HOUSTON VALLEY

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ABSTRACT
(Copied from a Greeneville newspaper dated Nov 14 1973-TMJ)

DAR DECORATES REVOLUTIONARY GRAVES

In observance of Armistice day, the DAR dedicates three stones, marking the graves of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Greene County.....Mrs. John P. Conner, Regent.....three veterans. Solomon Wilhoit.....Yost George.....his German name was Yerrick.....

WILLIAM HOUSTON, son of James Houston, who was one of the three Esquires of Greene County, N. C. (now Tennessee) in 1783 was born in Augusta County, Virginia in 1762. He served as private in the Revolution, during which time his home was in Shennadoah (sic) County, Va. William was present at the Battle of Yorktown.

He married Hannah Sherrill, daughter of Adam Sherrill, and had the following children: John, who married Elizabeth Kelley; Howell, who married Elizabeth Baker; Mary, who married Hiram Van Sandt; Orpha, who married Joseph Horton; William, who married Malinda King; and Warren, who married Mahala Coulter.

William Houston lived at the former Mills property east of the divide where the water on one side of the hill goes into Cove Creek and then the Nolachucky. The other side drains into the French Broad. Mr. Houston was a farmer, blacksmith and Baptist preacher. He gave the land for Pine Springs Church. He is buried in the Pine Springs Church Cemetery.....

(Underneath a picture containing one man and four women, the following):

FLAG FLIES OVER HOUSTON GRAVE
At Pine Springs, Roger Houston, a veteran of the U. S. Force, holds flag at the grave of William Houston. Mrs. Marie Johnson, Mrs. Burgner, Mrs. Conner and Emma Johnson look on.

- - END ABSTRACT - TMJ 3-29-1974 - -

NOTE: The stone marker was placed in the Pine Springs Missionary Baptist Churchyard at the foot of some of William Houston's descendants. His actual grave site is presently unknown; however, at the time of his death he owned the land where the stone marker was placed.

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The stone is white marble some 12" x 24" x 5"
The engraving reads:

WILLIAM HOUSTON
Virginia
Pvt. Battle of Yorktown
Revolutionary War
1762 - 1843
HOUSTON VALLEY

The family of Mrs. Thomas M. (Marie R. Gilbert) Johnson

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL ACCOUNTS OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSTON FAMILY WHOSE ANCESTORS LIVED IN HOUSTON VALLEY AND SHERILL'S COVE OF COCKE AND GREENE COUNTIES, TENNESSEE.

From well authenticated records, many personal interviews and a vast correspondence with a large number of well informed members of the family during the years 1953 - 1973.

The genealogical table compiled for the benefit of those interested in their relationship is interspersed with research material relative to the subject.

The ADDENDA was necessitated by the fact in part, that later family material was gathered that was not available when the chart was made in 1959.

The research material included is for the benefit of future researchers that may not have access to pertinent records contained herein, some being difficult or impossible to acquire in later years.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the records contained herein are true copies of the records, any errors being human ones with no intention at deception.

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JAMES HOUSTON'S name appears in Augusta County, Virginia court records soon after its establishment December 9, 1745 and frequently thereafter through 1778.

There he married Agnes Wilson, sister of George Wilson, June 17, 1749. James and Agnes Houston recorded acquiring land on Back Creek of Roanoke at "Turkey Bottom," and in forks of James River through March 1765. Agnes not found in records afterwards and probably deceased before James Houston began disposing of the above property in 1765 and became actively engaged in a real estate business with his brother-in-law George Wilson in and near Staunton continuing through 1773.

A James Houston listed in Eckenrodes Soldiers of Virginia, Augusta County. A James Houston was in French and Indian Wars. A James Houston listed as Armorer Captain Blagg's Company, Colonel Byrd's Command. Discharged 1761 or '64 - the records vary.

James Houston was in what is now Greene County, Tennessee, as early as 1778-79. A James Houston of Washington County, North Carolina was in the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780.

When Greene County was established by North Carolina in 1783, the first court held at Greeneville in April of that year, James Houston was a member of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. 12 June 1783 James Houston purchased from the State of North Carolina 200 acres of land Grant Number 3375 on the north side of Nolachucky River.

Later in this year North Carolina passed an act known as the "Land Grab Act," opening for settlement all of the land lying south of the French Broad and Big Pigeon Rivers. Soon afterwards James Houston sold to a Mr. Posey his 200 acre grant mentioned above.

On November 19, 1788 James Houston purchased another grant Number 800 from the state of North Carolina for 640 acres of land on south side of Nolachucky River. On this property at a spring-head of several large springs at the head of a large creek, now known as Brush Creek. There he built a large two story log home and a small log church, the original Pine Springs Missionary Baptist Church, and gave his name to the Valley.

Originally this grant was in Greene County. In 1848 the line between Greene and Cocke Counties was so altered to include Pine Springs and a portion of the grant eastward into Cocke County.

James Houston was active in the establishment of the government of the self styled fourteenth state of the Union, the "Lost State of Franklin" 1785-1789. James Houston was appointed Sheriff by Governor John Sevier and served two consecutive terms. He was also appointed Major of State Militia. He was one of the organizing members of Flay Branch Church in Greene County in 1803. The name of this Church was changed in 1885 to Mountain View Baptist Church.

James Houston died in late spring of 1820.

In Parham's file at Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, James Houston is referred to as a preacher in upper East Tennessee.
James Houston's known children, all believed to have been born in Virginia, were:

3. John Houston born 1764 died 1839 m Mary Dungan ca1785
4. Absalom Houston m Rebecca Hamilton. Moved to West Tenn.
5. Agnes Houston m John Horton. Settled in Cove Greene Co Tenn.
6. Mary Houston (called Polly) m James Russell. G Co.

(The order of their nativity is unknown)

James Houston is believed to have had other children. Abraham Houston, in 1786, was issued land grant No. 751, 50 acres, Washington Co., on south side of Cherokee Creek. No further record found of him.

WILLIAM HOUSTON served as a private in the Revolution. In 1781, while residing in Shenandoah Co Va he enlisted and served 3 1/2 months in Captain Abraham McCoy's Company. Served 2 months in Captain Wall's Company. Was in battle of Yorktown and served two months afterwards guarding prisoners at Winchester Barracks. He was granted a Rev pension "at his request while residing in Greene Co. Tenn., No. S-1835, executed Sept 5 1832, then in his 70th year." (See N.S. DAR No.'s 457384 & 457385)

On April 17 1796 William Houston married Hannah Sherrill in Greene Co Tenn. He acquired an one-third interest in Paint Mountain Turnpike by an Act dated Nov 17 1813 "leading from Sherrill's Cove to the Painted Rock on French Broad River." A toll gate was erected at the head of Cove Creek where he had built a large two-story log house, blacksmith shop, stock pens, barns, etc. (Carl Mills living there 1959)

William Houston and Hannah Sherrill's children were:

1. John Houston b ca-1797 m Elizabeth Kelly. G Co.
2. Howell Houston b ca-1798 m Elizabeth Baker. G Co.
3. Mary (Polly) Houston b ca-1801 m Hiram Vansandt. Moved to Monroe County.
5. William Houston 1813-1895 m Malinda King. G Co.

Hannah Sherrill Houston does not appear in 1830 census and assumed dead.

John Houston, his wife and three daughters were living in Greene Co. in 1830 census. No further record.

Howell Houston married Elizabeth Baker. Greene Co Jan 2 1821. He acquired a large entry of mountain land in southeast Cocke Co west of Houston Valley, erected a large two-story log house on Laurel Branch, north side of Gold Mine Gap, fathered a large family and there he died in the spring of 1841. His wife, Elizabeth, did not long survive him. A Mr. Brown lives there now – 1959.

Howell Houston and Elizabeth Baker's children, all born in Greene County, Tennessee were:
IV 14 1 William W. Houston 1824-1910 m Emily McNew 1832-1916 G Co
15 2 Susan Houston b 1825'28 m Green Rollins G Co moved to NC
16 3 Sally Houston b 1825'28 m Elbert Haney G Co
17 4 Elzie B Houston 1829-1909 m Penelope Wills
18 5 Alexander Houston 1830-1883 m Mahala Southerland G Co
19 6 James Houston b 1835, shot and killed by Joe Carlisle, Union soldier, at Alexander Houston's house, Sherrill's Cove, G Co., 1864. Argument about War Between the States.
20 7 Anderson Houston b 1836'40 moved to Texas m Miss Sams
21 8 Louise Houston b 1836'40 m Dr Jesse Wallin Marshall NC
22 9 Jeanette b 1841 died ca-1880 Knoxville never married

IV 16 Sally Houston Haney's son, Thomas Haney, was living in Greeneville Tenn in 1950. No other record.

IV 17 Elzie B Houston lived on the Howell Houston Entry (in Cocke Co since the 1848 resurvey.) In 1906, he and wife Penelope, moved in with his oldest son, William A Houston, Big Meadow Creek, Cedar Creek Community, Greene Co., where they both died a few years later. Elzie and Penelope both buried St. James Lutheran Churchyard nearby. Their children were:

V 23 1 Martha Houston died young
24 2 Polly Houston died young
25 3 Cynthia Houston m Mr Keyes. A son Jesse Keyes living in Newport Tenn in 1953
26 4 Orpha Houston 1855-1939 m Samuel Mooneyham 1851-1916
27 5 William A Houston 1859-1924 m 1st Bryant m 2nd Cummings
28 6 James Asbury Houston 1861-1951 m Alice Gregg 1866-1950
29 7 Emily Houston m Matt Walden Cocke Co
30 8 Amy Houston 1868-1941 m Wm Hensley moved to Ind. Tey.
31 9 Susan Houston 1870-1946 m J A Hensley (bro to Wm) moved to I.T.
31B 10 Laura L S Houston 1870-1889 (twin of No.9) never married

V 27 William A Houston Acquired a large and fertile farm in the Valley of Big Meadow Creek, Cedar Creek Community of Greene Co. There he lived and prospered, raised a family of seven children, sold his farm about 1916 and moved to Marshall NC where his first wife, Miss Bryant, died. Afterwards he moved to Knoxville Tenn and engaged in the real estate business in partnership with William Cummings. He married there 2nd a Miss Cummings, and there he died in 1924. His children by first wife were:

VI 32 1 Porter Houston Tulsa Oklahoma
33 2 Kate Houston m Knox Shields moved to Iowa
34 3 Pearl Houston m James Brooks lived Greeneville Tenn
35 4 Salem Houston He settled in Wyoming
36 5 Rankin Houston moved to Akron Ohio
37 6 Herman Houston " " " "
38 7 Nellie B Houston m James Brooks (his 2nd wife) after the death of her sister Pearl. Living Tusculum Blvd Greeneville Tenn 1955

William A Houston had a son Howard Houston and a daughter (name unknown) by his second wife, Miss Cummings. No further record of either.

V 28 James Asbury Houston married Alice Gregg. They lived in Cocke Co. Tenn., and Madison Co. NC. Their children were:

VI 39 1 Annas Houston b Tenn 1887-1893
40 2 Laura Houston b Tenn July 1 1889 m Samuel Robinson Marshall NC
41 3 William Herbert Houston b Tenn May 14 1891 m Pearl Tucker of SC. He died ca-1955 Spartanburg SC
William Herbert Houston 1891-1955 lived at Spartanburg SC where all of his children were born, as follows:

Essie Mae Houston b Feb 25 1913
Herman Lester Houston b Dec 2 1914
Jennie Viene Houston b Sept 23 1922
Thomas Joe Houston b Apr 2 1926
Iris Rose Houston b July 1 1928
Samuel Warren Houston b Feb 22 1931
Walter Herbert Houston b July 23 1934

Cornelius Donald Houston was married twice. By 1st wife he had one son. The other children were by 2nd wife, Louise West, as follows:

Richard Houston b 1934 (by 1st wife)
Barbara Houston b 1939. She is married and lives Houston Tex
Pat b 1941. She lives with parents Rt 2 Marshall NC (1959)
Robert b 1955 or '6

Alexander Houston 1830-1883 acquired the Joseph Horton plantation (old Hutchens place) soon after 1860. There he lived in Sherrill's Cove, married, raised four children and died Sept 1 1883. He, an infant daughter and his third child, Revinil Houston, were buried in the old Horton Cemetery nearby. His children were:

Martha Anna Houston b Apr 15 1874 m-l Jennings m-2 Ricker
Minnie Houston 1877-1937 m Jay Roberts G Co
Revinil Houston 1879-1896 m Ed Houston G Co
Mary Jane Houston b June 7 1883 m A. Harmon Gilbert G Co

Martha Anna Houston (called Annie) married lst Mark Jennings. Married 2nd Charles H Ricker 1876-1934, son of John Ricker and grandson of Samuel Ricker. Her children, all born in Greene County, Tennessee, were:

Burl Jennings b May 21 1893 (changed his name to Ricker) married Essie Smith Pelzer SC
Blanche Ricker b Mar 25 1896 m M H Smith Knoxville Tenn
Andrew Ricker b Feb 25 1898 m Edna Morgan Palmetto Fla
Arthur Ricker b July 26 1900 m Miss Shipley Greeneville SC
Willie Ricker b July 27 1902 m Mr Goode Lockhart SC
Pearl Ricker b Sept 9 1905 m Mr Ganoe Ft Worth Texas
Kate Ricker b Mar 13 1908 m John Scruggs Pelzer SC
Bonnie Ricker b May 9 1910 m Mr Ketcherson SC
Johnnie Ricker b May 19 1913 m Mr Paul Taylor Greeneville Tenn

Minnie Houston and Jay Roberts children, all born Tenn were:
Gladys Roberts m Mr Kinser
Juanita Roberts m Mr Kuykendall
Buddy (?) Roberts no record
Revinil Houston (called Viney) died in childbirth Sept 15 1896. The child, a daughter, lived. Revinil and Ed Houston's daughter was:

1 Revinil (called Viney) Houston b Sept 15 1896 m Dr Ruble G Co

Mary Jane Houston and A Harmon Gilbert's children were:

1 Infant
2 Virginia Fred Gilbert RN New Orleans La 1959
3 Marie Gilbert b Mar 18 1908 m T M Johnson Knoxville Tenn
4 Dennis B Gilbert married lives New York City

Orpha Houston married Joseph Horton G Co July 30 1833. He was son of John Horton. Their children, all born G Co were:

1 Susan E Horton b 1834
2 Nancy A Horton b 1836
3 Warren H Horton b 1838
4 William J Horton b 1843
5 James K Horton b 1845
6 John Horton b 1848
7 Robert Horton b 1851

Joseph Horton acquired the "Hutchens place" on Cove Creek, Sherrill's Cove G Co at public auction Greeneville Tenn in 1841 which had been seized by the court to satisfy a judgment against George W Foute. Joseph erected a large two-story frame house at a large spring soon afterwards. The house, in remarkably sound condition, was torn down in 1958. Joseph Horton died ca-1855. Buried nearby Horton cemetery.

