SOME
CALHOUNS
OF
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA 1758-1820

SELECTED COLHOUNS/CALHOONS/CALHOUNS:
A REPORT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES

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For convenience in this report: “Calhoun” = Calhoon, Cahoon, Colhoun and other variants

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INTRODUCTION

DISCUSSION OF CONFLICTING OPINIONS.

Author’s warning: Most published accounts of these Calhouns who emigrated from Ulster to Pennsylvania are based on family oral histories and speculation. They are theories only. Please do not accept the names of ancestors shown in this report as factual (eg. Hugh, Audley, William, John, and Thomas Calhoun).¹

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Most of the Pennsylvania emigrants seem to have a common root—Alexander, XV Lord of Colquhoun in Scotland.²

Many Calhoun descendants claim to descend from two related Ulster Calhouns:
(a) Charles Colhoun of Letterkenny (b. 1645)
(b) Rev. Alexander Colhoun of Crosh (1662-1716).

Note: Many variations on the name “Calhoun” have been found in official records as well in biographies and genealogies. The following spellings are typical of different periods or places:

“Colquhoun” -- Scotland
“Colhoun” --Ulster
“Calhoon” -- Pennsylvania prior to Revolution
“Calhoun” -- modern generic.

For convenience, this report uses the generic modern “Calhoun” except in special cases.

The chart on page 5 lists thirteen western Pennsylvania Calhouns who claim Ulster ancestry. Each of these is discussed, by the western county where they settled.

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¹ Origins of the subjects are 17th and 18th century Ulster—where birth, marriage and emigration records are scarce.
² For a summary of descendants of Alexander XV of Colquhoun, please see Appendix D.
The above map shows a favored route to the west—undoubtedly used by the Calhouns of southeastern Pennsylvania when migrating to the west. Note how Conococheague Creek is shown as a starting point. This may be where at least two Calhouns started their migration west: James Calhoun about 1783 and Johnston in 1792.

Fig. 1 Early Route to Western Pennsylvania
(dotted red trail . . . . )

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## Some Early Calhouns in Western Pennsylvania

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CALHOUN WESTERN MIGRATION--BY COUNTY.

THE FRONTIER: 1758

_The Pontiac Rebellion and the “New Purchase”_

Trader Thomas Colhoun/Calhoun (1735-1772), # 1 on chart. He was probably the first Calhoun of note at the Pennsylvania frontier. As a frontiersman and Indian Trader, he could not be considered a “settler.” But he was among the first to reside in the frontier trading settlements and at Fort Pitt. He did not leave any descendants behind in the Pennsylvania frontier.

Thomas fought in the French and Indian War and later gained fame as an “Indian Trader” at the frontier during the time of the Pontiac Rebellion. Records of his service date to 1760. (For a summary of his service at the frontier, see “Johnston Calhoun” Appendix C at [www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/JohnstonCalhoun.pdf](http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/JohnstonCalhoun.pdf)

Several documents pertain to his involvement in his father’s land in York or Cumberland County. Records showing the appointment of Thomas as Indian Agent and service in Nova Scotia suggest that he left Pennsylvania after the Pontiac Rebellion and acquired estates in Nova Scotia/New Brunswick granted by George III of England for service in the French and Indian War. These same records show he married Rachel Peck in 7 Nov 1768. In [1768] Thomas was in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He and his brother, William, drowned in 1772 in a boat accident. The details of his service in Nova Scotia and his death are described at various sites on the Internet.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

_(Created in 1773 from ceded lands)_

(See descendants of Audley and Hugh Calhoun under Allegheny County, below; see James Colhoun of Letterkenny under Armstrong/Indiana Counties below).

Members of some Calhoun families are thought to have settled in Westmoreland County during or shortly after the Revolution. Some served in the Westmoreland County Militia during the Revolution. Nevertheless many of these Calhouns are most often associated with Allegheny County because of the land and tax records established therein. Therefore Calhouns of Westmoreland County are shown below under Allegheny County.

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4 McPherson, p. 111
5 An apparent transcription error in McPherson, p. 111 adds some confusion: it implies that Thomas Calhoun of Halifax, Nova Scotia signed off on a deed dated “1786” from the estate of his mother Rebecca [Ewing] Calhoun for land in York County. That date is 14 years after Thomas’ death. It is assumed the date should be “1768”—not “1786.”
6 McPherson, p. 111. York Co. deed signed 6 Oct 1786 [sic] from Thomas Calhoun of Nova Scotia late of Cumberland Co. PA and executor of the will of John Calhoon for land in Manchester Twp, York county that had been willed to Rebecca Cohoon, wife of John, both deceased.
7 Sketch of Old Shepody,”_The Daily Sun_, St. John, 27 Mar 1893, as posted by Dale Smith at Rootsweb-World Connect, ID I06892, Sharon Shadbolt and others.. The biographies of John and son Thomas detail an illustrious history beyond the scope of this report.
8 The Genealogical Map of the Counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (See Appendix C) shows that the area that became Westmoreland County “was not included in any county until April 8, 1785.” The same map shows that Westmoreland County was created in 1773 from Cumberland County. History shows that this land was the territory of Native Americans until the Pontiac Rebellion of 1763 was put down leading to the Treaty of Ft. Stanwyx and the “New Purchase” of 1768. Subsequent to that episode, much of that land was disputed between the colony of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The dispute was resolved concurrent with the Revolution in favor of Pennsylvania. (For more context please see “Johnston Calhoun, Appendix C,” at [www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/johnstoncalhoun.pdf](http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/johnstoncalhoun.pdf))
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**
*(Created in 1788 from Westmoreland County)*

**DESCENDANTS OF AUDLEY CALHOUN (1692-1753 son of Rev. Alexander Colhoun)**

Audley Calhoun, Jr. (1725-1820) #2 on chart, son of Audley Calhoun (1692-1753). He settled at Versaille, Allegheny, PA near Pittsburg. No new research was performed on Audley Jr. It appears that some of his land records in Pennsylvania may be confused with the land records of his nephew, Adley/Audley, son of John Calhoun of Lancaster (1710-1758).

Thomas Calhoun (1735-1823) #3 on chart, grandson of Audley Calhoun (1692-1753). Thomas was the son of John Calhoun of Lancaster (1710-1758—see Appendix A). Thomas settled first in Cumberland County and then went west. He m. 1 Mary George, m2., Anne Reilly. He served in the Westmoreland County militia in the Revolution as a private. He left tax and other records in Westmoreland County in 1781 and 1783. He is enumerated in the 1790 U.S. Census for Allegheny County. He sold property in Rostraver Twp. In 1803. Children: (1) Adley (1769-1859, m. Anne Cole); (2) Alexander (1771-17 Aug 1843, m. ___Kennedy); and (3) daughter Jane (1775-1803, unmarried.). Thomas later moved to East Springfield, Jefferson County Ohio about 1811 with son Audley/Adley. He died 17 Feb 1823 and was buried there in 1823.

**Alexander Calhoun (1740-?) (Beyond scope of this report)**

Audley/Adley Calhoun (1745-1824) #4 on chart, grandson of Audley Calhoun (1692-1753). Audley/Adley was the son of John Calhoun of Lancaster (1710-1758—see Appendix A). A published source cites a Westmoreland County Deed, dated 5 April 1780, Bk A., pp. 260-261, shows 370 ac, ‘yoeman,’ who lived in ‘Little Britain, Lancaster County.’ Another deed dated 28 March 1803 shows 268 ac. in Elizabeth Twp., Allegheny Co. granted to Audley Calhoun. According to one source he married Mary Jacks in 1778. Another source says he married Hannah Evans in 1810 and lived in Elizabethtown. He was buried at Edmunson Burying Ground, Elizabeth, Allegheny Co. He left a will recorded in Allegheny Co. Note: this Audley had a nephew also named Audley (1769-1859), son of his brother Thomas (above).

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9 Descendants of John’s son Thomas (1735-1823), incorrectly claim that Thomas was the noted Indian Trader mentioned earlier in this Appendix. That Indian Trader was actually the son of John of Chester/York. The dates and locations of the two men named “Thomas Calhoun,” Indian Trader make it easy to confuse the two. However it appears that John’s son, Thomas, was also an Indian Trader—albeit less famous. (Orval Calhoun, Vol. 1, p. 55, Vol. 4, pp. 48. 727)
10 Orval Calhoun citing PA Archives Ser 5, v. 4, p. 737.
12 Westmoreland County Deed Book 9, p. 243, dated 28 Dec. 1803, as cited in Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #6
13 Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #6 from family information provided by Havilla A. Calhoun of McKeesport, PA.
14 Due to conflicting statements in various sources, this Alexander Calhoun will not be treated in this report.
15 Another source says an Audley Calhoun had a grant at the “forks” implying land in present day Pittsburgh. This might be his uncle, Audley.
DESCENDANTS OF HUGH CALHOUN (1692-1753 son of Rev. Alexander Colhoun)

James Calhoun of Paxtang (1723-1799), #6 on the chart. He is claimed to be the son of Hugh Calhoun by tradition—but little proof is available in the published literature.

The following is taken from a published but undocumented genealogy.19 “James Calhoun of Mifflin, Allegheny County” is claimed to be a son of Hugh Calhoun (1692-1753) and therefore a grandson of Rev. Alexander Calhoun. He would also be a brother of (Samuel Calhoun #7 in Appendix A.)

The following were compiled from Pennsylvania records and family records.20 The Diary of Rev. John Cuthbertson is particularly helpful in establishing the geographic relationship between various sons of Hugh Calhoun. (Please see Appendix A, Samuel Calhoun, Sr., #7 on chart).

That the descendants of Hugh Calhoun settled on various locations along the Susquehannah River is supported by early church and land records. (See Appendix A).

James married 1 March 1757 Sarah Taylor at the home of Andrew Stewart 1 March 1757 near Paxtang (Lancaster County, later Dauphin County) by the Rev. John Cuthbertson.21 The Reverend refers to James’ residence on several other occasions to indicate distances travelled:

“March 4, 1783 rode three miles to and from James Calhoun’s.” (p. 99).
“Rode eighteen miles, after marrying Adam Calhoun and Janet Woods, to Derry Meeting (...)from Andrew Stewarts.” (p. 103),22
“Rode seven miles to James Calhoun’s, baptized Isobel daughter to James Calhoun.” (p. 217)

It may be possible to establish a connection between James and other sons of Hugh Calhoun by examining the above baptismal and marriage records.

The possible connection of James Calhoun of Paxtang, William Calhoun of Lancaster County, and Adam Calhoun of Cumberland County might be gathered from entries in the Cuthbertson diary (denoted by the page numbers in his diary). Rev. Cuthbertson performed the following marriages: William Calhoun’s daughter, Elizabeth, to Henry McCormick, 18 Jan 1759 in the vicinity of Paxtang (p. 108); James Calhoun to Sarah Taylor, 17 May 1753 in the same vicinity (p. 106); James Calhoun’s brother, Adam, to Janet Woods four days later, 21 May 1753 at William Brown’s near the Susquehannah River (p. 103).23

That James Calhoun resided in Paxtang was shown in the “Returns” of Paxtang, 1756 where land records show that a James Calhoun owned 100 acres.

