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Strictly speaking, the family of George Leitner belongs on Little River rather than Big Cedar Creek, but with the extensive intermarriage of the Leitners, the Gradicks, Souters and Levers, it seems reasonable to consider the family at this time and place.

Christopher Leytner petitioned the Governor and Council for 250 acres of land on October 20, 1752. He swore that he was a Protestant who had recently come to this province with some of his countrymen from Rotterdam on the ship Rowan, Captain Frau, commanding. Coming with him to this province was his wife and his sons Michael (aged 18 years), his son John (aged 15 years) and his daughter Eva (aged 24 years), and that he wanted the land survey near his countrymen in the forks of the Broad and Saludy Rivers. The 250 acres of land was surveyed for him on Second Creek in the forks of the Broad and Saludy Rivers on October 4, 1753: surrounded on all sides by vacant land.

Michael Leitner, son of Christopher Leytner (Leitner), was 18 years of age when he came to this province with his father in 1752. He was soon to establish himself in Saxe Gotha Township and to obtain many honors before his death in 1789 or 1790. In 1760, he asked payment for the hire of a mare that had been pressed into service during the Indian Troubles. On May 20, 1776, he was one of the members of a Grand Jury, meeting at Orangeburgh to sign a Declaration to the Honorable William Drayton,

1. Sometimes written Lightner, Leightner, Leytner and perhaps Lintner.

2. -C.J. October 20, 1752. C.P. Vol. 12, P. 62, 1753.

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Chief Justice of South Carolina, lamenting the failure of justice under the crown. He also served as a Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Quorum, as Tax Collector, and in both houses of the Legislature. During the Revolutionary War, he was a captain and a major of cavalry in the militia. His home was said to be on Crim's Creek, Newberry County. ²³

Michael Leitner received a grant for 100 acres of land in Saxe Gotha Township on June 22, 1771. He had 200 acres of land on Crooked Run Creek laid off for him by John Alston D.S., on October 11, 1771: bound NW by Edward Benet and on land owner unknown; NE by land of John Alston and Janet Boyd; SE by land owner unknown; and SW by vacant land. He had 100 acres of land laid out for him in the Congarees on August 22, 1773.

Mary Leitner, not further identified, had 100 acres of land laid out for her adjoining Michael Leitner in the Congarees on August 2, 1773. ²⁴

Summer believed that Michael Leitner married Maria Beard, (possibly sister of Colonel Jonas Beard) and that they had the following children:

John Christian died unmarried in 1806.

Anne Margrette married George Adam Setzler Sr.

Mary married Dr. Henry F. Schmitz.

Eve Christiana married John A. Setzler Jr. ²⁵

Salley, History of Orangeburg County. Pp.265,257-269. Reynolds and Fant, Dir. of the Senate of S.C. 1776-1964, P.255; Bio. Dir. of S.C. House Representatives, Vol. III, Pp.430-431. C.J. October 20, 1752. C.P. Vol. 16, P.320, 321, 325.

Summer, Newberry County, Historical and Genealogical P.255

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John Leitner, the other son of Christopher Leitner and brother of Michael Leitner, was 15 years old when he came to South Carolina with his father in 1752. In his will made on September 19, 1794, and proven on December 30, 1802, he left his wife Mary a horse named Prince and three calves. To his son Christian, left 150 acres of land on Little River, a cow and a calf, and an equal share in his personal goods. To his son John, he left 150 acres of land on Long Meddow, a cow and calf, and an equal share in his personal goods. To his son Phillip, he left 125 acres of land on Cannon Creek in Newberry County, a cow and calf, and four head of sheep. To his daughters Elizabeth, Cathy and Mary, he left 350 acres of land on Five and Twenty Mile Creek (Fairfield -Richland Counties?). To his daughter Barbary, he left 100 acres of land on Wateree Creek. His wife Mary and his son Phillip were appointed his executrix and executor. John Chappell, Peter Cogler, and George Leightner (sic) witnessed his will. His chattel goods were appraised by Bartholomew Turnipseed, James Elliott, and Benjamin Scott. John Fryday (sic) was one of his creditors. 26

The names of those witnessing his will and appraising his estate lived near the confluence of Little River and Broad River, and makes it likely that John Leitner lived- or at least died- on the place that he killed his son Christian Leitner.