William (Billy) Houston married Malinda King, Greene Co, Nov 24 1833. He was willed by his father, William Houston, Sr., the plantation of his grandfather, James Houston, that William Sr., had bought of his father James Houston before the death of James in 1820, at the head of Brush Creek in Houston Valley, southwest Greene County (now southeast Cocke Co.) It appears William Houston and his wife Malinda King began housekeeping there soon after their marriage in the two-story log house erected by James Houston. A part of this log house was still standing in a delapidated condition until torn down in 1958. There all their children were born and raised. After the marriage of their youngest child Elizabeth married Calvin Jones and acquired the old Samuel L Stevens plantation a few miles down the valley eastward, William and Malinda sold the James Houston entry and moved in with Elizabeth and Calvin Jones, and there they died and were buried a few hundred feet east of Jones Chapel, a Presbyterian Church, sometimes referred to as "Houston Memorial Church." Their children were:

1 James Houston b 1834 (twin of #2) killed CSA
2 William Houston b 1834 m 1856 Lydia Rollins (1832-1890)
3 Susan Houston b 1838
4 John Houston b 1840
5 Isaac Houston b 1842
6 Howell Houston b 1845 d 1918 m-1st Ellen Smith G Co
7 Mary Houston b 1848 m a Mr Crum G Co
8 Maria Houston b 1850 m Mr Jake Wills G Co
9 Orpha Houston b ca-1853 m a Keller
10 Elizabeth Houston 1855-1931 m Calvin Jones G Co

William Houston b 1834 m Lydia Rollins G Co Oct 7 1856. He was private CSA Co I 64th NC died Knoxville Tenn 1864 buried Confederate Memorial Cemetery, Bethel St, Knoxville. His children, all born Greene Co, were:
James M Houston 1857-1931 m Martha Warren 1869-1944
Sara Houston b 1859
Enoch Houston 1860-1899
James D Houston 1864-1927

James M Houston and Martha Warren's children all born G Co were:
Isaac H Houston 1886-1914 shot and killed by a cousin
William Houston m 1911 Alice Aldredge He died G Co 1953
Claudia Houston m George Sexton So Ry Afton Tenn
Maud Houston m Charles Stills Chucky Tenn
Edwin Houston m Chlo Barnes Cincinnati
Pearl Houston m Lon Rollins Nashville Tenn
Bessie Houston 1896-1924 m J F Crum G Co
Benjamin Houston m Nappie Cutshall G Co
Lee Houston m Mr Worley Cutshall G Co He died 1931
Ellen Houston m Tom Sills G Co She died 1949
Allen Houston m Hannah Johnson Camp Creek Community G Co
Elzie Houston m Charles Letterman Greene Co

Howell Houston 1845-1918 m Ellen Smith. Their children, all born G Co., Sherrill's Cove, were:
Ed Houston m 1st Ravinil Houston m 2nd Bessie Marshall G Co
Samuel Houston m Bessie Freshour G Co
Warren W Houston m 1st Lula Waddle m 2nd Vina Myers G Co
James Houston 1873-1886 killed swinging on vine at school
Susan Houston m D C (Crouse) Wills G Co
(The order of their nativity presently unknown)

Warren Houston born Greene Co 1822 m Mahala Coulter Greene Co Feb 10 1842. At the death of his father, William Houston Sr., Warren inherited the home place and one-third interest in Paint Mountain Turnpike which he operated until his death in 1864 or 5. Warren was shot in the back "right where his suspenders crossed" by a storekeeper by the name of Johnson in Johnson's store, Cedar Creek community of Greene Co. Soon after Warren's death his widow disposed of the plantation and the turnpike, "twelve hundred acres for twelve hundred dollars," and apparently left Greene County. Their children, all born in Greene County, were:
James C Houston b 1842
Emma Houston b 1844
Samuel Houston b 1846
William W Houston b 1847
Orpha Josephine Houston b 1849 d 1935 m W Andrew Keller
Joseph Houston b 1851
Ellen Houston b 1853
Kitty Mahala Houston b 1855
Partella Houston b 1857
Susan Houston b Apr 12 1860 (probably others)

RELATIONSHIP

The relationship of the various members of James Houston's descendants is clearly presented in the plan of the Genealogical table:

Generation I 1, James Houston and his wife Agnes Wilson were parents of all Generation II, therefore, brothers and sisters.
All those of Generation III are full (first) cousins, in any line to all of Generation III in other lines, i.e.: brothers and sisters children are full (first) cousins. Your first cousins child is your first cousin once removed. The grandchildren of your grandfathers brothers and sisters are your second cousins. Your first cousins grandchildren are your first cousins twice removed. Your great grandfather's brothers and sisters grandchildren are your third cousins.

All of those of Generation IV are second cousins, in any line, to all of Generation IV in other lines.

By a careful study of the above Genealogical chart, other relationship can be easily retained.

- END -

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To all concerned: You are cordially invited to write the compiler of this chart to correct any errors you observe and add additional authentic family data you may wish to be included in a later and more detailed chart of the involved descendants of all the families carried in this chart.

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June 6, 1959

ABSTRACT

From: Original Marriage
Bonds of Greene Co Tenn
(Copied by TMJ Knoxville, Tenn.)

Jan 20 1785  Joseph Bogle to Margaret Houston  s Wm Houston
Nov 21 1791  John Horton to Agnes Houston  s William Houston
Nov 26 1789  William Houston to Mary Black  s Mitchell Harrison
Apr 17 1796  William Houston to Hannah Sherrill  s Even Evens
Jan 31 1799  James Russell to Mary Houston  s John Lescalloct
Dec 17 1802  Absalom Houston to Rebecca Hamilton  Val Sevier CGC
Jan 2 1821  Howell Houston to Elizabeth Baker  s Joseph Horton
Mar 4 1821  Hiram Vansandt to Polly Houston  s David Russell
Apr 9 1822  John Houston to Elizabeth Kelly  Sam'l W Doak VDM
July 30 1833  Joseph Horton to Orphy Houston  s John R Farnsworth
Nov 24 1833  William Houston to Malinda King  s Mitchell Myers
Mar 14 1836  John A Park to Eliza Houston  s Samuel Wright
Feb 10 1842  Warren Houston to Mahala Coulter  by W G Keyes J P
Jan 27 1848  William R Horton to Elizabeth Jane Senton
Mar 11 1849  Isaac Horton to Ann Yoakley
Aug 31 1855  James Houston to Martha Lawson  s Green Rollins
Oct 7 1856  William Houston to Lydia Rollins
Feb 26 1854  William Houston to Emily McNew
Jan 31 1884  Thomas W Whitehurst to Mahala Houston
Nov 11 1884  James Houston to Martha Warren W G Ruble J P
Wills of Greene County

(Abstracted by T M J Knoxville Tenn)

**HOUSTON, James — D. 18 April 1820**

- Sons: John, William, Absalom Houston
- Son-in-law: John Horton
- Daughters: Hannah Baker, Polly Russell
- Granddaughter: Rebecca
- No ident: George Jones
- Witnesses: Andrew Patterson, Joseph Horton

**HOUSTON, William, Sr. — D. 5 June 1841 — P. 3 April 1843**

- Sons: Howell, dec'd, William, Warren Houston
- Son-in-law: Joseph Horton
- Daughters: Polly, Orphy
- Daughters-in-law: Elizabeth Houston
- No ident: George W Foute, Cain Broyles, Alfred Hunter, Stephen Huff, Capt. I. N. Parsons
- Father: James Houston, dec'd
- Executors: George Jones, merchant in Greeneville, Joseph Horton
- Witnesses: John A. Park, Jacob Stephens
- Slaves named: Lydia, Amanda, Dicey "to be released after my death;" Isam, Bill, Tildy, to be sold, "Isam to be sold only to Jacob Stephens who owns his wife."
HORTON, John — D. 1st day January 1835 — P 26 January 1835
Wife: Nancy
Sons: William, Joseph
Daus: Jemima, dec'd, Tabitha, Polly, Nancy, Hannah, Edal
Good friend: George W. Foute
Wit: James A. Patterson, Andrew Kennedy

HORTON, William A. — D. September 16, 1919 — P 31 December 1926
Wife: M. J. Horton
Sons: Onnie I. Horton, J. M. Horton

HOUSTON, J. M. — D. 7 February 1928 — P 2 May 1931
Wife: Martha Houston
Daus: Maud Stills, Lee Cutshall, Bessie Crum,
No ident: Irene Houston, daughter of Nellie Houston

U. S. CENSUS — Greene County, Tenn. — 1830

5. No. 4, 156
WILLIAM HOUSTON, head of family
1 male 15 & 20 years of age
1 " 5 & 10
1 female 15 & 20
1 " 10 & 15

JOHN HOUSTON, head of family
2 females under 5 years of age
1 female 5 & 10
1 male 30 & 40

7th Civil Dist
WILLIAM HOUSTON, head of family
1 male 15 & 20 years of age
1 " 70 & 80

WILLIAM HOUSTON, head of family
2 males under 5 years of age
1 male 15 & 20
1 " 20 & 30
1 female under 5 years of age
1 " 20 & 30

8th Civil Dist
MARSHALL HOUSTON, head of family
1 male under 5 years of age
2 " 5 & 10
1 " 10 & 15
1 " 15 & 20
1 " 50 & 60
1 female 10 & 15
1 " 15 & 20
1 " 40 & 50

1840

HOWELL HOUSTON, head of family
2 males under 5 years of age
2 " 10 & 15
1 male 20 & 30
1 " 30 & 40
1 female under 5 years of age
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Town of Greeneville
Family Group 18
GEORGE PARK, merchant born in Tenn

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| Family Group 132 |  |  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| BENJAMIN HOUSTON | male, collier | born in SC |
| Elizabeth       | female | " |
| George W        | male laborer | " |
| Lucinda         | female | " |
| Julia A         | " | " |
| Count P         | male | " |
| Martha L        | female | " |
| Archibald R     | male | " |

| Family Group 150 |  |  |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| JAMES W HOUSTON  | male farmer | born in Tenn |
| Eliza            | female | " |
| Mary C           | " | " |
| Melvin G         | male | " |
| Loueza J         | female | " |

| Family Group 1218 |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| THOMAS SAMS       | farmer 200 | born in Tenn |
| Stacy             | 41 | " |
| Margaret L        | 15 | " |
| Jackson           | 12 | " |
| Arena             | 9 | " |
| James W           | 7 | " |
| Catherine         | 5 | " |
| Emmaline          | 2 | " |

| Family Group 305 |  |  |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| MARY HOUSTON     | female | born in Va |
| Madison          | 22 male millwright | Tenn |
| Washington       | 20 male millwright | " |
| Malinda          | 25 female | " |

| Family Group 1115 |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| (Living with Thomas Love family) |  |  |
| ALEXANDER HOUSTON | 20, male, farmer, can read & write | born in Tenn |

| Family Group 1210 |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| WARREN HOUSTON    | male farmer est. 2500 | born in Tenn |
| Mahala            | 30 female | " |
| James C           | 8 male | " |
| Emma              | 6 female | " |
| Samuel            | 4 male | " |
| William W         | 3 male | " |
| Orpha J (Josephine) | 1 female | " |
| Jacob             | 45 male color black | Virginia |
| Dicey             | 42 female | Tenn |

| Family Group 1220 |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Sophia Monehan    | 40 female | born in Tenn |
| ELZA B HOUSTON    | male laborer | " |
| Penelope          | 22 female | " |
| Martha            | 1 | " |
**Post Office Limestone** Springs, 18th Dist

**Family Group 225**

HOUSTON, William, 28  male  farmer  est.150  born in Tenn
Lydia 27  female
James M 2  male
Sarah  female

**Family Group 226**

HOUSTON, William 46  male  farmer  est 13,500  born in Tenn
Malinda 45  female
John 20  male
Isaac 17  "
Howell 14  "
Mary 13  female
Maria 10  "
Orpha 7  "
Elizabeth 4  "

HOUSTON, James 25  male  farmer  est.500  born in Tenn
Martha 21  female
Nancy M 3  "
Mary E 3  "

**Family Group 246**

HOUSTON, William 47  farmer,  est. 10,600  born in Tenn
Margaret 39  female
Susan 17  "
James 16  male
John 14  "
Eliza 12  female
Wylie 8  male
Mary E 6  female
Marcus 4  male
Samantha 1 female

**Family Group 257**

(Nath Blair family)

HORTON, Orpha 51  female  farmer  est. 11,000  born in Tenn
James 15  male
John 12  "
Robert 9  

**Family Group 273**

(11th day June 1860)

HOUSTON, Warren 39  male  est. 10,000  (farmer)  born in Tenn
Mahala 38  female
James 18  male
Emma 15  female
Samuel 14  male
William 12  "

(Orpha)

Josephine 11  female
Joseph 9  male
Ellen 7  female
Kitty  Mahala 5  "
Partella 3  "
Susan  " born Apr 12 1860

Wm. B. Jones 26  male  School Teacher
9th Dist.
Family Group 566
FOUTE, George W. 58 male physician est. 9000 born in Tennessee

10th Dist.
Family Group 608
JONES, George 65 merchant est 51,500 born in Virginia
Kessiah 54 female

Page 31 - Precinct No. 18. Greene County - Enumerated 24 June 1880
Dwelling No. 271 - Family No. 276
HOUSTON, Ellec (Alexander) white, male, age 49, married, farmer
born in Tenn Mother & Father born in Tenn
Haley (Mahala) white female age 26 married housewife
born in Tenn Mother & Father born in Tenn
Anna (Aunt Annie) white female age 8 single daughter
born in Tenn Mother & Father born in Tenn
Minnie (ditto) age 5 (ditto all way across)
Vina (ditto) age 4 (ditto " " " )

(Greenes County Tennessee Tax List
(1959 TMJ)

GREENE COUNTY TENNESSEE TAX LIST
ABSTRACT

Copied from Tax Book 1909 (among those listed were):

District 15, Horton, W. A.; Susan, J. K.
18, Houston, Howell; Houston Heirs; Houston, Will; Roberts, Minnie; Whitehurst, Mahala.

From Tax Book for 1915, listed

Houston, S. E.; Rollins, Green.
T. W. Whitehurst (A. W.) 1120 acres, bound by Keller, Peck, Ricker and Smith; Houston S. E.

END abstract TMJ 11-6-1957

EXTRA NOTE: Warren Houston and Orpha Horton listed in tax list District 18, Greene County, Tennessee in 1863.

