

**Sarah (Polly) Thomas**  
**daughter of Matthew Anderson Thomas**

Sarah (Polly) married Thomas Shelton, born 1774. In her will, Sarah bequeaths property left her by her brother, John Thomas, and also her interest in the estate of Martha Thomas, also of Montgomery County, Ala. Sarah appointed her son John Monroe Shelton as her attorney to take care of her inheritance from John Thomas. She was a widow in the 1830's, living in Fairfield Co., SC. I have corresponded with her descendant Mary D. Boulware, Rt. 1, Box 227, Blair, SC 29015.

16 Dec. 1994

Dear Mrs. Boulware,

I have begun working on the Thomas genealogy, and I am sending you the rough draft. Please turn to page 22, where you will see your ancestor. Please help flesh out this page with any details you might have. I don't mind if you want to extend the line on to yourself.

There is still more I plan on adding, such as the inventory and estate sale of Anderson Thomas, but that will have to wait until after the holidays.

I am going to Alabama next week to see my parents. I will look into some census's while I'm there.

I hope you have a pleasant Christmas and may God richly bless your new year.

Love,

Janie Nance  
518 Valmire Dr.  
Columbia, SC 29212

The reason I have researched so much on the Thomas line is that I am trying to enter the DAR under Capt. Thomas. No one ever has before, so I have to make sure all my lineage is proved. I believe I have it all now, but I need to go over it carefully with someone from the DAR. I would love to belong to the Mary Adair Chapter, because I'd like to enter <sup>in</sup> the county where he lived. But maybe this would be inconvenient, since I live in Columbia.

This is enough for now. Oh, one more thing. In my records, I have that Thomas Shelton bought a "Riddle Setter and Horse" and a large bell from Anderson's estate.

Sincerely,  
Janie Nance  
518 Valmire Dr.  
Columbia, SC 29212

19 Dec 1990

Dear Mrs. Boulware,

Thank you for the directions to Bethlehem Methodist Church.

It appears we are distant cousins, because your ancestor Sarah (Sally) Thomas Shelton was sister to my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandmother Nancy Thomas Lewis. Nancy was born June 1796 and married William Lewis of Chester 15 Feb. 1816 "at or near the double bridge on Sandy River... by Frank Wilks" (These are her own words which she recorded.) She said that she + her family left Chester County in 1833. They were in Montgomery County, Alabama from 1833 to 1835, then moved to Bradley County, Arkansas on 15 April 1836. Nancy died shortly after 1880.

Therefore, when you wrote that Sarah + Thomas Shelton moved to Montgomery County, I wondered if they traveled together. Please send ~~me~~ me more information about Sarah + her life in Montgomery County + her family.

You said she had some property bequeathed to her from her brother John Thomas + an interest in the estate of Martha Thomas. These were also of Montgomery County, which makes me wonder if these 3 siblings all went together to Alabama! Have you ordered the wills/estates of John + Martha Thomas?

Nancy Thomas' husband William Lewis said in his will dated 6 Oct. 1846 "I bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Lewis... all properties and money that may be coming to me as legatee from the estates of John and Martha Thomas"...

I have a great deal of information about their father Capt. Matthew Anderson Thomas. His father was John Thomas Sr. who came from England, applied for a grant in 1757, was JP and Esquire for the District of Ebenezer <sup>(Georgia)</sup> briefly, then moved on to the Congarees in S.C. He died about 1768. His children:

1. John Sr. m. Taylor children: John
2. Sarah m. John Hopkins on March 21, 1759
3. Cecilia (unmarried, but has a will)
4. Mary m. Strother (widowed early)
5. Matthew Anderson m. Susannah Crosby

children: Athanasius

William

Anderson Jr.

