

Thomas Gladney

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Gladneys in America by Mildred Arnold

1. **Thomas⁴ Gladney** (Richard³, William², Richard¹) was born 1749 in Kinbally, County Antrim, Ireland, and died 22 April 1820 in Jackson Creek, Fairfield County SC. He married **Nancy Agnes Martin** Abt. 1783, daughter of **Robert Martin** and **Mary Rebecca** Martin. She was born Abt. 1765 in Jackson Creek, Fairfield County SC, and died 1827 in Jackson Creek, Fairfield County SC.

Notes for **Thomas Gladney**:

Thomas, youngest of the four Gladney brothers, was neighbor to **Robert Martin, Sr.**, and **Ann Martin. Edward Martin**, a brother of these two, became a Captain in the **colonial forces**, South Carolina Militia. Robert fought with that unit also. One of **Robert Martin Sr.'s** daughters, Agnes, was a young widow with a small daughter. Thomas Gladney married **Agnes Martin** before 1781, or early in that year.

The 1790, "heads of household" census enumeration lists **Thomas Gladney**: 1 male over 16 years of age; 3 males under 16, and three females. **Margaret, his stepdaughter**, afterward married **Moses Paul**. By the time that Thomas made his will, he had already given land to his two oldest sons, Richard and Robert, thereby discharging his obligation to them.

The graves of **Thomas**, and his wife **Agnes Martin**, are honored with **DAC/DAR markers**. The SC Department of Archives and History has the following record of his service to the American Revolution: "Wagon Hire: September 1778; 99 days with his wagon and team in Fairfield County, SC, Camden District." **Thomas** and **Agnes** had seven children together, and he **adopted her daughter as his own**.

WILL OF THOMAS GLADNEY

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

I **Thomas Gladney** of Fairfield district in the State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory Do make and ordain This my last will and testament in manner Following That is to say- First having already provided for and advanced my sons Richard and Robert I leave them nothing but my blessing- I give and bequeath to my **wife Agnes** (in case she survives me) The plantation whereon I now live granted in my own name, Together with my negroes, horses cattle hogs and stock of every description, also all my household and Kitchen Furniture and my plantation tools and farming utensils of every kind and description to have and to hold to my said wife for and during the term of her natural life subject to the dispositions hereafter made

Item I give and bequeath to my said wife and my daughter Jinny any crop of corn that may be on hand or growing on my plantation at the time of my decease for the mutual benefit and support of my said wife and daughter

Item after the decease of my wife I devise to my son Joseph the said plantation whereon I now live to my said son Joseph and his heirs forever upon condition that my said son Joseph do pay to my executors herein after named the sum of one thousand dollars in four

annual payments of two hundred and fifty Dollars commencing from the day of the decease of my said wife

Item the said sum of one thousand Dollars to be paid as above required by my son Joseph - I give and bequeath to my Daughters Rebecca, Jane, Nancy and Jenny

Item after the decease of my said wife I direct the Negroe named Sam to be sold and the proceeds of such sale I give and bequeath to be equally divided between sons Robert, Richard and Joseph and my Daughters Rebecca, Jane, Nancy and Jenny and my **step Daughter Margaret Paul** share and share alike

Item I give and devise to my son Joseph a piece of Land adjoining my plantation containing about fifty acres being what remains of a tract of land formerly belonging to my brother Joseph - which piece of land I give and devise to my said son Joseph and his heirs forever upon condition That my said son Joseph do within three years after my decease cause to be erected a neat grave stone properly lettered over the graves of my brother Joseph Gladney and my mother - and do give to my grandson Thomas Gregg and my **grandson Thomas Paul**, and my grandson Thomas Stitt, son of Robert Stitt, each of them a house Bible of the value of eight or ten Dollars each - and a pocket Bible to each of my other grand children that may be living at the time of my decease

Item all the rest and residue of my estate after the decease of my my wife I will and direct to be sold by my executors and the proceeds of such sale I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my Daughters Rebecca, Jane, Nancy and Jenny share and share alike.

Item it is my will that so much of my Estate as is herein bequeathed to my Daughter Rebecca shall be holden to her sole and seperate use and for the exclusive benefit of herself and children not subject to the debts claim demand or controul of her husband. For That purpose I appoint my executors herein after named trustees of the said Rebecca and authorize and require my said executors to hold the monies herein bequeathed to the said Rebecca for her sole and seperate use and to pay the same to her only and in such manner and at such times as they may think will best conduce to the comfort and support of my said Daughter hereby leaving them full power to act in this behalf as their Judgement shall direct.

Item if any of my Legatees should prove contentious and attempt to defeat any of the provisions of this my will or interrupt my executors in the execution of the same or shall institute any suit in law or equity for that purpose - Then I revoke all bequests to such contentious Legatee and give and bequeath the same to my own Daughters or such of them as do not violate this clause of my will - Lastly I constitute my son Joseph Gladney and my son in Law Charles Gladney executors of this my last will and testament. IN WITNEFS whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventh day of June one thousand Eight hundred and nineteen.

Signed Sealed and Published
in the presence of -----

D. R. Evans.
I. Evans
Richard Gladney

Thomas Gladney Seal
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More About Thomas Gladney:

Burial: Gladney Cemetery, Fairfield County SC

More About Nancy Agnes Martin:

Burial: Gladney Cemetery, Fairfield County SC

Children of Thomas Gladney and Nancy Martin are:

+ 2 i. Rebecca⁵ Gladney, born 14 February 1783 in Fairfield District SC; died 17 June 1848 in Fairfield District SC.

+ 3 ii. Jane Gladney, born 1784 in Fairfield District SC; died Bet. 1840 - 1855 in Lowndes County AL.

+ 4 iii. Richard Gladney, born May 1788 in Fairfield District SC; died 09 April 1834 in Fairfield District SC.

+ 5 iv. Robert Thomas Gladney, born 20 June 1790 in Fairfield District SC; died 02 October 1827 in Fairfield District SC.

+ 6 v. Joseph Gladney, born 03 October 1792 in Fairfield District SC; died 30 September 1863 in Jackson Creek, Fairfield County SC.

+ 7 vi. Nancy Gladney, born 16 April 1794 in Fairfield County SC; died 25 December 1874 in MS.

8 vii. Jenny Gladney, born 1796 in Fairfield County SC; died Unknown. She married David (or Reid) Reed Aft. 1819; born Unknown; died Unknown.

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