

THE COULTER FAMILY
OF
CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
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FOREWORD

Several variations of the spelling of the surname appear in the records, as outlined in Appendix I, paragraph 1. For the sake of uniformity, Coulter will be used throughout the main body of this sketch.

To avoid possible confusion, because of the many duplications of names, a number, or numbers, in parentheses will follow each name. The first of the line, first generation, is Martin Coulter (1); his four children, the second generation, in order of birth are numbered (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), and (1,4). For each descendant in the next, the third, generation a third figure is added and this is always a number which designates the order of birth of the individual in the family. Likewise, a fourth figure is for each person in the fourth generation. If the order of birth is unknown, the letter x is used to indicate the generation.

Since the interest of the author has been to record as much as possible of the earlier Coulters, no attempt has been made to follow the family tree further than the fifth generation, though in most cases several later generations have been born.

This history is not copyrighted; it is the hope of the writer that some other descendant of Martin Coulter and Catherine Rosanna Boone Coulter will use it as a basis for a more complete genealogy, correcting errors, filling in gaps, and adding the later generations. I am now eighty-three years old and cannot undertake further investigations. On some lines much additional information is in my notebooks (fourteen of them) and charts which are willed to the Division of Archives and History, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611. There they may later be seen by any future historian.

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CHAPTER ONE

THE FIRST GENERATION

Martin Coulter (1), the pioneer, was born ca. 1728,¹ in the Palatinate. Concerning his birthplace, his great grand-daughter, Dorcas Anna Coulter (Mrs. Thomas L. Lowe) said, "He came from Germany along near the Swiss border, perhaps from the Swiss side, but I think from the German side."² He came to America on the ship Dragon, George Spencer, Master, which sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, bringing 563 passengers from the Palatinate and Zweibruken, landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1749.³ He married Catherine Rosanna Boone, born (ca. 1733)⁴ in Pennsylvania, the second child of Joseph and Catherine Boone, and came to North Carolina with his bride in 1750.⁵

¹Appendix I, par. 2.

²Report on conversation with Mrs. Lowe in letter from J. C. Coulter to V. A. Coulter, January 22, 1921.

³Collection of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French, and other Immigrants Into Pennsylvania, 1727-1776 by I. Daniel Rupp, Edition of 1880, pp. 211, 212. See also, Appendix I.

⁴Appendix II.

⁵Letter of Mrs. A. C. Shuford to Mrs. J. A. Isenhour published in the Catawba News-Enterprise, April 1, 1953. See also, Appendix I.

On May 1, 1750, Squire Boone headed the "Boone caravan"⁶ down the Shenandoah Valley and into North Carolina. Doubtless Martin and his wife were in this group piloted by her uncle to lands along the eastern side of the Yadkin River. Where the Martin Coulters lived for the first few years in North Carolina is not known; he was a tailor⁷ and he probably followed this trade for a time in Rowan County, perhaps in the neighborhood of the Boone settlement near present day Mocksville, or in Salisbury. The first written record of Martin Coulter known in North Carolina is in the minutes of the Rowan County Quarterly Sessions Court at Salisbury. These minutes record two items about him: first, April 18, 1758, Martin Coulter vs John Anderson, non-suit; and second, Friday, April 21, 1758, his name is on the jury list. There is no record of a home or ownership of land in the Rowan County Register of Deeds Office. Doubtless, during these first years in North Carolina he heard much about the rich farm lands along the South Fork River, some fifty miles to the west. Upon investigation, he found a tract of 520 acres lying between the lands of Henry Whitener and James Robertson. He applied for and received a grant

⁶The Boone Family by Mrs. Spraker, p. 36.

⁷Identification notation in deed of Martin Colter to George Wilfong, January 7, 1788, Deed Book 3, p. 342, Lincoln County, North Carolina.

from the British Crown for this tract dated April 6, 1765. On this land he built his home. Subsequently, he received a second grant for 148 acres on May 4, 1769 and finally a third grant for 7 1/2 acres from the State of North Carolina in 1791.⁸ These tracts of land all joined, making one continuous plantation; his western line was the meandering of the South Fork River from a point not far below the junction of Henry's Fork and Jacob's Fork southward to near the present Rocky Ford Bridge.⁹

His first log house "was built over a spring to insure a supply of water during hours of danger from Indians. Later a log house was built near the site of the house occupied by Elkanah Coulter."¹⁰ This latter site is marked Mrs. Lowe on Yoder's Map.¹¹ The first house was in the creek valley about 1/4 mile to the west. That Martin Coulter was a progressive citizen "is evidenced by the fact that he, William Deal, Nicholas Fry, Peter Ikerd, John Deal, and four other men, in 1773, purchased a tract of land from Philip Henry Greaser, schoolmaster, the land having a

⁸Land Grant Records in the Office of the Secretary of State, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁹Appendix III, plot of grants.

¹⁰Letter of Mrs. B. R. Wall to V. A. Coulter, 1960.

¹¹A Map of Catawba County, North Carolina, Surveyed and Drawn by R. A. Yoder, 1886.

schoolhouse thereon, a condition of the purchase being that these men would see that a school for the public was conducted there. The site of this pioneer school building was on a small branch that falls into Sigmon Creek about one-half mile above the bridge on which Highway 321 crosses the creek about one mile southeast of Newton."¹² He and his family were ardent patriots in the Revolutionary War. His great grand-daughter, Mrs. Thomas L. Lowe, told "of the great interest with which she often listened to her grandfather (Martin Coulter, Jr.) tell of his or his father's experiences in the war and of the anxiety they, at times, felt for the success of the colonies. How, about the year, 1780, the father, though past military age, went with his son to the front and joined the ranks. Particularly vivid was her recollection of the description of an encounter with some of Cornwallis' men, in which his father came perilously near being captured."¹³ Other records indicate that he was in Major Chronicle's command in the expedition against Colonel Ferguson at King's Mountain, October 7, 1780.¹⁴ After the battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781,

¹²Dr. J. E. Hodges in the Catawba News-Enterprise, November 18, 1953.

¹³Report on conversation with Mrs. Lowe in letter from J. C. Coulter to Mrs. Agnes Pitts Miller, February 28, 1925.

¹⁴A History of Catawba County by Charles J. Preslar,

General Morgan ordered Colonel Samuel Hammond to take a detachment and keep track of Cornwallis' movements. With twelve picked men, he observed the march of the British army, and while the British were encamped at Ramsour's Mill, January 25-28, 1781, Colonel Hammond made his headquarters at Martin Coulter's place.¹⁵

In addition to the land grants mentioned above, the records show that he both bought and sold land. When he divided his property between his sons, Martin and Philip, in 1797, he owned 800 acres.¹⁶

He and his family were members of the German Reformed Church. He died in 1808 and is buried in the family burial ground atop a knoll overlooking the South Fork River a few hundred yards southwest of his first home-place. His wife, Catherine Rosanna Boone Coulter, lived until 1813; she is buried beside her husband.

Children: Catherine, Martin, Jr., John, Philip.¹⁷

p. 77; The King's Mountain Men by K. K. White, p. 162; King's Mountain and Its Heroes by Draper, pp. 214, 244; Appendix IV.

¹⁵Letters of Colonel Hammond, Charleston Courier, 1858.

¹⁶Deeds to Martin Coulter, Jr. and Philip Coulter, December 28, 1797, Deed Book 19, pp. 144-146, Lincoln County, North Carolina.

¹⁷Appendix I, par. 4.

CHAPTER TWO

THE SECOND GENERATION

The Family of Martin Coulter (1) and Catherine Rosanna Boone Coulter

Catherine Coulter (1,1) was born November, 1753; died August, 1831; married (ca. 1769) Isaac Lowrance, who was born June 23, 1850 and died February 11, 1837. They were buried in the Bunker Hill Cemetery near Claremont.

Children: A daughter (name unknown), Susannah, Alexander, Martin, Catherine, Elisha, Mary (Polly), Rhoda, Joseph Boone, and Sarah (Sallie).¹⁸

Martin Coulter (1,2) was born February 11, 1759; died July 6, 1847. A Revolutionary War soldier, his first service was as a volunteer in 1776 in Captain Mull's scouting party searching for Indians who had been raiding the western North Carolina settlements, and then guard duty for General Rutherford's supply train. He then joined the organized militia and was called to active duty for three

¹⁸Will recorded in Lincoln County Will Book 1, p. 397.

months beginning November, 1778. This tour was in the defensive outpost, Captain William Davidson's command, near the headwaters of the Catawba River. He voluntarily remained two additional weeks in this fort until replacements arrived. Again in November, 1780, he was called into the service and assigned to Captain James Byer's Company, Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment, during Cornwallis' march through western North Carolina. This tour was in the area around Charlotte, during which he was promoted to sergeant.¹⁹ He married Elizabeth Aydelotte of Guilford County in May, 1787.²⁰ In 1789, he purchased a farm from Peter Shoup in Burke County,²¹ lived there until 1796 when he sold it and returned to his father's homestead. He was a prosperous farmer and a leading layman in Grace Reformed Church. He is buried in the Grace churchyard and his grave is now marked by a bronze tablet furnished by the United States Government for Revolutionary War soldiers. His wife, Elizabeth (Betty), attained the age of eighty years and six months, dying on May 6, 1849, and is buried beside her husband.²²

¹⁹Appendix V.

²⁰Guilford County Marriage Bond Record, October 25, 1787.

²¹Lincoln County Deed Book 4, p. 287.

²²Appendix I, par. 5.

Children: John, Henry, Ephraim, Rhoda, Catherine Rosanna, Elizabeth, Jedidiah, Elkanah Philip, and Caleb Aydelotte.

John Coulter (1,3) was born 1761; married October, 1789, Sarah Horton,²³ a daughter of Joseph Horton who lived a few miles southwest of the present location of Hickory. On November 2, 1791, he purchased John Gross's mill and plantation which adjoined his father's 1769 grant. He sold this property on May 18, 1792²⁴ and, according to family tradition, moved to Tennessee. No further record of him or his family is known.²⁵

Philip Coulter (1,4) was born 1763; died 1840. He married Clara Wise, born ca. 1764; died, 1841. She is believed to have been the sister of Isaac Wise, the young patriot hanged by the Tories in 1776.²⁶ Their father, Daniel Wise, was originally a Tory, but after the lawless Tories killed his son, he left the Tory ranks and took the Oath of Allegiance to the State of North Carolina in Judge

²³Lincoln County Marriage Bond Record, October 22, 1789.

²⁴Lincoln County Deed Book 16, pp. 210, 400.

²⁵Appendix VI.

²⁶The Catawba News-Enterprise, October 23, 1951.

Spender's Court at Salisbury on March 5, 1777.²⁷ Later, Daniel Wise was shot and killed about one-half mile south of Peter Mull's mill by two young ardent Whigs named Wilson, recently from Ireland.²⁸ It is thought that they were unaware of, or did not believe, Daniel Wise's change of allegiance.

In 1797, Martin Coulter, Sr. divided his lands and sold the northern part, about 402 acres, to Philip. The house Philip built, used for several generations of his descendants, still stands, though unoccupied, in 1962. Some portions of Philip's original land have remained in the family and are still owned by several of his great-great-grandsons. It is believed that Philip and Clara are buried in the family graveyard near his father and mother.

Children: Catherine, Henry, Mary Magdelene (Polly), Daniel, Elizabeth, David, and Anna.²⁹

²⁷ State Records of North Carolina, Volume 22, p. 503.

²⁸ The Catawba News-Enterprise, October 23, 1951.

²⁹ Appendix I, par. 6.

CHAPTER THREE

THE THIRD GENERATION

The Family of Catherine Coulter Lowrance (1,1) and Isaac Lowrance

A daughter (1,1,1) born ca. 1771, given name unknown, married _____ Allen.

Susannah Lowrance (1,1,2) born 1772; married ca. 1794, Isaac Lowrance, a son of Peter Lowrance, born 1771, died April 14, 1839, both are buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, Claremont.

Children: Alexander Evalon, 1797-1891; Lawson, 1799-1844; John, 1801-ca. 1850; Eli C., 1803; Logan M., 1805-1868; Elizabeth Julia, 1807; Joseph M., 1809; Jacob L., 1811; Martin Elkanah, 1814; Sidney Nelson, 1816; Catherine Mahala, 1818; Nescio Clinton, 1820.

Alexander Lowrance (1,1,3) born ca. 1773, married Margaret Young, March, 1805.

Martin Lowrance (1,1,4) born ca. 1775; married Susannah Sherrill, 1806.

Catherine Lowrance (1,1,5) born ca. 1777; married Michael Kibler.

Elisha Lowrance (1,1,6) born ca. 1780.

Mary (Polly) Lowrance (1,1,7) born ca. 1787;
married William Rankin, January, 1810.

Rhoda Lowrance (1,1,8) born 1793; married Martin P.
Shuford, August 24, 1817.

