

# SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies

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**Thomas Robertson (P-280220)**  
**1745-1789**

## **Civil Servant in the American War for Independence**

My 3rd great grandfather Thomas was born in 1745 and was married to Penina Smith in May of 1763. Together they raised a family of seven children: Gideon, Joab, Nelly, Patty, Kisiah, Rebeca and Penina. Thomas was primarily a tobacco planter and on occasion performed a civil service in Caswell County during the period of the war. On a number of occasions evidence suggests that he provided supplies and forage to the militia and soldiers of the Continental Army.

In 1782, as the war neared its end, Thomas was appointed by the county to survey a roadway near his home.

Thomas passed away in 1789 when he was only 44 years of age. He left his plantation and possessions to his wife, Penina as long as she remained unmarried. Upon her remarriage, his estate was then bequeathed to the two sons, Gideon and my 2nd great grandfather, Joab Robertson and their sisters—Nelly, Patty, Kisiah, Rebeca & Penina.

Thomas' wife, Penina, remarried shortly after his death to William Hall on 18 November 1783. She died three short years later in 1786 in Person County, North Carolina. Thomas' son, my 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather, Joab, was apprenticed to Philip Thomas when he was eight years of age—years later he resided in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Thomas' grave is believed to be in Caswell County, North Carolina.

Respectfully Submitted,



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