COLONIAL GRANVILLE COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE

Loose Leaves from
"THE LOST TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA"

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(11) RICHARD HENDERSON (son of SAMUEL HENDERSON and his wife ELIZABETH WILLIAMS) was born in HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, April 30, 1745 (WHEELER vol. 1 p. 102); he died at his home in GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C., January 30, 1785. Thus he lived for FIFTY YEARS only, but left the impress of a remarkable career on the history of his country. He was about ten years of age when his father, SAMUEL HENDERSON, removed from HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, to GRANVILLE COUNTY, North Carolina. Somewhere I have read that when his father was SHERIFF, his young son RICHARD was one of his deputies. He studied law, when young, in the office of his cousin (who, in fact, was his double cousin) JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS, who was much older than himself, was admitted to the bar and later appointed by the Governor a Judge of the Superior Court, and was serving in that capacity when the trouble with the "Regulators" arose in North Carolina. His cousin, JUDGE WILLIAMS, was serving in the same capacity at the same time, and both were forced to leave Hillsboro to avoid violence with the armed "regulators". In company with JUDSON WILLIAMS (whose step-daughter became his wife), LEONARD HENDERSON BOLLICK, WILLIAM JENKINS, JAMES MOSS, thomas mart, JOHN LUNTHILL, NATHANIEL and DAVID HART, when the CHEROKEE INDIANS offered their lands for sale (WHEELER Vol. 1, p. 105) there organized a company called "THE GRANVILLE COUNTY COMPANY", which bought up a large tract thereof, pursuant to fair consideration for the same, which included "a large portion of the present States of Tennessee and Kentucky" of which the Company took possession the 20th of April, 1776. Governor MARTIN, of North Carolina about the same time, declared the purchase illegal, but JUDGE HENDERSON and his "associates" proceeded to Kentucky, guided by the intrepid DANIEL BOONE, where the "State of TRANSYLVANIA" was daily organized, and a proprietary government set in motion. JAMES MOSS (of an old HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, family) was dispatched to the seat of government of the nation, as an agent to effect a settlement with the Colonial Government, but who failed in his mission. Eventually Col. Henderson and his associates were granted a block of some 200,000 acres as a compromise, and the original tract accepted as a "purchase" by the Nation, notwithstanding it had been repudiated as a "fraud" when first consummated. According to WHEELER this 200,000 acres was granted by VIRGINIA, and later TENNESSEE made HENDERSON & CO. a similar concession in the Powell's Valley country. In 1785 JUDGE HENDERSON (Sometimes COLONEL HENDERSON) opened a land office at what is now known as NASHVILLE, for the sale of these compromise lands to settlers. In GRANVILLE COUNTY, Judge Henderson lived in the "HOT RUN SECTION" neighbor to JUDGE WILLIAMS. He married ELIZABETH KEELING, step-daughter of JUDSON WILLIAMS, a lineal descendant of COL. LEONARD KEELING of Charles City County, Virginia, after whom he named one of his sons, a distinguished Judge on the North Carolina Bench. The children of JUDSON RICHARD HENDERSON and his wife ELIZABETH KEELING are given as follows: PANNY HENDERSON (b. 1764) who married JUDSON C. KEELING, of Salisbury; RICHARD RICHARD HENDERSON (b. July 1766); ARCHIBALD HENDERSON (b. August, 1768); ELIZABETH HENDERSON (born in 1770) who married an ALEXANDER, from MECKLENBURG COUNTY; LEONARD HENDERSON (b. 1772, died in August 1833) married FRANCIS PARKER, and left two sons and two daughters; JOHN LAWRENCE HENDERSON, (b. 1776) who left no children, according to the writer's information. An interesting story is that of PANNY HENDERSON, a daughter of JUDSON LEONARD HENDERSON and the grand-daughter of JUDSON RICHARD HENDERSON. She married a REV. WILLIAM TAYLOR and they had a daughter ICT WHITE TAYLOR, who married JOHN ANDERSON HAYES, of NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, whose son JOHN ANDERSON HAYES, JR. married MARGARET HEWLETT DAVIS, the daughter of PResident JEFFERSON DAVIS, of the SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY.

GRANVILLE COUNTY REGIMENT OF MILITIA
MUSTER ROLL OCTOBER 8, 1764.

(From Vol. 22, N. C. Colonial Records, page 379.)

COLONEL WILLIAM BUCK in Command.

COL. WILLIAM FRESENE, Lieutenant-Colonel.

Maj. JAMES PATER.

Company Commanders in this Regiment were as follows:

1. CAPT. JOHN GLOVER.
2. CAPT. GEORGE JEFFREYS.
3. CAPT. RICHARD ODOLMAN.
4. CAPT. DAVID HARRIS.
5. CAPT. JOHN BAILL.
6. CAPT. SUGAR JONES.
7. CAPT. BENJAMIN SIMS.
8. CAPT. ANDREW HAMPTON.

In the Company of Capt. SUGAR JONES were the following persons, among others:

GEORGE WOOTEN
DANIEL WOOTEN
ARTHUR MELOMON
JACOB WOOTEN
JAMES RAY
WILLIAM UNDERWOOD
JORDAN WOOTEN.
JAMES WOOTEN.

In the Company of Capt. ANDREW HAMPTON the following names appear on the roster, among others:

JUNE CLARK
JUNE JONES
LEONARD ADCOCK
JUNE ADDISON
VALENTINE WHITE.

Among the signers of a PETITION from the GRANVILLE COUNTY residents in 1771 (Vol. 9 N.C. Colonial Records, pp. 95-96) were the following:

GROVES EDWARD
VALENTINE WHITE
DAVID EDWARD
FRANCIS EDWARD
CHRISTOPHER HUNT
WILLIAM WORTHINGTON
GOVERNOR EDWARD
ISAAC HAYES
RICHARDSON OWEN
THOMAS OWEN
JONATHAN KNIGHT
WILLIAM ALLAN
JAMES WILLIAMSON
ISAAC WHITE
REBECCA EDWARD
MARTHA KNIGHT
JOHN HAYES
JAMES HAYES.