Land records imply that James went to Allegheny County from Cumberland County about 1784 and purchased 813 acres 1 May 1797.24 His will was recorded 25 Mar 1799.25

The following are the known children of James and Sarah from various sources: (Children shown in the Reverend’s Register are marked with* showing page number in his register. The names

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20 Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #5, information from Mrs. Kathryn C. Hill, 1956.
22 This undoubtedly refers to Adam Calhoun, brother of James.
23 Diary also states that William Brown’s was about 18 miles from Derry Meeting. Diary also mentions Sam Stewart’s and William Brown’s as a frequent stopping place at Paxtang/Paxton. Mentioned riding ten miles to and from Andrew Stewart’s where he married James Calhoun and Sarah Taylor (p. 106). Notice that their daughter Agnes married a Stewart according to James will.
24 Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #5, citing Allegheny Co. Deed Bk 6. p. 475.
25 Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #5 citing Allegheny County Wills.
shown in James’ will, including married names of daughters, are marked with +.\textsuperscript{26} the mark # refers to undocumented claims from various sources).\textsuperscript{27}

Matthew * + (bapt. 1 Sept 1754, at Paxtang, p. 106) (See below)
David * + (bapt 3 Dec 1758, at Paxtang, p. 108), d. 1834 (see below)
Martha * + (bapt. 16 Mar 1760, at Paxtang, p. 108-109), m. ___Taylor
Agnes * (bapt. 31 Jan 1762, at Paxtang, p.109), m. ___Stewart
Sarah * + (bapt. 12 Jun 1763, at Wm. Brown’s, Paxtang, p. 110), m. ___McCormick
Mary * + (24 Nov 1765, at Paxtang, p. 111) \textsuperscript{28}
James * + (bapt. 25 Oct 1767 at Paxtang, p. 112), d 1847
Isobel * (bapt. 5 Mar 1770, at Lower Chanceford, p. 217)
John * # (1775-1853 born in Lancaster Co.) \textsuperscript{30}Jane+ (m. ___Peden)
William*# (bapt. 15 Jan 1772, Muddy Run, Lancaster Co., p. 186-187)
Notation after William: “Rode 5 miles after preaching at James Calhouns”

Details on some of James children:

Matthew (m. Amelia__) Their daughter Amelia was baptized 2 Dec 1784 by Rev. Cuthbertson.\textsuperscript{30}

David Calhoun (1757-1834), born in the Cumberland Valley [Paxtang]. He served in the Revolution and the War of 1812. He m. Eleanor King (1759-1831). He recorded a deed in Allegheny County dated 2 Sept 1796 and recorded 1 May 1797.\textsuperscript{31} He left a will dated 29 Aug 1834\textsuperscript{32} He is buried in Mifflin Cemetery. Children: Sarah (8 Jan 1787, m. Cochran); Thomas (10 Dec 1788); Mary (10 Oct 1790, m. Hultz); James (3 Dec 1794, m. Reed); John King (17 Oct 1796); David Jr. (9 Nov 1798), Eleanor (9 Feb 1801, m. Weir) (Married names of daughters are from David’s will.)

James Calhoun, [Jr] (1765-1847) left will dated 25 Aug 1847.\textsuperscript{31} (died unmarried)

John (1775-1853) m. Elizabeth Gardner (1772-1810). Children: James T. (1818-1893); Elizabeth (1820 - __); Mary Eleanor (d. young).

\textsuperscript{26} Will of James Calhoun, Allegheny Co. Will Book 6, p. 283 shown in Orval Calhoun, Vol. 4, p. 290.
\textsuperscript{27} Rootsweb World Connect ID 15611
\textsuperscript{28} Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #5, citing Allegheny Co. Will Bk 1 p. 1; also Cuthbertson Register, p. 111.
\textsuperscript{29} Undocumented birth date given in Orval Calhoun, Vol. 4, p. 407.
\textsuperscript{30} Cuthbertson, Register, p. 182
\textsuperscript{32} Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #5, citing Allegheny Co. Will Bk 41 p. 151, 1834
\textsuperscript{33} Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #5, citing Allegheny Co. Will Bk 6 p. 283, 1847.
Fig. 2   Allegheny County Formation and its Townships
ARMSTRONG COUNTY/INDIANA COUNTY
(Armstrong created in 1800 from Westmoreland County/ Indiana from Armstrong 1803)

JAMES CALHOUN

James Calhoun (1747 or 1753–1826 or 1830) born in Letterkenny, Ireland, # 7 on chart.  
For a detailed narrative of James in Pennsylvania, please see the manuscript by Charles Calhoun at the following web site:


James Calhoun supposedly was born in Donegal County, Ireland in the mid 1700’s and emigrated to America at a young age. He left records in Cumberland, Franklin, Westmoreland, Armstrong and Indiana Counties in Pennsylvania. He left church, land, tax and military records in addition to some family legends. No clear records of his Irish birth or ancestry have been published, although some conflicting family myths about his origin have been presented in published and unpublished sources.

One myth is shared by different sources: he arrived in America after most of the other Calhouns on the chart—sometime between 1760 and 1769. Even so, he was among the first Calhouns to settle in Western Pennsylvania after the Revolution. His records in Pennsylvania create a reliable timeline of his life from about 1769.

Some descendants say he was born in Letterkenny, Donegal Co. Ireland. These descendants say he emigrated to America from Ulster as early as 1760. Some say his father was part of the 1733 Calhoun emigration, and was the brother of James Patrick Calhoun, the grandfather of John C. Calhoun. (See below under “Ancestry.”)

Different versions of James’ ancestry are shown below. The only provable history of James begins with Pennsylvania records which mention him and which start in 1769.

James married before or after his emigration to America. He settled at West Conococheague in Cumberland County (later to become Franklin County in 1784).

Some background on the Conococheague may provide context for why James settled there.

To begin, the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church organized near Mercersburg about 1731 drew many “dissenting” Ulster immigrants to this region. It was then within southwestern Cumberland County in the part that became Franklin County in 1784. There were about 130 families in the congregation. Samuel Templeton, the father of James’ first wife, was an elder in District 10. Some of its church records pertain to James and his family.

James Calhoun married first Ellen/Eleanor Templeton (web site says they married in 1757 in Donegal). The church records of 1769 show James Calhoun and wife Eleanor as members. Their sons Moses, baptized 21 Oct 1770, and William, 13 June 1773, are recorded in the register of

34 The birth and death of James are disputed. See details below.
35 Sources differ: some say James landed at New York, others, Philadelphia. Neither is documented.
36 James may be of significance to the ancestry of Johnston Calhoun. There is a tradition among researchers that emigrants tended to settle at places where members of their own family had settled previously. This would suggest that Johnston Calhoun might have followed a cousin to the West Conococheague in Franklin County. James of Letterkenny might be such a cousin. If the ancestries presented in 7 and 8 (William of Hookstown and Andrew of New Brighton) are correct, James of Letterkenny was a first cousin to both these men. However no obvious link to Johnston has been found.
Pastor John King. Another son, Samuel, is also recorded as are two who died young—Robert and Eleanor. James’ wife Eleanor died 14 May 1777. Her newborn son James also died in May 1777 as did her father Samuel Templeton who died 24 May 1777. Samuel Templeton left a will recorded in Cumberland Co (now Franklin Co.) 22 Apr 1783 mentioning grandsons Samuel and William Calhoun. James is listed in the Cumberland County Tax Records of 1779-1782 with one house (no land), 1 cattle and 1 negro.

James served in the Cumberland Co. Militia during the Revolution, 1780-1782 as a private in the 8th Bat., 2d class. James is shown in the Cumberland County tax rolls of 1779-1782 without land, but with a house, 1 cattle and 1 negro. What is notable here is the possession of a slave. Pennsylvania was a free state. But at the time just before the Revolution—and lingering on for years—the borders between Virginia and Maryland (slave states) and Pennsylvania were disputed. The area in which James lived fell within the bounds of the area disputed between Pennsylvania and Maryland. Perhaps James Calhoun considered himself a Marylander at that time.

Fig. 3. The Pennsylvania-Maryland-Virginia Border Dispute
According to Charles Calhoun, during the war, James left his orphaned children in the care of the widow, Sarah Walker who took the children west to Westmoreland County. They lived in the part of Westmoreland County that became Armstrong County in 1800 and Indiana County in 1803. According to one descendant the couple married at Parkwood in what became Indiana County.

After the war, James himself came to Armstrong Twp in Westmoreland County in 1783 when he married Sarah Walker. She was the widow of Col. Robert Walker of Fannett Twp, Franklin County. Col. Walker had been a famous Indian scout. The settlement of his estate included sale of his 110 acres of land in Fannett many years later in 1810. The document shows his heirs to include his widow, Mary “now the wife of James Calhoun” and shows their residence at that time to be Armstrong Co., PA.

James is shown on the Westmoreland County tax lists from 1783-1786. The location where he lived became part of Armstrong Co. when it formed in 1800 and Indiana County in 1803. He was one of first school teachers and also a weaver and farmer in Indiana County. James Calhoun later returned to Armstrong County, where he died in Boggs Twp 1826. He is buried there in the Calhoun Cemetery--some claim at “Old West Union Church.”

His children by his second wife were: John (16 Jan 1784 - 17 May 1874) and Noah Abraham (21 May 1786 – 30 Jan 1866).

Ancestry of James

Conflicting accounts leave James ancestry an unproven mystery:

The Alan Taliaferro Calhoun collection claims “James of Letterkenny, Ireland,” was possibly the son of William Calhoun (1711-1795) and grandson of John Colhoun (1685-1755) of Corncammon. These sources state that James came to Pennsylvania about 1760 -- and settled at West Conococheague. However there seem to be contradictory sources in this collection:

“James Calhoun’s father did not come to America but died in Ireland and [was] buried there.”

“James father married Sarah Stewart in Ireland in 1745. She died when James was born. [James father] then married a Miss Stevens in 1762 in Ireland and had another son, Andrew.” “James was 16 years old when Andrew was born.” This collection also claims James came to Pennsylvania in 1760 -- and according to the above dates he would have been only 14 years old. If his father did not emigrate, then with whom did James emigrate?

The Orval Calhoun books claim a different ancestry. He gives a different name for James’ mother as well as his date of birth and emigration.