John Leitner (Lightner, possibly the son of the immigrant John Leitner) and the inheritor of the 150 acres of land on Long Meddows (sic),

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The connection of George Lightner (Leitner) with Christopher Leytner (Leitner) and his descendants is, at best, somewhat tenuous. The relationship is further complicated by a common usage of Christian names in the Lightner (Leitner) families and by the fact that George Lightner (Leitner) settled on Little River, near Broad River, and close to where the descendants of a different John Leitner settled and lived. George Holsinger had 150 acres of land surveyed for him on the northwest side of Little River. He sold the land to John George Leitner, who left the land to his son John (George?) Leitner. On September 18, 1775, John (George?) Leitner sold 75 acres out of this tract to John Murff for 200 pounds, current money. ³⁰

This proves that a John George Leitner lived on the northwest side of Little River (northeast of Broad River) and that he died prior to the Revolutionary War. He had a son named John (George?) who inherited his land. According to Fannie Lever's manuscript, George Lightner was born in Germany in 1725. Could this older John George Lightner (Leitner) be the father of John (George) that we will record as being George Leitner of the Fanny Lever manuscript?

John and George Lightner were participants in the Regulator movement in South Carolina in 1767, and received the Regulator pardon in 1771. ³¹

George Summer, without quoting his source, states that a George Leitner who came to South Carolina from Pennsylvania and might have been a brother or close relative of Christopher Leitner. ³²

0. F.D.B. Bk E, P.29, 1775.

1. Brown, The South Carolina Regulators, Pp.146, 159, 160, 211, 212, 213.

2. Summer, Newberry County, Pp.255-256.

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It now seems reasonable to accept George Lightner (Leitner) of this history as being a separate family from that of Cristopher Leitner - at least a different branch of the same family. Fannie Lever's manuscript will be accepted, with some some reservations, for the genealogy of George Lightner's (Leitner's) family.

GEORGE LEITNER, was born in Germany in 1725?, came to the province of South Carolina and settled on Little River. He married Catherine (Barbara?) Swygert and they had the following children:

Jacob Leitner married Mary Eve Gradick.

George Leitner (Jr.) married the Widow Turnipseed.

Henry Leitner married Polly Nates (Nertz?)

Christian Leitner married Easter Martin.

Katie Leitner married John Gradick.

Mollie Leitner married Andrew Gradick.

Betsy Leitner married Minor Gibson.

Mary Leitner married a Seastrunk.

George Leitner made his will on October 28, 1812, and it was proven on January 22, 1814. To his wife Barbara (Catherine Barbara?), he left 23 acres with 23 more acres of her own choosing, and personal and household items. At her death these items are to return to "my children". To his son Jacob, he left 110 acres of land "where he did live" (George Sr?) and adjoining the old plantation; to his son George (Jr.), he left 140 acres of land near Mr Pullig's land; to his son Henry, he left 100 acres of land

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adjoining W.Scott's and "where he now lives"; to his son Christian, 140 acres of land including the present buildings. To his daughters, Catherine "Katie" Gradick, Magdalene "Molly" Gradick and Mary Seastrunk, he left \$30 each. The executors of his will were his sons Jacob and George, and his son-in-law John Gradick. John Chappell, William Kennedy Jr. and John Lightner witnessed the will.

Benjamin Scott, Jacob Nertz and Anthony Pullig appraised the estate on February 9, 1814. His chattel goods included clean oats valued at 37½ cents a bushel, flax and uncleaned hemp. Buying at the sale of chattel goods on February 10, 1814, and representing a fair cross section of the neighbors and family were: Christian Lightner, Mical (sic) Lewey, Daniel Turnipseed, Barbary Lightner (the widow), John Turnipseed, George Lightner, Adam Hamiter, John Gradick, Henry Gradick, Jacob Wirick, Henry Lightner, Andrew Gradick, Sion Elkins, William T. Augustine, George Turnipseed, Jacob Lightner, Thomas Smith, James Fare, William Broom, Felix Turnipseed, James McCants, Joseph May, Isaac Freeman, Elizabeth Gibson, Lewis Dinkins, David Elkins, John Busby, Carrel Hankins, and William Cannady (Kennedy?). The sale of his chattel goods netted \$2443,26½.

George Lightner had 200 acres of land laid out for him on Little River, Craven County, on February 10, 1772: bound southeast on the land of John George Lewey; ~~northwest~~ on land already laid out for George Lightner and part on vacant land; northeast on Phillip Shaver's land; and due east on Phillip Shaver's land and vacant land. After the Revolutionary War and on

S.R.P.C. Box 18, Pkg. 440. Fannie Lever's manuscript included Betsy but left out Mary, the will included Mary but left out Betsy.

