

RODEN.012 FILES ON THE ESTATE OF THOMAS RODEN, DECEASED, OF
CHESTER COUNTY S.C. DATED 1809.

Note: Thomas Roden Sr & wife Mary Potts (originally of Md) were the maternal great grandparents to Nathan Barrett Hill. They were the parents of his grandmother, Savilla N. Roden, who married his grandfather, Moses Hill.

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Note: Thomas Roden was originally from Maryland, married Mary Potts. They went first to Loudoun Co., Va. then to Craven County, S.C. (today's Chester County). They were the parents of Savilla N. Roden, who married Moses Hill in Fairfield Co., SC.

THOMAS RODEN DIED 1809

Richard Wilks applied for letters of administration and the citation was issued on 7 July 1809 by Joseph O. Brown, Ordinary, "at my office on Turkey Creek."

NOTE: Joseph Brown lived on Turkey Creek, was Ordinary for several years-he apparently did not spend much time in the Chester County Courthouse!

Elias Mitchel certified that he had read the citation to "the congregation" but doesn't say which church.

NOTE: Elias Mitchel was a Baptist preacher with connections in both Chester and Union Counties S.C. He moved to Union Co., ca. 1819. He is buried in Union County and it states on his tombstone that he died in Chester County while conducting a service at the Baptist Church- dropped dead in the pulpit!

Richard Wilks, William Wilks and Alexander Wilson signed the bond of \$ 1000.00 on 17th July 1809. Appraisers were Reuben Wilks, William Wilks and Newman McCollom and the inventory is dated 18 July 1809 and was signed before Francis Wilks, J.P. Lists only a small amount of household furniture, clothes, saddle, bridle, "1 book and pair of specs," etc.

A sale was held on 9 Aug. 1809. John Roden Sr., Thomas Humphries, John Roden Jr., Reuben Wilks, Richard Wilks, Jas. Roden, Lewis Roberts, Thomas Roden, Robert Smith and James Morris is a complete list of the buyers-they bought everything.

Owing the Thomas Roden (Senior) estate were notes on Abraham Mayfield for \$ 12.00; William Barret for \$ 28.00; John Roden Jr. for \$ 6.00; Abraham Mayfield (again) \$ 12.00; James Roden

for \$ 24.63; John Sealy for \$ 28.75; Thomas Roden (Jr) for \$ 10.72; Thomas Roden (Jr again) for \$ 13.18 3/4; Willis Hyatt for \$ 31.40; and Joseph Watson balance due \$ 5.00. "Account acknowledged by Moses Hill Esquire (son in law) for \$ 13.00.

In the file is a receipt for 3 shillings 6 pence (in 1809!) to William Johnson for acting as a CRYER at the sale and \$ 100.00 to James Morris for making the coffin.

Lewis Roberts (son in law) put in a claim for \$ 45.50 for "boarding and tending Mary Roden, wife of the said Thomas Roden, deceased, for 15 months, beginning about the 15th of September 1804- \$ 37.50" plus "to keeping the said Thomas Roden, deceased, and wife Mary Roden two months" in 1809 (date could be 1807). Dated and signed 20 July 1810 before Francis Wilks J.P.

Moses Hill Esq. (son in law. He married daughter Savilla Roden) put in a claim for \$ 40.00 for boarding Thomas Roden Sr and wife (Mary Potts) for 5 months in the year 1809 (could have been 1807). Stated that he had received \$ 13.25 in part payment for the same. Dated 7 September 1810 and signed before Francis Wilks J.P.

J. Gist signed a receipt for \$ 2.00 for arguing an appeal in the Court of Ordinary, Thomas Roden and John Sealy, dated 4 April 1810. (This Joseph Gist, a lawyer, lived on Broad River in Union County, S.C.).

Reference to note of Joseph Watson: James Roden and Joshua Roden stated that James Roden had paid his note of \$ 20.00 plus \$ 4.00 interest, and would not pay anymore "because of the unlawful interest." Dated 26 March 1808 and signed by James Roden and Joshua Roden.

There are other papers concerning the note of Joseph Watson, which had been paid in part with 1 rife barrel.

This is all that is in the file. No heirs named and no settlement shown. Need to check in the court books and real estate books, if they exist.

NOTE: Thomas Roden and his wife, Mary Potts were evidently a very old couple who had disposed of most of their personal property, furniture, farm equipment, etc..(probably given it to their children), and were living out their last years around with various children because they were unable to take care of themselves. It occurred to me that they may have been much older than we have been led to believe. Lewis Roberts and Moses Hill names were on several documents and it is believed that Lewis Roberts was probably also a son in law.

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