Joseph Boone Lowrance (1,1,9) born 1795.

Sarah (Sallie) Lowrance (1,1,10) born ca. 1797;
married Frederick Hoke, May 11, 1817.

The Family of Martin Coulter (1,2) and Elizabeth (Betty)
Aydelotte Coulter

John Coulter (1,2,1) was born September 19, 1788;
died December 8, 1863; married Barbara Ramsour (born
September 14, 1792, died January 10, 1848), a daughter of
Henry Ramsour, in February, 1813.³⁰ He was a prominent
citizen of Lincoln County, an elder in Grace Reformed
Church,³¹ a member of the first Board of Trustees of Catawba
College, 1851, served Lincoln County at different times
as Superintendent of Schools³² and as Sheriff.³³ His home,
about 1 1/2 miles west of Salem Church, was in Catawba
County when it was formed from Lincoln in 1842. He became

³⁰Lincoln County Marriage Bond Record, February 8,
1813.

³¹Preslar, A History of Catawba County, p. 92.

³²Ibid., p. 132.

³³Ibid., p. 230.

a member of the first Board of Superintendents of the Common Schools of Catawba County, 1844, and its second Chairman, 1845. He was a member of the commission which surveyed and marked the new line between Catawba and Lincoln in 1846. This line placed him again in Lincoln County by a few miles.

Children: Maxwell Wilson, Henry R., Solomon M., and Catherine M.

After the death of Barbara, he married Elvira Wilson (born May 20, 1805, died October 27, 1889), a daughter of John Wilson who was a patriot soldier at the Battle of King's Mountain.³⁴

Children: None.

Henry N. Coulter (1,2,2) was born in 1790; married Elizabeth Alexander and moved to western Kentucky about 1810.

Children: Nathaniel Alexander, Harriett, Claude C., James M., Rosa, and Dee P.

Ephraim Coulter (1,2,3) was born in 1793; died in infancy and was probably the first to be buried in the family burial ground.

Rhoda Coulter (1,2,4) was born March 1, 1794; died

³⁴Preslar, A History of Catawba County, p. 77; Appendix I, par. 7.

March 24, 1873. In 1812, she married David Shuford who was born December 29, 1785; died October 29, 1850.

Children: Martin, Elizabeth, and Daniel.

Catherine Rosanna Coulter (1,2,5) was born on July 17, 1797; died May 28, 1828; buried at Salem Church; married Maxwell Wilson, a son of John Wilson, on March 2, 1826. He was born April 27, 1786; died November 2, 1851 in the now extinct town of Early Grove, Mississippi, and is buried in the old St. John's Cemetery there.

Children: A son, died in infancy, buried at Salem Church.

After Catherine's death, Maxwell Wilson married Margaret Connelly of Burke County, and moved to Early Grove, Marshall County, Mississippi.

Elizabeth Coulter (1,2,6) was born April 2, 1800; died May 6, 1879; married Andrew Hoke in May, 1820. He was born August 3, 1801, on the Liles Creek Plantation, and died July 13, 1885. He operated a mill and farmed. Elizabeth and Andrew Hoke were Lutherans, members at St. Paul's and are buried there.³⁵

Children: Martin E., Miles A., Ermina, Bartlett, William A., Robert H., Frederick M., John C., Rhoda E., Anna C., and Julius B.

³⁵Letter of Mary G. Deaton to V. A. Coulter, August 18, 1960.

Jedidiah Coulter (1,2,7) was born May 11, 1803; died August 16, 1851. He married Rachel Moore of York County, South Carolina, and made his home there. Rachel bore him a son, Alexander A. Coulter, who inherited the lands and slaves which had been his mother's. After Rachel's death, he married Julia St. John in January, 1849. His will, dated August 11, 1851, was presumably made while on a visit to his brother, Elkanah. He was ill at the time and never returned to South Carolina, dying five days later, and was buried in Grace Church graveyard. No information available about the son, Alexander A. Coulter.

Elkanah Philip Coulter (1,2k8) was born April 28, 1807; died August 3, 1874. In January, 1831, he married Malinda Wilson, a daughter of John Wilson; thus there were three marriages between the families of the neighbors, Martin Coulter, Jr. and John Wilson. Malinda died June 26, 1892, at the age of 91 years, 3 months, and 26 days. Elkanah was a successful farmer, an elder in Grace Reformed Church, the first Registrar of Deeds for Catawba County after it was formed from a part of Lincoln County, and fourth Superintendent of Common Schools.³⁶ They lived at the Martin Coulter homestead and are buried at Grace Church.

One child: Dorcas Anna.

³⁶Preslar, A History of Catawba County, p. 132.

Caleb Aydelotte Coulter (1,2,9) was born in 1809; died prior to 1849; married Hannah Martin, daughter of James Martin. There were several children, no record available of their names.

The Family of Philip Coulter (1,4) and Clara Wise Coulter

Catherine Coulter (1,4,1) was born December 25, 1782; died June 20, 1872. She never married and is buried beside her brother, Henry, at St. Paul's. (See sketch of Henry, ff.)

Henry Coulter (1,4,2) was born May 25, 1784; died June 28, 1868; married Mary (Polley) Rader in 1814. She died, according to family legend, of complications following the birth of her youngest child, Mary Adeline, who was born October 30, 1825, and was buried in the Martin Coulter family graveyard. Henry's land was a part of Martin Coulter's 1769 grant; his home was about 1/4 of a mile north of that of his father, Philip. Immediately after the death of Polley Rader Coulter, Henry's older sister, Catherine, came to take care of Henry's young children. Henry did not marry again so that arrangement became permanent, and the children adored their foster-mother, known as Aunt Katy. When Henry deeded his home place to his son-in-law, Logan Conrad, he made the deed conditional on

Logan's providing a home for Catherine and himself for the remainder of their natural lives.

Children: Elizabeth, John Rader, Ephraim, and Mary Adeline.³⁷

Mary Magdalene (Polly) Coulter (1,4,3) was born January 15, 1786; died August 25, 1861; married John Fry on March 8, 1808. He was born August 22, 1784; died August 31, 1856.³⁸ They are buried at Salem Church.

Children: Abel, Henry Martin, Alfred, Harriett Catherine, Matilda, Malinda, Joseph, Marcus, Jacob.
(Possibly errors and omissions in this list.)

Daniel Coulter (1,4,4) was born November 26, 1787; died July 23, 1862; married in 1817, Nancy Ann Stilwell, daughter of John Stilwell of Burke County. She was born March 31, 1799; died June 27, 1858. He was a successful farmer and lived at his father's home place. Both are buried in St. Paul's churchyard.

Children: Eli Summey, Harriet Louisa, Elisha Monroe, Mary Caroline, Elizabeth Emily, Ann Angeline, Catherine Malinda, Eliza Fertima and Sarah Tobartha (twins), Louisa Minerva, and Philip Augustus.

³⁷Appendix I, par. 8.

³⁸Letters of Mrs. L. C. Abernethy to J. C. Coulter, May 15, 1915 and June 2, 1915.

Elizabeth Coulter (1,4,5) was born in 1789; never married.

David Coulter (1,4,6) was born in 1797; lived about a mile northeast of his father's home on a part of the Martin Coulter 1769 grant. He was a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker. He never married.

Anna Coulter (1,4,7) was born in 1801; married in April, 1817, Henry Smith.

Children: Caroline (Callie) and others.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Family of Susannah Lowrance Lowrance (1,1,2) and Isaac Lowrance (known as the Tanner)

Alexander Evelan Lowrance (1,1,2,1) born September 18, 1797; died May 17, 1851; married Ruby (Ruey) ca. 1818; lived in Alexander County.

Children: Henderson (ca. 1820-1860); Miles S. (1822-1906); Ruey (1824-); Josiah Morton (1826-1868); Matilda (1828-); Leander (Lee) M. (1830-); Margaret (1832-1906); Susannah (1834-); Candis E. (1836-1862); Nelson (1838-1906); Sally (1840-); Paulson A. (1842--killed in Civil War); Lawson Evelan (1845-1906).

Lawson Lowrance (1,1,2,2) born April 10, 1799, died December 18, 1844, married Elizabeth Emeline Witherspoon, January 5, 1826.

Children: Fatina Boone, Jemima Urana, Carlos Elphonse, Hartwell Alonzo, Margaret Susannah, Martha Ann, Fielding Romulus, Alpheus Benton.

John Lowrance (1,1,2,3) born November 6, 1801, died ca. 1845; married Elizabeth Gann, February, 1828.

Eli C. Lowrance (1,1,2,4) born July 23, 1803.

Logan M. Lowrance (1,1,2,5) born August 15, 1805;
died September, 1868; married Margery Hill, March 7, 1834.

Elizabeth Julia Lowrance (1,1,2,6) born October 5,
1807.

Joseph M. Lowrance (1,1,2,7) born December 15, 1809;
died March 11, 1867; married Margaret Ray, ca. 1833.

Children: Harriet Susan (1835) m. Reverend John M.
Smith, a prominent Lutheran minister; William (1828) married
Frances Martin, moved to Memphis, Tennessee; Cadder Rogers
(1839).

Jacob L. Lowrance (1,1,2,8) born December 15, 1811.

Martin Elkanah Lowrance (1,1,2,9) born February 6,
1814; died 1889; on March 2, 1843 married Mary M. Cansler,
born December 7, 1824.

Children: Jane Olivia (1844-) married 1862, Henry C.
Cox; Florence Eleanora (1845-1928) married 1863, John M.
Lowrance; son, not named, 1849; Margaret Elizabeth (1848-
1879); Henry Durant (1851-1936); Loura Adelaide (1854-1855);
Isaac Avery (1856-); Cora Ada (1860-1881); Samuel Edward
(1863-1943) married Dorcas Ann _____.

Sidney Nelson Lowrance (1,1,2,10) born March 9,
1816; married Harriet Bright.

Children: Alfred (1843) killed at Seven Pines, May 31, 1862; Mary C. (1845-) married _____ Whitaker; Martha (Mattie) (1848-) married _____ Johnson; John W. (1853-1942) married Elizabeth Wycoff; Richard (1857-) married Julia Sigmon; Charles (1860-) married Fanny James.

Catherine Mahala Lowrance (1,1,2,11) born 1818.

Nescio Clinton Lowrance (1,1,2,12) born 1820; died ca. 1865; married Harriet _____.

Children: Anthea Genela (1846); Susan Catherine (1849); Dora (1855); Ida (1858); Alurdo (1861).

Family of Mary (Polly) Lowrance Rankin (1,1,7) and William Rankin

Child: Rhoda Rankin (1,1,7,1) who married _____ McLelland. They had a daughter who married _____ Stevenson, lived in South Carolina.

The Family of John Coulter (1,2,1) and Barbara Ramsour Coulter

Maxwell Wilson Coulter (1,2,1,1).

Henry R. Coulter (1,2,1,2) had two children: Willie H. and Margaret Catherine.

Solomon M. Coulter (1,2,1,3) was born July 14, 1819; in his later years, lived at Reepsville; died December 13, 1896; buried at Daniel's Church.

Catherine M. Coulter (1,2,1,4) was born on April 8, 1822; died September 23, 1859; married in 1837 Maxwell Warlick who was born November 11, 1804; died May 5, 1894. They lived in Lincoln County; they are buried at Daniels Church.

Children: John Coulter, Elizabeth, Barbara, David C., Henry Daniel, Margaret, Anna, Sarah, and Jacob Ramsour.³⁹

Family of Henry Coulter (1,2,2) and Elizabeth Alexander Coulter. All their children were born in western Kentucky.

Nathaniel Alexander Coulter (1,2,2,1) was born August 9, 1824; died December 14, 1907. On June 30, 1844, he married Sarah Jane Calbert who was born December 10, 1822 and died April 2, 1853. He married a second wife, November 30, 1853, Elizabeth M. S. Canady, who was born January 1, 1830 and died January 16, 1916. They lived in western Kentucky.

Children: Robert Henry, Annie Elizabeth, Belle, Mary Nannie, Katherine, Fannie, Jennie Ella, James David, Willie Baucom, and Boone Lockridge.

Harriett Coulter (1,2,2,2) married James Hurt.

Claude C. Coulter (1,2,2,3).

³⁹Letter of Jesse Watson Warlick to V. A. Coulter, November 12, 1960.

James M. Coulter (1,2,2,4) married Nannie Smith;
lived in Union City, Tennessee.

Rosa Coulter (1,2,2,5) married Alvah Zethrins;
lived in Paris, Texas.

Dee P. Coulter (1,2,2,6).

Other than listed in the family of Martin Coulter
(1,2) nothing more is known of the families of Rhoda
Coulter (1,2,4) and Catherine Rosanna Coulter (1,2,5).

Family of Elizabeth Coulter Hoke (1,2,6) and Andrew Hoke⁴⁰

Martin E. Hoke (1,2,6,1) was born March 3, 1821;
died October 15, 1823.

