

The Rawls, Powell, Woodward and May Families on Little Cedar Creek

Thomas Woodward sold these 124 acres of land to Robert Smyth of Charleston

107

for 868 pounds, sterling, on July 2, 1789.

Shortly after the Revolutionary War, Thomas Woodward moved to Union

County where he taught school for several years, and fell in love with one of

his pupils, Mary Howard. When he asked her to marry him, her family objected

because of his Indian blood. He returned to Fairfield County and soon afterwards

left for the Cherokee Nation with a few slaves. The Howard family moved to

Elbert County Georgia and Thomas Woodward followed Mary there. Two of her

brothers interceded for Mary and Thomas and they obtained permission to be

married. Thomas and Mary Howard Woodward had a daughter who married General

Watson. Their son Thomas Simpson Woodward led an active life, was promoted

to Brigadier General of Militia, and wrote the Reminiscences often referred to

in the sketch of the Woodward family. A second son of Thomas and Mary

Howard Woodward died in infancy.

Thomas Woodward died in March 1800. His widow Mary married again but

died in 1806. Thomas Simpson Woodward was left an orphan at a very early

age. He lived with several relatives but seems to have made an attachment

to a maternal uncle who remained a lifetime favorite. His formal education

was neglected but he was an intelligent, observant, active individual with

a strong sense of adventure and suffered little for want of more education.

In 1812, and at a very early age (he didn't know the exact date of his birth)

Thomas Simpson Woodward enlisted in the army and for the next forty years,