The Descendents of Peter Hitt

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 The Homeland

For thousands of years people lived in the forests and mountains of what is now Germany. But Germany as a country is 100 years younger than the United States. It was not formed until 1871 – more than a century and a half after our forefathers, the immigrants of 1714, left there for the new world.

The city of Siegen is in the west central part of Germany on the Seig River which flows into the Rhine at Cologne 50 miles to the west. Siegen is mentioned in documents as far back as 1077, although it was in existence long before this. In 1303, Siegen gained a measure of independence from the House of Nassau to whom taxes were paid, possessing its own city government administration with mayor and alderman and city court. Tax lists in 1566-1583 show some of the earliest ancestry of the families who left 150 years later for Virginia.

Siegen was rich in iron ore that was often located near the surface so it could be taken from open-work mines. Mining became the principle industry. In the museum at Siegen, there is a primitive smelter dating back to 500 B.C. which shows how long these people had been mining. Their iron products were known all over Germany. They exported cannons, stoves, and other small articles. Industrious, prosperous, democratic and well-educated, the people of Siegen were the Nordic type – usually tall with blue eyes, fair hair and skin and long-headed.

la 1713, 12 men left Siegen to come to Virginia to set up a mining operation for Governor Spotswood. These men were lifelong friends. Many of them were related. Six were married and six were unmarried. They ranged in age from 21 to 52 years. The older men were leading citizens. All were business and property owners and guild members. They brought with them their old pastor and his wife and children. With the wives and children the group consisted of 42 persons. They arrived in Virginia in the early Spring of 1714, and settled at a place they named Germanna.

1.2 Germanna

Far and away the most ancient and most historical settlement in Orange County was Germanna in the peninsula formed by the Rapidan. Indeed there are few places in Virginia, which is to say in all America, that surpass Germanna in historic interest during the colonial period: Jamestown, Williamsburg, York and a few others; yet today Germanna constitutes not much more than a name and a memory, rich as it is in associations with the past.

So wrote William Wallace Scott, in 1907, who was State law librarian, a member of the Virginia Historical Society, and for ten years, State Librarian of Virginia. He had found in the library an old book, long overlooked, entitled **Acts of Assembly Passed In The Colony of Virginia From 1662 to 1715**, printed at London in 1727. One of the last acts in this book is one to exempt certain German Protestants from the payment of levies for seven years, and for erecting the parish of St. George, passed in 1714:

Whereas certain German Protestants, to the number of forty-two persons or thereabouts. have been settled above the falls of the River Rappahannock, on the southern branch of the said river, called Rapidan, at a place named Germanna, in the County of Essex, and have there begun to build and make improvements for their cohabitation, to the great advantage of this colony and the security of the frontiers in those parts from the intrusions of the Indians, it is enacted that they shall be free from the payment of all public and county levies for seven years, as should be any other German Protestants who might settle there, always providing, however, that they did not leave Germanna and settle elsewhere.

The next section created the parish of St. George, extending for five miles on each side of the town, exempts it from all parish levies from the Parish of St. Mary, in Essex, and from the cure of the minister thereof, and "from all dependencies, offices, charges and contributions" of the same, and of "all levies, obentions, oblations and all other parochial duties whatsoever" relating to the same.

Some interesting historical facts are disclosed here:

- that Germanna was in Essex County at that time;
- that a special parish was established of which the ecclesiastical historians have taken no note whatever, the St. George parish of later years being a wholly distinct one, though embracing the original parish of that name; and, most of all,
- that these strangers in a strange land were placed there as a buffer against the Indians, a cruel thing to have done.

These German Protestants who came in 1714 were the "First Settlers" of Orange, then a part of Essex, afterwards of Spotsylvania, and not called Orange until 20 years later. Two more German colonies came to Germanna and settled nearby, one in 1717 and the other in 1719, but they were entirely distinct from the 1714 colonists, in fact the second colony left Germany bound for Pennsylvania but landed in Virginia instead. Both the second and third colonies were Lutherans and they took over the mining operations when the 1714 colony moved out in 1719.

The history of these Germans is very interesting and has been written at large by several authors, the best and most comprehensive account of them being the **Kemper Genealogy**, which treats the earliest colony, that of 1714. General James L. Kemper, Governor of Virginia soon after the war, was a descendant of one of these colonists. Their descendants are to be found all over the United States. I, too, am concerned with the 1714 colony, not because they were "first" but because my father, Joel Reuben Hitt (1874-1967) of Clinton, MS, was descended from at least five of the twelve German men, "Heads of Family," who came over in 1714. Governor Alexander Spotswood, who had obtained a Royal Permit from England to bring over miners to develop iron and possibly silver mines in the vicinity of Germanna, was unable to make much progress with this enterprise. He got the Baron de Graffenreid (whom I would call a promoter) to help him. Graffenreid, from Switzerland, was also interested because he thought there

were large silver deposits on land he had patented. He induced these twelve men to leave their homes in the old principality of Nassau-Siegen and town of Musen. For centuries these people had been miners (I have a picture of the remains of an old smelter built about 500 B.C* near their old home and another of this same smelter reconstructed). So this was not a group who came to America seeking freedom of religion or refuge of any sort. They did not leave home not knowing where they were going, and what they were going to do and what they would be paid to do it. They came from one of the thriftiest and most intelligent provinces of Germany: they were master mechanics and were an intelligent, progressive set of people, well-educated by the standards of that time. Compulsory schooling had been in effect since the middle of the sixteenth century. They brought their pastor and school teacher with them. They left Germany and sailed to England where they were met by Graffenreid. After some delay they left England and landed in America in April, 1714.

A note in the Essex County records (Deeds, Etc. 16, page 180) under date of 17 May 1720 reads as follows:

The Honorable Alexander Spotswood ... did put under my command eleven laboring men to work in mines or quarries at or near Germanna and we began to work March 1715/16 and so continued til December, 1718. (Signed by John Justice Albright.)

Then follows: "What is subscribed above by the Hoffman is true for I kept the accounts for him and was one of the men." Signed by H. Jacob Holtzclaw (one of the immigrants – the school teacher). Another immigrant, John Henry Weaver, died while they were building the fort and his son was too young to work - the reason there were only 11 men mentioned. This thirteen-year-old boy, Tilman Weaver, became the head of the family when his older brother died along with his father. He was helped by the other men and received his father's share of the land at Germantown.

These twelve Germans who came to Virginia in 1714 have been named over and over by different historians throughout the years, some giving the names of the members of the families who came over with them – making a group of "about" 42 persons. I prefer the list compiled by Dr. B.C. Holtzclaw, Professor of Philosophy and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Richmond and Genealogist for the Memorial Foundation of the Germanma Colonies in Virginia. These are the twelve men and their families who left Germany in 1713 and landed in Virginia before April 27, 1714:

- 1. Melchior Brumback, born 1685 from Muesen. A young bachelor who married Philip Fishback's daughter Elizabeth soon after coming to Germanna.
- 2. Joseph Cuntz, born 1674, from Oberfishbach, in Siegen, his first wife Anna Gertrude, son John, born 1706, daughter Ann Elizabeth, born 1708, daughter Catherine, born 1713. Joseph's first wife died soon after coming to America and he married Catherine Weaver, daughter of the immigrant John Henry Weaver. His daughter Mary, by this marriage, married Joseph Hitt, Joel R. Hitt's great great grandfather.
- Philip Fishback, born 1661 from Trubach in Siegen; wife Elizabeth, son John; born 1691, son Harman, born 1696, daughter Mary Elizabeth, born 1687 and daughter Mary Elizabeth, born 1696.
- 4. Rev. Henrich Haeger, born 1644, wife Anna Catherine and daughters Agnes, born 1697 and Anna Catherine, born 1702.
- 5. John Huffman, born 1692 from Eisern in Siegen. Unmarried.
- Peter Hitt, born 1681 from Rehbach in Seigen. Unmarried.
- Jacob Holtzclaw, born 1683 from Oberfischbach, wife Anna Margaret Utterback, born 1686, daughter of Harmon Utterback, and their two sons: John, born 1709 and Henry, born 1711.
- John Kemper, born in 1692 from Muesen. Unmarried.
- 9. Joseph (Jost) Martin, born 1691 from Muesen. unmarried. (Joseph Martin married Mary Catherine Utterback, born 1699, daughter of the immigrant Harman Utterback (their granddaughter, Agnes Martin, became the wife of Lazarus Hitt and so the great grandmother of Joel Reuben Hitt).
- Jacob Rector, born 1674, from Trupbach, wife Anna Elizabeth, born 1685, daughter of Philip Fishback, and their son John, born 1711.
- John Spilman, born 1679, from Oberfishbach. Unmarried. Married later Mary Elizabeth, born 1696, daughter of Philip Fishback.
- 12. Harman Utterback, born 1664, from Trupbach, wife Elizabeth Hiembach, their sons John Philip,

born 1692 and John, born 1702, and their daughters: Elizabeth, born 1689 (married Peter Hitt, the immigrant, and was Joel Reuben Hitt's great-great-great grandmother), Alice Catherine, born 1697, Mary Catherine, born 1699 (married later Joseph Martin), and Anna Catherine, born 1705 (married Harman Fishback).

13. John Henry Weaver; born 1667; from Eisern, wife Anna Margaret Huttman, son John, born 1693, daughter Catherine, born 1697 (Catherine became the second wife of Joseph Cuntz and so the great-great-great-grandmother of Joel Reuben Hitt), and his son Tilman, born 1701 who married later Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Cuntz.

Reverend Haeger (number 4 above) joined the other twelve after they had built the fort. He was their pastor and already over 70 years of age. His health was so bad that he had retired in Germany, but this didn't keep him from coming to America with his little flock. Although there were only twelve "heads of family" and his name is not on the granite marker at Germanna, there were actually thirteen including him; but I suppose because he was not able to work he was never included. His two daughters married two of the bachelor immigrants: John Fishback and John Huffman.

During the summer of 1714 these courageous men built Germanna, struggling to get shelter before the bitter cold set in. They must have worked on into the winter because the record shows that they started to work on the mines and furnace 1715/16. Very little of what they had been promised was given them. They felled the trees and built the stockade, a blockhouse, houses for themselves and shelter for their animals. Governor Spotswood did give them a gun, and ammunition for it. A good description of Germanna was given by John Fontaine. He was interested in buying land and took every opportunity to learn what he could about the country. He visited Germanna in 1715 and several more times. He was a careful observer and kept a daily record of what he saw and did. He left Williamsburg on November 9, 1715 on horseback and arrived at Germanna on November 20. The following is taken from his journal.

21st – our beds not being easy, as soon as it was day, we got-up. It rained hard, but notwithstanding, we walked about the town, which is palisaded with stakes stuck in the ground, and laid close the one to the other, and the substance to bear out a musket shot. There are but nine families and they have nine houses, built in a line; and before every house, about twenty feet distance from it, they have small sheds built for their hogs and hens, so that the hogsties and houses make a street. The place that is paled in is a pentagon, very regularly laid out; and in the very center there is a blockhouse, made with five sides, which answer to the five sides of the great enclosure. This was intended for a retreat for the people, in case they were not able to defend the palisadoes, if attacked by the Indians.

They make use of the blockhouse for divine service. They go to prayers constantly once a day, and have two sermons on Sunday. We went to hear them perform their service, which was done in their own language, which we did not understand; but they seemed to be very devout, and sang the songs very well.

