

WDATA.003 LEASE OF LAND BY JAMES SCOTT OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA TO THOMAS WOODWARD OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA DATED 21ST JUNE 1748. (FAIRFAX DEED BOOK B, PAGES 342-343).....

FOLLOWED BY AN INDENTURE BETWEEN THOMAS WOODWARD AND JOHN ROBERTSON DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1756 (FAIRFAX DEED BOOK D, PAGES 351-352).

Obtained in 1986 and Entered in April 1989 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla.

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA (DEED BOOK B1 PAGES 342-343) LEASE

THIS INDENTURE made 21 day of June in the year of our Lord 1748, BETWEEN James Scott of Dottongan Parish, Prince William County and colony of Virginia (clerk?) of the one part and THOMAS WOODWARD of Truro Parish, Fairfax County and colony of Virginia aforesaid planter of the other part, WITNESSETH that the said JAMES SCOTT for and in consideration of the RENTS reservations and covenants herein after mentioned reserved and expressed on the part and behalf of the said THOMAS WOODWARD his heirs and assigns to be paid done and performed HATH demised granted set and to farm lot and by these presents DOTH demise grant lot and to farm lot to the said THOMAS WOODWARD one MESSUAGO PLANTATION tenement and tract of land containing one hundred and eighty eight acres being part of a larger tract belonging to the said JAMES SCOTT and bounded as followeth BEGINNING at a Red Oak in a bottom and options N68.W19 3 POLES THENCE N36 E 190 poles to a red oak on a hillside near a branch of BULL RUN thence S60E 167? POLES to a white oak by a Savannah thence S32W 163 poles to the beginning together with all houses, outhouses, gardens, orchards, woods, underwoods, silos, meadows, pastures, waters, water courses with all other profits commodities and appurtenances thereto belonging, all mines, minerals and quarries with the use of them (expected?) and (?????) TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said MOSSUAGO PLANTATION tenement and tract of land of one hundred eighty and eight acres aforesaid except as before excepted to him the said THOMAS WOODWARD, JEMIMA HIS WIFE AND JOHN HIS SON, or the longest liver (meaning the survivor) of them or either of them, YEARLY AND PAYING for the first three years from the date hereof, one grain of INDIAN CORN and at the expiration of the said form of three years yearly and every year during the space and form aforesaid unto the said JAMES SCOTT, his heirs and assigns of the growth of the said plantation on the (feast?) of Saint Suhe the Evangelist being the 18th day of OCTOBER, the sum and quantity of five hundred and thirty pounds of Good Loyal and Merchantable tobacco and cash to contain (the same?) and also the QUIT RENTS?? to be conveyed and rolled to

the next convenient?? Landing at the proper risque (risk?) and charge of the said THOMAS WOODWARD, his heirs and assigns yearly and there delivered??? to the said JAMES SCOTT, his heirs and assigns or Order Safe and Sound and if it shall happen that the said yearly rent shall be behind or unpaid for the space of thirty days after the said 18th of October when it ought to be paid yearly as aforesaid being lawfully demanded and no sufficient distress or distresses in or upon the said premises to be found whereby the same may CO??? levied that then and from henceforth it shall and may or lawful to and for the said JAMES SCOTT, his heirs and assigns unto all and singular the above demised premises with the appurtenances wholly to RETURN and the same to have again repossess and enjoy as is his and heirs former right and (Every?) thing herein contained to the contrary not with standing and the said for himself his heirs Executors, administrators and assigns doth by these presents covenants promise and agree to and with the said JAMES SCOTT, his heirs and assigns to plant an orchard to contain at least one hundred and fifty good winter apple trees on land convenient part of the above demised promises within one year of the date hereof at lisouly?? (at least?) seven feet distance at least every way of each other and to keep the same well fenced in from harm of cattle and other creatures and as of the said trees perish, to (replant) plant others as good in their room and to keeping that number at least and to build good and convenient houses, outhouses and tobacco houses on the said tenements and to keep them in good order and repair and at the expiration of the above said term to leave the said tenement well fenced the houses and orchards in good repair the fruit trees well himed (trimmed & pruned?) and fit for another tenant to enter thereon and that no sub tenant shall be taken by the said THOMAS WOODWARD, his heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns (on?) the said tenement nor be suffered to live or dwell on any part thereof or to lend any part of the land during the above said term under the forfeiture and penalty of the said THOMAS WOODWARD, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns (their?) paying to the said JAMES SCOTT, his heirs or assigns the sum of five hundred and thirty pounds of good legal tobacco yearly during such sub tenants above thereon ever and above the yearly rent above mentioned and that no assignment, transfer and or conveyance what so ever of this lease or any part thereof shall be made during the above mentioned by the said THOMAS WOODWARD, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns or by any other person whatsoever in their name and behalf to any other person or persons what so ever without the special consent and account of the said JAMES SCOTT, his heirs and assigns (had?) thereto in writing and or have and sealed or else the said assignment transformed and conveyance and this lease also to be void and of none EFFECT and that no Sale exist or Spoil? shall be had made or suffered executed or done during the said term on the woods or underwoods of the said tenements by the said THOMAS WOODWARD, his heirs or assigns