44 Rev. Norwood Jackson Calhoun, in Item #4, Alan Taliaferro Calhoun.
45 Franklin Co. Deed Bk 9, p. 186. Church and Court records supplied by Mrs. C.F. Frederick, Chambersburg.PA. in Alan Talliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #4, “James of Letterkenny.”
48 Rev. Norwood Jackson Calhoun, in Item #4, Alan Taliaferro Calhoun.
49 Mrs. Kathryn C. Hill 16 Jan 1956 in family papers sent to Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #4, “James of Letterkenny.”
50 From original notes of Rev. Joseph Patrick Calhoun, West Palm Beach FL, 1931: “Grandfather Judge John Calhoun told me eight brothers came to America. James was an uncle of John C. Calhoun.” Communication to Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #4, “James of Letterkenny.” This does not fit well with other myths. Four brothers of James Patrick Colhoun apparently remained in Ireland: William, Humphrey, Andrew and Alexander. None of these seem likely to have been James’ father.
51 Alexander Wilson Calhoun, MD, Denver , to Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #4, “James of Letterkenny.”
Orval Calhoun claims that James Calhoun was born in “1752” to William Calhoun (1711- abt. 1795) of Carrigans, Killea, Donegal who was the son of John Colhoun (1685-1755) of Strabane, Tyrone. William Calhoun, born 1711, lived at Greenhill, Carrigans. Carrigans, was buried at Monreagh, Donegal, Ireland. He married Isabella Cary, daughter of Tristom Cary. Their other children were William Jr., 1750, Andrew, 1755, Isabella, 1758, Thomas 1765, Jane, 1765 and Samuel, 1775.

In this case James would have only been 7 years old if he emigrated to America in 1760 and under 17 when he married. (James and his wife were listed as members of the West Conococheague Church in 1769).

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**Fig. 4** Armstrong and Indiana County Townships

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52 Orval Calhoun, Vol. 2, pp. 185; citing Will of John of Strabane dated 18 Nov 1752 and proved 1755; also Burks’s Rev PRDONI T55999/15
53 Orval Calhoun, Vol. 2, p. 208
54 One web site claims he married first in Donegal County in 1757 [at either 11 or 4 years of age according to the various theories].
Fig. 5  Pennsylvania Counties - 1780

These images were scanned from a larger map entitled:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Genealogical Map of the Counties

compiled and prepared in
Bureau of Land Records, 1933,
Ninth Edition 1961
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The full map is reproduced in the Appendix of this report.
**BEAVER COUNTY**  
(Created in 1800 from Washington and Allegheny Counties)

Please note: This section is based on the work of others—some unproven oral history and myth—but some based on the diligent research of Dr. John Calhoun Ewing of Pittsburgh in the early 20th century.

![Beaver County Map](image)

**Fig. 6   Beaver County Townships from 1800 – 1939**

Many Calhoun descendants claim that their ancestors lived in Beaver County. The number of Calhouns of certain ‘given’ or ‘Christian’ names does not always match the number of such individuals in the records of Beaver County. The following discussion will attempt to sort out the ancestries of various Calhouns who claimed to live in Beaver County in the first two decades of its existence.

The evolution of Beaver County townships is essential to interpreting various claims about early Calhouns in Beaver County—many of whom predated the actual creation of the county itself.
Some Calhouns had settled in the north of Washington County and others had settled in the west of Allegheny County at the time when Beaver County was created in 1800. These areas were originally part of Westmoreland County. Westmoreland County records contain references to early inhabitants of both Allegheny and Washington County. Pre-1800 records of Calhouns (and all variant spellings) in Beaver County must account for records in these earlier counties. A comprehensive study of such land records might reveal the true genealogies of the Beaver Calhouns.

Although some records have been compiled regarding Calhouns in Allegheny, Washington and Beaver, the records are far from complete.

The map on the previous page (Fig. 6) Shows Townships of Beaver County at time of County Formation in 1800 (Hanover, Second Moon, First Moon—below Ohio River; South Beaver, Sewickley, South Beaver and North Beaver above Ohio River).

WILLIAM CALHOON

William Calhoun, of Shippingport, Second Moon Township. (#8 on chart)

The ancestry of William Calhoun is purely speculative. The lives of his descendants in Beaver County may eventually help to establish his Irish roots. The following material is based mostly on the work of Dr. John Calhoun Ewing of Pittsburgh supplemented by oral histories published by others.

By 1786 a William Calhoun had settled on the south side of the Ohio River in Beaver County at Shippingport. The property was named “The Bone of Contention.” The family farm is now the Shippingport Nuclear Power Plant. William was about the same age as Johnston and had a large family. Published sources have yet to show how he acquired the farm. Local histories claim (without proof) that he was born in Ireland about 1750.

The history of William Calhoun, “The Calhoun Family of the South Side of Beaver County,” by Dr. John Calhoun Ewing, MD of Pittsburgh (1929) states that William served in the border Indian wars of 1790 to 1800. His eldest son was born before 1779 and his youngest was born on the farm about 1795/6. The first of his children born in Beaver County was William, Jr. born about 1786. Ewing does not speculate on William’s ancestry.

The family owned land in Second Moon Township when Beaver County was formed in 1800. Local historians infer from civil records that William of Shippingport died before 1803. Ewing states on page 3 of his report:

“The name of William Calhoun does not appear on [the first list of taxable] but his sons John and Samuel, are named. It seems probable that William was dead before this time, and indeed his death may have occurred before the erection of Beaver County in 1800 since his name appears nowhere in the records of that county.”

His children left records in the area south of the Ohio River in what became Greene Township—which included Hookstown on Mill Creek. This area fell within Westmoreland County when it formed in 1773, Washington County when it formed in 1781 and finally in Beaver County when it formed in 1800.

Ewing documents the descendants of William Calhoun as shown below. Ewing calculates some of the dates of birth and death from civil documents. (See his full report for details).57

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Children:

John (b. prob. < 1779; d. prob. 1811-1816; m.?)
Samuel (b. prob < 1781; d. 1867; m. Elizabeth ?)
Mary (b. 1781-1786; d. > Jan 1824; m. James Matthews)
Isabella (b. 1781-1786; d. > Jan 1824; m. John Musgrove)

William (b. 1786; d. 27 Dec 1838; m. Elizabeth Hutchinson) (See more below)
Nancy (b. < 1793; d. > 1854; m. George Goshorn)
James (b. < 1793; d. prob < 1816; unmarried)
Robert (b. 1793/4; d. 24 May 1816-8 Feb 1817; m. Anne?)
Richard (b. 24 May 1795-8 Feb 1796; d. 3 Dec 1873)

Details of William’s child, William II:

William (b. 1786; d. 27 Dec 1838)\(^{56}\) He married abt. 1808 Elizabeth Hutchinson possibly born at Killrea, County Donegal, Ireland, dau of James and Elizabeth Hutchinson of First Moon Twp., Beaver Co. William served as Capt. Of 138\(^{57}\) Reg. in War of 1812.\(^7\) \(^8\) Children: John b. 25 Aug 1809, d. 7 May 1846; James Hutchinson b. 1813, d. 25 Jul 1849; Richard, b. 1814, d. 25 Apr 1895; Robert \(\text{b. 28 Dec, 1816, d. 28} ? 1841; \text{Milton b. 12 Feb 1817, d. 13 Jun 1889; George G. b. 1820, d. 28 May 1850; Thomas Dawson b. 1823, d. 31 May 1860; Joseph Mc. b. 1823, d. 1 Apr 1848; Elizabeth b. 1828, d. 11 Apr 1848; Mary Jane b. 7; d. 12 Jan 1898.

Details on Williams’ grandsons, the sons of William II: Milton and Robert:

Robert (28 Dec 1816 – 1841) - is shown on deeds with his brother Milton. Beyond that he is only identified with a gravestone at Old Mill Creek Cemetery which may establish his death in 1841. He is named in Warners History of Beaver County, (p. 831).

Milton (12 Feb 1817 \(^{60}\) – 13 Jun 1889). Married Phoebe Mackall about 1845 of Georgetown. Lived in Greene Twp all his life and is buried in Mill Creek Cemetery.\(^61\) Milton: Died in 1889, leaving a will in Beaver County.\(^62\) Land records show that he partnered with his brother Robert in some land transactions. See deed photocopies in appendix regarding land in Green Township:

Robert Laughlin & wife to Robert and Milton Calhoon, 7 Sept 1840 for land in Greene Twp. recorded 1 Dec 1846.
James Mackall and wife, Nancy (Columbiana Co. OH) to Robert & Milton Calhoon, 8 May 1841, Recorded 12 March 1846, land in South Beaver Twp.

[These two records establish the death of Robert between 1841 and 1846l.

Milton Calhoon, farmer, & wife Phoebe, Beaver Co. for land in Green Twp, 1 Dec 1846;
Whereas Robert Calhoon late of the township county and state aforesaid deceased and Milton Calhoon lawfully seised in fee as tenents in common of and in a certain messuage and lot or piece of land situate lying and being in Green Township aforesaid...[essentially quitclaims the land] to Elizabeth Calhoon, 1 Dec 1846, land in Green Twp.; (suggests the death of Robert Calhoon prior to 1 Dec 1846).

**Special attention to Milton is included here for two reasons:**

1. To suggest a more detailed emigration scenario for his grandfather, William of Shippingport, and thereby shed new light on William’s possible ancestry.

The given name “Milton” is not seen among Calhouns/Colhouns of Ulster. It however does reflect the name of a town in Northumberland Co., PA where descendants of Hugh Calhoun lived. No authors have suggested that Milton’s grandfather

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\(^{56}\) Beaver County Genealogical Society has a copy of the full Ewing report which contains extensive citations from Beaver Co. land records. Some of the dates are based on Beaver Co. Deed Book G. p. 483/4; H. p. 92, re land of John Calhoun, [Decd]; Orphans Court, Beaver Co., Jan Term 1824; Beaver Co. Patent Bk. 13, p. 115 and many others.

\(^{57}\) Ewing, pp. 9 – 11. Biographical information and source documentation. See also Warner, p. 831.

\(^{58}\) Ewing, p. 9 citing Warner p. 287.

\(^{60}\) Warner, p. 831. (Warner gives the year of birth as 1818)

\(^{61}\) Birth calculated from tombstone inscription: Milton Calhoun “died 13 June 1889, aged 72 y, 4 m, 1 d”. Ewing p. 22, citing Mill Creek Cemetery Inscriptions, “Old Mill Creek Church Cemetery Record,” typescript, Harvey E. Faulk, compiler, General Anthony Wayne Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, 5 Dec 1962.

\(^{62}\) Beaver County, PA, Register of Wills, Docket Bk. 5, p. 378.
Ancestry of William Calhoun of Shippingport and/or Hookstown:

Two theoretical genealogies about William of Shippingport/Hookstown have been proposed:

1. William of Shippingport was possibly the son of “Jack Colhoun of Carrigans, Ireland.” According to the author, Orval Calhoun, William Calhoun was born in 1753, the son of Jack Colhoun (1707-1795) of “Carringans” in Killea Parish, Donegal, Ireland. The author also claims that two of Jack’s sons, William and Andrew, came to America. William settled in Hookstown, Pennsylvania and his brother, Andrew, settled in New Brighton. (See Andrew below). 63

This source also claims that Jack was the eldest son of John Colhoun (1685-1755) of Corncammon who was supposedly the son of Rev. Alexander (Crosh House). John married Elizabeth Whitman. He was administrator of estates and postmaster in Strabane. He lived in two places in Ireland—Corncammon and Strabane, Tyrone.64 In this scenario, William of Shippingport would be the first cousin of James Calhoun of Letterkenny, Franklin and Armstrong Counties, Pennsylvania (#7 on chart).