Ann. m. Dr. Daniel Ryan (moved to <sup>Conecuh Co.</sup> Alabama)

Martha (Patsy)

Sarah m. Thomas Shelton

Nancy m. William Lewis

Eleanor m. Robert Todd

Capt. John

6. James m. Susannah ~~Crosby~~ <sup>Mabry</sup> (James died 1790) children:

Sarah m. Allen De Haffemeid

Cecilia m. Hobson

Mabry m. Crosby

John m. Sims

David Anderson m. Eliza Frances Fann

7. David

8. Cam

## THOMAS GENEALOGY

John Thomas, a native of England, moved his family to Ebenezer, Georgia in the 1750's. Ebenezer is "located some twenty-five miles up the Savannah River from Savannah Town, in St. Matthews Parish, and four miles below the present town of Springfield, Georgia. It had been settled by the Saltzburgers, German Lutherans who had fled from religious persecution in Europe. Their settlement contained a church and several schools, and many English settlers who were granted land in the Parish availed themselves of the schools and the ministers' services when the need arose." (Lower Richland Planters, p. 1, by Laura Jervey Hopkins)

According to the above book, in August 1755, he applied for a grant of 300 acres in Georgia at Buck Head Creek in St. George's Parish at a place called the "Horse Pond Springs." In his petition he stated that he had been "in the province seven months, not had land granted him and desirous to obtain land for cultivation, having a wife and five children."

According to the Georgia State Archives Colonial Records, Vol. VII, p. 463, in February 1757, he petitioned for 200 acres of land three miles above Mt. Pleasant. It stated that John Thomas Sr. had a wife and ten children, plus seven negroes. The Surveyor General's office has no record of the grant being issued, but this is not unusual for this time. It is also not listed in a plat book; however, a case of 1765 mentions the land of John Thomas as a boundary for another sale. Also in 1759 this land is mentioned in two other grants.

Since John Thomas Sr. mentions five children in 1755 and 10 children in 1757, Laura Jervey Hopkins speculates: "So it would seem that John Thomas, Sr., had left five of his children in England, and sent for them after he settled."

In March 1757, he was appointed Justice of the Peace and made an Esquire for the District of Ebenezer.

In September 1757, he applied for another grant of 100 acres of land adjoining Athanasius Thomas and John McCollum at Rooty Branch, about six miles below Mt. Pleasant.

I believe John Thomas Sr. could have had three brothers named Athanasius, David, and James who also applied for land at this same time. Athanasius applied for land near Mount Pleasant in 1757. (Anderson Thomas had a son also named Athanasius, indicating a close family connection.) Other Thomas grants were for James, St. Matthews Parish, in 1760, and David who applied for at least one grant with John Hopkins applying at the same time in 1759. David applied for a grant in May of 1759 (one slave) on the Savannah

River opposite Matthew's Bluff on the Carolina side. There was another John Thomas Jr. and Sr. operating further north on Briars Creek in St. George Parish, so it's a bit hard to tell if a Joanna Thomas and a Gilshot Thomas who also applied for grants in the Briars Creek district in 1759 were related to our John or the other John. Athanasius' child, a girl named Sarah, was baptized on the same day, 21 Mar. 1759, that Sarah Thomas (John Thomas, Sr.'s daughter) married John Hopkins at the Ebenezer Church. The child Sarah was born in SC in 1758; Sarah (John's daughter) was only about 14 at the time.

Around 1760 John Thomas Sr. and his children moved to St. Mark's Parish, SC.

Vol. NN, p. 362 Gift 7 Dec. 1767

John Thomas, Sen., of the Parish of St. Marks, SC, planter to Matthew Anderson Thomas and James Thomas, of parish aforesaid and sons to said John Thomas, Sr., for and in consideration of the natural love and affection we have for said beloved sons, Matthew Anderson and James and also for L 20 currency--800 acres of land on the north side of Santee River, which John Thomas Sr. obtained.

Signed: John Thomas

Witness: David Hay and Mary X White

Also receipt

Proved by David Hay, 23 Aug. 1768

Recorded 29 Aug. 1768 by Robert Goodwyn, JP

According to Mrs. Rowland Thomas, 1358 Briars Dr., Stone Mountain, GA 30083, to whom I am indebted for most of this information, these are John Thomas' children:

1. John Jr. Thomas
2. Sarah Thomas
3. Cecilia Thomas
4. Mary Thomas
5. Matthew Anderson Thomas
6. James Thomas
7. David Thomas
8. Cam Thomas