or by any other person or persons what so ever with their will consent or knowledge but he and they or either of them shall bind or stop and withstand the same to the best of their power nor shall any trees fit for carpenters or coopers timber nor for rails be cut down and suffer root perish or rot but be made use of for the comefit (comfort) of the tenement. IN WITNESS whereof both parties have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year above mentioned (21 June 1748).

SIGNED BY JAMES SCOTT (LS)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

HUGH WEST JR. ???

JAMES WHEALEY & RICHARD SIMPSON

IN A COURT HELD FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY JUNE 21 1748, JAMES SCOTT CLERK ACKNOWLEDGES HIS LEASE FOR (LIFE?) TO THOMAS WOODWARD TO BE HIS ACT AND (WORD NOT LEGIBLE) WAS SUBMITTED TO BE RECORDED.

TEST. JOHN GRAHAM (CLERK OF COURT)

FAIRFAX COUNTY VIRGINIA (DEED BOOK D1, PAGES 351-352)  
Indenture made on November 8th, 1756, THOMAS WOODWARD of the county of Fairfax, planter, for 5 shillings sterling, sells to John Robertson of the aforesaid county, planter, 100 acres in County of Fairfax. on the North side of Sandy Run, being part of a larger tract, containing 425 acres taken up and patented by THOMAS SIMPSON, deceased, and willed and bequeathed by said THOMAS SIMPSON, to his daughter MARY WOODWARD, who is now espoused to the said JOHN ROBERTSON.

(signed by) THOMAS (X) WOODWARD

his mark

JEMIMA (X) WOODWARD

Witnesses: her mark

Thomas Ford

Joseph Jacobs

Thomas Withers Coffey

NOTE BY ROBERT HILL: This shows that Mary Simpson Woodward and John Robertson were married by 1756. Mary (Simpson) Woodward was the mother of Thomas Woodward, later, in South Carolina, known as "The Regulator."

Since we know that Thomas Woodward was born in 1729, he would have been about twenty-seven years old when this deed was made.

VERY IMPORTANT WOODWARD INFORMATION AND COMMENTS BY ROBERT R. HILL SR. DATED 31 AUGUST 1986)

Background for my interest is as follows:

Thomas Woodward 2/, known in S.C. as "The Regulator," was my

5th great grandfather. Jemima Collins was the first wife of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ and she was my 5th great grandmother.

Her birth was probably about 1730, marrying at age early age of 15-16. She apparently died in late 1762 (after October 7th when her youngest child and son William Woodward 3/ was born). By January of 1763 her husband, Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ was in South Carolina with his 6 children, his widowed mother and his three Robertson half brothers.

Thomas Woodward 2/ & Jemima Collins were the parents of Reverend William Woodward, my 4th great grandfather, a physician and a well known Baptist minister who helped organize the Woodward Baptist Church in Chester County S.C., and a resident of Fairfield County as well.

Reverend William Woodward 3/, like his father and brother John Woodward 3/, served in the Revolution, was a member of the 14th U.S. Congress. He apparently served one term in the House of Representatives. William Woodward 3/ and his wife Nancy Elizabeth Barrett had among their children, a daughter named Jemima Woodward 4/.

Jemima Woodward 4/ married my 3rd great grandfather, Thomas Hill 2/, son of Moses Hill 1/ & Savilla Roden of Fairfield County S.C. (my 4th great grandparents).