2. William of Shippingport was possibly the son of “Hugh Colhoun of Lancaster Co., PA,” (Hypothetical)

This hypothetical ancestry is not claimed by any descendants. It is the invention of the author of this report. It is intended to explore unexplained Beaver County Calhoun records.

Andrew Calhoun of Big Beaver Township (#9 on chart)

Andrew, brother of William (#8 on chart), is alleged to have come to America and settled at New Brighton. Jordan’s Beaver County History states that Andrew was born in Ireland in 1761 and emigrated from Derry, Ireland to New York City after 1785.65 Andrew then came to Chester County, Pennsylvania and then settled at Big Beaver Township. He died in Big Beaver in 1864 at age 103. His first wife was Mary Kennedy and his second was a Mrs. Rogers. He had two sons by Mary: James K. and John S. 66 He left a will in Beaver Co.67

64 There is a John Colhoun buried at Taughboyne Cemetery, Donegal County—however his tombstone inscription states he died 21 April 1755 at age 55 (born abt. 1700)
65 Jordan, p. 939
66 Jordan, p. 939. See also Orval Calhoun, Vol 2., p. 185.
Andrew’s ancestry is not clear but Orval Calhoun claims he was the son of Jack Calhoun (1707-1795) of Carrigans, Killea Parish, Donegal, Ireland and that he settled in New Brighton. New Brighton is in Brighton Township in Beaver County located on the north side of the Ohio River. Land and property records of Beaver County have been searched and the name “Andrew Calhoun” appears in deeds dated in the 1830’s and later.

**DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM CALHOUN (I) OF LANCASTER (1692-1753)**
(Not to be confused with William Calhoun of Shippingport, above)

The grandchildren of William Calhoun (I) of Lancaster, children of William Calhoun (II) of Lancaster/Dauphin Counties

William Calhoun (III), David and Sarah Calhoun of South Beaver Township, Beaver Co (#10 on chart) are allegedly the children of William Calhoun(II) of Lancaster County—and either the great grandchildren of Audley or Hugh Calhoun.

Beaver County Property records help establish the locations and family relationships of these Calhouns. However, records for a “Sarah Calhoun” tend to confuse matters.

If we accept the findings in McPherson, these siblings were children of William Calhoun II. and his wife, Hannah Wallace of Lancaster County. They probably lived in the part of Lancaster that a became Dauphin County. William II was the son of William Calhoun I. 68

A will left by William Wallace of Dauphin County in 1784 mentions the above heirs as children of his deceased daughter, Hannah, wife of William Calhoun, Sr. According to McPherson, three of the above children, David, William and Sarah, went to Beaver County. Documents for each of these names are found in Beaver County land documents. 69 William Wallace’s will does not give the married name of Sarah—nor her marital status.

Therefore it would seem that if Sarah, daughter of William II owned land in Beaver County, it would be as a single woman or as a married woman with her husband. No Beaver County record has been found for a Sarah Calhoun, unmarried woman. Since her married name, if any, is unknown, there is no way to identify pertinent records.

There are two possible scenarios that could identify Sarah by location in Beaver County:

1. If she married a Calhoun cousin—and took title as “Sarah Calhoun” to her land as a married woman or even as a widow (See Widow Sarah Calhoun, #11 on chart).

2. If the Sarah in the will of William Wallace was a “daughter-in-law” – not “daughter” of Hannah Wallace Calhoun.

Two of the siblings, David and William are documented to have settled north of the Ohio River.

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68 Several identifies have been considered for William I (Sr.): William (1711-1784) son of John (1685-1755); William (1727-1804) son of Hugh; William (1714-1777) son of Audley. None of these are a good fit.

69 McPherson, p. 112. Citing the will of William Wallace who d. Dauphin 1786 leaving his will naming “William, David, John and Sarah Calhoun children of my deceased daughter Hannah Wallace Calhoun “…McPherson states that of these four, David, John and Sarah went to Beaver County and owned land. (See Appendix I-25 and I-26). Does not mention married name of Sarah—or if Sarah was ‘daughter-in-law.’
David Calhoon

David may have been the first of this family to own land in Beaver/South Beaver Township. This is assumed from the patent issued to David's brother, William (III), by 1804. William's patent for land named "Hope" stated that it was located adjacent to the land of "David Calhoon." 70

William Calhoon III

William's patent was issued in accord with Pennsylvania legislation permitting settlement of vacant land only if the patentee actually settled on it. Therefore we know that William actually lived on the property. Tax records show that David lived in South Beaver Township in 1804 and had 200 acres with 1 horse and 2 cows. 71 William and wife Jane did not stay long in Beaver County, selling their patent to David and migrating to Trumbull County, Ohio in 1806. 72

Sarah Calhoon

As to the third child of this family, Sarah, no patent has been found for a single woman named Sarah Calhoun.

However a Sarah Calhoun, widow, did patent land in South Beaver Township. (See “Sary” below.) Again, she would only be the sister of David and William if she were the daughter-in-law of William II (instead of daughter) or if she married another Calhoon, thereby retaining the same surname, “Calhoon.”

The ancestry of the father, William Calhoon, Sr. (II) has not been determined. [See Appendix A for possible ancestors of these Beaver County Calhouns.]

WIDOW SARAH, “Sary,” CALHOUN

Widow Sarah Calhoun of South Beaver and Ohio Townships(#11 on chart)

A Sarah Calhoun patented land called "Sarah's Choice" in 1802. It was located in South Beaver Township (later Ohio Twp.)—on the north side of the Ohio River. 73 “Sary Calhoun" left a will in 1811 stating she resided in Ohio Township. It named children Samuel, Adam, James, Elizabeth, Nancy, Mary Todd, Rebecka Chook. Subsequent quit claims indicate that son Adam lived in Moon Township (south of Ohio River) and had a wife, Jane. Sary’s will stated that her son Samuel would keep the land until his death after which the other children would receive it. 74 Between 1819 and 1825 the legatees quitclaimed their rights under the will to Alexander Todd, presumed husband of Mary Todd. These quit claims imply that Samuel had died between 1811 and 1819. The quit claim of James shows that he also lived in Ohio.


72 Deed from William and Jane Calhoun of Trumbull Co., OH to David Calhoun of Beaver Co. for part of original patent granted to William Calhoun 28 Apr 1804., Rec. Beaver Co. Deed Bk. 2, p. 4. (See Attachments at Doc p. 3)

73 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania grant of vacant land "actually settled," to Sarah Calhoun of Pennsylvania in accord with an act passed by the General Assembly in 1792. Warrant and survey dated 1802 for tract named "Sarah's Choice" described by metes and bounds, 399+ac.(adjacent land of David Calhoon. Patent issued 1803. (See Attachments at Doc p. 4)

74 Photocopy in possession of author of will of Sary Calhoun, Beaver Co., PA Will Book 3, p 39, Beaver Co. Gen. and Hist. Center, Beaver Falls, PA. (See Attachments at Doc p. 5)
Township (north of the Ohio River). The quit claim of Adam shows that he lived with his wife, Jane, in
Moon Township (south of the Ohio River).\(^{75}\)

Neither Sarah’s maiden name nor the given name of her deceased husband has been
discovered. She probably was not a Calhoon/Calhoun by birth—unless one of the following were
ture:

1. She might be “Sarah,” daughter of William Calhoun of Dauphin above—but only if she married a cousin
Calhoun and became “widow Calhoun.” On the other hand the will of William Wallace might have referred

2. She might be “Sarah,” daughter of Samuel Calhoun of Cumberland [in next section]—but only if she
married a cousin Calhoun and became widow Calhoun.) Descendants of Samuel Calhoun (#4 on chart) claim
(without proof) that Samuel’s daughter Sarah lived in Beaver County (but probably with a different
surname.)

**DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL CALHOON OF HOGESTOWN (1721-1773)**

**Samuel Calhoun, Jr. (1755-1847) (# 5 on chart)**

Some undocumented sources state that Samuel lived for a time in Beaver County.\(^{76}\) No records of his
residence have been found. Samuel’s birth is found in the baptismal records of Rev. John Cuthbertson.\(^{77}\)
Samuel’s service in the Revolution is found in his own Revolutionary War Pension Application file.\(^{78}\)

According to the file, he went west to Ohio about 1802 and filed a Revolutionary War Pension application
in 1832 documenting his birth and his service in the Revolution. Samuel served in the Battle of Trenton
and wintered over at Valley Forge under Washington. He also served under the English occupation of
Philadelphia. Samuel volunteered from East Pennsboro. He served three months in Capt. John Work’s Co.
in Col. Watt’s Reg in 1776. He was at the Battle of Trenton 26 Dec 1776. He was drafted again from August
to September in Capt. John Lamb’s Co. in Col. David Bell’s Reg. and marched to Philadelphia while it was in
British possession. He was then discharged at Valley Forge. From September to October 1778 he served
in Capt. Asa Hill’s Co. which was also in Col. Bell’s Reg. They marched to the “New Purchase in the forks of
the Susquehanna above Northumberland near Freeland Fort on McClung’s Bottom “where Capts. Boon
and Doherty and thirty men were massacred by the Indians. He was granted a pension in 1832 for his
service. At that time he was living in Jackson, Trumbull Co., Ohio where he claimed to have lived for thirty
years. He names those who can testify to his service and to whom he is known in his present
neighborhood: They were: John Piersol, JP of Jackson and John and Archibald Ewing of Jackson and
George Parsons and Calvin Pease and Henry Lane of Warren [OH] . He signed “Samuel Calhoun”. His
witness was George Parsons. The 1782 Will of his brother Adam assigns David Bell as the executor along

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\(^{75}\) Quitclaims regarding Estate of Sarah Calhoun of Ohio Township, 1819 See Beaver County Deeds Book 5, pp. 512-513 and Book 9 p. 267. (See Attachments at Doc pp. 6-7)

\(^{76}\) Orval Calhoun .

\(^{77}\) Register of Marriages and Baptisms by Rev. John Cuthbertson.

\(^{78}\) Samuel Calhoun Revolutionary War Pension File: S2413, 1832: born 1755, served in Revolution from East Pennsboro; regiment of Col. David Bell. Samuel living in Jackson, Trumbull Co., Ohio in 1832 when he filed his application. He was 78 years old. (See Attachments at Doc p. 11)
with a son-in-law, James Haslet.\footnote{See will in Attachments, Doc p. 12} This implies some close relationship of the Calhouns to the Colonel under whom Samuel served.