1830 CENSUS - Washington Co Tenn

Page 223 - JAMES HOUSTON
1 male 5 & under 1 m 20&30
1 female 5 & under 1 f 20&30

WILLIAM HOUSTON
1 m 5&10 2 m 20&30 1 m 30&40
1 f 5&10 1 f 15&20 1 f 30&40

DUGINS HOUSTON
1 m 5 & under 1 m 5&10 2 m 10&15 1 m 15&20
1 m 30&40
1 f 30&40 1 f 40&50

JOHN HOUSTON SR
1 m 5&under 2 m 5&10 2 m 10&15 1 m 15&20
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SOLOMON LUTHERAN CHURCH (Organized 1797) - Sherrill's Cove, Greene County
John Ricker, Sr., born June 7, 1799; died May 29, 1833

BATHSHEBA CHURCH - Sherrill's Cove, Greene County
James Isaac Houston, son of Howell and Ellen Houston, born October 10, 1873; died September 10, 1886
Ellen, wife of Howell Houston, born May 1, 1854; died March 29, 1897
Howell Houston 1845-1918
Vannis Houston, son of Sam and Bertie Houston, born November 5, 1904; died January 6, 1914
Lula B., wife of W. W. Houston, born May 26, 1821; died July 11, 1892
John Keller born October 23, 1814; died November 21, 1886
James N. J. Keller born March 23, 1842; died November 17, 1913
L. D. B. Keller born November 4, 1845; died August 17, 1907
Samuel V. S. Keller born October 5, 1850; died May 3, 1888

REHOBETH CHURCH - Sherrill's Cove, Greene County
J. D. Houston - May 13, 1865 - November 25, 1927
Lydia, wife of Wm. Houston, born May 15, 1832; died May 4, 1890
Enoch Houston born May 30, 1860; died October 2, 1899
Bessie Houston, wife of J. F. Crum born Nov.22, 1896; died Dec. 2, 1924
Isaac Houston, son of J. M. & Martha Houston, born May 14, 1866; died November 28, 1914
Frederick K. Ricker, May 11, 1854 - October 18, 1911
Mary S. Ricker, November 26, 1848 - February 5, 1922
John H. Ricker, May 6, 1885 - March 30, 1913

HORTON - HOUSTON - private burial plot, Sherrill's Cove, Greene Co.
Alexander Houston died September 1, 1883
Revinel Houston, daughter of Alexander and Mahala Houston, May 2, 1879 - September 15, 1896

PINE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH - Sherrill's Cove, Greene Co.
Mahala Whitehurst, May 18, 1856 - February 11, 1929
Minnie L. Roberts, 1877 - 1937

MADISON SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Madison Co., N.C. (near Marshall)
Dr. Jesse Wallin, January 18, 1832 - April 7, 1913

HOUSTON FAMILY - private burial plot - Madison Co., N.C. (near Marshall)
James A. Houston, April 3, 1861 - July 4, 1951
Mary Alice Gregg, wife of James A. Houston, Apr.23,1866-Jan. 3, 1950

LAUREL BRANCH CHURCH - Madison Co., N.C. (near Marshall)
William W. Houston, May 11, 1824 - February 27, 1910
Emily Houston, February 2, 1832 - November 19, 1916

FAIRVIEW CHURCH - Hot Springs, N.C.
W. Andrew Keller, 1848-1927
Orpha J. Keller his wife 1853-1935
ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH — Cedar Creek Community, Greene Co., Tenn.
Elzie B. Houston died July 18, 1909, age 80 years
Penelope Houston died February 10, 1909, age 80 years
Laura L. S. Houston, daughter of E. B. and P. Houston, July 2, 1870,
age 19 years, 2 months
SamuelMooneyham born 1851; died January 16, 1916
Orpha Mooneyham 1855 — 1939

STEVENS FAMILY — Private burial plot, Sherrill's Cove, Greene Co.
Samuel L. Stevens — April 2, 1805 — April 26, 1874
Mary J., wife of Samuel Stevens, October 13, 1820 — June 28, 1896
William Houston — May 20, 1813 — March 14, 1895
Malinda, wife of William Houston — Nov. 22, 1813 — May 6, 1893
Elizabeth J. Houston, wife of Calvin Jones — June 13, 1855 — May 6, 1931
Mary Crum — April 4, 1846 — March 30, 1919
Mary S. Houston — 1914 — 1940. Daughter of Florence Houston

GREENWOOD CEMETERY — Knox Co., Tenn., Sec.8, Lot 137, Grave 1
W. A. Houston — May 4, 1858 — April 7, 1924
Wm. Arthur Cummings — August 30, 1887 — December 30, 1928

RIVERHILL — PLEASANTVIEW U B CHURCH, Greene Co.
James M. Houston — July 21, 1857 — April 28, 1931
Martha Elizabeth Houston — March 14, 1869 — November 13, 1944
Charles H. Ricker — 1876 — 1934
Martha A. Ricker — 1874 — 1968 (living 1959 — TMJ)
Vina Crum — April 22, 1887 — January 2, 1928. Married to O. L. Payne
Sarah Collins 1859
J. C. Collins — July 19, 1856 — March 2, 1929 (J. C. Collins — TMJ)
Sarah C. Crum — 1879 — 1953

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CEMETERY — Bethel St., Knoxville, Tenn.
(Copied from original undertaker's list of Confederate dead buried
here — list now in possession UDC Chapter No. 89, Knoxville — TMJ)
W. Houston, I, 64, North Carolina, May 20, 1863
H. H. Stewart, 55, Ga., October 30, 1862

GREENE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 10-14-1962 (TMJ)
James Cameron to James Houston — DB 2 p 232 — Dated 15 May 1793 — 200 Acs
James Cameron of Knox County to James Houston of the County of Greene both
of The United States Territory South of the River Ohio; consideration 100
pounds paid do convey (etc) on the Waters of Cove Creek in Greene County...
along Ephram Wilson's line...being the same land that was granted to James
Cameron by patent date 7 July 1788 and November 1791.... etc.
s/ James Cameron

Wit: Benjamin Blackbourne
John Shirrill
Teste: Daniel Kennedy, C.G.C.
Registers Office
Greene County
4 January 1794

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From Book: North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee 1778-1791

JAMES CAMERON

Land Grant No. 2260 200 acres 1788 Greene County On South side Nolachuckee River

At Random - Miscel.

Cocke County Court-house, Tennessee, July 5, 1962

J. A. Huston to Newport Development Co., April 20, 1891 (Lot in Newport)

(Copied by TMJ 10-14-1962)

(From: Greene Co Tenn Deed Book #1 p.p. 229-230

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (Land Grant) No. 800

To all whom these presents shall come greeting.

Know ye that we for the consideration of the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our Treasury by James Huston have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said James Huston a tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres lying and being in our county of Greene on the north side of French Broad River beginning at three Post Oaks on a rocky bluff near to a Cove spring on the south side of Copeland's Path thence west 453 poles to a post oak, thence north 226 poles to the beginning unerunto enacted doth appear together with all woods, mines, minerals, Hereeomtances and apertenances to the said land belonging or appertaining to the said land to hold to the said James Houston and his heirs forever yielding and paying to us such sums of money yearly or otherwise as our General Assembly from time to time may direct provided always that the said James Huston shall cause this grant to be registered in the registers office of our county of Greene within twelve months of the (illegible) date hereof. Otherwise the same shall be of none effect and void.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and our Great Seal to be hereunto affixed.

(Seal) Samuel Johnson, Esquire, our Governor, Captain general and commander in Chief, in Fayetteville, the 19th day of November in the thirteenth year of our Independence and year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

By his Excellency's Command,
J. Glasgone, Secretary.

James Huston grant 640 acres.

Registered 4 May 1789
GREENE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE 10-14-1962

DB 2 pp 267-268 - John McCroskey to William Houston 100 acres on Hollys Creek - Dated 17 February 1794

John McCroskey of the County of Knox to William Houston of the County of Greene, both of the Territory South of the River Ohio, consideration 50 pounds paid...100 acres County of Greene on Hollys Creek. Beginning (etc) to Hughes line, North with Hollis line, with Hazel on the west side of the branch or creek, thence on Hughes line to the beginning....100 acres of land (etc).

S/ John McCroskey

Acknowledged in open Court
Tests: Daniel Kennedy, C.G.C.
February session 1794

COCKE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE 7-5-1962

DB 16 p 47 - J. A. Houston and his wife Alice Houston of Madison County, N.C. deed to E. H. Shelton - 7 April 1896, and Clay Shelton and wife of Madison County, N.C., consideration $300.

The following described properties on the waters of Long Creek and joining lands of Jerry Lafollette, Hannah Ottinger on West, Mike Winter, the North Houston entry on the South, containing 53 acres more or less beginning at a stake adjoining Jenny Lafollette, Howard Ottinger on West, Mike Winter the North Houston entry on the South.

.....original line Anne Lafollette, her line 17-1/2 East and 127 poles South 204 poles to a stake on South side of a Mountain, South 75, West 34 ..... corner Joseph Graggs lot, thence North and West 142 poles to Winters line, North 63-1/2 East 25 to beginning ..... (etc).

S/ J. A. Houston
M. A. Houston

Wit: N. H. Rice, J.P.
Madison Co., N.C.
7 April 1896

DB 13 p 374 - William Gragg and wife Margaret to James Houston, 5 Feb. 1894 Cocke Co. Dist. 2, consideration $150.

(Same land as transferred by J.A.H. to E. M. Shelton above)

(NOTE - O. C. King sold the 1,000 acres of land acquired from William and Malinda Houston November 5, 1889 in small parcels to a large number of different persons. (TMJ 7-23-1963)

GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE COURT-HOUSE 7-24-62

Deed Book 8, page 368 - 21 April 1805

Giles Parman, Executor of the Estate of Acquilla Sherrill, dec'd, to William Houston, County of Greene in the State of Tennessee: Consideration $954.01.
200 acres more or less South side Nolachucky River, it being the balance of a 300 acre patent granted to Acquilla Sherrill, dec'd, No. 537, dated 20 Sept. 1787. The fourth and last corner of Abram Sherrill's 100 acre tract on the South branch of Cove Creek...up the creek...thence south across the creek...West and South to the original corner.

Executed by Val Sevier, Clk.
25 Dec. 1808

S/ Giles Parman, Exec.

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1797 - William Houston 100 acres of land Greene Co., Tenn., from John Mc-Croskey of Knox County, Tennessee.

DB 29 p 133 - Warren Houston, Admr. estate of William Houston, dec'd, 303 acres to William Houston, Jr., on the waters of Cove Creek.

DB 38 p 359 - William Horton to Alexander Houston 740 acres consideration $2500.00 18th Civil Dist. bounded by heirs of Joseph Horton, dec'd, thence south to side Paint Mountain, thence West to Gladdin and Wilhoit corner, thence West of the mountain to lower corner, thence North to Stump Riley's corner to a bank of the creek, thence east to the beginning.

April 24, 1871

DB 26 p 42 - 11 Oct 1853. Warren Houston to Joseph Horton one acre. Consideration $15.00
One Acre and 27 poles more or less in Greene County South side of Nolachucky River and on the waters of Cove Creek.

DB 9 p 514 - George Cook Sr to William Houston 14 Jan 1812
DB 12 p 47 - Thomas Wilson, by Sheriff, to William Houston 100 acres
3 July 1819

DB 15 p 101- James Kelly to John Houston 55 acres
DB 18 p 338- Samuel Henderson to Howell Houston 25 acres
DB 20 p 64 John Parsons to William Houston Sr 32-1/2 acres
DB 23 p 590- William Rawlings to Warren Houston 24 acres

(NOTE - Many others - TMJ 7-18-1963)

From: RECORDS OF EAST TENNESSEE - Book 27, page 584

STATE OF TENNESSEE

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS

KNOW YE, THAT IN CONSIDERATION OF AN ENTRY MADE IN THE ENTRY TAKER'S OFFICE OF COCKE COUNTY, OF #1467., dated 16th day of December 1836, by Howell Houston.

THERE IS GRANTED by the State of Tennessee unto the said HOWELL HOUSTON and his heirs, a certain tract of land containing four thousand acres, lying in the county aforesaid, on the waters of Nolachucky and French Broad Rivers, beginning at a white oak and dogwood on a conditional line between Thomas Mooneyham's line South 13, East 20 poles, West 60 poles to a hickory corner Evan Fugate's four hundred acre survey, with the same South 30, East 480 poles to a white oak and maple corner to Huff and Davis two hundred acre survey, with do South 70, East 250 poles, North 400 poles to a stake in the
Greene County line, with do to the Beech Branch and up the same North 45, West 1000 poles to a stake in said county line, corner to John Welty, with do South 17, East 67 poles to a chestnut oak, South 68, East 23 poles, South 6, East 31 to a locust, South 44, West 31 poles and one half to a chestnut oak come to said Welty and John Runners, South 15, East 240 poles, South 68, West 190 poles, North 15, West 168 poles to a chestnut oak corner to Doct Bell's one thousand acre survey, South 6-1/2, East 207 to a pine, South 75, West 458 poles to a stake in said line. South 640 poles East 640 poles West 60 poles to the Southwest corner of William Mooneyhams survey then with his lines and those of Thomas Mooneyham lands to the beginning, Including the Yellow Spring and improvements and also an Iron Ore Bank of the Meadow Mountains.

Survey 2 June 1840

With the appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said HOWELL HOUSTON and his heirs forever. In witness whereof N. S. Brown, Governor of the State of Tennessee, has hereunto set his hand and caused the great seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on the 25th day of July in the year of our American Independence 73rd, and year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

By Governor, N. S. Brown
Secretary Wm. B. A. Ramsey

COCKE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, Newport, Tennessee 6-23-1962
Deed Book 2, page 323 - Deed No. 174 - $3,000 consideration
Dated March 19, 1878

Howell Houston transfers to Malinday Houston 1,000 acres of land granted to Howell Houston, Senior, by the State of Tennessee many years ago, said land being in the County of Cocke on the waters of Brush Creek...bounded....

beginning on the east corner of said grant thence west with the Greene County line to Meltyes (?) Galevats line, thence south with Nancy Hines line to the east corner of said Nancy Hines tract of land, thence east with the old Peter Davis line so as to embrace the whole four thousand acres granted to said Howell Houston, Senior, many years ago.

Twelfth February 1871.

S/ HOWELL HOUSTON

Wit: Henry A. Farnsworth
James Ervin
Probated March 19, 1878

Deed Book 2, page 517 - Deed No. 496 - 15 January 1878
Howell Houston and wife Ellen to William Houston 1500 acres
Consideration $962

In Cocke County, Tennessee joining Howell Houston, John Welty and others on waters of French Broad and Chucky Rivers known as the Mooneyham tract beginning near the old Meeting House North 30 poles and thence Northwest 15 poles and corner to John Welty and Renner, thence with Renner's line south 85 poles, West 60 poles, North 85, West 125 poles to a Grant line, then South 15, East 240, South 68, West 190, North 15, West 168 to Dr. Bell's 1000 acre survey, then South 6-1/2, East 217 poles, then South 75, West 458 poles to the Southwest corner of the William Mooneyham (now Burnetts) then to a conditional line made by Thomas and William Mooneyham, then South 13,
East 20, then West 60 to corner Evans Fugatt's 400 acre survey, with his line South 30, East 480 corner to Huff and Davis 200 acre survey, then South 40 East poles (may be error here-tmj) Brush Creek then up the middle of said Creek to the fork, then up the middle of West Fork to the beginning.

To the said William Houston, Jr., and his heirs forever except a one half interest in an Iron Ore Bank, on the south side of Meadow Creek Mountain formerly known as the Legion Furnace Bank..... etc.

S/ Howell Houston
Her
Ellen X Houston
Mark

Wit: Nathan S. Lamb
Elizabeth Houston

Probated Nov. 26, 1878

ABSTRACT

Cocke County Court-house, Newport, Tenn., 6-24-62

Deed Book 9, page 411 - Nov 5, 1889 — Wm. Houston to O. C. King

$2,700. Sold to O. C. King of Morristown, Hamblin County, Tennessee, Real Estate in 1st District of Cocke County, Tenn. adjoining the lands of A. S. Moore on the West, James Crumb on the East, William Daniel and William Jones on the north to county line on the south East and on the South the Allen heirs and others.

(Abstract and brief but incomplete description - TMJ)

Corner near the house four poles from Pine Springs, Northwest and West to top of Meadow Creek Mountain, then to the county line to James Crumbs line, then to the Allens line, formerly Hoopers property, then with the Allen line to Brush Creek to the West fork to Pine Springs, the beginning corner, containing 1,000 acres more or less (etc)..... William Houston and Malinda Houston, wife of William Houston.

S/ William Houston
her
Malinda X Houston
mark

Wit: W. W. Bibee
Elizabeth Houston
T. V. Speer

Probated 5 Nov. 1889

Greene County Court-house, Greeneville, Tenn., 7-24-62

Dated 1786

North Carolina Grant No. 70 — Registered in Book 3, Page 57, James Houston 200 acres North side Nolachucky River on Richland Creek.

(Note - Above tract transferred to Joseph Posey May 5, 1789 Book 4 p 10. Consideration 187 Pounds.)

From Book: NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS IN TENNESSEE 1778-1791

Land Grant No. 2066 - 1787 Greene County
Aquilla Sherrir 300 acres 1787 Greene County - 300 Acres on Cove Creek

Land Grant No. 2067 - 1787 Greene County
Adam Sherrir 300 Acres 1787 Greene County - On the South side Nolachuckee
Deed Book 11 p 93 - William Houston et all to H Clay Evans
Consideration $2,600. Cash in hand paid by
H Clay Evans, Trustee, January 20, 1891

William Houston and Malinda Houston of Cocke County, Tenn. to H. Clay Evans, Trustee - 1st District of Cocke County known as a part of the Howell Houston's lands. Bounded on the South by the lands of Peck and Allen heirs, on the West by the heirs of Abner Moore, on the North by William and Elza Houston and Girdner, and East by Crum and further described as follows:

Adjoining lands of the heirs of A. S. Crum on the West, James Crum on the east, William Daniel and William Jones on the South, County line on the Southeast and on South the Allen heirs and others.