He also said that Germanna lay upon the Rappahannock River, 30 miles above the Falls and 30 miles from any inhabitants. It was from Germanna that John Fountaine and Governor Spotswood and other gentlemen (The Knights of the Golden Horseshoe) left in 1716 to make their celebrated expedition across the Blue Ridge. Fontaine's account of this trip gives an excellent description of the "flora and fauna" and makes delightful reading.

In 1732 Colonel William Byrd, visiting Colonel Spotswood (at this time he had retired as Governor and had built a house near Germanna) wrote of a row of ruinous houses that German families had occupied years before, and said that those families had moved higher to land of their own. These were the houses that the 1714 Germans had left vacant in 1719. By 1732 they were falling apart. Colonel Byrd ("The Black Swan") wrote "A Progress to the Mines" describing in great detail this visit. He was there from the middle of September until "well into October" and gives a good description of the furnace, the mines, the countryside and the amenities among the social "elite."

In the five years the 1714 immigrants were at Germanna, they cleared land, built Germanna Ford, built roads, built Spotswells furnace, hauled ore, mined it and taught others how to mine. Feeling that they had fulfilled their contract with Spotswood, a deep desire to own their own land and perhaps that they had not been treated fairly by the governor, they determined to buy land of their own and move out, so they did. The brief time spent at Germanna under the patronage of Governor Spotswood was overshadowed by privation and hardship – many of them had died – but it was also a period of great practical value as experience for the future. The last recorded act before leaving Germanna was recorded in a bill of complaint by Jacob Spilman forty years after leaving Germanna in which he testified that "sometime in the year 1718 certain Germans (heads of twelve families) made an entry of a large tract of land know as German Town, and the said Germans came to an agreement with each other, that they should be of equal expense and that the whole lands should be divided equally amongst all the partners by lot." Thus they made freely a firm commitment to hang together lest they hang separately – a unique bond of mutual assistance, for the common welfare of all. So the little band of Germans, full of courage to face and overcome the hardships and dangers of an untamed wilderness and sustained by an unwavering religious faith, left Germanna and moved 19 miles out to Germantown where they still served as an outpost of defense on the frontier – a buffer between the colonies hugging the east coast and the "wild west." From Germantown they moved on out cutting the roads and trails leading westward across the Alleghanies. and their descendants went out in all directions over the United States; and in government, military and civil life, in business, religious services, literature and especially in education they have risen to prominence and honor.

"It is doubtful whether any other single group of men the same size, or ten times the size, in any part of the world has ever produced through two centuries an equal number of great men."

— Joseph Shinn, noted historian.

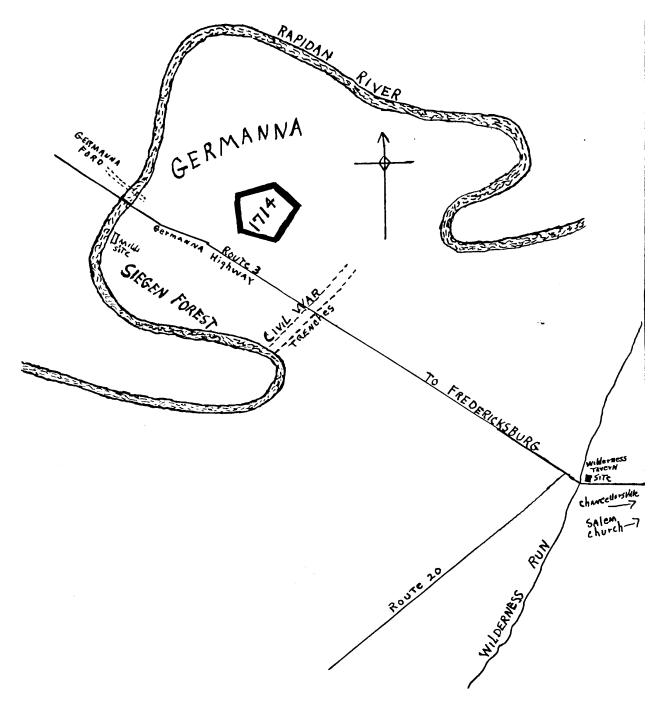
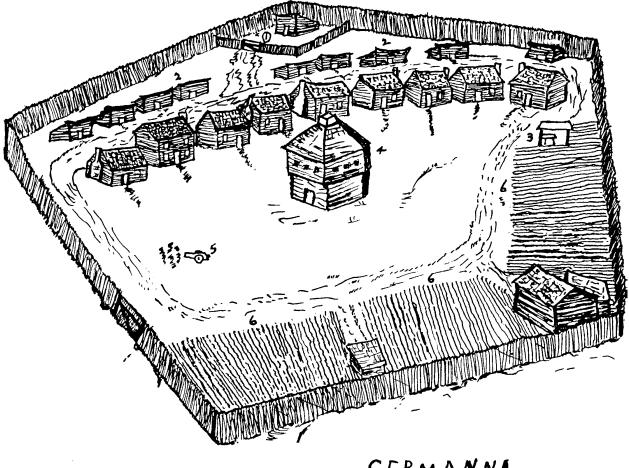


Figure 1.1: The Germanna Colony



GERMANNÁ 1714 1. CHICKENS 2.STOCK 3. COMMUNITY WELL 4. BLOCKHOUSE - CHURCH 5.GUN 6COMMUNITY GARDENS

Figure 1.2: Germanna 1714

1.3 Germantown

It is not known exactly when the 1714 immigrants moved to Germantown. In the testimony of Spillman vs. Gent case, some forty years after leaving Germanna (Fauquier County Miscellaneous Records, Land Causes, 1759-1807, Page 5 FF) Jacob Spilman states that "Sometime in the year of our lord 1718, Jacob Holtzclaw, John Hoffman, John Fishback, Peter Hitt, Harman Fishback, Tilman Weaver, your orator's grandfather, John Spilman, and several other Germans made an entry of a large tract of land now lying situate in this County known by the name of German Town" I have already shown that the man quit work for Governor Spotswood in December of 1718. Since they were unhappy at Germanna and eager to get to their new home in time to "set up and pitch a crop" it seems logical to assume that they moved early in 1719 – possibly in December of 1718. These Germans, being in a strange land and by nature methodical, would have waited until the survey was completed. They were the first people to enter for land in this vicinity, and Lord Fairfax wanted to get settlers on this frontier, so the land office would have taken steps to expedite the survey if necessary. Captain Hooper who surveyed the land was appointed sheriff of Stafford County in May, 1719 and held that office for at least two years. It is not likely that he would have surveyed Germantown after he became sheriff. The patent papers were not issued until August 22, 1724, the long delay being due to the closing of the land office from 1719 to 1722 because of the death of his wife, lady Catherine Fairfax. The earliest date recorded for the settlement was 1721, carved over the front door of the Weaver house which was still standing in 1927 but since then fallen.

Before our Germans could take up land, they had to be naturalized. The legalities were finalized in April and June, 1724 and are recorded in Spotsylvania Will Book A, 1724. Each man had to go before the court and under oath give his name and the names of the members of his family and state when they arrived in Virginia. On page 74, "Peter Hitt stated that he and his wife Elizabeth (he had married Elizabeth Utterback by this time) came to Virginia in April, 1714 and certificate was granted him to take up land – 100 acres." The result was the granting of 1,805 acres to the group. This made each family receive about 150 acres. At least four sold their extra 50 acres. The land was divided into 20 lots and each man received 1.5 lots, the remainder being the Glebe – a section owned by all of them. On the Glebe was the church, Pastorage, school house and

land for grazing cattle, etc. Some of the sons of the immigrants had married during the time they were at Germanna and needed land of their own, so they bought land from some of the original twelve. From Rev. John Kemper's (grandson of John Kemper, the immigrant) memoirs, published in Kemper Genealogy, page 39, and written when Rev. Kemper was in his 70s:

... and so they purchased or perhaps entered vacant 1 and, each 200 acres, on a small stream called Liking Run, and called the place Germantown; and so it is called to this day. ... Each man's land was surveyed in an oblong square, the run or creek passing through the middle of each tract. ... the families made the long trip (19 miles) to Germantown afoot, carrying provisions on their heads ... they worked their first crops with hoes – the women taking part in both tasks with the men . . . my grandfather invented the first shovel plow ... in a few years they had large stocks of cattle."

Provisions are usually thought of as food and of course the movers took other things beside victuals. Certainly they had bedding, some household furniture, tools, corn and wheat for sowing, garden seeds, etc. If they had large stocks of cattle a few years later, they probably had cows and oxen, carts or wagons, and perhaps a few horses when they moved to Germantown. At this time Rev. Haeger was nearer 80 than 70, and I doubt that he would have been able to walk 19 miles.

The families did not right away build on their own lots. They were on the frontier and in constant danger from hostile Indians. Today, on a hill overlooking Licking Run and the fertile fields bordering it, are the marks of a number of cabins that stood together, with perhaps a palisade surrounding them. Here the pioneers first lived, going out in the day to work their fields and returning at night. As time passed and they felt safer, the families erected homes on their own farms.

They prospered at Germantown and soon added the cultivation of tobacco to their corn growing and stock raising. They built a road toward Falmouth over which they marketed their tobacco. It became known as the "German Rolling Road." When Pastor Haeger died in 1739 the inventory of his estate listed over 50 items, among them 9 head of cattle, a still, household furniture and bed linen, a clock, 2 silver cups, 275 pounds of pewterware, knives, forks, pots and dishes, a bible and other books, 3 lots of lumber, 3 spinning wheels, and eleven pounds, 14 shillings, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ pence in cash. The appraisers were John Joseph Carter, John Kemper, and Peter Hitt. It is certainly fair to infer that the others were at least as well off at that time. Rev. Haeger was 93 years old when he died. Born at Anthausen, near Siegen, ca. 1644, he was principal of the Latin school at that town when a young man. Later he decided to become a minister and studied in the fine German universities. He was pastor of the church at Oberfischback and later served several congregations in the district. His last was St. Nicholai (St. Nicholas) Church where so many of the immigrants had been christened and married. He published several books and translated from Latin others.

Our forefathers wrote several times back to Germany asking for someone to come help Rev. Haeger, but no one ever came. After Rev. Haeger died, Joseph Holtzclaw, the schoolteacher, read to them at services in the church and they never did get another pastor. The land the church and cemetery were on was finally sold to a private owner after Joseph Holtzclaw died in 1760. Peter Hitt and his wife Elizabeth were the only ones of the original colonists left in Germantown after 1760. The others had either died or moved away. By the time of the American Revolution all the descendants had moved away except for a Miss Weaver and her brother who lived on in the Weaver house, the original log house now boarded with poplar, until 1899.

The diaries of several visiting missionaries give some general description of Germantown. From the diary of Rev. Michael Schlatter who visited Germantown in May, 1748:

on the 12th we continued our journey toward the south-west, not without weariness and danger from wild beasts, 42 miles farther to New Germantown. Here I preached on the 13th and spoke with the congregation, promising them that, by the grace of God, I would visit them again at some other time and remain with them longer (a promise he was not able to keep). In the afternoon we commenced our return journey to Monocacy (i.e. Frederick, Maryland).

