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CROMER

John Michael Cromer came to America from the State of Baden, Germany. In his petition for a bounty grant dated November 4, 1752, for 200 acres of land, he states that he came from Rotterdam in a ship Crimless which was commanded by Captain Joseph Cleator, and landed in Philadelphia; that he had three children, viz: Frederick (age 20), Jacob (age 19), Charlotte (age 11). His grant was given for 200 acres on Camping Creek, a branch of Saluda River. From this information it appears that his wife had died before coming, but he may have married again after his arrival and settlement.

Frederick Cromer (1732-1798) married Sybella _____, and had children; Elizabeth, Christian, George, Margaret, Jacob, Godfrey, Michael and John Frederick. Elizabeth married Henry Wicker, Sr. - - being his second wife - - and had children: Syble and others. Syble married Christopher Singley. Christian (Frederick Christian) married _____ Koon, and had sons, Adam and Simon, both of whom moved to North Alabama, after a few years living in Union County. Adam married Cassandra _____ and had children. Simon married Catherine Wicker and had a son Thomas and other children. Margaret married John Koon and had descendants in Alabama. Jacob died or was killed in the American Army during the Revolutionary War, leaving a widow Sophia. Godfrey also died or was killed in the Revolutionary War. Both were dead before 1784. Michael (1770-1844) married Hannah Suber and had children, Elizabeth (she married Daniel Minger), William E. who married _____. Daniel Minger and wife left a son John Samuel Minger. William E. and wife left two daughters, Lavania and Marcella. John Frederick (1775-1851) married (1) _____ and (2) to Barbara _____, and had children: Catherine (who

married Jacob G. Leitsey), Mary M. (who married Elijah Wedaman), Susan (who married Simon P. Dickert), Jacob L. (he died 1864) who married Rebecca _____, Sarah (who married George A. Koon), Emmanuel, and Frederick. Simon P. Dickert and Wife Susan had John Melvin, Mary Martha, Thomas, Elvira, Elizabeth. Jacob L. Cromer and wife Rebecca had: Amelia, Julius Job (died 1869 unmarried), Anna, Margaret, Elmira and John Malus. George A. Koon and wife Sarah had children: Susan (married William R. Wildeman), George, Richard, John C. (All of this Koon family moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and lived near Moore's Bridge, that state). Emmanuel (1811 - -) married Nancy Suber ,(she died in 1850), his second wife being _____: having by his first wife children, Susannah, (married _____ Bailey), George Henry, John Frederick, (he died 1872), John H. Preston, Enoch Sligh; and by his second wife had a son Jacob, who married a Dickert. John Frederick married Eliza Crosson (1832-1927), and had children: Silas Joseph, Anna Henrietta)she married Pink Adams), John Frederick and Fannie Jane (she married Willie Job Hentz).

George Cromer (1767-1825), son of Frederick Cromer, married Margaret _____ (1763-1841) and had children: John George (1797-1867) (married Agnes Wicker), Henry (married Elizabeth _____), Mary (married Daniel Wicker), Catherine (Married Andrew Campbell), Elizabeth, David (married Katherine Koon). David and wife Katherine had a son Hilliard Francis Cromer. David married again to _____ and had a son David Derrick, who was killed in the Civil War unmarried. David Cromer was born about 1795 and died in 1858. His son, Hilliard Francis (1822-1860), as a young man went to Tuscaloosa, Alabama with Solomon Lake, where other Cromers had settled shortly before. After a few years, he returned to his old home in the "Dutch Fork", where

