

RODEN.001 GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION ON THE RODEN FAMILY AS
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Source: My research and data by Mrs. Christopher.

FIRST KNOWN GENERATION

The first known generation of this particular Roden family is composed of the following brothers:

1. Thomas Roden 1/ (1733-died in Chester County S.C. ca. July in 1809), married Mary Potts, (Ancestors of Robert Hill).
2. William Roden 1/ (1735-1800) who married Mary Mayfield ca.1750. Mary Mayfield d. before 1818;
3. Jeremiah Roden Sr. 1/, (b. 6 January 1737-d.17-? and married Mary Hornsby, ca. 1760;
4. John Roden Sr. 1/, (1739-died 1821 in Chester County, S.C., married ca. 1770 to Elizabeth Potts, who died 1789-90.
5. Zadoc Roden 1/, who is said to be possibly the oldest of the brothers. No data was available for him and his actual connection to the previous Rodens is questionable.

Their parents are unknown, and their origins seem to be Maryland, at least that is where they were from before moving into Virginia and South Carolina. It is known that they were Baptists, and could possibly indicate their origins (in England) was Wales, then immigrating into Pennsylvania and Maryland, that later had branches in Virginia and South Carolina, then into Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky.

It appears that Thomas Roden 1/, father of Savilla Roden 2/, was originally from Maryland. He was born in 1733 and married Mary Potts.

On 8th June 1750, a Thomas Winman Roden (unknown generation), late of Frederick County, (Maryland) now of Ann Arundel County, Maryland sold 50 acres in Frederick County to James Brooks. In DEED BOOK B, pages 401 and 402, Thomas Winman Roden sold land to James Brooks, recorded 18th June 1751 in Frederick County (Maryland).

In the Hall of Records in Annapolis Maryland, WILL BOOK 27, (1749-50) page 19, a John Winman of Calvert County, Maryland, wills all his possessions to wife Mary Winman and her heirs forever. They had no children. It is believed that the widowed wife Mary, was a Roden before her marriage. Now the reason for this is explained below.

In 1795, Thomas Roden 1/ , now of Chester County, South

Carolina was notified by John Gray, of Maryland, that William Roden Sr. 1/, was the nephew of John Winman and therefore the legal heir to Winamn's estate. William Roden Sr. 1/ was not responding to his (Gray's) correspondence, which apparently was pertaining to notice of the inheritance. The following is a deposition that Thomas Roden 1/ gave for a reply to Mr. Gray's inquiry of William Roden Sr. 1/.

CHESTER CO....BOOK D, PAGE 436 DEPOSITION, Thomas Roden Sr. 1/, sworn before E. Nunn, J.P., that William Roden Jr. 2/, is the lawful heir of William Roden Sr. 1/ , who was a nephew to and lawful heir of John Winman, deceased, who formerly lived in Calvert County Maryland. John Winman died without issue. Thomas 1/ said that after Winman's death that John Gray sent word to said William Roden Sr. 1/, to come and take possession of a tract of land which was then in possession of said John Gray. Thomas Roden 1/ replied that the reason that William Roden Sr 1/, was not responding was because William Sr. 1/ was "living in Virginia." Thomas goes on to state that William Roden Jr. 2/ was the heir to William Sr. 1/, Dated 23 July 1795. Saml. Lacey, Clerk of Court for Chester County, affixed an affidavit certifying that Nunn was a J.P. of Chester Co.

This appears to indicate that William Roden Sr. 1/, was a resident of Virginia and Mr. Gray thought he was in South Carolina. Thomas Roden's 1/ statement that William Roden Jr. 2/, was the legal heir of William Sr. 1/, indicates that William Sr. 1/ was deceased, and Thomas Roden 1/ was notifying Gray of these facts.

It is possible that Thomas 1/ did not know if William Sr. 1/ was dead or alive, therefore the reason behind stating the fact that William Jr. 2/, was legal heir of William Roden Sr. 1/.