The beginning corner from the gum, a chestnut tree at the road near the house about four poles from Pine Springs, thence northwest in a straight line, then west to the top of Meadow Creek Mountain, then to a low gap on Meadow Creek, and then to the County line at James Crums line, then to the Allen heirs, formerly Hooper's property, then with Allens line to Brush Creek, then up the creek to the fork to Pine Springs at the beginning, containing by estimate 1,000 acres more or less.

The deed also conveys all mineral rights...to all lands hereto sold from the Howell Houston entry of 4,000 acres sold to Cook Houston and others ... sold to H. Clay Evans, Trustee for W. J. Boardman, Dudley Baldwin, F. T. Stone, J. W. Adams and G. T. Adams his successors and assignees forever... when successors shall have been appointed (etc.).

S/ William Houston
her
Malinda X Houston
mark

Wit: W. H. Jones
John Wood

Date: January 20, 1891

- ABSTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS -

From book:
RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY (VA)
by Lyman Chalkley
Vol. 1

Page 88 - (also page 305 Vol 3) - 15th September 1760. James Houston and Agness to Alex Boyd £50, 140 acres on Back Creek of Roanoke at Turkey Bottom

" 93 - James Huston deposes he was brother-in-law to George Wilson

" 134 - Nov 20 1746 - James Huston charged with hunting and burning the woods (killed two deer illegally) charged with vagrancy


" 340 - March 1765 A. Lang vs Huston - Capt Blagg deposes that in 1761 (4?) after Colonel Bird discharged James Huston, Armorer, instructions came to proceed to Great Island and Huston remained in the Service eight days longer

" 412 - March 21, 1753. James Houston working on a section of county road
Page 883 - April 1783. Greene County established, James Houston, Magistrate.

GREENE COUNTY 1778-79. Flay Branch Baptist Church organized in 1803. (One of the organizers was) James Houston.

in 1885 the name of the church was changed to Mountain View.

" 890 - May 1785. County reorganized under the State of Franklin.

John Weir, Magistrate, James Houston, Sheriff, 1783-1786.

LIST OF NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS IN TENNESSEE 1778-1791
No. 751 - Abraham Huston - 50 Acres 1786 Washington County, on the south side of Cherokee Creek

" 1622 - James Houston - 200 acres 1786, Greene County, on north side of Nolachuckee

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, Raleigh, N. C.
Grant No. 3285 - John Houston 12 June 1783. From: North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts Volume 1, page 80, folio 2

" 3375 - James Houston 12 June 1783. From: North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts Volume 1, page 21, folio 4

ANNALS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA, by L P Summers

NORTH CAROLINA REVOLUTIONARY ACCOUNTS
Washington and Sullivan Counties, 1781-83

Houston, James 1-21-4
Houston, John 1-80-2

FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Annals of Tennessee, Ramsey, p.p. 56-57)
March 1785. An Act to establish a Militia in this State (Franklin)
For Greene County: Daniel Kennedy, colonel; George Doherty, Lieutenant-colonel; James Houston, first major; Alexander Kelly, second major.
ADDENDA

JOHN HOUSTON 1764-1839  
(TMJ1959)

JOHN HOUSTON and his wife MARY DUNGAN (daughter of Jeremiah) settled in Washington county NC-Tenn and had the following ch:

1. Nancy m 1806 Benjamin Reno  
2. William m 1811 Jane Jenkins  
3. Jeremiah Dungan m 1829 Rebecca Pharez  
4. Orpha (Martha) m 1815 James Carathers  
5. James m 1817 1st Humphries m-2nd 1825 Carathers  
6. John Jr m 1st 1824 Kelley m-2nd 1829 Rose  
7. Deborah m-1st Floyd m-2nd Rose

NOTE - Foregoing furnished by Robert Tipton Nave, Elizabethton, Tennessee
NOTE - John Houston b Va 1764 d Wash Co Tenn buried Carter Co - GBH

III 10 #3 MARY (POLLY) HOUSTON b cal801 m Hiram Vanzandt in Greene Co Tenn. They moved to Monroe County Tenn changed their name to Vincent and there raised a large family as follows:

1. George W. Vincent m Emily Cook  
2. James Vincent m ???  
3. Houston Vincent m Julia Ann Clemmer  
4. Eliza Vincent m James Knox  
5. Jefferson Vincent m ???  
6. Howell Vincent m Nancy Hampton  
7. Lorenzo Vincent m ???  
8. Susan Vincent m ???  
9. Orpha Vincent m James B Shirley  
10. Mary Vincent m James Pardue  
11. William Vincent b 1839 d 1841  
12. Hiram Vincent

NOTE - I am indebted to Mrs. Ruth Cline, Route 5, Claremore, Oklahoma for the above Vanzandt-Vincent family of Monroe County, Tennessee. Mrs. Cline is granddaughter of George Washington Vincent born Monroe County, Tennessee in 1840 and died in Missouri in 1928.

ABSALOM HOUSTON

ABSTRACT  
From letter:  
Mrs. Winton Chambers  
300 East Unaka St.  
Johnson City, Tenn., 3/7/1959

(Copied by TMJ 3/11/59)

I found the marriage recorded in Greeneville (Absalom Houston) to Rebecca Hamilton. The Hamilton's were prominent. Absalom and Rebecca Hamilton Houston left Greeneville and started West. They settled in West Tennessee for a time and Absalom died there. Nice marker to his grave. I found the grave in a pamphlet issued by Tennessee
Historical Commission. Can't recall the county it was in but feel sure it was west of Nashville.

Absalom did not change his name. It's on his headstone.

I worked on this line several years ago. A grandmother then 85 years of age was descended from Absalom Houston who married a Hamilton. This old lady said her father left Arkansas in 1858. One relative lived with them who married Colonel Hayden and became mother of Senator Hayden of Arizona.

I believe Absalom, William and John came to Greene County from North Carolina. I do not think they came with the early settlers, but after the revolution, perhaps in the 1780's. I found something that gave me this idea.

I shall put your letter away and when I find ? (it's packed away) my material, dates, etc., I will send to you.

Mrs. John Houston, a widow, came with relatives - seems several families of Houston's, all related - lived in Augusta Co., Va., first. Many Houston's live in this section. I think they are from James.

(end)

NOTE: I skimmed through the index of all the Tennessee Historical Commission's publications at LML - 16 volumes of them - but did not find Absalom Houston listed in index. --TMJ 3/19/59

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THE HOUSTON FAMILY OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE  (TMJ 1974)

Gen.----No.
I ---- 1. William Houston born 20 May 1813 died 14 May 1895
I ---- 2. Malinda King b. 22 Nov. 1813. d. 6 May 1893. Children:
2 ---- 3. James Houston b. 1835
2 ---- 4. William Houston b. 1836
2 ---- 5. Susan Houston b. 1838
2 ---- 6. John Houston b. 1840
2 ---- 7. Isaac Houston b. 1843
2 ---- 8. Howell Houston b. Feb. 1845 d. 5 May 1918
2 ---- 9. Mary Houston b. 4 April 1846 d. 30 Mar. 1919 Crumb
2 ----10. Melvina Houston b. 1850
2 ----11. Orpha Houston b. 1853 Hus. William Keller
2 ----12. Elizabeth Houston 1855 d. 9 May 1931 Hus. Calvin Jones
2 ----13. William Warren Houston 18 Feb. 1869 d. 20 Dec. 1926
3 ----14. Susie Houston b. 18 Dec. 1870 d. 1 Aug. 1956 Hus. C. D. Wills
3 ----15. James Isaac Houston b. 10 Oct 1873 d. 9 Sept 1886
3 ----16. Edward D. Houston b. 10 Nov. 1875 d. 16 June 1934
3 ----17. Samuel Edcar Houston 7 May 1877 d. 10 Sept. 1938 Cuba NMEX
3 ----18. Gladys Ola Houston 19 Jan 1901 Hus. Bentley
4 ----19. Veva Juanita Houston b. 26 May 1903 Hus. Earl
4 ----20. Vannis Houston b. 5 Nov 1904 d. 6 Jan 1914
4 ----21. George Bernie Houston b. 19 April 1907. Wife Emma Shaffer
4 ----22. Mildred Lucille Houston b. 31 Jan 1915 Hus. Campbell
4 ----23. Samuel Vance Houston b. 19 Sept. 1918 Wife M. Mills
4 ----24. Samuel Lee Houston b. 5 May 1936
5 ----25. Veva Marie Houston b. 1 Jan 1940
Mrs. C. Ed (Beulah Griffin) Pritchard writes from Midland, Texas 1970:

I am the granddaughter of Anderson Houston born in Tennessee 1836 and died in Texas in 1932, age 96 years. His parents were Howell Houston and Elizabeth Baker.

Anderson was just a boy when his parents died and he was taken in by an aunt whose husband was Tom Jones. They lived on French Broad River. He joined a Sam's family when he became of age and moved with them to Miller County, Arkansas where he halted for a time and in 1859 he married Arena (called Irene) Sams. Her age then was 18 years. They moved on into Cass County, Texas and had nine children as follows:

James Anderson Houston b. 1865
Mollie Houston m. William Prichard
William Houston N M
Minta Houston m. Hugh Goldsberry
Andrew Houston m. ??
Alexander Houston N M
Walter Houston N M
Rosa Houston m. Hugh McKnight
Effie Houston m. ?? Washington

Grandfather Anderson was a CSA veteran.

My mother Janie Mae Houston b. 1890 was daughter of James Anderson Houston. My father was Shelby S. Griffin. I have two brothers, Roy N. Griffin, West Memphis, Arkansas and Travis H. Griffin, Lubbock, Texas.

My husband, Ed Prichard, died many years ago. Our only child, a son, Charles Edwin Prichard, Jr. is a lawyer in Corpus Christi, Texas. He has two sons, David twelve years and Charles E. III.

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NOTE: Anderson Houston is shown in my 1959 chart of the family as Generation IV, Number 7. (TMJ 11-19-73)
DANIEL CRAUSE WILLS 1862-1935 was born in Greene Co Tenn and died in Vermillion Co Ill. He married Susan Houston 1870-1956. She was born in Cocke Co Tenn and died in Phoenix Ariz. Buried Danville, Illinois. Their children, eleven in number...The first six were born in Briceville, Tenn., the other five in Danville, Illinois were:

1. Alonzo Wills b. 1889 d. 1928
2. Donald L. Wills b. 1891 d. 1936
3. Lawrence Wills b. 1892 d. 1945
4. Earnest Wills b. 1894 d. 1959
5. Maud Wills b. 1896 - ? m. Edcar Wood
6. Bessie G. Wills b. 18 Feb. 1898
7. Bernice Wills 1900-1959
8. Lucile Wills b. 7 Sept. 1902 m. Jack Harmon
9. Britton Eugene Wills b. 5 Aug. 1904
10. Elmer Wills 1912-1950
11. William C. Wills b. 13 Jul 1912

WILLIAM WARREN HOUSTON 1869-1926 was born in Cooke Co Tenn and died in Danville Illinois. He m. 1st-Lula Waddle m-2nd Viney Myers m-3rd Florence Leson Brandon.

Children by first wife were:

1. Ollie Susan Houston b 13 Apr 1889 Greene Co Tenn m. 1905 Coon Marshall lived in Vermillion Co Ill
2. Bertha Houston b. 17 Feb 1891 Greene Co Tenn died Danville Ill 28 Nov 1932

No children by 2nd wife. Several children by 3rd wife, names not now known.

WILLIAM HOUSTON b. 8 Aug 1811 Washington Co Tenn m. Jane Jenkins.

Their children all born Washington Co Tenn were:

1. Elzie Houston m. Jonathan Buck 17 Oct 1839
2. Stephen Houston b. cal1821 m. 17 Oct 1839 C Emaline Barnes
3. Deliliah b. 10 Oct 1824 m. Andrew J. Ford

The above charts furnished by George Bernie Houston, Albuquerque, New Mexico July 18, 1966 (TMJ1974)
THOMAS MADISON WALLIN 1867-1939 m. Emily Alice Houston in Cocke Co Tenn July 3 1886. Their children, thirteen in number were born in Cocke Co Tenn and Madison Co NC as follows:

1. Willie Allen b. 3-29-1887 never married
2. Susie b. 7-22-1888 m. Dr. J. E. Burnette
3. Stephen M. b. 12-31-1889 d. 1921 m. Lettie Franklin
4. James b. 3-13-1891 m. Nepula Franklin
5. Thomas P. b. 6-10-1892 d. 1932 m. Sally Kate Burnette
6. Jessie V. b. 11-17-1893 m. Flossie Shelton
7. Lance b. 4-15-1895 m. Bethel Chandler
8. Essie b. 6-21-1896 m. Willie Marion Edwards
9. Dewey b. 3-23-1898 m. Esta Anderson
10. William Bryant b. 6-23-1899 m. Mamie Tillery
11. Cory Branson b. 3-23-1901 m. Leke Tillery
12. Ray b. 4-2-1903 never married
13. Floyd b. 4-15-1905 m. Ola Franklin

NOTE: The above chart furnished by Joe Hensley, Norman, Oklahoma TMJ Mar 28 1974

WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS HOUSTON 1888-1953 m. Alice Aldridge and had ch:

1. Annie Mae Houston m. Reuben Cutshaw
2. Wayland Lee Houston died as a baby
3. Arthur Douglas Houston m. Evelina Morgan
   (a) Doyle Houston
   (b) Charlotte Houston
   (c) Wanda Houston
   (d) Wayne Houston
   (e) Joyce Houston
   (f) Darlene Houston
4. Ravenelle Houston m. Dorothy Rollins
   (a) Janice Houston
5. Alvin Taylor Houston died as a baby
6. Nellie Rebecca Houston m. Robert Smith
7. Velma Gertrude Houston m. William Deadrick
8. Horace Junior Houston

ALLEN PARKER HOUSTON (son of James M. Houston and wife Martha Warren) married Hannah Virginia Johnson. Children:

1. Thomas Franklin Houston 1926-1926
2. J D Houston 1928-1931
3. Val Roger Houston m. June Kelton
   (a) Lana Roetta Houston 1967
   (b) Michelle Lynette Houston 1968
4. Roetta Jewel Houston m. Ray Payne

NOTE: The latter chart furnished by Mrs. Sandra June Kelton Houston (with much more) Chucky, Tn 37641 Nov 20-73 (TMJ1974)
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

ALEXANDER HOUSTON
Died Sept. 1, 1883
A faithful husband and a kind father, embraced Christ in his last days and died in peace.

REVINIL
Daughter of Alexander and Mahala Houston
Born May 2, 1879  Died Sept. 15, 1896
Age 17 years 4 months and 13 days
She has gone home. How sweet the thought.

These grave stones are about 200-300 yards northeast across the road from the old Alexander Houston home. A dozen steps inside woodland surrounded by tilled fields. The gravestones are about four miles east of the Greene-Cocke county line off State Highway #107. Rev. R. G. Tarlton and family occupied the Houston former house August 8, 1953 when the inscriptions were copied. Later Rev. Tarlton had the house completely removed and built a modern home a few feet east of the original homesite. He lives there now 1974.

Around each Houston tombstone are brick sunken into the ground at an angle.

A few feet west of the Houston tombstones is a wagon-wide depression through the cemetery indicating a much traveled roadway North-South of many years ago. On each side of the roadway are a number of depressions indicative of many other graves man and child size. No gravestones or any other kind of grave markers were discernible, near these depressions.

The woodland containing this cemetery consists of a relatively young growth of trees, mostly field pines. No signs were found to indicate this cemetery had had any care in many years, probably not within this century.

