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### Thomas McCuiston Sr. (1704–abt. 1758)<sup>172</sup>

BORN: in County Derry, Ire.<sup>173</sup> IMMIGRATED: August 1735, landing in New Castle, Del.<sup>174</sup> DIED: in Rowan (Guilford) Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: John (1674–1715).<sup>175</sup> MOTHER: Isabella Crelon (1678–?) in January 1699.<sup>176</sup> BROTHERS: *James McCuiston* (1700–1765) and *Robert McCuiston* (1710–1765); and Alexander (?–

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<sup>172</sup> McCuiston, —Descendants of John McCuiston.

<sup>173</sup> Ibid.

<sup>174</sup> Ibid.

<sup>175</sup> Ibid. Family historians claim that this John McCuiston was born in Parish Dungiven, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland, and he died in Londonderry, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

<sup>176</sup> Ibid. Family historians claim that this Isabella Crelon McCuiston was born in Parish Bovevagh, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

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?).<sup>177</sup> SISTERS: Margaret (?–?); and Ann (?–?).<sup>178</sup> **MARRIED** Jane (surname unknown) (?–1800) in abt. 1730.<sup>179</sup> **CHILDREN.** SONS: James (?–?); Thomas Jr. (?–?); and John (?–?).<sup>180</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>181</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: unknown. MINOR OFFICES: unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 3, 1753, and sold this tract to *Robert McCuiston* for five shillings in April 1758; obtained a Granville land grant containing 600 acres (designated No. 12 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-four shillings yearly rent) on November 9, 1755; and possibly obtained a Granville land grant containing 550 acres (designated No. 25 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-two shillings yearly rent) on June 24, 1758, and sold this tract to *John Blair* for five shillings in November 1761.<sup>182</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: unable to determine. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

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<sup>177</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 25–26.

<sup>178</sup> Ibid., 25; and Daggett, *Noah McCuiston*, 87.

<sup>179</sup> McCuiston, —Descendants of John McCuiston. I

<sup>180</sup> Ibid.

<sup>181</sup> Thomas McCuiston, 640 acres, Rowan (December 3, 1753), Granville Grants.

<sup>182</sup> Thomas McCuiston, 640 acres, Rowan (December 3, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:182–84; Tho. McCuiston, 600 acres, Rowan (November 9, 1755), Granville Grants; Thomas McCuiston, 550 acres, Rowan (June 24, 1758), Granville Grants; and Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:647–49. Note—it is unclear whether this —Thomas McCuiston purchased the Granville land grant of 550 acres on June 24, 1758. At least three men named —Thomas McCuiston lived in the Nottingham Settlement area during this time—both of Thomas's brothers as well as himself named their sons —Thomas. Also, this Thomas's death date is approximate. He may have died much later than 1758.