

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband James NELSON</b>					
Born	6 Aug 1748	Place	, Orange Co., NC	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Christened		Place		Baptized	
Died	28 May 1835	Place	Mill Creek, Fairfield Dist, SC	Endowed	
Buried	May 1835	Place	Old Furman Insti, UG, FC, SC	Sealed to parents	
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	
Other Spouse <b>Margaret DANIEL-TURNER</b>					
Married	1788	Place	, Fairfield Dist, SC	Sealed to spouse	
Husband's father					
Husband's mother					
<b>Wife Margaret WOODWARD</b>					
Born	Abt 1752	Place	, Fairfax Co., VA	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Christened		Place		Baptized	
Died	Bef 1788	Place	, Fairfield Co., SC	Endowed	
Buried	Bef 1788	Place	, Fairfield Co., SC	Sealed to parents	
Wife's father <b>Thomas WOODWARD</b>					
Wife's mother <b>Jemima COLLINS</b>					
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
1	<b>M Thomas NELSON</b>				
	Born	Bef 1778	Place	Baptized	
	Christened		Place	Endowed	
	Died		Place	Sealed to parents	
	Buried		Place		
	Spouse				
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse	
2	<b>M Samuel NELSON</b>				
	Born	Abt 1772	Place	Baptized	
	Christened		Place	Endowed	
	Died	1839	Place	Sealed to parents	
	Buried		Place		
	Spouse <b>Sarah PERRY</b>				
	Married	Abt 1815	Place	Sealed to spouse	
	Spouse <b>Catharine STROTHER</b>				
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse	

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**Husband James NELSON**

**Wife Margaret WOODWARD**

**Notes**

**HUSBAND - James NELSON**

REFERENCE: John (Thomas ?) Woodward (RIN 2576, MRIN 940) and Thomas Woodward (RIN 2602, MRIN 948).

SOURCE: William Doub Bennett  
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SOURCE: Will of Moses Nelson, County of Rowan, Province of North Carolina, signed 18 Dec 1769. Moses Nelson (X). Wife: Jenet. Children: Thomas, James, and Moses. Witnesses: Henry Dickins, George Leel (X), Fosom Z.....?

Mr. Bennett believes the above Moses Nelson could be the father of James Nelson (RIN 1221), the Revolutionary War Soldier, and Thomas Nelson, who also served in the Revolutionary War (Reference: Nelsons in the American Revolution by Lela Nelson Cooper, Heritage Books, Inc., Pages 88 and 116). James Nelson's first wife was Margaret Woodward, and according to NSDAR records, Thomas Nelson married a Susan Woodward.

SOURCE: Deed, 28 Jun 1762, Moses Nelson bought a tract of land in Orange County, NC, from the Granville Land Office (the land lay in present Chatham County).

Warrant, 1761: The warrant to survey the above land was issued in 1761.

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SOURCE: Brent Howard Holcomb  
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Nelson Family Report, 15 Sep 1992

SOURCE: Colonial Plats, Volume 10, Page 170 (SC Archives Microfilm):

Pursuant to a precept directed by John Troup dated 3 Nov 1767, I have surveyed & laid out unto Thomas Nelson, 300 acres on N side of Broad River on a branch thereof called Little River, adj. land of Thomas Woodward, Roger Pinckney, and vacant land, Decr 16, 1767.

COMMENT: This land is in the right area to be near the land which James Nelson later owned (see below).

SOURCE: Fairfield County Deed Book E, Pages 13-16 (SC Archives - copy made from original):

8 June 1774, John Sibley of Craven County, SC, to James Nelson of same, by grant bearing date 10 January 1772 to John Sibley, tract of 300 acres on a branch of Little River of Broad River called Mill Creek adj. bounds lands, Thomas Woodward, now for L50... John Sibley (LS), Wit: John Woodward, Thos Woodward (T). Proved 14 July 1775 by the oath of John Woodward. Recorded 2 Nov 1790.

SOURCE: Fairfield County Deed Book E, Pages 1-7 (SC Archives Microfilm):

22 July 1775, Joseph Owens of Craven County, South Carolina, Taylor, to James Nelson of same, by grant bearing date 2 March 1768, to Daniel Kinsey, 100 acres, and conveyed to said Joseph Owens 14 & 15 Oct 1771, now for L150 to said James Nelson...Joseph Owens Wit: Isaac Sibley, George Harson (O).