**JOHN THOMAS JR.**

1. John Jr. married Mary Taylor. Children: John Thomas, Mary Thomas, and Sarah Thomas.

In the SC Archives, Miscellaneous Records, 1729-1825, Vol. MM, p/ 627, there is a Bill of Sale. John Thomas, Jr., of Craven Co., SC, planter, and L 1,500 for 7 negroes. Viz: Dennis, Doll, Jenny, Phyllis, Nanny, Daphne, and Peter. He also bought 3 feather beds and furniture, 1 bay horse with a sprig tail on 29 Nov. 1766 from John Thomas, Sr. Witness: Philipe Pearson and George Strother  
Proved by Geo. Strother before John Pearson, JP of Berkley and Craven Cos.

In Vol. NN, p. 187, there is a Deed of Gift. John Thomas, Jr. of St. Marks Parish, Craven Co., SC, deeded to:  
Brother Matthew Anderson--a negro Dennis, girl Phillis, feather bed and furniture.  
Brother James--negro girls Nanney, Daphney, and Doll, a feather bed and furniture.  
Sister Cecelia--a negro woman and child (Jenne and Pear), a feather bed and furniture, and a bay horse branded  
26 Mar. 1767  
Witnesses: George Strother and Mary Strother  
Proved 21 Aug. 1767 by Geo. Strother before Gavin Pew JP  
Recorded 22 Jan 1768

John Thomas' will abstracted in on next page. Note: In this will, John Thomas Jr. names John Thomas Sr. as one of his executors; however, John Thomas, Sr., did not qualify as an executor. So it would seem that he died before June, 1768.



## **SARAH THOMAS**

2. Sarah married John Hopkins (1739-1775), on 21 Mar 1759 in Ebenezer, GA. According to Lower Richland Planters, p. 3, "Again in 1760, John applied for 200 acres of land settled and improved by his father-in-law , John Thomas, Sr., who had left the Province of Georgia and had given his son-in-law permission by letter to apply for grant of this land. The petition was granted. In May 1762, John Hopkins obtained another grant of 200 acres in St. George's Parish, which appears to be his last grant of land in Georgia."

CECILIA THOMAS

3. Cecilia, unmarried. Her will, proved 10 Sept. 1768 follows.

Wills - Craven County - 1767-71  
Vol. 12, p. 416 493

S.C. Archives

Will of CECILIA THOMAS

In the name of God, Amen, The thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord Christ 1768. I, Cecilia Thomas, of Craven County in the Province of South Carolina, being very Sick and weak of Body, but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Transitory Life knowing that it is Appointed unto all Men once to die do make cons titute Ordain this my Last Will and Testament, and desire that it be received by all as such, Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it and as for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as touching my worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, I give desire and dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say, in the first, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Brother Mathew Anderson Thomas One Feather Bed and Furniture and One Mare by the Name of Chickasaw To have and to hold for ever, and I Lend to my well beloved Mother, One Negroe Wench Named Ginne, and One Negroe Boy Named Peter and all my Stock of Cattle Hogs and Sheep during her Natural Life and after my Mothers decease the said Negroes and Stock with their increase to be equally divided between my two well beloved Brothers Mathew Anderson Thomas and James Thomas at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, and I do Appoint Nominate Constitute my well beloved Brothers John Thomas Jun<sup>r</sup> and John Hopkins my Lawful executors to cause all the above Testament punctually to be fulfilled above mentioned, and I do hereby Utterly disallow revoke and disannull all and every other former Wills Legacies Bequeaths and Executors by me in any wise before this time. Named Willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed... by  
Cecilia Thomas... in  
presence of.

Cecilia X Her  
Thomas Mark

Peter May  
David May  
Mary X White  
Mark

Proved to Robert Goodyn Esq<sup>r</sup>  
10th September 1768 at the same time  
Qualified John Hopkins Executor

**MARY THOMAS**

4. Mary married George? Strother, widowed early.

## MATTHEW ANDERSON THOMAS

5. Matthew Anderson married Susannah Crosby, daughter of William Crosby and Mary Davis. There is some question if Susannah was a Crosby or not. In the book Colvins and Allied Families, it shows that Susannah Crosby (daughter of William Crosby and Mary Davis) married Capt. Anderson Thomas. Some think this was Anderson Thomas, Jr. William Crosby was born in 1755 in Berkeley County, and died in 1797 in Chester Co., SC. There is no date for birth of Susannah (Crosby) Thomas, but she and her brothers and sisters were born approximately 1781-1797.

