

A Brief History of How and Why the Burley's Came to America and Who We are?

The Bauerle's or in modern times Burley's came to South Carolina, in the Fall of 1752. Johan Philip Bauerle, He was known as Gaspar . He came over because they were offering free land : also he was protestant in a Catholic country. The ruling class was forcing the protestants to sell what land they had and making them live without any support. No land no food and no money to buy food. They had just finished the Thirty Years War and through history books the German people had lost through starvation ,killing and diseases due to starving, over 75% of the country had been lost . Some towns were wiped out totally . God intervened and there was hope because England had obtained a large piece of in the Americas . So to pay for the war they had with France. They owned a lot of land with no tax payers. So they had plantations on the coast of South Carolina and so they would look good in the eyes of the world. They were going to have a buffer between the Indian Tribes and the plantations. So lets get some stupid people to take the land. Pay Taxes on it .and they had just got over the Yamessee War in which the state was almost wiped out..

This is the time that Gaspar arrived ,1752. Shortly after he arrived they had the Cherokee War. Eight years after he arrived it started in 1760 it really started in 1759. None of the settlers had cleaned off their land to grow food. When the war broke out. A short distance approximately 8 miles from his home a family was killed including children. It wasn't an easy life. From one disaster to another . But he made it. We made it.

Now the family of Bauerle. The name means peasant in German . The modern translation is Farmer. A Peasant is a glorified slave . He was on call from his Noble Family. To protect him even if it meant giving his life. He had to grow crops as well as keep the livestock. He gave it all to his Master who in turn would give him some to keep him from starving. It was a hard life . Apparently he left but others stayed Gaspar's brother had a child . He named him the same as our Gaspar. He was Born in 1744 he came over in 1770. and got a property off of the Saluda River on the Northern side. He had land and his closest neighbor was Philmond Waters who was his Captain of his militia group during the Revolutionary War. He was at odds with his uncle Gaspar 1. They had a disagreement on owning slaves. During the estate of Gaspar 1, Gaspar 2 would not let the estate to be closed because Gaspar 1, had left a slave to each of the children including Gaspar 2. So during the estate it was decided that since Martin could read and write English that he was to house all of the slaves(6) educate them and free them before the estate could be closed. In the 1810 census it shows Martin Byerly . with 6 slaves and the 1820 with 0 slaves. This can be confirmed by checking the probate records where Gaspar 2, was impatient and sent his son, Michael, with a lawyer from Blount County, Tenn. To see why the estate had not freed the slaves. It was shown that Martin had not decided that they were educated enough to release them..

Now to the Bauerle's in Germany. They were in Fellbach Germany in the 1500's . They had attended the Evangelish Lutheran Church and were baptized in the same church since 1530. They still live in Fellbach, Germany, they have a large farm "organic". Have

a resturant and a organic Grocery known as "Bauerle's". They started out by raising Asparagus. Then they went to other vegetables . It is a 3rd generatiom farm . The owner until about 2 yrs. ago was Klause Bauerle.. He died the Resterant is still in operation. The Families History of Fellbach, Germany, in the Aldlinger's section states that the Bauerle's were in Fellbach in the 1400's gives no names or where they came from. Melchoir Bauerle ,born in 1567 . married a Aldlinger woman . in Fellbach . His fathers name was Jacob, born in 1530.. Municipal records for Fellbach do not give a birth place only a general location. I've found that the Baurele's came from a community of Allmersbach Tal, Germany , but I couldn't find a church either Catholic or Protestant in the area and the community keeps no records or history. This is as far back that I can go. The community is about 15 to 29 miles from Fellbac, Germany. Our line took part in the Protestant Revolution, The Thirty Years War, The French and Indian War, The Revolutionary War , The War of 1812, The Mexican War , The War for Southern Independence, The Spanish American War, The World War 1, The World War 2, The Korean War, The Viet Nam War , and so on, and so on we've made it through all of them . It looks like some one is protectiing Us. Who could it be?