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January 9, 1795, he had 152 acres of land surveyed for him on Little River: bound by the Shaver estate, George Lightner, Anthony Pullig, and Jacob Turnipseed. Later in the same year, on December 6, he had an additional 72 acres of land laid out near Little River: bound by the lands of Anthony Pullig, George Lightner and Phillip Shaver. He had 40 acres of land laid out for him on February 24, 1796: bound by the river, by the lands of George Lightner and Phillip Shaver.

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The 1790 census lists George Lightner as living in Fairfield County with one white, free male over sixteen years of age, four under sixteen, and five free, white females in his household. Also living in Lexington County was the Widow Leightner(sic) with one white male over sixteen years of age, three white, free females, and six slaves.

JACOB LIGHTNER, son of George and Catherine Swygert Lightner, was born December 28, 1775, and died May 31, 1845. He married Mary Eve Gradick, daughter of Jacob Gradick Sr. and Mary Metz. She was born in 1773 and died in 1847. Their children:

Margarette Lightner married John Broom.

David Lightner married Elizabeth Smith.

Ann Christena Lightner lived single.

Elizabeth Lightner lived single.

Polly Lightner lived single.

Mary Magdalene Lightner died young.

Salena Lightner died young.

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Hillard Lightner died young.

Jacob Lightner Jr. married Charlotte Souter, daughter of George Souter Jr. and Catherine Barbara Smith.

Nancy Lightner married John P. Williams.

Daniel Lightner married Martha P. Lever.

Susie Lightner lived single and died September 8, 1902, aged 82 years.

Jacob Lightner Sr. and his wife Mary Eve Gradick settled on Big Cedar Creek, between this creek and Horse Creek. The house was later
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owned by the Beckhams.

Jacob Lightner made his will on June 10, 1835, and it was proven on June 4, 1845. To his son David, he left 142½ acres of land where he now lives, and a small tract near Jacob's field. He was to pay his sister Margaret (Margarette) Broom \$170. To his son Jacob, he left the 250 acres of land where he now lives, minus the small tract willed to David, and he is to pay his sister Margaret Broom \$170. His son Daniel to have the home place of 244 acres, but his widow Mary Eve is to retain the use of the place, Negroes, and such farm equipment and animals needed to farm the home place. Daniel to have the privilege of using and improving such of the land as will not interfere with his mother's usage. His five unmarried daughters: Christena, Elizabeth, Mary, Nancy, and Susannah are to share equally in the sale of his chattel property. His daughter Margaret to share if the sale of the chattel goods is more than \$400.

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He named his sons, David and Jacob his executors. John P. Cooke, James P. Taliaferro and Alexander Fetner witnessed the will. At his death Jacob Lightner held the notes of J.P. Williams, John Lever, Christian Lightner, Timothy Gradick, Turner Turkett, Nicholas Wirick, William Broom and George W. Souter. John H. Smith, John Lever, Daniel D. Finley and William Robertson appraised his chattel goods on August 28, 1845, for \$2970,36½. 36

Margarette Leitner, daughter of Jacob and Mary Eve Gradick Leitner, married John Broome and they had the following children:

William Broome married Harriet Hood.

Mary Broome married Thomas Broome.

Nancy Broome married Thomas Pullig.

Richard Broome married Eliza Martin.

Charles Broome died in the Confederate War.

David Leitner, June 9, 1797- January 17, 1862, son of Jacob and Mary Eve Gradick Lightner, married Elizabeth Smith and they had the following children:

John Wesley Leitner married Charlotte Hamiter.

Elizabeth Leitner married Mattison Abell.

Harriet Leitner married George Lever.

Rebecca Leitner married Hiram Allen.

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Jacob Leitner Jr. , son of Jacob and Mary Eve Gradick Leitner, married Charlotte Souter, daughter of George Souter Jr. and Catherine Barbary Smith, and they had the following children:

George W. Leitner married Carrie Geiger.

John D. Leitner married (1) Mollie Griner (2) Irene Griner.

Catherine M.F. Leitner married (1) William Fife (2) James Conner.

Susan A.C. Leitner married Jefferson J. Lever. ³⁷

Jacob Leitner died young.

James D. Leitner married (1) Mary Neil (2) Jenny Martin.

Sarah E. Leitner married (1) Nathaniel Griner (2) Columbus Priest.