Thomas Roden 1/ died in Chester County South Carolina in the year of 1809, Intestate, Files 58-890 of Chester County.

Thomas Roden 1/ moved, apparently with most of his brothers from Maryland into Virginia. There is enough evidence to support the belief that he lived in Frederick and Loudoun Counties of Virginia. (NOTE: There is a Frederick County in both Maryland and Virginia). This information is based on a National Genealogical Society Quarterly Article, where he is shown in the "tobacco market," and the following testimony of a George Roden.

In 1834, George Roden filed a application to receive "benefits for his service in the American Revolution," as authorized by an Act of Congress, passed 7th June 1832. In his application George states that he was born on the 25th March 1743, in Calvert County Maryland. He further states that when he was about 4 or 5 years old, (ca.1749-49) they

moved into Frederick County, Virginia. He states they lived on the Shenandoah River.

While it is not known for certain what the relationship is between Thomas 1/ and George Roden, it is suspected that they were brothers. It appears that Thomas Roden 1/ would have been too young to be the father of George Roden 1/, but there is a mention later in South Carolina of a Thomas Roden Sr. 1/, indicating the possibility of two Thomas Rodens. Was this Thomas Winman Roden, found in Maryland, the same man known later in Chester County S.C. as Thomas Roden 1/, who married Mary Potts? (Do not think so).

It could be that Thomas Winman Roden was the father to the brothers that moved from Maryland into Virginia and later South Carolina. We have not been able to clear up this matter.

George Roden goes on to state that he moved with his father from Virginia ca. 1763 to Camden District South Carolina, which was composed of today's Chester, Fairfield and Richland Counties in South Carolina. Thus it would appear that his father was one of the five brothers listed in first generation.

George Roden's statement agrees with South Carolina records, which begins to show Thomas 1/, William 1/, John 1/ and Jeremiah Roden 1/ all appearing in the area about that time. Only a hint of the other suspected brother Zadack 1/ is mentioned.

We have knowledge that Thomas Roden 1/ was in South Carolina by 1763, he received a land grant on 1 November 1768 of 50 acres on Broad River (in Chester County). The life of Thomas Roden 1/ between 1763-1768 becomes somewhat obscured, but it is obvious that he prospered (as did the other Rodens).

CHARLESTON DEEDS, BOOK Z-4, PAGE 229, 14 May 1778-Thomas Roden 1/ and Mary, his wife, of St. Mark's Parish S.C. to Peter Nance Jr., for 300 pounds, 200 acres on North side of Broad River, originally granted Thomas Roden 1/ on 17 February 1767 by Governor Montague. Witnessed by William Nance, James Roden, Sevilla (x) Roden. (Recorded in Charleston 18 January 1779).

(NOTE: This clearly shows Sevilla Roden 2/ had not yet married Moses Hill).

CHARLESTON DEEDS. BOOK Z-4, PAGE 230, 14 May 1778-Thomas Roden 1/ and wife Mary, same place, for 300 pounds, land on Sandy Creek, a branch of Broad River, on North side of Broad River, 112 acres, of which 50 acres was originally granted to Thomas Roden 1/ on 27 September 1769 by Governor William Bull

Esq. (Recorded in Charleston 17 January 1779).

Note: This was Thomas Roden 1/ & wife Mary Potts.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATES TO THOMAS RODEN 1/ FAMILY.

Thomas Roden 1/, Born: 1733 (Maryland?) married Mary Potts.
He died ca. July in 1809 in Chester County, S.C.

children of Thomas Roden 1/ & Mary Potts:

1. Jeremiah Roden 2/, b 3 November 1754 (Virginia). He served as an orderly under General Francis Marion in the Revolution, (Rev Pension R-8926). He married in Barnwell County South Carolina on 28 March 1784 to Susannah Kirkland (b. 12 March 1759 in Georgia, died 20 October 1855 in DeKalb County Alabama. (Reference is made to his widow's pension application in Alabama).