Miles A. Hoke (1,2,6,2) was born February 5, 1823;
married and moved to Arkansas.

Ermina Hoke (1,2,6,3) was born July 13, 1825. In
November, 1842 she married John Fry who was born in 1819.
They lived in Polycarp, South Carolina, and reared a family
of seven children.

Bartlett Hoke (1,2,6,4) was born October, 1827.

William A. Hoke (1,2,6,5) was born January 3, 1830.
He was living near Richburg, North Carolina, when he

⁴⁰Letter of Mary G. Deaton to V. A. Coulter,
August 18, 1960.

enlisted in the Confederate Army, and was killed at Petersburg, Virginia.

Robert Hoke (1,2,6,6) was born June 10, 1832; died in infancy.

Frederick M. Hoke (1,2,6,7) was born July 11, 1833; married Elvira Quillen; died at Magnolia, Mississippi. He was an architect and was in the Confederate government service during the Civil War. They had eleven children.

John C. Hoke (1,2,6,8) was born January 26, 1836; married Elizabeth Robertson of Chester County, South Carolina, on December 21, 1856. A Confederate soldier, he was wounded at Chickamauga, captured at Nashville, December 14, 1864, imprisoned at Camp Douglas, Illinois, and released in 1865. They reared a family of eleven children.

Rhoda E. Hoke (1,2,6,9) was born May 13, 1839; married William H. Bolch on December 24, 1865. They were members of the Lutheran Church at Conover and had one child, Cora Lee.

Annie C. Hoke (1,2,6,10) was born December 15, 1841; died while very young.

Julius B. Hoke (1,2,6,11) was born June 6, 1844; married Jane C. Punch who was born July 3, 1844. He was

in the Confederate Army for four years, and was in General Lee's army at the surrender at Appomattox. He ran a mill on Andrew's Creek in Lincoln County.

Family of Elkanah Philip Coulter (1,2,8) and Malinda
Wilson Coulter

Dorcas Anna Coulter (1,2,8,1) was born November 9, 1831; died March 15, 1911. She married Thomas Lafayette Lowe on April 6, 1854. He was a graduate of Catawba College,⁴¹ a teacher, surveyor and farmer. On the organization of Company C, 28th North Carolina Regiment at Newton on August 13, 1861, he was commissioned Captain of the Company. On September 21, 1861, he was promoted to Major, and a few months later, to Lieutenant-Colonel. He was wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines, May 31, 1862, and died of his wounds, complicated by pneumonia, on June 11, 1862 at the age of thirty-one.

Children: Thomas Lee, Ottis L., and Willie.

The Family of Caleb Ayedelotte Coulter (1,2,9) and Hannah
Martin Coulter

There is a legend of several children, but no names are known.

⁴¹Letter of Mrs. A. C. Shuford to Mrs. J. A. Isenhour published in the Catawba News-Enterprise, April 1, 1953.

Family of Henry Coulter (1,4,2) and Polly Rader Coulter

Elizabeth Coulter (1,4,2,1) born ca. 1817; married Logan Conrad in February, 1837.

Children: Mary Adeline; John, a member of Company A, 12th North Carolina Regiment; Daniel E., a member of the same company with John, died August 31, 1862; Henry, killed in action; James, Company E, 57th North Carolina Regiment, died in prison at Point Lookout; Robert; Ephraim, and Mary.

John Rader Coulter (1,4,2,2) was born May 30, 1820; died October 27, 1850; married Mary Louise Senn, born March 8, 1822; died March 30, 1901.

Children: Eve Elliott Coulter, born January 23, 1845, died July 3, 1912; John Henry Coulter, born February 11, 1847, died April 5, 1917; George Edward Coulter, born April 23, 1850, died July 10, 1910.

Ephraim Coulter (1,4,2,3) born May 5, 1823, died February 15, 1892; married Dorcas Lollar, born September 13, 1840, died July 7, 1919. Both are buried at New Bethany Baptist Church in Iredell County.

Children: John Henry Lollar, Robert L. S.

Mary Adeline Coulter (1,4,2,4) was born October 30, 1825; died February 26, 1902; married Philip J. Pitts who

was born December 10, 1822 and died February 7, 1897.

Children: John Henry, Laura Elizabeth.

The Family of Mary M. (Polly) Coulter Fry (1,4,3) and
John Fry

This was a large family; legend says seven sons and seven daughters. Mrs. Absolom Propst was one of the daughters.

Abel Fry (1,4,3,x) was born October 10, 1812; died April 20, 1897; married, on March 17, 1840, Catherine E. Propst who was born June 6, 1823 and died August 14, 1899. They were buried in Salem churchyard.

Children: Clara S. (1,4,3,x,1) and others.

Harriet Catherine Fry (1,4,3,x) was born May 13, 1820; died December 18, 1886. She married Eli Summey Coulter (1,4,4,1).

Marcus Fry (1,4,3,x) was born March 15, 1825; died September 30, 1871; his wife, Matilda, was born 1824; died November 15, 1888. They are buried at Salem Church.

Jacob Fry (1,4,3,x) was born May 1, 1827; died December 30, 1869; his wife, Caroline L., was born 1840; died 1926. Both are buried at Salem.

The Family of Clara S. Fry Hagan (1,4,3,x,1) born August 26, 1842, died December 11, 1911, married Adam Hagan, born February 10, 1832, died October 22, 1895. They lived first in Newton, later in Greensboro, North Carolina, where both are buried.

Children: Charles T. Hagan, Edith Hagan Patterson, D. L. Hagan, Cordie Hagan Wharton, Lora Hagan Gillon.

A daughter or granddaughter of John Fry, Mary Catherine Fry, born June 25, 1835; died June 26, 1919; married Francis Wilson Wing of Massachusetts. He was born February 7, 1825, died October 24, 1906. They were married on December 16, 1852 and lived at Columbia, South Carolina.

Children: Twin daughters, born September 9, 1853, died same day; a son, stillborn July 7, 1854; Frederick Mims born June 28, 1855, died June 23, 1856; James Emerson, born June 9, 1857, died August 29, 1885; Ellen Walker, born October 25, 1860, died August 26, 1892; Frank Arnold, born November 22, 1867, died September 30, 1873; Albert Dixon, born January 17, 1871, died May 29, 1881.

The Family of Daniel Coulter (1,4,4) and Nancy Ann Stilwell Coulter

Eli Summey Coulter (1,4,4,1) was born January 16, 1818; died August 28, 1895; married on November 15, 1841, Harriet Fry (1,4,2,x) born May 13, 1820; died December 13,

1886; both are buried at St. Paul's. On November 8, 1856, he purchased the flour and corn mill built by John Wilfong in 1825 near the site of Peter Mull's original mill of the 1760's.⁴² He employed a professional millwright to overhaul it completely, installing imported French burhstones for grinding wheat and a fine silk bolting cloth; altogether it had the best equipment available at the time. Near the end of the Civil War, he served in the Confederate Army Home Guard Senior Reserves (men over 45 years of age) in Captain Marcus M. Smith's Company on duty at the prisoner of war camp at Salisbury. On account of the need in the county for the mill, he was discharged in February, 1865, returned home and put the mill in operation. He was a highly skilled artisan. A rifle, a violin, and thread cutting tools which he made are still in the possession of his descendants.

Children: Mary Ann, Davidson Monroe, John Summey, Martha Jane, Daniel Perry, Louisa Catherine, and George Franklin.

Harriet Louisa Coulter (1,4,4,2) was born January 8, 1819; married in November, 1838, David Detter.

Elisha Monroe Coulter (1,4,4,3) was born June 11, 1820; died October 24, 1840.

⁴²Appendix VII.

Mary Caroline Coulter (1,4,4,4) born November 20, 1822; died January 25, 1878; married on October 15, 1839, _____ Johnson. A son, James C. Johnson, born July 21, 1851; died June 22, 1871. Both are buried at St. Paul's.

Elizabeth Emily Coulter (1,4,4,5) was born November 26, 1824; married, first, in October, 1839, John W. B. Harris; second, _____ Fry; third, _____ Poovy.

Ann Angeline Coulter (1,4,4,6) was born January 8, 1826; married Davidson Bost.

Catherine Malinda Coulter (1,4,4,7) was born November 15, 1827; died June 8, 1891; married Levi Plonk who was born July 22, 1818 and died October 3, 1903.

Eliza Fertima (Timmie) Coulter (1,4,4,8) (twin of Sarah Tobartha) was born March 10, 1829; married Israel Hildebrand; they moved to Paris, Texas; he was killed by an automobile in 1910.

Sarah Tobartha Coulter (1,4,4,9) (twin of Eliza Fertima) was born March 10, 1829;⁴³ married John Logan Setzer.

⁴³Appendix I, par. 9.

Louise Minerva Coulter (1,4,4,10) born August 17, 1832; died May 9, 1900; married ca. 1855, Noah Huffman born May 8, 1831; died December 29, 1902. Both are buried in Salem churchyard.

Children: Franklin, Elizabeth A., Willie Ellen, Emma.

Philip Augustus Coulter (1,4,4,11) was born June 15, 1834; died January 17, 1903; married on September 7, 1858, Mary Elvira Plonk of Gaston County. She was born January 8, 1834 and died February 2, 1925. On July 1, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 57th North Carolina Regiment which participated in the principal battles of the Army of Northern Virginia. He was captured in May, 1864, was exchanged in October, 1864, returned home, recuperated, and rejoined his company in the spring of 1865, again captured, sent to prison at City Point, Virginia, took the oath of allegiance to the United States on June 14, 1865 and returned home. He was a prosperous farmer, living at the homestead established by his grandfather, Philip.⁴⁴ He and his wife are buried at St. Paul's.

Children: LeRoy, John Ellis, Catherine Augusta, James Franklin, Claudius Craig, Philip Elkana, and an unnamed infant.

⁴⁴John Ellis Coulter by E. M. Coulter, Chapter I.

The Family of Anna Coulter Smith (1,4,7) and Henry Smith

Caroline (Callie) Smith (1,4,7,x) married _____
Barnes; lived in Lenoir.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Family of Lawson Lowrance (1,1,2,2) and Elizabeth Emeline Witherspoon Lowrance

Fatima Boone Lowrance (1,1,2,2,1) born November 2,
1826; died March 6, 1892.

Jemima Urana Lowrance (1,1,2,2,2) born July 15,
1828; died April 15, 1875; married John Ray on September 9,
1849.

Children: Lawson Theodore (1850-1890); Franklin
Pierce (1852-1872); John Worth (1855-1862); Shields Butler
(1857-); William Edwin (1860-).

Carlos Elfonse Lowrance (1,1,2,2,3) born November 4,
1830, died November 16, 1863; married Anna M. Martin on
August 24, 1859.

One child: Lawson Henry Lowrance (1,1,2,2,3,1)
born October 10, 1862; died July 18, 1910; married Essie
Long, born January 15, 1877; died March 21, 1968.

Children: Gladys, Annie Laurie, Carlos U., Lawson
Henry, Vernon Long, Aileen, Virginia.

Hartwell Alonzo Lowrance (1,1,2,2,4) born May 19, 1832; died January 23, 1871; married in June 1860, Mary A. Limer.

Margaret Susannah Lowrance (1,1,2,2,5) born April 8, 1833, died June 14, 1839.

Martha Ann Lowrance (1,1,2,2,6) born April 24, 1835; died March 28, 1901; married on September 10, 1859, Hughey Yerby Frazier, died 1865 in Point Lookout Federal Prison.

Children: Louis F. (1856-1875); William L. (1858-1886); Robert Carson (1861-).

Married 2nd, Dr. George C. McNeil, died September 5, 1890. No children.

Fielding Romulus Lowrance (1,1,2,2,7) born March 3, 1839; died June 26, 1857.

Alpheus Benton Lowrance (1,1,2,2,8) born November 22, 1841; died July 7, 1844.

The Family of Joseph M. Lowrance (1,1,2,7) and Margaret Ray Lowrance

Harriet Susan Lowrance (1,1,2,7,1) born 1835; married the Reverend John M. Smith, a prominent Lutheran minister.

Children: William A., born 1862; Preston, born 1864; Eugene A., born 1866; Herbert M., born 1873.

William E. Lowrance (1,1,2,7,2) born 1838, married Frances Martin, moved to Memphis, Tennessee. Their descendants live in Tennessee and Arkansas.

Cadder Rogers Lowrance (1,1,2,7,3), born 1839.

The Family of Martin Elkana Lowrance (1,1,2,9) and Mary M. Cansler Lowrance

Jane Olivia Lowrance (1,1,2,9,1) born January 1, 1844; married Henry C. Cox on September 2, 1862.

Florence Eleanora Lowrance (1,1,2,9,2) born July 24, 1845; died November 13, 1925.