Matthew Anderson Thomas was a Revolutionary War soldier. He served 481 days as a captain in the militia during 1778, 1779, and 1780 (Matthew, Philip, R7031); A.A. 1933; A.A. 7713A; N297 according to South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution.

In the book Revolutionary Claims in South Carolina, the following Thomas names are mentioned:

Entry Book Pages 100.251.

Thomas, John. Nos. Return: 5.33.74.75.110.112.114.116

Thomas, Dempreyman:8

Thomas, Anderson:29

Thomas, Jeremiah: 29

Thomas, Robert: 29.74.114.

Thomas, James: 30.34.63.75.104.112.

The Revolutionary Indents in the SC Archives has these records:

#7713 A Capt. Anderson Thomas-L223-10-10 stlg for 401 days duty in Militia in 1778,79, and 80 and for provisions in 1779/80/81. Dated 2 Apr. 1785 (Edward Blake and Peter Bocquet Commrs. of Treasury) plus L15-12-11 interest. Witnesses: Nathl. Abney and Abraham Whitlock.

Indent #297 - 12 May 1785

Anderson assigned his indent to Col. David Hopkins to collect. Hopkins in turn assigned it to Thos. Lehre with Jeremiah Kingsley and Wm. Stakes at Wits. "Broad River, 28 May 1785"

"The State of SC to Philip Matthews to service done part under Capt. Anderson Thomas, Capt. Parrih, Comp. Col. Winn's Regiment at Congarees. etc. 25 days."

In 1785, Anderson Thomas was appointed Justice of the Peace of Chester County. (Book W, 24 March 278 Miscellaneous Records)

According to Anderson Thomas division deed after his death, he had land granted to him on 21 Jan. 1785. However, the

earliest record I found at the Chester County courthouse of a land grant to Anderson was Nov. 1787 for 200 acres on the Sandy River, originally granted to Edmond Franklin. There is another grant in Nov. 1790 for 490 acres, which he sold to Martin Elam in 1808. This land on Welches Fork of Sandy River bordered James Sharp's and John Daughtery's land, being a king's grant of 29 April 1768, recorded Book H, No.8, p.457, dated 4 July 1768, Sentry's office Book CCC.

At the SC Archives there were listed nine land grants to Anderson Thomas, the earliest in 1785, and the last in 1788.  
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In Dec. 1790, Anderson "of Fairfield County" bought from Martin Elam a negro woman named Sarah; two boys named Simon and Samuel; and two girls named Grace and Hannah.

In the 1790 Chester County Census, Anderson Thomas listed 2 adult white males, 5 males under 16 years, 6 white females, and 2 slaves.

In the 1800 Chester County Census, Anderson Thomas had 2 males under 10 years, 1 male between 26-45 years, and 1 male over 45. He had 4 females under 10 years, 2 females between 10-16 years, 2 females between 16-26 years, and 1 female over 45.

In 1815, there are three records of release in a Conveyer to Conveyee Book, 1785-1842 from Matthew Anderson Thomas to David Sims, Book X, pp. 5-7.

In Anderson's administration file is found a letter from his son John Thomas, dated 7 June 1815 from the Congarees, addressed to "Capt. Anderson Thomas, Sandy River, Chester District per my servant Peter on horseback."

"Dear Father, I send a letter enclosed which I wish you to take charge or and convey it to whom it directed with all the speed you can. Carry it yourself. The boy I send with those letters is to stay with you until further ordered. And I wish you to put him to work with your negroes, and for you to send Carrolina or some other negroe to work as you will see direction in the inclosed letter. You will please not neglect

this as it will be of much advantage to me. Should my father not be at home, Anderson or my sister Mary will convey the letter or carry it and deliver it through Silver. I should have come that way myself but being in so bad a state of health I was not able to ride that far. But you may expect me there in some twenty or thirty days. Hope these may find you and family in health. Mine is well. Please present my compliments to all my relations. I am with respect your son, John Thomas. P.S. Please seal the enclosed letter.