23 October 1783, James Andrew Junr of Craven County, South Carolina, to James Nelson of district aforesaid of the other part, by a grant 15 May 1772 to Saml Porcher, 250 acres and whereon the land is surveyed in

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Craven County on a small branch of Mill Creek adj. Isaac Sibley, Jos Owens, Thos Woodward, and vacant land, and whereas said Samuel Porcher did convey said lands to Thomas Woodward and Thomas Woodward to James Andrews, and a small corner of 27 acres...now for L20 sterling...James Andrews, Wit: David Teed, John Andrews.

**SOURCE:** Fairfield County Deed Book V, Pages 101-102 (SC Archives Microfilm C303):

State of South Carolina. James Nelson of the District of Fairfield for \$200 to Samuel Nelson of the same district, plantation or tract of land on Mill Creek waters of Little River, 195 acres, part of 300 acres granted to Thomas Woodward 31 August 1774 and is taken out of the most western corner of the said tract...8 July 1812. James Nelson (seal), Wit: Abner Nelson, John Nelson. Margret Nelson (X), wife of James, relinquished dower 8 July 1812.

**SOURCE:** Fairfield County Deed Book Y, Pages 33-35 (SC Archives Microfilm C304):

State of South Carolina. Samuel Nelson of District of Fairfield for \$1150 to Benjamin Owens of same, 195 acres on Mill Creek waters of Little River, being the plantation whereon I now reside, part of 300 acres granted to Thomas Woodward 31 August 1774, conveyed by James Nelson to Samuel Nelson...plat made by Abner Nelson...5 July 1815. Saml Nelson (Seal), Wit: D. R. Evans, Jas. Owens. Sarah Nelson, wife of Samuel, relinquished dower, 1 January 1816.

**COMMENT:** This deed proves Sarah (Perry) was married to Samuel Nelson by 1815.

**SOURCE:** Fairfield County Deed Book Z, Pages 101-106 (SC Archives Microfilm C304):

State of South Carolina, Fairfield District. James Nelson of District of and state aforesaid, whereas William Robertson, Esquire, Benjamin Owens, Roling Williamson, John Woodward and the said James Nelson of the same district, have built and erected on a tract of land now in possession of and claimed by the said James Nelson a certain house for the purpose of having divine worship performed therein by the ministers of the Baptist Church as well as any other minister of the christian religion that may occasionally be invited thereto...regular Baptist Society... two acres of land...25 June 1817.

James Nelson (N) (LS), Wit: Jas Hart, Wm. Stone.

**COMMENT:** This deed gives information that James Nelson was a Baptist and very interested in his church, donating land for the church building.

**SOURCE:** State of South Carolina, County of Fairfield, December 30th, 1898.

Personally appeared before me, W. G. Smith, a Magistrate in and for the said County and State, Miss Eliza C. Nelson, who being duly sworn says: I am now about eighty two years of age and am a direct descendant of James Nelson who was my grandfather and he married a Miss Woodward, a daughter of Thomas Woodward, and their son Thomas Nelson was my father.

My grandmother, who was Miss Woodward before she married my grandfather James Nelson, made a flax or linen handkerchief when she was a young girl years before the revolutionary war and that handkerchief has been handed down from generation to generation until now I am the owner of it.

My grandmother spun the flax and wove the fabric out of which the handkerchief was made. We estimate this handkerchief to be about one hundred and sixty years old and it is now in a fairly good state of presentation, the most damage it shows was caused by being buried for a week in the ground without anything around it. That burial was caused by the approach of Sherman's army through this county. The handkerchief in color is blue and white plaid and measures thirty inches square. It is hemmed like the ordinary handkerchief that is hemmed by hand. It has one hole near the center that would measure something like an inch round and then there are several other rents in it of similar dimensions. This handkerchief passed through the revolutionary war, and through our late civil war and has always been taken the greatest care of and been preserved as a precious relic of the days before the American Revolution.

E. C. Nelson

Sworn to before me     )  
 This 30 day of Dec 1898 )  
       W. G. Smith   LS    )  
       Magistrate        )

Copy of above affidavit received from Fairfield Archives & History, P. O. Box 941, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