Thomas J. Leitner married Maria Proctor.

Ophelia M. Leitner married Alfred Proctor. ³⁸

Buford H. Leitner married Virginia Mackey.

Jacob Leitner Jr. was born on November 5, 1807, and Charlotte Souter was born on February 10, 1820. They were married on November 7 1834, by the Rev. John P. Cooke, and lived near the Richland -Fairfield County lines on land given them by the elder Jacob Leitner. In 1852, they moved to the G.B. Souter place and lived there until they started to Florida by covered wagon on December 13, 1855. They arrived at Anthony, Marion County, Florida on January 8, 1856. Jacob Leitner died on Sunday morning , July 20,

17. Susan A.C. Leitner Lever, with her daughter Fannie Lever Turnipseed was the compiler of the Fannie Lever manuscript.

18. Great uncle of the author and from whom he derived his christian name, Buford.

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1884, at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 15 days. Charlotte Leitner died during the night of October 18, 1909, at the age of 89 years. They were both buried in the cemetery at Anthony Florida. Aside from Susan A.C. Leitner who married Jefferson J. Lever and returned to South Carolina to live, the remainder of the family married and remained in Florida.

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Nancy Leitner, daughter of Jacob and Mary Eve Gradick Leitner, married John P. Williams and they had the following children:

Thomas D. Williams died December 6, 1858, at about 22 years of age.

James F. Williams died young.

John L. Williams died in the Civil War.

Sarah Williams died young.

Mary E. Williams married W.D. Fell.

Their children:

Ella Fell married C.H. Newton.

William Walter Fell.

Susan Williams married Martin Gramlin (Orangeburg)

Their children:

John William Gramlin married Julia Conner.

Hannie Gramlin married R. Lee Earley.

Minnie F. Gramlin.

William W. Williams married (1) Laura King (2) Aleph Durant.

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Jimmie Williams married Kitty Fell.

Marion Dedrick Williams married (1) Cora Moblet (2) Mrs George Hill.

Daniel Leitner, son of Jacob and Mary Eve Gradick Leitner, married Martha P.Lever, daughter of John and Nancy Smith Lever. Their children:

Mary Ann Leitner married David Gradick.

John Leitner married Susannah Leitner, daughter of Christian and Easter Martin Leitner.

James J.Leitner married Belvidere F.Kleckley.

Nancy Leitner married Wiley Broom.

Carolina Leitner married Simpson J.Sherril.

Lavina Leitner married Edward J.Lever.

Ellen R.Leitner married George Turnipseed.

Cornelia Leitner married Rufus Frick.

Eugenia Leitner married Benjamin Ballentine.

Recorded in the church Bible, Cedar Creek Church, for August 12, 1849: baptized by the Rev. Samuel Leard, Martha Caroline, daughter of Daniel and Martha Leitner.

Martha P.Lever Leitner was born on March 16, 1820, and died on April 7, 1891. Daniel W.Leitner was born November 18, 1813, and died
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June 10, 1889.

GEORGE LIGHTNER JR. , son of George and Catherine Swygert Lightner, married the widow Polly Hamiter Turnipseed, daughter of Adam Frederick

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Hamiter and Barbara Turnipseed (daughter of John Turnipseed) and widow of Felix Turnipseed Sr. Felix Turnipseed Sr. had died in 1801, and before 1810, his widow had married George Lightner Jr. Felix and Polly Hamiter Turnipseed had two sons, Felix Jr. and Daniel. (See the Turnipseed Record in this book.)

George Lightner Jr. and Polly Hamiter Turnipseed Lightner had the following children:

Martha Lightner married a Shirley.

Elias Lightner married a Foster from Spartanburg.

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George Lightner married Celia Boyd.

In the church yard of the Old Fairfield Baptist Church in Fairfield County, there is a tombstone with this inscription: Martha Ann, eldest daughter of Colonel George Leitner, wife of John H. Shurley (sic), born August 3, 1826, married December 8, 1847, died suddenly but peacefully on October 11, 1850, at the age of 24 years, leaving a husband and one little boy. (Commas added)

George Lightner Jr. died in the spring of 1832. His will made on May 5, 1832, was proven on June 15, 1832. To his son Elias, he left the plantation; to his son-in-law Daniel D. Finley, he left five slaves; to his son George, he left a slave named Daniel. He appointed his son George and his son-in-law Daniel D. Fenley his executors. Joel E. Pearson, Peter Pearson and William Edward Free witnessed his will. The estate was appraised on December 13, 1832, by Felix Turnipseed (step-son), David Hamiter and Samuel Smith for \$1491.28 ⁴¹ 3/4.

