

Thomas Glover of Cumberland Is the Son of Thomas Glover of Nash

My name is Kenneth Elbert Glover (Ken). I was born in 1939 and grew up in the northern part of Sampson County, North Carolina. Two objectives of this writing are to connect the dots between myself and Thomas Glover of Nash and to tell the story of my search and discoveries that led to the conclusion that Thomas Glover of Nash is my Great, Great, Great Grandfather.

I know much information about the two generations before me from personal experience, conversations with my Dad and Grandpa, and visits with other Glover relatives. This report is the story of the search for and documentation of additional information about my ancestors.

Although I am writing in the first person, this project has been a joint effort with my wife, Lucinda Howell Glover, who is the primary genealogist in the family.

My father was Elbert E Glover, b. 1914 d. 1988, m. Annie C. Winstead, children: Ken, Dwanda, Calvin, and Kim.

My grandfather was Calvin Onslow (Lonnie) Glover, b. 1888 d. 1981, m. Bertie Strickland, children: Perry, Elbert, Lillian, Herman Ercell, Erwin, and Lola.

My great grandfather was Calvin Thomas Glover, b. 1829 d.1911, m1 Sarah (Betsy) Moore 1860¹, children: Hugh Franklin (Hughey), William Riley, Cynthia Elizabeth, and Jesse Thomas; m2 Emily Catherine Ryals circa 1885, children: Leitha, Calvin Onslow (Lonnie), Henry, and Luther Allen.

My great, great grandfather was Thomas Glover [of Cumberland], b. circa 1775 d. circa 1855. M1 [unknown], children: [believed to be: Hudson, Guilford, and unknown daughter]; m2 Sarah (Sally) Hair 1824², children: William Riley (Will), Calvin Thomas, and Mary A.

My great, great, great grandfather was Thomas Glover [of Nash] b. circa 1744 d. 1791, m. Silviah^{3,4} [possible surname of Riggan]⁵, known children: John, Thomas, Nancy (Ann), Mary (Polly), Rebecca, William, and Benjamin.

The genealogical trail leading to Thomas Glover [of Cumberland] was relatively easy to follow. Finding the connection to Thomas Glover's parents, siblings, and first wife has been much more challenging. The earliest census showing Thomas Glover living in Cumberland County was 1810⁶. Thomas was head of household and is presumed to be the oldest male, aged 26-45. There was one male under 10, probably his son. There was a female 16-26, presumed to be his wife and another female over 45 [relationship unknown].

In the 1820 census in Cumberland County, Thomas is head of household, presumably the male over 45 with a male 16-18 and another male under 10. Females include one 26-44, presumably his wife, one over 45, perhaps the same person as in 1810, and another female under 10⁷.

The names and relationships of the members of Thomas's household in 1820 remain undocumented. Thomas's oldest son may have been Hudson Glover. This is based on a marriage bond for Hudson Glover and Peggy Herrin in Cumberland County in 1823 where Thomas Glover is listed as bondsman⁸. Based on the 1820 census, Hudson would have been born between 1802 and 1804 and would have been 21-23 in 1823 when he married. There is no record of Hudson Glover in the NC census indexes from 1790 to 1850, but there is a Hudson Glover in 1830 through 1850 censuses in Monroe County, Alabama^{9,10,11}. Other information¹² suggests that Hudson (Samuel Hudson) was born in North Carolina and this age in the Alabama censuses 1830 through 1850 are consistent with the connection to Thomas

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Glover of Cumberland. The other son in Thomas's household in 1820 may have been Guilford who was in Monroe County Alabama in the 1840 census¹³. The ages of Thomas Glover's household members in the 1820 census in Cumberland County suggest that Thomas had a wife, two sons, one daughter, and an older woman [maybe his mother-in-law?].

