

## Ann Lenoir Westmoreland

## 1731 – 1825

## South Carolina

Ann Nancy Lenoir was born 28 June 1731 in St. Andrews, Brunswick, Virginia to Thomas Lenoir and Mourning Crawley. Her brother, William Lenoir, about 20 years her junior, would go on to serve as a Captain in the Virginia Continental Army at King's Mountain and later as a Major General in the Virginia Militia.

Ann Nancy Lenoir married John Robert Westmoreland in 1750 and together they had seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Ann and John were farmers, as were so many colonists at that time. When called upon, Nancy provided supplies and aid to the South Carolina Militia in their fight against the Tories in the Spartanburg, South Carolina area.

She died in 1825 in Spartanburg, South Carolina and is buried in the Westmoreland Family Cemetery in Enoree.

During the Revolutionary War, many atrocities occurred regarding out patriot ancestors, and Ann Nancy's family was not immune to these acts. From the Westmoreland Family Record:

During the American War for Independence a squad of Tories and British soldiers was camped on the hillside where Cedar Grove Baptist Church now stands. Thomas Westmoreland, Sr. was whipped to death by the Tories as they sought to get him to reveal the hiding place of money from his crop. John Westmoreland, son of Thomas, was also whipped, but survived the ordeal. The wife of Thomas Westmoreland, Sr. discovered a company of American soldiers in the lower part of Laurens County and told them of the encampment of the British and the Tories. With the American soldiers attacking from one side and nothing but the Enoree River on the other side, the British and Tories had no alternative but to try to cross the river. In the process many were drowned.