The above is taken from the Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society, December, 1903, pages 147-181, Volumes 11 and 12 of the "Virginia Magazine of History and Biography" print the diaries of Brothers Leonhard Schnell and Robert Hussey in 1743;

November 23rd. It rained very hard. The man mentioned before brought me a horse

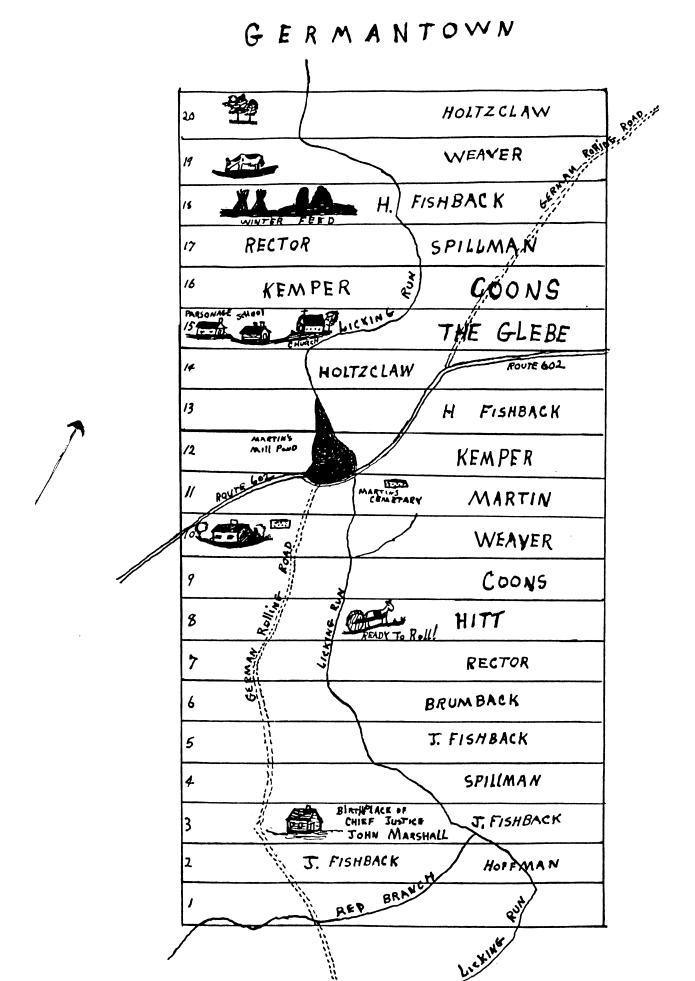
early in the morning and went with us five miles further to a Reader in Germantown on the Licken Run. ... A large Reformed congregation lives there close together. ... Mr. Holtzclaw received me kindly when he heard that I was minister. He related to me that Mr. Rieger (pastor at Philadelphia and Germantown, Pa.) had come twice a year to preach for them and to administer the communion, but now he had gone back to Germany and they were entirely forsaken. ... On Sundry (24th) I preached to them in their church. ... It is a very neat little church, kept in good order and clean. The people are very attentive and eager to hear. I felt God's grace and was quite at home among them. In the afternoon several men, together with the officers of the church came to see me. ... They said they had a parsonage, together with 100 acres of land and a garden, which a minister could occupy at once, if they had one, nor would they allow him to suffer want in other necessaries of life. ... (March and April, 1748) IX. Germantown. It is like a villpge in Germany, in which the houses are far apart. It is situated along a little creek, called Licken Run. They have as their Reader the old Mr. Holtzclaw who receives annually from each family thirty pounds of tobacco as salary. ... On July 30th, they came toward evening, to the Liken Run, or Germantown, where they lodged with an old friend by the name of Holtzclaw. The little village is settled with Reformed miners from Nassau-Siegen. They live very quietly together and are nice people. On Sunday, July 31st, Bro. Joseph preached in the forenoon in their church, and Bro. Reuz in the afternoon. Afterwards several nice and intelligent men visited Bro. Joseph. He then had an opportunity to speak to them of the Savior.

Dr. Charles Herbert Huffman wrote in 1962 after several trips to Germantown along with Dr. Holtzclaw and others,

The situation intrigues me very much. The land was laid out in the manner suggestive of feudal times. I have a feeling that the halflots on the northeast end were intended for grazing, hay and perhaps for wintering some stock. The owners quite possibly intended to use these lots as a common pasture. The long narrow farms would seem very inconvenient, but they follow the pattern of the European Germany. While in Germany I often watched the whole blooming family, sometimes with outside help, mating hay or harvesting wheat on two or three acres, while on the adjacent strips other crews were doing the same thing. Therefore I can imagine the Germantown families picking up every head of wheat, and saving every blade of grass just as I saw the native Germans do. We were told of a spring where tradition has it that the Germantown women brought their clothes and did their washing.

The site of Germantown had natural advantages and evidently had been selected with care and foresight. There is a considerable portion of bottom land along the stream; the higher fields are well drained, but not much hilly. Licken Run is a good-sized stream and provided a good site for a grist mill, sawmill, and other operations to be run by water power. At several places there are ledges of stones that are full of iron, and this probably had a good deal to do with the settlers making choice of this spot. Large flat stones mark the sites of the church, school house and parsonage. The old cemetery is there with the graves marked with small rough stones - no inscriptions. The Weaver family burial ground is still to be seen near the remains of the old Weaver house – also the Martin family cemetery. Martin's old mill dam is still there and the old German Rolling Road can still be seen, especially from the air.

Germantown, long since, has been a "deserted village." Its name is not on the maps any more. Midland is near where Germantown was and Bealeton, Opal and Calverton form a triangle enclosing it. But Germanna and Germantown both lure the feet of pilgrims who honor courage and devotion and cherish a goodly heritage.



Chapter 2

The Peter Hitt Family

Generation 1

Generation 2

1 Peter HITT

Peter HITT was born in , 1681 in Rehbach, Siegen, Germany. He married first, Maria Lissbeth FRUEN-DENBURG on January 6, 1707 in St. Nicholas Church, Seigen, Germany. Maria was born in , 1672 and died in , 1711. Peter married second, Elizabeth OTTER-BACK. Elizabeth, the daughter of Harman OTTER-BACK and Elizabeth HEIMBACK, was born in , 1689 and died in , 1774. Peter immigrated to Virginia in , 1714 and died in , 1772.

Peter HITT and Maria Lissbeth FRUENDENBURG had no children.

Children of Peter HITT and Elizabeth OTTER-BACK:

- 2 I. John HITT was born in , 1715 in Essex County, VA and he died in , 1782.
- **3** II. Joseph HITT was born in , 1717 and he died in , 1790 in Laurens County, SC.
- 4 III. Henry HITT was born in , 1719 in Germantown, Fauquier County, VA and he died in , 1790 in Edgefield County, SC.
- 5 IV. Harman HITT was born in , 1721 in Fauquier County and he died in , 1820 there.
- 6 V. Mary HITT was born in , 1723 in Germantown, VA and she died in , 1813.
- 7 VI. Peter HITT was born in , 1726 in Fauquier County and he died in , 1810 there.

A brief chart of the descendents of this line is contained in Figure 2.1.

2 John HITT

John HITT, the son of Peter HITT(1) and Elizabeth OTTERBACK, was born in , 1715 in Essex County, VA. He married first, Sarah _____. Sarah was born and died. John married second, Mary _____ in , 1755. Mary was born in , 1736 and died in , 1802. John died in , 1782.

Children of John HITT and Sarah ____:

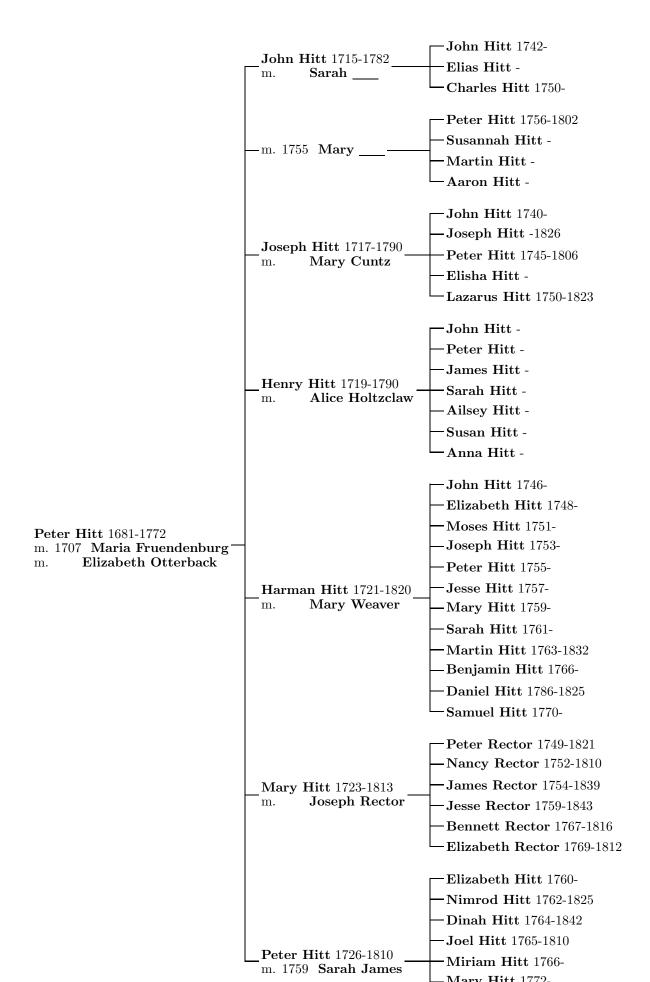
- I. John HITT was born in , 1742. John died.
- II. Elias HITT was born. Elias died.
- III. Charles HITT was born in , 1750. Charles died.

Children of John HITT and Mary ____:

- Peter HITT was born in , 1756. He married Hannah JAMES. Hannah was born and died. Peter died in , 1802.
- II. Susannah HITT was born. She married Arthur GLADSTONE. Arthur was born and died. Susannah died.
- III. Martin HITT was born. He married Molly JAMES. Molly was born and died. Martin died.
- IV. Aaron HITT was born. He married Catherine HOLTZCLAW. Catherine was born and died. Aaron died.

3 Joseph HITT

Joseph HITT, the son of Peter HITT(1) and Elizabeth OTTERBACK, was born in , 1717. He married Mary CUNTZ. Mary, the daughter of Joseph CUNTZ and



Catherine WEAVER, was born in , 1730 and died in , 1790. Joseph died in , 1790 in Laurens County, SC.

Children of Joseph HITT and Mary CUNTZ:

- John Russell HITT was born in , 1740 in Fauquier County, VA. John died.
- II. Joseph HITT was born. Joseph died in , 1826.
- 8 III. Peter HITT was born in , 1745 and he died on February 3, 1806 in Laurens County.
 - IV. Elisha HITT was born. Elisha died.
- 9 V. Lazarus HITT was born in , 1750 and he died on August 2, 1823 in Laurens County.

4 Henry HITT

Henry HITT, the son of Peter HITT(1) and Elizabeth OTTERBACK, was born in , 1719 in Germantown, Fauquier County. He married Alice HOLTZ-CLAW. Alice was born and died. Henry died in , 1790 in Edgefield County, SC.

Children of Henry HITT and Alice HOLTZCLAW:

- I. John HITT was born. John died.
- II. Peter HITT was born. Peter died.
- III. James HITT was born. James died.
- IV. Sarah HITT was born. Sarah died.
- v. Ailsey HITT was born. Ailsey died.
- VI. Susan HITT was born. Susan died.
- VII. Anna HITT was born in ____, . Anna died in _____, .

