

Thomas Milsap (c1766-1850's)

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Thomas Milsap was born about 1766 in North Carolina (source 1850 Wayne County, Ky. census). He may be the son of a Thomas Millsaps who was born before 1735 in Ireland and who is listed as a Revolutionary War Patriot by virtue of his furnishing supplies to the troops during the Revolution. This older Thomas at the time of the American Revolution was residing in Randolph County, North Carolina, he died following 23 May 1783, his wife was named Sarah and he had a son William who was born in October 1769 and married Rebecca Webster.

Thomas Milsap, born ca1766, was listed in the 1790, 1800 & 1810 censuses of Iredell County, North Carolina:

1790 Iredell County, N.C. census, Salisbury District:

Thomas Milsaps	2 males 0-16	3 females
	1 male over 16	

1800 Iredell County, N.C. census, p.611:

Thomas Milsaps	3 males 0-10	2 females 0-10
	1 male 10-16	2 females 10-16
	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45

1810 Iredell County, N.C. census, p254:

Thomas Milsaps	1 male 0-10	1 female 0-10
	2 males 10-16	2 females 10-16
	1 male 16-26	3 females 16-26
	1 male 26-45	1 female over45
	1 male over45	

Between 1810 and 1813 Thomas Milsap left North Carolina and moved to Kentucky where he settled in Wayne County. He was listed in the 1820, 1830, 1840 & 1850 censuses of Wayne County:

1820 Wayne County, Ky. census, p95:

Thomas Milsaps, Sr.	2 males 0-10	1 female 0-10
	1 male 16-26	1 female 10-16
	1 male over45	1 female 16-26
		1 female over45

1830 Wayne County, Ky. census, p.256:

Thomas Milsaps	1 male 5-10	1 female 20-30
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1 male 15-20	1 female 50-60
1 male 60-70	

1840 Wayne County, Ky. census, p.172:

Thomas Millsaps	1 male 70-80	1 female 10-15
		1 female 60-70

1850 Wayne County, Ky. census, p.329b, #672:

Milsaps. Thomas	84 m	farmer	real estate \$800	N.C.
Nancy	68 f			N.C.
Morgan, Lucinda	21 f			Ky.

Thomas Milsap's wife, was named Mary ("Polly"), she died sometime between 1840-1847. In Wayne County, Ky. on 4 December 1847 Thomas Milsap married second Mrs. Nancy Woods, they had no children. Thomas and Mary Milsap census records suggest may have had from 10 to 12 children, Among these were:

- Sally - married Christian Pevyhouse 13 May 1813 Wayne County, Ky.
- Mary - married Randolph / Randall Morgan circa 1824.
- Julia - married John Butram 3 April 1819 Wayne County, Ky. Tarsy - married Allison Keeton: 12 April 1830 Wayne County, Ky.
- Hiram - born 1790-1800, married Sarah "Polly" Huffaker 25 August 1818 Wayne County, Ky., listed in the 1830 census of Fentress County, Tenn.
- Hiel - married Rebecca Cawood Huffaker 10 November 1820 Wayne County, Ky.
- Thomas. Jr. - born ca1795. and
- Tilman - born ca 1810, married Elizabeth Edwards 25 February 1832 Wayne County, Ky.

Thomas Milsap, Sr. died sometime following the 1850 census of Wayne County and before the 1860 census, in the 1860 census of Wayne County his widow Nancy Milsaps was residing in the home of Belfield Woods, probably one of her sons by her first marriage.

Thomas Milsap, Jr.. son of Thomas and Mary, was born about 1795 in Iredell County, N.C. He married twice, on 21 October 1815 in Wayne County, Ky. he married Jenny Dearing, she died during the 1830's, the census records suggest they had about eight children. Between 1830-1839 Thomas Milsap, Jr. married second, Mary. Thomas Milsap, Jr. was listed in the 1820 census of Wayne County, Ky., at the time of the 1830 census he was residing just south of Wayne county, Ky. in Fentress County, Tenn., in 1840 and 1850 he was listed in the censuses of Wayne County, Ky.

1820 Wayne County Ky. census, p95:

Thomas Milsaps, Jr.	1 male 0-10	2 females 0-10
	1 male 26-45	1 female 16-26

1830 Fentress County, Tenn. census, p.16:

Thomas Millsapp	1 male 0-5	2 females 0-5
	1 male 5-10	2 females 5-10

1 male 10-15	1 female 30-40
1 male 30-40	

1840 Wayne County, Ky. census, p.172:

Thomas Millsaps	1 male 5-10	1 female 0-5
	1 40-50'	1 female 10-15
		1 female 30-40

1850 Wayne County, Ky. census, p.303b, #307:

Milsaps, Thomas	55	m	farmer	N .C.
Mary	45	f		N.C.
Harriet	11	f		Ky.
Beslin	9	m		Ky.
Laverna A.	7	f		Ky.
Priscilla	4	f		Ky.
Thomas B.	3	m		Ky.

1860 Wayne County, Ky. census, p297b, #460-455:

Millsaps, Mary	55	f		Ga.
Thomas B.	13	m		Ky.

Thomas Milsap, Jr. died 4 May 1858, in the vital statistic records in Wayne County it was recorded that he resided and died on the South Fork in Wayne County of dropsy, he was married, was a farmer and was the son of Thomas & Polly Milsaps. His widow, Mary, was listed in the 1860 census of Wayne County but was not located in the 1870 Wayne County census, According to the 1850 census Thomas Milsap, Jr. and his second wife, Mary, had five children:

- Harriet Matilda, married Isham Thomas Mills 26 June 1855 Wayne County, Ky., according to her marriage record she was age 16 and was born in Fentress County, Tenn.
- Bestin, born about 1840 Wayne County, Ky. died after 1850.
- Luverna G. Milsap was born- 27 February 1843 Wayne County, Ky., married James John Piercy, they resided in Wayne County, she died after 1915 and was buried at the Dishman Cemetery, in Slickford, Wayne County, Ky.
- Priscilla, born about 1846 Wayne County. Ky., died after 1860.
- Thomas B. Millsaps (spelling on his monument) was born 4 April 1847 Wayne County, Ky. died 11 November 1920 and was buried in the Alexander Cemetery in Monticello, Wayne County, Ky.