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Their children were:

1. Nancy Costen McCullers, b. Sept. 13, 1901, m. Prof. J. C. Ferguson.
2. Merdyth Bascom McCullers, b. April 9, 1903, m. G. W. Lane.
3. Sarah (Sal') Lane McCullers, b. August 30, 1906, m. F. Dodd Bonner.
4. Mary Christine McCullers, b. June, 1908, and died in infancy.
5. Charles Leonidas McCullers, b. Nov. 22, 1910, m. Margaret L. Werner.
6. Evelyn Edward McCullers, b. Oct. 6, 1912, m. William Archibald Sherratt.
7. Ruth Lenore McCullers, b. July 21, 1915, m. Laurie McEachern.
8. Joseph M. McCullers, b. Nov. 20, 1917, single.

Tom McCullers, younger son of Nannie Temperance (Leach) and Charles Edward McCullers, is still living in Raleigh, and attends Church each Sunday at Mount Zion, to the up-keep of which he has willed all his property.

There are now four grandchildren of "Mr. Ed and Miss" Leute, great-grandchildren of Mary Boddie and Col. John Sanders. Frederick Charles Bonner, son of Sarah (McCullers) and Frederick Dodd Bonner of Aurora, N.C., who is at present in the United States Air Force, having interrupted his education at Oglethorpe University for his service. Anne McEachen, daughter of Ruth (McCullers) and the Hon. Laurie McEachen, former State Legislator, live in Raleigh, N.C. Then two more little boys, "Ed and Tom", as their grandfather and great uncle were, William Edward Sherratt, who will be entering North Carolina State College of the Greater University of North Carolina in the fall; and Thomas Archibald Sherratt, age twelve, who is a "natural" at being a Naturalist, and loves it! Both sons of a former associate professor at North Carolina State, and professor of mathematics at Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C., and now U.S. engineer and Lt. colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, William Archibald Sherratt and his wife, Evelyn McCullers Sherratt. Their address is Rt. 3, Box 213, Newbern, N.C.

So, life, and the lives of men, go on - each helping to fix the destiny of generations to follow. A continuity, which, in part, is ETERNITY. (The Sanders family was kindly written by Mrs. William A. Sherratt).

# THE CALHOUN-COHOON-CAHOON FAMILY of Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina

by  
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This ancient Scottish family derives its name from the property of Colquhoun in County Dunbarton, which was granted to Humphrey of Kilpatrick at some date prior to 1248 (1). The Clan has never been prolific and even today can claim only a limited number of male descendants in England and America. Our line owes its presence here to the final defeat of the Royalists at the Battle of Worcester of Sept. 3, 1651.

A group of London merchants called Bex and Company purchased a number of Scots prisoners for indentured servants to exploit the bog iron in New England at Saugus, Braintree, and Taunton. (2) John Coehon was shipped from London in the JOHN & SARA on 11 Nov. 1652, but he died on the voyage or soon after arriving in Massachusetts. William Cahoon, who may have been his brother, arrived on The Unity soon afterward and worked for some years at Saugus. He next spent six months at Taunton before assisting in the construction of a shallop at Braintree. In April of 1661 he was one of the fifteen men who sailed from Taunton to Cow Cove and became the first settlers of Block Island (3).

His period of servitude presumably expired before the end of 1662, and on Jan. 13, 1662/63 William Cahoon bought from Thomas Terry 40 acres on the "hiway" that then divided Block Island. (4) On May 4, 1664, he was a freeman at New Shoreham (5), in 1665 served on a Newport grand jury (6), and on Feb. 20, 1669/70 became a freeman and permanent resident of Swansea (7). On Nov. 13, 1670, William Cohoon sold his 38 acres on Block Island to Samuel Hagbourne (8). At the coming of King Philip's War, William Cahoon was killed by the Indians near East Rehoboth, on 22 June 1675, and was buried at Swansea two days later (9).

He probably married about 1663-64 Deliverance ---- Cahoon who afterwards married Caleb Lumbert of Barstable, for in 1681, Joseph Kent and said Lumbert were appointed guardians of Joseph Cahoon (10). Since the contemporary records are incomplete for the places where William Cahoon lived before settling in Swansea, his probable family group has been reconstructed from the existing data (11).

## Children:

1. Samuel Cahoon b. ca. 1665. (II)
  2. William Cahoon b. ca. 1667, m. Elizabeth Nickerson. Issue.
  3. Joseph Cahoon b. ca. 1669 m. (1) Hannah Kent, (2) Elizabeth Scranton. He has many descendants in Rhode Island.
  4. James Cahoon, b. 15 Feb. 1670/71 m. Mary Davis. Issue.
  5. John Cahoon b. 9 March 1672-73 m. Comfort Peet. Issue.
  6. Nathaniel Cahoon b. 2 Feb. 1674/5 m. Jane Jones. Issue.
- II. SAMUEL CAHOON, b. ca. 1665, was apparently the eldest child of William and Deliverance Cahoon. On 3 June 1685 "Sam (11) Cahoon, shoemaker, and his family" were living in Boston and Capt. John Winge was his security. (12) He appeared as Samuell Cahone on the Tax List of 1687 (13), and as Samuell Cahone on that of 1688 (14). Since no evidence of his marriage has been discovered, it is suggested that the word "family" referred to some of his younger brothers living and working with him.

