

Dear Pelham,

It was nice to hear from you and thanks for the Woodward information.

I am descended from Margaret Woodward, daughter of Thomas Woodward and his **first wife** Jemima Collins. Margaret married James Nelson of Fairfield County (a Rev War Patriot) and they had at least one child whose name was Samuel. I did not find any other children.

Jodi

In a message dated 3/14/2012 5:10:01 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, fairfieldmus@truvista.net writes:

Dear Tommie, Shiela, Stewart, Jodi, et alia:

Stewart, Jodi and I descend from Thomas Woodward (Regulator) and his first wife Jemima Collins and I attach here a chart that I perhaps got from Jodi showing our lineage. I come from his son John and his marriage to Esther McDonald (their daughter Mary Ann Collins Woodward married Maj. Thomas Lyles, etc.). Stewart's line is from his son Rev. William Woodward and Nancy (Nanya?) Barrette (see attached). Of course you know that TW's second wife was Elizabeth Stokes (later married Benj. May), who was of mixed Native American blood, and this was the lineage for Thos. Simpson Woodward.

Theresa Hicks ([SC Indian Traders, Indians, and other Ethnic Connections](#)) says that Elizabeth Stokes's grandfather was a Silvester (Silves) whose eldest daughter married Thomas Stokes, an Indian Trader. Val Green tells me that the Stokes were a known early family in the coastal settlement area of Georgetown (Winyah) and that Thomas Stokes was from there. The Silves name suggests that the Native American family may have had a progenitor who came in with DeSoto, possibly a Sephardic Jew.

I am attaching Gary Woodward's work which he sent me some time ago. I hope he will read and add to this correspondence loop.

The genealogy volunteers here often get requests for information on the African American Woodwards whose descendants are also here in Fairfield County. A study of colonial period Woodwards in this area suggest that not only Thomas Woodward's direct line was here, but also perhaps cousins who came in at various times from Virginia. It is difficult to find where the black and white lines may have connected, be it by blood or association. I have not tried to unravel the Woodwards here but am attaching various files which show some lines.

I recently helped the University of SC digitize an unpublished manuscript about families settling "north of the Broad River" in Fairfield and Richland County. It is searchable and there is a good deal on our Woodwards at <http://library.sc.edu/digital/collections/northbroad.html> .

I assume your Mary slave ancestress was African American and not Creek. Your DNA finding is not unusual these days, as more and more people are making such discoveries. Our Lyles family

has connected through DNA and family records to the descendants of a slave and my great great uncle in the mid 1800s.

I will copy your letters below with information to insert into our Woodward family files. I would appreciate your including me in further information sharing!

-Pelham Lyles

**From:** swoodwar@usc.edu [mailto:swoodwar@usc.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 11:05 PM  
**To:** 'Stewart'; 'Tommie Marsters'  
**Cc:** 'Woodward Project Administrator Rosemary'; 'Fairfield County Museum director Pelham LYLES'  
**Subject:** RE: Woodward Test Result Comparison Tables

Dear all

Thank you for copying me on this e-mail. Apologies for the delay in responding. Life has been very busy but I was determined to get to this task before too long. I'm not sure that we have any direct connections. I have numerous files of family trees connected with my side of the family. I can send those out to you in a couple of batches, to see whether you can accommodate the large files.

Let me know if you get them.

All the best

Sheila

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**From:** Stewart [<mailto:wstewrt@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 18, 2011 12:06 PM

**To:** Tommie Marsters

**Cc:** Woodward Project Administrator Rosemary; Fairfield County Museum director Pelham LYLES

**Subject:** Re: Woodward Test Result Comparison Tables

Dear Woodward Cousin Tommie Marsters (FTDNA kit # 22568),

## OUR WOODWARD ANCESTORS

I thank you for helping to keep the lights on in the House of

Woodward by being its family historian, genealogy researcher, and keeper of DNA test results.

You wrote: "I have found an Abraham Woodward who was christened on 15 Nov. 1619 at Saint Dunstan Church in Stepney, Middlesex, London, England. He was a year old at the time, and his parents were Thomas and Mary Woodward. I am trying to determine if this is our Abraham."

I congratulate and thank you for sharing your hard earned research results.

I read your gggrandfather General Thomas Simpson Woodward's fascinating "Woodward's Reminiscences" years ago. See <http://www.his.jrshelby.com/creek/woodward.htm>

I am thankful that Rosemary M. Winkler administers our Woodward DNA Genealogy Project so well, and that she gave me your email address even though we are cousins who belong to different patrilineal families.

I spend so much time helping descendants of my own patrilineal ancestor that I hardly have time for any of the others.

