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331. MICHAEL THOMAS

331. MICHAEL THOMAS was a brother of 330 JOSEPH THOMAS, who married Sarah Barnes, and whose descendents went to Tennessee and Kentucky. This MICHAEL THOMAS was the son of JOSEPH THOMAS and his wife ALICE, who went to Bertie County, N.C., where most, if not all of his children followed, or had preceded him. But MICHAEL migrated in a different direction and about 1745-1748 patented 600 acres of land on Hog Creek and Rockfish River, in ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, about the time that county was carved out of GOOCHLAND and the lands began to be parcelled out to the early comers. This MICHAEL THOMAS lived until 1802 and must have been of a ripe old age at the time of his death, since his father JOSEPH died in Bertie County, N.C. in 1735. In the 1730s MICHAEL THOMAS served ALBEMARLE COUNTY as a magistrate and also as Sheriff, and EDWARD MOORE and MENAN MILLS were two of his deputies. The name of his first wife is unknown (granting that he was only twice married) and he married ELIZABETH STANTON as his second wife in 1792. The account (Wood's Albemarle County, p. 327) says that his son RALPH THOMAS, and his grown grandson JOHN CARROLL went across the mountains after the licenses. Of course there was probably no children by his 1st marriage. By his previous marriage, 331 MICHAEL THOMAS had the following children:

- 450. Michael Thomas (d. 1826).
- 451. Joseph Thomas (d. 1797).
- 452. Jesse Thomas.
- 453. Ralph Thomas.
- 454. Edward Thomas.
- 455. James Thomas.
- 456.Thomas (daughter) m. CARROLL.

580. JOHN THOMAS was evidently a grandson of 331 MICHAEL THOMAS, of Albemarle County, and a son of one of the sons listed above-which one, being a problem to which we are unable to find the answer. He lived in that part of old ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, which became AMHERST COUNTY, and married FRANCES HENDERSON as his first wife. FRANCES HENDERSON was the daughter of JOHN HENDERSON SR., a brother of SAMUEL HENDERSON, of Granville County, N.C. JOHN THOMAS' wife was therefore a first cousin of JUDGE RICHARD HENDERSON, of Granville County. (See pages 223-224 of this volume), for a previous account. JOHN HENDERSON SR. married the daughter of BENNETT GOODE, and JOHN THOMAS' wife was the sister of BENNETT HENDERSON, who married ELIZABETH LEWIS, daughter of CHARLES LEWIS, who married MARY RANDOLPH, daughter of ISHAM

RANDOLPH, so that BENNETT HENDERSON'S wife was sister of ISHAM LEWIS (named for ISHAM RANDOLPH-down in Henrico County), and JOHN THOMAS' children were first cousins of ISHAM HENDERSON, son of BENNETT HENDERSON. HOWELL LEWIS, ELIZABETH'S uncle in Granville County, N.C. had daughter MILDRED LEWIS, who married JOHN COBBS-just another connection between the THOMAS and COBB families.

But from the marriage of this same 580 JOHN THOMAS, a second time to FRANCES LEWIS, sister of ISHAM, came forth an ISHAM THOMAS, born in Kentucky in 1807, who married ADA...and moved to Dallas, Texas, where in 1860 his son, W.H. THOMAS was the first Civil officer-County surveyor. This W.H. THOMAS was the father of HON. MIKE THOMAS, millionaire cotton dealer and a member for many years of the New York Stock Exchange. Another son of ISHAM THOMAS and his wife ADA was JAMES PINCKNEY THOMAS (born in Kentucky in 1840). Please note that 565 LUKE THOMAS on the 203 JOSEPH THOMAS CHART had a son 620 PINCKNEY THOMAS, whose mother ELIZABETH BARRAUPELL was from Kentucky, where the family probably lived. In Wood's account of the Albemarle County THOMAS FAMILY (p. 327) he says that 331 MICHAEL THOMAS came from down on the JAMES RIVER in Eastern, Virginia, which means NANSEMOND or ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

527. BENJAMIN I. THOMAS

This name will found on the chart of 324 JOHN THOMAS AND HIS FAMILY, and he was one of the 22 children of REV. JOHN THOMAS JR., who after spending many years of his life in the ministry, moved to HANCOCK COUNTY, GEORGIA, and settled between Sparta and Greensboro on SHOULDERBONE CREEK and died ca. 1807.

527. BENJAMIN I. THOMAS settled in Alabama, coming there from Georgia as soon as the lands were opened up for settlement. Before 1820 he had settled in Texas. He had two sons:

- 640. Benjamin Thomas.
- 641. Theophilus Thomas.

640. BENJAMIN THOMAS married MARTHA ENGLEDDOW at Nacogdoches, Texas on January 17, 1839. He served in the Texas Revolution in Captain Kimbrough's Company. He died at San Antonio in 1891.