Son (1,1,2,9,3) born and died December 19, 1847.

Margaret Elizabeth Lowrance (1,1,2,9,4) born December 31, 1848; died August 4, 1879.

Henry Durant Lowrance (1,1,2,9,5) born May 28, 1851; died March 26, 1936; married Sarah J. Bost on September 12, 1874.

Laura Adelaide Lowrance (1,1,2,9,6) born April 22, 1854; died July 2, 1855.

Isaac Avery Lowrance (1,1,2,9,7) born April 28, 1856.

Cora Ada Lowrance (1,1,2,9,8) born May 27, 1860;
died December 4, 1881.

Samuel Edward Lowrance (1,1,2,9,9) born June 8,
1863; died March 16, 1943; married Dorcas Ann _____.

The Family of Sidney Nelson Lowrance (1,1,2,10) and
Harriett Bright Lowrance

Alfred Lowrance (1,1,2,10,1) born 1843; killed at
Seven Pines, Virginia, May 31, 1862.

Mary C. Lowrance (1,1,2,10,2) born 1845; married
_____ Whitaker.

Martha (Mattie) Lowrance (1,1,2,10,3) born 1848;
married _____ Johnson.

John W. Lowrance (1,1,2,10,4) born November 12,
1853; died November 5, 1942; married Elizabeth Wycoff,
born August 11, 1852; died May 19, 1928.

Children: Laura Elizabeth, Eva Blanche, Nora
Ethelyn, Nettie Wycoff, Annie May, Fannie Johnsie, Seth
Waddell, Joseph William, Mary Field.

Richard Lowrance (1,1,2,10,5) born 1857, married
Julia Sigmon.

Children: Harry, Jessie, Gordie, Fred, Ray.

Charles Lowrance (1,1,2,10,6) born July 1860;
married Fanny James. Son, Ross.

The Family of Nescio Clinton Lowrance (1,1,2,12) (wife's
name unknown).

Anthea Genela Lowrance (1,1,2,12,1) born 1846.

Susan Catherine Lowrance (1,1,2,12,2) born 1849.

Dora Lowrance (1,1,2,12,3) born 1855.

Ida Lowrance (1,1,2,12,4) born 1858.

Alurdo G. Lowrance (1,1,2,12,5) born 1861.

The Family of Catherine M. Coulter Warlick (1,2,1,4) and
Maxwell Warlick

John Coulter Warlick (1,2,1,4,1) married Mary Lutz.

Elizabeth Warlick (1,2,1,4,2) married John Roberts;
lived and died in Florida.

Barbara Warlick (1,2,1,4,3) married B. F. Low,
lived in Alamance County.

David E. Warlick (1,2,1,4,4) born 1848; married
Mary Rhodes.

Henry Daniel Warlick (1,2,1,4,5) born January 13,
1850; married on September 7, 1873 Leonora Elizabeth
Wharton of Guilford County, daughter of Thomas G. and

Malvina Donnell Wharton. She died in 1929.

Children: Reverend Charles W. Warlick of Mount Pleasant; James D. Warlick; Jesse Watson Warlick of Hickory, North Carolina, whose daughter Hermine married a Mr. Eichorn and lives in Greensboro, North Carolina; Lewis H. Warlick; Calvin R. Warlick who married Daisy Carpenter; Mrs. A. L. Shuford; W. Farel Warlick; George C. Warlick, and three others who died before 1940.

Margaret Warlick (1,2,1,4,6) married John Hoover and lives in the Daniel's Church neighborhood.

Anna Warlick (1,2,1,4,7) married Bettis Dorsey of Cleveland County.

Sarah Warlick (1,2,1,4,8) married Martin V. Hovis of Gaston County.

Jacob Ramsour Warlick (1,2,1,4,9) married Emma Wharton; They are buried in Daniel's Church cemetery.

The Family of Nathaniel Alexander Coulter (1,2,2,1) of Western Kentucky and Sarah Jane Calvert Coulter

Robert Henry Coulter (1,2,2,1,1) born April 13, 1845; died September 19, 1895; married Fannie Humphreys; lived in Mayfield, Kentucky.

Children: Edward Lee, Sallie, Hershel Alexander,

Myrtis, Nora, Amos Bruce, Stephen Humphreys, Nelle,
Clyde Calvert, Robert Vivian, Alvah.

Annie Elizabeth Coulter (1,2,2,1,2) born February 3,
1847, died April 18, 1883; married Dr. A. A. Davidson of
Mayfield, Kentucky on October 21, 1869.

Belle Coulter (1,2,2,1,3), married William McKenvey.

Children of 2nd wife, Bettie Canady Coulter

Nannie Coulter (1,2,2,1,4) born September, 1854;
married N. B. Coles.

Katherine Coulter (1,2,2,1,5) born February 20,
1857, married Dr. A. A. Davidson, March 26, 1884, after
the death of Annie Elizabeth.

Fannie Coulter (1,2,2,1,6) married J. C. McFall.

Ella Coulter (1,2,2,1,7) married Edgar Crowell.

James David Coulter (1,2,2,1,8) lived in Bollinger,
Texas.

Willie Baucom Coulter (1,2,2,1,9) died as a young
man.

Boone Lockridge Coulter (1,2,2,1,10) lived in
San Angelo, Texas.

The Family of Dorcas Anna Coulter (1,2,8,1) and Thomas Lafayette Lowe

Thomas Lee Lowe (1,2,8,1,1) born January 9, 1855, died May 1, 1915; married Jennie Osborn Rhyne.

Ottis Lowe (1,2,8,1,2) born February 12, 1859, died September 24, 1893; married Laura Robinson (sister of Abel, John, and Raymond).

Willie Lowe (1,2,8,1,3) born 1861; married Alonzo Craig Shuford, farmer on the original Martin Coulter place, elected to the 54th Congress, 1895-1897.

Children: Thomas, born January 23, 1884, died September 11, 1885; Anne Lee, married Ben R. Wall, lives in Lilesville, North Carolina; George, died at the age of one year, 7 months, 18 days; Linda Lowe, married Charles Eugene McIntosh, home Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Sara Perrin, married T. H. Geddy of Norfolk, Virginia on November 9, 1923.

The Family of John Rader Coulter (1,4,2,2) and Mary L. Senn Coulter

Eve Elliott Coulter (1,4,2,2,1) born January 28, 1845; died July 3, 1912; married _____ Taylor. No children.

John Henry Coulter (1,4,2,2,2) born February 14, 1847, died April 5, 1917; married Laura Elizabeth Pitts, born October 7, 1853, died April 22, 1930.

Children: Mamie Elizabeth, March 18, 1875-July 5, 1942; a child died in infancy; Oscar Ligon, July 27, 1879-April 20, 1940; Adeline Elizabeth (Addie), 1883-1886; John Jay, August 15, 1886-July 4, 1950; Infant, not named, January 8, 1890-February 14, 1890; George Phillip, March 10, 1892-October 30, 1961; Katie Lee, August 3, 1898- .

George Edward Coulter (1,4,2,2,3) born April 23, 1850, died July 10, 1910; married Fannie _____.

The Family of Ephraim Coulter (1,4,2,3) and Dorcas Lollar Coulter

John Henry Lollar Coulter (1,4,2,3,1) born February 22, 1869; died January 19, 1943; married Eula Sherrill, born December 24, 1881, died December 16, 1931.

Children: Stella, Seth, Jimmie (girl), Flake, infant daughter, not named.

Robert L. S. Coulter (1,4,2,3,2) born August 27, 1872, died August 14, 1940; married Mary H. Poole, born June 7, 1874, died April 26, 1929.

The Family of Mary Adeline Coulter Pitts (1,4,2,4) and
Philip J. Pitts

John Henry Pitts (1,4,2,4,1) born August 16, 1850; died July 21, 1930; married on February 10, 1874, Laura Elizabeth Ingold, born February 14, 1855, died September 6, 1933.

Children: Margaret Adeline (1875-), Annie Laurie (1877-1940), Walter Ingold (1879-1929), Agnes Louise (1881-1936), Alice Murrell (1883-), Emma Carol (1886-).

Laura Elizabeth Pitts (1,4,2,4,2) born October 7, 1853, died April 22, 1930; married on February 10, 1874, John Henry Coulter, born February 11, 1847, died April 5, 1917.

Children: See Family of John Henry Coulter (1,4,2,2,2).

The Family of Eli Summey Coulter (1,4,4,1) and Harriet
Fry Coulter (1,4,2,x)

Mary Ann (Molly) Coulter (1,4,4,1,1) was born August 31, 1842; died April 30, 1873; is buried in the Newton Cemetery. On October 13, 1867, she married James Moulton Berry, born February 8, 1841.

Children: Infant, unnamed, died July 26, 1868;

Beulah Catherine, born July 25, 1872, died May, 1962;
 Infant, unnamed, died May 11, 1874.

Davidson Monroe Coulter (1,4,4,1,2) was born December 25, 1844; died, February 9, 1919. Enlisted in 1864 in Company G, 12th North Carolina Regiment, C.S.A. He was in General Lee's Army at Petersburg, Virginia; ill in hospital, January 12, 1865 to March 5, 1865; captured near Petersburg, March 25, 1865; sent to prison at Point Lookout, Maryland; released on oath of allegiance, June 26, 1865 by G.O. 190, AGO. On September 8, 1870, he married Sarah E. Yount, born February 3, 1846; died February 6, 1947. Both are buried at St. Paul's. He was a farmer, living on land near the 1769 grant to Martin Coulter, Sr.

Children: Robert Summey, July 13, 1871-October 7, 1948; Ida A., August 8, 1874-September 30, 1944; Lonnie Preston, April 1, 1877-May 1, 1958; Raymond Raleigh, January 5, 1880-June 20, 1973; Annie Alda; Mattie Pearl.⁴⁵

John Summey Coulter (1,4,4,1,3) was born January 30, 1847; died October 7, 1925. Enlisted May 24, 1864 in Company E, 72nd North Carolina Regiment, C.S.A. This company trained at Camp Vance near Morganton, saw duty at various places in Eastern North Carolina; finally in Major Reese's command became a part of the Fort Fisher garrison. He was captured on December 25, 1864, sent by boat to

⁴⁵Letter from Mrs. Eleanore Kelley Hess, December 14, 1974.

Point Lookout, Maryland, was exchanged in January, 1865, came home on parole and was still at home when General Lee surrendered. After the war he went to Mocksville as an apprentice to learn watch and clock repair, returned to Newton and followed that trade for a few years. On February 23, 1873, he married Sarah Ann Sophronia Herman, born October 11, 1845, died December 11, 1925. About 1875 they moved to a farm adjoining that of his father and lived there until his death. Both are buried at St. Paul's. Besides farming, he was engaged with partners at various times in operating a cotton gin, a sorghum molasses plant, a wheat threshing rig, a saw mill, and lastly a flour mill in Newton.. To begin the custom wheat threshing operation, in partnership with his father-in-law, F. L. Herman and W. R. Self, he brought, in 1879, the first steam tractor to Catawba County. It was manufactured by the Frick Co., Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Children: John Carroll, January 1, 1873-May 14, 1935; Essie Catherine, November 28, 1874-December 9, 1972; Herman Clarence, May 21, 1877-September 28, 1952; Alma Roberta, April 2, 1880-May 8, 1939; Eli Earl, August 24, 1883-October 16, 1884; William Summey, August 28, 1886-May 11, 1975; Victor Aldine, July 15, 1892-.

Martha Jane (Matt) Coulter (1,4,4,1,4) was born July 9, 1850; died, May 3, 1941; buried in Newton Cemetery.

She married, first, on January 4, 1871, Franklin Clarence Ikerd, born January 4, 1849; died December 26, 1901 and buried at Hass Church. He was a successful farmer.

Children: John Clarence, December 28, 1871-January 20, 1953; Iva Iola, 1873-; George Clapp, 1876-1961; Roberta Pearl, 1879-; Daisy Dean, 1881-1968; Milton Augustus, 1883-; Ada Catheryn, 1886-1964; Zeb Ransom, 1890-; Franklin Ralph, 1893-.

Martha Jane Coulter married, second, Forney Wilson, and lived in Newton until her death; she is buried in the Newton Cemetery beside her sister, Mary Ann (1,4,4,1,1).

Daniel Perry Coulter (1,4,4,1,5) was born September 9, 1852; died January 9, 1941; married on December 23, 1882, Nan Elizabeth Moore, born May 6, 1862; died February 7, 1926; both are buried in the new St. Paul's Cemetery at Startown. He was a farmer, lived at the homeplace and cared for his father until his death in 1895. He inherited the north part of his father's farm, including the home. (See Red House, Appendix VII.)

Children: Perry Cleveland, August 17, 1884-December 14, 1966; Eli Emory, June 30, 1889-May 25, 1961.