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Wife	<b>Margaret WOODWARD</b>
Notes	<p>HUSBAND - James NELSON (Continued)</p> <p>SOURCE: Revolutionary War Pension Application, James Nelson (Margaret) W 9588 (National Archives Microfilm Microcopy M-804, Roll 1806): Number 8045.</p> <p>James Nelson was born on the 6th day of August 1748, State of North Carolina, Orange County. Margaret Nelson, decd, widow of James Nelson who was a Private in the SC Militia, Husb. died 28th May 1835. James Nelson married the Widow Margaret Turner in 1788.</p> <p>Margaret Daniel Turner Nelson was NOT the mother of Samuel Nelson (RIN 499). Samuel Nelson was the son of James Nelson and his first wife Margaret Woodward, daughter of Captain Thomas Woodward, The Regulator.</p> <p>SOURCE: Fairfield County Deed Book N, Pages 54-55 (SC Archives Microfilm C301):</p> <p>James and Margaret Nelson of State of South Carolina, District of Fairfield, power of attorney to our dutiful son William Turner of State of Virginia &amp; County of Fairfax, Carpenter, to ask for and demand of John Daniel of the State of Virginia and County of Fairfax the sum of money left by the said John Daniel as a Legacy to the said Margaret Nelson (late Margaret Daniel) or other goods &amp; chattles or ____ to ____ to the share of her the said Margaret Nelson of the estate of her father the said John Daniel deceased...3 July 1800.</p> <p>Jas Nelson (N) (LS), Marg. Nelson (X), Wit: Wm. Robertson, Senior; William Robertson Jur.</p> <p>COMMENTS: This deed proves the origins of Margaret Nelson (Margaret Daniel Turner Nelson) and that she was obviously a widow Turner when she married James Nelson in 1788.</p> <p>SOURCE: Estate of Samuel Nelson (son of James Nelson), Richland County, SC, Probate, Box 22, Package 544 (on Microfilm Roll RI 39 at SC Archives).</p> <p>James Nelson was married twice as referenced in above Source. In the Probate Records, Samuel Nelson confessed a judgment on John Nelson his half-brother. Samuel Nelson during his life filed a Bill in Chancery at Camden...John Nelson died in the year 1834 leaving a widow Rebecca Nelson but no children, the said Jesse Nelson his Brother administered upon his estate. John and Jesse Nelson also had a brother Daniel (half-brothers of Samuel Nelson).</p> <p>SOURCE: Samuel Nelson (RIN 499, MRIN 105).</p> <p>SOURCE: Fairfield County Museum Congress Street Winnsboro, SC 29180</p> <p>Telephone: (803) 635-9811</p> <p>Before their deaths, Mrs. Ruth Stevenson and her sister performed volunteer service at the Museum every Wednesday. Linda Malone, Member of the Thomas Woodward Chapter, NSDAR, in Winnsboro, SC, is now in charge of the Chapter's Genealogy Room in the Fairfield Archives &amp; History.</p> <p>WIFE - Margaret WOODWARD</p> <p>REFERENCE: John Woodward (RIN 2576, MRIN 940) and Thomas Woodward (RIN 2602, MRIN 948).</p> <p>REFERENCE: James Nelson (RIN 1221, MRIN 373).</p> <p>SOURCE: Pat C. Goff (Mrs. Larry G. Goff) 1645 Highway Church Road Elgin, SC 29045</p> <p>Telephone: (803) 438-3000</p> <p>SOURCE: State of South Carolina, County of Fairfield, December 30th, 1898.</p> <p>Personally appeared before me, W. G. Smith, a Magistrate in and for the said County and State, Miss Eliza C. Nelson, who being duly sworn says: I am now about eighty two years of age and am a direct descendant of James Nelson who was my grandfather and he married a Miss Woodward, a daughter of Thomas Woodward, and</p>

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**Notes**  
WIFE - Margaret WOODWARD (Continued)

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SOURCE: Camden Archives  
Camden, SC 29020

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS, 1955, SOUTH CAROLINA DAR, SC-DAR 929.5, Pages 70-77.

Thomas Woodward, Regulator, daughter Margaret m. James Nelson.  
(Note from Jo Ann Cooper Killeen: James Nelson and first wife Margaret Woodward had a son named Samuel. There is no mention of a son Samuel in the many articles and books written about the Woodward Family but I do have proof of a son Samuel and the proof was accepted by NSDAR.)

It has been proved that James Nelson's second wife was also named Margaret. She was Margaret Daniel Turner (widow Turner), daughter of John Daniel of Fairfax, VA (proved in Fairfield County, SC, Deed Book N, Pages 54-54, 3 Jul 1800). Margaret Daniel Turner was not the mother of my ancestor Samuel Nelson (m. Sarah Perry). Samuel Nelson was the son of James Nelson and his first wife Margaret Woodward.

SOURCE: WOODWARD'S REMINISCENCES OF THE CREEK, OR MUSCOGEE INDIANS, Pages 124-127, by Thomas Simpson Woodward, published 1859.

SOURCE: NSDAR Application 14430, Accepted by the National Board of Management, 4 Jun 1896, Elizabeth McNulty Hamby.