5 Harman HITT

Harman HITT, the son of Peter HITT(1) and Elizabeth OTTERBACK, was born in , 1721 in Fauquier County. He married Mary WEAVER. Mary was born and died. Harman died in , 1820 in Fauquier County. Children of Harman HITT and Mary WEAVER:

I. John HITT was born in , 1746. John died.

- II. Elizabeth HITT was born in , 1748. Elizabeth died.
- III. Moses HITT was born in , 1751. Moses died.
- IV. Joseph HITT was born in , 1753. Joseph died.
- v. Peter HITT was born in , 1755. Peter died.
- VI. Jesse HITT was born in , 1757. Jesse died.
- VII. Mary Ann HITT was born in , 1759. Mary died.

- VIII. Sarah HITT was born in , 1761. Sarah died.
- IX. Martin HITT was born in , 1763. Martin died in , 1832 in OH.
- x. Benjamin HITT was born in , 1766. Benjamin died.
- XI. Daniel HITT was born in , 1786. Daniel died in , 1825 in Fauquier County.
- XII. Samuel HITT was born in , 1770. Samuel died.

6 Mary HITT

Mary HITT, the daughter of Peter HITT(1) and Elizabeth OTTERBACK, was born in , 1723 in Germantown, VA. She married Joseph RECTOR. Joseph was born on August 23, 1724 in Germantown and died in , 1810. Mary died in , 1813.

- Children of Mary HITT and Joseph RECTOR:
 - I. Peter RECTOR¹ was born on November 1, 1749 in Prince William, VA. Peter died in , 1821 in Rowan, NC.
 - II. Nancy RECTOR ² was born on May 23, 1752. Nancy died in , 1810.
 - III. James RECTOR ³ was born on August 22, 1754 in Germantown, Prince William. James died in , 1839 in Lincoln, MO.
 - IV. Jesse RECTOR ⁴ was born on December 22, 1759 in Fauquier, VA. Jesse died on January 22, 1843 in Bedford, IN.
 - V. Bennett RECTOR ⁵ was born on March 10, 1767 in Prince William, Facquier County, VA. Bennett died in , 1816 in Pikeville, TN.
 - VI. Elizabeth RECTOR ⁶ was born on November 5, 1769 in Fauquier County. Elizabeth died in , 1812 in Grayson, VA.

7 Peter HITT

Peter HITT, the son of Peter HITT(1) and Elizabeth OTTERBACK, was born in , 1726 in Fauquier County. He married Sarah JAMES in , 1759. Sarah was born and died. Peter died in , 1810 in Fauquier County.

⁵J.B. Hitt's notes

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Children of Peter HITT and Sarah JAMES:

¹J.B. Hitt's notes

²J.B. Hitt's notes

³J.B. Hitt's notes

⁴J.B. Hitt's notes

⁶J.B. Hitt's notes

- Elizabeth HITT was born on March 21, 1760. She married John ARNOLD. John was born and died. Elizabeth died.
- Nimrod HITT was born on July 21, 1762. Nimrod died in , 1825 in Culpepper County.
- III. Dinah HITT was born on April 15, 1764. She married Tillman KEMPER. Tillman was born and died. Dinah died in , 1842.
- IV. Joel HITT was born on February 26, 1765. He married Elizabeth _____. Elizabeth was born and died. Joel died in , 1810.
- v. Miriam HITT was born on January 14, 1766. She married Archibald HOLTZCLAW. Archibald was born and died. Miriam died.
- VI. Mary (Molly?) HITT was born on January 6, 1772. She married Joseph BARNETT on January 12, 1789. Joseph was born and died. Mary died.
- VII. Reuben HITT was born on August 25, 1773. He married Fanny SAMUEL. Fanny was born and died. Reuben died.
- VIII. Nancy HITT was born on June 14, 1774. She married John MILLER on December 16, 1789. John was born and died. Nancy died.
- IX. Peter HITT was born on April 1, 1776. He married Lucy ROSSER. Lucy was born and died. Peter died in , 1806.

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8 Peter HITT

Peter HITT, the son of Joseph HITT(**3**) and Mary CUNTZ, was born in , 1745. He married Mary _____. Mary was born and died in , 1806. Peter died on February 3, 1806 in Laurens County, SC.

Children of Peter HITT and Mary ____:

- I. Thomas HITT was born in , 1774. Thomas died in , 1847.
- II. Abner HITT was born in , 1774. Abner died.
- III. David HITT was born in , 1776. David died.
- ${\bf 10}~$ iv. Larkin Hitt was born in , 1790.
 - V. Benjamin HITT was born in , 1779. Benjamin died in , 1860 near Newton, MS.

9 Lazarus HITT

Lazarus HITT, the son of Joseph HITT(**3**) and Mary CUNTZ, was born in , 1750. He married first, Agnes MARTIN. Agnes, the daughter of Henry MARTIN and Mary Ann ____, was born circa , 1755 in Fauquier County, VA and died in , 1823. Lazarus married second, Elizabeth ____. Elizabeth was born and died. Lazarus died on August 2, 1823 in Laurens County and was buried there.

Lazarus disappears from the Fauquier County records the same time that his father Joseph did. Since no will of Joseph and Mary has been found naming their children, it was hard to prove that Lazarus was the son of Joseph. Joel Reuben Hitt of Clinton, MS worked out an argument that Lazarue was the son of Joseph through the process of elimanation. Since that time, as proven records of the chilaren of the other sons of Peter have come in, it has been generally accepted, that Lazarus was in fact the son of Joseph. Here is Joel Reuben's argument that Lazarus was a son of Joseph. Deed book F page 466, 21 December 1798, Lazarus Hitt buys for 45 pounds sterling money 80 acres of land lying on Cain creek in Laurens County, SC, wittnessed by Henry Hitt and Curtis Curnal. This indicates that Lazarus Hitt was the son of Joseph Hitt and Mary (Polly) Coons. The probability is strengthened by the following:

- The number and ages of the children of Lazarus Hitt as shown by the census of 1790 prove that he could hardly have been born later than 1750.
- In that case he was likely a son of one of the sons of the immigrant Peter Hitt.
- The immigrant Peter had only 5 sons as shown by his will: Peter, Henry, John, Joseph and Harmon.
- The distribution of the estate of Peter, will Book 5, page 115, Fauquier County, VA, shows that he had no son Lazarus.
- The deed of Harmon Hitt, Deed Book 13, page 432, to a trustee for his children shows that he had no son Lazarus.
- Likewise, the records of Henry and John contain no reference to a Lazarus.
- This leaves Joseph to be the father of Lazarus.

Lazarus Hitt married Agnes Martin, granddaughter of the immigrant John Joseph Martin and his wife Mary Catherine Otterback, and the daughter of Henry Martin and his wife Mary Ann Martin. The 1790 census shows Lazarus Hitt, with his wife, 3 daughters, 4 sons under 16 years, and 1 son over 16 years, living in Laurens County, SC. It has not been found just when Lazarus Hitt first bought land in SC, but is assumed that he bought about the same time his brother Peter did. At any rate, he first sold land in 1793: Clerk's Office, Laurens, SC, Book F, page 48. Indenture made Dec.8, 1793 Lazarus Hitt, planter of Laurens Co., sold to John Smith, Jr. for 55 pounds sterling, a tract of land on waters of Saluda River, and on the north side of Bank's Branch, containing 100 acres, being the same more or less granted to William Esler in 1773 by his excellency William Ball, Governor of SC. Witnessed and sealed Dec. 29, 1793. Witnessed by Wm. Smith, James Smith, and Henry Hitt. Wm. Smith swore to transaction on March 19, 1795 – before Angus Campbell, J.P. This that he had bought land before he bought the 80 acres on Cain creek in 1798. lazarus Hitt's name appears on numerous legal documents in Laurens Co. Transcripts of these documents are in my possession. Lazarus was a minister and preached often although there is no record of his ever having been ordained. His wife, Agnes, died and he married again about 1813 a woman named Elizabeth. They had a daughter, Evy, who was a minor when he died in 1823. His son John was administrator of his estate.

Children of Lazarus HITT and Agnes MARTIN:

 Henry HITT was born in , 1771 in VA. He married Elizabeth STEVENS. Elizabeth was born in , 1771 and died in , 1844. Henry died in , 1830 in Laurens County.

Henry Hitt was a Baptist minister and was the only son of Lazarus Hitt who remained in S.C. He left his estate to his wife "during her natural life or widowhood consisting of negroes, horses and other stock, household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools, land on which he lived, 390 acres, on north side of creek (Cain Creek) for her support if she does not marry until Benjamin becomes 21." (Sons Benjamin, Henry and Martin were under 21 when Henry wrote his will in 1828.) Elizabeth didn't marry again, and when she died followed Henry's instructions to the letter. I have transcript of their wills - 12 pages including sale bill. The negroes sold brought nearly \$15,000. Most of them were bought by Henry's sons. As I have said before, it was customary to sell all the personal property by public auction, giving the members of the family of the deceased preference in the bidding. Real property was allotted by will. Descendants of Henry Hitt still live on the original farms in Laurens County, Miss Juanita Hitt (daughter of Jesse, son of Ranier, son of Benjamin) has written that she has in her keeping a little chair that her great grandfather Benjamin held onto and pushed along to learn to walk - and so did her grandfather, her father and she. Her father told her an old, odd story of Ben Hitt. He was an extensive slave owner during that period and at a sale of slaves he bought quite a robust negro girl. It is said that he told her that after she had given birth to 20 negro slaves he would set her free. She gave birth to the 20 (in fact 21), but this 20th child was called "Free Jack." Free Jack later became the blacksmith for the community. The signs of this blacksmith shop are still in the front yard of the home of H.E. Hitt (son of Henry Lewis, son of Benjamin). H.E. Hitt's widow, Bessie Hollingsworth Hitt, wrote Joel Reuben Hitt in 1937 that the old Hitt home was a simple log and frame structure and still standing in a field near her home near Cross Hill, S.C.

- 11 II. Jesse HITT was born in , 1773 and he died in , 1823 in SC.
 - III. HITT was born in , 1775. ____died in , 1823. She never married.
- **12** IV. John HITT was born in , 1777 and he died on August 6, 1846.
- 13 v. Sarah Anne HITT was born in , 1779 in Fauquier, VA and she died in , 1851 in Laurens, SC.
- 14 VI. Reuben HITT was born in , 1781 in VA and he died in , 1855 in Webster County, MS.

- VII. Benjamin HITT was born on August 15, 1786. Benjamin died in , 1850 in Sumter County, AL.
- VIII. daughter HITT was born in , 1783. daughter died.

Children of Lazarus HITT and Elizabeth ____:

I. Evie HITT was born in , 1814. Evie died.

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10 Larkin HITT

Larkin HITT, the son of Peter HITT(8) and Mary _____, was born in , 1790. He married Polly _____. Polly was born and died. Larkin died.

Children of Larkin HITT and Polly ____:

- I. Polly HITT was born. Polly died.
- II. Becky HITT was born. Becky died.
- 15 III. Nancy HITT was born in , 1822 and she died in , 1895.

11 Jesse HITT

Jesse HITT, the son of Lazarus HITT(**9**) and Agnes MARTIN, was born in , 1773. He married first, Nancy HAMILTON. Nancy was born and died.

After her husband, Jesse Hitt, died she brought her family with other Hitt kin to Alabama.

Jesse married second, HAMILTON. ____was born and died. Jesse died in , 1823 in SC.

Children of Jesse HITT and Nancy HAMILTON:

I. Jesse HITT Jr. was born. Jesse died in Green County, AL.

Children of Jesse HITT and HAMILTON:

I. Marshall HITT was born. Marshall died.

12 John HITT

John HITT, the son of Lazarus HITT(9) and Agnes MARTIN, was born in , 1777. John died on August 6, 1846.

