, a yellow girl named Amey, a little girl named Nancy.

Item ...I give to my said daughter Marian, after the death of my wife, a Negro named Amy Seaver, a weaver; also one bedstead bed and furniture, likewise all the stock of cattle, hogs and horses that have been raised on or usually have been kept on the plantation I purchased of Phillip Raford, supposed to be about twenty head of cattle and twenty heads of hogs (more or less) also one horse called Smoake, one horse called John Button, and also a young blazed faced split sorrel mare; Also all the plantation tools, usually kept or worked on the said plantation; to have and to hold, to my said daughter Marian, her heirs and assigned forever. Also I give to my said daughter Marian one feather bed without furniture; which said Negroes Coo, Jenny and her child Charlot, also Cloe & Jesse, the aforesaid stock, plantation tools, bedstead, bed and furniture (except the cow and mare aforesaid) are now in the possession of my said daughter

Marian, and her husband, Thomas Lyles.

Item ...It is my will that after the death of my wife, the plantation on which I now reside, composed of the several tracts, or parts or tracts, following, that is to say..two hundred acres of land whereon my dwelling house stands, granted to Thomas Woodward; five hundred and fifty acres granted to Samuel Winn; two hundred and twenty acres purchased of Joseph Woodward, being a moiety of a tract granted to Pierce Buttler (Butler); one hundred acres purchased of Thomas Miles, being the half of two hundred acres granted to Edward Peteric (sic); one hundred acres (more or less) purchased of William Hendrix, supposed to be the half of a tract of two hundred acres of land granted to Thomas Miles; one hundred and thirty acres purchased of Elias Haigood called Begwells (Bagwell's?) place, granted to Jesse Salley; one hundred and twenty one acres granted in my own name; one hundred and thirty six acres granted to myself; two hundred and forty-two acres granted in my own name; one hundred and thirty two acres adjoining William Sampson's and McNeils' land, granted in my own name; one hundred and fifty acres, granted to Michael Easter; three hundred acres purchased of James Rutland and (originally) granted to Thomas Sanders; two hundred acres granted in my own name and thirty-seven acres purchased of William Husel Gills, being a part of a tract of twelve hundred acres, granted (originally) to Samuel Elliott and thirty seven acres, lying in the fork of the road purchased of John Elsey called Common Hall, being a part of the aforesaid tract of twelve hundred acres (originally) granted to Samuel Elliott and forty acres of land adjoining William Jones (originally) granted in my own name; be divided between my two sons, William Woodward and Osmand (Osmond) Woodward by the following line, that is to say, by a dividing line beginning at George Shed's land line on a big branch of Cedar Creek called "Woodward's Rice Field Branch" and sometimes called Gully Branch, thence along the middle of the common run, or stream of the said Branch, up to the very head hollow or dreaan (sic) of the said branch, where stands a white oak marked a corner, thence across the main Wagon Road near nearby a northeast course to the head hollow of a small branch, where stands a Spanish oak, marked a corner; thence down the said branch as far as where my line and Lewis Elsey's line meet; which branch runs down where Captain Hart's cotton machine formerly stood and nearby a north west course; and all that part of the plantation composed of the before mentioned several tracts, parts of tracts, and moieties of land, which lies principally to the west, southwest of the said dividing line (be the same more or less) I give and devise to my son William Thomas Woodward and his heirs forever. And that part of the plantation composed of the before mentioned several tracts, parts of tracts, and moieties of land which lies principally to the east northeast side of the said dividing line (be the same more or less) I give and devise to my son Osmund

Woodward and his heirs forever.

Item ...I give and devise to my son William Thomas Woodward, the following Negroes: a Negro fellow named Auston, a Negro girl named Maria, a Negro girl named Anica, a boy Thomas, a boy named Abram, a girl named Pat, Charles a Virginia boy, a girl named Molly, to my said son William and his heirs forever.

Item ...After the decease of my wife, I give my said son William, a fellow named Tardy to my said son William,---

Lastly I do hereby appoint my wife Esther Woodward Executrix, my son John Woodward, my friend David Evans Executors of this my last will and testament. Hereby to be my Last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Fifteen (20th June 1815). Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced, declared by the said John Woodward a ??t for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto set our hands as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Signed by/ Signed/ John Woodward (LS)
Phillip Edward Pearson
W. Bratton
John Kelly

CODICIL TO JOHN WOODWARD'S WILL

Whereas I John Woodward Senior, of Fairfield District and the State of South Carolina, have made and duly executed my last Will & Testament in writing, bearing date of seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen. Now, I do hereby declare this present writing to be a Codicil to my said Will, and direct the same to be annexed thereunto and taken as a part thereof; And whereas my said Will, I did make the following gifts; equals ? devises, that is to say, that the crop of provisions growing at the time of my decease on my plantation at that time, should go to, and belong to my son Osmund Woodward, and subject never the less to the necessary support and maintenance of my wife, and the Negroes, and stock in my said will, loaned to my wife; That the crop of cotton and other mercantile produce that I may have gathered and on hand at the time of my decease or growing at that time, should be sold for the payment of all just debts, and the balance of the proceeds of such sale should be divided in the following manner: One Hundred dollars to my wife Esther Woodward, and the residue to my said daughters, Sarah Strother, and Mary Ann C. Lyles, and my sons John Woodward and William Thomas Woodward, share and share alike; That my wife Easter (sic) Woodward should have one bed and mattress and that the residue of my furniture should go to and belong to my son Osmund Woodward.