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George Leitner Jr., son of George Lightner and Catherine Swygert, was known as Colonel George Leitner. I could find no record of military service and must assume that the rank was for militia service.

HENRY LEITNER, son of George and Catherine Lightner, married Polly Nertes (Nertz?) and they had the following children:

Henry Leitner married Nora Hogg.

Martha Leitner married James L. Lupo.

Mary F. Leitner married John F. ---?

Christian Leitner married Easter (Hester) Martin.

Children of Christian and Easter Martin Leitner.

John Leitner died in 19th years.

Christian Leitner married Mamie Willingham.

Susannah Leitner married John Leitner, son of Daniel.

Elizabeth Leitner (a twin of Susannah)

Mary C. Leitner died as a young girl.

These members of Christian Leitner's family are buried in the churchyard of Bethel Methodist Church, lower Fairfield County:

Christian E. Leitner 1839-1919.

Mary (Mamie) Willingham Leitner 1849-1926.

Susannah Leitner February 3, 1842- August 18, 1929.

John D. Leitner, husband of Susannah Leitner, August 25, 1841- September 14, 1911.

Christian Leitner, son of Henry Leitner Sr, made his will in

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November 1862, and it was proven on October 13, 1863. His wife Hester (Easter), his daughter Susannah, and his son Christian were mentioned in the will.

Mary, Elizabeth and John were probably already dead. Phillip Pullig, J.W. Jones⁴² and C.O. Trapp were witnesses to the will.

Buried near the old Henry Leitner home on Little River were these members of Henry Leitner's family:

Henry F. Leitner January 6, 1812- September 9, 1903.

Lenora (Nora) Leitner, wife of Henry Leitner, August 10, 1830- January 17, 1904.

Henry F. Leitner (Jr.) August 17, 1854- March 3, 1880.

Henrietta Leitner Greishaber December 31, 1858- April 17, 1929.

Christian Leitner, son of Christian and Easter Martin Leitner, had the following children:

Lonnie Leitner married Estell Aull.

Charlie Leitner married Nellie Salley.

Claude Leitner married Emogene Cowie.

In the churchyard of Bethel Methodist Church, lower Fairfield County are the following grave markers:

Imogene Cowie Leitner October 23, 1880- March 31, 1934.

Claude Clifton Leitner August 13, 1874- June 13, 1943.

Christian Leitner 1839-1919.

Mary Willingham Leitner 1849-1926.

F.W.B. Bk20, P.23. John W. Jones, October 19, 1804- March 20, 186?,

buried near the old Leitner home on the east bank of Little River.

It has been said that the Hoggs (See Nora Hogg) changed their names to

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Charles Henry Leitner July 15,1877-January 4, 1942.

Nellie Sallie Leitner June 17,1879- December 19,1964.

Susannah Leitner, daughter of Christian and Easter Martin Leitner,
married John Leitner, son of Daniel and Martha P.Lever Leitner, and they
had the following children:

Martha Leitner married Lloyd Friday.

Daniel Leitner June 17,1877- January 29,1909.

Ida Leitner married Samuel Robinson.

Minnie Leitner married Edward Mann.

Willie Leitner married Mary Sue Lever, daughter of Dr. John D.F.

Lever.

Hattie Leitner married John McCain.

Ella Leitner married Andrew Ballentine.

The following members of this family are buried in the churchyard
at Bethel Methodist Church, lower: Fairfield County:

Loulie May Leitner, daughter of John D. and Susannah Leitner,
June 2, 1882- April 6, 1884.

J.Daniel Leitner Jr. June 17,1877- January 29,1909.

Susannah Leitner February 3, 1842- August 18,1929.

John D(aniel) Leitner ,August 25, 1841- September 14, 1911.

Minnie Leitner Mann, 1873- 1941.

William Jefferson Leitner, October 22, 1869-April 29,1948.

Hattie Leitner McCain, November 21, 1887- January 21, 1923.

Martha Leitner Friday, 1880-1931.

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James J. Leitner, son of Daniel and Martha P. Lever Leitner, married Belvidere Kleckley (January 24, 1851- November 18, 1898. She is buried in Oak Grove Methodist Churchyard.) They had the following children:

Dick Leitner died young.