I believe that most of the information on the Thomas Woodward family originated from a book entitled "Reminiscences of the Creek-Muskogee Indian Nation," by General Thomas Simpson Woodward 4/, a son of Thomas Woodward 3/ and Mary Howard, who was a son of the Regulator and his second wife, Elizabeth Stokes May. Therefore, General Thomas Simpson Woodward 4/ was the grandson of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ and his 2nd wife Elizabeth Stokes Mays.

While it is now in book form, originally, the information was wrote by Thomas Simpson Woodward 4/ as a series of letters to friends and was not intended for publication. Due to the interesting events of his life as stated in the letters, a newspaper in Montgomery, Alabama, published them in a series of articles.

Later, it was published in a book form. It is possible that the friends or newspaper or the publisher may have become confused over the Woodward genealogy, which is partly incorrect. Let me explain.

Every document that I have read about Thomas (The Regulator) Woodward 2/, including this book "Reminiscences," states that his father was also a Thomas Woodward, of Maryland. Someone at sometime came up with the suggestion that this Thomas Woodward, was the son of Abraham Woodward, and his 2nd

wife Priscilla. This cannot be possible!

Based on Parish records, Thomas Woodward, the son of Abraham, was not born until 10th March 1732 (three years after the 1729 birth of the Regulator) and was married only once to Margaret Ijams. This Thomas Woodward, (son of Abraham), did not die until April of 1799, some 20 years after the death in S.C. of his supposed son (The Regulator) died in 1779.

It is a fact that Abraham Woodward and his 2nd wife Priscilla HAD A SON THOMAS WOODWARD, WHICH PROBABLY ADDED TO THE CONFUSION.

This information is proven in the book "Annapolis Maryland Families " by Robert H. McIntire, on page 782 and the will of Priscilla Woodward, widow of Abraham Woodward, in her Maryland will.

Although Abraham Woodward did have a son Thomas Woodward, there has been no connection proven to show that either Abraham or his son Thomas were related to the family of Thomas Woodward, known as the Regulator, and the grandfather of General Thomas Simpson Woodward, author of the book "Reminiscences." No where in the book does Thomas Simpson Woodward state or even imply that his family is even connected to Abraham Woodward or his son Thomas Woodward, only that it was a Thomas Woodward of Annapolis, Maryland.

The connecting of Thomas Woodward, son of Abraham, is, in my opinion, an assumption made by some older researcher of the Woodward Family, who assumed that the stated Maryland Thomas (said to be the father of the Regulator) WAS THE SAME THOMAS, son of Abraham. Impossible!

In his book, General Thomas Simpson Woodward states that a Thomas Woodward, came from near Annapolis, Maryland into Fairfax County, Virginia and remarried (as his 2nd wife) ELIZABETH SIMPSON, of Fairfax County. The known facts to date, imply that this is partially incorrect!

Since parish records shows that Thomas Woodward, son of Abraham Woodward, WAS BORN on 10th MARCH 1732, proves he could not have been the father of Thomas Woodward 3/, the Regulator, since his birth was in 1729.

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE BIRTH OF THOMAS (REGULATOR) WOODWARD.

Reference to a publication in the Fairfield County Museum in Winnsboro South Carolina, entitled "THOMAS WOODWARD, CHAMPION OF JUSTICE," by Mary D. Boulware:

On page 64 of that publication, it is stated that Thomas (The Regulator) Woodward, "nearing the age of 60, resigned his

commission in January of 1776." This age appears to be wrong!

By Assuming an age of 60 IN 1776, it would indicate a birth of about 1716, which at first seems more reliable than the other generally accepted dates of birth.

In the book "The South Carolina Regulators" by Brown he states that the Regulator's birth was before 1715 and one other publication in my possession (Woodward Family History by unknown author) states the birth ca. 1711. Both are wrong!

In a Muster Roll Call of 1772, Thomas Woodward (The Regulator) gave his age as 43 and born in Virginia. Thus the birth was in 1729 and it is this date that is accepted to be the correct birth date for Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/.