Louisa Catherine Coulter (1,4,4,1,6) was born March 13, 1856; died August 5, 1931; married on January 20, 1874, Francis Alonzo Yoder, born November 24, 1851, died

April 22, 1913. They lived on a farm on Jacob's Fork of the South Fork River. He was engaged in farming and operating a store. After his death, the family moved to Newton. Both are buried in the Grace Church Cemetery.

Children: Eli Summey, October 11, 1874-June 26, 1886; Samuel Oscar, October 15, 1876-January 26, 1933; George Clinton, June 14, 1878-January 3, 1963; Everette Forest, April 13, 1880-September 6, 1884; Frank Ladson, February 7, 1882-July 5, 1950; Annie Catherine, April 3, 1884-October 24, 1958; Martha Virginia, February 8, 1886-; Carl Blake, April 10, 1888-January 12, 1948; Winnie Davis, November 20, 1889-; Ralph Hasten, July 4, 1891-February 12, 1948; Frances Earl, July 8, 1893-; Henry Conrad, March 19, 1896-; Marie Louise, September 9, 1898-April 1, 1961; Charlotte Augusta, December 29, 1901-.

George Franklin Coulter (1,4,4,1,7) was born July 6, 1858; died June 1, 1932; married on April 11, 1882, Sarah F. Robinson, born July 26, 1861; died December 23, 1943. They are buried at St. Paul's. He inherited the southern part of his father's farm including the mill which he took charge of in the 1880's. Due to the establishment of roller wheat flour mills in Newton, flour production ceased in the 1890's but he continued to produce corn meal until about 1910. (See, also, Appendix VII.) He also ran a

blacksmith shop for repair work for the farmers of the community and farmed. His youngest daughter, Mrs. Cora Boswell, now lives on the farm.

Children: Suella, Beulah, Laura, Samuel, Mary, Irvin, Frank Hobson, Cora.

The Family of Ann Angeline Coulter (1,4,4,6) and Davidson Bost

William Perry Bost (1,4,4,6,1) born December 21, 1845; died March 1, 1931; married Candace Adelle Smyer, born September 6, 1853; died January 3, 1931. They lived in the St. James community and are buried in the churchyard there.

Mary Bost (1,4,4,6,2) born March 9, 1847; died December 7, 1894; married Julius A. Settlemyre, born May 15, 1842; died August 12, 1921.

Emma Jane Bost (1,4,4,6,3) born October 30, 1850; died January 20, 1934; married Pinckney Fye, born April 26, 1849; died October 16, 1918.

V. Pinckney Bost (1,4,4,6,4) born 1852; married Barbara C. _____ born April 15, 1853, died January 8, 1916.

Philip E. Bost (1,4,4,6,5) born August 6, 1854; died November 12, 1894; married Alice Genelia Herman born

September 22, 1855; died February 20, 1932. They lived near Newton and are buried at St. Paul's.

Sarah A. (Sallie) Bost (1,4,4,6,6) born 1856; died 1931; married Charles M. Burrus born March 9, 1851; died January 11, 1923. Both buried at St. Paul's.

The Family of Catherine Malinda Coulter (1,4,4,7) and Levi Plonk

Jacob Lemuel Plonk (1,4,4,7,1) born 1850; died 1908.

Susan C. Plonk (1,4,4,7,2) married George R. Rawlings, lived in Gastonia.

Children: William Dean, George L., Susie C., John, Mary J., Franklin Lee.

Mary Jane Plonk (1,4,4,7,3) born May 21, 1855; died January 21, 1944; married Julius Smyre.

One child: Myrtle (1,4,4,7,3,1) married Herbert Rowe, M.D., in April 1909 (Myrtle Smyre).

Martha A. Plonk (1,4,4,7,4) born 1857.

Sarah E. Plonk (1,4,4,7,5) born 1859; died October, 1891.

John H. Plonk (1,4,4,7,6) born 1861, died 1945.
Married Jennie Hoover, born July 7, 1866; died May 8, 1962.
No children.

Lura D. Plonk (1,4,4,7,6) born 1867; married
Edward P. Schrum.

Children: Edward Lee; Plonk; Forrest F.; Frances
Catherine (1896-1928), married, 1919, Julius W. Abernathy
(1894-).

The Family of Sarah Tobartha Coulter (1,4,4,9) and John
Logan Setzer

Charles Adolphus Setzer (1,4,4,9,1).

Lou I. Setzer (1,4,4,9,2) born April 8, 1852; died
September 7, 1921; married Miles Sigmon, born November 15,
1845; died July 4, 1935, both are buried in Newton Cemetery.

Children: Chloe Edna, Sarah Elizabeth, Minnie
Belle, James Sylvester, John Henderson, George Alfred,
Charlie Calvin, Robert Pinckney, Walter Lee, Mary Sue.

Berten William Setzer (1,4,4,9,3).

George Thomas Setzer (1,4,4,9,4) born November 11,
1855; died May 23, 1930; married on January 8, 1898,
Margaret Ann Carothers, born June 4, 1858; died May 19,
1941. Both are buried in Laurelwood Cemetery, Rock Hill,

South Carolina.

Children: (1) Eula Lodusky (March 12, 1879-December 13, 1936) married on December 15, 1896 James Samuel Hampton Faris (February 9, 1876-April 7, 1928) buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Rock Hill, South Carolina. (Sara Elizabeth, James Thomas, Newton Choate, Paul Alexander, Margaret Lee, Dorothy Lodusky, John Logan, Cynthia Catherine. (2) Fannie Lee (July 17, 1891-January 13, 1958), married on December 29, 1915, Thomas William Faris (April 16, 1869-). (Margaret Frances, Thomas Setzer, Eulanne).

Wallas P. Setzer (1,4,4,9,5) born October 22, 1859; died February 9, 1861.

John Edwin Setzer (1,4,4,9,6) born March 1, 1862; died May 29, 1934; married on March 11, 1886, Alice Amanda Carpenter, born July 2, 1869; died March 4, 1948. Both are buried in Eastview Cemetery, Newton, North Carolina. (Oscar Robert, Arthur Sylvania, Jasper Sidney, Amy Lee, Daniel Edgar, John Louie, Thomas Richard, Chloe Marie, George Glenn, Frank Milton).

James A. Setzer (1,4,4,9,7) born June 22, 1866; died December 9, 1949; married Della Jenkins, born November 16, 1872; died May 3, 1957. Both are buried in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Newton, North Carolina.

Sidney Alfred Setzer (1,4,4,9,8) born June 15, 1871; died April 4, 1955; married on January 19, 1895, Minnie D. Gibson, born September 11, 1876; died December 7, 1909. (Clara Myrtle, Sarah Elizabeth, John Marshall, Hubert Clyde, Milton Jennings, Sue Amy, Minnie R.)

Lee Malanchton Setzer (1,4,4,9,9) born May 9, 1857; died April 28, 1930; married in 1888, Lizzie Ann Etta Deal, born January 10, 1869; died April 3, 1947. Both buried at St. Paul's. (Eula Alva, Millard, Lizzie Marie, Edna Mae, Edgar Deevey, Suela Frances, Winnie Inez, Howard Deal, Paul Malanchton.)

The Family of Louisa Minerva Coulter (1,4,4,10) and Noah Huffman

Franklin Huffman (1,4,4,10,1) born October 29, 1856; drowned while attempting to cross swollen South Fork River on horseback at the age of 21 years, 8 months, buried at Salem.

Elizabeth (Betty) A. Huffman (1,4,4,10,2) born September 28, 1858; died April 11, 1941; married Thomas J. Thomason, born January 2, 1862; died January 20, 1937. They are buried at Salem.

Children: Charlie, Daisy.

Willie Ellen Huffman (1,4,4,10,3) born November 16, 1866; died January 15, 1952; married on March 18, 1905. Abel Shuford Robinson, born April 17, 1861; died December 12, 1953. Both are buried in the Robinson-Whitener Cemetery.

Child: Annie Mae (1906).

Emma Huffman (1,4,4,10,4) born November 27, 1868; died September 1, 1944. Never married. During the later years, she lived with her sister Ellen and is buried near her.

The Family of Philip Augustus Coulter (1,4,4,11) and Mary Elvira Plonk Coulter

LeRoy Coulter (1,4,4,11,1) was born July 24, 1859; died September 30, 1860; buried at St. Paul's.

John Ellis Coulter (1,4,4,11,2) was born March 22, 1861; died February 16, 1947; on August 10, 1882, he married Lucy Ann Propst, born September 21, 1862; died May 5, 1952. Both are buried in the Huffman Graveyard near Connelly Springs. Early in his career, he moved to the western part of Catawba County on the Jacob's Fork River, where he operated a store, farmed, engaged in various phases of lumbering and building supply, and milling. In 1892, he moved to Connelly Springs, on the Southern Railway, and continued in the same kind of business activities.

He was active in the educational, civic, and religious organizations of Burke County and was widely known and respected as one of its leading citizens.

Children: Alvin Augustus, September 2, 1883-October 8, 1959; Beulah Belle, September 28, 1885-December 3, 1969; Clyde Benjamin Franklin, October 17, 1887-; Ellis Merton, July 20, 1890-; Ray Daniel, March 11, 1895-; William Bryan, October 22, 1896-; Herbert Lee, October 11, 1899-.

Catherine Augusta Coulter (1,4,4,11,3) was born February 6, 1865; died January 28, 1952; married on February 16, 1881, Raymond Whitener Robinson, born October 14, 1858, died February 7, 1924. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Hickory. Until 1898, they lived on a farm six miles south of Hickory, then moved to Hickory but retained and continued the operation of the farm.

Children: Lura Mary Lizzie, December 31, 1882-; Russell Alfred, January 22, 1884-April 18, 1963; Philip Homer, October 15, 1888-; Essie Lee, February 17, 1893-.

James Franklin Coulter (1,4,4,11,4) was born June 4, 1866, died September 14, 1944; married on August 1, 1895, Della Jane Parker, born December 17, 1877; died November 30, 1970.

Children: Ruth Catherine, April 20, 1896-;

Robert, May 12, 1900-; Margaret Anita, February 28, 1904-; Frances Joanne, January 31, 1920-.

Claudius Craig Coulter (1,4,4,11,5) was born July 18, 1872; died July 28, 1936; married on October 5, 1892, Lillian B. Sigman, born January 17, 1875; died September 5, 1956. Both are buried at St. Paul's. In 1895, they moved to Texas but returned to North Carolina after a few years. He built a home on a portion of his father's farm which he inherited and bought adjoining lands, continuing there as a farmer until his death.

Children: Nora Jane, November 29, 1893-August 16, 1955; Annie Lee, February 5, 1896-; William P., March 23, 1898-February 7, 1953; Katie Elvira, February 1, 1901-; Ila Mahala, June 5, 1903-; Vernon C., October 4, 1905-; Myrtle Louise, December 31, 1907-; Lillian Carolyn, March 2, 1910-; David Ellis, March 18, 1913-June 24, 1965; Charles Craig, May 24, 1915-; Richard Lionel, July 28, 1918-.

Philip Elkana Coulter (1,4,4,11,6) was born June 31, 1875; died April 12, 1958; on November 27, 1895, he married Nancy Catherine Finger, born October 25, 1876; died November 6, 1961. Both are buried at St. Paul's Cemetery at Startown. They lived on a farm that had been a part of the 1769 grant to Martin Coulter though it had long passed from Coulter ownership and Philip bought it from the Sylvanus Deal estate.

Children: Harry Bryan, September 12, 1896-; Lois Elizabeth, August 12, 1898-; Philip Plonk, July 28, 1901-; Margaret Finger, November 27, 1903-; James Daniel, August 11, 1906-; Albert Sidney, March 5, 1911-; Nancy Mills, December 7, 1917-August 10, 1966.

A son not named (1,4,4,11,7) was born July 17, 1877; died August 10, 1877; buried at St. Paul's.

APPENDIX I

NAMES, SPELLINGS, DATES, ASSUMPTIONS, ERRORS

1. The pioneer signed his name on landing at Philadelphia as Johann Martin Kolter according to Rupp in his Thirty Thousand Names. Strassburger and Hinke in their Pennsylvania German Pioneers published photo-copies of the signatures of the immigrants as they signed in. It is his signature that identifies Martin Colter of Lincoln County with Johann Martin Kolter, the immigrant. A comparison of his signatures on a deed to John Wilfong in 1794, and on a deed to Philip Colter in 1794, with his signature reproduced by Strassburger and Hinke on page 466 of Volume 2, Pennsylvania German Pioneers leaves no doubt as to his identity. He still wrote Martin in that peculiar script which led Dr. Hinke to transcribe it "Mardin." In North Carolina, he dropped the Johann entirely and always signed his name as Martin Colter. All available documents show that his sons, John and Philip, used the spelling Colter, while his oldest son, Martin, Jr., adopted Coulter which later generations have followed consistently. It is noticeable in the recording of a number of deeds in the Lincoln County Court House that the cross on the "t" also

crossed the "l" thus making it look like Cotter to one unfamiliar with the name. Thus John Colter is listed as John Cotter in the Census of 1790, State Records of North Carolina, Volume XXVI, page 695, and the same error in transcription occurs in the indexing of Martin Colter's land grant of 1769 in the office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh.

