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Maria Todd Houston  
my great Grandmother -  
Her husband - Samuel Wauchope  
(Walker)

She was 1st. cousin to Gen.  
Sam Houston.

Samuel & Maria had 8 sons.  
Listed on page 140

Joseph Walker Walker was  
a minister. (your great  
grandfather) & the 3rd  
son.

Samuel Houston Walker  
was a teacher. (my grand  
father) & 8th son.

my father was John Thompson Wauchope

So - your great grandfather Joseph W.  
& my grandfather Samuel H.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL ACCOUNTS

MANY MEMBERS

OF THE

HOUSTON FAMILY

ACCOMPANIED BY A

GENEALOGICAL TABLE.

COMPILED BY

REV. SAM'L RUTHERFORD HOUSTON, D. D.,

FROM WELL AUTHENTICATED RECORDS, AND AN EXTENSIVE CORRESPONDENCE  
WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF WELL INFORMED MEM-  
BERS OF THE FAMILY,

DURING THE YEARS 1876-1882.

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desired to unite with one from the opposite, they would arrange to meet on the lofty summit, with their respective friends, and receive from the good old minister the thrilling words, 'I pronounce you husband and wife.'

The body of Rev. *Samuel Houston*, and that of his wife, *Margaret (Walker) Houston*, lie entombed in the cemetery of "Highbridge Church," Rockbridge Co., Va. They had seven children—five daughters and two sons—as follows:

- V. {
1. Elizabeth (Betsie) Stuart Houston, born 1796.
  2. Maria Todd Houston, born 1798.
  3. Jannetta Moore Houston, born 1800.
  4. Matilda Rowe Houston, born 1802.
  5. Elvira Marg't Walker Houston, born 1804.
  6. Samuel Rutherford Houston, born 1806.
  7. John Davies Houston, born 1809.

V. { *Elizabeth S. Houston* (No. 1 above) married Dr. *James Paxton*, (brother of the Rev. John D. Paxton, D. D., Ky.

She was born in Rockbridge Co., Va., at her father's residence ("Rural Valley") two and one-half miles from the famous Natural Bridge, and about 12 miles southwest of Lexington, Va. Her husband was a son of John Paxton, long a ruling elder in Falling Spring Church, very exemplary and faithful. They lived in Abingdon, Va., where Dr. Paxton practiced his profession with great skill and success. She died there, after a short sickness, in the year 1827.

Her epitaph is as follows:

"Here lies all that was mortal of *Elizabeth Stuart Paxton* and her infant, who died January 16th, 1827, aged thirty. Dust returns to dust, but the spirit to the God who gave it."

She was an intelligent, sprightly lady, of pleasing personal appearance and manner, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of profound religious principles. Towards the close of his life Dr. Paxton was ensnared and led astray by the mazes of Swedenborgianism, much to the distress of all his friends.

VI.—They left one child, *John Paxton* (Gen. vi.) who married a Miss *Campbell*, and they had four or five children. He was a physician of some note in Knoxville, Tennessee, and was a surgeon in the Confederate army.

V.—*Maria Todd Houston* (No. 2, p. 137).

She was the second daughter of Rev. Sam'l Houston. Her husband, *Samuel Walkup* (Wauchope), was a brother of the wife of Rev. Dr. Jno. McElhenney, the celebrated "Pioneer" preacher of the Presbyterian Church of Virginia in the early part of the present century. Mr. W. was at first the editor of a newspaper, or magazine, in Lexington, Va.; afterwards the Sheriff of Rockbridge Co., Va. In the war of 1812 he was Paymaster in the Army, stationed at Norfolk, Va. After the war he bought a farm in Rockbridge Co., Va., and, while a farmer, married M. T. Houston. She was a superior woman, both as to intellect and heart. There never was a truer woman in all respects, faithful

to a fault in every relation of life, governed by genuine religious principle under all circumstances, always in her place at church, generous and liberal beyond her means, carefully instructing her children in religious truth, sympathizing with neighbors in distress, and finally died a martyr to the health and comfort of her grandchildren. Her death was sudden, in consequence of over-exertion and fatigue in her attention to the family of her son, S. H. Walkup, while changing his place of residence. She died in the year 1875, in the 77th year of her age.

Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the late pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va., a devoted friend of Mrs. Walkup, sent the following consolatory lines to a sister of Mrs. W.

"Weep not for her, for she has crossed the river;  
We almost saw Him meet her on the shore,  
And lead her through the golden gate, where never  
Sorrow nor death can enter more.

"Weep not for her, that she has reached before us  
The happy shelter of her long loved home.  
Weep not for her, she may be bending o'er us  
In quiet wonder when we too shall come.