Thomas Glover is listed as head of household in the 1830, 1840, and 1850 censuses^{14,15,16}. In 1850 other names in his household include Sarah and Calvin T. The other children of Thomas and Sally (Sarah) are believed to be Will R. Glover¹⁷ and Mary A. Glover¹⁸. This is based on the number of males and females in the household in 1830 and 1840 and their ages in the 1850 census.

None of the information related to Thomas Glover in Cumberland County answers the critical question: Where was Thomas Glover, first listed in Cumberland in the 1810 census, before he arrived in Cumberland County? There were no Glovers listed in Cumberland County before 1810. We searched census records in North Carolina for Thomas Glover. We examined age and census data, wills, and marriage records for other Thomas Glovers in North Carolina in this time period and were able to rule them out as being the same person as Thomas Glover in Cumberland in 1810¹⁹.

We found a Thomas Glover of the right age category in Nash County in 1800²⁰ and did not find him in Nash County in 1810 or later. This Thomas Glover was listed in a household of one in 1800.

There was another Thomas Glover in Nash County in 1790²¹ who was too old to be the same Thomas who was in Cumberland. There was nothing we could find to directly link the Thomas in Nash in 1800 to the Thomas in Cumberland in 1810. Furthermore, there was nothing that linked Thomas in 1800 to the Thomas in 1790. However, the dates and estimated ages of the two Thomas Glovers suggested they could be father and son and that the Thomas in 1800 may have moved to Cumberland by 1810.

In checking land records, we found two deeds that added credence to the theory that Thomas [Sr.] of Nash was the father of the younger Thomas [Jr.] in Nash in 1800. The earlier deed showed the purchase of 380 acres by Thomas Glover [Sr.] from John Whitfield in 1785²². The second deed was Thomas Glover [Jr.] selling "his share of his father's land, 95 acres" to John Glover in 1803²³. This 95 acre share is exactly one fourth of 380 acres. The inheritance laws in North Carolina in 1791, the estimated date of death of Thomas [Sr.], required that land owned by a person who died intestate be divided equally among the sons of that person. Three sons are named in guardian records where John, a son of Thomas, was appointed guardian of William and Benjamin in 1797. The theory that Thomas [Jr.] was the fourth son is supported by the fact that his inherited 95 acres was a fourth of 380 acres, the size of the land parcel purchased by Thomas [Sr.] in 1785.

Thomas [Jr.]'s estimated birth date is 1775. This date is based on analysis of his age in census records, the fact that he was not young enough to be an orphan in 1797, and that he was old enough to have been less than 16 in Thomas [Sr.]'s household in 1790. Although these findings do not prove that Thomas Glover [Jr.] of Cumberland in 1810 was the same Thomas [Jr.] who was in Nash in 1800, the pieces of information make a strong suggestion for this connection, especially in the absence of likely links to other Thomas Glovers in North Carolina.

The final proof for me was a Y-DNA²⁴ match with a documented descendant of Benjamin Glover, the youngest son of Thomas Glover of Nash. I had my Y-DNA tested in May, 2009. My results did not match results from other male Glovers in the Glover Surname Project²⁵. About August, 2010, we began to search for a living male with the Glover surname who would agree to take the Y-DNA test. We began following Benjamin Glover's line. Benjamin was the youngest male child of Thomas Glover [Sr.] who was born about 1791, the year of Thomas [Sr.]'s death.

We looked at census records of Benjamin and learned that Yancy was a son of Benjamin, that George was a son of Yancy, and that Loomis was a son of George. In the 1930 census, Loomis had 2 sons named Charles F., age 5, and George A., age 3. We found an obituary for George A. who died in 2004. The obituary stated that George A. was survived by a brother, Charles F. Glover of Raleigh. We found that Charles F. Glover, now 85, lives in our neighborhood a mile from our house. After getting to know Charles and his wife, he agreed to take the 37 marker Y-DNA test. When Charles got the final results just before Thanksgiving, his results matched my results. Specifically, 36 markers were the same for both of us and we had a difference of 1 on the other marker. This match confirms that Charles and I have a recent common ancestor. We can now confidently say our common ancestor is Thomas Glover [Sr.] of Nash who would be for each of us our great, great, great grandfather. Charles and I are fourth cousins.

