

Descendants of Josiah Thornton Sr.

Generation 1

1. **JOSIAH¹ THORNTON SR.** was born on 22 Aug 1758 in Louisa, Colony of Virginia, British Colonial America. He died on 01 Nov 1845 in Lutts, Wayne, Tennessee, United States. He married Sarah "Sallie" Fowler Thornton about 1780 in South Carolina, USA. She was born on 01 Mar 1763 in Ashe County, North Carolina, USA. She died on 29 Oct 1849 in Wayne, Tennessee, United States.

Notes for Josiah Thornton Sr.:

Josiah died in Wayne county TN in 1849. It is believed that he and his wife Sara were living with their son, Josiah, at the time of their deaths, as the 1840 census indicated that there were two elderly people living with Josiah. The ages matched those of Josiah and Sara.

Josiah Thornton lived in Spartanburg, SC at the time of the American Revolution, and served in the SC militia following the battle of Charleston SC, with COL Benjamin Roebuck in several battles in SC. Josiah is listed in the Daughter's of the American Revolution Book of Heroes.

Josiah Thornton Sr. and Sarah "Sallie" Fowler Thornton had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH² THORNTON was born on 08 Mar 1781 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, S. Carolina. She died in 1782 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States.
- ii. THOMAS THORNTON was born on 15 Dec 1783 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, USA. He died on 07 Jan 1875 in Forsyth, Monroe Co, GA. He married Rebecca House, daughter of Thomas House, in 1810 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. She was born in 1785 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. She died in 1860 in Rome, GA (Myrtle Hill Cemetery).
- iii. SPARLING THORNTON was born on 19 Feb 1786 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. He died in 1855 in Wayne, Tennessee, United States. He married (1) SARAH. He married (2) MARY McLAREN (McCLARIN?) JOHNSTON on 23 Feb 1838 in Lawrence, TN.
- iv. RHODA THORNTON was born on 27 Dec 1788 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. She died in 1860 in Hardin, Tennessee, United States.
- v. ELEANOR "NELLY" THORNTON was born on 06 Jul 1791 in Spartanburg, SC. She died on 20 Aug 1871 in Savannah, Hardin, Tennessee, United States. She married Lenoir W. Cantrell on 11 Aug 1824. He was born about 1795. He died in Hardin County, TN, buried in Lenoir Cantrell Farm, near Savannah, TN..

Notes for Eleanor "Nelly" Thornton:

She and Lenoir had no children of their own, but raised Calista, Theresa Emily, Oliver Hazard Perry, and Thirza Thornton after Thurza Thornton Cantrell's death. The children's father John Wesley Cantrell remarried and had several other children by his second wife. This second family is covered under a separate family group.

According to Mr. John Minton Thornton, born 1905, Lauderdale Co, AL., Elenor and Lenoir became quite wealthy, and owned some of the land that was fought on during the battle of Shiloh.

- vi. ISAAC THORNTON was born on 22 Jan 1794 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. He died in Jun 1850 in Hardin County, Tennessee. He married Nancy about 1811 in SC. She was born in 1797 in South Carolina. She died in 1880 in Lawrence,,Arkansas,USA.

Notes for Isaac Thornton:

A very definitive work on "Isaac Thornton (1817-1906) His Descendants and Some of His Forebears", has been done by Beatrice Thornton Keeling and Wanda Willard Smith. This work is available in the Georgia State Archives, Atlanta, Ga. A portion of the information in that work is included in this FTW file, but it is such an extensive work, and already recorded, that the effort has not yet been made to enter all the data. Maybe someday.....

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- vii. JOSIAH THORNTON(JR.) was born on 11 Mar 1796 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. He died in 1875 in Weakley, Tennessee, United States. He married FRANCES DEWBERRY. She was born in Ashe County, North Carolina, USA.
- viii. SALLY THORNTON was born on 07 Jun 1798 in Spartanburg, SC. She died in 1890.
- ix. MORDICA(MORDICAI) THORNTON was born on 21 Dec 1800 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. He died in 1878 in Bear County, Searcy County, AR. Cooper Cemetery. He married Amelia Westmoreland in 1826. She was born in 1802 in SC.

Notes for Mordica(Mordicai) Thornton:

The age information for the persons listed on this home page were derived from the 1880 soundex listing for Wayne County TN.

- x. WILLIAM THORNTON was born on 03 Apr 1803 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. He died in 1865 in Gibson, Gibson, Tennessee, United States. He married MARY A. She was born about 1820 in Georgia.

Notes for William Thornton:

The age information for persons on this family page was derived from the 1850 Wayne County, TN census.

- xi. THURZA THORNTON was born on 16 Jun 1805 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. She died on 27 Apr 1846 in Hardin County, TN, buried in Lenoir Cantrell Farm, near Savannah, TN.. She married James Wesley Cantrell, son of John Cantrell and Mary, on 12 Jun 1823. He was born on 29 Nov 1800 in SC. He died on 21 Apr 1858 in Hardin County, TN buried in Lenoir Cantrell Farm, near Savannah, TN..

Notes for James Wesley Cantrell:

After Thurza's death, her older sister, Elenor, who married Lenoir Cantrell, brother to James, took Thurza's children and reared them.

- xii. MAHALA THORNTON was born on 16 Sep 1807 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, United States. She died on 21 Apr 1858 in Hardin, Tennessee, United States.