



Thomas Hardeman

1750 – 1833

Tennessee

Thomas [Old Tom] Hardeman was born in Albermarle county in the colony of Virginia in 1750 and later was a resident of the Watauga community of eastern Tennessee when that area known as “Over the Mountain” was still wild pioneer country.

Thomas married [1] Mary Hardin Perkins and later married [2] her sister Susannah Perkins. During the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War, when Major Ferguson was detached from Lord Cornwallis’ Army to go into western North Carolina and suppress Patriot activity; he was to get support from Tories of the area. He sent notice to all who would not pledge allegiance to King George of England that he was coming to lay waste to their land and families. Thomas was one of many who answered Major Ferguson’s challenge.

Thomas Hardeman was serving in the militia under command of Captain William Been and arrived at King’s Mountain, North Carolina. After the defeat of Major Ferguson’s force at King’s Mountain, Hardeman moved on with the militia and the capture of Isam Yearly and other Tories of the area.

After the Revolutionary War he moved to Davidson County, Tennessee and served as a delegate in the first state convention. Thomas Hardeman died 3 June 1833 in the township of Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee.