

DAY.013 A WILL OF THOMAS WOODWARD (NOT THE REGULATOR) OF CAMDEN DISTRICT DATED 31 OCTOBER 1780, PROBATED 9TH APRIL 1782, FILED IN KERSHAW COUNTY ESTATE PAPERS IN APARTMENT 75, PACKAGE 2679...WILL ORIGINALLY IN BOOK N, PAGE 19,

Entered by Robert R. Hill Sr. in June of 1986

NOTE BY ROBERT HILL: This particular Thomas Woodward apparently lived in what is today known as Kershaw County S.C. but was once a part of Camden District, S.C. The name is spelled both as Woodard & Woodward in the article. I am of the opinion that this Thomas Woodward (or his family) came from Virginia to eastern N.C. and then into S.C.

One of the reasons for this belief is the fact the surname is often spelled as WOODARD. One of the traits of the Woodwards of eastern N.C., was to spell it as WOODARD as well as Woodward.

My opinion is that it was his son, Thomas Woodard Jr. (named in his father's will) that served as a Private in the American Revolution. The application is on file in the U.S. Archives (R-11844) for this Soldier. It is stated on the application that he was born in North Carolina. For this reason I suspect the following Thomas Woodard (Woodward) Sr. was from Virginia or around Pasquotank or Perquimans Counties in N.C. I have wondered if perhaps he was a Quaker.

It seems that this Thomas Woodard Sr. (or his son) is often mixed up with the other Thomas Woodward, who served as a Captain in the Rangers during the Revolution, and who also lived in what was then Camden District, S.C. (today's Fairfield County).

This Captain Thomas Woodward was known as the Regulator and was my 5th great grandfather.

#### WILL OF THOMAS WOODARD

Dated 31st October 1780 in (at the time) Camden District S.C. but what is today Kershaw County, S.C.

In the name of God AMEN, I THOMAS WOODWARD of the Parish of St. Mark's, Camden District and state of South Carolina, Farmer, being of perfect sound mind and memory, Praised by God, doth hereby in this my last Will and Testament, give order and dispose of what is my property both real and personal in the following manner;

FIRST and principally I will my soul into the hands of

Almighty God, hoping for a blessed Immortality through the merits of his dear son, my blessed Savior and Redeemer, I Will that my body be decently Interred in a Christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors; and in regard to my Worldly goods I first desire that all my just and Lawful debts be paid; I Will and bequeath to my son JOHN WOODWARD a riding horse Saddle and bridle.

I Will and bequeath to my daughter MARY WOODWARD a feather bed and furniture.

I Will all the remaining part of my estate both real and personal whatever and wherever to be found, to my Children hereafter mentioned, to them and their heirs forever share and share alike VIZ

To my sons THOMAS WOODWARD, SIMON WOODWARD and JOHN WOODWARD, and to my daughters, ELIZABETH DAVIS, MARTHA ALLISON, MARY WOODWARD and PRISCILLA WOODARD, Provided my Son in Law WILLIAM DAVIS, will consider the presents of what ever kind I have made him and my Daughter ELIZABETH since their marriage, as part of my Estate, as when added to the Value of what she has already had of me, will be equal in Value to either of my aforementioned children's part, Mt daughters MARY and son JOHN'S Excepted.....

I nominate and appoint the Lawful Executors to this my last Will and Testament the four following persons VIZ. My Son In Law WILLIAM DAVIS, my sons THOMAS WOODARD, SIMON WOODARD, & JOHN WOODARD, and hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made, doth acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament as Witness my hand this THIRTY FIRST DAY of OCTOBER in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty.

(SIGNED BY) THOMAS WOODARD (LS)

Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of  
The Word The interlined and noticed before Its signed  
DAVID REYNOLDS SR, DAVID REYNOLDS JR. & JN. POSSELL JR.

SOUTH CAROLINA )      By WOOD FURMAN ESQ.  
CAMDEN DISTRICT)      ORDINARY of CAMDEN DISTRICT

SOUTH CAROLINA )  
CAMDEN DISTRICT) David Reynolds being duly sworn maketh oath that he was present and saw THOMAS WOODARD the testor named in the within instrument of writing, sign seal & deliver the same as his last will and testament, the said THOMAS WOODARD being thereof of sound mind and memory and understanding that the named David Reynolds subscribed as a Witness in thereto to the execution of the said Will is in the deponents hand writing and that David Reynolds Sr. & John Possell Jr. were also present at the execution thereof described, WITNESSETH thereto and together with deponent subscribe their names as

Witnesses in the presence of each other.  
SWORN BEFORE ME APRIL 9TH 1782  
Signed by/ Wood Furman Ordinary of Camden District.

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TO: Isaac Lanior, David Rogers, Thomas Neal, Frederic  
Athinson? & John Postall

THESE are to authorize and empower you or any three or four  
of you to repair to sell all such places within this state as  
you shall be directed unto by William Davis & John Woodard,  
Executors named in the Will, Administer at or all and  
singular the goods and chattels, rights and (??word not  
legible) of THOMAS WOODARD, late of the said District,  
Planter, DECEASED, wherefore any of the said goods and  
chattels are in the said places and which shall be thereunto  
you by the said WILLIAM DAVIS & JOHN WOODARD....and there  
(word not legible) and appraised the same being first duly  
sworn to make a true & perfect Inventory & Appraisement  
thereof and cause the same to be returned under your hands or  
the hands of any three of you to the said WILLIAM DAVIS &  
JOHN WOODARD on or before the Nineteenth Day of June next  
(1782).

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND & SEAL OF OFFICE, THE NINTH (9TH) DAY OF  
APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY TWO (1782) AND THE SIXTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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MEMORANDUM this 11th day of April Anno Dom 1782  
Thomas Neal, David Rogers & Isaac Lanior within named  
Personally appeared before me, Wood Furman Esq., Ordinary of  
Camden District and being duly sworn, made oath that they  
would make a just and fair appraisal of all and singular the  
goods and chattels, rights and credits of any money only -  
expected of the estate of THOMAS WOODWARD, deceased, which  
shall be produced to them by William Davis & John Woodard,  
Executors of the deceased. Certified under the hands of  
William Davis & John Woodard within the time prescribed by  
law.

Sworn to before me the date above..

Signed by/ Wood Furman, Ordinary

Appraisalment of Thomas Woodward's Estate, Recorded in BOOK A,  
Pages 107 & 108.

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THE COMPLETE INVENTORY IS GIVEN BUT VERY BAD CONDITION &  
WAS NOT COPIED.

Appraisalment of THOMAS WOODWARD'S Estate Recorded in BOOK A,  
PAGES 107 & 108

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WE THOMAS NEAL, ISAAC LENOIR & DAVID ROGERS, Appraisers of  
the Estate of THOMAS WOODWARD, Deceased, do certify that the  
above is a true and perfect Inventory of all the goods,

chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased as shown to us by William Davis & John Woodard, Executors, and that the same has been justly and truly appraised by us, according to the best of our knowledge.

DAVID ROGERS

THOMAS NEAL

JUNE 3, 1789

ISAAC LENOIR

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