The surrounding fields leads one to speculate the owners of the land occupied by this cemetery have left the grave-sites unmolested as a respectful token for those buried there and their relatives.

(Heading east on State Highway #107, Greene Co., Tenn., first road to right beyond Alex Houston's old home - now torn down and Mr. Tarlton living in a new house there, in Sherrill's Cove some three miles east of the Greene-Cocke County line, near the corner of the fence just a few feet off Highway #107, is a lone tombstone in the field with the following inscription:)

Sacred to the memory of

JOSEPH HORTON
Born November 5th, 1799
Died April 21st 1859
Aged 59 years, 5 months and 16 days

(Abstracted by T. M. Johnson, at gravesite, April 25, 1961. This upright gravestone is in good condition. No other signs of other graves are there, but the entire field, including Joseph Horton's grave has been
planted in alfalfa and winter oats. I was told the farm on which the gravestone stands belongs to Lawrence Rollins - tmj 4-26-1961) (The grave is on south side of Hiway 107 and, with careful observation, can be seen from the Hiway)

(Note: In 1963 this gravestone was missing from its April 1961 location. TMJ)

ADDENDA

Reminiscences of Mrs. Laura (Houston) Robinson, Marshall, N.C. 1953 (TMJ)

Great grandfather Howell Houston had a son named Anderson who went to Texas as a young man. He wrote his brother William who lived at Mars Hill, N.C. Uncle William died in 1910 and we never heard further from Uncle Anderson.

My father said Betsy Baker was his grandmother.

Great grandfather Howell's son, William, said he was born in 1824. Said he was 18 years of age when his father died.

Warren Houston must have been killed about the time of the close of the Civil War. I was told Uncle Warren went into a store at Cedar Creek and began abusing the storekeeper who shot him in the back as he was leaving the store. Argument over the war.

Great grandfather Howell's son, James, was killed near the same time at his brother Alexander's home in the Cove. Another argument over the war. Joe Carlisle a Union sympathizer killed him.

We lived with Grandfather Elzie B. Houston from 1900 through 1906 on the Howell Houston entry, not far from Cedar Creek. We were thrown off once. Can you imagine household furniture and everything being piled up in a field just across the boundary line. Laugh if you want to. I can now, but it wasn't so funny at the time. But grandfather led the way and we all moved right back into the same house. Grandfather would have spent the rest of his life being thrown off and moving right back if my father had stayed with him, but we moved to Marshall and grandfather and grandmother moved into the home of his son William who lived at Cedar Creek.

Grandfather said when he was a small boy his father whipped a negro slave whom grandfather loved more than his own father, and someone said Howell had no right to whip that slave because he was Aunt Betsy's negro.

Great grandfather Howell had an illegitimate son by a Lisenbee woman whom was called "Crawf", short for Crawford I guess. He went west and got mixed up with cattle rustlers after severing a connection he first had with General Sam Houston. I never heard what became of him.

The way I understand the disposition of the Howell Houston 4,000 acre entry after his death, Howell's brother William acquired the entry and sold it to Howell's son William who sold an one-half interest to the entry to his brother Elzie B. Houston, my grandfather.

A large copper and iron corporation tried to buy Uncle William's half share to the entry but Uncle William sold his share to his brother Elzie B. instead. The copper and iron corporation laid claim to the entry saying Uncle William had verbally agreed to sell them the entry before he moved to Marshall. A Knoxville lawyer named Cate represented the corporation in a suit filed at Newport. I distinctly remember my father and grandfather dis-
cussing the case as they were attending court in Newport sometime between 1900 and 1906. The courthouse was burned before the trial was completed.

I have heard my grandfather speak of his brother Alexander and my father speak of his Uncle Alexander many times.

I was named for the Laura Houston buried near my grandparents in St. James Churchyard, Cedar Creek. She was never married.

ADDENDA

(The following is an abstract of many notes made during an interview with James Sarge Houston in his office at Marshall, N.C. 6-25-1953 reference the Houston Valley and Sherrill's Cove Houston families. - TMJ 1974)

Howell Houston made the original entry to 4,000 acres of land in southeast Cocke County extending from near the French Broad River on the south and northward across Ore Bank Mountain near Cedar Creek, eastward far enough to include the Yellow Springs and westward adjoining the Mooneyham interests.

On a flat near a large boiling spring he built up a fill some four feet in height between the Houston Valley Road and Laurel Branch and built two large two-story log houses, connected them together with a wide hallway. Howell was a slave owner. He was a large man said to have been near six feet tall and weighing over 200-pounds. He engaged in clearing much land, farming and operating a nearby gold mine. He raised a large family and died there early in 1841 and was buried some seventy-five yards northward across the road on the hillside overlooking his home. His wife did not long survive him and was buried by his side. A family by the name of Brown now reside there. Brown built a large barn near the gravesite. (NOTE: - Mr. Brown told the writer there was a large pile of field stones grown over with blackberry vines that was in the way of his construction when he built the barn and he moved the rocks out of the way. There was no indication whatever that the rocks covered a grave site, no one had ever told him of a grave there, but when he got to the bottom of the pile there were flat stones imbedded into the ground surrounding some eight by ten feet of space that could have been a grave site. He was emphatic in saying had he known the stones covered a gravesite he would never have molested them. Said the rock pile was almost in the middle of the barn's front door on the east side. (Mr. Brown and family were living in a comparatively new small frame house erected on the fill that was once the foundation for the Howell Houston log home. Mr. Brown said much of the timber used in building his house came from the Houston school building that stood a quarter mile east alongside the roadway. - TMJ 1974)

William (Uncle Billy) Houston built the two-story log house at Pine Springs. (NOTE: Part of this log house is still standing - TMJ 1953)

Uncle Billy was brother to my grandfather Howell Houston and named a son for him. He had two sons in the Confederate Army that were killed in the war at Knoxville within a few minutes of each other.

Uncle Billy wasn't an extra large man compared to some of his big brothers, but he was thick through the shoulders and chest, had long arms, quick on his feet and mean to fight. He was a powerful and skilled wrestler. He was much in demand at gatherings requiring great strength such as log rollings and other meetings where gatherings were frequently made simply for some kind of amusement. Some of his fights are said to have been crippling and bloody. He was aggressive and frequently got into fights that could have been avoided. His frequent fights gained for him the name of "Fighting Billy
Houston" which many people now living will recall. Many people were afraid of him. His father willed Uncle Bill's share of his estate to be sold and the proceeds invested not less than twenty-five miles from Sherrill's Cove.

Uncle Billy owned many acres of the Howell Houston entry and financed his son Howell in acquiring acreage therein. Howell lived in a log house half a mile east of his father. Most of Howell's children were born there.  (NOTE: - The house is still standing in a very delapidated condition. - TMJ 1973)

Uncle Billy raised a large family at Pine Springs, lived there until he was quite old. He financed his daughter Josephine in acquiring the large two-story frame house and farm of the Stevens family east of the Greeneville-Asheville highway near Jones Chapel Church, now sometimes known as "Houston Memorial Presbyterian Church." Josephine was wife of Calvin Jones. Uncle Billy and Aunt Malinda moved in with Josephine and lived there the rest of their lives. Both buried in the old burial ground of the Stevens family a short distance back of the house on a hillside overlooking the Church.

Uncle Warren was a large man said to have been one of the most friendly and clever men a person ever met, but mean when he was drunk. He was the youngest brother of Grandfather Howell, lived all his life at his father's home which he inherited at his father's death including many acres of land and his father's interest in the Paint Mountain turnpike which he operated until his death near the close of the Civil War. He raised a large family and was shot in the back by a storekeeper at Cedar Creek with a rifle when he turned his back to leave the store. I never heard where the store contained a dispensary, but Uncle Warren was drunk and had been abusing the man whose name was Johnson. When Warren's boys got word of their father's death they hurried to the scene, disregarded their dead father's body laying on the floor and went hunting Johnson, but Johnson had already left the country. I never heard what became of him.

After Uncle Warren's death Uncle Alexander, son of Howell, operated the turnpike. Uncle Alexander lived at the old Joseph Horton place a couple of miles east of Warren's home.

I always heard the Houston's built the Paint Mountain Turnpike. It began at Revolutionary War William Houston's home in the Cove and went over Paint Mountain to Paint Creek, then onward to Hot Springs and eastward through the Carolinas. I have been over the turnpike many times. It is steep and winding, narrow and rough in places, but still passable for one walking or on horseback. It is said to have been the main route of travel between East Tennessee and North Carolina.

-- END JSH STATEMENT -- TMJ 1974

ADDENDA

(The following is a recopy of the original notes made in a personal inter­view with William (Uncle Willie) Debusk at his home, Rural Route 2, Parrots­ville, Tennessee, July 12, 1953).

I was born in Cocke County, Tennessee December 21, 1862. My father was Andrew Jackson Debusk, born in Greene County near Midway, March 1, 1831. My mother was Mary E. Howlett born July 6, 1833. She married my father August 7, 1855. My grandmother on my father's side was Molly Wren who mar­ried a DeBusk.
Howell Houston was my grandfather. He died before I was born. His burial place is said to be near where he lived.

In 1939 I married the widow of Elijah Hensley. She bore him seven children before he died. Her maiden name was Tate.

I have heard much about Fighting Billy Houston. He was mean, would pick a fight and bloody a man any way he could. He lived at Pine Springs. I knew and played with some of his boys when I was a boy.

I knew his son Howell who lived a short way up the road well.

I heard a lot of talk about Elzie Houston's lawsuit with the copper company that was trying to take the Howell Houston entry away from him and how he whipped Lawyer Cate in the court-room at Newport during the trial. A short time later the court-house was burned and it was said Elzie's evidence was partially destroyed and he lost the suit.

I knew many of Elzie's children but can remember only James and William. William had a large farm on Big Meadow Creek near Cedar Creek. His son, Rankin, killed his cousin, Isaac Houston, at William's home; some disagreement over a girl.

I heard much about the killing of Warren Houston at Cedar Creek. Storekeeper shot him in the back with a rifle. Argument over the war.

I have drunk water out of Powder Springs many times. Tastes awful but they do say it will cure any case of stomach trouble anyone ever had. The spring is near Mooneyham Creek. Howell Houston is said to have sent his sick slaves there to camp until they got well. Other slave owners used to use the spring for the same purpose old folks say and it cured many of them.

Houston Valley is drained by Brush Creek. It's waters flow into French Broad River.

Sherrill's Cove is drained by Cove Creek that flows into Nolychucky River.

(NOTE: - Uncle Willie lives on a farm in the foothills of Ore Bank Mountain about one mile west of a Church of Christ Church where he is a member. He was very religious and consulted his family Bible record page before giving me the above dates. - TMJ 1974)

-- END W. C. DEBUSK STATEMENT --

AUNT ANNIE RICKER'S RECOLLECTIONS OF HER HOUSTON FAMILY OF SHERRILL'S COVE, TENNESSEE

The following pages of Aunt Annie Ricker's recollections were related to the compiler between July 13th and July 19th, 1954 at the compiler's residence, Trotter Road, Knoxville, Tennessee while she was visiting there. At the time she made her home with her daughter Kate and son-in-law John Scroggs, 3 Green Street, Pelzer, S.C. Aunt Annie said John Scroggs was as good to her as any "blood" son she had and she loved him very much.

Aunt Annie was born and raised at Alexander Houston's home on Cove Creek in Sherrill's Cove of Greene County, Tennessee. The home was a large two-story frame house built by Joseph Horton who acquired the property at public auction on May 1, 1841 and built the house on the site of the Dr. George W. Foute's former home. The property adjoined Joseph Horton's father, John Horton, on the north. Joseph was husband of Orpha Houston, daughter of
Howell Houston and Elizabeth Baker Houston, therefore sister to Alexander Houston. Joseph Horton died there April 21, 1859 after having had a large family. At the time of his death his children ranged between the ages of eleven and twenty-five years.

On October 11, 1853 Joseph Horton bought from Warren Houston one acre, more or less, of land consideration $15.00, on the south side of Cove Creek where present day Pine Springs Missionary Baptist Church and churchyard stand.

Soon after Joseph Horton's death, Alexander Houston, brother to Joseph Horton's widow Orpha Horton, bought 740 acres of land bounded by the Horton heirs from his sister Orpha, consideration $2,500. Deed signed by William Horton. Orpha continued to live at the home place a short time, then sold more land to her brother, Alexander Houston, and removed from the Cove with the young ones still living with her.

The exact date of Alexander Houston's occupancy of the former Joseph Horton home is uncertain, but probably as soon as his sister Orpha was located elsewhere. There he married Mahala Sutherland and had five children, Aunt Annie Ricker, whom he called Anna being the oldest. He died September 1, 1883 at the age of 52 years. Mary Jane Houston was the youngest child at his death and ultimately inherited most of her father's property which I am told she sold to her half brother, Arthur W. Whitehurst.

Reverend R. G. Tarlton and his family occupied the house in 1962, but soon afterwards had the old house torn down and built a new single story modern home a few feet farther down Cove Creek from the large spring back of the old Houston-Horton home, but continued using water from the spring.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing is a correct chronicle.

Thomas M. Johnson, compiler, Feb. 26, 1974

AUNT ANNIE RICKER'S RECOLLECTIONS

My mother, Mahala Sutherland Houston, was born in Unicoi County, Tennessee. Her mother deserted her three days after her birth. Her father gave her to a family to raise whom I don't remember my mother saying what their names were. She never knew her exact age.

She was a red headed woman, about 5' 6 or 7" tall, brown eyes, rather large boned and medium built until after my father's death. In her later years she gained considerable weight, probably up to 140 or 150 pounds. She was an excellent cook when my father would let her do it. (Size Aunt Annie plus about 10 lbs.) After daddy's death mother married Tom Whitehurst. We children didn't want her to marry him. I told her she could do better than Tom Whitehurst but she married him any way. Mother's death was sudden as was her daughter Minnie's. No lingering illness for either. They both were stricken and died within a short time.

Jeanette Houston, daddy's sister, lived with us until father took her to the hospital. She was a remarkable cook. Could bake the best cakes and pies one ever eat. She was a medium tall slender woman near 40 years old.
when I was a child, blue eyes with a cataract over one eye that bothered her vision to some extent. She was ill a long time. She read the Bible a great deal and was an excellent person to explain the Bible's meaning. When she would go off on one of her sick spells she would leave home and wander around the countryside, staying with first one then another until someone sent word to daddy and he would go after her and bring her home. She was bad about pulling off her clothes when she was sick and sometimes daddy would have to tie her up with a rope to keep her home, or lock her up in the grainery. Daddy took her to Knoxville sometime near 1880, where she later died. I don't know where she was buried. She died after daddy's death. We never heard about it until after she was dead and buried.

Daddy's brother Jim was killed at daddy's house. Shot by a man they said was named Jim Carlisle. Argument about the Civil War. Jim was killed in daddy's store-room, the front room of the house on the northwest side. I have seen the bloodstain on the floor and the bullet holes in the floor and walls until the floor and walls were refinished after daddy's death.

Daddy bought the home place from Orpha Horton. Orpha's husband, Joseph Horton, was buried just a short ways northeast of where daddy was later buried. There was a nice tombstone at the head of Joseph Horton's grave and I have seen it many, many times. I know of two women who were buried there, both by the name of Owens. I was told of a blind woman having been buried there they called Granny Tarlton. She is supposed to be the direct ancestor of most of the Tarlton family of that section. Andrew Mann was also buried there. After Orpha Horton sold out to daddy, Orpha moved away somewhere, I don't remember ever having heard where, with the younger children that were still living with her. She came back visiting once that I know of and told us there was over 100 people buried in that cemetery before her husband, Joseph Horton, was buried there. I never heard where Orpha was living at the time of her death, nor where she was buried but she wasn't buried where her husband was.