There are several reasons for believing that the Samuel Cohoon who disappeared from Massachusetts is the man who, on 8 June 1694 appointed John Giles to act as his attorney in Isle of Wight County, Virginia (15): (1) He would by then have been relieved of the responsibility of his younger brothers. (2) His known character was incompatible with the pious environment of New England. (3) He was still operating a shoemaking business. (4) There is evidence that he was not yet married.

On 9 Oct. 1694 Richard Wilkinson charged Samuel Cohoon in the Isle of Wight County Court with failing to settle for the food and lodging of five months (16). On Dec. 10, 1694, Thomas Norsworthy, one of the witnesses in this case, successfully sued Cohoon for damages after a spicy slander (17). On 10 June 1695 Cohoon assigned a power of attorney to Hugh Campbell, presumably a fellow Scot (18). On August 8, 1695, Ann Wilkinson testified that her father tried to persuade Samuell Cohoon to pay him in shoes instead of tobacco. (19).

Samuell Cahoon was listed with 240 acres at Chuckatuck in the Nansemond County Rent Roll of 1704 (20), and he obviously spent the remainder of his life there. It has been conjectured that he married a daughter of William Hunter who used Mary Cohone as a headright for his 1701 land grant (21). The early records of Nansemond County, Virginia, have unfortunately been destroyed, but a careful study of all existing evidence indicates that Samuel Cohoon had six sons.

## Children.

1. Samuel Cohoon, Jr. (III-A)
2. James Cohoon is untraced, except that he was in Craven County, N.C., 1730-1733. *d. Guilford Co., 1795. (?)*
3. John Cohoon (III-B)
4. William Cohoon (III-C)
5. Robert Cohoon died in 1734 in Tyrrell County, N.C., leaving several small children whose numerous progeny still live in Tyrrell and Hyde Counties. (22)

III-A. SAMUEL COHOON, JR., son of Samuel and Mary Cohoon.

\* Ancestor of Montgomery Co., Ga., Calhouns according to Jack Ladson, genealogist, of Vidalia, Ga.

owned about 2,000 acres in Suffolk Parish of Nansemond County, being the only son to remain there. He lived at "Cedar Vale" (built about 1730 and burned in 1936), and tradition says he helped erect the old Glebe Church and had a family pew in it. He apparently died in 1762. The name of his wife has not survived.

## Children:

1. John Cohoon, Gent., was practicing law by 1761 in the Courts of Nansemond and Isle of Wight Counties (23).
  2. Dr. Samuel Cohoon III (IV-A)
- III-B. CAPT. JOHN COHOON, SR., son of Samuel and Mary Cohoon, was born about 1705 in Nansemond County and moved to Edgecombe County, N.C., by 8 June 1739, when he was granted 300 acres south of Tar River on Walnut Creek (24). He engaged in numerous land transactions and was captain of a militia company by 1759 (25). By 1771 he moved to Bladen County, patenting 200 acres east of White Marsh on 22 July 1774 and 100 acres 11 Nov. 1779 (26). His will was dated 25 Dec. 1781 and named wife Jean, who was not necessarily the mother of any of his seven children, or may have been the mother of only a part of them. (27).

Children: *GN*

1. Micajah Cohoon, b. ca. 1741. (IV-B)
2. William Cohoon
3. Rowland Cohoon
4. Elizabeth Cohoon
5. Elizabeth Cohoon
6. Debora Cohoon
7. Penelope Cohoon m. John Clark.

III-C. WILLIAM COHOON, son of Samuel and Mary Cohoon, was born in Nansemond County but moved to Edgecombe County by 1740. On 4 August 1741 William Cohone was granted 250 acres there. (28) A deed dated 8 March 1743/44 indicates that he married Sarah Powell, daughter of John Powell. (29) They were in Bladen and Craven Counties in the 1750's but spent the remainder of their lives in Edgecombe County, where William Cohoon left a will dated 3 Jan. 1789 and probated in Feb. Ct. 1760, naming eight living children. (30). His inventory of 30 Jan. 1789 also survives.

## Children:

1. Robert Cohoon died as a young man.
2. ----- Cohoon married Jacob Joyner.
3. William Cohoon, Jr., m. Elizabeth Flowers.
4. John Cohoon m. Priscilla Flowers.
5. Mary Cohoon.
6. Charity Cohoon
7. Sarah Cohoon
8. Priscilla Cohoon
9. Penelope Cohoon
10. Solomon Cohoon
11. Treacy Cohoon m. Moses Coleman.

IV-A. DR. SAMUEL COHOON III (1739-1784), son of Samuel Cohoon, Jr., of Nansemond County, graduated in medicine from the University of Edinburgh in 1758. During the Revolutionary