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The Hamiters

JACOB HAMITER, probably the son of (John) Jacob Hamiter, Cedar Creek, was a resident of Lexington County. On January 5, 1804, he bought 420 acres of land on both sides of Sawney Creek from Alexander Crumpton, Fairfield County, for \$1000. There was a Michael Hamiter of Lexington District, not further identified, who died in the year 1815. There are no further records of the Lexington Michael and Jacob Hamiters.

The 1790 census lists only one Hamitar (Hamiter): John Hamitar of Fairfield County, who had one white, free male over sixteen years of age, one under sixteen, and three white, free females in his household. John Hamiter bought at the sale of Herman Kinsler's chattel goods in June 1783.

Although not listed in the 1790 census, Adam Hemeter (Hamiter) bought at the sale of Beat Turnipseed in late 1782 or early 1783.

ADAM FREDERICK HAMITER, son of (John) Jacob Hamiter, Cedar Creek, died in 1822. His will made on June 8, 1822, was proven on December 22, 1822. To his wife, Barbara, daughter of Hans Rebsomn or John Turnipseed, he left the home and 100 acres of land, and one third of the money to be derived from the sale of his chattel goods. The other two thirds to be equally divided among his children: Frederick, John George, David, Nancy and Polly. To his son, Frederick, he left all of his land on Cedar Creek, being made up out of three tracts: 100 acres, 98 acres and 27 acres. He is to pay John George \$200 within two years. His son John George to inherit after his mother, and is to have the remainder of the Old Tract of 225 acres, and

10-F.D.B. Bk O, P.382.

11- Memorialized Records of Lexington District, S.C. 1814-1825, compiled by Brent H. Holcomb, P.2, Camden District, S.C. Wills and Administrations, 1781-1787, Compiled Brent H. Holcomb, Pp41, 61.

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the balance of the Mc Dill (McGill?) place of about 90 acres. His son David that part of the tract on School House Branch, lying above the branch and reaching to his old line, then to Little Cedar Creek, in all about 25 acres; is to have about 280 acres out of the Medill (Mc Gill or McDill) tract where he is now living. To his daughters, Nancy and Polly, he left \$500, each, in lieu of land. To Daniel Gradick, who had married his daughter Sucky, he left \$5. He named his sons Frederick and David Hamiter as his executors. Herman Hinsler and Samuel Lever witnessed the will. John H. Smith, son of his sister Mary Eve Hamiter Smith; Samuel Lever, married to his niece Mollie Smith; and Nathan Center appraised his property. Among those owing notes to Adam F. Hamiter were Joseph Richardson, Abraham Turnipseed, John Turnipseed, John P. Cooke, David Hamiter (his son), Christian Lightner, Thomas Marshall, Nathan Center, Samuel Green, Samuel Turnipseed, George Lightner, Andrew Turnipseed, Elias Ruff (nephew), Adam F. DuBard (grandson), Frederick Hamiter (son) James McCants, Daniel Scott, George Turnipseed, John George Hamiter (son), Sally Smith, Samuel Mc Clure, Sion Elkins, John Chappell and Benjamin Hodge. John Chappell paid off his note of \$13.18 on February 19, 1823.

The executors paid out during the years 1822-1823, the following items of interest: To the Rev. Perce (Redick Pierce) two dollars for the funeral sermon; Dr. Fisher for mileage and medicine, \$10; Mrs Smith for midwifery, John H. Smith for making the coffin, \$2.25; Mr Freshley for ferage (sic); Daniel Smith (great nephew) \$8.25.

Buying at the sale of his chattel goods: The widow, Samuel Lever, John Trapp (bought the Bible and Hymn Book for \$1.13), James McCants, Felix Turnipseed, George Turnipseed, John Leaver (Lever), Harris Turnipseed,

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Jacob Nertz, William DuBard, Phillip DuBard, Herman Wirick, Thomas Brown, John Bookman, Nicholas Boney, Isaac Freeman, John Martin, Michael Turnipseed, John Chappell, Jacob Bookman, Stephen Gibson Jr, John P. Cooke, Aaron Powell, Addick Pierce (bought some fruit), Samuel Nelson, Matthew Wootan, William (Deas?), John Price, Jacob Koon, Anthony Pullig, Alex Kennedy Jr., Elizabeth Wootan, Joseph Mc Adam (cried the sale), William Broom, James Histon, Hugh Elliott, Reeves Freeman, William Love, John Lorick, Daniel Scott, Minor Gibson, Theophilus Wilson, John Elliott, and Moses Mounce (Montz?). The total realized from the sale was \$6570.62. Among the crops sold at the sale was rice and flax, not uncommon crops for upper Richland County at that time.

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The list of buyers at the sale of the chattel goods of Adam Frederick Hamiter was an important listing of his neighbors. Many of these neighbors will be considered later. There is no doubt that Adam Frederick Hamiter was a prosperous farmer - even wealthy by the standards of his day.

Adam Hamiter served 120 days in the militia during the years 1781 and 1782, and for this service in the Revolutionary War, he was paid 2 pounds, 11 shillings 5 pence. On April 26, 1787, he received 2 pounds, 11 shillings, 8 pence, sterling, as payment in part, by discount, on the purchase of 98 acres of land for Mary Hamiter (Mary Eve, his daughter?). On May 7, 1789, he received 8 shillings and 9 pence, sterling, as interest; the remainder of his indent, by discount, for land for Stephen Smith Jr. Captain Lewis Pope and Colonel Thomas Taylor verified his service.

