

THOMAS DELOACH

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Born: 20 Oct 1759 Craven, South Carolina, USA

Married: Mary Crawford

Died: 29 Jul 1819 in , Edgefield, South Carolina, USA

Parents: Thomas DeLoach & Patience Allison

At about 1772-3 Thomas Jr. came with his parents from the present Richland County, SC to the present Saluda (then Edgefield) County, SC, and lived with them in their home which apparently was situated a short distance above the junction of Red Bank Creek and Pen Creek.

On March 7, 1777 Thomas DeLoache, Jr., John Cotton and Charity Cotton witnessed a deed given by Thomas DeLoache, Sr. to Jesse Jernigan. This deed was proved by Thomas DeLoache, Jr. on September 2, 1785 (Edgefield County, SC Deed Book _____, page 257; Ibid, Deed Book 13, 1796-98, page 253).

Thomas Jr. was thrice married, all of his wives being residents of the Ridge Section of the present Saluda County. At about 1779 he married Mary ? who is said to have been a Miss Asbill or a Miss Crawford; however, probably neither of these surnames is correct. Thomas' son Allison DeLoache married a granddaughter of Aaron Asbill and his NEPHEW Thomas DeLoache married Miss Mary Crawford. Census records of 1790 and 1800 for Edgefield County, SC indicate that the first wife was the mother of twelve children, four of whom died in infancy or childhood. Eight of these children are named in their father's will. At about 1803 he married Sarah Watkins, probably a daughter of John Watkins, who bore him nine children whose names are recorded in their parents' family Bible. At about 1805 he moved to Lexington County, SC where he acquired land and was listed in the 1810 census for that county as the owner of one slave. Prior to or during 1814 he returned to Edgefield County. Shortly before his death in 1819 he married Mrs. Charity Cotton (widow of the Reverend John Cotton) who bore him no children and who was the administratrix of his estate. The 1820 census for Edgefield County shows her as head of a household including herself and two males (18 to 26 years of age) who are believed to have been the two oldest sons of Thomas' son William DeLoache. She then was the owner of five slaves. In 1823 she was living in Butler County, AL.

After their arrival in the present Saluda County it is probable that Thomas DeLoache, Jr., his parents, brothers, and sisters became members of the Mine Creek Baptist Church on Mine Creek of Little Saluda River, which was situated a few miles distant from their new home. This church was organized in September 1770 and held its meetings in the home of Benjamin Bell until it was continued or replaced to some extent by Red Bank Baptist Church in 1784 (Leah Townsend - South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805, page 148). This DeLoache family evidently moved their membership to the Red Bank Baptist Church, which was located nearer to their homes and with which many of their descendants were affiliated during subsequent years.

Soon after its establishment in the spring of 1790 Thomas Jr. became a member of Clouds Creek Baptist Church (now West Creek Baptist Church) in the present Saluda County. In 1793 he, as a lay member of that church, was sent as a messenger to the meeting of the Bethel Baptist Association with which the said church was affiliated. In 1793/4 he was licensed as a local preacher, and after the departure of the pastor in 1794 he worked among the congregation until June 1800. As a licentiate he represented the church, at six association

meetings during the period of 1794-1800. On June 4, 1800 he was ordained by the Reverends Charles Bussey and Henry King as a full minister of the gospel, and soon thereafter assumed the pastorate of the church. He served the church as pastor continuously during the period of 1800-1818, and as a minister or messenger was present at meetings of the Bethel Baptist Association, Edgefield Baptist Association, Savannah River Baptist Association, Charleston Baptist Association, and Sarepta Baptist Association (in Georgia). In 1802 he presented a petition to the South Carolina State Legislature praying for incorporation of the church as a society under the name "The Baptist Church of Christ on Clouds Creek". The petition was granted by Act of December 8, 1802 (Leah Townsend - South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805, pages 169-171, 269; Hortense Woodson - History of Edgefield Baptist Association, 1807-1957; pages 21, 22, 78, 81; Laws of South Carolina - Acts of Legislature, 1802, page 70).

On March 5, 1804, according to call of Clouds Creek Baptist Church, the Reverends John Landrum, Samuel Marsh, Henry King, and Thomas DeLoache met at Dry Creek and established the Dry Creek Baptist Church, situated near the town of Ward in Saluda County. Thomas DeLoache did most of the preaching there until his death in 1819.

In 1814 the Reverends Thomas DeLoache, Francis Walker, and John Landrum established the Philippi Baptist Church, situated about five miles southeast of the present town of Johnston, SC, and Thomas DeLoache preached there during the period of 1814-1819 (John A. Chapman - History of Edgefield County, SC., page 310).

The late Mr. Lanis Hite of Johnston, SC and New York City found records showing that, up until the time of his death, the Reverend Thomas DeLoache preached at the Flat Rock Baptist Church (founded about 1803 and formerly called Walker's Meeting House), situated two or three miles east of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, in the extreme eastern section of the present Edgefield County. He also found records of legal citations published by Mr. DeLoache at the churches which he served.

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WILL OF

THOMAS DELOACH

South Carolina) In the name of God amen, I Thomas Deloach
 Lexington District) preacher of the gospel and of the Baptist
 order and of the District aforesaid being in health of Body and
 of Sound memory and understanding thanks be to god for the Same
 Do make this my last will and testament in the manner and form
 following My will is that all my Estate Lands goods and Chattles
 profets debts Dues ? Demands and incomes, shall Remain in the
 hands of my Beloved wife Sarah During her natural Life or widow-
 hood in order that She may be thereby enabled to School and educate
 my Children and if my Wife Sarah Shall Mary again then my wish is
 that all of my Estate Rale and personal be sold on a credit of
 twelve months and the money arising from Such Sails to be Divided
 in the following Manner (to wit) to my Eight oldest children
 William Deloach and Lucy Hunter and Cata Hunter Thomas Deloach
 and Elisabeth Bush, and John Deloach and Polly and Namely, I
 give one Dollar to Each of them , and the best of my Estate to
 be Equally Devided amongst my Wife Sarah and her children which
 She may have By me, My wife to have a childs part, but and if my
 wife Sarah Shall decease without a Second marriage at her Death I
 Leve my Estate to be to Sold in the manner that is afore Des-
 cribed and Divided amongst my children as afore Said, that is my
 Eight oldest children to have one Dollar Each of them and the
 Rest to be Equally Divided amongst my children which I have got
 by my last Wife Sarah, and I do nominate, Constitute and appoint
 My Said wife Sarah Sole Executrix of this my last will and tes-
 tament hereby Revoking and making Void all and every other will
 or wills at any time hereto fore by me made, and Do Declare this
 to be my last will and testament, in witnefs whereof I the Sd.
 Thomas Deloach have hereunto set my hand and Seal in the year of
 our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and ten and on the twenty
 Second day of June in the Same year it being thirty fourth and
 thirty fifth year of American Independence.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of us

Thomas Deloach (SEAL)

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Mary Spencer

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Joel Bell

Shepherd Spencer J.P.

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