

Logansboro Genealogy

Family Profiles

Thomas Logan, 1788

Two stories: our family legend has that he was born in Scotland, Isle of Logue, but all census records say he was born in South Carolina around 1788. Our first documentation of him there is in 1813 when his eldest son, Alexander was born. The Thomas Logan your Uncle Bill saw scratched in the wood at Ellis Island couldn't have been him--Ellis Island began admitting in the 1890's I think, and our Thomas was here and long dead by then. I'm in contact with other Logan descendents, mostly from Alexander's line, and none of us have been able to go further back with Thomas--he just appears in 1813 in SC out of nowhere. It's going to be challenging to take this further back, but I have a couple of leads--just no time to pursue!!

He was married to Elizabeth last name Owen or Swan. Published info we have says Owen, but we have a transcription of Alexander's marriage license and from Illinois and it says Swan. I'll need to go there and read the original document--I can see how in that old lettering Owen and Swan could be mistaken for one another. They travelled to Nashville first where William was born in 1826 or 7, then on to White county then Greene county Illinois. Alexander began farming there and Thomas and the family went to the Michigan territory to work in the lead mines (now Grant County Wisconsin). Wife Elizabeth died there in 1834; Thomas kept moving along. In 1850 and 60 census he's living in Greene county with one of his sons. He died in Arkansas in 1865. Don't know if a son went and he travelled there with him or what. Sibs are: Alexander (1812) -1887) Catherine (1817?- ?) Rebecca (?-?) Wiley (1822?-?) William (1827-1909) John Franklin (1829? -) Elizabeth Green (1832-1865) Allen (1834? - ?)