When Anderson died in 1816, (File 1032, Chester Co., SC), his estate was administered by Mary (Polly) Crosby, the widow of William Crosby (died 1807, intestate and young). She also had administered her husband's estate, and was the mother of Athanasius' wife. She was possibly Anderson's mother-in-law.

Through 1816 and 1817, the children of Anderson Thomas had to declare in court what they had that belonged to Anderson Thomas' estate. Then they had an estate sale.

At Anderson's estate sale, the following were heavy buyers: Mary Thomas, Ann Ryan, William Thomas. Other buyers: Burr Harrison, A. Cord, Robert Parks, Ferdinand Hopkins, Isham Goore, Col. Stokes, Thomas Shelton, Athanasius Thomas, William Lewis, Thomas Stokes, Thomas Beaver, Daniel Ryan, and John Fewell.

3 yds. of swam down.....	William Lewis
4 3/4 yds. brown holland.....	Burr Harrison
1 yd. black cambrick.....	Mary Thomas
2 1/4 yd. black silk.....	Anne Ryan
3 lbs. tobacco.....	F. Hopkins
sewing needles.....	William Thomas
1 shot gun.....	William Thomas
mill irons.....	Isham Gore
1 lot of old irons.....	William Lewis
old wagon.....	Mary Thomas
2 old jugs.....	Isam Gore
1 handsaw.....	William Lewis
1 old riding chair.....	Mary Thomas
ribs of old cotton machine...	John Fewell
1 old rum hogshead.....	Isam Gore
1 loom.....	Anne Ryan
1 clockreel.....	Mary Thomas
1 spinning wheel.....	Isam Gore
sythe and cradle.....	Isam Gore
hames and iron trace.....	William Thomas
1 cast kettle.....	Mary Thomas
1 spider.....	Mary Thomas
1 oven and lid.....	Thomas Beaver
bread tray and piggin.....	Mary Thomas

1 grindstone.....Daniel Ryan  
 1 table.....Mary Thomas  
 1 lot of seed cotton at \$1.87.5...Mary Thomas  
 writing desk and 2 barrels...Mary Thomas  
 1 lot of hogs.....Mary Thomas  
 1 cow and calf.....Mary Thomas  
 1 cow.....William Lewis  
 2 pair mill stones, one broken...William Thomas  
 1 large bell.....Thomas Shelton

This is not a complete list. Some items were repeated and some items were illegible.

It also appears Anderson Thomas was a slave holder, and a cotton planter. At his death he had 300 lbs. of cotton seed. At his estate sale of 1817, the only slaves sold was a man Carolina and a woman Betty to Robert Parks.

In 1823, John Thomas paid the heirs of Capt. Anderson Thomas, listed below, 300 dollars for 100 acres on the Sandy River. Including himself, there were only 9 heirs listed. However, John Thomas' will and Martha Thomas' will both mention two other siblings: Mary Wilkes who died between 1836 and 1841, and Cecily Halsey, wife of John Halsey. The nine heirs were as follows:

1. John Thomas
2. Athanatius Thomas
3. William Thomas
4. Ann Ryan
5. Martha Thomas
6. William Lewis, for wife Nancy
7. Robert Todd, for wife Eleanor
8. Anderson Thomas
9. Thomas Shelton, for wife Sarah

**John Thomas**  
**son of Matthew Anderson Thomas**

John was a Captain. In the division deed signed 1 June 1823, Deed Book W, page 346 in Chester County, SC, John bought 100 acres of land on the Sandy River by the land of Sarah deGraffenreid and Henry Middleton and by the land belonging to Hall and Thomas Co., it being a part of a grant made 1 Jan. 1785 to Capt. Anderson Thomas, deceased.