Children of Samuel and Agnes:

Andrew (10 Oct 1779 – 24 Oct 1833, m. Elizabeth Marshall) ; Mary (5 Dec 1780); Jean (22 May 1782); Betsy (5 April 1786); Margaret (4 March 1788); Agnes (1789); Samuel Jr. (27 May 1791); Isobel (11 Feb 1792); Anna (20 Dec 1795-1885); Mathias (23 April 1812)\footnote{Family Bible of Samuel and Mary Calhoun, cited by Mrs. Earnest D. Osborne, Warren, OH in collection of Alan Taliaferro Calhoun Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #6.}

**David Calhoun (# 12 on chart)**

A David Calhoun of Beaver County is claimed by some informal sources (Ancestry.com, Rootsweb) to be the son of Samuel Calhoun of Hogestown, PA. (See Appendix A). This David is also supposed to have resided in Beaver County until the 1820s.\footnote{A biography of Luther George Calhoun and son, David, Early Pioneers of Holmes County, Ohio in Millersburg by 1818. (Orval Calhoun, Vol. ?, p. 405}

This David is supposed to have married in 1781 in Allegheny Co. to Susan Hannah (Susannah) Hook (b. 1764 MD). They are claimed to have had a son named Milton Calhoun (1805- )

**Other claimed children of David and Susannah:** Mary b. 1782; James Hugh b. 1790, Allegheny Co.; David b. 1794; Samuel b. 1801, Beaver Co. ) and others.

This David is enumerated in the 1820 census of Hardy, Coshoctorn, County, Ohio. No one so far has claimed that Milton, grandson of Samuel of Cumberland, is related to, Milton grandson of William of Shippingport.

The identity of David Calhoun (father of the Milton of Beaver and Holmes) is important to this discussion.

David, son of Samuel Calhoun of Hogestown, Cumberland County.

VS.

David, son of William II of Lancaster, (brother of William)

**APPENDIX C AT END OF THIS REPORT DISCUSSIRES THESE ‘DAVIDS.’**
Johnston Calhoun (1753 - 1835) # 13 on chart

Please note: Johnston Calhoun of Beaver County is discussed in a separate manuscript. http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/JohnstonCalhoun.pdf

Fig. 7 1832 Map of Beaver County
Fig. 8  Road map showing Calhouns in Western Pennsylvania
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Fig. 9  Pennsylvania County Formation 1800-1810
APPENDIX A

EARLY CALHOUN EMIGRATIONS FROM ULSTER

1714: Thomas Calhoun (theoretical)

Thomas Colhoun (b. 1670), was the supposed son of Charles Colhoun of Letterkenny (“defender of Derry”). Thomas is commonly claimed to have come to America in 1714.82 He was the grandfather of Trader Thomas Calhoun who is discussed in regard to Pontiac’s Rebellion in my report, Johnston Calhoun.83

His ancestry is worth noting because he may be one of the earliest Pennsylvania Calhouns at the frontier.

John Calhoun (1705-1752) was the son of the above, Thomas.84 John is often referred to as “John Calhoun of Chester and York Counties.” This lineage has been shown in many published, unpublished and undocumented reports over the years. There is little agreement over the details between the various authors.

The history of Thomas and sons in North America and Canada are documented in archival records and many publications. Their history and genealogy are easily accessed on the World Wide Web by searching on “Trader Thomas Calhoun.”

1733: Calhoun Siblings85

The sons of Rev. Alexander Colquhoun of Crosh came later in 1733 and probably produced more descendants in Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Carolinas than any other Ulster Colhoun. Most sources agree that Alexander had eight sons but they disagree on the number that came to America. Some infer that only three sons emigrated from Ulster in 1733—including James Patrick Calhoun the grandfather of John C. Calhoun. However, one descendant claims that eventually all eight sons came to America.86 One descendant claims that a group of 142 Calhoun relatives came on one voyage to Providence Rhode Island in 1733 and that at least some of those settled on the Susquehannah River in Pennsylvania.87

It is usually claimed that the brothers who accompanied James Patrick were: Audley, Hugh and Andrew Calhoun. Some of these Calhouns left civil records in Lancaster County, some in the area that became Cumberland and Dauphin Counties. At least fifteen of their sons remained in Pennsylvania and produced the next generation of Calhouns—another fifteen or more Calhouns. Some of these settled in Drumore Township, Lancaster County at Chestnut Level. A portion of these later went to Virginia and the Carolinas. However some went west in Pennsylvania—and these will be discussed in this report.

Some authors claim that either Audley or Hugh (or both) returned to Ireland. Audley and his wife Judith Hamilton had retained ownership of property in Strahulter, Ardstraw in County Tyrone and returned there in 1750. Audley,

82 Charles of Letterkenny is also the supposed ancestor of our subject, Johnston Calhoun.
84 “Sketch of Old Shepody,” The Daily Sun, St. John, 27 Mar 1893, transcribed by Dale Smith at Rootsweb-World Connect for the ancestry of Nathaniel Smith and Elizabeth Duck.
85 Discussed also in the report, Johnston Calhoun and Jane Donnehay, (Appendix B)
86 Rev. Joseph Patrick Calhoun, West Palm Beach, FL quoting his grandfather Judge John Calhoun. Correspondence sent to Alan Taliaferro Calhoun in 1930. (LDS Microfilm 362675, item #4 James Calhoun of Letterkenny.) Note: at least one son, Rev. Alexander Calhoun, Jr. (1705 -1788), remained in Ireland.
according to this source, died there in 1756 and is buried at Ardstraw. Another source claims Hugh also returned to Ireland.

1760-1790: Calhoun Cousins

1760: James Calhoun, was possibly the grandson of John Calhoun of Strabane and Cornammon (1685-1755). (John was the eldest son of Rev. Alexander Colhoun.) John’s third son, William of Monreagh, Donegal, had a son, James born in 1747. He is referred to by some descendants as “James Calhoun of Letterkenny.” He is believed to have emigrated about 1760 and settled initially in Cumberland County—at West Conococheague in the southwestern part which later became Franklin County. The first records for James are found in Franklin County. In 1761

1786: William and Andrew Calhoun were also possibly grandsons of John Calhoun of Strabane and Cornammon (1685-1755). This is the most speculative—but in regard to Beaver County—the most interesting. One author claims, with no proof, that John (1685-1755) had a son named “Jack.” Jack supposedly had two sons who came to America. One son, William (born 1753), is said to have settled at Hookestown, PA. Another son, Andrew (born 1761), supposedly settled at “New Brighton, PA. Did William stop in Northumberland County before migrating to Beaver County? See Section 5 in this Appendix for discussion of “Milton Calhoun.”

1790: Johnston Calhoun

This is not a complete list of Calhoun emigrations to Pennsylvania. It contains mostly those families whose descendants migrated to Allegheny and Beaver Counties in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.
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**Alexander Colquhoun XV (some hypothetical descendants—for discussion only)**

- **Sir John XVI**
  - b 1596
  - Sir Humphry of Balvie
  - Alexander m. Marion Sterling
  - Walter emigrated; [Walter of Leck Parish, Donegal]
  - Robert of Corkagh
    - b. 1622.
    - m. Kath MacAuselan, 1641
    - First Colhoune at Corkagh, Donegal
  - Various emigrants to America—inc. to Guilford Co. NC: eg. John Johnston c. 1700
  - Adam b. abt. 1601- d. bef 1630 ?
    - m. dau of Lindsay of Bonneil ca 1621; divise of Alexander’s estate in Donegal, Ireland
  - Robert of Corkagh
    - b. 1622.
    - m. Kath MacAuselan, 1641
  - Various emigrants to America—inc. to Guilford Co. NC: eg. John Johnston c. 1700
  - Charles of Letterkenny b. 1645.
    - m. [Mary_____] d. ?
    - (at Seige of Derry)

- **Sir John XVII**
  - b 1596
  - Sir James 4th Baronet
    - m. Penuel Cunningham
  - Various emigrants to America—inc. to Guilford Co. NC: eg. John Johnston c. 1700
  - Charles of Letterkenny b. 1645.
    - m. [Mary_____] d. ?
    - (at Seige of Derry)

- **William Cunningham**
  - b 1664-1752
  - Ardsraw- and Strabane
    - m. Alice Cunningham
  - Various emigrants to America—inc. to Guilford Co. NC: eg. John Johnston c. 1700
  - William Campbell b 1643.
    - m. Cath. MacCausland 1661; to Newton-Stewart, Tyrone Co. (at Seige of Derry)

- **James 1694-1772**
  - Emigrated to Chestnut Level, Lancaster Co. PA
  - James 1694-1772
    - Emigrated to Chestnut Level, Lancaster Co. PA
  - Charles of Letterkenny b. 1645.
    - m. [Mary_____] d. ?
    - (at Seige of Derry)

- **Thomas b. abt. 1670**
  - Emigrated to Chester Co. PA abt. 1714
  - Thomas b. abt. 1670
    - Emigrated to Chester Co. PA abt. 1714
  - William 1705-1753
    - Lived Chester Co, m. Rebecca Ewing
  - Thomas 1735-1772.
    - Indian Trader at PA Frontier 1760-1768 To Nova Scotia
    - Died there 1772
  - William
    - Lived in Pennsylvania. Went to Nova Scotia
    - Died there 1772
  - Jane
    - m. Samuel Calhoun

- **Rev. Alexander Colhoun/Calhoun**
  - 1662-1716
    - Crosh, Newton-Stewart, Tyrone Co.
  - Various emigrants to America—inc. to Guilford Co. NC: eg. John Johnston c. 1700
  - William Campbell b 1643.
    - m. Cath. MacCausland 1661; to Newton-Stewart, Tyrone Co. (at Seige of Derry)

See Next Page
Rev. Alexander Colhoun/Calhoun
Calhouns of Western Pennsylvania 1758-1820

Rev. Alexander Colquohoun (1662-1716)—sons who went to America (Draft)

Rev. Alexander 1662-1716
Crosh House, Newton-Stewart, Tyrone Co. IR

John "Jack" b. 1707, d. 13 Jul 1795

Maj. William
b. 1686
d. 26 Sep 1756
m. Patience MacCausland
Died at Crosh House, Bur. Ardrstraw, Tyrone

John
b. 1710
d. 1758
m. Rebecca Beier
Lived at Lancaster Co. PA

William
b. 1714
Strahulter
d. 28 Apr 1777, Lancaster Co. PA
m. Agnes?

