

Burford

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Hall County history

Revolutionary soldier recorded will in Hall

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Thomas Burford, Revolutionary soldier, left a will recorded in Hall County records. (p. 226-228) "Misc. A, Minutes 1819-1839": Dated, 20 May 1838 — Probated, 2 Oct. 1838. "All my estate both real and personal to be sold to highest bidder and proceeds after paying debts to be divided as follows: To daughter, Charity Wade, wife of David Wade, one-tenth part. To daughter, Lucy Wade and her husband, Edward Wade, one-tenth part.

"To grandchildren: John Eads, Thomas Eads and Mildred Henderson, children of my deceased daughter, Martha Eads, one-tenth part to be divided equally between them. To son, Thomas Burford, one-tenth part. To son, Daniel Burford,

one-tenth part. To daughter, Mildred Armstrong and her husband, John Armstrong, one-tenth part. To son, Edward Burford, one-tenth part. To daughter, Sarah Hutchins and husband, L.B. (Little Berry) Hutchins, one-tenth part. To daughter, Grizziller Nichols and her husband, John B. Nichols, one-tenth part.

"I hereby having given my children and grandchildren various and different sums of money and property at different

times, the amounts thus given found listed in my book, my executors are to equalize gifts accordingly. The balance is to be divided equally if there be any left.

"Executors: Raymond Sanford and L.B. Hutchins. Witnesses: John Henderson, William Henderson, James B. Agerton. (signed) THOMAS BURFORD."

Thomas Burford Sr. was born near Richmond, Va., 1750. He was married to Mary Wade,

daughter of Edward Wade, Jan. 6, 1777. The wife, Mary, was born near Roanoke, Va., 1760. Thomas Burford served in the Revolutionary War as a lieutenant in Quarter Master 2nd Virginia Brigade. (Historical Register of Virginia in the Revolutionary War, 1938, p. 110)

After the war Thomas moved with his family to South Carolina and settled near Anderson, Pendleton District. He is enumerated in the 1790 South Carolina Census. Records state

that Thomas Burford was granted land on the Broadway Creek in S.C. the, Dec. 4, 1786. This acreage passed into the hands of David and Agnes Wade who later sold the tract to Thomas Clement Wade Nov. 8, 1800. Thomas Burford is enumerated in the 1800 census of South Carolina and the 1820 census of Jackson County, Ga.

William Stewart in the "Gone to Georgia" publication states that the name Burford is also spelled BUFORD, BURFOOT,

BURFUR. Also, that a former Georgia governor, Peter Early, was a descendant of this family.

Thomas Burford drew land in the 1827 Land Lottery of Hall County which was located in Yagles District. He surveyed the town of Cumming, Ga., April 20, 1833.

The family cemetery was located on the Chattahoochee River near Light's Ferry, east of Flowery Branch, Hall County, Ga. It was relocated in the New Bethany Baptist

Church Cemetery in 1956 by government engineers. New Bethany cemetery is about two miles off Highway 23 near Hall-Gwinnett County line.

Mary Wade Burford died Aug. 13, 1829, and Thomas lived with his daughter, Sarah Hutchins, until his death, Sept. 26, 1838. Mary's father, Edward Wade, has a will recorded in Greene County, Ga. dated: Nov. 4, 1790.

A Bill of Appraisement of estate of Thomas Burford, deceased, is listed in "Misc. B"

Hall County courthouse. Dated: Nov. 14, 1838, some listed items are: cash found in hand, \$770.92½. One lot of land where deceased lived, \$1,800. One lot of land 13th district, Lee County, not viewed. Notes on old Macon Bank considered not good, \$17.00. Silver considered not good, \$2.00. One note on hand given by David Wade and due 23rd April 1810, \$30.50. One note given by John Montague and due 25th December 1819, \$143.50.