Not much is known about John. It is possible he flowed south with the other Hitts. But his grandchildren John Hollingsworth, Joe Hitt, and Robert Hitt were in Laurens County. He could have left three grown children in SC.

Children of John HITT and ____:

 Fanny HITT was born in , 1799. Fanny died in , 1864.

She became the second wife of Abraham Hollingsworth and was the grandmother of Mrs. H. E. Hitt of Cross Hill, SC.

- II. Koon HITT was born. Koon died.
- III. John HITT was born. John died.

13 Sarah Anne HITT

Sarah Anne HITT ¹, the daughter of Lazarus HITT(9) and Agnes MARTIN, was born in , 1779 in Fauquier, VA. She married Lewis BALL. Lewis was born and died. Lewis was a Baptist minister.

He came to Mississippi and became a noted evangelist.

Sarah died in , 1851 in Laurens, SC.

Children of Sarah Anne HITT and Lewis BALL:

I. Martin BALL was born in , 1808. Martin died and was a Baptist minister.

14 Reuben HITT

Reuben HITT, the son of Lazarus HITT(9) and Agnes MARTIN, was born in , 1781 in VA. He married first, Martha HAMILTON. Martha was born and died. Reuben married second, Nancy HITT. Nancy, the daughter of Larkin HITT(10) and Polly _____, was born in , 1822 and died in , 1895. Reuben died in , 1855 in Webster County, MS.

Reuben and his family left Virginia when he was 4 years old to move to Laurens County, South Carolina in 1785. The first U.S. census in 1790 shows him living with his parents in Laurens County, South Carolina as a 9-year-old boy. His grandfather, Joseph, and his uncle. Peter, came to South Carolina from Virginia about the same time. They bought land which they paid for with "Virginia money." It is possible they came earlier than Reuben because they dissappeared from the Fauquier County records in 1783, which could indicate that then left Virginia as early as 1782. At any rate, the first deed in Laurens County, South Carolina to a Hitt was dated 1785. Reuben had been born during the Revolution and as soon as the war was over many of the Virginia Hitts moved out to seek new lands. Washington had declared the was at an end in April, 1783, and the final treaty was signed in Spetember of the same year. Reuben Hitt married a daughter of Robert Hamilton, Marth Hamilton, as shown by Rpbert Hamilton's will, Box 32, Bundle 15, Laurenc, SC. Executors fo this will were Reuben Hitt and Tobert Holingsworty, another son-in-law. Martha died before this estate was settled in 1816, and Reuben received her share. Reuben Hitt bought 142.5 acres of Mudlick creek for \$213.75

in 1813 (Clerk's office, Laurens County, SC, BookK-137). After his wife died, he lived there until the early 1830s when he decided to move his family to Mississippi. His oldest son, Lazurus, had married in SC and may have come on the MS before Reuben since Lazarus sold his land in 1826. It's more probable though that they all came at the same time. Many of the SC Hitts had started moving out in he early 1820s, moving south to Alabama seeking fertileland. Many who came to Alabama moved on over into East Mississippi. Reuben and his chilred came directly to Choctaw territory and settled there. Although parts of Mississippi (south, south central, along the Gulf coast and up the Mississippi River) had been settled before, the north and northeast was a densely wooded wilderness. Choctaw County was formed in 1833 and Chackasaw in 1836. with no roads and slow modes of travel, the north Mississippi Hitts seldom saw their kin living in east Mississippi. In fact, it was quite a trip to visit nearby. In those days of frontier life, the settlers wore little that was not made at home (homemade coonskin caps and deerskin leggings) and ate little hat was not produced on the farm. Reuben bought land in what is now Webster County organized in 1874, and his boys bought land nearby that was formed into Calhoun County in 1852. Soon after coming to Mississippi, Reuben's youngest son, William, died and is the first perosn buried in Gary Cemetary near Embry, Mississippi. He was 18 vears old. His other children married, and settled in homes of their own. Reuben must have been lonely because he went back to South Carolin in the early 1840s and wooed and won Nancy Hitt, a 20-year-old cousin whom he had held on his knee when she was a baby. Nancy was the granddaughter of Peter Hitt and hi wife Mary Hitt, being hte daughter of their forth son Lakin Hitt. She was only 20 years old when Reuben married her while Reuben was 61. Their first child was born in Laurens, SC, and when she was 9 months old they returned to Mississippi where they had five more children. Reuben died in 1855, but Nancy lived on until 19 September 1899. Both are buried in Gary Cemetary (about six miles south of Slate Springs near the post office called Embry, MS in Webster County). Old Reuben was a full-blooded German, being directly descended from five of the twelve German immigrants who came to Virginia in 1714. His mother was Agnes Martin, granddaughter of John Joseph Margin; his grandmother was Mary Cuntz, daughter of Joseph Cuntz; one of his great grandmothers was Elizabeth Otterback, daughter of Hermann Otterback; another of his great grandmothers was Catherine Weaver, daughter of John Henry

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Weaver. Hermann Otterback and his two sons died soon after reaching America, leaving only daughters so he has no descendants by name. Reuben hated slavery and there is no record of his ever owning one, although his brothers did. He was full of the epioneering spirit. An old handwritten note states the Reuben went to Indiana in 1839 but found the climate so cold that he stayed less than a year. He was 72 years old when his last child was born and still in good health until he sickened and died in 1855.

Children of Reuben HITT and Martha HAMILTON:

- 16 I. Lazarus HITT was born in , 1801 in SC and he died in , 1859 in MS.
 - II. Martha HITT was born. She married SMITH. ____was born and died. Martha died.
- 17 III. James HITT was born on January 23, 1810 and he died in , 1889.
 - IV. William HITT was born. William died at age 18 and was buried. Hefirst person to be buried in Gary Cemetary.

Children of Reuben HITT and Nancy HITT:

- 18 I. Sarah (Sally) HITT was born on February 22, 1844 in Laurens County, SC.
- 19 II. Henry HITT was born on June 3, 1847 and he died on January 7, 1931.
- 20 III. Reuben Martin HITT was born on April 16, 1849 in Bellefontaine, Webster County and he died on September 13, 1932 in Goss, Marion County, MS.
- 21 IV. Nancy Ann HITT was born on February 9, 1851 in Bellefontaine and she died on April 10, 1919.
- V. George Washington HITT was born on December 16, 1853 in Bellefontaine and he died on May 25, 1927 in Goss, Webster County.

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15 Nancy HITT

Nancy HITT, the daughter of Larkin HITT(10) and Polly ____, was born in , 1822. She married Reuben HITT. Reuben, the son of Lazarus HITT(9) and Agnes MARTIN, was born in , 1781 in VA and died in , 1855 in Webster County, MS. Reuben had previously married Martha HAMILTON, and had 4 children by that marriage: Lazarus, Martha, James, William. Nancy died in , 1895.

Children of Nancy HITT and Reuben HITT are shown under Reuben HITT(14).

16 Lazarus HITT

Lazarus HITT, the son of Reuben HITT(14) and Martha HAMILTON, was born in , 1801 in SC. He married Edna FACHIE. Edna was born in , 1790 and died. Lazarus died in , 1859 in MS and was buried in Pleasant Hill cemetary near Slate Springs, Calhoun County, MS.

Children of Lazarus HITT and Edna FACHIE:

- 23 I. Whitfield HITT was born in , 1819 in SC.
 - II. Eliza HITT was born. Eliza died.
 - III. Betsy HITT was born. Betsy died.
- 24 IV. Reuben Washington HITT was born on February 25, 1828 and he died of wounds suffered in the seige of Corinth in , 1864 in Corinth, MS.

17 James HITT

James HITT, the son of Reuben HITT(14) and Martha HAMILTON, was born on January 23, 1810. He married Martha PARKER on July 27, 1837. Martha was born in , 1820 and died in , 1884. She was buried in Mulberry, a community burial ground near Lodi, MS. James died in , 1889 and was buried there. He was a storeowner in Bellefontaine, MS and was a sheriff in , 1852 in Choctaw County, MS.

Children of James HITT and Martha PARKER:

 Priscilla Alice HITT was born on September 21, 1838. Priscilla died.

- II. Reuben HITT was born on May 28, 1840. Reuben died of probably from complications from losing a leg at the Battle of Perryville on October 8, 1862.
- III. Richard HITT was born on September 11, 1842. Richard died on October 28, 1852.
- IV. John HITT was born on April 20, 1844. John died of wounds suffered in the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864 in Franklin, TN.

18 Sarah (Sally) HITT

Sarah (Sally) HITT, the daughter of Reuben HITT(14) and Nancy HITT(15), was born on February 22, 1844 in Laurens County, SC. She married James SMITH. James was born and died. Sarah at age 8 months and died.

Children of Sarah (Sally) HITT and James SMITH:

- I. Jennie SMITH was born. Jennie died.
- II. Mollie SMITH was born. Mollie died.
- III. Reuben SMITH was born. Reuben died.
- IV. Alice SMITH was born. Alice died.
- V. Florence SMITH was born. Florence died.
- VI. Emma SMITH was born. Emma died.
- VII. Billy SMITH was born. Billy died.
- VIII. Tommy SMITH was born. Tommy died.
- IX. Wilborne SMITH was born. Wilborne died.

19 Henry HITT

Henry HITT, the son of Reuben HITT(14) and Nancy HITT(15), was born on June 3, 1847. He married Tabitha Jane SWINDOLL. Tabitha was born on December 19, 1852 and died on May 25, 1905. Henry died on January 7, 1931.

Children of Henry HITT and Tabitha Jane SWIN-DOLL:

- William Lee HITT was born on June 9, 1873. William died on November 28, 1906.
- II. George HITT was born on September 16, 1875. He married Maggie BENNETT. Maggie was born and died. George died.
- III. Nancy Theodocia HITT was born on December 24, 1878. Nancy died on August 3, 1879.
- IV. James Henry HITT was born on August 7, 1880. James died.

- v. Simeon Flavius HITT was born on June 4, 1883. He married Susie TALLY. Susie was born and died. Simeon died.
- VI. Martin John Thomas HITT was born on May 4, 1887. Martin died.
- VII. David Cooper HITT was born on February 4, 1891. David died. military record says born in 1890
- VIII. Carrie Dot HITT was born on August 28, 1893. Carrie died on July 2, 1894.
- IX. Alma Janie HITT was born on December 4, 1895. She married Artur CARROLL on November 4, 1916. Artur was born and died. Alma died.

20 Reuben Martin HITT

Reuben Martin HITT, the son of Reuben HITT(14) and Nancy HITT(15), was born on April 16, 1849 in Bellefontaine, Webster County, MS. He married Mary Emma HUGHES on December 24, 1872 in MS. Mary, the daughter of Joel HUGHES and Elizabeth Ann GARY, was born in , 1855 and died in , 1901. Reuben died on September 13, 1932 in Goss, Marion County, MS.

