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Daniel Weldon was born in Henrico County, Va., the son of Samuel Weldon and the grandson of the Samuel Weldon who settled in Virginia in 1675 as factor of a London merchant. His mother was Elizabeth Allen Cobbs Weldon, the widow of Robert Cobbs. By her first husband Mrs. Weldon was the mother of Sarah Cobbs, first wife of Robert Jones, attorney general of North Carolina. The will of Samuel Weldon in Henrico in 1748 mentioned among others his wife's grandchildren, Allen, Willie, and Martha Jones. Samuel Weldon, the youngest son of Samuel, later moved to North Carolina and was prominent in the Revolution. Priscilla Weldon, sister of Daniel and Samuel ^[2], married Lewis Williamson of Northampton County ^[3], N.C., and was the grandmother of Weldon Nathaniel Edwards ^[4].

About 1745 Daniel Weldon moved to Granville County ^[5], N.C., where he was clerk of court from 1748 to 1763. In October 1749 he and William Churton ^[6] on behalf of North Carolina and Joshus Fry and Peter Jefferson on behalf of Virginia were the commissioners to run the line between the two colonies from Peter's Creek, where the Byrd survey had stopped, to the Holston River, a distance of ninety miles. In 1756 Weldon was appointed one of the commissioners to lay off a town on the land of James Leslie ^[7] on the banks of the Roanoke River ^[8] in Halifax County ^[9]. This was the town of Halifax, of which Weldon was appointed a trustee and director by the General Assembly in 1759. On 11 Jan. 1753 Marmaduke Kimbrough sold him 1,273 acres of land on the south side of the Roanoke River on both sides of Chockoyotte Creek ^[10]. This plantation, which became the residence of Weldon and his descendants, is the site of the present town of Weldon.

On 17 Jan. 1753 Weldon married Elizabeth Eaton, the daughter of Colonel William Eaton, a prominent settler in Granville County. Daniel and Elizabeth had only one child, a son William. No record of Weldon's estate has been found. His widow married William Park of Warren County ^[11] and died in 1804. By her second husband she had Robert Park and Eliza, who married as her third husband and she his third wife, Governor James Turner ^[12] of North Carolina. They had two daughters who married and left issue.

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