

SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies

Thomas Jackson (P 223823)

1750-1792

Patriotic Service in the American War for Independence

Some records indicate that Thomas was born as early as 1730—other records would call the date 20 years or so later—perhaps 1750. Given the marriage date of 1764; it would be only prudent to assume the earlier date was closest to correct. Thomas wife, Mary Franklin, was believed to have been born around 1745. Both Thomas and Mary were said to be born in Surry County, Virginia—on the south bank of the James River directly across from Jamestown and the mouth of the Chickahominy River.

The first records placing them in Saylor's Creek, Prince Edward County, Virginia was the birth of their first son, James followed by nine other siblings: Milly, Francis, Tabitha, Elizabeth, Mary, Agnes, Thomas J., William and Sally.

Thomas passed away in the early 1790's and Mary's death appears to have gone unrecorded. But during the years in which the Revolution was most aggressively fought in Virginia—beginning in 1780—the family residence seemed to be in both Prince Edward and Amelia Counties. These were adjacent counties slightly south and west of Richmond and broadly along the path that Cornwallis travelled during his journey from Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina to Yorktown in coastal Virginia. It would have most likely been during this period that Thomas would have had the opportunity to do his patriotic duty, supplying units of the Virginia Militia and the Continental Line, then moving towards Yorktown for the final battle.

Respectfully Submitted,



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