In genealogy as in other life pursuits, each answer raises more questions: What else can we learn about Thomas Glover [Sr.]? Who were his parents and siblings? Where did they live before Nash County? How can we confirm the surname of his wife Silviah [Riggan?]? Was he related to an older Thomas Glover in Bute County?

We are searching for answers to these and other questions and welcome comments or questions from anyone interested in this Glover family.

1. Cumberland County, North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, no. 32422, Glover-Moore, 1860; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.
2. Cumberland County, North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, no. 36195, Glover-Hair, 1824; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.
3. Nash County, North Carolina, Estate files, Thomas Glover, 1791; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.
4. Nash County, North Carolina, Estate files, William Glover, 1809; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.
5. Warren County, North Carolina, Will files, John Riggan, 1803; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.
6. Thomas Glover household, 1810 U.S. census, Cumberland County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 563, line 15; National Archives micropublication M252_39. [NOTE: All herein cited census data were obtained from digital images, by subscription, from *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>)]
7. Thomas Glover household, 1820 U.S. census, Cumberland County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 157, line 8; National Archives micropublication M33_83.
8. Cumberland County, North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, no. 32426, Glover-Herrin, 1823; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.
9. Hudson Glover household, 1830 U.S. census, Monroe County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 34, line 26; National Archives micropublication M19_2.
10. Hudson Glover household, 1840 U.S. census, Monroe County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 224, line 25; National Archives micropublication M704_11.

11. Hudson Glover household, 1850 U.S. census, Monroe County, Alabama, population schedule, Twp [not stated], dwelling 659, family 659; National Archives micropublication M432_11.
12. Correspondence with Sheila Cromwell Lyon, Feb. 2, 2004. [NOTE: Sheila is a direct descendant of Samuel Hudson Glover, of Monroe County, Alabama]
13. Guilford Glover household, 1840 U.S. census, Monroe County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 224, line 18; National Archives micropublication M704_11.
14. Thomas Glover household, 1830 U.S. census, Cumberland County, North Carolina, population schedule, Carvers Creek District, p. 45, line 14; National Archives micropublication M19_120.
15. Thos Glover household, 1840 U.S. census, Cumberland County, North Carolina, population schedule, west side of Cape Fear District, p. 255, line 27; National Archives micropublication M704_255.
16. Thos Glover household, 1850 U.S. census, Cumberland County, North Carolina, population schedule, Northern Division, dwelling 892, family 892; National Archives micropublication M432_627.
17. Will B. Ham household, 1850 U.S. census, Cumberland County, North Carolina, population schedule, Northern Division, dwelling 930, family 930; National Archives micropublication M432_627.
18. Jno S Wilson household, 1850 U.S. census, Cumberland County, North Carolina, population schedule, Northern Division, dwelling 901, family 901; National Archives micropublication M432_627.
19. NOTE: Other Thomas Glovers in this time frame that were ruled out were the ones in Chatham, Northampton, and Granville counties.
20. Thomas Glover household, 1800 U.S. census, Nash County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 101, line 15; National Archives micropublication M32_32.
21. Thomas Glover household, 1790 U.S. census, Nash County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 11, line 17; National Archives micropublication M637_7.
22. Nash County, North Carolina, Deed Book 3_385: Whitfield to Glover, 1785; Register of Deeds Office, Nashville, NC.
23. Nash County, North Carolina, Deed Book 7_220: Glover to Glover, 1803; Register of Deeds Office, Nashville, NC.
24. NOTE: For more information on Y-DNA testing, see <http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com>
25. NOTE: For more information on the Glover Surname Project, see <http://www.worldfamilies.net/>