

Hancock of North Carolina

Acting as the attorney for Lord Pollock, **William Hancock** came to America from England about 1707 when he was granted a large tract of land now known as Hancock's Creek situated along the Neuse River below New-Bern, North Carolina. He was mentioned in the North Carolina Records as an Indian fighter, building a road (in 1722), and being one of twelve Vestry of Craven Parish in 1723. He and Cullen Pollock were commissioned in 1723 to sell the town lots of New-Bern. His Last Will and Testament is found in the Craven Precinct, dated 10/9/1722, probated 3/16/1730-1732 wherein he named his son, William. To his grandson, John Hancock, he left "my plantation". Another grandson named was William Hancock. Granddaughters: Elizabeth and Mary. Wife and executrix, Elenor.

Issue:

- William Hancock, a member of the North Carolina General Assembly in July of 1733 and 1734. His Last Will and Testament, denoting the ownership of many acres of land and slaves, was filed with the Secretary of State 1749-1753, on page 69. Issue:
 1. Durham Hancock.
 2. James Hancock.
 3. William Hancock.
 4. Sarah Hancock.
- Hector Hancock resided in Carteret County, North Carolina where he died in 1752 leaving a will and naming all of his children. Wife, Ann.

Issue:

1. Nathaniel Hancock was married to Sarah Ward, the daughter of Enoch Ward of Carteret County. He was a Member of the Provincial Congress in Hillsborough, North Carolina on 8/20/1775. Resident of Onslow County where he died in 1800. Issue:
 - i. Gabriel Hancock.
 - ii. Enoch Hancock resided in Onslow County. Issue:
 - a. William Hancock, born 10/15/1773, died 9/27/1849, married 1st Dorothy, 2d, the widow Dudley, and 3rd, Ruth Huggins, sister of Luke Huggins. He was a resident of Onslow County.

Issue by 1st marriage.

Nathaniel Hancock, born 12/29/1802 in Onslow County, died 6/19/1854 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, married on 1/28/1824, Elizabeth Hightower (11/16/1801-3/29/1850).

Issue by 2d marriage. Anna Hancock

Issue by 3rd marriage: Enoch, Hull, Noah, Joanna and Roxanna Hancock. Issue:

1-William Jordan Hancock, born 3/20/1826.

2-John C. Hancock 5/5/1829-4/28/1855.

3-James E. Hancock, born 2/15/1853.

4-Thomas Benton Hancock 2/20/1834-3/29/1870.

5-Elizabeth Ann Hancock 3/26/1836-4/28/1860.

6-Richard Johnson Hancock, 3/22/1838.-4/19/1912, Confederate Soldier in Co. D 9th Louisiana Regt, wounded three times. Issue: Harris Hancock, born 5/14/1867; Thomas Hightower Hancock, M. D.; Elizabeth Hazelwood Hancock 9/10/1871-4/1915; Richard Jordan Hancock born 3/21/1873; Arthur Boyd Hancock born 6/26/1875; Thomasia Overton Hancock born 7/1/1877; Charles Russell Hancock born 9/27/1879; Emma Lewis Hancock 12/12/1881-6/18/1907; and Jane Crawford Hancock born 7/16/1887.

7-Emma V. Hancock 3/25/1840-2/9/1901.

- iii. Zebedee Hancock.
- iv. Magdalen Hancock.
- v. Dorothy Hancock.

- 2. Benjamin Hancock.
- 3. Henry Hancock. Died 1782 in Carteret County, North Carolina
- 4. Joseph Hancock, a Representative of the Provincial Congress on 4/4/1766 in Halifax, North Carolina; elected to frame the Constitution in 1776.
- 5. Mary Hancock.
- 6. John Hancock.
- 7. William Hancock.

Ref. North Carolina Records, Vol. I, pp. 820, Vol. II, pp. 71, 125, Vol. III, p. 562, Vol. IV, p. 115, Vol. XXIII, p. 98, Vol. XXIII, p. 8.; Carteret County Wills; Hathaway North Carolina Historical & Genealogical Records, pp. 224; Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. X, pp. 165, 167, 172, 500, 501; Last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Hancock dated 1800, Onslow County, North Carolina; Last Will and Testament of Henry Hancock dated 1782, Carteret County, North Carolina; Last Will and Testament of Hector Hancock dated 10/27/1751, probated 12//1751 in Carteret County, North Carolina.

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