Lawrence Leitner married Raiford DuBard.

Alice Leitner married David Lorick

Robert Leitner

Farrel Leitner married, wife died.

After Belvidere died, James J. Leitner married Annie Nunamaker and they lived at Irmo.

William Zachariah Leitner, son of George Leitner and Elizabeth
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Wens was born near Winnsboro on September 23, 1829. He graduated with
an AB degree from the South Carolina College in 1849. He read law in
Winnsboro and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1853. He
practiced law in Winnsboro and Camden until he entered the Confederate
Army. He lost a leg at Gettysburg. Upon his return to Camden, he served in
both houses of the legislature and as a district judge. He served as
Secretary of State for South Carolina from 1886 until his death on April 15,
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1888. He is buried in Camp Hampton, Elmwood Cemetery.

Probably the son of the third George Leitner in succession. This is not certain since there were several George Leitners living at this time.

Reynolds and Fant, Biographical Directory of the Senate of South Carolina, 1776-1964., P.255.

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The land transactions of the Leitner and Lightner families are interesting and provide important information as to where these early settlers lived as well as family history.

Peggy Friday, spinster of Little River, on November 25, 1804, sold Mary Lightner, spinster of the same residence, 75 acres of land for \$75. This land was part of an original land grant to John Carroll and passed by him to Henry Carroll, and by inheritance passed to Peggy Friday. The land was bound by the lands of William Kennedy, Henry Freeman and William Alston.

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This Mary Lightner has not been positively identified, but was most likely the widow or daughter of the elder John Lightner and a granddaughter of Christopher Leytner. If she was the daughter of John Leitner, she died sometime after April 8, 1834, the date of the will. (See earlier in this chapter on the Leitners)

George Lightner, Richland District, sold Jacob Turnipseed, Fairfield District, 100 acres of land on Little Cedar Creek on April 11, 1804: bound northeast on land originally granted to Thomas Franklin, but now owned by John Brent, and by lands granted to James Mann and now held by Jacob Turnipseed; southwest on lands of Jacob Turnipseed; west on lands granted to John Alston and now held by Thomas McKinstry; northwest by lands of Nicholas Wirick. The deed was witnessed by John Gradick, Robert McCants and Nicholas Wirick.

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3-F.D.B. Bk P, P.63.

4- Ibid. Bk P, P.27.

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On September 3, 1807, Jacob Kelly, Fairfield District, sold George Lightner, Richland District, two tracts of land for \$2700. One tract of 50 acres had been granted to Ulric Busser, and lay on the northeast side of Broad River: bound southwest on John Frasher; northeast and southeast a vacant land. The second tract of land contained 50 acres and had been originally granted to John Frasher. It lay on Broad River and at time of the original survey, it was bound on all sides by vacant land. David Elkins and George Lightner witnessed the deed.

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Mary Lightner, widow of Fairfield District (widow of John Lightner?) sold Barbary Lightner (her daughter?) a parcel of land containing 50 acres, and originally granted to John Carroll on September June 21, 1805. The deed was signed on September 22, 1806, and \$600 was paid for the land.

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John L. Dabney gave George Lightner an indenture for \$500 on April 14, 1812. To secure this indenture, John L. Dabney gave a mortgage on 100 acres of land on Alligator Creek, Little River: bound north by David Alston; northwest by William Ashley; west by John May; southeast by Henry Upthegrove; and northeast by John Daniel. John L. Dabney had purchased this land from William Burn (wife Isabella) on February 26, 1812. Mary Dabney signed her release. Mary Alston Jr. and Samuel Alston witnessed the document.

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W.D.B. Bk R, P.242

Ibid, BkS, P.36

Ibid, Bk V, P.135.

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Joseph Riley et al sold George Lightner Jr. one moiety - or
 the half of a plantation - made up of 165 acres of land on the east side
 of Little River, originally granted to Edward McGraw; and fifty acres out
 on the northwest side of 150 acres of land originally granted to Patrick
 Morris. The deed was signed on January 5, 1811. ⁵⁰

On November 2, 1815, George Lightner gave to Mount Bethel Methodist
 Episcopal Church a tract of land containing one acre, one rood and eleven
 poles. This land lay on Ellis Branch, Alligator Creek, Little River. The
 congregation of the church to have the use of a spring for its water. ⁵¹
 Adick Pierce, Charles Brown and Samuel McKinstry witnessed the deed.
 This land was probably the land upon which the Old Bethel Church was built.