their children:

- i. Polly Roden 3/, b. 28 February 1786 in South Carolina, married Hezekiah Wilson, she died before March 1849.
 - ii. John B. Roden 3/, b. 30 September 1787 in South Carolina, married twice, 1st Nancy Brassell on 21 August 1806. She born 6 January 1789. John said to have gone to Kentucky with Daniel Boone, during war of 1812. Served in Army as Civil Engineer, returning to Alabama. Was 1st Tax collector of Blount County. His 2nd marriage to Mrs. Jan Smith of DeKalb County Alabama.
 - iii. Margaret (Pega?) Roden 3/, b. 12 February 1789, probably in South Carolina, married James Naylor, she died DeKalb County Alabama ca. 1784-87.
 - iv. Jeremiah Roden Jr. 3/, b. 8 July 1792 in South Carolina.
 - v. Benjamin H. Roden 3/, b. 6 April 1795, probably in South Carolina. married Kezia Manning. He died 29 December 1892.
 - vi. Nancy Roden, 3/, b. 31 December 1801 in South Carolina, married Joshua Thompson.
2. Savilla N. Roden 2/, b. 1759 (Virginia?) married Moses Hill (Revolutionary Soldier) in S.C. ca. 1778 but after May or in 1779, she died in Green County Alabama on 23 July 1844.) FOURTH GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF ROBERT R. HILL.

Their children: (3rd Roden generation)

- i. Thomas Hill 3/, b. 1780 Fairfield County S.C., m.

Jemima Woodward. They had 8 children: Nancy 4/, Jemima 4/, Charlotte 4/, Nathan Barrett Hill 4/, Wm. W. (Woodward?) Hill 4/, Thomas 4/, Moses 4/ and Savilla 4/. THIRD GREAT GRANDFATHER OF ROBERT R. HILL

- ii. James Hill 3/, b. 21 November 1782 in Fairfield Co., S.C., married Susannah Glenn on 10 June 1806. He died 27 October 1854. They had 7 children: James Glenn 4/, Moses Green Berry Hill 4/, Sarah Anderson Glenn Hill 4/, William Henry Harrison Hill 4/, John Thompson Hill 4/, Susannah Elizabeth Hill 4/, and George Washington Hill 4/.
- iii. Sarah (Caroline?) Hill 3/, b. ca. 1785 Fairfield County S.C., m. ca. 1822 Rev. John Pearson (his 2nd of 3), had one son Moses Hill Pearson 4/. She died in Green County Alabama ca. 1831-1835.
- iv. Littleton Hill 3/, b. ca. 1790-d. ca. 1811 in Fairfield County S.C. (never married).
- v. Moses Berry Hill 3/, b. 1795 Fairfield County S.C., married Mary Bowles Glenn, He died 14 October 1824 Chester County, S.C., children were : James Leslie Stewart Hill 4/, Mary Glenn Hill 4/, Sarah Savilla Hill 4/, and Moses Hill 4/.
- vi. Elizabeth Harrison Hill 3/, b. 29 January 1793 Fairfield County S.C., married Stephen Terry on 4 July 1809. She died DeKalb County, Georgia on 3 December 1838. Children: Green Berry Hill Terry 4/, Benjamin Terry 4/, John W. Terry 4/, Sarah Caroline Terry 4/, Harriet Elizabeth Terry 4/, Jane Arrominta Terry 4/, Stephen J. Terry 4/, Martha Ammanda Terry 4/, Moses Andrew McKee Terry 4/, Rebecca D. Terry 4/, James Littleton Terry 4/, and George W. Terry 4/.
- vii. Harriet W. Hill 3/, b. 5 March 1802 Fairfield County S.C., married Edward Pickett Mobley ca. 1818-1819. She died 30 April 1857 Fairfield County S.C. Their children: Moses Hill Mobley 4/, Elizabeth Pickett Mobley 4/, Samuel L. Mobley 4/, Edward P. Mobley Jr. 4/, and Harriet Rebecca Mobley 4/.
- viii. George Washington Hill 3/, b. in September 1803 Fairfield County S.C. , married Sarah A. Moore in S.C., He died Green Co. Alabama on 8 September 1857. Children: Rebecca 4/, James S. 4/, Thomas Jefferson 4/, Hillard Judge 4/, Justina Virginia 4/, George Fletcher 4/, John Moore 45/, Adella G. 4/, unknown infant 4/, Laura L. 4/ and Fletcher W. Hill 4/.