James Patrick
1686-1741
m. Catherine Montgomery;
Emigrated to Pennsylvania~1733. Died at Chestnut Level 1741

Hugh b. 1692,
d. 1753,
Drummontolen, Donegal.
Emigrated" to Pennsylvania~1733. Died in Donegal. Bur. at Ardrstraw, Tyrone

Audley
1687-1756/7
m. Judith Hamilton
Lived Strahulter, Tyrone Co. Emigrated 1733 to PA

Others:
Owen Andrew Samuel? Isabella Elizabeth

Others:
Ezekiel, William, James Mary

Others: William George and more

John C. Calhoun
and others

Samuel
1721-1773
Hogestown, Cumberland Co. PA

James
1723-1799
Paxtang, Dauphin Co. and Mifflin Twp., Allegheny Co. PA

Others:
Adam, John, James, David Robert, Sarah, Elizabeth Janet Mary Agnes Ann

Andrew
b. 1700
d. 1789 Lived Burndennett Bur. Ardrstraw, Tyrone

Others: Robert William John, Carlisle, Cumberland Co. PA

William
b. 1753
Emigrated To
Hookstown, Beaver Co., PA

Andrew
b. 1761
Emigrated To
New Brighton, Beaver Co., PA

James
1747-1830
m. Ellen Templeton
m. Mary Walker Emigrated 1760 Franklin Co. PA

Thomas
1735-1853
Lancaster Co., migrated to Westmoreland Co., PA. d. 1853, Jefferson Co., OH

Audley
1745-1825
Elizabeth-town, Allegheny Co. (also Alexander)

William
1745-1788
m. Hannah Wallace

Others: James, b. 1753 Elizabeth

Humphrey
b. 1694-d. [17237]
Staying in Ireland

Others: Matthew James, John William Martha Agnes Sarah Jane Isobel Mary

Andrew
b. 1754

Others: Reuben John "Jack" b. 1707, d. 13 Jul 1795

William
b. 1711
d. 1795 ?
m. Isabella Cary
Lived at Carrigans, Killea Donegal

Others: Owen Andrew Samuel? Isabella Elizabeth

Others:
Owen Andrew Samuel? Isabella Elizabeth

Others: William George and more

John C. Calhoun
and others

Samuel
1755-1847
Trumbull Co. OH

Others:
Adam, John, James, David Robert, Sarah, Elizabeth Janet Mary Agnes Ann

David
1758-1834

Others: Matthew James, John William Martha Agnes Sarah Jane Isobel Mary

Andrew
b. 1757


## APPENDIX B

## SELECTED CALHOUN EMIGRANTS

**From Ulster to Pennsylvania**

The following chart lists selected early immigrants whose families migrated to Western Pennsylvania. It is based on family oral traditions, and civil records from published and published sources. Warning: The names of their ancestors are almost totally from unproven oral tradition.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Emigrant name</th>
<th>Ulster home &amp; married to</th>
<th>Arrived date place</th>
<th>Settled 1st: date place</th>
<th>Settled 2nd: date place</th>
<th>Settled 3rd: date place</th>
<th>Sources</th>
<th>Hypothetical Ulster ancestor</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. John Calhoun of Chester and York Cos. (1705-1752)</td>
<td>Letterkenny,(?) Donegal Co. IR m. Rebecca Ewing</td>
<td>1714?</td>
<td>Chester Co. before 1734; purchased land in York Co. 1734</td>
<td>Son Thomas, Indian Trader, went to western frontier and Fort Pitt by 1760</td>
<td>Sons Thomas and Wm. Went to Nova Scotia abt 1768; son James to Baltimore</td>
<td>McPherson p. 111; A.T. Calhoun; <em>St. John Sun Times</em>, 1898</td>
<td>Thomas son of Gent. Charles Colquhoun of Letterkenny</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Samuel Calhoun of Hogestown, Cumberland Co. (1721-1773)</td>
<td>Drummontolen Donegal Co. IR m. Mary Clendenning</td>
<td>1733?</td>
<td>Hogestown, Ea. Pennsboro, Cumberland Co. 1747</td>
<td>Children David, Samuel and Sarah (and others) to Beaver Co.?</td>
<td>Son Samuel to Trumbull Co., OH</td>
<td>Alan T. Calhoun; Cumberland Co. wills; Revo. War Pension,</td>
<td>Hugh son of Rev. Alexander Colhoun of Crosh</td>
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</table>

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92 Many of these oral histories have been cited by Orval Calhoun. Although he has accumulated a collection of Ulster records on which he bases some ancestral connections, his book does not consistently cite these sources in specific cases.
DETAILS OF ULSTER CALHOUNS IN PENNSYLVANIA
as shown in table on previous page

Chester County

John of Chester and York Counties (1705-1752) (# 1 in table)

“John Calhoun of Chester County” is sometimes referred to as “John Calhoun of Manchester Township, York County.” (He is said to be the son of Thomas Colhoun of Letterkenny [and grandson of Gentleman Charles Colquhoun of Letterkenny who fought at the Siege of Derry.])

John Calhoun of Chester married Rebecca Ewing between 1728 and 1734. Her father, James Ewing, signed a will 14 Dec 1739 which was filed 28 Nov 1740 in Chester Co. The will makes a bequest to his daughter “Rebecca, wife of John Cohoon.”

John Calhoun had a license or grant of 200 acres dated 17 February 1734 for property at Dry or Dunning Springs in York County. He took possession in 1735, cleared three acres and built a cabin after which he returned to Chester Co. John signed a will 19 Sept 1750 which was filed 16 Oct 1752 naming wife Rebecca and eldest son Thomas as executors.93

John had at least three sons: Thomas, William and James. James acquired the Dunning’s Spring land after John’s death. Since the title to the land was disputed, Thomas brought suit in 1762-1766 to establish ownership.94 At that time the land fell within West Pennsboro Township in Cumberland County.95 Thomas claimed in an action dated 24 November 1766, that the patent to the land should be issued to James Colhoon, the son of John Colhoon who died in 1752. All of the sons achieved some fame. His son, John, is the trader mentioned earlier in this appendix famed for his role at the frontier in the 1760’s.

Son Thomas (1735-1772) fought in the French and Indian War and later gained fame as an “Indian Trader” at the frontier during the time of the Pontiac Rebellion. Records of his service date to 1760. (See previous section about the Pontiac Rebellion and Trader Thomas Calhoun.) Several documents pertain to his father’s land in York or Cumberland County.96 Records showing his appointment as Indian Agent and service in Nova Scotia suggest that he left Pennsylvania after the Pontiac Rebellion and acquired estates in Nova Scotia/New Brunswick granted by George III of England for service in the French and Indian War.97 These same records show he married Rachel Peck in 7 Nov 1768. In [1768] Thomas was in Halifax, Nova Scotia.98 He and his brother, William, drowned in 1772 in a boat accident.99

93 McPherson, p. 111.
95 McPherson, p. 111.
96 McPherson, p. 111
97 “Sketch of Old Shepody,” The Daily Sun, St. John, 27 Mar 1893, as posted by Dale Smith at Rootsweb-World Connect, ID I06892, Sharon Shadbolt and others.. The biographies of John and son Thomas detail an illustrious history beyond the scope of this report.
98 McPherson, p. 111. York Co. deed signed 6 Oct 1786 [sic] from Thomas Calhoun of Nova Scotia late of Cumberland Co. PA and executor of the will of John Cahoon for land in Manchester Twp, York county that had been willed to Rebecca Cohoon, wife of John, both deceased.
Son William was killed with his brother Thomas in 1772.

Son, James became the first elected mayor of the City of Baltimore. He also inherited the Dunning’s Springs land. He later married Anne Gist and removed to Baltimore in 1771. He was a leading merchant and political leader in the Revolution. About 1776, James was appointed Deputy to the Commissary-General of Purchases for the Continental Army. He became the first elected mayor of the City of Baltimore.

Lancaster County

The next Calhouns settled in Lancaster County. They were sons of Audley and Hugh Calhoun of the 1733 emigration. 100

Audley Calhoun (1687-1756, son of Rev. Alexander Colhoun of Crosh) may have settled at Drumore Township, Lancaster County with nine sons.101 Some claim Audley later returned to Ulster.

Audley Calhoun, Jr. (______) the son of Audley, the Ulster emigrant. Although several grandchildren of the Ulster emigrant (Audley) went to Western Pennsylvania (see below), Audley, Jr. may be the only son of Audley to migrate west. He is said to have settled at Versailles, PA (near Pittsburgh) in ______.

John Calhoun of Lancaster (1711-1758) (#2 in table) was said to be the son of Audley, the Ulster emigrant). John remained in Lancaster County and left documents such as a Land Grant and Will.102 John married Rebecca Byers.103 John’s sons migrated west and are discussed under “Allegheny County,” in the main section of this report.

William Calhoun (1714-1777) of Drumore, Lancaster Co. (#4 in taqble) may be Audley’s son. If so, he was born in Strahulter, in 1714104 and died 28 April 1777 in Pennsylvania. He married Agnes___ in Drumore. They had children Elizabeth who m. Henry McCormick.105 James (b. 1743) and William II (1745-1788). This William married Hannah Wallace and had four children: William III106 John (b. 1780), Sarah (b. 1782) and David (b. 1788). Three of these children are said to have gone to Beaver County—but the records are not proven. They are discussed at “Beaver County”

Hugh Calhoun (1692-1753, son of Rev. Alexander) is said to have married Agnes Mc Cleary and settled in Lancaster County—probably in Drumore Township. Some claim that Hugh also returned to Ireland. Many of Hugh’s sons remained in Pennsylvania—some migrating

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99 An apparent transcription error in McPherson, p. 111 adds some confusion: it implies that Thomas Calhoun of Halifax, Nova Scotia signed off on a deed dated “1786” from the estate of his mother Rebecca [Ewing] Calhoun for land in York County. That date is 14 years after Thomas’ death. It is assumed the date should be “1768”—not “1786.”

100 James Patrick Calhoun of the 1733 voyage was discussed in Appendix B. Andrew Calhoun and descendants were not researched for this report.

101 John should not be confused with John Calhoun of Cumberland County whose will was recorded in Cumberland Co. Will Book A, p. 30, 7 Sept 1757. John who died about 1757 lived at Chambersburg, Franklin County according to Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #3 information provided by Mrs. Jane Washington Lestling. His son, Dr. John Calhoun married Ruhannah Chambers. They are buried at Falling Springs Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg.

102Cumberland Co. Will Book A, pp. 45-46. John Calhoun of Middleton Twp, names wife Rebecca and sons Robert and Andrew, daughter Elizabeth Miller (w/o Robert Miller) and executors: friends John Byers and son-in-law Robert Miller; Witnesses Rebecca Byers and Hannah Rendorenoraugh. Wife’s maiden name Byers. Will transcription at usgenweb archives, Cumberland County. (Also cited at Orval Calhoun, Vol. 1, Ch. 5, p. 55.)

103 Orval Calhoun., Vol. 2, p. 226, states John had a brother, Adley (1725-1820) who also went to Allegheny County and settled at Pittsburgh

104 Clemson Historical Property, Calhoun Family Tree posted at http://www.clemson.edu/about/history/calhoun-clemson/

105 Cuthbertson Diary, p. 108, marriage of Elizabeth Calhoun and Henry McCormick 18 Jan 1759 at Paxtang.

106 Clemson, Calhoun: claims a William Calhoun (1775-1822) died at McKeesport, Allegheny Co. PA. However land documents suggest William Calhoun owned land in Beaver County and then went to Trumbull Co., Ohio about ______ McPherson, p. 111 claims this is the William II, son of William III.

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west, some north.\(^{107}\) It appears that Hugh’s sons George and William eventually went north to an area that was included in Cumberland County and later Northumberland County. (George left a will in that county in 1778, and William died there at Warrior’s Run in 1804. Both are buried there).\(^{108}\)

**William Calhoun (1727-1804) of Drummontolen and Lancaster Co. (#5 in table)** may be Hugh’s son. If so, he settled first at Paxton, in what became Dauphin County, and then later went north to Northumberland County. He may be the father of three Calhouns who went to Beaver County. Although none of the westward Calhoun migrations have yet to establish a proven connection to William or George, it is curious that as many as two later Beaver County Calhouns were named “Milton,” a town near Warrior’s Run.