Charles Brown, on January 20, 1817, sold George Lightner (Jr.) for
 \$100, 122 acres of land on the northeast side of Broad River, Fairfield
 District: bound northwest on land of Henry Seitz, deceased; southeast on
 land of Andrew Frazer and Christian Seitz; and southwest on Broad River.
 This tract of land was made up out of 50 acres granted to persons unknown
 as a part of a tract of 200 acres granted to William Frazer. Included in the
 tract was a second tract of 62 acres of land on the ridge between Broad and
 Little Rivers and made up out of parts of two original grants: seven acres
 as a grant of 17 acres to William Kennedy on February 1, 1813; and 55
 acres from a grant of 200 acres to John Martin on August 26, 1774.

D.B. Bk T, P. 361.

Ibid., Bk Z, P. 52.

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Stephen Gibson and John D. Cooke witnessed the deed. Susannah Brown, wife
 of Charles Brown, signed her release on January 20, 1817.⁵²

George Leightner (sic) sold Labon Chappell 264 acres of land for
 \$175 on January 18, 1819, and made up out of the whole of 100 acres that
 had been originally granted to Agnes Beaty in 1768, later surveyed to show
 133 acres; 131 acres out of 150 acres of land originally granted to Edward
 Graw on July 21, 1775. This land sold to Labon Chappell was bound by
 the lands of Stephen Gibson, Henry Upthegrove and John May. Elizabeth,
 wife of George Lightner, signed her release.⁵³

John Lightner, not further identified but probably the son of the
 immigrant John Leitner, sold Phillip Pullig 36 acres out of the 200
 acres of land that had been granted John Martin. This land lay to the
 east of Little River and was bound to the southwest on land of John
 Martin Sr., southeast on land of Mrs Catherine Turnipseed (deceased), and
 northeast by the land of Nathaniel Mann. The deed was signed on March 5,
 1832, and witnessed by Daniel Scott and John Chappell.⁵⁴ This John Lightner,
 probably the son of the immigrant John Leitner, died sometime during 1833.

This same John Lightner sold Phillip Pullig 39 acres of land to the
 east of Little River, and being part of the "old John Lightner place" and part
 of 150 acres of land originally granted to John Carroll: bound west and
 northwest by land of Samuel Alston and south by the land of William Alston.
 The deed was signed on January 2, 1832, and witnessed by Daniel Scott and
 John Chappell.⁵⁵

F.D.B., Bk AA, P.242.

Ibid., Bk KK2, P.231.

Ibid., Bk KK, P.231.

North of Broad River

On Big Cedar Creek

The Leitners

George Leightner (sic) Sr. (actually the second in line) sold his son George Jr. two plantations for \$2000. The first plantation contained 143 acres of land and was made up out of land on Patrick's Branch that had been granted John Busby; and out of two small tracts of land containing 14 acres and 14 acres that had been granted to George Lightner Sr. The second plantation contained 200 acres and lay on Little River, Fairfield District: bound by the lands of William Ashley, Andrew Frazer, land belonging to the heirs of Phillip Shaver but now owned by Jacob Wirick, and by Little River. The deed was witnessed by Henry Gradick on April 12, 1832.
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George Lightner sold his son-in law, Daniel D. Fenley, two tracts of land, one of 122 acres, the other of 62 acres, for \$2000. George Lightner had bought the land from Charles Brown for \$2000 on January 20, 1817. The will of George Lightner made in 1832 mentions Daniel D. Fenley as his son-in-law but doesn't name the daughter that married him.

Jacob Bookman sold John Lightner two tracts of land for \$300 on November 15, 1833, One tract contained 46 3/4 acres and was part of 300 acres that had been granted Christian Entzminger on February 21, 1772. The second tract contained 26 1/2 acres of land and was part of 150 acres originally granted Nicholas Wirick on Crooked Run Creek. The deed was witnessed by Stephen Gray and William Mott. The lands of Tyrus Bell, Asa Bell, Nicholas Wirick and Jacob Bookman bordered this land.

• F.D.B. Bk KK, P.314.

• Ibid, Bk KK, P.398.

• Ibid, Bk LL, P.89. Stephne Gray , a witness to this deed, is buried on Crooked Run Creek. He was born March 11, 1793, and died January 10, 1842.