"Weep not for her. Think how she may be kneeling,  
Gazing her fill upon the Master's face;  
A loving, humble smile but half revealing  
The perfect peace she feels in Mary's place."

She had eight children, all of them sons, viz:

1. Samuel Augustine Walkup, Dr.
2. John Arthur Walkup, Farmer.
3. Joseph Walker Walkup, Rev.
4. Matthew Henry Walkup, Teacher and Farmer.
- VI. { 5. Samuel Rutherford Walkup, died in infancy.
6. James Douglas Walkup, Merchant and Farmer.
7. Wm. Madison Walkup, Teacher.
8. Samuel Houston Walkup, Teacher.

From these have descended thirty-one grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

When their children began to grow up Mr. Walkup sold his farm and settled in Lexington, where he built a brick house of considerable size. His object in this move was to enable him to give his children a good education. Some years after this he sold his property in town and settled on a portion of the Rural Valley estate which Mrs. Walkup inherited from her father after his death in 1839. Mr. Walkup became helpless from paralysis some years before he died, and entirely speechless. He lived and died a true, warm-hearted Christian. He was peculiarly independent and unconcerned about what others might think of him; hence his true character was not well understood except by his most intimate friends.

VI.—*Samuel Augustine Walkup* (No. 1 above, p. 140), the first son of Maria Todd (Houston) Walkup, married *Miss Louisa B. Banks*, daughter of Wm. Banks, Pittsylvania Court House, Va., in

1846, State Attorney of Halifax Circuit. *Augustine* was educated at Washington College, Va. (now W. and L. University), and graduated in the year 1841. Taught school at various places for about five years; then studied medicine under the direction of Dr. J. J. Moorman and Dr. David E. Houston. After which he attended lectures first at the University of Virginia; then in (1847-'49) the city of New York, where he obtained his diploma.

He settled as practitioner at Halifax Court House, where he married *Miss Banks*; then practiced for four or five years in Danville, Virginia; next in Cuthbert, Georgia, eight years; next in Whitney, Calhoun County, two years; then in Baker County, three years; and finally settled in Eufala, Alabama, where he has now (1877) been practicing his profession for about eight years, and serving as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. While living at Cuthbert his wife died, in 1857. In 1859 he was married again to *Miss Margaret M. Gerry*, the daughter of Rev. J. L. Gerry, of Hamilton County, Florida. His children are:

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|--------------|------|-------------------------|
| By 1st wife, | VII. | 1. Alice S. Walkup,     |
|              |      | 2. Susan M. Walkup,     |
|              |      | 3. Marg't L. Walkup,    |
|              |      | 4. Lucy G. Walkup,      |
| By 2d wife,  | VII. | 5. Jennie F. Walkup,    |
|              |      | 6. Roberta P. Walkup,   |
|              |      | 7. Jessie Walkup,       |
|              |      | 8. Chas G. Walkup,      |
|              |      | 9. Augustine J. Walkup, |
|              |      | 10. Marion J. Walkup,   |
|              |      | 11. Mary Maud Walkup.   |

VII. { *Susan M. Walkup* (No. 2)  
married *A. W. Stokes*, at Eufala, and has  
three children.

VII.—*Marg't L. Walkup* (No. 3) died from the effects of a burn in 1857.

VI. { *John Arthur Walkup* (No. 2, p. 140)  
married *Miss Susan Banks*, daughter of  
Wm. Banks, Halifax Court House.

He was educated at Washington College, Lexington, Va. Has taught a classical school for some time. He resides in Halifax County, Va., 1877.

No children.

VI.—*Joseph W. Walkup* (No. 3, p. 140) married, first, *Miss Jennie Armstrong*, a daughter of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va., who lost his wife by the wrecking of a steamer on Long Island Sound. The second wife of J. W. Walkup is *Kate Kendrick*, of Frederick County, Va.—an active, cheerful, pious lady, a real helpmeet for her sometimes discouraged, despondent husband. While a student of theology he was much interrupted in his studies by weakness of vision; but he has become a very acceptable preacher, and is much devoted to his work. He is now (in 1871) preaching in Winchester Presbytery, as an evangelist, to the people of "Mount Bethel," "North River," and "Bloomery churches." In 1868 he was for some time the pastor of "Old Concord," Roanoke Presbytery.

VII.—By his first wife he had one son (*George Armstrong Walkup*), now a student in W. and

Lee University, Va., (1881). By his second wife two children, viz: 1. Sarah Kendrick Walkup. 2. Joseph Alcine Walkup. He served as a Chaplain in the Confederate army.

