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WASHINGTON'S COMMENT ON THE 1790 CENSUS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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EDITOR'S NOTE: George Washington's comment on the taking of the 1790 census in North Carolina is enlightening, to say the least. The 1790 census of North Carolina, as is, is admittedly an invaluable aid to historians and genealogists, but its inadequacy and incompleteness are no doubt accurately accounted for below. This account comes from Archibald Henderson's Washington's Southern Tour - 1791 (Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston and New York [The Riverside Press, Cambridge], 1923).

From Washington's Diary, Sunday, 24th of April, 1791:-

"The whole Road from Newbern to Wilmington [North Carolina] (except in a few places of small extent) passes through the most barren country I ever beheld; especially in the parts nearest the latter; which is no other than a bed of white sand. - In places, however, before we came to these, if the idea of poverty could be separated from the Sand, the appearances of it are agreeable, resembling a lawn well covered with evergreens, and a good verdure below from a broom or course grass which having sprung since the burning of the Woods had a neat and handsome look especially as there were parts entirely open - and others with ponds of water, which contributed not a little to the beauty of the scene.

"Wilmington is situated on the Cape Fear River, about 30 miles by water from the mouth, but much less by land - It has some good houses pretty compactly built. - The whole under a hill; which is formed entirely of sand. - The number of Souls in it amount to about 1000, but it is agreed on all hands that the Census in this State has been very inaccurately, & Shamefully taken by the Marshall's deputies; who, instead of going to Peoples houses, & there, on the spot, ascertaining the Nos.; have advertised a meeting of them at certain places, by which means those who did not attend (and it seems many purposely avoided doing it, some from an apprehension of its being introductory of a tax, & others from religious scruples) have gone with their families, unnumbered - In other instances, it is said these deputies have taken their information from the Captains of Militia Companies; not only as to the men on their Muster Rolls, but of the Souls, in their respective families; which at best, must in a variety of cases, be mere conjecture whilst all those who are not on their lists - Widows and their families &c pass unnoticed.

"Wilmington, unfortunately for it, has a Mud bank, - miles below, over which not more than 10 feet water can be brought at common tides, yet it is said vessels of 250 Tons have come up. - The qty. of Shipping, which load here annually, amounts to about 1200 Tonns. - Some Tobacco, Corn, Rice & flax seed with Porke. - It is at the head of the tide navigation, but inland navigation may be extended 115 miles farther to and above Fayetteville which is from Wilmington 90 miles by land, & 115 by Water as above. - Fayetteville is a thriving place containing near [c1000] Souls - 6000 Hhds. of Tobacco, & 3000 Hhds. of Flax Seed have been recd. at it in the course of the year."

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Cards of Families (1990) Census

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note a Wm
Ballance
in Edenton Dist
Currituck

Slaughter
17 May 1988

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Colz 141 Pitt Co. New Bern Dist - 1 Mover 10, 1 other free person
 Georg 45 Richmond Co, Fayette Dist 1 Mover 10, 5 F Under 10, 3 other F
 James 64 Vidaleport Co, Halifax " 4 M " 10, 1 F " 10, 1 " F

Jacob Jr. 92 ✓

Jacob Sr. 92 Hillsborough Dist, Granville Co.
 11 (Taylor) 92 ✓ " " " "

John 21 Edenton Dist, Currituck Co. 2 Mover 10, 3 other F
 Owen Jr. 45 Fayette Dist, Richmond Co, 1 Mover 10, 2 M Under 10, 3 F
 " Sr 45? Fayette Dist, Richmond Co, 1 M Over 10, 2 F alt. 1945

Rebirk 139 "New Bern" Hyde Co 1 Mover 10, 2 other free persons

Samuel 151 " " " Wayne Co. 1 M Over 10, 3 Under 10, 3 F

Leah 143 " " " Johnston, 2 Females

Walter 45 Fayette Dist, Richmond Co. 1 Mover 10, 5 F Under 10, 3 other F

Zebion 45 " " ✓ " " 1 M " " , 2 F

Heritage of Johnston Co, N.C.

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 Aycocks 77, 78, 79, 80, 101, 256, 265, 324, 440, 485, 530, 671
 Ballance 207, 444, 623, 464

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note
 no Slaughter

- # 77 Berry Lawrence Aycocks
- 78 Ernest Oscar Aycocks Sr
- 79 Oscar Lafayette + Sera Masay Aycocks
- 80 Richard Noble Aycocks

Heritage of Wayne Co, N.C. 1982

Daughters: 647 (797) Rachel Louise Radford
 with checking?

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John Slaughter 1735 - 1830

John in 1800 census Edgemoor

a Peter
1810
over 45 -
next to
John -
brother?

1800 census Johnston - no John -
1810 census Johnston Co.
1820 " " "
1830 not in " "

Captain in 5th Regiment of Continental Line
Resident of Johnston Co - 1828 & age 90 (b. 1738)

Ch. Rev. War Pensions

Currituck Co. 1740 census

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52

52 ^{was} of our John
Slaughter

John males 3, 16 & up
females 3, ~~16 & up~~
(slaves)

Wm Ballance m. 1, 16 & up
F 2

1820 N.C. Census Slaughterers 18 May 1989

✓ Anson Co, James 54

Ashe Co. ✓ 20

✓ Beaufort Co. ✓ Richard 40

✓ Bertie ✓ Wm 27

✓ Granville ✓ Abram 56, ✓ Jacob 56, ✓ Isaac 6

✓ Halifax ✓ Lewis 44, ✓ Solomon 22

✓ Johnston ✓ John 16

✓ Montgomery ✓ Edmd 1830?

✓ Richmond ✓ Daniel 24, ✓ Levin 16, 24, ✓ Wm 24, 30, ✓ Zebulon 24

✓ Rowan ✓ Wm 46

✓ Stokes ✓ Jeremiah 65 ✓ Wm 66

✓ 1820 Wakelet of Samuel (in 1790 in Wayne)

✓ Warren Co, David 6

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1820

1790 Census

Slaughter ann 18 (Fairfax Co.)
 ann 80 " "
 Augustine 91 (Norfolk)
 Elias 36 (New Kent)
 Ezebiel 23 (Halifax)
 Geo 28 (Hanover)
 Hilary 60 (Princess Anne Co ??)
 John 16 (Cumberland)
 John 23 (Halifax)
 " 89 (Cumberland)
 " 88 (Halifax)
 " 92 (New Kent)
 Samuel 23 (Halifax)
 Samuel 28 (Hanover)

1810

Slaughter	Belford	Joseph	Bedford Co
Charles	Campbell	Joseph	Fauquier
Wm Pias	Hanover	Milly	Berkeley
Elias	Lunenburg	Munney	Lunenburg
Ezebiel	Wittaway	Rebecca	Ranawha
Francis	Nelson	Robert	Culpepper
Geo	Dunwiddie	Robert	Cumbers
Geo W.	Caroline	Samuel	Hanover
Goodrich	Ranawha	Lena	Lunenburg
Henry	Lunenburg	Smith	Jefferson
Henry	Fauquier	Stanton	Culpepper
James	York	Susanna	Fauquier
James	Madison	Susanna	Spotsylvania
John	Culpepper	Thomas	(Culpeper)
John	Campbell		
John	York		
John	Lunenburg		