NOTE: There is considerable more information on the Hill Family, but is filed under Hill Family.

3. Thomas Roden Jr. 2/, (no information available)
4. Levi Roden 2/, (no information available).
5. Alice Roden 2/, b. 1776 (South Carolina) married Richard Wilkes (b. 1769 in N.C.- d. 17 October 1840 Chester County S.C.) Alice Roden 2/ died 28 July 1855
6. James Roden 2/, (no information available).

NOTE: There is a time of about 17 years between the birth of Alice Roden and the first 2 children, causing doubt that Alice was in fact a child. This time of 17 years has occurred in other families (Example Moses Hill-Savilla Roden 1st child was born 1780 and the last child in 1807, also 17 years. Therefore while doubt has been cast on Alice's actually being a child of Thomas, we will list her as such until other evidence turns up to prove otherwise.

This completes the family of Thomas Roden & Mary Potts.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FAMILY OF JOHN B. RODEN 3/, WHO WAS SON OF JEREMIAH RODEN 2/, OLDEST CHILD OF THOMAS RODEN 1/ & MARY POTTS. THIS MEANS THAT JOHN B. RODEN 3/ WAS A GRANDCHILD TO THOMAS 1/ & MARY POTTS RODEN.

John B. Roden 3/, b. 30 September 1787 in South Carolina, married twice. 1st to Nancy Brassell on 21 August 1806 (b. 6 January 1789. His 2nd marriage was to Mrs. Jan Smith of DeKalb Co., Ala.

children:

- i. Polly Roden 4/, b., 18 October 1807, married John Graves.
- ii. William B. Roden 4/, b. 5 June 1812. married Viola Harrison, he died 21 September 1863. Children:
Benjamin Franklin Roden Sr. 5/ and John B. Roden Jr. 5/.
children of Benjamin Franklin Roden Sr. 5/.
 - a. Viola H. Roden 6/,
 - b. Florence L. Roden 6/.
 - c. Lillian Roden 6/.
 - d. Maybelle Roden 6/.
 - e. Benjamin Franklin Roden Jr. 6/.
- iii. Benjamin H. Roden 4/, b. 17 May 1814 married twice
1st to Tabitha Tyson on 10 August 1839 (b. 28 February 1822, d. 28 November 1869). His 2nd

marriage was to Mrs. Jan Wilson Burnett, widow of John Burnette 3rd. Children: Wm. F. Sr 5/, Nancy R. 5/, Louisia 5/, Missouri 5/, Sarah 5/, Napoleon 5/, Margaret 5/, Catherine 5/, and Jeremiah Roden 5/.

children of William F. Roden Sr. 5/:/

a. William F. Roden Jr. 6/.

children of Nancy R. Roden 5/.

a. Telitha 6/.

iv. Martha Roden 4/, b. 16 October 1816. married D. R. Carnes.

v. Walton W. Roden 4/, b. 10 August 1818. married Narcissus McNair. Children:

a. John B. Roden 5/, 1838-1913 m. Julia Ann Louise Driskill.

b. Mary Ann Eliza Roden 5/, 1860-1949, m. John Franklin Campbell

vi. Jeremiah Roden 4/, b. 2 October 1820.

vii. Catherine Roden 4/, b. 27 April 1828, married William Harrison.

viii. Susana Roden 4/, b. 18 April 1830, married Jessee Watson.

ix. Calvin Roden 4/, b. 17 January 1832

x. Jane Roden 4/, b. 13 November 1816.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FAMILY OF JOHN RODEN SR. 1/, BROTHER OF THOMAS RODEN 1/.

