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THOMAS BRYAN

Thomas Bryan was born in Elbert County, Ga. Nov 12, 1793 . He enlisted in the War of 1812 Nov 14, 1814 in Franklin County, Ga. Capt Waters Co., Booth's Regiment, McIntosh's Division. He was discharged May 6, 1815. Thomas Bryan married Mary Dooly daughter of Thomas Dooly of Habersham County, Ga on Sept 5, 1816. He lived in Habersham County until Walker County was opened for settlement. In 1832 he came to Walker Co. with his four sons James Tillman 15, William McDooly 13, Rial Madison 11, and Jesse Upson 10. Thomas was 39 and Mary 37 at this time. They settled in the Cane Creek area 8 miles Southeast of LaFayette on Old Alabama Road. He served as a Captain of a local Militia District and was referred to as Capt. Thomas Bryan in many old documents. In 1836 he served in the Georgia Volunteers in the War with the Creek Indians. Thomas and Mary had two more children; Sarah Ann born May 14, 1838 and Asa L. Bryan born Dec 25, 1839. Sarah died July 2, 1839 and Asa died in the Civil War near Fairfax, Va. Oct.1, 1861. Mary Dooly died on July 23, 1844. In 1838 the oldest son James Tillman Bryan married his cousin Elizabeth Ann Dooly and they settled on a farm in the Pond Spring area. Wm. McDooly Bryan married Jane E Mabry and they settled in Walker Co. Jesse Upson Bryan married Mary Kelly and moved to Franklin Co, Tenn, Rial Madison Bryan went to Texas. Sometime in the 1830's Thomas Bryan's father, Thomas Bryan, Sr.

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came to Walker County to live with his son. There is Court Document dated in 1840 showing Thomas Bryan, Sr. sueing Thomas Bryan for 82.93 plus interest. Very little is known about Thomas Bryan, Sr. He is believed to have served in the Am. Rev. War while in Franklin Co. He was born about 1755-1760 and was in Walker County in 1840.

On Aug.8, 1847 Thomas Bryan married Thomasin Grogan from Spartanburg Dist, SC. He was 53 at the time and she was 23. Nine children were born to this marriage: Leander c. Augustus G., Mary E., Greenberry G., Emma J. "Phenie", Louise Jane, Julia Catherine, Thomas Pinkney, and Robert Willie. The last child was born May 14, 1866 when Thomas Bryan was 72 years old. Thomas Bryan died July 25, 1878 and is burried in the Bryan Cemetary 8 miles SE of LaFayette on Old Alabama Road. This is part of the original Bryan land where he settled in 1832. There are many decendents of Thomas Bryan in the Chattanooga-Walker County area. He is mentioned several times in the History of Walker County by Sartain. The State Archives in Atlanta contains a book "Bryan Family" by Shelly Wright which gives much detail on this family.

This information provided by James Witt Bryan III, 24 Heritage Park Circle, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116 G G G Grandson of Thomas Bryan. This information is based on Family Records and research done by Shelly Wright and Edwin Combs of Hampstead, NC. I would love to hear from any decendents who might read this and I am still searching for information on Thomas Bryan. Se