641. THEOPHILUS THOMAS was a Methodist Minister, who served all but five years of his life in Texas. He died in 1882 in his 76th year (b. ca. 1816).

The wife of 641, THEOPHILUS THOMAS was SUSAN WINN, daughter of PETER WINN, who probably lived in South Carolina, before emigrating to Texas, which he did. They had nine children.

410. MICHAEL THOMAS

410. MICHAEL THOMAS, the son of 330 JOSEPH THOMAS and his wife ANNA, of Bertie County, joined the POPES, MCKINNIES and some of the BOONS, and removed to Georgia. The records, what few there are, in regard to this family and descendents, will be found in the two volumes of the SEARCH GEORGIA-WILKES CO., compiled in recent years by MRS. WILLIAM LEE DAVIDSON. It may be that only his children went to Georgia, and that MICHAEL, himself, died in N.C., somewhere, but the inference is that he died in Wilkes County, Georgia, for on April 10th, 1793, there is a record of MICHAEL and WILLIAM THOMAS, sons of MICHAEL THOMAS, deceased. The wills of PHILLIP THOMAS and MICHAEL THOMAS were recorded in the lost WILL BOOK "DD" for the years 1779-1792. From all of the items that appear on these records, it is thought reasonable to assume that 410 MICHAEL THOMAS had:

- 530. Michael Thomas.
- 531. Phillip Thomas (d. 1786).
- 532. Samuel Thomas.

with a possibility that there were quite a number of other sons and some daughters. The above, however, are found on the Wilkes County records, with somewhat of their activities in Georgia. No trace except that there was one, has been found of the will of 530. MICHAEL THOMAS, and that he had at least two sons, MICHAEL and WILLIAM (Vol. 1, p. 185, Davidson).

531. PHILLIP THOMAS died in Wilkes County, Georgia, will dated January 3, 1786 (Vol. 1., p. 30, Davidson), in which he mentions:

1. Wife, MARY.
2. Son, JOHN THOMAS.
3. Son, AUGUSTAIN THOMAS.
4. Daughter, MARY THOMAS m. (1) Newton (2) Michael Whailey.
5. Daughter, RACHEL THOMAS m. John Cooper.
6. Daughter, ANN THOMAS m. Jones.
7. Daughter, ELIZABETH THOMAS.
8. Daughter, MARGARET THOMAS.
9. Daughter, HANNAH THOMAS m. John Holmes.
10. Son, BENJAMIN THOMAS (d. 1798, John Holmes, Administrator).
11. Son, EDWARD THOMAS (Minor, to be educated).

Executors, wife MARY and son BENJAMIN THOMAS.
Witnesses, THOMAS BROWN and wife ANN BROWN.

325. MICHAEL THOMAS

This MICHAEL THOMAS, who appears on the chart of Number 100, JOHN THOMAS and HIS FAMILY, was son of Number 202 WILLIAM THOMAS and his wife MARTHA ROBINSON. He died in Bertie County, N.C. on December 19, 1766. The following abstract of his will appears on page 357, Volume 2, of Hathaway's N.C. Historical and Genealogical Register:

THOMAS, MICHAEL, December 19, 1766, THOMAS PUGH, HARDY HAYES and ANN THOMAS, Executors. Son JOSEPH, daughter JUDY, wife, sister ELIZABETH THOMAS and brothers LEWIS and WILLIAM THOMAS. Witnesses: ROBERT CAKE, GEORGE WINSLOW, ABRAM RABY.

NO further items regarding the family of this MICHAEL have been found and identified on the records.

THE STANDLEYS

EDMUND STANDLEY, married perhaps a MISS PERRY, by whom he had four sons and five daughters. WILLIAM, EDWARD, PERRY and JONATHAN. The daughters were JERUSHA, MOLLY, SALLY, MARGARET and ABRILLY. JERUSHA married JOHN BARNES. MOLLY married JAMES THOMAS, my father. SALLY married JAMES BARADELL. MARGARET married JAMES MITCHELL, and ABRILLY married DUNNING BRUSE. The husbands of Sally and Margaret were soldiers in the War of 1812, and died in Canada. WILLIAM, EDMUND, PERRY and JONATHAN all lived and died in N.C. MOLLIE, SALLY and ABRILLY all lived and died in Kentucky. ABRILLA'S husband died in Hopkins County, Kentucky: there she lived and died. JERUSHA and MARGARET MITCHELL died in Obion County, Tennessee. JERUSHA'S husband, JOHN BARNES, died in N.C. OLD MARY DUNMING and OLD HENRY BARNES were my father's aunt and uncle. OLD SOLOMON BARNES, CADER BARNES and JOHN BARNES were my father's cousins.

(From the account written by PERRY THOMAS SR., son of Number 417 JAMES THOMAS, son of Number 333 JAMES THOMAS and his wife SARAH BARNES, in 1885).

END OF THE THOMAS FAMILY HISTORY