

I contacted a profession genealogist to go to the Library in Atlanta, Georgia to obtain copies of the documents on file in their archives concerning the estate of Richard Reynolds. After reviewing the documents, it is apparent that the abstracts concerning the previous information were distorted. It appears to me that there are two separate and distinct estate files concerning a Richard Reynolds, deceased.

From the collection of documents received from the genealogist, we find the earliest document in this file is dated September 30, 1789 and it is an inventory of the estate of Richard Reynolds, dec'd.

The next document is dated January 13, 1793, Return of receipt and expenditures of the estate of Richard Reynolds dec'd. To sundries furnished Richard Reynolds in his life time from the month of February 2\_, 1788 to the first day of October following.

The document dated February 14, 1793 is of significance because we know that Sarah Ann Reynolds is deceased. A bond placed with court concerning the estate of Richard Reynolds, dec'd. States that estate is unadministrated by Sarah Ann Reynolds sole executrix, dec'd. Signed by Thomas Reynolds and Spencer Reynolds. *Thomas and Spencer were sons of Richard and Sarah Ann Reynolds.*

There are two separate and distinct inventories taken concerning a Richard Reynolds, deceased, one occurred on September 30, 1789 and the other was taken November 11, 1800. I do not believe that the court would have ordered another inventory of the earlier estate again in 1800, some eleven years after the other inventory in 1789. It appears to me that the first estate had been adjudicated by 1795. .

The estate where Thomas Reynolds was the sole administrator appears to be adjudicated by 1795. This is based on the facts contained in the documents dated January 6, 1795, where all named parties, including Richard, signed a document stating that they had received in full all legacie bequeathed to the in and by the last will and Testament of said Richard Reynolds dec'd. Whereas, the second estate that involved another Richard Reynolds was active until at least 1806. This

second estate of a Richard Reynolds, dec'd., was administrated by Thomas Reynolds and Joseph Henderson. Joseph Henderson is sometimes referred to as a junior.

In the first estate none of Richard and Sarah Ann Reynolds' children was identified as orphans. If any of these children were not of age, they would have been identified as an orphan and the court would have appointed a guardian or the child would have requested a guardian. This would support the fact that Richard Reynolds the son of Richard and Sarah Ann Reynolds was in fact of age when he sold slaves in August of 1791.

On January 06, 1795 and January 10, 1795, it appears that the estate was settled as all their children receive their legacy from the estate. Their children identified with the surname of Reynolds were: George Reynolds, Joseph Reynolds, Richard Reynolds, Betsey Reynolds, John Reynolds and Spencer Reynolds, and one other person listed must have been related to Richard and Sarah Ann Reynolds. He was identified as Jacob Reigor, a legacie. The court documents do not show any additional activity on the estate of Richard Reynolds, dec'd., administrated by Thomas Reynolds after this date. In the first set of court documents, Richard Reynolds was able to sign his own name and in the second set of documents Richard Reynolds was unable to sign his name, he only made his mark (X).

In the documents of the later Richard Reynolds, dec'd. Estate, the names of subjects listed throughout the second estate of Richard Reynolds, dec'd, were: Mary, Dolly, Polly, Matthew and Richard. Richard is the only common name in the two estates. However, in the latter estate Richard and Matthew were listed as orphans. Could one of the mentioned female names be their mother? It is noted that the name "Mary" only appears once, whereas the name "Dolly" appears several times. They could have chosen a guardian by the age of 14. Other than the fact that a Thomas Reynolds was an administrator of this estate and that the Reynolds family utilized the name Richard in many generations, there are no tangible association between the two estates.