2. J. C. Coulter compiled a genealogy of the Coulter family during the years 1900-1920. He estimated the birth date of Martin, Sr. as 1730. No actual records have been found but he had to have been 21 when he signed in on arrival at Philadelphia, therefore he was born before September, 1728. The birth date of his wife, Catherine Rosanna Boone, and the date of their marriage as given by J. C. Coulter has also been revised. In recent years, in the Bunker Hill Cemetery near Claremont, the tombstones of Catherine, the daughter of Martin, Sr., and her husband, Isaac Lowrance, have been found. These tombstones read: Isaac Lowrance, died February 11, 1837, aged 86 years, 7 months and 19 days; and for his wife: Catherine Lowrance, died August --- 1831, aged 77 years, 9 months, and 3 days. Thus Catherine Coulter (1,1) was born in October or November, 1753. On the twin assumptions that Catherine Rosanna Boone and Martin, Sr. were married in Pennsylvania and that they came south in May, 1750, their marriage is

reckoned as in the spring of 1750. J. C. Coulter thought Martin, Jr. was the oldest child and apparently also, that Catherine Coulter (1,1) was the wife of Isaac Lowrance, the tanner of Claremont. He probably did not know that there were the two Isaac Lowrances. Isaac, son of Peter Lowrance, and his wife, Susannah, daughter of Isaac and Catherine Coulter Lowrance, are buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery at Claremont. (See also Appendix VIII.)

There is no written record of Joseph Boone's children. The belief that Catherine Rosanna was Joseph's daughter is based on the following items: (a) she was a niece of Squire Boone as evidenced by the Martin Coulter, Jr. statement quoted in paragraph 3; (b) Joseph Boone's wife was named Catherine; (c) she cannot be identified among the daughters of Squire Boone's older brothers. Since Joseph Boone and his wife Catherine were probably married in 1729 or 1730, it seems likely that their children were born in this sequence: Joseph, Jr., 1731; Catherine Rosanna, 1733; Hugh, 1735. J. C. Coulter had estimated Catherine Rosanna Boone's birth year as 1738 on the assumption that Martin Coulter, Jr., born February 11, 1759, was her oldest child. This 1738 birth year appears in Spraker's The Boone Family, on the marker erected a few years ago in the old Coulter family burial ground, in the genealogy compiled by Edward H. Coulter of Little Rock,

Arkansas, and probably in other publications, all based on J. C. Coulter's data of the 1920's.

3. A time-worn handwritten statement by Martin Coulter, Jr. is still in existence. It reads: "My father was Martin Coulter. He came to this country from Germany in 1750. My mother was Catherine Rosanna Boone, cousin of Daniel Boone--Squire's Daniel. Brothers John and Philip, sister, Catherine."

(Signed) Martin Coulter

This statement presents an apparent discrepancy in the date of the arrival of Martin, Sr. since the immigration record at Philadelphia says September 26, 1749. A probable explanation is that to Martin, Jr. "this country" meant the province of North Carolina as the end of the journey of Martin, Sr. from Germany. This agrees with Mrs. Shuford's letter which stated that he came to North Carolina in 1750, and with the surmise that he and his bride were members of the "Boone Caravan" of May 1750. When J. C. Coulter first saw the Martin Coulter, Jr. statement, it was in the possession of the grand-daughter of Martin, Jr., Dorcas Anna Coulter; it was presumably written for her. It is dated June 6, 1846--when he was past 86 years old.

4. Sometimes the question has arisen as to whether Martin, Jr. was actually named John Martin. The answer

is definitely, no; the name John was given to the second son. Martin, Sr. evidently developed a fixed belief that one given name was enough. After signing in at Philadelphia, he never again used anything but simply Martin Colter, and he gave his children one name each, Catherine, Martin, John, and Philip.

5. The date of the death of Elizabeth (Betty) Ayedelotte (Idelett and Aydlott both appear on the marriage bond) Coulter, wife of Martin, Jr., is recorded differently at two places. Her tombstone in the Grace Church graveyard eight miles west of Newton records that she died May 6, 1849, at the age of 80 years and 6 months. However, in a deposition, dated July 12, 1853, with reference to pension money believed to be due her estate and sworn to before the Judge of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Lincoln County, John Coulter states that his mother died May 6, 1850. No corroborating evidence for either date has been found.

6. In J. C. Coulter's genealogy, Henry Coulter (1,4,1) was listed as the youngest of Philip's children, born 1804, died 1879, whereas his tombstone in St. Paul's graveyard, two miles west of Newton, reads: born May 25, 1784, died June 23, 1868. The marriage bond record gives his wife's name as Polley Rader. One of Henry's descendants has a record of her name as Mary. J. C. Coulter's list

gives the sister, Catherine (1,4,1), was born in 1792 whereas her tombstone shows her birth year 1782.

7. The date of the death of John Coulter (1,2,1) on his tombstone in the Ramsour family graveyard in Lincoln County, a few miles southwest of Salem Church, has been recorded in various places as December 8, 1863, 1865, and 1869. In Will Book 3, page 78, in the Clerk's Office in the Lincoln Court House, his will was recorded in November 1864, hence 1863 is the correct date. In the same cemetery are buried John's first wife, Barbara Ramsour, and his second wife, Elvira Wilson. Barbara's inscription reads: born September 14, 1792; died January 10, 1848; aged 45 years, 3 months, and 26 days. Obviously, her age was 55 years, etc. Elvira's inscription reads: died October 27, 1890; however, the record in the Clerk's Office shows her will was probated April 7, 1890 and the executor's inventory of property was filed May 7, 1890, so her death date must have been October 27, 1889.

8. On page 79, Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties compiled by Bynum there is listed: Groom: Miller, Jonathan; Bride: Coulter, Eliza; Surety: Silas Bost; date: 20 September 1835; Witness: Mic Cline. No other record of these names has been found. Henry Coulter (1,4,1) married Polley Rader in 1814; John Rader Coulter, born May 30, 1820, is the first recorded birth in the family

known; however, since Elizabeth Coulter married Logan Conrad in February 1837, it is probable she was born in 1817 or 1818. It is possible that Eliza Coulter could have been the oldest of this family.

9. Sarah Tobartha Coulter (1,4,3,9) and her twin sister, Eliza Fertima, were, according to J. C. Coulter's genealogy, born March 10, 1829; however, Sarah Tobartha's tombstone in St. Paul's graveyard reads 1830, probably the correct date.

10. J. C. Coulter's records give Mary Caroline Coulter (1,4,3,4) birth year, 1822; her tombstone has 1821.

APPENDIX II

THE BOONE ANCESTRY

The following account is adapted from a mimeographed genealogy issued by the Boone Family Association of Washington.

George Boone (1) born ca. 1625; his death date, as well as the name and dates of his wife, unknown; resided in Exeter, England.

George Boone (1,1) born ca. 1646, died 1706; married ca. 1665 Sarah Uppey, dates unknown, but lived to be 80; resided at Bradnich near Exeter, 177 miles from London. He was a blacksmith.

George Boone (1,1,1) born ca. 1666, Stoak, England; died 27 July, 1744, in Exeter, Pa.; married, 1689, Mary Maugridge, born 1669, Bradnich, England, died 2 February 1740 (or 1741), Exeter, Pa. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Milton) Maugridge. George was a tanner and a weaver; sailed from Bristol, England, for America 17 August, 1717, arriving at Philadelphia, 10 October, 1717. He brought letters from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Collumpton and they became members of the Gwynedd Monthly Meeting. In 1720, he moved to Oley (now Exeter), Berks County, about

4 miles from Reading. They are buried in the Friend's burying ground, Exeter. All children were born in Bradnich, England. George, Sarah, and Squire came to America before 1713. Complete list of children:

George (1,1,1,1) b. 13 July 1690; d. 20 November 1753;

m. 1713 Deborah Howell

Sarah (1,1,1,2) b. 18 February 1692; d. before 1744; m. 1714

Jacob Stover

Squire (1,1,1,3) b. 24 November 1696; d. 2 January 1765;

m. 1720 Sarah Morgan

Mary (1,1,1,4) b. 23 September 1699; d. 16 January 1744;

m. 1720 John Webb

John (1,1,1,5) b. 3 January 1701; d. 10 October 1785; never married

Joseph (1,1,1,6) b. 5 April 1704; d. 30 January 1776; m.

ca. 1729 Catherine _____

Benjamin (1,1,1,7) b. 16 July 1706; d. 14 October 1762;

m. 1st 1726 Ann Farmer

2nd 1736 Susannah _____

James (1,1,1,8) b. 18 July 1709; d. 1 September 1785;

m. 1st 1735 Mary Faulke

2nd 1757 Anne Griffith

Samuel (1,1,1,9) b. 6 August 1711; d. 6 August 1745;

m. Elizabeth Cassell

Joseph Boone (1,1,1,6) born 5 April 1704, died 30 January 1776. Married probably in 1729, Catherine _____. Her birth date unknown, died 13 January 1778, Exeter, Pa.

Children: Joseph, Jr. b. 1730, d. before 10 May 1776;

m. Elizabeth Warren;

Catherine Rosanna, b. ca. 1733, d. 1813; m. Martin Coulter, ca. 1750;

Hugh, b. 1735, d. November 1805, m. 1st Catherine _____

m. 2nd Frances (Cookson) Millard;

Isaac, b. 27 July 1739, d. ca. 1794, m. Sarah _____

Other probable children of Joseph Boone, Sr.: Judah, Elizabeth, and Hannah.

APPENDIX III

THE LAND GRANTS RECEIVED BY MARTIN COULTER, SR.

Martin Coulter obtained three grants of land within the area that is now Catawba County, two from the British Crown and one from the State of North Carolina.

The first grant reads as follows: "George, the Third, by the Grace of God, King, Defender of the Faith, & C. To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting, Know Ye, That we, for and in Consideration of the Rents and duties, herein reserved, Have given and Granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant unto Martin Coulter a tract of land, containing five hundred and twenty acres by and being in the county of Mecklinburgh in our Province of North Carolina, joining the South fork of the Catawba River between Henry Whitener's and James Robertson's. Beginning at a Black Oak on the North side of said Fork and running N 75° East 80 poles to a Black Oak. then East 240 poles to a Black Oak, then South 30° East 247 poles to a Black Oak, then South 32° West 206 poles to a White Oak on the Bank of said Fork then up the several courses to the beginning.

"As by plot hereto annexed, together with all Woods, Waters, Mines, and Minerals, Herediments and Appurtenances to said Land belonging or appertaining (One half of the Gold and Silver Mines excepted;) to hold to his heirs and assigns for ever as of our Manor in our County of Kent, in free and common Soccage, by Fealty only; Yielding and paying unto us, our Heirs and Successors forever the Yearly Rent of Four Shillings, Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres hereby granted; to be paid unto us, our Heirs and Successors on the Second Day of February in each year as such places in our said Province as our Governor, for the Time being, with the Advice and Consent of our Council shall think fit to direct and appoint, PROVIDED ALWAYS, that in Case the said Martin Coulter, his Heirs and Assigns shall not within Three Years from the date hereof, clear and cultivate according to the Proportion of Three Acres for every Hundred; and also, That if a Minute or Docket of these our Letters Patent should not be entered in the office of Our Auditor General, for the Time being, in our said Province, within Six Months of the Date hereof; that then in either of these said cases, these our Letters Patent shall be void and of no value. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be Hereunto affixed, WITNESSED by our Trusted and Well-beloved Wm. Tryon, Esq., Lieutenant Governor and

Commander-in-Chief over our said Province, this Sixth Day of April, in the Fifth Year of our Reign, Anno Domini One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-five."