My double Woodward and Lyles cousin Pelham LYLES is the director of the Fairfield County Museum and its genealogy room fortunately.  
See <http://www.fairfieldsc.com/secondary.aspx?pageID=125> , I doubt that anyone knows more about Fairfield County, SC families than she. I am emailing a copy of this letter to Cousin Pelham and to some of our other Woodward cousins, e.g., Angus S Aull (according to Pelham's recent letter).

I wonder if USC professor of Economics Dr. Douglas P. Woodward at [http://moore.sc.edu/facultyandresearch/faculty.aspx?faculty\\_id=8](http://moore.sc.edu/facultyandresearch/faculty.aspx?faculty_id=8) and we belong to the same Woodward family, and if we are kin to Dr. Sheila C. Woodward at USC?  
See <http://www.usc.edu/schools/music/private/faculty/swoodwar.php>

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## GENETIC GENEALOGY

I am also thankful for President Bennett GREENSPAN's wonderful genetic genealogy services. He is having a great sale on this month. See <http://www.familyreedna.com> .  
FTDNA is the best DNA testing company for genealogical purposes because its database is far larger than that of all of the other companies put together,

My goal is to have FTDNA test a sample of the Y-DNA of a descendant of my branch of the family of "Thomas the Regulator" Woodward.

Has a patrilineal descendant of the Henry Woodward at

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Woodward\\_\(colonist\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Woodward_(colonist)) had his DNA tested?

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## AUTOSOMAL DNA MATCHES

You wrote: "Have you taken the "Family Finder" DNA test?"

Yes, I have autosomal test results from my 23ANDME test and from my FTDNA Family Finder test, as well as from Family Finder tests of two of my closest family members, e.g., my Aunt Nannie Lee STEWART.

Since both you and Aunt Nannie Lee are ggggGdaughters of Thomas "The Regulator" WOODWARD, ye (y'all) may have inherited a large enough segment of the same autosomal DNA to show up as matches.

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Sincerely, Stewart

You may TELEPHONE me 24/7 at [\(803\) 386-1640](tel:8033861640). Click on [#143035 in this Table](#) to see my tentative pedigree.

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On Sat, Dec 17, 2011 at 6:45 PM, Tommie Marsters <[tndmars@comcast.net](mailto:tndmars@comcast.net)> wrote:

Hello, Stewart:

How nice to hear from a descendent of my gggggrandfather, "Thomas the Regulator" Woodward. His grandson (and my gggrandfather General Thomas Simpson Woodward), left behind letters that were compiled and published as "Woodward's Reminiscences." This book is a treasure trove of information on TSW and the Creek Indians with whom he associated for many years. Today, TSW's descendants all stem from his liaison with his slave mistress, Mary. They had three children together, two sons and one daughter, and

we descend from one of the sons, Alfred. Our DNA test confirmed what we always knew, but couldn't otherwise prove.

We have connected with a number of descendants from the other son and daughter and are sharing information, pictures, etc. We have also received assistance from an historian in Louisiana and a researcher/author, Don Marler, who republished the "Reminiscences" and added more up-to-date information on the General. Some of the daughter's descendants have a problem with how their ancestress came into the world, so their denial keeps them apart from the rest of us. Southern practices have done that to untold numbers of families, unfortunately.

What, exactly, do you want to know about our distant relationship? I note that through female ancestors you have had to make quite a leap to reach the Woodward line. Have you taken the "Family Finder" DNA test? We've done so, but the "fourth cousins" listed cannot find a paper trail to a relationship. The test did confirm that my two first cousins, who also took the test, are, in fact, my first cousins. Not much help, but a confirmation of sorts as to their accuracy. The last male Wood(w)ard in our line is in his 60s and has no children. The rest are females who, ironically, all have children. One of my uncles, who had only one child--a daughter, was the last Tom Woodard in our line. I am the last "Tommie," but I am female. DNA kit #22568 belongs to my, now deceased, uncle Alvin Woodard. Since I am the family historian, I am keeper of all our family's DNA results and persistent researcher.

Jo Ann Cooper Killeen (CardinalVA@XXXXX) is in your situation. She, too, descends from Thomas the Regulator, but believes that General TSW may have made a mistake as to the father (grandfather?) of T the R. She is working hard on the issue. You might want to contact her, as she, too, descends from a different son of T the R.

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If you have any info you'd like to add to the pot, we'd certainly be happy to receive it.

Sincerely, Tommie

On Dec 15, 2011, at 1:50 AM, Stewart wrote:

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Woodward11L15.htm (*text/html*) 37K