VII.—*Matthew Henry Walkup* (No. 4, p. 140) married, first, Kate Byrnside (daughter of James Byrnside, long a successful merchant in Monroe County, Va.), a sprightly, handsome lady, and by her he had four children, viz:

- VII. { 1. Samuel Byrnside Walkup,  
2. Maria Houston Walkup,  
3. Wm. Akers Walkup,  
4. Kate May Walkup.

She died of consumption at her father's, in Union County, W. Va.

His second wife is Elizabeth Ann Bickett, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer of Monroe County, Va. She is a good, industrious, managing woman, well skilled in housekeeping, and a conscientious, exemplary Christian.

He has three children by her, viz:

- VII. { 1. Mannie Jane Walkup,  
2. Michael Henry Walkup,  
3. Samuel R. Walkup. Died early.

With his present wife he lives on a farm near Rocky Point, a village in Monroe County, West Virginia; and they are both valued members of the Mt. Pleasant Church—he being an elder in the same—the writer hereof the pastor. He received his education at Washington College.

*James Douglas Walkup* (No. 5, p. 140) married *Bessie Pegram*. Settled on a farm in Tennessee, and soon after went into the mercantile business. His wife is said to be an active, industrious woman, much respected and beloved by her friends. He joined the Methodist Church (having no Presbyterian Church near him), and acts as a class-leader. Have no particular knowledge of them.

Their children are—

- VII. { 1. Samuel D. Walkup,  
2. Jno. P. Walkup,  
3. Joseph A. Walkup,  
4. Wm. Maston Walkup,  
5. Lizzie Houston Walkup.

VI. { *William Madison Walkup* (No. 7, p. 140) married *Mattie Hunter*, of Mississippi, 1867.

Four children, viz:

- VII. { 1. Wm. Hunter Walkup,  
2. Anna Maria Walkup,  
3. Claudius Walkup,  
4. Mary Eliz'th Walkup.

His wife died in 1877. He taught in a high-school at Holly Springs for some time—know nothing further respecting him.

VI. { *Samuel Houston Walkup* (No. 8, p. 113) married *Annie De Witt*, of Richmond, Va.

Their children are <sup>Mary</sup>

- VII. { 1. Bennet W. Walkup,  
2. Arthur R. Walkup,  
3. Lottie M. Walkup,  
4. Julia R. Walkup,  
5. Philip P. Walkup, *Wauchope*  
6. Joseph H. Walkup,  
7. Jno. Thos. Walkup,  
8. *Samuel Houston Walkup*

Mrs. Walkup has the reputation of being an intelligent, worthy woman, contributing her full share towards promoting the interest of the household. He received a respectable education, but not so liberal as that of his elder brothers. He has spent much of his time in teaching elementary schools; has also acted as colporteur for some of the benevolent associations. All of the sons of Maria Todd (Houston) Walkup served in the Confederate army. Joseph as a Chaplain. James had his thigh-bone fractured in the second Manassas battle. Matthew H. was captured and kept in prison at "Point Lookout" for some time after the surrender. Samuel H., the youngest, was terribly wounded, first in the battle of Williamsburg, in both hands and in his side; and again, in the battle of Drury Bluff, he was shot through his left lung. It is with great difficulty he is able to support his family.

V.—*Janetta Moore Houston.*

She was the third daughter of Rev. Sam'l Houston; born in the year 1800, and is living at the old homestead ("Rural Valley") with the widowed family of her brother John D. Houston, being in the 81st year of her age.

She married *Madison Gilmore*, a man highly respected for his integrity, honorable bearing, and usefulness. For many years he was a magistrate in Bottetourt County, Va.; served also as a member of the Legislature. He owned a large and valuable farm on James River, near "Daggers Springs."

According to the will of his father the farm was to revert to his brothers if he should have no issue. Consequently, dying without issue, his widow was left in very reduced circumstances. But her own father's will provided that Rural Valley should always be a refuge for any one of his children who might come to want. Mrs. Gilmore is a woman of excellent character, truly spiritual minded, very tender in her religious sentiment, loves to talk on religious subjects, very attentive to all relative duties, never absent from church except when providentially prevented.

When a housekeeper, no one was more careful, industrious, and judicious, in her attention to household interests; for the most part cheerful and happy, though easily affected by any occurrences calculated to grieve or alarm—exceedingly kind and charitable. She always had many sincerely attached friends among her female acquaintances. Her husband died suddenly, while sitting in his room. He never made a public profession of religion; but no one was more respectful toward religious things, and his most intimate friends regarded him a Christian. From an obituary we extract the following particulars:

"He died in the 66th year of his age. For upwards of thirty years he filled the office of Justice of the Peace, when indeed it was an honor to be one. His decisions were always received with respect. He was twice elected to represent the counties of Bottetourt and Craig in the Legislature