I remember when my father operated Paint Mountain Turnpike. The turnpike was the main route of travel from Charleston, South Carolina to all east Tennessee and points in other states north and east as well as westward to West Tennessee, Kentucky and many other states. Our house was the stopping place for the great number of stages coming over the turnpike near meal time as well as stage coaches from Greeneville way. I can remember those stage coaches with four or six horses coming down the road in a gallop, the stage coach crowded with people, swaying from side to side and bouncing about when it hit rough sections of the roadway. Many times the stages would stop for the night, especially when the weather was bad. We had three bedrooms upstairs and a wide, long hallway. There were four bedrooms down stairs, a dining room and kitchen. The kitchen adjoined the dining room, but wasn't a part of the main house being built off and back of the main building. The kitchen and dining rooms were large. We always managed to put up however great a number of travelers as desired a night's lodging. I never knew my father to refuse a meal or a night's lodging to anyone.

Even when I was a small child there were several former slaves with their children living on our place. I remember only the names of Al Horton, Mandy Horton and Isom Houston. Isom was very old. He could hardly get around. We put down pallets in the kitchen for some of the negroes to sleep
on sometimes when they were likely to be needed during the night and I have slept with one of the negro girls many times and never thought a thing about it. Sometimes it was necessary to put down pallets in the upstairs hallway when we had a large number of overnight lodgers. There was two porches in front of the house, all the way across the front, with porticoed columns.

Daddy was considered to be a very wealthy man and supposed to have lots of money, however, after his death we never found much money other than what was in the store and what he had in his pocket. People usually buried their money or hid it some place to keep thieves from getting it where we lived in the Cove and everybody said daddy had buried his money. If he did, I never heard of anyone finding it and it must still be buried around there some place. We never looked for it as we had plenty of everything to do for a long, long time without needing more. Daddy had many acres of land. He was joined on the north by Andrew Keller who married Orpha Houston, daughter of Uncle Billy Houston who lived in Houston Valley. There was a road leading from the stage coach road in front of our house up through the woods west and northeastern beyond the cemetery to the large house on the ridge not many hundred yards beyond the cemetery. The south boundary of daddy's land was way across the mountains and the east boundary was onward to the east boundary of what we called the lower place, or, as some called it, the furnace place. There had been a large brick-kiln there and I guess that's why they called it the furnace place. Daddy also owned land around Pine Springs Church on Cove Creek. He gave the land to the Church that includes the cemetery. I don't know whether the preacher's name was Morgan or McNabb when daddy gave the Church the Pine Springs acreage, but Brother McNabb was pastor of Pine Springs when I was baptised there. Daddy was a member of Pine Springs Baptist Church. When I first went there it was a hewn log house with no pulpit, benches with no back and the only way you could lean back was to get a bench back against the wall and lean against it. I also went to school there. Got most of my three R's there. Was baptised into the Baptist Church there by Brother McNabb. They dammed up Cove Creek to have deep enough hole of water to baptise us in. Minnie, my sister, was baptised the same time I was. There was lots of snow on the ground that day but we didn't mind it. I didn't get cold at all. After we were baptised we walked back down the road in our stocking feet through the slushy snow half a mile to Jake Keller's house to change clothes.

Daddy also had some property across the mountain near the mouth of Paint Creek. Had a man living on it but we never found a deed for the property and never knew whether he got a deed for it or not. There was a barites mine on the property, but I don't think daddy ever worked it. Some of the bottom land near the creek on the lower place would produce 100 bushels of corn to the acre. It was fine land and would grow pumpkins so large the size now seems almost beyond belief. There was a large two story log house there with a big chimney in the middle. On one side of the house there was an outside stairway to the second floor and on the other side there was an inside stairway. The upper bedrooms weren't connected together and, to get from one side of the upper bedrooms to the other, one had to go outside the house. Daddy moved down there once for a while; moved the store also, but we didn't stay there long before we moved back to the upper place.

Daddy was a large, blocky, heavyset man. I would say a little under six feet tall, blue eyed, clean shaven and I never knew him to wear other than a white shirt. His hair was light brown and kind of bobbed in the back. Men
didn't have their hair cut short at that time like they do now. Daddy's hair was getting thin on top near the time of his death. He was devoted to his family and we children enjoyed wallering over him and running our fingers through his hair. We spent much time at the mill with daddy, the mill being across the road from the house and a short ways down the road from the barn. Daddy had a wooden flume run from the spring back of our house and across the road to the mill to run the water-powered mill wheel. He ground both corn and wheat and it was kept going pretty much all the time except in cold weather when heavy freezes came. I remember that old flume having icicles hanging to it all the way to the ground in places. When we girls were at the mill and some man, or men, came up, daddy would take us by the hand and lead us across the road and send us home. He never would let us stay there when other than the house servant men were around. We had several men working around the house, the mill, and a number of tenants living nearby. Three of the house servant men were negroes and they had a large family of children, both girls and boys that also worked mostly around the house or nearby fields. The ex-slaves were old but they did as much work as they were able to do. Daddy never demanded much out of them. Just let them live there, furnished them all the grub and clothes they needed and money, or anything else. Whether he paid them a regular wage I don't remember, but it was customary at that time for older people to find a home in which they could be well taken care of, all their wants being furnished them for what work they were able and could do. Money didn't mean much then as we always had most everything we wanted to eat grown right on the place and our clothes were also made there. Only place to spend money was at daddy's store or, on rare occasions, when someone went to Greeneville. Daddy Hauled most of the merchandise for the store from Greeneville in a two horse wagon. He forded the Nolychucky River most of the time, but I remember daddy taking us to Greeneville once when we crossed the river over Byrd's bridge. I don't remember daddy running a toll bridge across the Nolychucky with Mr. Byrd, but he likely did as he was a great hand to work hard at anything that would bring in lots of money. He wasn't a greedy person and I never heard anyone say he had cheated them nor refused to help them any time they needed help, except one time when one of daddy's nephews wanted to ride with daddy coming back from Greeneville. Daddy was careful with stock. He would never allow a team to be overloaded or being abused. All the stock I can remember was three mules, a mare named Lucy and a horse named Bill. Daddy was mighty careful with Lucy. She had the best treatment of any. She foaled a gray mule that we children were crazy about. We kept that gray mule for years. Daddy didn't have a buggy, just a two horse wagon. He had a saddle and we had two side saddles. I have often wondered what became of those side saddles.

One time daddy was coming back from Greeneville with an extra heavy load of merchandise and run into one of the Rollins' boys, don't remember which one for sure. Could have been others with this Rollins, but any way, Rollins wanted to ride and daddy wouldn't let him because of overloading an already well loaded team. A few days afterwards, Carrie and I were down the road at Martha Brannan's house. Martha had several children but I never knew of her having a husband. Steve Rollins, a younger brother of this husky grown man Rollins daddy had refused a ride, came running down the road and told us Rollins was drunk and coming down the road to whip daddy. We run as hard as we could to the mill where daddy was and told him Rollins was coming to whip him. It wasn't long before up came Rollins and roaring out oaths enough to freeze your blood. He dared daddy to come out into the
road and fight. We children grabbed daddy's legs and begged and pleaded with him not to go out there. Daddy took all that abuse for a few minutes and when he couldn't stand it any longer, he disengaged our clinging hands and shot out that mill house door like a shot out of a rifle and in no time he had beaten Rollins into a bloody pulp and into unconsciousness. Men working nearby quickly gathered to watch the fight. After Rollins was knocked out, they gathered him up and took him to the creek and washed the blood off of him, the process of which sobered Rollins up. That was one drunk daddy certainly sobered up in a hurry. Rollins had enough and never gave daddy any trouble afterwards. I never knew of daddy having any trouble with anyone else. Daddy didn't have a rifle; only a long barrel, large bore pistol that he kept up on top of the cubbard in the dining room. He never carried it on his person that I know of and would never allow anyone to handle it.

Daddy also had three fine milk cows and a few others running loose in the pastures and the mountains, but he had a large number of hogs. We had a number of large peach, apple, and cherry orchards and all waste apples and peaches went to the hogs. When hog—killing time came, we had two large drums and two large wash-pots to cook down the rendered lard. Enough hogs were killed to fill the smokehouse and more, the surplus being given away to the neighbors, mostly tenants on the place and other needy families, and sometimes he killed so many there was more than could be used and a wagon load or so would be sent to Greeneville and sold. Daddy never sold anything grown on any of the farms that could be used at home.

Daddy had a number of sheep that were kept for clothing. He would buy cotton for what cotton clothing we needed and to use in spinning wool. He never grew any. We had a large loom and two big spinning wheels in the kitchen that were kept going much of the time making cloth for the family, some of the tenants, the negroes and sometimes for needy families. Daddy never turned down a needy person, especially the children. He loved us children devotedly. Many's the time he has saddled up old Bill, sit one of us up back of the saddle and taken up another in his lap and taken us down to the lower place. After attending to his business, back home we would go, all three atop old Bill.

Father never used any by—words of any kind. He was kind to everyone, especially mother and we children. I never knew him to have any trouble with anyone except Rollins, nor did I ever hear of him having any other trouble. He was sorely missed in our neighborhood after he died. Daddy was working in a nearby peach orchard when he got sick. He crawled down out of a large peach tree and went to the house and told mother he was sick. She got him to bed and sent for a doctor. She had four doctors with him before he died. Took sick on Monday and died sometime between midnight and daylight the next Monday morning. He had mother to send for Abner Tweed to wait on him and Abner was with him throughout his last illness to the end. Uncle William Houston who lived near Mars Hill, North Carolina was with us when the end came. He was asleep upstairs when they woke him up and told him daddy was dying. Uncle William got up and hurried down and joined Mr. and Mrs. Pressley who were also spending the night with us, and the other members of the household. Tom Johnson, one of daddy's tenants, was also present. I don't remember the names of any of the others if others were there at the time.
Tom Johnson and his family lived at the mouth of Paint Creek. Two drunken men went to Tom's house one night, took Tom and his wife outside, one of them holding their heads on a chopping block while the other cut their heads off with an axe. One of these murderers was named Hixson. Can't remember what the other's name was. Both of them were convicted and sent to the state penitentiary. Tom and his wife were buried in a single grave in Lamb's graveyard at Lambtown.

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We had large orchards of peaches, cherries, apples, pears and quinces at both places, the home were we lived and at the lower place.

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When I went to school at Pine Springs Church, which was used as a schoolhouse during the week, Manuel Crum was the teacher. There was another Manuel Crum that was known as "Sawmill" Manuel Crum to distinguish the two; one called "schoolteacher" Crum and the other "sawmill" Crum. Sawmill Crum ran a sawmill.

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I don't think Mary was walking when daddy died. She was a small baby any way.

The big grain mill across the road from the house had several thousand feet of walnut boards stored in it when daddy died. The mill was a big two-story affair with a large granery storage room up stairs. It burned down soon after father's death. Some said most of the walnut lumber had been stolen and hauled away before the mill was set on fire.

Before daddy's death, at least three women were working around the house almost all the time. Daddy didn't want mother to do much work of any kind, especially hard work like washing clothes, scouring, etc., and the only time I ever heard daddy fuss at mother was when he caught her doing some kind of work he thought was too hard for her. The women were kept busy carding wool and cotton, spinning and making cloth. Sometimes one or more of the ex-slaves were called on to spin the wheels. We never lacked for warm clothes in the winter time and it took a lot of work to keep everyone clothed. Daddy never had an outside building for the store that I ever heard of. Always in the northwest front room of our house ever since I can remember.

Daddy never talked much about his father and mother, other than he was a boy when his father, Howell Houston, died and that his mother's name was Betsy Baker. Daddy hired many workers that didn't live on our place, men throughout the year and women mostly through seasonal rushes, like gathering time when the farm produce was ready for harvesting, washing wool when the sheep were sheared, and helping with the meat when hogs were killed, etc. We never lacked for help when time came to gather peaches, pears, cherries, etc., or any time butchering was to be done. Sometimes daddy had so many hogs several butcherings were necessary before all of it could be attended to. So many hogs couldn't always be taken care of at one time, so it was divided in such way that each butchering could be completed before a new one was commenced.

I knew father's brother, Elzie, well. He came to our house often before daddy died. Uncle Elzie wore a long beard. Uncle Elzie was bad about

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arguing about almost anything and he seldom came to our house that he and
daddy didn't get into an argument of some kind. Daddy used to tell
Uncle Elzie if he didn't stop getting into so many lawsuits he never would
have anything. Uncle William, daddy's oldest brother, was our favorite.
Both of daddy's brothers were blue eyed. Uncle Elzie was tall and rawboned,
Uncle William was heavier than Uncle Elzie and was clean shaven. I don't
remember Uncle William having any missing finger. Uncle Billy, Grandfather
Howell's brother who lived in Houston Valley could have had a missing
finger but I don't remember it if he did. Uncle Billy was the father of
Howell Houston who was named for my grandfather, married Ellen Smith.
The Smith family lived near where Uncle Howell built his large white house
that stood on the hillside near the large mill about half way between our
house and Ricker's Schoolhouse. They had five children, four boys and one
girl:

Ed married, 1st, my sister Vina. She died at childbirth, leaving a daughter
who was named after her and raised by Uncle Howell and Aunt Ellen. Ed
2. Sam married Bessie Freshour.
3. Warren married 1st Lula Waddelle. They had two children. Lula
died and Warren married 2nd Vina Myers.
4. James died before he was grown. Several children at school were
playing a game of "pulling the rope." Sides were chosen and each side was
trying to outdo the other. In some way, whether intentional or accidentally,
all the children pulling on the rope turned it loose at the same time except
Jim and he fell hard. He never was right afterwards and finally died, very
likely from injuries received when he fell at the schoolhouse.
Warren Houston was probably named William Warren as he signed his
name "W. W. Houston."
Uncle Howell's son Ed married my sister Ravinel (called Vina) Houston. Vina
died at childbirth leaving a daughter they named Vina. Uncle Howell and
Aunt Ellen raised and educated her. When grown she married Dr. Ruble and
left the country after she received her share of daddy's estate. After my

Enoch, James and Douglas (called Doug) were my cousins but I don't know who
their parents were. We always called Doug "Uncle" Doug. He was much older
than we were. Never married. We used to go to his house which he kept by
himself, the cleanest and nicest place you ever saw and have dinner with
him occasionally. He was a fine cook. He would bake cakes and pies as
good as any woman you ever saw. Uncle Doug was buried at River Hill Church
about five miles out from Greeneville on the Lonesome Pine Highway.
Charlie Ricker is also buried there.

Uncle Howell lived between the big millhouse now standing on the highway
east from our old home and Rickers School House. Uncle Howell's house was a
large white house that stood up on the hillside near the road. It burned
down several years ago.

Daddy and mother had one child, a daughter, that died when she was about
five months old. I don't remember her name, but she was buried just to
the right of where daddy was later buried. Her remains now repose beside
her father's, on daddy's left.
Mahala Sutherland's parents died when she was young. She never had any schooling. Never knew what date she was born. She lived with several different people from pillar to post until she moved in with Alex and married him.

Some of Alex's tenants were John Doug Wills (son of Lewis Wills), Don Wills, Jake Daniels and Jim Carter. Carter was the miller.

Alex's dead baby came between Ravenil and Mary Jane. Never was named. Called her first by one name then by another.

Mary Jane was the youngest child.

Aunt Annie visited James Asbury Houston's house when he lived at Marshall not far from Uncle William's.

Preacher McNabb preached Alex's funeral at the house and also a short service at the graveside. Preacher McNabb also preached Ravenil's funeral. A large crowd was at Alex's funeral, people from far and near. There was constant visitors during Alex's last illness, few being allowed in his room.