**Samuel Calhoun (1721-1773) (#3 in table)** first settled near the Susquennah River at Hogestown west of the river (in what became Cumberland County). He is discussed under “Cumberland County below. Although Samuel died at Hogestown, several of his children may have gone west and are discussed under “Beaver County.”

**John of Lancaster (1710-1758) (#2 in table)**

John Calhoun married Rebecca Byers. He died in Middleton Twp., Cumberland Co. died 1758. His will is recorded in Will Book A, pp. 45-46. It names wife Rebecca, sons Robert and Andrew and daughter Elizabeth Miller. The executors were his friend, John Byers and son-in-law Robert Miller. The witnesses were Rebecca Byers and Hannah Rendorenorough.\(^{109}\)

**Cumberland County (formed 1750 from Lancaster County)**

**Samuel of Hogestown, Cumberland Co. (1721-1773) (#3 in table)**

*The italicized information is taken from a published but undocumented genealogy.*\(^{110}\)

Samuel is said to have been born at Drummontolen, Donegal in 1721, the son of Hugh Calhoun (b. 1692 Crosh House, d. 1753 Ardstraw). Samuel would therefore be a grandson of Rev. Alexander Calhoun of Crosh) These sources claim that Samuel married Mary Clendennin of Enniskillen, Ireland about 1745.\(^{111}\)

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\(^{107}\) Orval Calhoun, Vol. 2, p. 356, claims Hugh (II), son of Hugh(I), went to South Carolina.

\(^{108}\) Will of George Calhoun of Augusta Twp, Northumberland County mentions brother William of Drummontolen, Ireland, cited in Orval Calhoun, Vol. 2, p. 353-355. Cemetery records for Warrior’s Run, Calhouns: William 1727-1804; Martha 1732-1804; James 1759-1834; George 1764-1824; Jane 1772-1806; John 1776-1838; cemetery inventory by Warrior’s Run DAR, 1947 by John & Grace Williams. From Bell’s History of Northumberland County, Ch. 16, pt.1, p. 549, Milton: Moses Teas a distiller had intimate associate George Calhoon; George Calhoon a merchant on Front Streete an Irish Presbyterian. The U.S Census of 1790 for Northumberland County shows three Calhoon households: George a single man, (born before 1774); William head of household containing 3 males and 3 females all born before 1774. A Northumberland Deed (book R, p. 454, dated 25 Mar 1813) shows that a deed in 1774 from George Calhoun and William Cook. George died w/o issue. William died 1804 with issue: George, James, John, Martha (m. Caldwell) and Mary. A Rootsweb post states that William married Martha Calhoun (a cousin) in 1752. She was b. 1732 in Lancaster Co. According to this web posting William and Martha had a son George born 1 Feb 1754 in Lancaster Co. and a son, James b. 1759 in Drummontolen, Ireland. James m. Eleanor West 26 May 1790. The source of this information is a “Calhoun Family History,” published in the Holmes County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Jul/Aug 1988. Repeated attempts to access this publication have failed. Much of the claims at the Rootsweb posting seem difficult to support without further explanation.

\(^{109}\) Abstracts of Wills, Cumberland County, PA at Us GenWeb Archives, Cumberland Co., WB A, pp 45-6.


\(^{111}\) Internet posting at Rootsweb World Connect, Id = I3413 citing: “The Calhoun Family,” Holmes County Genealogy Society Newsletter, July/Aug, 1988, p. 43.
Additional information on Samuel and his children is derived from Cumberland County, PA records and the Revolutionary War Pension file of his son, Samuel (1755-1847).

Samuel settled in Lancaster County in the area that fell within East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County when it formed in 1750. He purchased land in 1747 at Hogestown. He was a weaver. He died in 1773 and filed a will mentioning his wife and some of his children. (See photocopy of the Will in Appendix I-34) Samuel and his wife, Mary are buried at Big Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Many of the marriages and baptisms of Samuel and his family were recorded in the diary of Rev. John Cuthbertson, an itinerant preacher. This Reverend came in contact with several Ulster Calhoun families:

Rev. John Cuthbertson was the first Reformed Presbyterian Minister to America. He was an itinerant minister for 22 years and pastor of Church at Middle Octararo [Creek in eastern Lancaster County] and Lower Chanceford [eastern York County] till his death 10 Mar 1791.

From Franklin County history we read: On March 10, 1774, Cuthbertson, [and Lind and Dobbin] constituted the Reformed Presbytery at Paxtang, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. [Paxtang is a half mile east of present Harrisburg].

Reverend Cuthbertson performed the marriage of Samuel’s brother Adam to Janet Woods (See transcriptions under (#6 on chart) James of Mifflin Township). The Reverend’s diary contains dates and places of baptisms, marriages and services. From the diary it appears that “Hogestown” where Samuel Calhoun lived was in the vicinity of a place frequented by Cuthbertson called “Junkens’s Tent about 10 miles from Harrisburgh”(p. 94 of diary). At that location was the farm of James Bell. The surname, “Bell” is associated with the family of Samuel Calhoun: eg. a David Bell was the executor of the will of Samuel’s brother, Adam; a David Bell was an officer under whom Samuel Calhoun, Jr. served in the Revolution.

From the Cuthbertson diary, it appears that members of Samuel’s wife’s family, the Glendennings lived nearby, three miles from Joseph Junken’s Tent where the Reverend held his first communion 23 Aug, 1752 at which 200 souls ‘communed.’

Children of Samuel and Mary are mentioned in the Register of Rev. John Cuthbertson. They are said to have been born at Hogestown which is about 25 miles west of Harrisburg. Some of his nephews were said to be born at Paxtang just southeast of

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112 Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #6, correspondence from Dr. John Calhoun, Pittsburg and Mrs. Earnest D. Osborne, Warren, OH citing Warner: History of Cumberland and York Counties
113 Will filed at Carlisle, Cumberland County 30 Nov 1773 naming wife Mary, son Adam and others. (See photocopy in Appendix)
114 Photocopy in possession of author for Cumberland County: will of Samuel Calhoun, dated 30 Nov 1773 naming wife, Mary, son, Adam and other minor children. (See Appendix I – 34) The genealogy of this family is posted at www.findagrave.com.
115 Alan T. Taliaferro, LDS microfilm 362675, item #3, correspondence with Dr. John C. Calhoun of Pittsburgh, 1931.
Harrisburg. Samuel’s son David is known to have settled later in Beaver County. Some claim that son John and daughter, Sarah, also went to Beaver County but there is no clear evidence.

The following are the known children of Samuel and Mary from various sources: (Children shown in the Reverend’s Register are marked with * and names shown in will are marked with +. Undocumented names are marked #).¹¹⁷

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<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Adam</td>
<td>1747-19 Apr 1782</td>
<td>1749</td>
<td>(See below)</td>
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<td>Elizabeth</td>
<td># (1749)</td>
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<td>John</td>
<td>+ (bapt. 11 Nov 1751 at Pennsboro Meeting, p. 99), d. 1827 Went to KY?, lived a while at Beaver Co. PA²¹³⁹</td>
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<td>James</td>
<td>* (bapt. 23 Sept 1753; East Pennsboro [died after 1806]—possibly m. to Sarah?)</td>
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<td>Samuel</td>
<td>* (31 June 1755 at Joseph Junken’s, p. 95)- d. 4 Sep 1847¹²⁰ (See below)</td>
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<td>Mary</td>
<td>* (bapt. 29 May 1768 at Parkison’s, p. 97)</td>
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<td>Janet</td>
<td>* (bapt. 17 Jan 1760 at home, Middle Octaroro Soc.p. 148.</td>
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<tr>
<td>David</td>
<td>* (bapt. 4 Feb 1762 at Parkison’s, p. 96) d. 1842 (See below)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Robert</td>
<td>* (bapt. 26 Apr 1763 at Joseph Junken’s, p. 96) Went to SC?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agnes</td>
<td>* (bapt. 3 Apr 1765, at Sam. Calhouns, where he preached, p. 92)-d. 1850</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>* (bapt. 21 Sep 1766 at Wm. Parkison’s, p.97) Went to Beaver Co., PA²¹¹</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ann</td>
<td>* (bapt. 3 Aug 1769, p. 97) (died young?)</td>
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<td>Isobel</td>
<td>* (bapt. 10 May 1772, p. 114)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ann</td>
<td>* (bapt. 10 May 1772), p. 114</td>
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**DAUPHIN COUNTY**

**William of Dauphin Co.**

No ancestral history was found for this man. All that is known is from McPherson’s claim that William Calhoun, Sr., was the son of another William. To simplify, we will refer to the first William as William I and his son, William (Sr), as William II.

No documentation about William I was found except that he may be the man whose estate was administered in Lancaster County 1 Aug 1748. Little is known about William II. He married Hannah Wallace and apparently bought property in partnership with a John Cooper in 1789 in Dauphin County.¹²² William II was the father of three children—one was William, Jr. whom we will refer to as William III.

See main body of this report for details of persons supposed to be the descendants of this man.

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¹¹⁷ Alan Taliaferro Calhoun, LDS microfilm 362675, item #6 citing records of Rev. Cuthbertson who kept a diary of his travels listing baptisms including the names of most of Samuel’s children. Sent by Mrs. Earnest D. Osborne of Warren, Ohio in 1931.

¹¹⁸ Will of Adam Calhoun dated 11 Oct 1781, filed 12 April 1782, Cumberland County. (See photocopy in Attachments, Doc p. 12.)


¹²⁰ Revolutionar y Pension File S2413, [See photocopy in Attachments Doc p. 11]. Samuel Calhoun, Trumbull Co., OH which states his birth date as 29 Jul 1755 and further states that the record of his birth as from a family Bible “at home” which may be the Bible referred to by Mrs. Osborne below.

¹²¹ Orval Calhoun , Vol. 2, p. 363, undocumented claim that Sarah and family went to Beaver County. Does not state her married name.

William Calhoun (1714-1777) (#4 in table)

He was granted a warrant to land in Dauphin County in partnership with John Cooper in 1789. (See Doc p. 3). Some undocumented genealogies online claim that William III was the son of William II (1745-1788) who was the son of (William I (1714-1777) who was the son of Audley Calhoun (son of Rev. Alexander Colhoun of Crosh).

In 1737 a John Calhoun was granted title to 400 acres in a part of Lancaster County that became Cumberland County.\textsuperscript{123} A John Calhoun left a will in Paxton Township, Cumberland County in 1754.\textsuperscript{124} Paxton later became part of Dauphin County. Since the above William Calhoun, also lived in Dauphin County, it is possible he was related to the above John Calhoun.