"Great-Great-Great-Great-granddaughter of Thomas Woodward and 3 wives, but 2nd wife, Elizabeth Simpson, my ancestor.

"Great-Great-Great-Granddaughter of Thomas Woodward and two wives 1st Gemima Collins, 2nd \_\_\_\_ May.

"Great-Great-Granddaughter of John Woodward and Esther McDaniel/McDonald, his wife.

"Great-Granddaughter of John Durham and Cynthia Woodward.

"Granddaughter of John Woodward Durham and Margaret Daniel Turner, his wife.

"Daughter of William Eugene McNulty and Mary Lois Durham, his wife."

Note that Mrs. Elizabeth McNulty Hamby lists two men named Thomas Woodward -- one with three wives and the other (later known as The Regulator) with two wives. No proof given. Where did the first Thomas Woodward live in VA? Was he born in VA? What are the names of Thomas Woodward Sr.'s other two wives? Where were they from? At the time Thomas Woodward (The Regulator) and his sister Ann were born, a John Woodward, Blacksmith, lived in Prince William County, VA, near the Simpson family. Mary Simpson, daughter of Thomas Simpson, married \_\_\_\_ Woodward and Mary was the mother of Thomas Woodward (The Regulator) and his sister Ann. No court records have been found that prove Mary Simpson married a "Thomas" Woodward.

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Notes	<p><b>WIFE</b> - Margaret WOODWARD (Continued)</p> <p>SOURCE: NSDAR Application 158965, Accepted by the National Board of Management, 20 Oct 1920 (Tattie Moore Nicholson Brice, Descendant of Thomas Woodward through his son William Woodward and wife Nancy Barrett). Under Children of Revolutionary Ancestor, Thomas Woodward and his first wife, Jemima Collins, Mrs. Brice's application lists: "John Woodward m. Esther Collins; William Woodward m. Nancy Barrett; (1) Daughter m. James Nelson; (2) Daughter m. Philip Raiford; (3) Daughter m. Robert Rabb; (4) Daughter m. Jas. Anderson; (5) Daughter m. _____ Lyles, Perhaps others."</p> <p>SOURCE: NSDAR Application 235181, Accepted by the National Board of Management, 22 Jun 1927 (Ethel Buchanan Sanborn, Descendant of Thomas Woodward through his son John Woodward and wife Esther McDonald). Under Children of Revolutionary Ancestor, Thomas Woodward and his first wife, Jemima Collins, Mrs. Sanborn's application lists: "John Woodward, b. 1747, m. Esther McDonald; Wm. Woodward m. Nancy Barrett; 1 daughter m. James Nelson; 2 daughter m. Phillip Raiford; 3 daughter m. Robert Robb; 4 daughter m. James Andrews."</p> <p>The early NSDAR applications did not give the names of Thomas Woodward and Jemima Collins' daughters.</p> <p>SOURCE: NSDAR Application 745175, Accepted by the National Board of Management, 8 Feb 1992 (Mary Louise Lyles, Descendant of Thomas Woodward through his daughter Nancy who married Robert Rabb). (Latest application)</p> <p><b>CHILD 1 - Thomas NELSON</b> SOURCE: State of South Carolina, County of Fairfield, December 30th, 1898. Personally appeared before me, W. G. Smith, a Magistrate in and for the said County and State, Miss Eliza C. Nelson, who being duly sworn says: I am now about eighty two years of age and am a direct descendant of James Nelson who was my grandfather and he married a Miss Woodward, a daughter of Thomas Woodward, and their son Thomas Nelson was my father. My grandmother, who was Miss Woodward before she married my grandfather James Nelson, made a flax or linen handkerchief when she was a young girl years before the revolutionary war and that handkerchief has been handed down from generation to generation until now I am the owner of it. My grandmother spun the flax and wove the fabric out of which the handkerchief was made. We estimate this handkerchief to be about one hundred and sixty years old and it is now in a fairly good state of presentation, the most damage it shows was caused by being buried for a week in the ground without anything around it. That burial was caused by the approach of Sherman's army through this county. The handkerchief in color is blue and white plaid and measures thirty inches square. It is hemmed like the ordinary handkerchief that is hemmed by hand. It has one hole near the center that would measure something like an inch round and then there are several other rents in it of similar dimensions. This handkerchief passed through the revolutionary war, and through our late civil war and has always been taken the greatest care of and been preserved as a precious relic of the days before the American Revolution.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E. C. Nelson</p> <p>Sworn to before me        ) This 30 day of Dec 1898 ) W. G. Smith LS        ) Magistrate                )</p> <p>Copy of document received from Fairfield Archives &amp; History, P. O. Box 941, Winnsboro, SC 29180.</p> <p><b>CHILD 2 - Samuel NELSON</b> REFERENCE: James Nelson (RIN 1221/373) and Margaret (?) Woodward (RIN 2559/MRIN 373). SOURCE: NELSON Family Report prepared by Brent H. Holcomb, Certified Genealogist, 15 Sep 1992, as follows: SOURCE: Kershaw County, SC, Equity Roll #232 (Microfilm KR 16, SC Archives): Samuel Nelson vs John Nelson. Bill for injunction ne exeat &amp; Relief. Filed 14 November 1824. Answer 20 April 1825. South Carolina, Camden District. In Equity. Proves Samuel Nelson and John Nelson are half-brothers.</p>