2. John Roden Sr. 1/, was born in Maryland in 1739. Wife's name is unknown but they had 12 children (taken from a Equity Law Suit filed in 1830 in S.C. John had died in Chester County S.C. in 1821.

The following children were named in the law suit:

i. John Potts Roden 2/, a son mentioned in will, called John Roden Jr. Sold his S.C. and went to Alabama.

ii. Greenberry Roden 2/, a son mentioned in will. In 1812 he was in Williams County Tennessee but later went to Georgia or Alabama.

iii. Susannah Roden 2/, a daughter mentioned in will as a buyer at the vendure of the estate.

iv. Thomas Roden 2/, son mentioned in will.

- v. Isaac Roden 2/, a son mentioned in will.
- vi. Anne Roden 2/, a daughter mentioned in will, shown as a buyer at the vendure of the estate. She is also shown in the file papers as MISS ANNE RODEN.
- vii. A deceased daughter2/, name unknown, who was the 1st wife of Francis Wilks. She was given \$25.00 legacy in will and "MRS." Wilks also received a \$ 25.00 advance in her father's lifetime.
- viii. Sally Roden 2/, a daughter and wife of Abraham Bannister was mentioned in the will.
- ix. James Roden 2/, s son. He was not mentioned in the will BUT shown as a legatee in the estate files.
- x. Joshua Roden 2/, a son. Not mentioned in will, BUT shown as a legatee in the files. A Power of Attorney of "Joshua Roden of Alabama" to his brother James, empowering James to collect his share of the estate. The papers have now been lost and are no longer on file.
- xi. Mary Roden 2/, a daughter who married James Gilchrist. Not mentioned in will but James Gilchrist shows as "Legatee" in the file, and Mary shows as his wife in Equity Files 47, filed in 1830.
- xii. Mrs. Betsey Roden 2/, shown in the file as a legatee. She is not mentioned in the will. It is logical to say that she was the wife a deceased son, which is the only way to account for her heirship, unless she was a daughter who wed a Roden cousin. There is a deed (DEED BOOK Z page 544 18??) showing Elizabeth Roden selling land that was "allotted" to her from estate of John Roden 1/.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF EARLY RODENS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES SENT BY MRS. J. B. CHRISTOPHER.

Will Book 27, (1749-50) located in Hall of Records, Annapolis Maryland. Deeds of Frederick County Maryland clearly shows that Thomas Roden 1/ and wife Mary, along with William Roden 1/ and wife Jane were living on the south side of the north fork of the Shenandoah River, in what was then Frederick County in 1760. They sold out in 1763, at which time they appear in South Carolina.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY DEEDS, BOOK B, page 232 dated 2 October

1772, John Rottan (Roden) and Sithana, his wife, of Craven County S.C. to James Martin for 10 pounds S.C. money, 250 acres, all the tract granted to Richard Rottan (Roden) on 11 February 1756, by Governor James Glen, of S.C. Tract had been granted for 200 acres, bound on all side vacant when granted. John Rotten had a "good sure perfect and Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in fe simple" to said tract of land. John signed his name. Sithana signed by mark. Recorded 19 January 1789.

Note: Craven County was an early name for the area later covered by Camden District, and finally by Fairfield, Chester, Richland etc. Counties. No exact location of this land was given.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST by Leah Townsend, page 147, footnote, John Roden of Wateree Creek, also a branch of Wateree River. He owned 300 acres and 6 slaves. This John Roden may have been the same John Rottan with wife Sithina, who sold land in Fairfield County in 1772 with a William Rottan (Roden) signing as a witness. The land was granted to Richard Rotten in 1756.