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On Big Cedar Creek

The Leitners

Daniel Turnipseed and his wife Peggy sold his half-brother George Lightner 237 acres of land for \$2500. This land lay upon Broad River and was made up out of 162 acres of land that represented his wife Peggy Scott distributive share of the estate of her father Benjamin Scott; 75 acres that had been purchased by Daniel Turnipseed from William Ashley and was bound to the south on Broad River; west and north by the land of Jacob Hrick; north and east by land of George Lightner; south by Little River and the land of Hiriam Scott. Hiriam Scott had sold his land to George Lightner, half brother of Daniel Turnipseed .Felix Turnipseed (Jr.)
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witnessed the signing of the deed on December 5, 1835.

Hiriam Scott sold his distributive share of 140 acres in his father Benjamin Scott's estate to George Lightner for \$1640, on November 30, 1835. Included in the sale an additional three acres of land that had been granted to Hiriam Scott on May 5, 1817, making in all a total of 143 acres: bound northeast on land that Daniel Turnipseed had sold to George Lightner; southeast by Little River ; and southwest by Broad River. Rebecca Scott, wife of Hiriam Scott, signed her release on January 27, 1836. Daniel D. Daley and John P. Cooke witnessed the deed.
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John Rogers sold Elias C. Lightner, son of George Lightner Jr, 250 acres of land for \$2000. This land was bound by the lands of Robert Weston, estate of Thomas Dawkins (deceased), Colonel Hugh Stevenson, Robert Cullough and Colonel John Davis. Mary Elizabeth signed her release . William F. Pearson and William Bell witnessed the deed on November 14, 1835.

• F.D.B., BkMM, P.76.

• Ibid. Bk MM ,P.77.

• Ibid. Bk MM P.173.

North of the Broad River

On Big Cedar Creek

The Leitners

Peter Dawkins sold Elias C. Lightner 126 acres of land-less one-half acre reserved for a graveyard -for \$815.75. The land had been conveyed to Peter Dawkins as an inheritance from Thomas Dawkins (deceased). This land lay on Wilkerson Creek and had been originally granted to Peter Easter in 1761. William F. Pearson and James Andrews witnessed the deed on
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December 5, 1835.

Elias C. Leitner sold John Robertson the 250 acres that he had purchased from John Rogers, known as the Healing Spring Tract, and the 126 acres that he had purchased from Peter Dawkins for \$3755. His wife Elizabeth B. Leitner signed her release. Daniel B. Kirkland and James Bankhead
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witnessed the deed on November 22, 1836.

On January 3, 1840, and for the sum of \$2492, Nathaniel Holley sold George Lightner (third in line), Fairfield District, 433½ acres of land on the western bank of Little River and below a branch called Little Branch. This land adjoined the lands of Daniel Scott, Phillip Pullig, Gabriel Friday and others. Charlotte Chappell Holley signed her release on February 3, 1840. This land was one of the plantations that had
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belonged to John Chappell. On April 3, 1837, Charlotte Chappell, daughter of John Chappell, and wife of Nathaniel Holley, with her brothers and sisters brought suit in the Court of Equity for Fairfield County. This court ordered that the property of John Chappell be sold. On October 1, 1838, and for \$5.75 and acre, Nathaniel Holley bought the 433½ acres.

*F.D.B., Bk MM, P.237.

* Ibid. Bk MM, P.449.

* Ibid. Bk NN, P.245.

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On Big Cedar Creek

The Leitners

This place was known as the Ashley Place and a house on the place was marked as the Ashley House. To the south of this land lay the land of Colonel George Lightner; southwest was the land of Silas Frazer and D.D. Fenley; to the west lay the land of Daniel Scott, Little River and Lick Branch; on the other side was the lands of Phillip Pullig, Gabriel Friday and Mrs.

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Friday.

James Owens sold George Leitner 69 acres, 3 roods and 36 perches of land on Mill Creek, Little River for \$763: bound north on lands of Elisha Owens; east on the lands of Elisha and James Owens; and on the other sides by the land of James Owens. Anna Owens signed her release on March 9,

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1840.

William Kennedy sold David Leitner, son of Jacob Leitner Sr., Fairfield District, 89½ acres of land for \$537. This land was part of 36 acres granted to James Rosborough, on Persimon Branch, Big Cedar Creek, September 5, 1791. Jane Kennedy, wife of William Kennedy, signed her

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release on October 6, 1840.

3- Fairfield Court of Equity, 1839.

4- F.D.B., Bk NN, P.282.

7- Ibid, Bk NN, P.346.