

Thomas-Bridges Family History

SHORT HISTORY OF THE BRIDGES FAMILY Drewry (Drury) Bridges was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina on August 30, 1765. His wife Charity Cohoon (Calhoun), was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina on September 18, 1771. They were married in 1789. Drewry and Charity moved to Trigg County, Kentucky from Edgecombe County in 1804. He and his family made the 600 mile trip by oxen-drawn covered wagon. He and his wife raised six of their seven children, Piety, Selethia, Jemima, William, Elizabeth, and Mary on land located on Beechy Fork Creek in the Maple Grove community. One son Orren Dates had died in North Carolina. The log cabin which Drewry built stood until 1907 when it was torn down by one of his grandsons to build a new home. Today, a portion of the 700 acres owned by Drury upon his death in 1840 is still owned by his descendants. Three of Drewry and Charity's children married three of the children of James and Mary (Standley) Thomas, all of whom had large families and created three sets of double cousins. William, their only son who grew to maturity, married Mary Thomas on June 20, 1820. They had twelve children. Drewry Bridges died on June 13, 1840 and his wife Charity died on October 16, 1852. The ancestry of Drury Bridges has been traced back to prior to 1500 in England. You can follow this ancestry by clicking here: [ANCESTRY OF THE BRIDGES FAMILY](#). **SHORT HISTORY OF THE THOMAS FAMILY** James Thomas II (or Sr.) was born in 1762 in Bertie County, North Carolina and served in the Revolutionary War at the age of 19. His wife, Mary "Mollie" Standley was born in 1762 in Bertie county, North Carolina. James and Mary were married on September 6, 1790. They traveled by covered wagon and flatboat to Trigg County, Kentucky from Bertie County, North Carolina in 1806. They settled on a 200 acre land grant on Donaldson Creek. He and his wife raised seven children: Cullen, Temperance, Perry, Starkie, Mary, James Jr., and Stanley. Three of James and Mary's children married three of the children of Drewry and Charity Bridges, resulting in 36 double cousins. Their son Starkie married Mary Bridges on March 24, 1825. They had eleven children. Their son Perry married Elizabeth Bridges. They had fourteen children. Their daughter Mary Thomas married William Bridges. They had twelve children. James Thomas, Sr. died on September 9, 1832 and his wife Mary/"Mollie" died on April 12, 1825. The ancestry of James Thomas, Sr. has been traced back to 1585 in Wales. You can follow this ancestry by clicking here: [ANCESTRY OF THE THOMAS FAMILY](#). **THE SEVEN CHILDREN OF JAMES THOMAS SR, AND MARY "MOLLIE" STANDLEY AND THE THREE CHILDREN OF DREWRY AND CHARITY BRIDGES ARE SHOWN BELOW. THE THREE BRIDGES FAMILY MEMBERS ARE SHOWN WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SPOUSE. IT IS THE DESCENDANTS OF DREWRY AND CHARITY and JAMES AND MARY THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY TREE.**

Cullen Thomas

Born Aug 21, 1791, Died Jun 8, 1862

Married

Elizabeth Futrell (1M)

Born 1790, Died Mar 8, 1844

1. Alfred Thomas (No descendants)
2. Mary Thomas (No descendants)
3. Peyton Thomas
4. James Thomas (No descendants)
5. Emeline Thomas
Drucilla Carter (2M) Born Aug 11, 1810, Died May 23, 1899
6. William C. Thomas (No descendants)
7. John Cullen Thomas (No descendants)

Temperance Thomas

Born 1794, Died Oct 2, 1817 Married Ezekiel Thomas

1. Clarissa (Clerry) Thomas (No descendants)

Perry Thomas

and

Elizabeth Josephine Bridges Perry Thomas Born May 25, 1797, Died Jul 13, 1886 Married Elizabeth Josephine Bridges Born Oct 29, 1804, Died Feb 1, 1891

1. Albert Thomas (No descendants)
2. Alpha Thomas
3. Allison W. Thomas
4. William S. Thomas (No descendants)
5. Rufus King Thomas
6. Benjamin Franklin Thomas
7. James H. Thomas (No descendants)
8. Perry Thomas, Jr. (No descendants)
9. Eliza Jane Thomas
10. Chilton Allen Thomas
11. Starkie Duprey Thomas
12. Josephine Thomas (No descendants)
13. Etna Thomas (No descendants)
14. Winfield Scott Thomas

Starkie Thomas

and

Mary Bridges

Starkie Thomas Born Jun 29, 1799, Died Sep 15, 1881 Married Mary Bridges Born Jul 20, 1807, Died Oct 7, 1890

1. William Bridges Thomas
2. Stanley Thomas
3. Adeline Thomas Jul 28, 1830-Jun 28, 1838 (No descendants)
4. James Jasper Thomas
5. Alfred Marshall Thomas
6. Peachie A. Thomas (No descendants)
7. Francis Marion (Fant) Thomas
8. Bluford M. Thomas
9. Perry C. Thomas
10. Starkie Armstead Thomas
11. Mary Jane Thomas

Mary Thomas

and

William Bridges Mary Thomas Born Jul 1, 1802, Died Jul 28, 1876 Married William Bridges Born May 30, 1800, Died Jul 11, 1844

1. Orren D. Bridges,
2. Starkie T. Bridges
3. Simco N. Bridges
4. Drewry Bridges
5. Burnetta Bridges (No descendants)
6. James C. Bridges
7. William Bridges (No descendants)
8. Stanley Bridges (No descendants)
9. Mary Adeline Bridges
10. Charity S. Bridges
11. John Bridges twin of Charity (No descendants)
12. Cullen Thomas Bridges

James Thomas Jr. Born Nov 3, 1803, Died Feb 20, 1864

Married

Margaret Ethridge

Born 1810, Died Apr 6, 1886

1. Edwin C. Thomas
 2. Carroll Thomas
 3. Infant Thomas (No descendants)
 4. James Clark (Muck) Thomas
 5. Pollie Thomas (No descendants)
 6. Amanda Jane Thomas
- Stanley Thomas Born Nov 6, 1806, Died Apr 11, 1858 Married Sarah Thompson Rothrock Born Nov 15, 1815, Died Apr 11, 1853

1. Robert B. Thomas (No descendants)
2. Henry Clay Thomas
3. Sarah Adelle Thomas

THE ANCESTORS OF JEMIMA BRIDGES AND ALLEN SHOLAR CAN BE FOUND AT THE SHOLAR FAMILY SUMMARY PAGE.