John Thomas' will is in Montgomery Co., Ala., Will Book 2, Page 144. It was dated 11 April 1835, and probated 19 Oct. 1836. He left to his brother, Dr. Anderson Thomas, one fourth of his estate. He left to his three nieces: Eleanor Maria Ann Todd, Dorothy Martha Thomas Todd, and Nancy Anderson Byars Todd, one fourth of his estate, to be placed in the hands of their mother, Mrs. Eleanor Todd, to raise and educate them. The balance he left to his other beloved brothers and sisters: Athanatius Thomas; heirs of William Thomas, deceased with the exception of his nephew John Thomas; William Lewis; Mrs. Sarah Shelton; Mrs. Mary Wilks; Miss Martha Thomas; Mrs. Cecily Halsey; Ann Ryan. Witnesses: Stephen S. Garrett, John T. Pratt, and William Morris (Morris was William Lewis' son-in-law). Executors: Dr. Anderson Thomas, William Montgomery, Nathaniel Barnett.

Other information obtained at the Ala. State Archives: his estate records (Orphan Ct., Book B, p. 89, 22 Aug. 1838); \$25000 was spent for his tomb--there were no decimal points, so I couldn't ascertain the exact amount; According to records, he had 221 negroes, all listed by their first names only except two--Judy and Charlotte Lewis. As late as 1850, this administration was still in the courts.



**Athanasius Thomas**  
**son of Matthew Anderson Thomas**

Athanasius married \_\_\_\_\_ Crosby. It appears that on 6 Oct. 1814, Anderson Thomas paid substitute wages for Antha. Thomas his son in the service of the United States. I found in Fairfield County, Conveyor to Conveyee Book 1785-1842 this record: Antha. Thomas to George Perry (Release) Book HH, p. 169, 1827.

**William Thomas**  
**son of Matthew Anderson Thomas**

Prior to my research at Montgomery Co., Ala., Archives concerning the estates of John and Martha Thomas, I knew nothing about William. At the Archives, I learned that he died before 1835, and his heirs were as follows:

1. James A. Thomas
2. Daniel Thomas
3. William Thomas
4. Sylvester Thomas
5. Ann Thomas married James Mathershed
6. Susan Thomas
7. Martha Thomas of Pickens Co., Ala.

It was not clear which of the last named heirs were of age or not.

**Ann Thomas**  
**daughter of Matthew Anderson Thomas**

Ann married Dr. Daniel Ryan. After her husband's death in 1832, Ann moved her family to Calhoun Co., Ala. She died in 1865. There is an interesting discrepancy here. In my search for Thomas records in Montgomery county, I discovered Ann Ryan of Benton Co., Ala. appointed Daniel Ryan as her attorney in fact in regards to her inheritance from her uncle John Thomas. William Lewis, husband of Nancy Thomas, also made Daniel Ryan his attorney in 1843. Athanasius Thomas of Benton Co., Ala. also made Daniel Ryan is attorney. Possible this Daniel could be Ann Ryan's son.

**Martha (Patsy) Thomas**  
daughter of Matthew Anderson Thomas

5. Martha (Patsy) (20 Mar. 1811-15 Sept. 1853) married William Crosby (10 Mar. 1806-27 Aug. 1868) on 8 Oct. 1829. However, there is some doubt whether this is our relative. In John Thomas' will of Montgomery Co., Ala., in 1836, he lists an unmarried sister named Martha Thomas. Several years later Martha Thomas, unmarried, left her own will in Montgomery Co., Ala., on 29 Dec. 1841. After a list of Martha and William Crosby's children, I will continue with information about the Martha Thomas of Montgomery Co., Ala.

Their children:

