

John Gladden

1755 - 1822

South Carolina

John Gladden's family roots were derived from County Adare, Ireland. His forefathers settled in Accomack County, Virginia during the 1600s and eventually made their way along with other colonists to Fairfax County, Virginia. John was born in Fairfax in 1755. He and brothers Jesse and William immigrated to Fairfield County, South Carolina where John took a wife and raised a family. John's eldest daughter, Missy Gladden, married Littleton Hollis in Fairfield County, South Carolina about 1816. Littleton Hollis was the son of Revolutionary War Militiaman Patriot James Hollis, Sr.

At the time of the Revolutionary War and British campaigns in the South, John and his two brothers, Jesse and William, enlisted in the militia composed of men from Fairfield, Chester, and Kershaw Counties, South Carolina. These various militia units served under the command of General Francis Marion, also known as "The Swamp Fox". After the war, at the time Patriots were summonsed to give depositions about their service during the war, noted Patriot militia leaders Captain John Hollis and Lieutenant Moses Hollis swore to the service of militiamen Jesse, John, and William Gladden. John Gladden died in 1822 and was buried at the First Episcopal Methodist Church in Winnsboro, South Carolina. John Gladden's widow continued to live on the 200 acre plantation in Chester County, South Carolina, which John received through a South Carolina land grant for his service in the Revolutionary War.