

Col. Thomas Roper, 1760-1829

- 1760 Born to Grace Hext and English immigrant, William Roper, in Charleston, South Carolina
- 1776 Served in a volunteer company, “The True Blues,” during the American Revolution
- 1781 Married Lydia Harvey (d. 1805), an orphan from Beaufort with whom he had thirteen children
- 1786-1787 Warden of Charleston’s 1st Ward
- 1794 Elected major in the South Carolina Militia, Eastern Regiment
- 1794-1795 Warden of Charleston’s 3rd Ward
- 1794-1825 Served on the Board of the Commissioners of the Orphan House (with gaps)
- 1796-1801 Representative of St. Philip’s and St. Michael’s parishes in the South Carolina General Assembly
- 1799-1801 Intendant of the City of Charleston
- 1801-1802 Trustee of the Associated Academy
- 1803-1829 Steward of the South Carolina Society
- 1808 Selected to lead the “Committee to Prepare for the Immediate Preparation for Defense” after the British attack on the USS *Chesapeake*
- 1808-1809 Warden of Charleston’s 3rd Ward and chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Health
- 1808-1810 Lieutenant colonel in the South Carolina Militia, Eastern Regiment
- 1808-1812 Served on the Board of the Commissioners of the Charleston Dispensary
- 1812 Served on the School Committee of the Board of Trustees of Charleston College
- 1812 Elected lieutenant of the Associated Company of Alarm Fencibles, a volunteer company “composed of old men, organized for purposes of local defence [sic].”¹

¹ Toomer, Joshua W, *An Oration Delivered at the Celebration of the First Centennial Anniversary of the South Carolina Society, in Charleston, on the Twenty-eighth Day of March, Anno Domini, 1837*, (Charleston, S.C.: A.E. Miller, 1837), 79-82.

- 1815-1818 Chairman of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church
- 1816 President of the American Revolution Society
- 1829 Death and burial in St. Philip's Church graveyard
- 1845 Col. Roper's only surviving son, Robert Williams Roper, died without heirs. Per the stipulations of Col. Roper's will, his estate reverted to ownership of the Medical Society of South Carolina. The Medical Society established the Roper fund, which built the first Roper Hospital in 1856.

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