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Christopher Leitner (born about 1710 and died about 1768), married before coming to the Dutch Fork in Newberry County, as his petition for bounty grant of 250 acres on Crims Creek, dated October 2, 1752, indicates he had a wife and three children at that time. Another grant for 100 acres on Second Creek was made February 12, 1755. On March 20, 1762, his son, Michael, signed a bounty grant which shows that his father died between 1762 and 1769. Shares of property were divided between sons, John and Michael; and since there was another child, who may have died before that time, or others who were daughters already provided for, only the two dividend shares are given in the grant.

One Leitner descendant has advanced the theory that Christopher Leitner was one and the same as Joseph Leitner, who settled in the Sulzburger Colony at Ebenezer, Georgia, about 1733 (his full name being Joseph Christopher Leitner). There is nothing to bear out this theory, so far found, for Joseph Leitner died and was buried at Ebenezer Church, Ga. before 1769. It appears that Joseph may have moved up into the Dutch Fork in South Carolina about 20 years after settling at Ebenezer, Ga., but inconceivable that he used different Christian names in each State, and if he moved back to Georgia resumed his name of Joseph. All of the settlers who located in the section near Broad River called Little Dutch Fork about 1750-55, came from Pennsylvania, except a few who had come up from the German settlement above Charleston; and it is believed that Christopher came from Pennsylvania with the others.

There was a George Lightner (note difference in spelling) who had come from Pennsylvania before 1760, who may have been a son of Christopher or a brother.

came from Germany

Major Michael Leitner (born about 1735 and died about 1789-91) married Maria Beard (supposedly a sister of Colonel Jonas Beard), and had children: John Christian who died 1806, unmarried, and leaving all his property to sisters who were: Anne Margarete who married George Adam Setzler, Sr., Mary who married Dr. Henry F. Schmitz, Eve Christina who married (1) to John Adam Epting, Jr., and (2) to Martin Koone, Sr., and Catherine who married John A. Setzler, Jr.

Major Michael Leitner before the Revolutionary War was a Justice of the peace, Justice of the Quorum, and from 1775-1781 (two terms) a member of the Second Provincial Congress from upper Orangeburg District. During the war, he was Captain, then Major of Cavalry Troops.

John Adam Epting Jr., and wife Eve Christina (Leitner) had two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, at time of death of John Adam, Jr. in the year 1800. Her second marriage to Martin Koone, Sr. about 1802, had two daughters, one Katherine who married David Cromer, Jr. (1790-1858) and had a son Hilliard Francis Cromer. (See Cromer family lines).

John Leitner (son of Christopher) died about 1802, leaving widow Mary and the following children: John Christian, Phillip, John, Elizabeth, Kate, Mary and Barbara. John Christian moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, and died leaving children: John Christian, Charles B., and Henry D.

There was a George Leitner, who may have also been a son of Christopher, though tradition is he came from Pennsylvania.

about the time Christopher came, so he could have been a brother. This George died about 1813, leaving widow Barbara and children: Jacob, George, Henry, Christian, Mary Sestrunk, Catherine (wife of George Graddick), Magdeline Graddick. Another daughter Elizabeth had married Miner Gibson, but not named in his will. The father, George, according to a descendant, had married first in Pennsylvania to Mary Creighton and had children: Isaac, Henry and William. Now these three children may have remained in Pennsylvania or had died before his death, for they are not named in the settlement of his estate. He married second to Catherine Swygert and had children: George (married widow of Jacob Turnipseed), Jacob (1775-1845) who married Mary Eve Graddick (1773-1847), Catherine, Magdeline, Mary, Elizabeth (above), also Christian who married Hester Martin.

Jacob Leitner and wife, Mary Eve Graddick Leitner, had children: Jacob (married Charlotte Scuter), David Wesley (1797-1862) who married Elizabeth Smith, Margaret, Christina Ann, Mary, Magdeline, Salena, Hilliard, Nancy who married John F. Williams, Daniel who married Martha Lever, and Susan who died in 1902 at the age of 90 years. David Wesley and his wife Elizabeth Smith had children: John Wesley, who married Charlotte Hamiter, Elizabeth who married Mattison Abell, Harriet who married George Lever, Rebecca who married Hiran Allen, and Hilliard who died young.

(John Leitner (son of Christopher) and George Leitner are listed as having been "Regulators" in the year 1771.

Dr. Henry F. Schmitz and wife Mary (daughter of Major Michael Leitner) had children: Benjamin F., John A., and perhaps others. John A. Schmitz died in Lexington District after 1855,

Leaving widow Mary Ann and Children: Henry A., John F., Andrew Thomas, Sarah Caroline, Polly Catherine and a step-daughter Rosannah Schumpert. The spelling of the name was changed to "Smith", and we find there died in Lexington County in year 1875, the Rev. Henry Smith, who left widow Hepzibah Ellen and Children: Henry Walter, William Whiteford, Franklin Burr, Elizabeth Harriet, James M., Hepzibah Ellen (she married Conway Black), Nancy Ann (she married James L. Mitchell), Laura H. (she married George A. Fink); also sons-in-law named whose wives had died were, Simeon R. Crouch, James F. Fink and John J. Sheely.

Another Michael Leitner died after 1820, who lived in the Dutch fork of Newberry County. It is not known if he was married. He was probably a son of John Christian and a nephew of Major Michael.

The Leitner Coat of Arms are as follows:

A quartered shield; 1st and 4th quarter fluer de lis on Azure blue; 2nd and 3rd quarter black with a gold lion rampant, with crown of gold. In center of shield a small silver shield with a red rose. The Crest: a demi-lion, rampant, on Knight's helmet.

The Arms indicate the Leitners were in the Crusades.

The Leitners lived in Hungary, Germany, Switzerland, and Holland, but probably originated in Switzerland or Hungary at the time of Crusades.

*They were of Bavarian
nobility -*