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PATRIOT STORIES

Thomas Green Alvey, Maryland, A204928

Thomas Green Alvey was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1745. This area was settled by English Catholics and considered to be the "birthplace of religious freedom in North America" because at the time, the British Colonies were settled predominantly by Protestants. Thomas's family came to America for religious freedom as they were devout Catholics and his descendants to this day have steadfastly practiced the faith.

When the American Revolution started, Thomas was middle-aged and had a wife and two sons. His faith must have had a strong influence on his patriotism, because he soon enlisted for three years. He fought as a private in the Third Maryland Regiment and served in the company of Captain Chew of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ramsey. He served in the Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey at the storming of Stony Point. He was wounded at Paramus, New Jersey, where he was shot twice in the arm, lost three fingers on his left hand, and was bayoneted through his side. He had enlisted for three years, but stayed until the end of the War.

After the War, Thomas and family moved to Kentucky. Fate wasn't good to him though, because his wife died soon thereafter. Although he remarried within a year, his second wife Monica Riney passed shortly after giving birth to another son, John Baptiste Alvey.

When John was around a year old, Thomas met Elizabeth Mitchell Cochran and married again. It was not uncommon for pioneers to marry or find another partner so quickly after their mate died, especially if children were involved. It was seen as a very practical and lifesaving necessity!

Thomas and Elizabeth moved to Indiana, to an area across the Ohio River from Kentucky, later named Perry County. In Perry Circuit Court in 1821, he applied for a war pension. He declared he was 76 years old and his wife was 66 at the time. He stated they both were crippled and could no longer farm. A pension was granted.



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Thomas Green Alvey died on Feb. 12, 1824. He was buried in the Tobinsport Cemetery, Tobinsport, Indiana. He had been a religious man, a family man, a pioneer farmer, and a patriot. Many years later, the Lafayette Springs Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution honored Thomas for his service in the Revolutionary War by placing a bronze marker at his gravesite.

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