That two hundred acres of land purchased by me of Frances Palmer should go to and belong to John Dorgan Strother; that three hundred acres of land granted to James Hendrix should go to and belong to my said daughter Mary Ann C. Lyles; that one hundred and twenty acres of land where the widow Leggo now lives, should go to and belong to William Strother Lyles; Now I do hereby revoke all and each of the aforesaid, of the above specified gifts, bequests, and desires, and by this present writing do declare the (word not legible) and each of them to be utterly revoked, null and void, and I do hereby give and bequeath all and singular the produce of every kind, or discretion that may be growing at the time of my decease, on the plantation whereon I reside, to my said wife Easter (sic) Woodward, to my daughter Sarah Strother and Mary Ann C. Lyles, and to my sons John Woodward and William T. Woodward. Together with such ready money as I may be possessed of at the time of my death, Equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike.

Item ...I give and bequeath to my said wife Easter (sic) Woodward, two beds, bedsteads and furniture, to my said wife Easter (sic) Woodward her heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give and desire the said tract of three hundred acres of land purchased by me of James Hendrix, to John Dargon Strother, the infant son of my said daughter Sarah Strother, to the said John Dargon Strother, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give and devise the said tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land whereon the widow Leggo now lives, to my said grandson John Woodward Durham, the infant son of my deceased daughter Cynthia Durham, to the said John Woodward Durham his heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give and bequeath to my son John John Woodward a Negro child of the wench Hanna, named Mahala, to my said son John Woodward and heirs assigns forever.

Item ...I give and bequeath to my said son William T. Woodward, the child of the wench Maria, named Sal, to my said son William T. Woodward, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give and bequeath to my said wife Easter (sic) Woodward, Amy's child named Ransom, and also the horse called Tom Bigby, to my said wife Easter (sic) Woodward, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item ...I give and bequeath the wench Becks young child called Ransom, to said Grandson John Woodward Durham, his heirs and assigns forever; SUBJECT nevertheless to the conditions and restrictions annexed to the several bequests in my said Will of property therein devised and bequeathed to my said grandson John Woodward Durham.

IN Witness whereof I the said John Woodward Senior have to this Codicil, set my hand and seal this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen (6 May 1817).

Signed, Sealed, declared and published for a Codicil to be annexed to his last Will & Testament, and to be taken apart thereof in presence of

?? x Simpson Signed/John Woodward (LS)
her mark
Henry Haigood
Phillip Edward Pearson

Note by Robert Hill Sr: The wife's name has been given as McDonald, but that name Esther was often spelled as "Easter." Note the name in her will below...causes some suspicion that her given name was actually EASTHER and not ESTHER.

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THE WILL OF EASTER (ESTHER) WOODWARD, WIDOW OF THE ABOVE JOHN WOODWARD SENIOR.

Recorded in Will Book 7, Page 222, Apt. 35, File 563
No date of probate was listed.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

In the name of God, Amen.

I Easter Woodward of Fairfield County being weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say I give to my daughters Sarah Strother & Mary Ann Collins Lyles two beds and bedsteads with such common furniture as is usual to beds not to be taken until (the) beds owned by Osmund Woodward and John Durham are first chosen, being property willed to them by John Woodward Sr., deceased, that is to say one bed, bedstead & furniture to Mary Ann Collins Lyles, to them and their heirs forever. I also give to my daughter Mary Ann Collins Lyles the infant child of Amy, named Ransom, to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my son Osmund Woodward my horse Tom Bigby and gig and harness, to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my grandson John W. Durham the child of my daughter Cynthia Durham, deceased, a Negro girl Theresa (Becks child) provided that if the said John should die before he attains the age of twenty-one or before marriage, or should die without leaving lawful issue at the time of his death, then and in case it is my will for the said girl Thirza (Theresa?)

to revert to my other children, to be divided share and share alike.

It is also my wish for the Negroes lent to me by my husband John Woodward, should remain on the place and continue the making of a crop and the proceeds to be disposed in the manner following, that is to say: First to pay all lawful debts; Secondly I give to Miss Eliza Hagood, a young lady which has lived with me sometime past, the sum of twenty dollars, to her forever. Thirdly I wish my executor or executors to furnish my sister Nancy Henderson with sufficient(funds?) to purchase a Suit of Mourning: I also bequeath her a new cloak purchased for me in Columbia some time past, to her forever and the residue of the proceeds of my crop go to the use and benefit of my grandson John W. Durham.

It is also my will that if I should be possessed (of) any more property of any (kind that it?) not (be) disposed of it should go to and belong to John W. Durham, subject to the restrictions above mentioned.

Also it is my wish and I do hereby appoint my son Osmund Woodward as Executor to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all (other) wills and testament--, In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and eighteen, (6 May 1818).

Signed by/Easter (x) Woodward (LS)

her mark

Signed, declared and published
as the will of Easter Woodward,
In presence of

Jesse Pauls?

Martha (x) Shed

her mark

Elisa (x) Haygood

her mark

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