1. Frances Cornelius Crosby, born 6 Sept. 1830. She married 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Estes, 2. James Younger. Son William P. Estes.
2. James Washington Crosby, born 3 Nov. 1831.
3. Pauline Jane Crosby married \_\_\_\_\_ Price. She died 19 Aug. 1933.
4. Mary Angaline Crosby (20 Feb. 1835-27 May 1893) married Ainsley Hall Colvin. In the fall of 1853 they moved to Louisiana, where he bought a farm between Cypress Creek and Bayou D'Arbole. He remained on the farm with his youngest children Milton, Charlie, and Alma. After Mary's death, Ainsley married her sister Pauline Price. After her death, he lived around with his children-he had 4 daughters and ten sons.
5. Amanda Catherine Crosby, born 26 Apr. 1837, married Dr. James M. McCollum on 13 Dec. 1859. He died 22 Jan. 1923. Their children: Charles B. and James.
6. Charity Coleman Crosby (7 Mar. 1840-5 Mar. 1919) married Joel F. Rabb (1836-1863) on 14 Jan. 1858. Their children: Ida Cassandra (30 Oct. 1858-6 Oct. 1944), William Baxter (12 June 1860-18 Nov. 1940), and Joel Franklin (25 Oct. 1862-12 Mar. 1922). After her husband's death, Charity married John Abner Tetts. Children: John Arthur (1872-1936).

Martha Thomas of Montgomery Co., Ala., died on 29 Dec. 1841. (Orphan Ct. Book C, p. 460, 29 Dec. 1841)

An inventory of her estate included:

old negro man-60 years  
old negro man-60 years Dilce  
Syvilla, young negro woman  
Adeline and child

Dilce  
Anderson, boy  
Sorrel horse  
9 cows  
1 feather bed  
Ladies saddle and bridle

Martha Thomas listed her heirs as follows:

1. Sarah Shelton
2. Heirs of Mary Wilkes, deceased
  - a. Robert H. Stewart
3. Ann Ryan
4. Eleanor Todd
5. Heirs of William Thomas
  - a. James
  - b. widow of John Thomas
  - c. Daniel
  - d. William
  - e. Sylvester
  - f. James Mathershed, from wife Ann
  - g. Susan Thomas
  - h. Martha
6. John Healsey, from wife Cecily
7. Anathatius
8. Anderson
9. William Lewis, from wife Nancy

These heirs exactly correspond with the heirs listed in John Thomas' will of 1836.

**Nancy Thomas**  
**daughter of Matthew Anderson Thomas**

Nancy married William Lewis of Chester Co., SC on 15 July 1816. They were married by Francis Wilkes, Justice of the Peace near the double bridge on the Sandy River. According to her family Bible, she was born in June 1796 and she died after 1880 at Warren, Bradley County, Arkansas. They had two children: Anderson Thomas Lewis and Eleanor Lewis Morris, born on 13 Nov. 1818.

When Nancy's husband died in 1846, he left his wife the home, household furniture, land, "as much provisions and stock as she may need to keep up the plantation," slaves Silva, Pomp, Sam, and Lige, and "all the properties and money that may be coming to me as legatee from the estates of John and Martha Thomas."

Anderson Thomas, Jr.  
son of Matthew Anderson Thomas

Anderson Jr. (1779-\_\_\_\_\_) left a widow Mary (Polly) who later married Francis Wilks, his second wife. Anderson Jr. died sometime before his father died in 1816. Apparently there is a discrepancy here. In John Thomas' will of 1835, he left his brother one fourth of his estate. Dr. Anderson Thomas was also his executor, along with William Montgomery and Nathaniel Barnett. Mary Wilks is listed as a sister.

**Eleanor Thomas**  
daughter of Matthew Anderson Thomas

Eleanor married Robert Todd. According to their uncle John Thomas' will, probated 19 Oct. 1836 in Montgomery Co., Ala., Eleanor, of Coosa Co., Ala., was widowed. John Thomas left her three daughters a fourth part of his estate to be placed in Eleanor's hands to raise and educate them. Her daughters:

Eleanor Maria Ann Todd, married 1. John R. Pratt (died July 1844) 2. John L. Flowers on May 1846 (Flowers died Dec. 1846) John T. Pratt was a witness to John Thomas' will, and John F. Pratt was the administrator of Martha Thomas' will in 1841.