#### REGARDING THE PARENTS OF THE REGULATOR AS STATED BY HIS GRANDSON, GENERAL THOMAS SIMPSON WOODWARD.

Thanks to some information furnished me by Mrs. Anne Willis, of Clarksville, Maryland, I believe I have a possible clue to the confusing information by General Thomas Simpson Woodward when comparing to data taken from the actual county records found in Fairfax County, Virginia. Let me explain:

Thomas Woodward 2/ (The Regulator) had a son named Thomas Woodward 3/, (born ca. 1764-65) BUT he was the first born child of the Regulator and his 2nd wife Elizabeth Stokes May (married in S.C.). Thomas Woodward 3/ was actually the 7th child of the Regulator, having had six by the first wife, Jemima Collins. The second wife, Elizabeth Stokes May, was a widow with some Indian blood.

Thomas Woodward 3/, son of Thomas Woodward 2/, the Regulator, married Mary Howard and they were the parents of General THOMAS SIMPSON WOODWARD 4/, who was therefore the grandson to the Regulator and his second wife.

This grandson, Thomas Simpson Woodward 4/, lived a spirited life as an adventurer and served many years in the military. After Thomas Simpson Woodward 4/ became an elderly man, he wrote (as explained above) the series of letters which led to the publishing of the book entitled ""Reminiscences of the Creek-Muskogee Indian Nation" by Thomas Simpson Woodward 4/ and especially from the data found on pages 124 and 125.

It is my opinion that just about all of the genealogical information relating to the Thomas Woodward Family originated from this book.

It appears to me that Thomas Simpson Woodward 4/ generally had a great deal of knowledge on his family, but he either wrote the original letters in a manner that confused the

publisher or person that copied them OR he somehow got confused with the names of his maternal great grandparents.

It is possible that someone may have thought he was speaking about the Woodward side of the family when he was actually referring to the great grandparents on the maternal side of the Regulator's family, who were the SIMPSONS.

So when he states that his grandfather's (Thomas Woodward 2/), father was named Thomas, someone copying the letters thought he was speaking of the Woodwards when he was actually speaking of his maternal grandfather, Thomas Simpson.

Research on the Simpson family indicates that the first wife of his great grandfather (Thomas Simpson) was maybe Elizabeth Baxter, who would then have been "Elizabeth Simpson" after her marriage.

The TRUE facts seem to show that Thomas Woodward (The Regulator) was the son of THEIR DAUGHTER, MARY SIMPSON, and who later married a (JOHN?) WOODWARD).

If later a Thomas Woodward of Maryland is found to be the father, then it certainly WAS NOT, as claimed by other researchers, the Thomas Woodward that was the son of Abraham Woodward.

Records of Prince William County and Fairfax County, Virginia shows that during this time frame of 1730-1742, only a John Woodward was living in the area.

Since Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ named his first son John Woodward 3/, it is felt that the son was named after his paternal grandfather, John Woodward 1/, who was the likely husband of Mary Simpson.

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At this point I find it necessary to insert the will of Thomas Simpson, of Prince William County Virginia to help better understand the above conclusions.

WILL BOOK "C" PAGE 16  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA

WILL OF THOMAS SIMPSON (DATED 13TH OCTOBER 1734)

In the name of God, AMEN, I Thomas Simpson, of Prince William County, carpenter, etc.....

Item....Unto oldest son William Simion (Simpson) 123 acres of land where on he lives on both sides of Sandy Run.

Item....unto my son Baxter Simson (Simpson) 200 acres

adjoining to land aforesaid of son William.

Item....UNTO MY LOVING DAUGHTER MARY WOODWARD, 100 ACRES OF LAND where she is now seated (living), lying on North side of Sandy Run.

Item....unto my daughter Ann, after her mother in law (meaning her step mother) decease....a cow and calf, bed, bolster, rug and 2 blankets. (She was left no land).

ITEM....TO MY BELOVED GRANDCHILDREN, THE SON & DAUGHTER OF MARY WOODWARD, THOMAS AND ANN WOODWARD, one ewe a piece.

Item....to ever loving wife Jane (second wife) my plantation, three children not of age, Baxter, Thomas, Ann...(he made provisions for Ann to be raised by MARY WOODWARD IF (2nd wife) Jane dies before she becomes of age.

(signed) Thomas (x) Simson (Simpson)

Witness: his mark

Thomas Ford

John Robertson (later 2nd husband of Mary Woodward)

Mary (x) Evans

her mark

This proves that the mother of Thomas Woodward 3/, later The Regulator, was MARY (SIMPSON) WOODWARD and not Elizabeth Simpson, as had been previously stated and accepted.

