

## FAMILY OF DR. WILLIAM HOUSTON

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As a part of the State historical highway marker program the State authorities long ago announced the approval of a marker to the memory of Dr. William Houston of Duplin County. This marker has now been placed on the highway about two miles north of Kenansville at a point where the Sarecta road comes into the highway. It bears the following inscription: "WILLIAM HOUSTON, Stamp master for North Carolina, 1765. Resigned during demonstration in Wilmington against Stamp Act. A physician at Sarecta, 4 miles E." Dr. Houston's wife was ANN JONES, daughter of 'Squire GRIFFITH JONES of Bladen County.

Their children were as follows:

- (1) WILLIAM HOUSTON, JR., born about 1740. He was a surveyor for Henry McCulloch who owned a large amount of land in Duplin County. About the year 1767 he located in Wilmington and entered the merchantile business. No family record at hand.
- (2) EDWARD HOUSTON, lived and died in Duplin County. His wife was Mary Miller, daughter of Margaret (McCulloch) and Captain George Miller. Their children were as follows:
  - (a) Henry Houston, Jr.
  - (b) Rebecca Houston, married Williams.
  - (c) Winifred Houston.Apparently others.
- (3) GRIFFITH HOUSTON, lived and died in Duplin County. His wife's name was Ann Martha (Patsy), but her full maiden name cannot now be given. Their children were:
  - (a) William Hubbard Houston, married Tobitha Smith, daughter of Frederick and Winifred Smith.
  - (b) Mary Houston, married John Maxwell, son of William and Elizabeth Maxwell.
  - (c) Elizabeth Houston, married Zacheus Smith, son of Frederick and Winifred Smith.
  - (d) Penelope Houston.
  - (e) Nancy Houston.
- (4) HENRY HOUSTON, married Sarah Miller, daughter of Margaret (McCulloch) and Captain George Miller. Their children were:
  - (a) Major George E. Houston, married Tobitha Williams.
  - (b) William Houston, married Chelly Williams.
  - (c) Stephen Houston.

- (d) Sarah Houston.
  - (e) Betsey Houston.
  - (f) Margaret Houston.
  - (g) Possibly Henry Houston who married Mary Williams.
- (5) A daughter married Capt. William Hubbard who was an outstanding American patriot during the Revolutionary War. No family record at hand.

From a study of the foregoing genealogical outline it will be seen that a large number of the Houstons, Smiths, Maxwells, Williams, and others now living in Duplin County are descendants of Dr. Houston.

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