Reuben Martin Hitt was born April 16, 1849 when his father, Reuben, was 68 years old and his mother, Nancy, was 27 years old. Old Reuben died when Martin was a small boy, 6 years old. But his mother was young and strong adn kept the family together and managed to rasise them with the help from good neighbors and from her stepchildren. Lazarus, Reuben's oldest son, was 21 years older than Nancy, hsi stepmother, and died jsut a few years later, but James, the other son, lived on to 1889. On 24 December 1872, Martin married 17-year-old Mary Emma Hughes. During the twenty years, they had eight children. Mary Emma's mother, Elizabeth Gary Hughes, lived with them. Her husband, Joel Hughes, had been killed in the Battle of Shiloh during the Civil War. Martin Hitt was a planter and a teacher. He build a school house and conducted classes for all the children in the community. By the time his oldest son, Joel Reuben, was twelve years old, he was helping by teaching the younger children and hearing hte classes of the others when margin had to go to the fields. In 1897, Reuben martin decided to take hi sfamily to Texas. He had heard that they had fine schoold and churches there and the opportunities were great. However, when winter came, they found the cold almost unbearable. The children were sick all winter, and during the second winter, grantmother Hughes

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(Elizabeth Gary Hughes) died. That was the final straw! Martin packed up and came back to Mississippi. Soon after returning the Mississippi, martin's wife, Mary Emma, became ill and died on 3 February 1901. At this time none of Martin's children was married although several were grown. His youngest was only nine years old. Martin Hitt was the only grandparent I had – the others having died before I we born or so soon after that I didn't remember them. I remember Grandpa well. He was a tall, slender, small-boned man with twinkling blue eyes. He was very erect even when an old man, and had a peculiar gait – a loose-kneed way of walking with the legs swung from the hips and the knees swinging outward slightly while the body seemed to glide along on wheels. This gait was so pronounced in my father and my four brothers that when any one of them approaced, it was impossible to tell which one it was until he cam eclose enouth for yoyu to see the features of his face. I never lived near enough to spend much time with Grandpa, seeing him only on visits, family reunions, etc., but I was always so happy to be at hsi house. He always had a bunch of little children around him and could entertain them for hours (his grandchildren). Also, he had a wonderful orchard and grape arbor. And always he had a tobacco patch. No one else could grow tobacco there. I guess Grandpa had a green thumb. He could put up with anything from the children but just don't bother his tobacco patch. He rolled the tobacco into cigars and smoked it inhis pipe. When he died, those of his grandsons who bore his body to the grave were very proud. I found an old letter in my father's papers from a man Grandpa had taught in Webster County. There's no envelope. Perhaps Mr. Golden attended Grandpa's funeral and handed the pages to my father.

Dear Joel, Here are some verses in memory of your sainted father. Glad I saw you today. You are a great man. I thank God for your life of usefulness. Webster County had produced some great men. You are one of them. May God bless you and those you love. Your old boyhood friend, William M. Golden

In loving memory of my dear old teacher Prof. R. M. Hitt by William M. Golden

My dear old teacher is at rest, From sorrow he is free; He's gone on home to be with God, Throughout Eternity. He lived a life above reproach, His heart was true and kind; He left this earth of sin and woe, A better home to find.

He tahght me in my childhood days, Always to be a man; He tahght me not to say "I can't," But always say "I can."

And I acepted what he said, A long long time ago; He taught me that The Son of God, Would make me white as snow.

And I think God for his dear life, For all that he taught me; And praise the Lord we'll meet again When I put out to sea.

Children of Reuben Martin HITT and Mary Emma HUGHES:

- 25 I. Joel Reuben HITT was born on October 24, 1874 in Bellefontaine and he died on July 22, 1967 in Clinton, MS.
- **26** II. Martin Hughes HITT was born on February 23, 1876 in Bellefontaine and he died in , 1966 1 .
- 27 III. Alice Irene HITT was born on August 17, 1878 in Bellefontaine and she died on April 30, 1951.
- 28 IV. Edgeworth Shyves (Edgie) HITT was born on December 30, 1880 in Bellefontaine and she died on October 27, 1936.
- V. James Washington HITT was born on June 16, 1883 in Bellefontaine and he died on December 17, 1962.
 - VI. Elizabeth Jane HITT was born on November 30, 1885 in Bellefontaine. Elizabeth died on October 14, 1956 and was buried in Columbia, MS.
- **30** VII. Winnie Folsie HITT was born on May 16, 1888 in Bellefontaine.
- 31 VIII. Carrie Fletcher HITT was born on May 16, 1892 in Belena, Calhoun County.

21 Nancy Ann HITT

Nancy Ann HITT, the daughter of Reuben HITT(14) and Nancy HITT(15), was born on February 9, 1851 in Bellefontaine. She married Thomas SWINDOLL. Thomas was born on September 5, 1841 and died on May 16, 1920. Nancy died on April 10, 1919.

Children of Nancy Ann HITT and Thomas SWIN-DOLL:

 $^{^{1}}$ gravestone

- I. Belle SWINDOLL was born. Belle died.
- II. Reuben SWINDOLL was born. Reuben died.
- III. Xeles SWINDOLL was born. Xeles died.
- IV. Sarah George SWINDOLL was born in , 1883. She married Reuben Imri OSWALT. Reuben was born and died. Sarah died.
- v. Debbie SWINDOLL was born. Debbie died.

22 George Washington HITT

George Washington HITT, the son of Reuben HITT(14) and Nancy HITT(15), was born on December 16, 1853 in Bellefontaine. He married Henrietta GILLIS. Henrietta was born on September 30, 1854 and died on December 28, 1911. George died on May 25, 1927 in Goss, Webster County.

Children of George Washington HITT and Henrietta GILLIS:

- **32** I. Kate Hubbard HITT was born in , 1881.
- 33 II. Pearl HITT was born in , 1882 and she died on August 7, 1917.
- **34** III. Luther Martin HITT was born in , 1878 and he died in December , 1963.
 - IV. Grover HITT was born in , 1885. Grover died on October 20, 1907.
 - V. Maie HITT was born in , 1887. Maie died on January 11, 1907.
- **35** VI. Fox Ezra HITT was born on February 8, 1892 and he died on August 8, 1969.
 - VII. Zack HITT ² was born on October 17, 1899. He married Willie Lou STUCKY. Willie was born and died. Zack died on October 31, 1987 and was buried.
 - VIII. Alvin E. HITT was born on July 27, 1889³. Alvin died on February 1, 1918.
 - IX. Pratt HITT was born in , 1897. Pratt died on June 26, 1898.

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³military record

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23 Whitfield HITT

Whitfield HITT, the son of Lazarus HITT(16) and Edna FACHIE, was born in , 1819 in SC. He married Amelia EASLEY. Amelia was born in , 1824 in AL and died. Whitfield died.

Children of Whitfield HITT and Amelia EASLEY:

- I. Francis M. HITT was born in , 1841. Francis died.
- II. James W. HITT was born in , 1844. James died.
- III. Nancy HITT was born in , 1848. Nancy died.

24 Reuben Washington HITT

Reuben Washington HITT, the son of Lazarus HITT(16) and Edna FACHIE, was born on February 25, 1828. He married Mary Jane WILLIFORD. Mary was born in , 1825 and died in , 1902. Reuben died of wounds suffered in the seige of Corinth in , 1864 in Corinth, MS.

Children of Reuben Washington HITT and Mary Jane WILLIFORD:

- I. John L. HITT was born in , 1850. John died.
- II. F. Caught HITT was born in , 1851. F. died.
- III. Francis Marion HITT was born on March 2, 1852. He married Mary J. Batchelor. Mary was born and died. Francis died on January 22, 1935.
- IV. William L. HITT was born in , 1854. William died in , 1916.
- v. James Reuben HITT was born in , 1856. James died in , 1940.
- VI. George Washington HITT was born in , 1858. George died in , 1939.
- VII. Sally HITT was born in , 1860. She married BAR-TON. <u>was born and died.</u> Sally died.
- VIII. Eliza HITT was born in , 1862. She married David Fox. David was born and died. Eliza died and moved to Arkansas.

25 Joel Reuben HITT

Joel Reuben HITT, the son of Reuben Martin HITT(**20**) and Mary Emma HUGHES, was born on October 24, 1874 in Bellefontaine, Webster County, MS. He married Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON. Elizabeth, the daughter of James ROBERTSON and Sarah BOURN, was born on February 12, 1885 and died on April 1, 1983 in Clinton, MS. Joel was a Mathematics Professor at Mississippi College and lived in , 1940. He died on July 22, 1967 there and was buried in Clinton Cemetary.

Children of Joel Reuben HITT and Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON:

- 36 I. Thomas Stanfield HITT was born on January 1, 1905 in Goss, Marion County, MS and he died on September 16, 1986.
- 37 II. Lucile Wilmoth HITT was born on July 21, 1908 in Goss.
- 38 III. Bruce Owen HITT was born on September 8, 1910 in Goss and he died in , 1968.
- **39** IV. Flora May HITT was born on November 12, 1912 in Buford, Marion County.
 - V. James Hughes HITT was born on December 30, 1914 in Goss. He married Virginia ROGERS on April 25, 1936. Virginia was born. James died of from wounds suffered during the Battle of the Roer on January 30, 1944 in The Netherlands and was buried in , 1944 there. He was buried in , 1945 in Clinton Cemetary.
- 40 VI. Joel Reuben HITT Jr. was born on December 30, 1916 in Clinton.
- 41 VII. Carolyn Elizabeth HITT was born on April 12, 1919 in Clinton.

26 Martin Hughes HITT

Martin Hughes HITT, the son of Reuben Martin HITT(**20**) and Mary Emma HUGHES, was born on February 23, 1876 in Bellefontaine. He married Sally MCNEESE on December 6, 1902. Sally was born in , 1882 and died on February 3, 1972. Martin died in , 1966¹.

Children of Martin Hughes HITT and Sally MC-NEESE:

42 I. Jessie Fern HITT was born on September 28, 1902.

- **43** II. Moody HITT.
- 44 III. William Taft HITT was born on March 16, 1908 and he died on December 28, 1987.
- 45 IV. James Otis HITT died of car wreck on December 6, 1964.

27 Alice Irene HITT

Alice Irene HITT, the daughter of Reuben Martin HITT(**20**) and Mary Emma HUGHES, was born on August 17, 1878 in Bellefontaine. She married Thomas Calvin ROBBINS on April 12, 1903. Thomas was born and died. Alice died on April 30, 1951 and was buried in Bunker Hill, Marion County.

Children of Alice Irene HITT and Thomas Calvin ROBBINS:

- Grayson ROBBINS was born on December 23, 1903. He married Odie Allen. Odie was born. Grayson died.
- II. Mason ROBBINS was born on October 13, 1904. He married Lucile POLK. Lucile was born. Mason died.
- III. Stanley ROBBINS was born on September 6, 1906. He married Agusta SIMMONS. Agusta was born. Stanley died.
- IV. Martin ROBBINS was born on August 11, 1908. He married Katie Mae WEATHERFORD. Katie was born. Martin died.

28 Edgeworth Shyves (Edgie) HITT

Edgeworth Shyves (Edgie) HITT, the daughter of Reuben Martin HITT(**20**) and Mary Emma HUGHES, was born on December 30, 1880 in Bellefontaine. She married Burrel Samuel HOOD on June 16, 1907. Burrel was born and died in Bond, MS. Edgeworth died on October 27, 1936 and was buried in Hattiesburg, MS.

Children of Edgeworth Shyves (Edgie) HITT and Burrel Samuel HOOD:

- I. Thelma Thorne HOOD was born on September 11, 1908. She married H. L. KELLY. H. was born. Thelma died.
- 46 II. Burrel Samuel (Bill) HOOD Jr. was born on February 7, 1911.