Additional evidence to this is the fact that the supposedly mother of the Regulator (Elizabeth Simpson) was said to have married a John Robinson (Robertson). This too has been disproved in the 2nd document or Indenture between Thomas Woodward (The Regulator) and John Robertson shown above at the beginning of this information. (Reference Fairfax County Deed Book D1, Pages 351-352.

In this indenture it states..."By Thomas Simpson, deceased, and willed and bequeathed by the said Thomas Simpson to his daughter Mary Woodward, WHO IS NOW ESPOUSED TO THE SAID JOHN ROBERTSON."

This offers further proof that Thomas Simpson Woodward, author of the papers leading to the book "Reminiscences," generally had his facts right but as suspected, someone else thought he was talking about the paternal side of his great grandparents (The Woodwards) while actually he was talking about the maternal side of his family, or the SIMPSONS.

The above statement further proves that the Regulator's mother was not Elizabeth Simpson but her her daughter Mary Simpson.

MY CONCLUSIONS:...Thomas Simpson and 1st wife (probably his



cousin Elizabeth Baxter) were parents of Mary Simpson, who married an unknown, BUT SUSPECTED John Woodward and they in turn were the parents of Thomas (The Regulator) Woodward and a daughter Ann Woodward, who until now was unknown. Later Mary Woodward married a second time to John Robertson, who died in Virginia before after 1756 & before 1763.

Thomas (Regulator) Woodward, first married Jemima Collins. The obviously were both very young when they married. Since Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ was born in 1729, and his first child (and son) John Woodward 3/ was born in May of 1745. Thomas Woodward was then only about 16 years old when he became a father.

Thus, it appears that Thomas Woodward 2/ married Jemima Collins in the mid or latter part of 1744, and was a father at the young age of about sixteen. Jemima Collins is listed as born in 1730 and if this be true, was a mother at the young age of fifteen.

They had the following children: John Woodward, born 13th May 1745, married in S.C. to Esther McDonald, John died 26th May 1817. (Reference to the Bible record of John Woodward).

Next were four daughters: Margaret?? Woodward, born ca. 1748-1752 & married to James Nelson Sr. She was dead by 1778 when he remarried to (a widow) Margaret Daniel Turner; Rebecca Woodward married Philips Radford (Raiford) Jr IV; Priscilla Woodward married James Andrews Jr; and Nancy Woodward (b. 1760 in Va.) married Robert Rabb. All children (girls and boys) were born in Virginia.

The last child was a son, William Woodward, the complier's family line. He was born on October 7th 1762 and was the youngest child of Thomas & Jemima Woodward. William married Nancy Elizabeth Barrett in South Caroline and he died on the 23rd July 1820 in Chester County, South Carolina.

South Carolina records show us that Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ was in South Carolina in 1758, but obviously returned to his family in Virginia.

Thomas Woodward 2/, the Regulator, made a permanent move to S.C. by January of 1763, after his first wife had died, bringing with him his six children, his widowed mother and his three Robertson half brothers.

Thomas Woodward 2/ received three land grants in what was then Craven & Camden Districts (today's Fairfield County) in 1763, probably due to the larger numbers in his family, which now included his widowed mother, his six Woodward children and his three Robertson half brothers, John, William and Henry Robertson. All had accompanied Thomas to S.C.

Shortly after moving to South Carolina, Thomas Woodward 2/, remarried a widow with some Indian Blood by the name of Elizabeth Stokes May and they had the following children: THOMAS Woodward 3/, father of Thomas Simpson Woodward, who wrote the papers leading to the book "Reminiscences"; Henry Woodward; Joseph Woodward; Elizabeth Woodward; Lucy Woodward.

The wife, Elizabeth Stokes May Woodward, had the following children by her first husband: daughter Sarah May m. a Riley, sons Benjamin May, Thomas May and daughter Jane May m. Mr. Freeman.

#### MY CONCLUSIONS (TO DATE)

The father of the Regulator is unknown at this time but I suspect when or if found, will prove out to be a John Woodward. It is possible that a Thomas Woodward would be the husband of Mary Woodward BUT IF SO, it is not the Thomas Woodward who is a son of Abraham Woodward, of Maryland.

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