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CHILD 2 - Samuel NELSON (Continued)

SOURCE: Richland County, SC, Equity Bills #122 (Microfilm RI 100, SC Archives), proves that Samuel Nelson's first marriage was to Catharine (Strother) Lester, widow of Andrew Lester and daughter of William Strother, in 1798.

SOURCE: Richland County, SC, Equity Petitions #167 (Microfilm RI 143, SC Archives): Exparte the Heirs of Lemuel Perry. Petition for Partition. Suit proves a second marriage for Samuel Nelson, by 1820, to Sarah Perry (daughter of Lemuel Perry).

SOURCE: Fairfield County, SC, Deed Book Y, Pages 33-35, proves that Sarah was married to Samuel Nelson by 1815 (Sarah, wife of Samuel Nelson, relinquished dower, 1 Jan 1816).

SOURCE: Fairfield County, SC, Equity Bills 1847, Number 13 (original file at SC Archives): This equity suit establishes the relationships (again) of John Nelson, Daniel Nelson, and others to Samuel Nelson, but most important states clearly that James Nelson was their father.

SOURCE: Fairfield County Estates, SC, Apt 60, Estate 926 (copy of will, Microfilm renumbered FA26, SC Archives): Will of James Nelson, Sr. Son Samuel Nelson was not mentioned in James Nelson, Sr.'s, will. However, John, Jesse, Daniel, and Harriet and Catharine are named as children. They were legatees of John Nelson, whom we know was a half-brother of Samuel Nelson.

SOURCE: Revolutionary War Pension Application, James Nelson (Margaret) W 9588 (National Archives Microfilm Microcopy M-804, Roll 1806). Number 8045.

James Nelson was born on the 6th day of August 1748, State of North Carolina, Orange County.

James Nelson married widow Margaret Daniel Turner (his second wife) of SC in 1788. Margaret Turner Nelson died 23/24 Jul 1845, Fairfield District, SC.

Margaret Daniel Turner Nelson was NOT the mother of Samuel Nelson (RIN 499).

SOURCE: Fairfield County, SC, Deed Book N, Pages 54-55 (SC Archives Microfilm C301):

James and Margaret Nelson of State of South Carolina, District of Fairfield, power of attorney to our dutiful son WILLIAM TURNER of State of Virginia & County of Fairfax, Carpenter, to ask for and demand of JOHN DANIEL of the State of Virginia and County of Fairfax the sum of money left by the said JOHN DANIEL as a Legacy to the said Margaret Nelson (late Margaret Daniel) or other goods & chattles or \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ to the share of her the said Margaret Nelson of the estate of her father the said John Daniel deceased...3 July 1800.

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COMMENTS: This deed proves the origins of MARGARET NELSON (Margaret Daniel Turner Nelson) and that she was obviously a widow Turner when she married James Nelson. She was James Nelson's second wife.

NOTE: James Nelson's first wife was Margaret (?) Woodward, daughter of Thomas Woodward, The Regulator, of Fairfield County, SC. Two Sons: Thomas and Samuel.

SOURCE: Estate of Samuel Nelson, Richland County, SC, Probate, Box 22, Package 544 (Microfilm Roll RI 39, SC Archives).

Samuel Nelson and Sarah (Perry) Nelson (MRIN 105) are the parents of Elizabeth Nelson (RIN 281/MRIN 5) married to William Kelly (RIN 280/MRIN 5) (ancestors of Jo Ann Cooper Killeen (RIN 1)).

Samuel Nelson's half-brother, John Nelson, died in the year 1834 leaving a widow Rebecca Nelson but no children. Jesse Nelson, his brother, administered his estate. Daniel Nelson was also a son of James Nelson. Daniel was a whole brother to John and half-brother of Samuel.

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