¹gravestone

29 James Washington HITT

James Washington HITT, the son of Reuben Martin HITT(20) and Mary Emma HUGHES, was born on June 16, 1883 in Bellefontaine. He married Ida MORRIS. Ida was born on August 23, and died on August 7, 1966. James died on December 17, 1962.

Children of James Washington HITT and Ida MOR-RIS:

- 47 I. James Aven HITT was born on March 16, 1908 and he died on December 28, 1987.
- 48 II. Emma Mary HITT was born on September 10, 1909.

- II. H. Irl ELLZEY was born on September 19, 1917 in Goss. He married Georgia BUCKLEY. Georgia was born.
- III. Robert ELLZEY was born in Goss.

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- IV. Carol ELLZEY was born on January 1, 1924 in Goss. She married Charles FORTENBERRY. Charles was born.
- v. Ford ELLZEY was born on February 14, 1927 in Goss. He married Rosanne ____. Rosanne was born. Ford died of injury from high school football game in Columbia, MS.
- VI. Jack ELLZEY was born on February 14, 1927 in Goss.

30 Winnie Folsie HITT

Winnie Folsie HITT, the daughter of Reuben Martin HITT(20) and Mary Emma HUGHES, was born on May 16, 1888 in Bellefontaine. She married Louis Grey HOOD on August 15, 1917. Louis was born. Winnie died and was a school teacher. Folsie taught school from the age of 14 for more than 40 years.

Children of Winnie Folsie HITT and Louis Grey HOOD:

- Louis Grey HOOD Jr. was born on November 30, 1918. Louis fought in WWII and died of plane crash during WWII on January 30, 1942 in Randolph Field, TX.
- **49** II. Elizabeth Byrle HOOD was born on October 13, 1920 in Goss.
 - III. Helen HOOD was born on January 21, 1923 in Goss.

31 Carrie Fletcher HITT

Carrie Fletcher HITT, the daughter of Reuben Martin HITT(**20**) and Mary Emma HUGHES, was born on May 16, 1892 in Belena, Calhoun County, MS. She married Hollis Irl ELLZEY on November 1, . Hollis was born. Carrie died.

Children of Carrie Fletcher HITT and Hollis Irl EL-LZEY:

> Marion Lynn ELLZEY was born on September 5, 1915 in Goss. She married Bob ULMER. Bob was born.

32 Kate Hubbard HITT

Kate Hubbard HITT, the daughter of George Washington HITT(**22**) and Henrietta GILLIS, was born in , 1881. She married Dewitt ELLZEY. Dewitt was born and died. Kate died.

Children of Kate Hubbard HITT and Dewitt EL-LZEY:

50 I. Edith ELLZEY.

33 Pearl HITT

Pearl HITT, the daughter of George Washington HITT(**22**) and Henrietta GILLIS, was born in , 1882. She married first, HANCOCK. _____was born and died. Pearl married second, W. B. KNAPP. W. was born and died. Pearl died on August 7, 1917.

Children of Pearl HITT and HANCOCK:

- I. Aubrey HANCOCK was born. Aubrey died.
- II. Odie HANCOCK was born. Odie died.

Children of Pearl HITT and W. B. KNAPP:

- I. Mavis KNAPP was born. She married Irving DRAKE. Irving was born and died. Mavis died.
- II. William KNAPP Jr. was born. He married Thelma SANDERS. Thelma was born and died. William died.

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34 Luther Martin HITT

Luther Martin HITT, the son of George Washington HITT(**22**) and Henrietta GILLIS, was born in , 1878. Luther died in December , 1963.

Children of Luther Martin HITT and ____:

- I. Luther Earl HITT was born. Luther died.
- II. Jack HITT was born. Jack died in June , 1969.

35 Fox Ezra HITT

Fox Ezra HITT, the son of George Washington HITT(**22**) and Henrietta GILLIS, was born on February 8, 1892. He married Eula Florence SANFORD ² on November 5, 1925. Eula was born in , 1894 and died in , 1967. She was buried. Fox died on August 8, 1969.

Children of Fox Ezra HITT and Eula Florence SAN-FORD:

- 51 I. Walter Dell HITT was born on August 13, 1926.
 - II. Robert Dunn HITT was born on August 23, 1927.He married Beulah PROTER. Beulah was born.

36 Thomas Stanfield HITT

Thomas Stanfield HITT, the son of Joel Reuben HITT(**25**) and Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON, was born on January 1, 1905 in Goss, Marion County, MS. He married Floyd SIGREST on December 25, 1930 in Jackson, MS. Floyd was born on November 28, 1907 and died. Thomas was an athletics coach at several colleges and died on September 16, 1986.

Children of Thomas Stanfield HITT and Floyd SI-GREST:

- 52 I. Mary Katherine HITT was born on May 10, 1936 in Jackson.
- 53 II. Thomas Richard HITT was born on January 31, 1938 in Jackson.
 - III. James Franklin HITT was born on March 19, 1946 in Starkville, MS. He married Mary Margaret MACKEY on March 8, 1970 in Jackson. Mary was born and died.

37 Lucile Wilmoth HITT

Lucile Wilmoth HITT, the daughter of Joel Reuben HITT(**25**) and Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON, was born on July 21, 1908 in Goss. She married Jack HOLLINGSWORTH on June 30, 1930. Jack was born on January 1, 1906 and died.

Children of Lucile Wilmoth HITT and Jack HOLLINGSWORTH:

- Joel Hitt HOLLINGSWORTH was born on May 19, 1936 in Jackson.
- 54 II. Jack HOLLINGSWORTH Jr. was born on May 31, 1939 in Jackson.

38 Bruce Owen HITT

Bruce Owen HITT, the son of Joel Reuben HITT(**25**) and Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON, was born on September 8, 1910 in Goss. He married Dorothy MAXWELL on April 9, 1934. Dorothy was born on November 6, 1910 and died. Bruce died in , 1968.

Children of Bruce Owen HITT and Dorothy MAXWELL:

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- 55 I. Sandra Floy HITT was born on July 3, 1940 in 60 Monroe, LA.
- 56 II. Chere Norene HITT was born on October 17, 1947 in Greenville, MS.
 - III. William Bruce HITT was born on September 21, 1950 in Greenville. William died on June 22, 1968 and was buried in Greenville Memorial Gardens, Greenville.

39 Flora May HITT

Flora May HITT, the daughter of Joel Reuben HITT(**25**) and Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON, was born on November 12, 1912 in Buford, Marion County. She married James D. TAYLOR on December 25, 1932 in Clinton, MS. James, the son of John Webb TAYLOR and Lula MARTIN, was born on September 9, 1908 and died on June 5, 1985 in Pensacola, FL.

Children of Flora May HITT and James D. TAY-LOR:

- 57 I. Patricia Lucille TAYLOR was born on February 26, 1935 in Greenville.
- 58 II. Sarah Rebecca TAYLOR was born on January 13, 1938 in Florence, MS.
- 59 III. James Elizabeth TAYLOR was born on November 3, 1942 in Florence.

40 Joel Reuben HITT Jr.

Joel Reuben HITT Jr. ¹, the son of Joel Reuben HITT(**25**) and Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON, was born on December 30, 1916 in Clinton. He married Evelyn Quinn EDDLEMAN. Evelyn, the daughter of Richard Aaron EDDLEMAN and Flossie Nora Lucille POWER, was born on February 5, 1917 in Shelby, MS and died on January 28, 2002 in Mobile, AL ². She was buried in Mobile Memorial Gardens.

Children of Joel Reuben HITT Jr. and Evelyn Quinn EDDLEMAN:

 Joel Reuben HITT III³ was born on January 30, 1942 in Jackson. He married Ceree DALTON on August 29, 1987 in Stone Mountain, GA⁴. Ceree was born on September 14, 1945. 0 II. Leo Richard HITT was born on June 19, 1950 in Washington, D.C. ⁵.

41 Carolyn Elizabeth HITT

Carolyn Elizabeth HITT, the daughter of Joel Reuben HITT(**25**) and Elizabeth Margania ROBERTSON, was born on April 12, 1919 in Clinton. She married William Rayford PRIESTER on December 26, 1935. William was born on January 16, 1913. William is an insurance salesman.

Children of Carolyn Elizabeth HITT and William Rayford PRIESTER:

- 61 I. Margaret Janice PRIESTER was born on October 17, 1937 in Ferriday, LA.
- 62 II. William Rayford PRIESTER Jr. was born on September 20, 1940 in Ferriday.
 - III. Robert Ishmael PRIESTER was born on November 23, 1947 in Natchez, MS. Robert died on August 31, 1965 in Oxford, MS and was buried in Natchez. He died on the football field at Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) when he was just beginning his sophomore year.

42 Jessie Fern HITT

Jessie Fern HITT, the daughter of Martin Hughes HITT(**26**) and Sally MCNEESE, was born on September 28, 1902. She married Oscar GIBSON. Oscar was born and died. Jessie died.

Children of Jessie Fern HITT and Oscar GIBSON:

- I. Evelyn Noverta GIBSON was born. Evelyn died.
- II. Jessie Merle GIBSON was born. She married first, Jerry MONCE. Jerry was born and died. Jessie married second, Roy WILLIAMSON. Roy was born and died. Jessie died.

43 Moody HITT

Moody HITT, the son of Martin Hughes HITT(**26**) and Sally MCNEESE, was born. He married Alberta TURNAGE. Alberta was born and died. Moody died.

Children of Moody HITT and Alberta TURNAGE:

¹personal knowledge

²death certificate

³personal knowledge

⁴wedding participants

⁶³ I. Fay Jean HITT.

⁵Birth Certificate

- **64** II. Jacqueline HITT.
 - III. Peggy Joe HITT was born. She married Warren THOMAS. Warren was born.
- 65 IV. Phillip Glen HITT.
- 66 V. Charles Hughes HITT.
- **67** VI. Gary HITT.
 - VII. Tim HITT was born. He married Carolyn WILLIAMSON. Carolyn was born.

44 William Taft HITT

William Taft HITT ⁶, the son of Martin Hughes HITT(**26**) and Sally MCNEESE, was born on March 16, 1908. He married Floyd ROBBINS. Floyd was born. William died on December 28, 1987 and was buried.

Children of William Taft HITT and Floyd ROB-BINS:

- I. Patsy HITT was born.
- II. Lynn HITT was born.

45 James Otis HITT

James Otis HITT, the son of Martin Hughes HITT(**26**) and Sally MCNEESE, was born. He married Irma Lillian CAMPBELL on March 28, 1949. Irma, the daughter of Garner Thomas CAMPBELL and Arthurine BELL, was born on September 28, 1926. James died of car wreck on December 6, 1964. Children of James Otis HITT and Irma Lillian CAMPBELL:

- Martin Thomas HITT was born on May 3, 1950 in Columbus, MS.
- II. Irma Lillian HITT was born on March 27, 1953 in Columbus.

46 Burrel Samuel (Bill) HOOD Jr.

Burrel Samuel (Bill) HOOD Jr., the son of Burrel Samuel HOOD and Edgeworth Shyves (Edgie) HITT(**28**), was born on February 7, 1911. He married Juel BOYD. Juel was born. Burrel died.

Children of Burrel Samuel (Bill) HOOD Jr. and Juel BOYD:

- I. Bill HOOD III was born.
- II. Fred HOOD was born.
- III. Candy HOOD was born.

47 James Aven HITT

James Aven HITT, the son of James Washington HITT(**29**) and Ida MORRIS, was born on March 16, 1908. He married Ethel DANIELS. Ethel was born. James died on December 28, 1987 and was buried.