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he married Nancy Singley (1825-1869), by whom were four children: Mary Catherine (1853-1911), Martha Rebecca (1855-1859), Thomas Henry (1857-1932), and Hulda Ann (1860-1917). Mary Catherine married Walker W. Wicker and had children: Thomas, Clara (she married Harry Stone), Elizabeth (married John Robertson), Mary (not married), Lora (married Albert Schumpert). Thomas Henry Cromer married Mary Summer, a daughter of Joseph P. and Catherine (Glymph) Summer, and had children: John Herman, Laura (she married Dr. Theodore Hemingway of Kingstree, S. C.), Ethel and others who died young. Hulda Ann married John Harrison (Hack) Summer, and had children: (George Leland 1881----) Elbert Hugh (1884-1944), John Ernest (1887----), Thomas Roy (1889 ---), Verna Louise (1892-), Mary Delila (1894-), Ann Julia (1897-) James Harrison (1900-;932). George Leland Summer married Caroline Mayes (1884 -), and had children: George Leland, Jr. (1907-) Harry Thomas (1908 -), William Mayes (1909-) and James Elbert (1911-). Elbert Hugh married Vera Summer (descendant of John Henry Summer), and had children: Robert, Elbert (died young), Frances and twin sons, Hugh and Jack, who served in Air Corps during World War II. John Ernest married Linda Miller of Atlanta, Georgia (daughter of Dr. Royal Miller and Wife). Thomas Roy married Florence Bowman, daughter of Charles and Kate (Ewart) Bowman of Newberry. Vera Louise married Hal Kohn. Mary Delila never married and has served over 30 years as teacher in City Schools of Newberry. Ann Julia married Jacob Wise. James Harrison (who served in World War I), married Margaret Spearman and had two children: James Harrison Jr. and Margie (she married Charles Forkner and lives in Washington State).

Another son of John George and wife Margaret, was Michael (1797-1866) who married (1) Mary Boyd and (2) to Celia Kinard. He was a twin brother of John George Jr. Children by his first wife were William David (who married Susannah Hipp) who was born in 1818 and died in 1881; George Lemuel (born 1828) who married , James L. (1820-1865) who married Louisa Catherine Riddlehuber; Caroline (born 1822), who died unmarried; children by his second wife Celia Kinard were: Bachman (married Fannie Adams) Susannah (married Lambert Moore); Mary (married Wallace Koon); Katherine (married John C. Wilson); Martha Jane (1849-1878). George Lemuel Cromer and wife had children: John L., William and Martha; James L. and wife Louisa Catherine had children: Mary Catherine (she was first wife of Col. D. A. Dickert).

Jacob Cromer, Sr., second son of the pioneer, John Michael, was born 1733; Married Elizabeth Yost. He had a son George, who moved to Abbeville District and became an itinerant Methodist preacher, while he farmed. He married Elizabeth (Gray) Ruff, widow of Christian Ruff and daughter of George Gray, Sr. of Newberry District; had two sons Phillip and Wesley. Phillip married Dorothy Ann Keller and had children; Mary Elizabeth (she married - first James Tolbert, and second Robert Wardlaw; had two children , Mary who married G. Washington Dacus and had daughter Isabel who married Reverend Leon Keaton, and Dr. Robert H. Dacus who married Florence Wertz of Newberry; George, who died in the Confederate service in Virginia in 1861; Phillip, who died aged 5 years, blind from infancy; Asbury Fletcher, who died in the Confederate service, unmarried; Sarah Virginia, who married Curtis M. Ritchie and had daughter Eola, who became the wife of Dr. Huntley; Jane Amanda who married Pinckney Travers Boyd of Newberry, who died in 1900 leaving children: John Phillip, Dugan, Dobby, Lucia, Frances, Marion,

(they moved to Arkansas); James Augustus (1864-1903) who married Emma Carlton; Samuel Foster, who died unmarried; William Oscar (1850-1920) who married Ella Cox; Lindsey Harper (1853--) who married Annie Stevens; Lucia Victoria, who married G. Washington Dacus; Thomas Thomson, who married Ella Hunt. John Phillip and wife Rosa Barnes had children: Mary (married Charles Ray), Martha, Frances (married Archibald Keaton), Jane died in infancy and probably others. William Oscar and wife Ella (Cox) Cromer had children: Waldo Oscar, Daisy Ann (married W. F. Nichols), Maude St. Clair (married James G. Bowers), Marie Samuella (married Cecil H. Seigler), Phillip Sidney, Charles Forrest, High Wilson, William Oscar, Waldo Augustus, Cecil R., and Helen Calhoun Cromer. Thomas Thomson Cromer and wife, Ella Hunt, had children; William (married Sarah Dominick), Georgia (married Hovey Smith), Archibald Keaton and wife Frances had children: Rev. Leon (married Isobel Dacus), Cora (married a Jones), Helen (married Ernest Cheatham), Mary Law (married Prof. Fulmer), Winton, Althea, Fay and Carlisle Keaton.