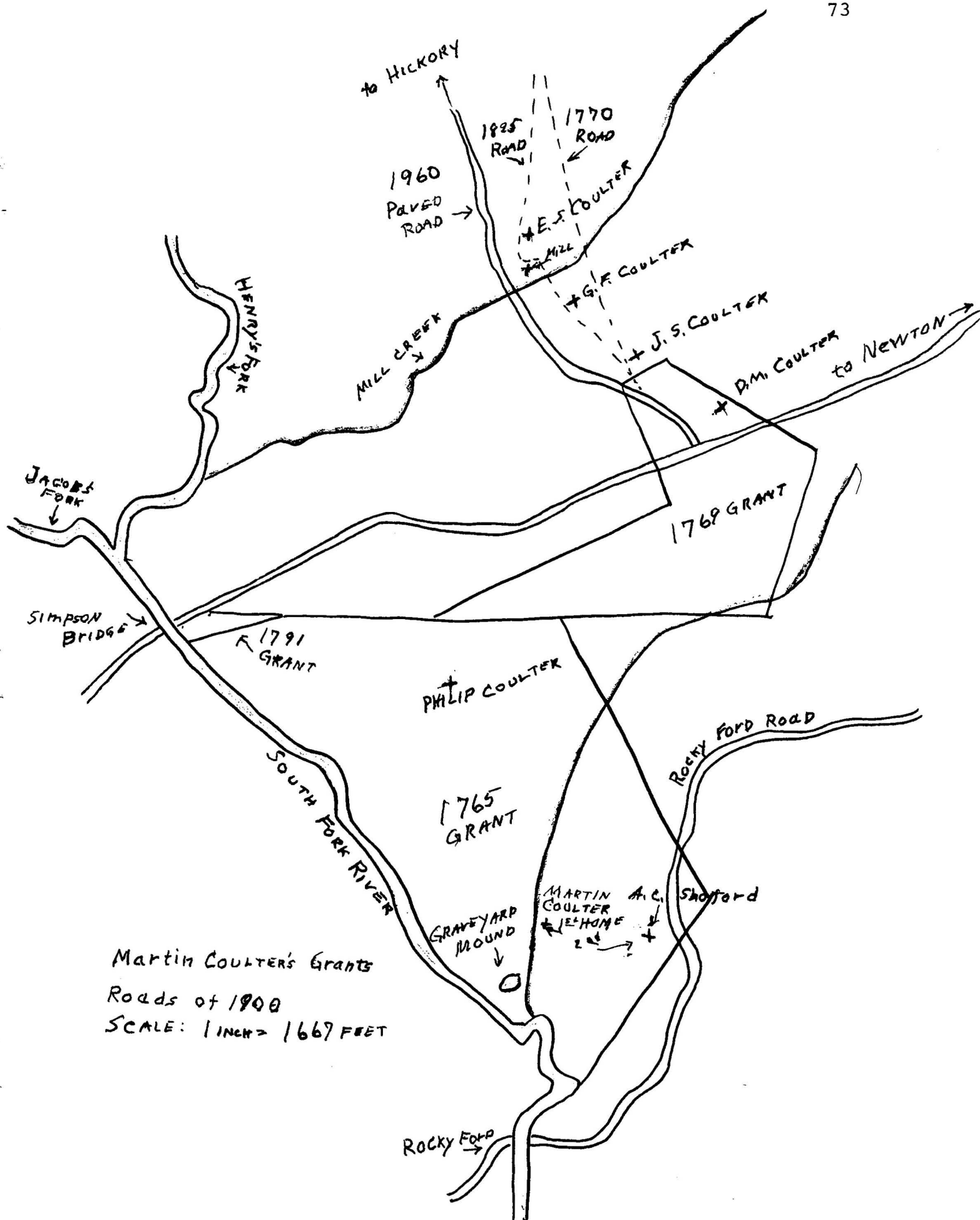
The second grant dated May 4, 1769 includes the following land description, "the 148 acres on the East side of the South Fork of the Catawba River joining the land he now lives on Beginning at a Black Oak his own and Adam Overwinter's Corner, and runs with said Overwinter's line North 65° East 240 poles to a black oak, his corner thence with his other line. North 20° West 100 poles to a hickory on Peter Mull's line, thence with his line South 57° East 146 poles to a black oak, Poff and Sides corner, thence with their lines South 20° West 144 poles to a small black oak by their corner, thence to his own corner and with his own line to the Beginning, dated 4 May 1769."

State Grant to Martin Coulter (Grant Book 3, page 3) 1791. Beginning on the bank of the river, runs East with Geo. Wilfong's line 90 poles to a stake on John Wilfong's line; thence South 74° West 80 poles with Wilfong's line to a Black Oak* on the river bank, 7 1/2 acres.

*This is the same Black oak that was the starting point of the 1765 grant. In 1788, he had sold 25 acres, 40 poles of the northwest corner of the 1765 grant to George Wilfong.

Subsequently, he sold this 7 1/2 acres to John Wilfong for 10 pounds on July 3, 1794.

Map of these grants is on the following page.



APPENDIX IV

MARTIN COULTER AND THE BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

According to all available records and legends there were two, and only two, men of the name Martin Coulter (or Colter) in Western North Carolina during the Revolutionary War. There were Martin Coulter, Sr. and Jr. who lived on a plantation granted to Martin, Sr. by King's Grants of 1765 and 1769. This land lay along the east bank of the South Fork River northward from the vicinity of the present Rocky Ford Bridge.

Martin Coulter, Jr. was on an Indian scouting party and guard for General Rutherford's wagons in 1776 and later as a member of the organized militia served tours of duty in 1778 and 1780. These tours definitely did not include Kings Mountain (see Appendix V).

The following evidences of a Martin Coulter in the American Forces in the Kings Mountain expedition have been found:

1. The files in the Museum and Administration Building of the Kings Mountain National Military Park list "Martin Coulter of Surry County."

2. Katherine K. White in The Kings Mountain Men, page 162, records: "Coulter, Martin, of Surry County, was under Cleaveland. He was pensioned in Lincoln County."

3. In King's Mountain and Its Heroes by Draper, page 214, it is stated that Major Chronicle with a party of 20 men from the South Fork of the Catawba joined the Mountain men, and on page 244 it is stated that the Lincoln troops under Chronicle and Hambright were all under the direction of Colonel Cleveland.

4. In the Roster of Soldiers of the American Revolution published by the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution, page 481, is listed "Martin Coulter of Surry County pensioned in Lincoln County."

5. The History of Catawba County by Charles J. Preslar, Jr. on page 77 lists 32 names of men who served at Kings Mountain. Among these are Martin Coulter, and his near neighbors Major George Wilfong, Captain Peter Mull, Lieutenant Isaac Van Horn, Daniel Whitener, Michael Shell, John Wilfong, Andrew Wilson, Conrad Yoder, Simon Haas, and Philip Fry.

As above stated, the pension petition of Martin Coulter, Jr. eliminates him, so that if the foregoing sources are correct, Martin Coulter, Sr. must have been the one of that name in the Kings Mountain records. There remain two discrepancies to be explained, the pension in

Lincoln County and the residence in Surry County.

Martin Coulter's pension record does not show that he is Jr., since his father had been dead 25 years when he filed the petition and he had long since dropped the use of Jr. The historians quoted, not being familiar with family history, naturally assumed that there was only one Martin Coulter.

After the battle each commander took his troops back to the area where they were enlisted and there discharged. Thus the South Fork contingent which joined Colonel Cleveland's command on the way to Kings Mountain stayed with that command until it was disbanded in Surry and Wilkes counties and so the records show Martin Coulter of Surry.

A study of the records of the Kings Mountain Campaign reveals that the various commands from Tennessee, Virginia, North and South Carolina, numbering about 1400 men met at Cowpens on the afternoon of October 6, 1780, about 30 miles from Colonel Ferguson's Camp on Kings Mountain. A council of war was held and it was decided that no time should be lost in attacking lest Ferguson should move on and join the main force of Lord Cornwallis. Accordingly a picked force of about 900 of the ablest and best equipped men was organized to start at 8 o'clock that night, the remainder to follow next day. This task force

marched all night and arrived in the vicinity of Kings Mountain by noon of the next day, found Colonel Ferguson encamped there, attacked that afternoon and killed or captured his entire command.

According to the immigration regulations at Philadelphia, an immigrant had to have been 21 years old to sign the immigration list, hence Martin Coulter, Sr. must have been past 52 years of age in October, 1780, so naturally he would have been among the 500 left behind on the night of October 6, 1780, and did not take part in the fighting on the afternoon of October 7, though he was a member of Colonel Cleveland's command and thus listed as one of the patriot force in the Kings Mountain expedition. This seems to be the explanation why no story was handed down about his part in the Kings Mountain battle.

APPENDIX V

THE PETITION OF MARTIN COULTER, JR. FOR
A REVOLUTIONARY WAR FEDERAL PENSION

"North Carolina) Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Lincoln County) January Term A. D. 1833

"On this 24th day of January, 1833, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, held for the County of Lincoln at the court house in Lincolnton and now sitting, Martin Coulter, a resident of said county, aged seventy-three years, the 11th day of last February, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832:

That he was drafted in the year 1778 in the month of November as a militia man, and served under Capt. William Davidson at the head of the Catawba river -- That during this tour which was for three months he was placed in what was called the upper fort, which was commanded by Seargeant Fongay, Capt. Davidson commanding Fort Davidson, about six miles below the said upper fort -- That Col. Charles McDowel commanded the Regiment -- That John Davidson was

commisary and provided for fort Davidson, Cathy's fort and the said upper fort -- That at the time he entered the service he was living on the same plantation where he now lives, which at that time was included in that part of the country called Burke County -- That he got continued in the service two weeks longer than the time for which he was drafted, in order to protect the fort until the arrival of fresh recruits -- That he then obtained from Capt. Davidson his discharge, which has been lost or mislaid, in consequence of its not being supposed to have any value -- That before he entered upon this tour, he volunteered his services and under Capt. Mull was out several days in a scouting party, in search of Indians who had broke in upon the inhabitants, and also was taken as one of a guard to accompany provision-waggon to Gen. Rutherford's army at the Head of the River -- That he was again drafted for a three months tour in the year 1780 in the month of November -- That he served under Capt. James Byers -- That Gilbraith Nail was Lieutenant of the Company -- That Caleb Phifer succeeded him -- That George Henry Barrier was the Major -- That he joined the army at Rocky River -- That he remained there for a few weeks, during which time the British came to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County -- That in company with others forming a small detachment, he had a slight skirmish with the British -- That the British

soldiers gave way and fled, leaving some plunder and arms which with a few prisoners were taken possession of -- That the British having left Charlotte, he marched in company with the army through Charlotte to Providence settlement about sixteen miles below Charlotte, where he remained until within one or two weeks of the expiration of the three months for which he had been drafted, when in consequence of being seized with what was called the camp-fever he obtained a furlough and was taken to his home by his father, whence was confined to the house for fourteen weeks -- That Gen. Smallwood from Virginia came during the time into the Providence settlement with his army and also General Morgan with his army, and Col. Washington with his Cavalry, which was a short time before the battle of the Cowpens and the passage of Cornwallis's army over the Catawba River where Gen. William Davidson was killed in opposing their passage -- That Capt. Byers sent on to him his discharge which for reasons before assigned is lost or mislaid -- That he was born in the year 1759 - 11th day of February -- That his age is recorded in his own and father's family Bible and that he acted as sergeant in Capt. Byers Company -- That he is known to Maxwell Wilson and Jacob Fry and George Ichard -- and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the

agency of any State.

(Signed) M. Coulter

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: Vandry McBee, C. C."

This claim was granted, and he was awarded a pension of \$21.56 per annum retroactive to September 4, 1832.

The word "drafted" as used by Martin Coulter, Jr. in his pension petition does not have the same meaning as it does today in the administration of the United States Selective Service System. The militia of the Revolutionary War period was a voluntary organization. The History of Catawba County, by Preslar, on pages 76 and 77 explains the calls to service thus:

"Virtually all Whigs of the area were members of the militia and subject to call at any time. Each militia company was divided in four classes--One, Two, Three, and Four. When the need for men arose, a class would be summoned. When the need for the particular class was terminated, the men were "mustered out" until called again. Men lately "mustered out" were exempt from another call until all the other classes had served. When the situation was sufficiently urgent, two or three classes or all of the classes were called at one time. Such a case, however, arose seldom. As the tours of the classes most often were short, and for a definite purpose, there are few

existing records of them. Because the area was pestered constantly by Indian and British threats, no calls for extended operations of the local militia were made."

Martin Coulter, Jr. was nineteen years old when first called to duty as a militia man, and seventeen when he was in Capt. Mull's scouting party and guarded General Rutherford's wagon train.

APPENDIX VI

THE SEARCH FOR THE JOHN COULTER (1,3) FAMILY

The only information concerning John and Sarah Horton Coulter after they sold their property on May 13, 1792 extant is the legend in the family that they went to Tennessee. There is no record in the Lincoln Court House of any settlement of the estate of Martin Coulter, Sr. when he died in 1808. In 1797, he divided his land into two approximately equal tracts, deeded the southern half including his home place to Martin, Jr. and the northern half to Philip. The deeds record that Martin, Jr. paid 200 pounds for his part, and Philip 100 pounds for his. Since all the land was deeded to Martin, Jr. and Philip, there was no real property for John to inherit a share. It is possible that Martin, Sr. bought, or helped buy, the Gross property for John and that this constituted his share of the inheritance.

The first extensive search for information about the John Coulter (1,3) family was made by Edward H. Coulter, of Little Rock, Arkansas, during the 1920's and 1930's. He thought that he was a descendant and collected data on nine

different Coulter families, finally locating his own line, but found nothing on John Coulter (1,3).