Dorothy Martha Thomas Todd married Richard W. Sheppard

Nancy Anderson Byars Todd



## JAMES THOMAS

6. James married Susannah Mabry, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Mabry of Fairfield County. He lived for a few years in Georgia near Ebenezer before moving with his father to the Congarees and establishing his family in Fairfield Co. SC in the corner near both Union and Chester counties. He served as Sgt. and Capt. in the Revolution both before and after the siege of Charlestown. (See a record of his claim in his brother Matthew Anderson Thomas' section.) In the Census of 1790, 6 slaves were listed. James died on 13 May 1790, and his father-in-law was the administrator of his estate along with Anderson Thomas, his brother. (File 7-214 in Fairfield Co.) His estate was administered in Fairfield County, but he had moved into Union County shortly before his death. Their children:

1. Mabry Thomas (22 Sept. 1770-18 Jun. 1841) married Ursula Crosby. Her parents were Richard and Rhoda (Bond) Crosby. They moved to Conecuh Co., Ala. in 1816 with several others from Chester County, SC., including her brother Chesley. Both he and Ursula are buried in the Thomas Cemetery in that county. Their children:

1. Susan Hobson Thomas (1810-1881) married Calloway Stallworth. She is buried in the Evergreen City Cemetery.

2. Frances Elizabeth Thomas married Joshua King Hawthorne. She is buried in the Belleville Baptist Church Cemetery in Alabama.

3. Mary Ann Amanda Thomas married William Adam Ashley

4. John Anderson Thomas married Rebecca Elizabeth Kennedy

2. Sarah Thomas (1777-\_\_\_\_) married Allen deGraffenreid (18 Sept. 1764-7 Jan. 1821). According to A Goodly Heritage-History of Chester County, SC compiled by Anne P. Collins, on p. 70: "The DeGraffenreid family...intermarried with the Thomas and Blewett families of Chester, both of whom owned over a hundred slaves in 1830. The DeGraffenreid property in West Chester was referred to as the Baron's Estate...The house site and family burial ground, with elaborate marblé memorials, is now only a pile of rubble on Fish Dam Road."

The following information is from The deGraffenreid Family by Thomas P. deGraffenreid, New York City, 1925.

Their children:

1. Allen deGraffenreid Jr. had daughter named Sarah who married Richard Kennedy.
  2. Regina deGraffenreid married Thomas Garton Blewett and moved to Columbus, Miss.
  3. Cecily deGraffenreid married John McCaw and lived in York County, SC. *Settled in Kentucky*
  4. Tscharner Hobson deGraffenreid
  5. Thomas deGraffenreid married first to Matilda Phoebe Chisholm and second to Belvedere Gott.
  6. Paulin Thomas deGraffenreid married first to \_\_\_\_\_ Gilmer and second to John Pickett.
3. Cecily Thomas (31 Mar. 1782-after 1839) married William Hobson
4. David Anderson Thomas (c. 1786-1868) married Eliza Frances Farr, the daughter of Col. William Farr and Elizabeth Taliaferro Stribling. David had land on both Neal's Creek and Broad River in Union County. The final division of his estate was on 6 Jan. 1868 in Union County, with his son Mabry Thomas as his administrator. His wife was not listed in this division. Their children:
1. William R. A. Thomas (1811-1900) married Louisa Kelley
  2. Mabry Thomas (1817-12 May 1881) married Louisa Elizabeth Humphries. His estate was administered by James Munro on 16 Nov. 1881 in Union County. His heirs were listed as Elizabeth Thomas, Susanna Thomas, Cecilia Thomas, Marion Thomas, and Milton Thomas.
  3. John Pulaski Thomas (Dr.) (6 Feb. 1818-1900) married Emmaline Frances Kelley.
  4. Capt. James Thomas (3 Mar. 1819-14 Dec. 1879) married Frances Gilliam.
  5. Susannah Thomas (1820-after 1881) married James J. Thomas. (See John P. Thomas children)
  6. Eleanor Farr Thomas (1823-1888) married William Gilliam

7. Robert G. H. Thomas (29 Jul. 1824-20 Sept. 1854)  
left one daughter named Harper Thomas.

8. Elizabeth Frances L.H.D. Thomas (1829-after  
1858) married Richard Farr.

5. John Thomas (7 Sept. 1789-3 Mar. 1859) married Jemima  
Sims

DAVID THOMAS

7. David, not proved. There is a will or administration of a David Thomas at Chester County in 1845, Mary Thomas, executor. I have not had a chance to look into this.

**CAM THOMAS**

8. Cam, not proved.