William Roden 1/ received a survey of 200 acres on 6 December 1763 on Wateree Creek, at its junction with Beaver Dam Creek, from which tract he must have given the lot which Wateree Creek Baptist Church was first located. A survey of John Blake, who preached here, shows in 1770 on Reedy Creek of Wateree Creek touching William Roden's land. There is also a reference that John Roden was a "messenger" to Bethel Association from Sandy River Church in Chester County S.C.

Footnote shows William Roden 1/ having surveys on Fishing Creek, and Turkey Creek in 1763. (Plat Books VIII, page 287; VII, page 342 and 394 in S.C. Archives). A John Rottan had a 1767 land grant on Turkey Creek as well as other grants and Thomas 1/ had grants in 1767 and 1768 in the same area, as well as land in what is now York County S.C.

A question now arises...was William Roden, who owned land on Wateree River in Fairfield County, the same that shows up later in Chester County. It is debatable and he could be the elder William and father of William Roden of Chester County.

THE JURY LISTS OF S.C. 1778-1779, by Hendrix & Lindsay (1975) on page 54- in the section listing petite jurors between Broad and Catawba Rivers is Thomas Roden 1/ in 1778. This would be the Chester-Fairfield County area.

CHARLESTON DEEDS, BOOK C-5, PAGE 90, dated 4th December 1778, Lazarus Moore and wife Sarah, to William Roden of St. Mark's Parish South Carolina, 300 pounds, 100 acres on Sandy River (Chester County?)

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CHESTER COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

RECORDS ON DIFFERENT RODENS.

DEED BOOK A, PAGE 32, DATED 4 DEC. 1784 Joseph Brown of Camden District, to Thomas Roden, planter, same place, for 50 pounds sterling, 200 acres, granted to Brown on 16 January 1772 on a small branch leading into Sandy River, all sides vacant when granted. Sarah Brown, wife of Joseph, signed dower release and the deed. Witnesses: William Roden, James Brown, Sarah Brown. "At a court held for Chester County (at the house of John Wilkes)" on 17 January 1786, Joseph Brown acknowledged the deed and it was ordered recorded.

BOOK B, PAGE 633, DATED 3 FEB. 1786, Thomas Roden 1/ of Camden District, to John Roden, same place, for 40 pounds sterling, 170 acres granted 21 Jan. 1785, on waters of Sandy River. Bound by Ambrose Nix, Charles Umpries, John ? (torn) and vacant lands. Signed by Thomas 1/ and Mary Roden, his wife. Wits: Enoch Pearson, Daniel Head, William Head, Greenberry Roden 2/ and James Roden 2/. Proved by Greenberry Roden 2/ before Richard Taliaferro, Clerk of Chester Co. No Recording date

FROM A VERY OLD BOOK LABELED "ORDER BOOK B FOR CHESTER COUNTY S.C." ON PAGE 223: This is in the section headed June Court, 1793. "Levy Roden infant orphan of Thomas Roden 1/, deceased, came into Court and made choice of Joseph Brown Esquire for his Guardian and the said Brown is by Court appointed as such upon his complying with what the law in that Case Requires."

NOTE BY MRS. CHRISTOPHER: Now, this opens up a whole new kettle of fish: Which Thomas Roden was this? Levy would have had to be a pretty good size boy (over age 14) to come into court and request a guardian for himself. There was no estate filed in Chester County for this Thomas Roden. He may have died before county records were set up in 1785. And why did Levy choose Joseph Brown (who was variously Clerk of Court, Ordinary, J.P., J.Q. etc.) as his guardian. Did Thomas, his father, marry one of the Joseph Brown's daughters or sisters? If Levy was about 14 years old in 1793, he would have been born ca. 1779.

We are extremely dubious about Alice Roden Wilks being the daughter of the old Thomas and Mary Roden. Alice was born in 1776, and the only other children, or rather people that we think are the children of Thomas and Mary Roden, were born in 1754 (Jeremiah) and 1759 (our Savilla). Alice's birth-date in 1776 is 17 years later than Savilla's in 1759. That is too big a difference in ages for them to be sisters. I am wondering if Alice Wilks was the daughter of this deceased John Roden, and an older sister of Levy, and also, if the deceased Thomas was the son of the older, and our Thomas Roden and Mary Potts.

