

Leitner file

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George Leland Summer, in his research on the Newberry Families, would write to various persons with the same surname he was researching. His source for their addresses and how many responses is not known but the letters he did receive were often of great interest. He received much in the way of oral histories and followed up those stories with historical research to validate them. One such letter (Not dated) from Claude C. Leitner of Boston had this as part of the information:

...Joseph Christian Leitner, possibly a son or nephew of W. A. Leitner of Leyden Holland (The Church within a quarter mile of where the Leitner Family originally located was in New Holland, Pennsylvania), came over with James Oglethorpe and helped settle the Georgia plantation in the Carolina (Now the State of Georgia). In 1741 the Church records there proclaimed that he was the best individual farmer in Georgia, paying as taxes nearly three times as much as all others excepting only two 'combined estates'.<sup>1</sup> Joseph Christian Leitner had only three daughters and was determined to plant cotton silk, having bought a 'hatful' of seed from his uncle's plantation in Molucca, West Indies, for which place Columbus set sail in 1492. The English government was determined no cotton should be planted in America. Because his daughters would inherit his plantation in Georgia, he planted his cotton over the line in what was then called the Indian Territory and later called the 'Leitner Place on Indian Bounds'. The nearest neighbor was Lyles Ford to the north, above Parr's on Broad River. Pink Summers took me to this place, the Old Leitner Cotton fields, last summer, located 3-4 miles from Peak and Parr's....

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23 Mar 1865 - Thursday

We regret to learn, Mr. Oxlade, a detailed soldier, died at Mrs. Oscar Johnson's on Monday night, of Pneumonia. Mr. Oxlade was a Charlestonian.

Colonel Thomas W. Lanham, one of the most honorable and upright citizens of Edgefield died on 27 Feb.

28 Mar 1865 - Tuesday

Death of Cadet T. A. Johnson. We regret to record the death of this noble youth, who departed this life at Spartanberg [sic], on the 23rd inst. of brain fever. His remains reached home Sunday and were buried in the Newberry Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

We learn that a paroled prisoner, from Elmira prison, New York, died at the Newberry Depot last Saturday night. He was from Macon Co. AL. His parole was as follows: Private Mr. D. McQueen, Co. H, 29th AL. Reg. Infantry. A soldier, who saw him after he had died, said that his name was Geo. Harris, that he knew him well, and that their homes were not more than a mile apart.

Married at Abbeville on 24 [?] Feb, by the Rev Mr. Hubbard, Lt. W. M. Murray, C.S.A., and Anna J. Rutledge, second d/o Philip S. Rutledge, formerly of Greenville.

1 Apr 1865 - Saturday

Died on the 27 Mar 1865, Thomas Cromer; fourth s/o Thomas Cromer, Esq., of Liberty Hall, SC, aged 16 years, 3 months, and 25 days. He volunteered in the Reserves in Jan, and had just commenced a

<sup>1</sup> This can be found at the Library of Newberry College and nowhere else in South Carolina: 'The Salzburgers' by Strobel, page 122 ... 'Among the principal residents listed as living at Ebenezer GA in 1741 is one Joseph Leitner...'