George Wesley Cromer, son of George, married (1) Susan Keller and (2) to Anna Keller - - sisters- - and (3) to Mrs. Charlotte Erwin. Children, who were probably by first two wives, were: Eugenia (married James Young), no children; Frances (married David Davis) and had children: Anna, Jennie, Tena (she married Joe Eddy); Florence (married George W. Collins) - left no children; John W. (married first to Louise Cannon, and second to Anna Edwards), who left four children by his first wife; James Isaac who married _____ Golding, - left no children; George Andrew (married Martha Rhodes and left several children); Cornelia (married David Miller) who left children, Susie (married Ezekiel Clinkscales), Jennie (married Augustus Norton Tolbert), Carrie (married Edward Thompson); Annie (married Bonner Hadden) and Eugene (married Willie Clamp), John and David Miller.

Rev. Phillip, son of Jacob Cromer Sr. and wife Elizabeth Yost, married Mary Ruff (daughter of Christian Ruff) and had children; Sarah (married Henry Kelsey). John, Susan (married Langston Lyles). They moved to Tennessee, having first located in North Alabama.

Jacob Cromer, probably a son of Jacob Sr. and wife Elizabeth Folk, his first wife and mother of his children. His second wife was Tina Suber. Children: James, David (married first to Elizabeth Wicker) had two children by his first wife, viz; Andrew (1812-1889), Harriet (she married George A. Counts), and by his second wife whom he married in Georgia where he had located down on Flint River, he had Mary (married David M. Kelly), David, Jacob (he married Margaret Meeks), Hilliard (married May Meeks). Other children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Folk) Cromer were: Elizabeth (married John Keller); Rebecca (married David Keller); Adam (1792-1865) married to Fannie Hoard., (1787-1849), had children: Adam Francis (1824-1898) who married Sarah Counts and had children: Adam C. (1861---), John S. (1866-1938), James H., and Elizabeth. John S. (1866-1938) married Dora Alice Boleman, Ann Louise who married William F. Hentz; Nancy; Thomas Hoard (1816-1870) who married Mary Ann Riddlehuber (1819-1909) and their children were: Elizabeth (married Dr. George A. Setzler); Fannie L. (who married first _____ Glasgow and second to _____ Briggs and third to Dr. George A. Setzler (his second wife); children by Glasgow being John and Bachman Glasgow. John Adam, son of Thomas H. and Mary Ann) married (1) Drucilla Gilliam (2) married Daisy Caldwell; James L. (son of Thomas Hoard and Mary Ann) died December 16, 1870 --- he married Carolie Dawkins and had one son Dr. James Dawkins Cromer, who was a physician in Atlanta, Georgia for many years before his death.

Other children of Thomas H. and Mary Ann Cromer were: Wallace who married (1) to Sallie Riser, and (2) to Sue Pratt; Charlton who married (1) to Orella S. Briggs (sister of his brother Bachman's wife) and (2) to Mary S. Moseley; Dr. George B. who married (1) to Caroline Motte and (2) to Hattie Biddle; Bachman who married Nancy Briggs, Captain Philander who was killed in the service of the Confederacy leaving widow but no children. Charlton Cromer and first wife had children: Robert (died in Alabama), Drucilla (married William S. McSwain) Sallie (married William Hentz); and children of his second wife being Mary (married Ab. Sligh), Hattie, Bertha, Lou Ellen, James, Philander, Joseph, Wallace.

John Adam Cromer and Wife (Drucilla Gilliam) had children: Florence, William, Johnny, Thomas, Gilliam, Mary, Cummings and Ernest. John Adam Cromer married (2) Daisy Caldwell and had one child Rosa.

Wallace Cromer (son of Thomas H. and Mary Ann Cromer) had children by his first wife, viz: Lilla (married John A. Eddy) Neena (married Richard Swittenberg), Charlton (married _____ Baker), and William married (Mary Buford). Wallace Cromer and his second wife had a daughter Anne, who married a Threatt.

Dr. George B. Cromer a prominent attorney of Newberry, was Mayor of the city, served as President of Newberry College about seven years. He had two children by his first wife, viz: Margaret and Carolyn. By his second wife he had two sons, George and Beale; George died young-not married; and Beale married in Newberry to _____ Dunston.