During the years 1960, 1961, 1962, W. S. Coulter and V. A. Coulter renewed the search. The Tennessee census records for 1830, and fragments in existence of the 1810 and 1820 censuses were checked. Numerous letters were written to various Coulters and Coulter descendants. Court house records were searched in those eastern Tennessee counties where Coulters had lived, and a number of people interviewed. No trace was found of John and Sarah Horton Coulter.

Later, on the suggestion of Admiral J. L. Wilfong, USN Ret., a letter was written by V. A. Coulter to Howard N. Coulter, Captain USN Ret. In reply he wrote: "My father died in 1904 and mother in 1944. The only knowledge I therefore have as to my forebears is based largely on childhood memories. My father was William Lowrence Coulter, born in Columbus, Ohio, about 1860, son of John Coulter and Lucy Saloma Rinehart. John Coulter was also the son of a John Coulter, and I recall being told that he had gone west from North Carolina. The second John Coulter (my grandfather) crossed the plains in 1849 or so and settled for a time in California; he then returned to Ohio and was killed in the War Between the States. His widow remarried and moved west in the 70's or

early 80's to a cattle ranch in Northern Nevada, bringing my Father with her. He married my Mother, Maude Daugherty, who had been a member of the first or second class at Stanford University and was at the time of her marriage, teaching school in Nevada. My father worked for the Southern Pacific Railway for a few years, then went into mining, and as a mine manager in the then teeming silver camp of Tonopah, Nevada, succumbed to pneumonia in 1904."

"The only relatives bearing the Coulter name whom I have ever heard about lived in Columbus, Ohio. The only name I remember was that of Della Coulter, presumably a cousin of either my father or of my grandfather."

If the first John Coulter mentioned were the son of John and Sarah Horton Coulter born about 1790 or 1791 in North Carolina, the generations enumerated by Howard N. Coulter would parallel those of Philip Colter (1,4).

APPENDIX VII

THE MULL--COULTER MILL

Somewhat less than half a mile above the junction of Henry's Fork and Jacob's Fork Rivers to form the South Fork River, there flows into Henry's Fork a small creek from a northeasterly direction. On Yoder's map of Catawba County, the creek is not named. Locally, it was called by the name of the owner of the mill on it, first Mull's Mill Creek, then Gross's, and so on. The first road through this area as shown on a map made in the 1770's, began at Ramsour's Mill on Clark's Creek, near the present town of Lincolnton, and followed a northerly course roughly parallel to the South Fork and Henry's Fork Rivers. Varying from a mile to two miles east of the rivers, this road was the main highway for the settlers who had been granted plantations which included the rich bottom lands along the eastern side of those rivers. This road crossed the mill creek about one mile from Henry's Fork River.

On April 28, 1768, Peter Mull acquired, by grant from the British Crown, 424 acres of land lying on both sides of the creek and also traversed by the road. Some 250 yards upstream from the road, the creek, falling over

a flat rock ledge and then tumbling rapidly over a rocky channel to the road crossing, provided an ideal site for a water power mill. Peter Mull built a dam on the rock ledge and dug a race along the hill on the north side of the creek to his mill near the road. He built his home on a knoll on the west side of the road. On January 14, 1786, Peter Mull and his wife Barbara conveyed 117 acres, which included the mill, to John Gross. On November 2, 1791, John Gross sold the property to John Coulter, the second son of Martin Coulter, Sr. John Coulter kept the place only a few months, selling it on May 13, 1792, to George Cevits of Rowan County. A few years later the property came back into the possession of John Gross who kept it until his death. On July 17, 1822, John Wilfong bought the mill and plantation, now listed as 170 acres, from the heirs of John Gross. No description of the original Mull-Gross mill exists but it was evidently a small affair.

In 1825, John Wilfong employed Adam Gross as head mill-wright, selected a new mill site as far downstream as the terrain would permit, and built a new three-story mill. The structure, 28 x 30 feet, was built of thick rock masonry walls up to the second floor on which the buhrstone mills for wheat and corn were located. The overshot water wheel was 14 feet in diameter and the power was

transmitted to the millstones by huge wooden gears and appropriate wooden shafts. The building was set into the hillside so that while the first floor was on the ground level on the creek side, the second floor, where the incoming wheat and corn were unloaded, was on the ground level on the opposite side. Wilfong then built a new road which branched off from the old one about a quarter of a mile south of the creek, crossed it a short distance east of the mill and then curved around the north side of the mill house giving access to the second story door. From this point the road continued around the knoll on which the residence stood and rejoined the old road several hundred yards to the north. (See map.) This unusual, but convenient layout necessitated an ingenious device of two forebays. From the upper one, which was actually the lower end of the race, the water flowed into the lower, or main forebay, through a trunk under the road.

Wilfong's Mill was probably the finest in northern Lincoln County at that time. It became a community center for the area which is now the central part of Catawba County. The post office, Wilfong's Mill, was established on April 1, 1824, with John Wilfong as postmaster. At the time it was the westernmost post office in northern Lincoln County. With the post office, a store, and a militia muster field on the plantation in addition to the mill,

Wilfong's Mill rapidly became the community center for the area. The original John Robinson Circus showed here in 1829.

Two years after building the new mill, in 1827, Wilfong built a large two-story house facing toward the north and toward the new road. It was built on to the north end of the old Mull-Gross house, which became the ell to the new house. This old house, or ell, served as the kitchen and dining room; it also had a commodious basement. The house, painted red, was known over the community as the "Red House" and its date, 1827, painted under the eaves, was clearly visible a century later. The roof, made of split and shaved heart pine shingles, lasted over 90 years. The house still stands, an imposing edifice on the knoll above the creek. It is now (1963) brick veneered.

In 1853, John Wilfong moved to the new county seat town of Newton and sold the mill and plantation to Lawson Hollar, who subsequently, December 8, 1856, sold it to Eli Summey Coulter. The mill, now after more than 30 years of operation, stood in need of renovation. Eli Coulter immediately employed a skilled mill-wright to do the reconditioning. For the wheat flour mill, new French buhrstones and a fine silk bolting cloth were installed. The old wheat buhrstones were recut for grinding corn. Thus,

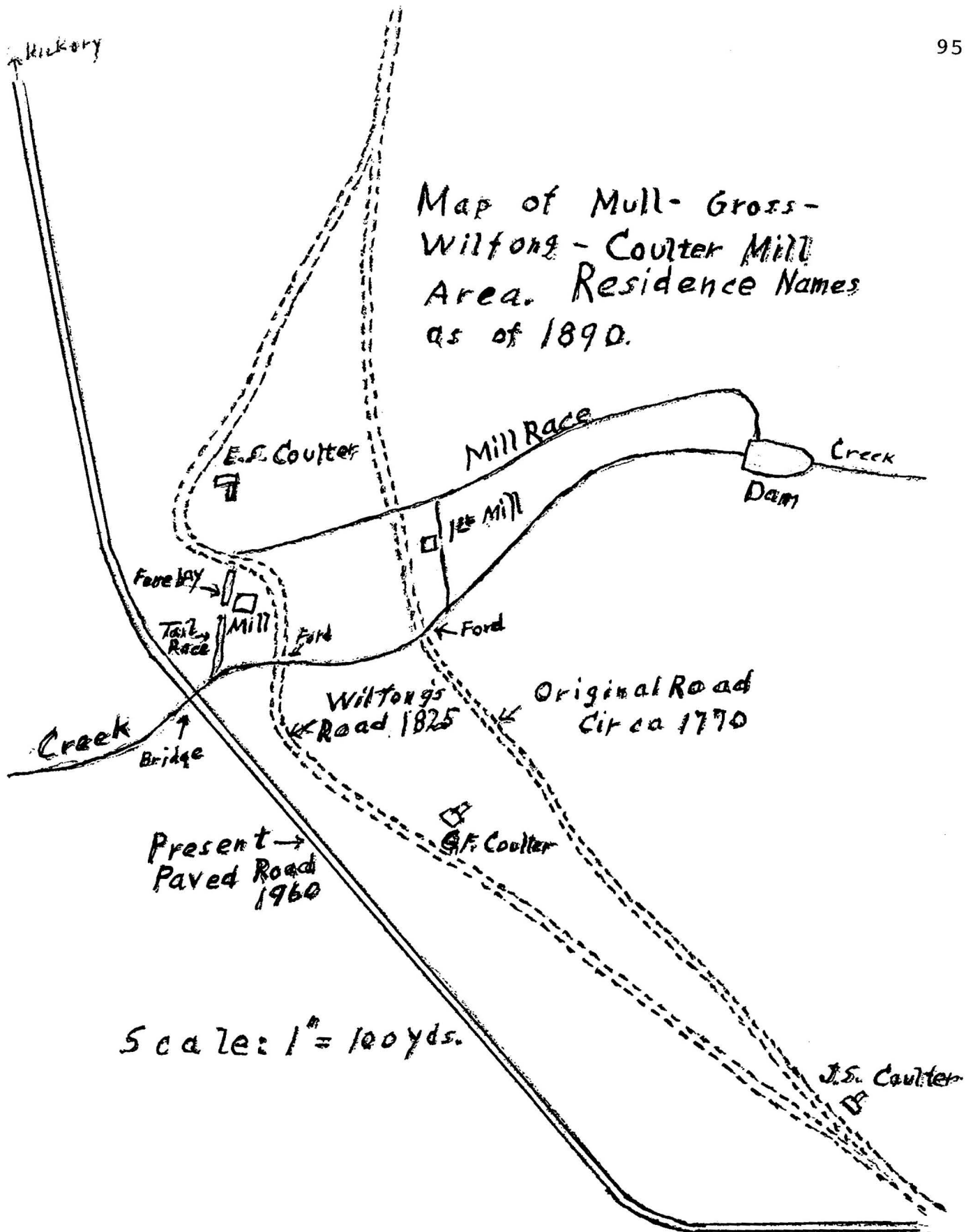
again, the mill was brought up to the best standard of the times.

For several months near the end of the Civil War the mill was closed while E. S. Coulter was in the Confederate service as a member of Captain Mark Smith's Company of Senior Reserves doing prisoner of war guard duty at Salisbury. Coulter was discharged in February, 1865, in order to get the mill in operation as a public necessity.

The mill dam, some 400 years upstream on the same rock ledge where Peter Mull first built one, had little storage capacity. It served mainly to divert the creek flow into the mill race. During much of the year the flow of the creek and the small water storage capacity of the dam was insufficient to operate both the wheat and corn mills all day. Coulter tried two methods of providing more water. At first he built a dam about 150 yards downstream from the original one but high enough to maintain the same water level in the race. This dam had sufficient night storage capacity to provide for continuous day-time operation. Unfortunately when the first big freshet came along the dam was washed out. It was rebuilt, presumably strong enough to withstand high water, but again it failed and the big dam project was abandoned. The second plan involved building a dam on the Huffman Branch, a small stream flowing from the north into the mill creek below the mill, and

bringing this water in a race around the hill directly into the main forebay. While helpful, this device did not give an adequate water supply and night operation of one mill was frequently necessary to take care of the business. E. S. Coulter operated the mill until the 1880's when he retired and on December 16, 1889, deeded the mill and 65 acres of land to his youngest son, George Franklin Coulter. The water problem was still acute and G. F. Coulter installed a steam engine both for supplementary power and also to run a saw mill for custom sawing. By the 1890's, the roller type flour mills in Newton and Hickory began to absorb the wheat flour trade. G. F. Coulter soon sold the steam engine and saw mill but continued to grind corn meal by water power. In the early 1900's a second steam engine and saw mill were installed; however, business continued to dwindle in favor of the town mills and all milling and sawing operations ceased about 1910. The mill had operated under the successive ownership of eight different men for about 140 years.

Map of Mull-Gross-
Wilford - Coulter Mill
Area. Residence Names
as of 1890.



APPENDIX VIII

THE COULTER-LOWRANCE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

Among those who have worked on Lowrance family genealogy, there have been differences of opinion about the identity of Isaac Lowrance, the tanner, born 1771, died July 18, 1843, and is buried beside his wife, Susannah, in the Bethlehem Cemetery at Claremont.

J. C. Coulter, in his genealogy published, 1922, in The Boone Family by Spraker, page 478, thought he was the husband of Catherine Coulter, daughter of Martin Coulter, Sr. Others thought he was the son of Isaac Lowrance of Bunker Hill. Some doubt was thrown on that assumption since he was not mentioned in the older Isaac Lowrance's will. The most recent investigations of Edgar Lowrance of Dedham, Massachusetts, show that he was the son of Peter Lowrance, 1741-1772, and his wife Elizabeth Bridges. He married Susannah Lowrance, the second child of Isaac Lowrance of Bunker Hill, and his wife, Catherine Coulter, daughter of Martin Coulter, Sr.

NOTES AND CORRECTIONS