William Calhoun (1727-1804) (#5 in table)

He died at Warrior’s Run, Northumberland County, was the son of Hugh Calhoun (son of Rev. Alexander Colhoun of Crosh)

The father of Hannah Wallace left a will that provides key information.\textsuperscript{125} In his 1784 will William Wallace made bequests to “William, David, John and Sarah Calhoun, children of my deceased daughter, Hannah (Wallace) Calhoun.” McPherson further states that “of these four children, William III, David and Sarah moved in about 1802 to Beaver County, Pennsylvania and owned land.”\textsuperscript{126}

\textsuperscript{123} Gary Hawbaker and Clyde L. Groff: A New Index to Lancaster County, PA Before the Federal Census, Vol. 5, 1770 (Hershey, PA, 1985)
\textsuperscript{124} McPherson, p. 111, “Dauphin County, Pennsylvania Early Settlers.” John Calhoun’s land later fell within Dauphin County when it was formed in 1785. His will, which refers to him as John Calhoun of Paxton Township, was signed 20 Sep 1754 and filed in Lancaster Co. 6 Nov 1754. The will mentioned wife Jennet Woods Calhoun and four children.
\textsuperscript{125} McPherson, p. 112, citing 1786 Dauphin County will of William Wallace who died 1784 Leacock Township.
\textsuperscript{126} McPherson, p. 112, refers to a descendant as Mrs. Ruth F. Calhoun of Ann Arbor, MI, 1953, part of the collection of Mrs. Orson (Bean) Haynie.
York County Townships showing location of property of John of Chester/York in Manchester

Fig. 10  York County Townships
Fig.11  Lancaster County Townships
Fig. 12 Evolution of Cumberland County Townships
Fig. 13 Road map showing early Calhouns
John of Paxton at Harrisburg
Samuel of Hogestown
John of Manchester
John of Lancaster (Drumore)
Samuel of Hogestown
John of Manchester
and land in West Pennsboro, Cumberland County
John of Lancaster (Drumore)

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compiled and prepared in Bureau of Land Records, 1933, Ninth Edition 1961
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Fig.14  Pennsylvania County Formation 1830-1855
APPENDIX C

THE DAVID CALHOUNS
OF BEAVER COUNTY

The David Calhouns in Beaver County—many claimed, few proven?

Identifying men named David Calhoun of Beaver County – circa 1790-1830

Several men named “David Calhoun/Calhoon” are alleged to have resided in Beaver County in the years between 1790 and 1820. The question is: which of these ‘Davids’ actually resided in Beaver County?

From civil records it is likely that the David who resided in South Beaver Township was the brother of William Calhoun (probably of Dauphin County.)

It is therefore likely “David Calhoun,” son of Samuel Calhoun (#3 in table in Appendix B) of Cumberland, left no records in Beaver County. Although he may have had a son, Milton, it is doubtful any of the Beaver County records pertain to this David or his supposed son, Milton.

That leaves the disturbing question: was “Milton” son of David, a product of genealogical fantasy?

Another disturbing question: was “Milton” somehow related to the Calhouns of Milton, Northumberland County or the sons of Hugh Colhoun?

Exploring scant records:

Census and property data suggests that in the period between 1790 and 1800, there were two men named “David Calhoun” in the region that became Beaver and Allegheny Counties:

1. David Calhoun lived in Mifflin Twp., Allegheny County in 1788.
2. David Calhoun lived in South Beaver Twp. in what became South Beaver Twp, Beaver County.

The controversy seems to revolve around the identity of (2)--David of South Beaver Twp.”
The question is, who was this David (2) of South Beaver Twp?
--son of William Calhoun of Lancaster County?
--son of Samuel of Hogestown, Cumberland County?

**CENSUS RECORDS.**

The following census data shows the presence of two men named “David Calhoun/Calhoun” in the vicinity of Allegheny and Beaver County between 1790 and 1800. They can probably be accounted for as David, son of James Calhoun of Mifflin Twp, Allegheny County and David of South Beaver Township, Beaver County (brother of William).

1790 U.S. Census, Allegheny Co., PA, NARA microfilm M637, Roll 9, actual image for “Portion taken from Washington County” [This area includes all of future Beaver Co. and Mifflin Twp. Allegheny]

These two David’s probably include David, son of James Calhoun of Mifflin and one other David of unknown identity.

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1800 U.S. Census, Allegheny Co., PA, NARA microfilm M32, Roll 35, actual image for “Mifflin Twp” This David is probably the son of James of Mifflin Twp.

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1800 U.S. Census, Beaver Co., PA, NARA microfilm M32, Roll 36, actual image for “So. Beaver Twp”, p. 171. This David, living near William, is probably the brother of William of South Beaver Twp (sons of William II of Lancaster County).

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY RECORDS
and references to “Milton Calhoun”.

Warriors Run Cemetery at usgwarchives.net/northumberlandcemeteries/warriorrun.txt by John and Grace Williams, DAR 1947
Cemetery
George Calhoun 1764-1824 (d. 60)
James Calhoun 1759-1834 (d. 75)
Jane Calhoun 1772-1806 (d. 34)
John Calhoun 1776-1838 (d. 62)
Martha Calhoun 1732-1804 (d. 72)
William Calhoun 1727-1804 (d. 77)
Bell: History of Northumberland County, Ch 16, pt 1, p. 549: Milton George Calhoun merchant on Front St., Irish Presbyterian.

1790 Census:
George Calhoun, 1 male over 16—alone
Matthew Calhoun, 2 males > 16 and 4 males under 16; 6 females
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1789 Pennsylvania Warrant to William Calhoon and John Cooper,
Dauphin County PA
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That in consideration of the sums paid by William Calhoun of Beaver County, for the land now held by him, and the records of the Commonwealth, it is found that the said William Calhoun, in the year 1803, held a patent for the land described herein. The patent was issued under the authority of the Commonwealth and is recorded in the office of the Commonwealth in the county of Beaver. The land described is located in Beaver Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

1803 Pennsylvania Patent to William Calhoon, Beaver County, Beaver Twp, “Hope”
William Calhoun, husband, and Jane, his wife, of the County of Beaver, and State of Pennsylvania, do hereby sell and convey to David Calhoun, of the County of Beaver, and State of Pennsylvania, a certain tract of land, being the north part of the land described in the deed of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Beaver, as follows:

Beginning at a post, thence by land of said David Calhoun, north twenty-five degrees west five hundred and seventy-five perches to a post, thence by land of Alexander Steel, south thirty-five degrees west five perches to a post, thence by land of said Alexander Steel, south thirty degrees west one hundred and seventeen perches to a white oak tree, thence by said land, south nine degrees west eighty-five perches to a white oak, thence by land of Benjamin McGauch, south sixty-nine degrees east one hundred and fifty-four perches to the place of beginning. Containing ninety-four acres and one hundred and eighty-five perches.

1806 Deed (top part)
William and Jane Calhoun to David Calhoun, So. Beaver Twp
1805 Pennsylvania Patent to Sarah Calhoon, Beaver County, So. Beaver Twp, “Sarah’s Choice”
1811 Will of “Sary Calhoun”,
Beaver County, Ohio Twp
1819 Quit Claims of Legatees of Sarah Calhoun:
James Calhoun and Adam Callhoun [sic]
Elizabeth Calhoun & Nancy Calhoun

Alexander Todd

Beaver, this 7th of June 1820.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Elizabeth Calhoun and Nancy Calhoun of the County of Ohio and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the said Elizabeth and Nancy being two of the Legatee names in the will of Sarah Calhoun late of Ohio township in said County deceased for diverse gold coins and considerations and respect for and in consideration of one hundred dollars to us the said Elizabeth and Nancy in hand paid by Alexander Todd at and before the ensnailing and delivery hereof, the essay whereof I do hereby acknowledge have received released and forever quit claim, and by these presents do ratify release and forever quit claim unto the said Alexander Todd and to his heirs and assigns.

All and all heirs of legatees and legatees and other interest right or title, whatsoever which we the said Elizabeth and Nancy now have may right should or of right ought to have or claim of in to or out of all that money or interest and place of land name hereditaments and possessions mentioned in said will to be granted to the said Alexander Todd and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances, And also all manner of action and actions writ or writs of legatees or other actions and right whatsoever as that we the said Elizabeth and Nancy or any other person or persons whatsoever for us or in our name right or occasion being in said will after the death of Samuel Calhoun and I do by these releases and forever discharge the said Alexander Todd and all other person his heirs and assigns to the legatee coming to be confirmed in said will after death of Samuel Calhoun mentioned in said will, and we for the consideration herein mentioned give the said legatee to the said Alexander Todd for his own right.

1830 Quit Claims of Legatees of Sarah Calhoun:
Elizabeth and Nancy Calhoun

Witness present, James Johnson,

Beaver County.

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County came personally Elizabeth O'Leary and Nancy Calhoun and acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be their voluntarily act and deed for the special purpose therein mentioned. Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of November 1825.

James Johnson.
February 25, 1986

Marilou S. Ficklin
772 Palo Alto Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Dear Miss Ficklin:

In reply to your inquiry of January 15, 1986, research of the records on file in this office has shown the following information:

1. Warrant #11, dated June 21, 1773, to John Calhoun for 300 acres on Tennille Creek in Westmoreland, now Washington County. Surveyed on May 17, 1786 for 346 acres 80 perches. Patented on December 21, 1786 to John Calhoun.
   Tract name: "Entertainment"

   Photocopies available:
   Warrant #11
   Survey A-64-30
   Patent P-8-158

2. Warrant #26, dated December 23, 1785, to John Calhoun for 300 acres on Cheat River in Springhill Township, Fayette County. Surveyed on October 2, 1786 for 293 acres 40 perches. Patented to John Calhoun on June 5, 1787.
   Tract name: "Mount Pleasant"

   Photocopies available:
   Warrant #26
   Survey C-34-9
   Patent P-10-171

Patents to John Calhoun, Washington and Fayette Cos., PA
In the Name of God Amen November the 3d day in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight

Here lies Samuel Calhoun in the township of East Fairmount in the county of Cumberland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being

age sixty three years eight months and twenty days; but sound in mind and memory and not under

any infirmity, the better Dennis, Martha and Elizabeth my eldest

children testifying the disposal of my small estate of worldly goods in the following manner and form:

In first place I give and bequeath to my said son Dennis seven shillings and six pence. Then the

remainder to my said son at the expiration of my said latter day he shall have a farm of the same

extent and subject to the same condition hereinafter set forth:

The remainder to my said daughter Elizabeth seven shillings and six pence.

The remaining personal estate with the proceeds and profits of my real estate, after the payment of my just debts, shall be held in trust by the said Dennis and Elizabeth my above-mentioned children until the age of twenty-one years or until the same children until the age of twenty-one years or until the same children shall have a farm of the same extent and subject to the same condition as the above mentioned

Dennis. The said Elizabeth my above-mentioned daughter to have and receive what estate my estate and other personal estate and the same shall be held subject to the same

condition and be disposed of as provided before.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of November, in the
day of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight.

1773 Will of Samuel Calhoun, Cumberland Co., PA
1781 Will of Adam Calhoon, Cumberland Co., PA

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