Bachman Cromer and his wife Nancy (Briggs) Cromer had children; Orella (wife of Thomas Chalmers), Iola (wife of Clyde McCarley), Arthur, Elmer, John Wallace, Haskell (he was killed in World War 1), Bachman and Walter.

Martin Cromer, a Revolutionary War patriot, lived on Second Creek, in Newberry County. He is supposed to have been a son of John Michael Cromer, Sr. the pioneer, by his second wife whom he married in America. Land conveyances indicate close relationship to Jacob Cromer, Sr., no doubt a half-brother. He died in 1823, leaving a widow Mary and children; John George, David, Henry, William G. Martin, Jacob, Lewis and Mary. John George married a _____ Heller and had Uriah, Longston, Miles (he married first to Adeline Wedaman in 1869, then to Agnes Wicker), Stephen (he was killed in the Confederate service in 1862, leaving a daughter Eugenia and widow Emoline). David died in 1860 leaving widow Mary and children: Delila (married Peter Felker), Belinda (married Samuel Prentiss), David Adam, Isaac (married first to Mary Cates and second to George Welch and third to Joseph Lominick), Louise (married Edward Campbell). Miles Cromer and wife Agnes (Wicker) Cromer had a son Camillus (1847-1903). William, son of David married Elizabeth Singley and he died before the death of his father. Henry, son of Martin Sr. died in 1862 leaving widow Anna, and children - Franklin (1837-1862) who died in Confederate service; Harrison P.; George; Mary Elizabeth. William C. Cromer (familiarily known as "River Bill"), lived near Broad River and died in that section in 1862, his wife having died before his death and left children: Drucilla, Ellen (she married Samuel Wicker), Frances, Robert R., (he died unmarried), George (married Elizabeth _____ who had Henry and William Julius), Ezekiel (called "Eketh") died in 1855, leaving widow and children who were Twiller (she married Thomas McCollough), James Calvin and Texana. Martin Cromer, Jr. married Mary _____. He died in 1850. Their children were Jane, Samuel and Ann. Jacob (son of Martin Cromer), died in 1868 in Anderson

County, S. C., leaving widow Nancy but no children. Lewis Cromer (son of Martin Sr.) was born in 1809 and died in 1882. He married Anne Kate Dickert (1817-1897) and had children: Mary (married Dr. Silas R. Heller), Ezra (married Amanda Weathers, and were parents of Jacob Jasper Cromer who married Sallie McLesky, Nancy who married a Meredith, Edrew, Jacob, Hezekiah, Ellen who married _____ Heller, Lewis, Wesley who married and had Milly Ann and Texana. Mary (daughter of Martin Cromer, Sr.) married (1) to John Ringer and (2) to John Heller. All of Lewis Cromer's descendants live in Anderson County.

Isaac Cromer and his first wife Mary Cates had children: John Fielding who married and had several children, two of whose sons are Jeff and James Cromer of Newberry County. Isaac Cromer and his second wife Elizabeth (Singley) Cromer, (she was a daughter of Christopher Singley and wife Elizabeth (Cromer)Singley, had children: Andrew (married _____ Cromer), Neely (married _____), Ella (married William Lee and moved to Texas), William and Pinckney (married first to _____ Nance and second to _____ Crompton).

Henry Cromer (1781-1847) married (1) to Phoebe Yeldell and (2) to Henrietta Burts. He was probably the son of Jacob Cromer, Sr. In 1830 he was living on Beaver Dam Creek in Newberry County and in 1838, he and his family moved over into Georgia and settled in what was then known as Franklin County. From old deeds, he was closely related to both Martin Cromer and John George Cromer (father of David Cromer who died in 1858). Children by his first wife were: George (1804-1882) who married Sara Ann Atkins in Newberry County and had two sons, Jerome Derrick Cromer and Henry Rush Cromer; Sarah; Barbara; Phillip, who married in Georgia and later moved into Anderson County, S. C., Hiram (1812-1900), who married (1) Sallie Gober and (2) to

Anna Letheridge. The children of Phillip were: George, Martin, John T., Edrew and one called "Bub". Hiram lived in Georgia and had a daughter Ethel Ann, who married a Roach (she was by his first wife), and by his second wife were two children, William Hiram and Bettie (she married _____ Argo).