ADDITIONAL RODEN FAMILY INFORMATION BY MRS. CHRISTOPHER

"THE JURY LISTS OF S.C. 1776-1779" BY HENDRIX & LINDSAY
(1975): PAGE 54

In the section listing petite jurors between Broad and Catawba Rivers is Thomas Roden in 1778. This would have been the area of today's Chester-Fairfield Counties.

THE NINETY-SIX DISTRICTS jury list was not yet set up until 1779 (by a special act of the S.C. Legislature and on Page 101, in a list of petite jurors for Spartan District, is shown a Thomas Roden. Spartan Militia District covered what is today Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee Counties in S.C. Broad River was the dividing line between Old 96 District and Camden District. The Rodens of Chester and Fairfield Districts (Counties) were in Camden District.

NOTE: It was first thought that the Thomas Roden, of our family and in Chester District, might be the same man, listed above, but have since changed my mind. I now think that the Thomas Roden of Spartan District in 1779 Juror's list was a different man and who was probably related to John and William Rotten in Spartanburg Co. S.C.

The Thomas Roden in Spartan District in 1779 may be the Thomas Roden, who is listed as a Loyalist in 1783 in a "List of men adhered to British Government" turned in by Col. Benjamin Roebuck, who commanded the Spartan Regiment, which was composed of men who lived in Spartan Militia District. There were two sections of this Regiment -one commanded by Roebuck, who lived in Spartanburg County and the other, commanded by Col. Thomas Brandon, who lived in Union County. The men shown on Roebuck's list apparently lived in his area. Upper S.C. was full of Loyalist during the Revolution, and after the fighting was over in 1783, the commanders of each Regiment turned in lists of those men who left their Regiments to join the British Regiments. These lists were used as a basis for the confiscation of the Loyalist's Estates. As a general rule, the Loyalist who survived the Revolution, left the country to go to East Florida, Nova Scotia, back to England, to the area of Natchez, Mississippi, Canada or to Jamacia etc...I considered whether or not this Thomas Roden could have been our Thomas Roden of Chester County, but do not think so. If he had fought in the Revolutionary War, he would have been in a Camden District Regiment, and there are no Rodens on the lists turned in by the various commanders of Camden District Regiments, though several of the Roden's neighbors are listed. There were not many up country families who were not represented in the lists of Loyalists. The Revolution in this area was a civil war and families were split in their loyalties.

This Thomas Roden in Spartan District may be the same man who is shown in ABSTRACTS OF 96 DISTRICT AND ABBEVILLE DISTRICT WILLS AND BONDS by Pauline Young, page 277: "Thomas Roden Box 81, Package 1987, Hugh Freeman, Adm., lived in 96 district. Inventory made 28 July 1783 by Alexander Kilpatrick, John McGrew, John McCarrol. Name also written as Rhoden. No other papers."

This estate was filed in old 96 district of S.C. before county records were set up in 1785. The early recorded filed were burned by the British, but people continued to file estates there after the Revolution until they had places available in their own counties in which to file, and there are a good many records there dating from about 1781-82. These records are now in Abbeville County. This could have been either the Spartan County family or the Abbeville County family-there are other estates for Rodens shown in this book on up in the mid 1800's. Those later Rodens definitely lived in Abbeville County.

SPARTENBURG COUNTY S.C.

I found only 1 deed recorded in the Roden (various spellings) name and no estates at all.

DEED BOOK B, PAGES 533 & 534, lease and release, dated 12 and 13 May 1791, John Rotton Sr., and William Rotton Sr., of South Carolina, "brothers jointly" to Edward Ballenger of Spartanburg Co., S.C. for 10 shillings (lease) and 60 pounds sterling (release), 300 acres on both sides of the S. branch of Lawson's Fork, waters of Pacolet River, granted to John Rotton by William Tryon, Governor of N.C. and conveyed to William Rotton Sr., but said deed is lost. Therefore, both John and William convey to Ballanger. Both signed by mark. Wits: William Wood, David Lewis, John Young Jr., Henry Machen, and James Machen. Recorded in 1792.

