

Line of Thomas Davis

Born Wales, Died Chesterfield, SC Married Chesterfield, SC
National DAR 126068

Thomas Davis was born in Wales in 1749 and with two other brothers (Samuel and Frank) immigrated to America and landed at James Island off Charleston, SC 1764. Shortly afterwards he moved to Chesterfield County married and raised a large family. He married Nancy Rivers 1784.

Children were:

William (my ancestor) born 1786 died 1784 married Julia Thurman 1804

Michael born 1788 married Hulda Privet

Polly born 1791 never married

Frederick born 1792 never married

John born 1795 Charlotte Hurst

Susan born 1798 John Wadsworth

Elizabeth born 1800

Samuel born 1789 Married Sarah Weaver

Jonathan born 1794 married ___ Rivers

Rixbourg born 1797 married Sarah Tatem

The daughter of Wm. And Julia Thurman (Jane) married John H. Perkins.

Thomas Davis served under Gen. Francis Marion with the Swamp Fox crowd during the Revolution, He was personal aide to Marion. Upon one occasion he captured three British officers when he came upon them unexpectedly, and marched them into camp. Upon the arrival of the supper hour, young Davis drew from the ashes some sweet potatoes, dusted them upon his coat sleeve, placed them upon a piece of pine bark, and served them to the officers and General Marion. The captives expressed great astonishment that the men could subsist upon such, and said that if they were permitted to return to the English Army they would tell them that if they were permitted to return to the English army they would tell them that they might as well go home because they could never hope to conquer men who fought for neither pelf nor pelt. This was because the men were serving without pay, and with little food. This incident is often referred to in history. Thomas Davis lived to the ripe old age of ninety five years, and is buried in the family burying ground near Chesterfield South Carolina. The Old Cheraw Chapter DAR of Cheraw S.C. placed a marker to his grave some years ago. Floris Jeanette Perkins Mann was born within three miles of the old Davis home and hundreds of descendants of this Patriot still reside in Chesterfield County South Carolina.

For a record of the services of Thomas Davis see Saffell's Records of Revolutionary War, page 292, 5th Co. Lieut. Col. Marion's SC Reg. Also Salley's Stub Entries, to indents for Revolutionary Claims, Page 276.

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