

THOMAS AND MARY PATTON MONTGOMERY

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Thomas Montgomery 1748(9) - 1827(30), a "Scotch-Irish" immigrant and his wife Mary Patton Montgomery (1740-1832) lived in Blount County and are buried in Baker's Creek Cemetery. After publication of "John and Esther Houston Montgomery 1719 - 1984" several inquiries were received concerning their history and descendants. Recently (1989) more information has been discovered. "The Montgomerys and Their Descendants" by D. B. Montgomery (1903) has eight pages summarizing the story of their immigration and their family, with more details on their son Samuel and his son George Washington Montgomery.

Thomas is described as "a man over six feet in height, of great strength and courage, of ruddy complexion, with blue eyes and a well marked Roman nose; a lover of horses and dogs, and rather too much inclined to the race-course to match with the revival spirit that rolled like a wave over the country at the opening of the eighteenth century; and though he fell in with it and gave it his influence, finally he transmitted to all his children a fondness amounting to almost a passion for fine horses, fine cattle and fine dogs."

About the year 1768 (or 1769), Thomas and his wife, the former Mary Patton came to America from the northern part of Ulster. He fought in the war of Revolution, enlisting and serving in the State of Pennsylvania. Because of her ability to master languages and speak them fluently, Mary became a great Indian interpreter, conversing in all the languages of the Indian tribes living or trading in the section of the country in which she lived.

They had eight children: John Patton, William David, George, Samuel, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Susan. The following information on descendants is compiled from both above references.

1. John Patton, born around 1770, merchant of Maryville, may have married Peggy Alexander in Blount County in 1798. However, records confuse him with John, son of James and Margaret Montgomery, born 1778, married Mary Love who was also a merchant and businessman. Both are listed as taxpayers in 1805 and the Blount County Census of 1830 lists John and John P., in 1840, neither were listed. John who married Mary Love died around 1830, and John Patton may have died or may have migrated from the county.
2. William, born around 1772, married Phebe James (possibly second wife). He migrated to Texas, is buried in Plantersville, Texas. Their children were Mary Jane, who married Franklin J. Greenwood; Eddly who married Emeline Harris; Ann, who married Joel Greenwood; Elizabeth married J.G.W. Pierson; Sarah married John F. McGuffin; John; and Andrew who married Mary Farris.
3. David, born around 1774, married Margrate McCorete in Blount County.

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4. George, born around 1770, died in 1815.
5. Margaret P. (Peggy), born around 1780 married Samuel Blythe.
6. Susan, born around 1782, married _____ Blythe.
7. Elizabeth, born around 1784.
8. Samuel, born 1786, married Nancy Jones of Knoxville, Tennessee in 1807. She was a daughter of Col. Richard Jones, who had been a playmate of George III, King of England, when he was Prince of Wales. The marriage was performed by Rev. Samuel Doak who was the son-in-law of John and Esther (Houston) Montgomery. Nancy outlived her husband many years. A beautiful tribute has been written of her life.

Samuel fought in the War of 1812. In 1831(32), he moved to Carroll County, Tennessee, in 1861, moved to Dade County, Missouri where he lived until his death in 1856. They had eleven children: Archibald, Lavinia, Francis Jones, Jane Ann, Mary, Elizabeth, Richard, George Washington, Sophia, Samuel Nelson, and Nancy Isabella Davis.

The Rev. George Washington Montgomery, eighth child of Samuel and Nancy Montgomery was born July 7, 1824. He received his ministerial training in Old Bethel College in Missouri and in 1850, began his pioneer life as a young preacher in Dade County, Missouri. In October 1851, he married Sarah Ann Rankin who was born in Tennessee, having moved with her parents to Dade County, Missouri. Possibly due to conflicts over slavery and other aspects of this border--warfare region of South--West Missouri during the Civil War, he moved to Illinois where he reared and educated his children. Their children were John Theodore, Mack Allen, Mary Elizabeth Clementine, George William, Samuel Thomas, Laura May, Ulses Lincoln, and Finis Erving. Mary Elizabeth Clementine married George W. Lippincott.

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