ANOTHER ITEM:

In Union County S.C., Plat Book A, Roden Morgan had a tract of 56 acres, surveyed for him on 11 Dec. 1816, on Cain Creek, waters of Tyger River, bound by John Morgan, Jas. Dickerson, Hunly McShan and Annet Underwood. Warrant dated 24 October 1816, by Abram. McJunkin, Commissioner of Locations. J.T. McJunkin, Deputy Surveyor, with Daniel Morgan, and David George as chain carriers.

NOTE: The State of S.C. gave grants to small tracts of land that were "left over" until way on up in the 1800's and this apparently was one of them. That land was here in the Fish Dam (today Carlisle S.C.) area. Cane (Cain) Creek runs about 2 to 3 miles behind my house.

This Roden Morgan was shown in later records as Redin, or

Reddin Morgan, another example of how the name Roden was changed: And Roden Morgan had a daughter named Seyvilla! (After Sevilla Roden, wife of our grandfather Moses Hill?). He must have been related to our Roden Family in Chester District.

Hunly McShan in the plat description moved into Union County from Chester County. He married into the Glenn Family also. Annet (Arnett?) Underwood shows up later in Green County Alabama records. still shown as Annett. Remember Moses Hill's widow and some family moved there too.

My conclusion from all of this, including the fact that Thomas Roden was shown in the Virginia area of Frederick-Loudoun Counties in the tobacco market (Ref. The National Genealogical Society Quarterly Article) plus George Rowden's statement in his pension application, plus William Johnston's statement in his pension application, is that the Rodens came into either Pa. or Maryland, maybe from Wales (the strong Welsh Baptist contingent in Pa. and Del., that later had branches in Va. and S.C.), that they lived in Maryland for a while, moved on down into upper Virginia for several years, then came down the Valley of Va., into S.C., as did so many of their fellow-settlers in this area of S.C. That was the route of migration from about 1750 until the Revolution. They would have been following a pattern that had already been well established by 1763/64, when Thomas, William, John and Jeremiah Roden all show up in the S.C. records.

Unless there was an earlier man by the same name, I rather doubt that Zadock Roden was one of the older generations, but still he could have been. He is not shown in the 1790 Census of S.C. but he is in the 1800 Census as Zedock Roden, Chester Co., with 1 male and 1 female over 45, 1 male and 1 female under 10, 1 female 10 to 16 and 1 male and 3 females between 16 and 26 years of age.

If we can locate either the records or a compilation of them, I think that our best bet on going further back with the family is to check Virginia Baptist records. The records do exist-Leah Townsend in her book on S.C. Baptists refers to "Va. Baptist Records" frequently. She traced a good many of the early Baptist preachers back through N.C., Va., Md., into Pa. But she did not do so for our Rodens.

Another good place to start would be Frederick County Virginia land records, if they exist, since George Rowden stated definitely in his pension application that he lived in Frederick County from about 1747/48 until 1763. That would have been about 15 years, surely in that length of time, the Roden family would have left some indication that they were residents of that area.

NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA VOL. 2, ANSON &

MECKLENBURG COUNTIES. 1749-1770, abstracted and printed by Brent Holcomb (1976) page 76.

ROTTAN, JOHN FILE # 2396, GR. # 194, BOOK 23, PAGE 220
Plat: Surveyed for John Rottan, 300 acres on S. Fork of Lawsons Fork of Pacalot including his improvement..26 May 1767. Peter Johnston, Surveyor. Issued 28 April 1768.

NOTE: Lawson's Fork is a creek that flows into Pacolet River, just East of the city of Spartanburg, S.C.

End of data