Children of James Aven HITT and Ethel DANIELS:

I. James William HITT was born.

48 Emma Mary HITT

Emma Mary HITT, the daughter of James Washington HITT(**29**) and Ida MORRIS, was born on September 10, 1909. She married Garvin ALLEN. Garvin was born.

Children of Emma Mary HITT and Garvin ALLEN:

- I. James Allen was born.
- II. Charlotte Allen was born.

49 Elizabeth Byrle HOOD

Elizabeth Byrle HOOD, the daughter of Louis Grey HOOD and Winnie Folsie HITT(**30**), was born on October 13, 1920 in Goss. She married Edgar Earl SIMS on February 24, 1946. Edgar was born.

Children of Elizabeth Byrle HOOD and Edgar Earl SIMS:

- Byrle Hood SIMS was born on December 17, 1946. She married John Elliot HARVEY on May 31, 1969. John was born.
- II. Lisa SIMS was born on January 23, 1950. Lisa died.
- III. Edgar Earl SIMS Jr. was born on October 29, 1956. Edgar died.

⁶gravestone

50 Edith ELLZEY

Edith ELLZEY, the daughter of Dewitt ELLZEY and Kate Hubbard HITT(**32**), was born. She married Dave BLACK. Dave was born and died. Edith died. Children of Edith ELLZEY and Dave BLACK:

I. Dave BLACK Jr. was born. Dave died.

II. Robert BLACK was born. Robert died.

51 Walter Dell HITT

Walter Dell HITT, the son of Fox Ezra HITT(**35**) and Eula Florence SANFORD, was born on August 13, 1926. He married Betty Jo THURMAN. Betty was born. Walter died.

Children of Walter Dell HITT and Betty Jo THURMAN:

- I. Lewis Ray HITT was born on March 27, 1949.
- II. Barbara Dell HITT was born on January 18, 1954.

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52 Mary Katherine HITT

Mary Katherine HITT, the daughter of Thomas Stanfield HITT(**36**) and Floyd SIGREST, was born on May 10, 1936 in Jackson, MS. She married first, Marion YORK in , 1955 in AR. Marion was born and died. Mary married second, Charles STITT. Charles was born.

Children of Mary Katherine HITT and Marion YORK:

 John Richard YORK was born on May 29, 1957 in Dayton, OH.

Children of Mary Katherine HITT and Charles STITT:

- Katherine Theresa STITT was born on August 17, 1966 in Jackson.
- David Michael STITT was born on September 10, 1967 in Jackson.

53 Thomas Richard HITT

Thomas Richard HITT, the son of Thomas Stanfield HITT(**36**) and Floyd SIGREST, was born on January 31, 1938 in Jackson. He married Shirley Marie PICKLE in Knoxville, TN. Shirley was born and died.

Children of Thomas Richard HITT and Shirley Marie PICKLE:

- Richard Andrew HITT was born on November 23, 1960 in Knoxville.
- Clinton Thomas HITT was born on October 14, 1961 in Knoxville.
- III. Marie Robin HITT was born on December 22, 1964 in Jackson.

54 Jack HOLLINGSWORTH Jr.

Jack HOLLINGSWORTH Jr., the son of Jack HOLLINGSWORTH and Lucile Wilmoth HITT(**37**), was born on May 31, 1939 in Jackson. He married Sandra POLK. Sandra was born on August 7, 1941 in Prentiss, MS.

Children of Jack HOLLINGSWORTH Jr. and Sandra POLK:

- I. Jack (Trey) HOLLINGSWORTH III was born on October 7, 1966 in Covington, LA.
- Michelle Leigh HOLLINGSWORTH was born on September 5, 1968 in Covington.
- Eric Hitt HOLLINGSWORTH was born on September 24, 1972 in Hattiesburg, MS.
- IV. John Andrew HOLLINGSWORTH was born on March 13, 1979 in Hattiesburg.

55 Sandra Floy HITT

Sandra Floy HITT, the daughter of Bruce Owen HITT(**38**) and Dorothy MAXWELL, was born on July 3, 1940 in Monroe, LA. She married Otto James ZOLLER Jr. on June 10, 1961 in Greenville, MS. Otto was born.

Children of Sandra Floy HITT and Otto James ZOLLER Jr.:

I. Todd Dewitt ZOLLER was born on April 13, 1964.

56 Chere Norene HITT

Chere Norene HITT, the daughter of Bruce Owen HITT(**38**) and Dorothy MAXWELL, was born on October 17, 1947 in Greenville. She married Michael Roger ROSELLA. Michael was born.

Children of Chere Norene HITT and Michael Roger ROSELLA:

- Michelle Elizabeth ROSELLA was born on February 15, 1967 in Greenville.
- II. Michael Roger ROSELLA Jr. was born on July 21, 1969 in Greenville.

57 Patricia Lucille TAYLOR

Patricia Lucille TAYLOR, the daughter of James D. TAYLOR and Flora May HITT(**39**), was born on February 26, 1935 in Greenville. She married Maurice Clark WHITFIELD on March 20, 1958 in Tallahassee, FL. Maurice was born on August 1, 1930 and died.

Children of Patricia Lucille TAYLOR and Maurice Clark WHITFIELD:

 James Clark WHITFIELD was born on May 15, 1957 in Tallahassee, Fl.

- John Dudley WHITFIELD was born on March 11, 1960 in Birmingham, AL.
- III. Susan Eileen WHITFIELD was born on October 14, 1965 in Greenville.

58 Sarah Rebecca TAYLOR

Sarah Rebecca TAYLOR, the daughter of James D. TAYLOR and Flora May HITT(**39**), was born on January 13, 1938 in Florence, MS. She married Charles H. NYE on May 30, 1959 in Tallahassee. Charles was born.

Children of Sarah Rebecca TAYLOR and Charles H. NYE:

- Charles Taylor NYE was born on December 18, 1959 in Birmingham.
- Brenda Michelle NYE was born on September 6, 1962 in Birmingham.

59 James Elizabeth TAYLOR

James Elizabeth TAYLOR, the daughter of James D. TAYLOR and Flora May HITT(**39**), was born on November 3, 1942 in Florence. She married Kurt Everitt BONIFAY on September 5, 1964 in Pensacola, FL. Kurt was born on August 16, 1938. James died.

Children of James Elizabeth TAYLOR and Kurt Everitt BONIFAY:

- I. Kurt Everitt (Rhett) BONIFAY Jr. was born on November 13, 1967 in Pensacola.
- Sarah Elizabeth BONIFAY was born on November 3, 1969 in Pensacola.

60 Leo Richard HITT

Leo Richard HITT, the son of Joel Reuben HITT Jr.(40) and Evelyn Quinn EDDLEMAN, was born on June 19, 1950 in Washington, D.C.¹. He married Linda Joan TURPIN. Linda, the daughter of Patrick Richard TURPIN and Camila Corrine O'CONNER, was born on February 25, 1958 in Mobile, Mobile County, AL. Leo was a mathematics professor at University of South Alabama between 1977 and 2003 in Mobile, AL and lived between 1990 and 2003 there.

Children of Leo Richard HITT and Linda Joan TURPIN:

¹Birth Certificate

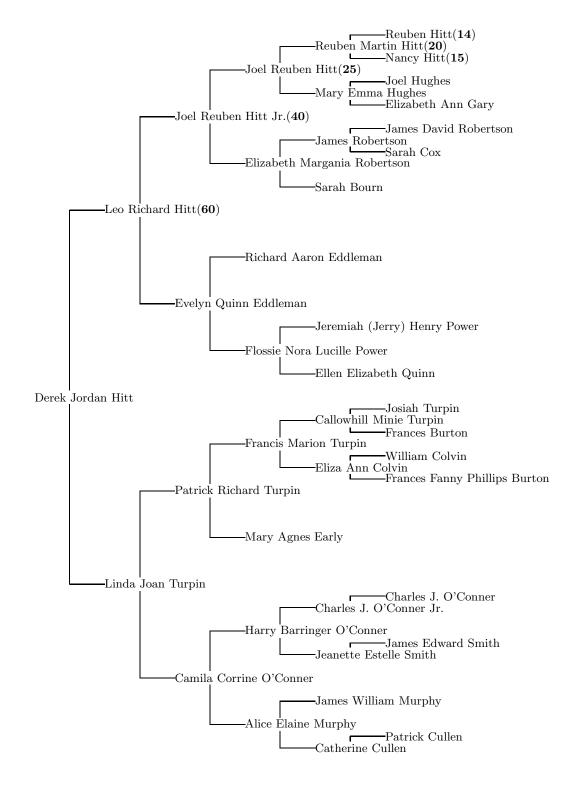


Figure 2.2: Pedigree of Derek Jordan Hitt

- Derek Jordan HITT² was born on June 23, 1989 in Mobile. His pedigree is illustrated in Figure 2.2.
- II. Teagan Renee HITT³ was born on April 20, 1992 in Mobile.

61 Margaret Janice PRIESTER

Margaret Janice PRIESTER, the daughter of William Rayford PRIESTER and Carolyn Elizabeth HITT(**41**), was born on October 17, 1937 in Ferriday, LA. She married Paul Henry BYRNE Jr. on September 17, 1963 in Natchez, MS. Paul was born and died.

Children of Margaret Janice PRIESTER and Paul Henry BYRNE Jr.:

- I. Robert Priester BYRNE was born on April 25, 1968.
- Susannah Scott Byrne was born on October 27, 1970.

62 William Rayford PRIESTER Jr.

William Rayford PRIESTER Jr., the son of William Rayford PRIESTER and Carolyn Elizabeth HITT(**41**), was born on September 20, 1940 in Ferriday. He married Jean Marie HICKS on December 28, 1961 in Natchez. Jean was born.

Children of William Rayford PRIESTER Jr. and Jean Marie HICKS:

- Shan Marie ?priester ____ was born on September 28, 1962.
- William Bradford PRIESTER III was born on December 23, 1963.



63 Fay Jean HITT

Fay Jean HITT, the daughter of Moody HITT(43) and Alberta TURNAGE, was born. She married Jimmy LANGFORD. Jimmy was born.

Children of Fay Jean HITT and Jimmy LANGFORD:

- I. Jimmy LANGFORD was born.
- II. Glenda LANGFORD was born.

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64 Jacqueline HITT

Jacqueline HITT, the daughter of Moody HITT(43) and Alberta TURNAGE, was born. She married James RAYBORN. James was born.

Children of Jacqueline HITT and James RAYBORN:

- I. Elizabeth RAYBORN was born.
- II. Pamela RAYBORN was born.
- III. Rebecca RAYBORN was born.

65 Phillip Glen HITT

Phillip Glen HITT, the son of Moody HITT(**43**) and Alberta TURNAGE, was born. He married Elka _____. Elka was born.

Children of Phillip Glen HITT and Elka ____:

- I. Gordon HITT was born.
- II. Phillip HITT was born.
- III. Gwendoline HITT was born.

66 Charles Hughes HITT

Charles Hughes HITT, the son of Moody HITT(43) and Alberta TURNAGE, was born. He married Margaret SMITH. Margaret was born.

Children of Charles Hughes HITT and Margaret SMITH:

I. Charles Hughes HITT was born.

67 Gary HITT

Gary HITT, the son of Moody HITT(**43**) and Alberta TURNAGE, was born. He married Jerry STEPHEN-SON. Jerry was born.

Children of Gary HITT and Jerry STEPHENSON:

I. Erick HITT was born.

³birth certificate

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