Henry Cromer had by his second wife children: David (1820-1904), who married Susie Fowler (1823-1899); James who was killed in the War Between the States, and left children living in Arkansas; Thomas (killed in the War Between teh States); Samuel who died when young, leaving no family. David had children: James Franklin Cromer, who married Patsy Gaines and had Thomas, William and Lafayette.

Barbara, a daughter of Henry Cromer and his first wife, Phoebe Yeldell, married William Henry Kesler, one of whose sons was George Kesler. They lived in Georgia.

One Daniel Cromer died in Fairfield County about 1820. There were living in Lexington County about 1842 brothers and sisters as follows: Daniel, James, Nancy Mary, Polly, Adam Cromer (probably the children of one Adam Cromer, son of David, son of Andrew). Settlement of an estate that year included 188 acres of land on a branch of Twelve-Mile Creek, South of Saluda River. Daniel was the father of the late Rev. James A. Cromer, a Lutheran Minister who served churches in both North Carolina and South Carolina. One of his sons Rev. James L. Cromer, also was a Lutheran Minister, and was the builder of the present Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in Newberry County. The children of Daniel Cromer (he died 1865) were Rev. James Albert, Alice (married Henry Shull), Elleg G., Emily married _____ Kaminer, and Anna Ruff. Rev. James. L. had a son who has recently been elected President of Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina.

John George Cromer, the other pioneer, came from the vicinity of Baden, Germany, to Holland and sailed from Rotterdam, the Netherlands, to Philadelphia in the ship Elizabeth, commanded by Captain Ross. After his colony had been delayed at Rotterdam, by being held under a contract with a merchant there, they came to America. Following his friends to the South, he settled in South Carolina, locating on Camping Creek near the settlement of the pioneer, John Michael Cromer, who was probably a brother. His petition for a bounty grant is dated February 14, 1753, for 250 acres of land on Camping Creek. He had a wife and three children. The children were; John Michael (age 10), George (age 6), Andrew (age 15 months). John George died shortly before October 1st, 1768. His second son, George, died sometime between 1769 and 1772, leaving a widow, Mary Margaret (Seigler) Cromer, but no evidence of leaving any children; she later married Michael Dickert, Sr. In 1773, John Michael, the son, deeded to his brother Andrew, the one-half part of the original tract of 250 acres.

John Michael Cromer (1742-1815) married Susan Hair and lived on Camping Creek. They had a daughter, Anna Marie, who married George Henry Leber (Lever) and their son was George Henry Leber, Jr. No other children.

Andrew Cromer (son of pioneer) who was born 1751, probably died about 179___. He married Mary Catherine Minnick, a daughter of William Minnick. His widow later married Phillip Gruber. Her children by Andrew Cromer were : Andrew Jr., David, Mary (wife of Fred Davis), Christina (wife of John LeGronne), and Elizabeth and Jacob. Andrew Jr. married (1) Mary Wicker who died in 1817; and in 1821 he married to Catherine Sligh, widow of John Barre; David Married Elizabeth Ruff, a daughter of Christian Ruff; Jacob who was born about 1774, died in

the year 1800, unmarried.

John George Cromer, after his settlement, and after the year 1755, may have had other children; but the records indicate only one (from the grants made May 1, 1774) a daughter named Kuni-guntha.

Jacob Cromer, Sr. died without leaving a will, nor is a settlement of his estate recorded under administration. It is assumed that he gave his property away to some of his children before he died, and died without any property. The deeds and judgments give some clues as to the names of his children. He gave to his son, George, in 1792, all his lands and personal property. Later, it is shown that this George deeded to his brother, Henry, part of the lands. Jacob, Sr. probably married a daughter of Phillip Yost from whom he received part of his land; for a son of Jacob was named Phillip, and a son of George was named Phillip.

George Cromer, shown as the son of Frederick Cromer Sr. and wife Syble, is probably correct, as George signed his name in German script, as Frederick and his other sons did. Jacob Sr. only made his mark and his sons, either signed in English script or made their marks, not using the German letters. It is said that a large number of Dutch Fork families retained their mother tongue, the German language, after their arrival, and spoke and wrote in that language. Many old German Bibles were brought over, or soon after their arrival were ordered from Germany.