Uncle Elzie and Uncle William were at the funeral of Alex. Doesn't remember whether Uncle Billy was there or not. She was so torn up over her father's death, many other Houston's could have been there, she doesn't remember, and in such a big crowd it was impossible to know who all were really there.

Doesn't know what happened to Joe Carlisle after he killed Jim.

Alex's Bible was left on the front porch floor; puppy tore it up.

Springhouse about 40 feet back of kitchen at the foot of a large oak.

Lem Jackson was a very good friend of Alex.

Tom Coulter, colored, an ex-slave of the Coulter's, lived between Alex and Pine Springs Church. Sold out to a Mr. Smith from South Carolina. Coulter moved to Morristown.

Uncle Billy's children were: Howell, Lizzie, Vina, Josephine.

Howell married Ellen Smith, 1st; 2nd, Mary Ann Pressley. He had no children by Mary Ann. Howell lived in Houston Valley after he first married, later moved in the large Trimm house near Bethsheba Church until he built a large frame house near the mill. Ellen's brother, Jim Smith, lived in Hot Springs, N. C.

Aunt Annie's teachers were Manuel Crum, D. Taylor and Manuel Crum again at Pine Springs, and teacher Brown at Rehobeth. Going to M. Crum when married at 17. Manuel Crum boarded with her mother.
Aunt Annie Ricker had 9 children:

1. Burle, married Essie Smith - (Harlow's sister); lives Anderson, S. C.
2. Blanche, born 1896, married Harlow M. Smith; lives in Knoxville
3. Andrew Jackson, married Edna Morgan; lives Palmetta, Florida
4. Arthur married a Shipley; lives half way between G'ville & Tusculum
5. Marie Willie, married a Goode; lives Lockhart, S. C.
6. Pearle, married Ganoe, has 9 children, lives Ft. Worth, Texas
7. Kate, married John Scroggs. John well known in Pelzer, S. C. where he has lived all, or most of his life. Residence: 3 Pelzer Street.
8. Bonny, married a Ketcherson; lives Williamston, S. C.
9. Johnny, married Paul Taylor, lives on Tusculum Road, Greeneville, Tenn.

She worked hard all her life and was never sick. Never had a bad cold or "la grippe" as they called flu in those days. Once cooked all winter for a big crew of men working for her husband on Paint Creek.

Aunt Annie says she was born April 15, 1874.

John Ricker, father of Charlie, was buried in Cove Creek Churchyard.

Aunt Annie used to go with her father after the mail at Limestone Springs, Tenn. Squire Fred Ricker was the postmaster. Squire Ricker lived at Limestone Springs which was about 1 1/2 miles from Collin's Store, about a mile west of the Greeneville Highway. Squire Ricker later built the home across the road from the Collins store where Mr. Collins now lives. Squire Ricker and his wife both died there and were buried at Rehobeth.

One of Aunt Annie's grandsons, Edward Ricker, is a building contractor now living 912 Osborne Avenue, Anderson, S.C.

Aunt Annie died in Pelzer, S. C. December 10, 1968, age 94 years, buried Riverhill Churchyard, Greene County, Tennessee.

--- END AUNT ANNIE'S RECOLLECTIONS ---

TMJ (1974)

PAINT MOUNTAIN TURNPIKE (TMJ 10/7/58)

From Book: History of the Lost State of Franklin - by Williams (p318)

CHARLES ROBERTSON (sometimes spelled "Robinson") resided in Greene County. HE IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH Colonel Charles Robertson, of Sinking Creek, who was a leader of the Watauga Association. The name of each is, at times, spelled "Robinson" and it is difficult to distinguish the two when mentioned in records, and even in histories.

Robertson appeared in Greene County prior to 1783. His name "Robertson" is on the tax list of that year in that county. He lived on Meadow Creek of the Nolachucky River. He, as well as the other Charles Robertson, was in the first Jonesborough convention of Frankland, but this appears to be his only legislative service.
In 1796-7 the State of South Carolina projected a scheme for the cutting of a highway from Tennessee to Charleston, and proposed to build the road southward provided the State of Tennessee would open and construct the same from Warm Springs on French Broad through the mountains to Sherrill's Cove. Charles Robertson was superintendent of construction of Tennessee's portion of this highway. Governor Sevier in his message (October, 1797) announced that the road was open to traffic by wagons, and spoke in complimentary terms of Robertson.

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THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY - (p57)
(Acts passed at the March, 1785, session of the Assembly - p56)

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MILITIA IN THIS STATE (Franklin)

----- For Greene County: Daniel Kennedy, colonel; George Doherty, Lieutenant-colonel; James Houston, first major; Alexander Kelly, second major------

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PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE WESTERN COUNTRY - (p339-346)

The Honourable, The General Assembly of North Carolina Now Sitting: - - - (p343) - (among the signers of this petition)

J. Huston (his x mark)
John Huston (his x mark) (5-1/2 pages signatures)

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ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE GOVERNOR AND JUDGES OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SOUTH OF THE RIVER OHIO 1792-1803

P86

An Act authorizing Isaac Baker and Thomas Wilson to erect a turnpike on a certain road herein mentioned.

Whereas it hath been represented to this General Assembly that Isaac Baker and Thomas Wilson, did in the year 1802, at their own expense, open and make a good waggon road from Sherrill's Cove to the Painted Rock in Greene County, being the main road leading from this State to the States of North and South Carolina and Georgia, by way of the Warm Springs of French Broad River, wherefore:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that Isaac Baker and Thomas Wilson are hereby authorized to erect a turnpike on any part of the road aforesaid, between the head of Sherrill's Cove and the Painted Rock; and tolls be collected that they be compensated for making said road, and hereafter keeping the same in repair, they are authorized to receive the following tolls for the term on ten years:
For each loaded waggon and team, fifty cents
For each four wheel pleasure carriage, one dollar
For each chair and driver, fifty cents
For each man and horse, six and one-fourth cents
For each pack horse, four and one-half cents
For each single horse, three cents
And for each head of cattle, sheep or hogs, one cent

(Commissioners appointed, their duties, etc.)

S/ James Stuart
Speaker of the House of Representatives

S/ James White
Speaker of the Senate

Nov. 7, 1803

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ACTS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE 1813

(Copied from microfilm at Lawson-McGhee Library, Knoxville, 6/8/55 by T. M. Johnson)

Page 166 - 167, Chapter CXXVIL

An Act to authorize the erection of a Turnpike Gate on a certain road herein mentioned.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that John Forensworth, John Gragg, Isaac Baker, Senr., William Houston ... leading from Sherrill's Cove to the Painted Rock on French Broad River ... for the term of ten years ... but not to commence until after the expiration of Isaac Baker's and Thomas Wilson's time.

... the undertakers shall before he erects his gate or demand and receive any tolls enter into bond ... in the sum of one thousand dollars ... It shall be viewed by at least three of the Commissioners ... at least ten Justices, who shall proceed to determine the toll to be received at said gate, and issue their license ... .

Section B. (When turnpike heretofore ordered shall cease;) Be it enacted, that an act entitled an act authorizing Isaac Baker and Thomas Wilson to erect a turnpike on a certain road therein mentioned, passed at Knoxville November 7, 1803, shall continue to be in force until the gate contemplated by this act shall have been erected and no longer.

S/ Th. Claiborne
Speaker of the House of Representatives

S/ J. C. Isaacks
Speaker of the Senate, pro. tem.

Nov. 17, 1813
An Act to authorize William Houston, Jacob Baker and William Reynolds to alter the turnpike road leading from Sherrill's Cove to the Paint Rock, on the French Broad River, established by an Act by the General Assembly passed at Nashville, the 17th of November 1813 . . . altering parts of the road, erecting bridges across the ford of Paint Creek . . .

Section 3. That when the new road is received as aforesaid, it shall be the duties of said undertakers to enter into a new bond . . . in the sum of one thousand dollars . . . for the term of fifteen years to commence at the expiration of the term heretofore granted . . . etc . . . etc.

That the undertakers of the new road authorized by this Act, shall be entitled to, and receive the same toll the former undertakers of the old road were entitled to and received . . .

S/ James Fentress
Speaker of the House of Representatives

S/ Edward Ward
Speaker of the Senate

October 26, 1815

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Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that the Charter of the Paint Mountain turnpike road, in the County of Greene, shall be extended to the proprietors thereof, for the term of one hundred years, and said road shall be extended from the Painted Rock to where William Houston now lives; and the proprietors of said road, and their hands, shall be exempt from working on any other public road in said County; and the proprietors of said road shall receive the same toll they were entitled to receive by the original Charter.

Section 2. Andrew Canady, Emanuel Peaman and Jacob Stephens, . . . appointed commissioners on said road . . . (etc.).

Section 3. . . . That the Cureton turnpike road shall intersect the Paint Mountain turnpike at or near the top of Paint Mountain, and run with the same to the Painted Rock.

(etc)
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF GREENE

I, Paul M. Ford, Clerk of the County Court for said County, do hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Will of JAMES HOUSTON,
deceased, recorded in Will Book A-P, pages 153, 154, as the same appears of
record in my office. Witness my hand and official seal in Greeneville this
9 day of October 1953.

Paul M. Ford, Clerk

-----JAMES HOUSTON-----

In the name of God Amen. I James Houston, of the County of Greene and State
of Tennessee being weake of body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God
for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in the man-
ner and form following 1 Lot is to say, I recommend my soul unto Almighty
God who gave it me and my body to the earth to be bured in a decent Christian
manner at the descretion of my executors in hope of a joyful resurrection
through the mercies of my Redemer Jesus Christ and as for what worldly estate
where with it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath in the
following manner (to wit)

I give and bequeath unto Hannah Baker, John Houston, William Houston and
John Horton all my estate to be equally divided amounst him except the
property that I shall hereafter devise. That is I give and bequeath unto
George Jones one negro boy named Marshal and no more I give and bequeath to
Abslam Houston one negro girl named Tildey and a negro boy Milchall and no
more.

I give and bequeath unto Polly Russell a Malatto girl named Jane and no more.
I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter what money my bay mare saddle
and bridle also one bead and furniture will sell for, and also that my
executors may keep the money and interest until the said Rebecca comes of
age and then the executors hereafter named to lay out the money for a horse,
saddle and bridle and bead in case there will be money sufficient for
that purpose. I hereby appoint William Houston and John Horton Executors
of this my last will and Testament and lastly I do revoke all wills or former
wills by memade and declare this only to be my last will and Testament where-
of I the said James Houston set my hand and seal this 18th day of April, 1820.

S/ James Houston (Seal)
S/ Andrew Patterson
S/ Joseph Horton

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----- WILLIAM HOUSTON, SR. -----
may first come into the hands of my herein after named Executors.

Article 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly one thousand dollars estry of a note of hand I put in the hands of Joseph Horton in trust for the benefit of her heirs and her as a gift to be converted into land so well as I now recollect which into I passed in the fall of the year 1839 on George W. Foute, Cain Broyles & Alfred Hunter which unto at that time amounted to between seven hundred & fifty and eight hundred dollars, it is further my request that after the expiration of one year after my death that the above named sum of one thousand dollars be paid to her by my executors out of the first moneys that may hereafter come into their hands of my estate.

Article 3. I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Elizabeth Houston wife of my son Howell for the benefit of her heirs. I loaned her husband Howell Houston many years since, amounting with interest to fourteen hundred dollars. It is my request be managed and appropriated in the following manner; to wit, to be paid over by my executors after the expiration of one year after my death or so soon then after as they can command the same out of any moneys belonging to my estate, not otherwise herefore appropriated, To Stephen Huff who I do hereby nominate and appoint their guardian he having first entered into bond with good & sufficient security to my executors for the faithful performance of his hereinafter prescribed duty as such, whose duty it shall be priate for their use to loan the same on interest, excepting one hundred fifty dollars of which I hereby authorize him to retain and appropriate to the best advantage for their interest & support for the first year thereafter, and from that time it is my request that there be for each year annually the aforesaid sum of one hundred & fifty dollars out of said moneys & interest earned therefrom, appropriated to their support so long as it may continue or the same is thereby expended otherwise until the first one of her heirs becomes twenty one years of age & then it is my desire that an equitable division be calculated of the remaining sum should there be any and the one that is of age is to draw its proportionate share of said moneys in full, leaving the balance on interest for the others to be appropriated as above each year until they all become twenty one years of age, receiving as the first heir by rotation should the said moneys or any part thereof with their interest continued to exist until that time. But should the said Stephen Huff find or refuse to act as above desired by me, then I in that case it is my request that my executors appoint if in their power some one suitable person to act as their guardian in the said Stephen Huff's stead subject however to the same penalty & restrictions as and heretofore required of him in every respect.

Article 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Orphy my two servant girls to wit Lydia and Amanda with their release immediately after my death. I also bequeath to her immediately after my decease one years service of my servant woman Dicy. I also bequeath to her the sum of fourteen hundred and ninety three dollars, which sum I advanced to her husband Joseph Horton to pay for the Foute possession which he purchased at public sale on the first day of May 1841. It is further my request that my estate be bound & my executors are hereby requested to pay to her husband Joseph Horton so soon as they may be incured against him all costs and expenses that may be against him out of any suit or suits that he has or may hereafter be compelled to institute in law for the recovery of said possession. It is further my request that he be paid out of my estate a reasonable compensation for whatever trouble & expense may be incured to his predudice in
attending & to a suit in which he is trustee for my daughter Polley against George W. Foute & others for debt now funding in the Circuit Court of Greene County.

Article 5th. I give and bequeath to my son William all the profit arising from the saws of the hereinafter described tracts or parcels of land tracts: The plantation that my father James Houston last occupied before his death which I purchased of him containing by estimation two hundred acres more or less also a portion of an eighty acre tract granted to me by the State of Tennessee lying and being amediately on the north side and joining said two hundred acre tract consisting of the following boundary to wit: commencing at the north east corner of said two hundred acre tract thence north 15 poles in said eighty acre tract thence west two poles west of the west corner of said two hundred acre tract so as to make said boundary taken from so eighty acre tract fifteen poles in width from one end to the other also the flat place which is now cultivated by the Meloyes containing by estimation fifty acres more or less also one other tract joining the same that I purchased of Captain I. N. Parsons containing by estimation as I believe about thirty-one acres more or less which lands it is my request as soon as the present crop of small grain corn etc., that is now growing on the same is gathered and harvest if I should not be living at that time, that they be advertised by my executors giving at least twenty days previous notice and sold at public sale on a twelve month credit to the highest and best bidder. It is further my request that my executors sell said land altogether or in each parcel to its self which ever way they may believe will be the most conducive of bringing the most money. I further request my executors that so soon as they can collect said money then after to lay it out for land to the best of their judgments for the advantage of my said son William, not nearer than twenty five miles of my present residence. I further bequest to him to take unto possession immediately after my death read bird sorrell mare and colt. But should it then after be made to appear satisfactorily to my executors that the Brumfield or Wells set are making use of said mare either working or riding her or in any other way with the full knowledge & apportionment of my said son William, then in that case it is my request that my executors take said mare and colt from him again and sell them at public auction on a twelve month credit giving not less than ten days notice of time and plan and divid said moneys when collected equally between my other legaties.