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FREDERICK HAMITER, son of Adam F. and Barbara Turnipseed Hamiter, died sometime before February 11, 1834, the date the following guardians were appointed for his children:

George F. Hamiter for Mary Ann Hamiter

Abram Turnipseed for Cynthia Hamiter and John William Hamiter.

George F. Hamiter (February 10, 1834) for George Scott Hamiter.

Daniel Scott for Daniel Hamiter.

Daniel Scott the guardian of Daniel Hamiter was probably his uncle since Frederick Hamiter, father of Daniel Hamiter, had married a Scott (daughter of Benjamin Scott)

In 1836, the returns mentioned the sum of \$50 paid for the children's board. The payments for the year 1842 mentioned \$3597 and \$25,28 paid to John Chappell as an agent of A (Abram) Turnipseed. John Chappell married Sevilla Scott, widow of Benjamin Scott. She was the mother of Daniel Scott and probably the mother of Frederick Hamiter's wife. On November 2, 1842, Daniel Hamiter gave Daniel Scott a receipt for \$2720.02, his remaining share in his father's estate.

Mary Ann Hamiter married George A. Turnipseed and by September 1843, they had moved to Pickens County, Alabama. From this place they wrote that George A. Turnipseed had reached the age of twenty-one years, and that they received the final payment of \$1928 on September 1, 1839. This was Mary Ann's share in her father's estate.

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George Scott Hamiter and his guardian, George F. Hamiter, both died and George A. Turnipseed of Carolton, Pickens County, Alabama, received from H. and William S. Hamiter, administrators of the estate of George F. Hamiter, the sum of \$3,077, which represented the entire legacy of George Scott Hamiter from his father Frederick Hamiter.

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DAVID HAMITER, son of Adam F and Barbara Turnipseed Hamiter, was born on March 23, 1797, and died March 25, 1872. He is buried in a small graveyard in the woods facing the old homesite of Captain Whitworth. In the graveyard is an old stone so defaced that the inscription can't be read but is probably the grave of David Hamiter's wife. I have no record of the children of David Hamiter. Dederick Hamiter was probably the son of David Hamiter.

Dederick Hamiter married Charlotte C. Hendrix, daughter of Fannie Hamiter and Thomas Hendrix. They had a daughter Sunie Hamiter. Dederick Hamiter died intestate in 1850. George W. Souter and Daniel Souter were named administrators of his estate. The administration bond was signed by George W. Souter, Daniel Souter, Jacob Lightner and John H. Smith on November 18, 1850. A warrant of appraisement was issued to John H. Smith, Phillip Pullig, John Lever and Daniel D. Fenley (sic), and sworn before John H. Kinsler, Justice of the Peace for Richland County on November 15, 1850. His chattel goods were the usual farm implements, and farm produce. He owned one Negro girl and one Negro man. The sale of his chattel goods brought in a total of \$1,180.56. Final returns on August 29, 1868 listed C. C. Hamiter (his wife) and C. P. A. Brown as heirs.

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Sunie Hamiter, daughter of Dederick and Charlotte C. Hendrix Hamiter,

married Thomas G. Lever and they had the following children:

Clarence Lever married Irene Lever.

Estelle Lever married Charles Wactor.

Eugene Lever married Katie----?

Nannie Lever married Harmon Lomas.

Edgar Lever married Daisy Wactor.

Beulah Lever married Joe Smith.

Asbury Lever married Dan Hughey.

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Pauline Lever married a Shealy.

The history of the Hamiter family has been very difficult to trace in an orderly manner, and several members of the family have already been buried without further identification. Buried in the churchyard of Cedar Creek Methodist Church, Upper Richland County, are these children of H.D.

S.A. Hamiter:

Samuel Hamiter, born May 6, 1856, and died December 31, 1907.

His wife, Zilla Kinsler, born September 22, 1856, and died January 16, 1924.

Lawrence Hamiter, born October 6, 1844, died April 2, 1859.

Hillard Hamiter, born December 25, 1859, died June 5, 1860.

Buried in the churchyard of the Methodist Church at Monticello are these unidentified Hamiters:

David P. Hamiter, February 21, 1849- February 21, 1925.

Emily H. Hamiter, March 28, 1848- August 11, 1893.

MS Fannie Lever.

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Elizabeth R. Hamiter died December 6, 1864.

Children of David P. and Emily H. Hamiter: (buried at Monticello)

Pauline Hamiter 1886-1902.

Infants.. died in 1882 and 1883.

Milton Hamiter 1881-1882.

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THE DUBARDS

The history of the DuBard family is so intimately tied in with the history of Cedar Creek Methodist Church in upper Richland County that the two have to be considered together. Sometime, perhaps as early as 1761, a small German Reformed Presbyterian Church was formed on Cedar Creek. This branch of the Presbyterian Church claimed Ulric Zwingle as its founder and was a follower of the Heidelberg Catechism. The original church was known as Apif Forum. The Rev. William DuBard was a pastor of this church before the Revolutionary War, but there is an earlier history that has to be considered. There was a Rev. John Frederick Dubber (DuBard?) who lived near the church on Cedar Creek, and might have had an early association with this church.

John Frederick Dubber received a grant for 200 acres of land on Stephens Creek, Granville County, on January 21, 1761. When he registered this land grant, he signed his name as Doubber. A few years later, he moved to Cedar Creek, upper Richland County, and the land laid out for John

It has been extremely difficult to trace the history of the DuBard family, and the history of Cedar Creek Church. Perhaps the reason, in part, is due to the probable different ways that DuBard is spelled. The family was known as Duber, Dubber, Dowber might have been some of the spellings of the name DuBard.