Article 6th. I give and bequeath to my son Warren the farm on which I now live containing by estimation two hundred ninety four acres more or less, also a one hundred and six acre tract granted by the State of Tennessee to me on the west side and joining the aforesaid tract on a note also twenty acre tract granted to me by the State of Tennessee lying on south side of Cove Creek joining the First Methodist Church survey at the northwest corner which lands and possessions it is my request be owned and enjoyed for the term of two years jointly by my said son Warren and my daughter Orphy or until they raise two crops gather the same after my decease, and it is further my request that they also have in conjunction with the same during the above term the use and benefit of my two negro men namely Isam and Bill and my negro woman Tildy and my Smith tools, and it is further my request that they be at equal expense in the keeping up and management of said above mentioned property for their benefit and shear equal profits of the same during the above term, after the expiration of which it is my request that my said son Warren retain in his own individual rights said above mentioned land forever. It is further my request that he have the benefit and services of my negro woman Dicey, the second year after my death
and thereafter, it is my request that for her faithful services heretofore rendered to one and said children that she be set free and at perfect liberty during her natural life. It is further my request that my son Warren have my interest it being a third in the Paint Mountain Turn Pike Road, also my two servant boys namely Ishmarl & George, and four of my milk cows such as he may see proper to select from amongst my cattle, also three of my beds and bedding with steads of the best, I have at my decease, also my clock. I further appropriate for his use and benefit one hundred and fifty dollars to be appropriated in the following manner to wit to be expended in painting the new dwelling I have herein bequeathed to him and underpinning the porch to the same and in finishing off the new barn I have also bequeathed to him. It is further my desire that as soon as it is authentically made known to my executors that said work is completed or that that amount of money has been expended towards completing said work it is my request they pay to him the before mentioned one hundred and fifty dollars out of my moneys they may not have not otherwise heretofore appropriated.

Article 7th. It is my will and desire that the remainder of my estate both real and personal of every description that is not included in the foregoing bequests by me made in this my last will be sold by my executors on a twelve month credit at public sale, they having first giving at least twenty days notice by public advertisement of the same place and property so soon as practicable after my death, which moneys therefrom derived it is my request as soon as they can be collected to be equally divided between any before mentioned five legatees, though I desire it to be distinctly understood that the fifth part of said moneys which my daughter-in-laws heirs and her is entitled to managed in every respect and appropriated as the moneys heretofore herein set apart for them and her in the third Article herein contained.

Article 8th. It is further my request that after the expiration of the aforementioned term of time that my son Warren & my daughter Orphy is to have the use of my three negroes to wit, Isam, Bill and Tildy should the said negroes be living at that time, That the said negroes be sold & the smith tools also, on a twelve months credit at public sale by my executors they having give at least two months previous notice of time, place etc. & when said moneys are collected it is my request that the same be paid over and appropriated in the same manner by my executors as they are requested by me to do in the Seventh Article herein contained, though I wish it to be distinctly understood that it is my desire that no unconnected person purchase my before mentioned negro man Isam, except Jacob Stephens who owns his wife.

Article 9th. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint George Jones, merchant in Greeneville & Joseph Horton my executors. In witness whereof I do to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 5th day of June 1841.

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William X Houston, Sr. (Seal) mark
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names heretofore in presence of the testator this the 8th day of June 1841.

S/ John A. Park
S/ Jacob Stephens
State of Tennessee, County of Greene, Paul M. Ford, Clerk of the County Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Will of William Houston, Deceased, recorded in Will Book #1, page 255, as the same appears of record in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal in Greeneville this 21 day of November 1953.

Paul M. Ford, Clerk

(Copy of the original certificate by T. M. Johnson, 2715 Edgewood Ave., NE, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 30, 1953.

(NOTE: This will was probated April 3, 1843--TMJ)

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April 1974
Interesting item of record in Greene County Court House, in William Craven's Will, W BK AP, page 65a ... William Craven's Will 18 March 1796, names wife Ann and called Nancy one place, Son Robert Craven not 21, "William Houston whom I raised from childhood"

Executors - Even Evens and wife
Witnesses - Adam Sherel, H. Shealds, John Sander, Samuel Wyatt, and Jonathan Evens.

Record in Roane County, Tennessee Deed BK A-8, Dec. 1802, John McClellan of Knox Co., Tn. sold to Adam Sherrill of Roane Co. 280 acres in Roane Co. on the head water of Poplar Creek, trees marks land. Witnesses were William Houston, James Gardner and Edward Davis. It looks like our William Houston spent some time in Roane County, Tennessee before moving to the Sherrill's Cove. I found a record where William Houston Assignee of George Sherrill (Bro. to Adam) by Attorney complains of Jess Byrd.... plea of debt. ...June Session of Roane County, Tennessee 1806.

William Houston was in Wood Stock, Virginia where he enlisted in the REV. war three times.

I am satisfied that the first Sherrills who came to Catawba River section N.C. were the two brothers William and Adam Sherrill with their families. There are descendants of Adam Sherrill who went to Washington County, North Carolina, now Tennessee. The father that moved to Tennessee with his family was Samuel Sherrill (Oct. 1, 1725-1800) was the father of Adam Sherrill, 1758-1828. Adam Sherrill married Mary Carmack, the father and mother of Hannah Sherrill Houston, who married William Houston, in Greene County, Tennessee, 1796.

Samuel Sherrill's station in Washington County, Tennessee was attacked by the Indians about Feb. 1782. The Sherrills were Presbyterians. He called his plantation on the Nolichucky "Daisy Fields". Samuel's wife died Nov. 29, 1794 (Mary Preston?). He named John Sevier, Sr., and William Sherrill Executors. The will is dated June 4, 1800. Witnessed by Benjamin Were and George Weir; proved August 1800 with William Sherrill qualifying as executor. Washington Co., Tn. Will Book Vol. 1, part one, page 53.
Adam Sherrill who moved from Virginia in the year of 1747 to North Carolina with his wife and 8 sons. List of the children:

1. William Sherrill born May 1, 1723, died Dec. 31, 1786
3. Uriah Sherrill " Mar. 1, 1728, " ?
4. Adam Sherrill " Nov. 1, 1731, " ?
5. Aquila Sherrill " Nov. 30, 1733, " ?
6. Isaac Sherrill " Jun. 20, 1736, " ?
7. Jacob Sherrill " Aug. 21, 1739, " Jan. 11, 1813
8. Moses Sherrill " Aug. 8, 1742, " Jan. 15, 1813

Samuel Sherrill 1725-1800. List of his children:

1. Catherine Sherrill born 1754, Yadkin River section, N. C., died October 7, 1836, Russellville, Ala. Married John Sevier, Aug. 14, 1780
2. Adam Sherrill born 1758, on Yadkin River, N. C., died at Bledsoe Co., Tn. 1828, (and not at Russellville, Ala.) some books list as so. Married Mary Carmack (1), Rebecca Kilgore (2). Was in the battle of Boyd's Creek in 1780.
3. George Sherrill died about 1836, one of his daughters married Alexander Coylar and she died about 1853. Col. Arthur St. Clair Colyar was their son, b. 1818, near Jonesboro, Tn., d. about 1879, m. Agnes Estill.
4. Uriah Sherrill no record
5. John Sherrill no record
7. Mary Jane Sherrill married Isaac Taylor (1), Littlepape Simms (2). Mary and Isaac Taylor at one time lived at the fork of Dumplin Creek and French Broad River till he died in 1789.
8. Samuel Sherrill b. ? d. ? His Will is in the Greene County Court House, Tennessee. He lived on the south side of French Broad River, Greene County, not far from his sister, Mary Jane Taylor.

I (G.B.H.) have two copies of Will of Adam Sherrill, 1758-1828 to Cravens Sherrill, Bledsoe Co., Tn. in Book D, page 268, son of Adam and Rebecca Sherrill.

No. 2 Will to Charles K. Sherrill, son of Adam and Rebecca Sherrill (K is for Kilgore), Henry H. Sherrill, was a witness to both wills. In Deed Book D, page 277, State of Tennessee, County of Bledsoe.

Washington Co., Tennessee Deeds Book 2, page 21 .... 3 February 1784, Adam Sherrill of Greene County, North Carolina to John Lowery and William Cunningham of Washington County, North Carolina 80 pounds lawful money of N.C. ...... 400 acres, on both sides of Onion Branch and East Branch of Little Limestone Creek.

Adam Sherl, Mary Sherl (written so)
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From Book: DAR ROSTER AND SOLDIERS
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WILLIAM HOUSTON

pp. 881-882 - Born ca1762 Augusta County Va died ca1843 Greene
county Tenn married April 17 1796 Hannah Sherrill
in Tennessee died prior 1841

William Houston served as a private under Capt
Abraham McCoy, Capt Wall and Capt Turner. He was
at Battle of Yorktown. (Pension No 5-1835) He
resided in Shenandoah county Va during Revolution.

The children of William Houston:
1. John born ca1797 married Elizabeth Kelley
2. Howell born ca1798 died ca1841 married Elizabeth Baker
   born 1798 died 1845
3. Polly born 1800 married Hiram Vansandt
4. Orphy born 1809 married Joseph Horton
5. William Jr born May 20 1813 married Malinda King
6. Warren born 1822 married Mahala Coulter

Descendants:
Marie G Johnson (T M) No 457384) Emma W Johnson (Miss) No. 457385

p. 1423 - ADAM SHERRILL

Born March 10 1758 Yadkin River N C died June 22
1812 Russellville Alabama married Elizabeth Lewis
Adam Sherrill served as a scout and soldier
under Sevier.

Descendants:
Linie Perkins Boone (Joe) No 49746

GEORGE DAVIDSON SHERRILL

Born 1765 N C died 1840 Coffee county Tenn married Elizabeth
Hunt widow of a man named Morgan who was killed by Indians

George D Sherrill served as a private in the Revolution and
received a pension for his service. Name appears in Am. Historical
Magazine Vol. III published April 1898.

Children:
1. Uriah married Mary Sherrill; 2. Sam married Penina Sherrill

Descendants:
Mary S Haggard (W T) No 76799

(END TWJ)
Adams Williams b 1783/d 1859; George; Elizabeth d p.1806 m James Nelson; Isaac m Hannah Bayless b 1774; Henry m Mary Blackburn; Catherine m Jonathan Nave (Naff); Mary m Joseph Bowman; Abraham. Ref.: DAR # 507321; Raleigh, NC Arch. # 4723 - Land Grant Book 90. p. 308; Service # 1249NC.

HOTCHKISS, JARED (b 2-27-1761 New Haven, Conn./d 8-21-1838 Loudon Co.) Service Conn. Line; age 73 - 1832 pen. list - Roane Co., TN; 1834 P.L.W. m BETSY KNIGHT. Ch.: 6 ch. only one named in pen.: C.M. b 1802 m 1838 Sallie Ann Wyley. Ref.: A 1; A 2.

HOUK, MICHAEL (b 1753) Service - VA Line; age 79 - 1832 pen. list; 1834 P.L.W., Monroe Co., TN. Ref.: A 1.

HOURLEY, ROBERT - VA Mil.; 1834 P.L.W.; Jefferson Co.


HOUSLER, CHARLES (b 1743) Service - VA Line; age 89 - 1832 pen. list; 1834 P.L.W.; Montgomery Co., TN. Ref.: A 1.

HOUSLEY, JOHN - VA Service; 1834 P.L.W., Claiborne Co.


HOUSTON, CHRISTOPHER (b 2-18-1757 Augusta Co., VA/d 1840 Blount Co., TN) bur. Houston cem. on Globe Rd west of Lewisburg, TN. Moved to NC 1765. Lived NC during war. Served as Minute Man under Capt. Richard Pearson. At Ramsaur's Mill. m 1st SARAH MITCHELL b 1742 Lancaster Co., PA/d 5-18-1823 Marshall Co., TN. They were m 4-23-1767 Statesville NC (4th Creek) m 2nd 1825 ELIZABETH SIMPSON. Ch.: Martha b 4-15-1770 m 1st Joseph H. Duvall, m 2nd Alvis McLondon; John d 1799; Lillias b 11-6-1773 m 1797 Isaac Bills; Placeba b 3-28-1779 m 1809 Elizabeth Ragsdale Young; Samuel d 1807; Sarah b 7-28-1784 m Samuel L. Young; James b 1775 m 1797 Patience Bills. Ref.: DAR # 389614; Patriots Index p. 346; Whitesell: Marshall Co., TN Cem.

HOUSTON, JAMES (b 11-12-1757 Augusta Co., VA/d 1840 Blount Co., TN) Lived Augusta Co., VA during war. Served as Pvt. and Ensign in VA Militia. Enlisted 1776 under Capt. William Buchanon. Battle of Long Island. Ensign at King's Mt. under Isaac Shelby. Age 77 - 1832 pen. list; 1834 P.L.W.; 1840 census - Blount Co., TN - lived with Robert Tedford. To Greene Co., TN 1782 - to Blount Co., TN 1792. Houston Station 1788. m 1st 1780 ESTHER HOUSTON (a cousin), m 2nd 1791 POLLY GILLESPIE. 6 daus. m ministers. Ch.: 4 by 1st wife - 9 by 2nd wife. James Jr. was killed by Indians; Samuel d young; Robert b 1788 lived in Maryville; Sidney Neil m Rev. John
spelled Chilton on one list. Lived Buncombe Co., NC for many years after Rev., then to Rutherford Co., TN, to Knox Co. for 10 yrs., to Anderson, to Fentress Co. c1823. Ref.: A 1; A 2.

SHELTON, JOHN (b 1760 NC/d 9-9-1843 Smith Co.) Served as Pvt. in NC m 5-31-1780 SUSANNAH BRADLEY d 1826. Ref.; DAR # 333955.


SHEPHERD, SAMUEL (b c1750) Service in VA Line; age 72 - 1832 pen. list; 1834 P.L.W.; 1840 census - Wilson Co., TN; Ref.; A 1.

SHEPHERD, SAMUEL (b 9-28-1763 Middlesex Co., VA/d Mar. 1838 Montgomery Co.) Pvt. from Orange Co., NC - 9 mos. Pen. S-21476 (Natl. Arch.) m 8-14-1784 Orange Co., NC ELIZABETH S. MEACHAM b NC/d 1843-50 Montgomery Co., TN. Ch.: Spencer Thornsberry b 1-16-1806 NC/d 5-21-1897 bur. on Ft. Campbell ground in what is now Stewart Co. Private marker. m 1st Mallsey Ann Perry d p.1843, m 2nd Frances Yarbrough in 1843; Nancy was living in 1838; Sally m Samuel Lee; Michel b 1799 m Josiah Smith; Robert b 1797 m Ann; Lewis b 1814-15; female - name unk. m ____ Marable. Ref.: DAR # 571485.

SHEPHERD, THOMAS (b 1753) Service in VA Militia; age 79 - 1832 pen. list - Robertson Co., TN; 1834 P.L.W. Ref.: A 1.

SHEPPARD, JAMES - Ref.: S.G.

SHERRILL, ADAM (d Roane Co.) bur. Hickory Creek. Ref.: DAR # 49746; SR 23-24, 22-23; S.G.; P.A.

SHERRILL, GEORGE DAVIDSON (b 9- -1762 NC/d 1840 Coffee Co., bur. Hickory Creek. Ref.: DAR # 49746; SR 23-24, 22-23; S.G.; P.A.


SHERRILL, SAMUEL (b 10-1-1725/d bef. Aug. 1800) m ___ Sol., NC. Will Book 1, p. 53, Washington Co., bur. Doc Bovell's farm, Conklin, Washington Co. Ch.: Catherine m John Sevier; Uriah; John; Mary Jones m Lillépage Sims; George; William; Adam; Samuel, Jr.; (John Sevier, Sr. William Sherrill exts.)

SHELDON, JAMES (b 7-21-1757 Frederick Co., MD/d 8-23-1840 Greene Co.) bur. in fam. cem. near Mosheim, TN - Potterstown. Served as Pvt. under Capt. Greenbury - MD Troops. Lived in Frederick Co., MD during the Rev. m 4-1-1783 JANE GILLILAND b 10-15-1765/d 4-21-1849 Greene Co., TN - bur. fam. cem. Potterstown. Ch.: Esther b 7-25-1784 m Michael Woods; William b 5-9-1787 m Eliza Conway; Jane b 5-2-1789 m Thomas Rankin; John b 10-26-1792 m Mary Gill; Mary b 10-26-1792/d 8-22-1814

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