

THE RHOAD FAMILY OF BAMBERG COUNTY

Reverend John Rhoad, Frederick Rhoad, William Rhoad, lived near the present town of Branchville, Frederick Rhoad settled in Alabama, William Rhoad in Georgia. The Rev. John Rhoad 1768-1835 and his wife Kathryn 1783-1857 lived near Branchville and are buried in Old Rhoad Cemetary on their plantation. The Rhoads names are listed in the members of Sardis M. E. Church at Branchville. This church was established by John Wesley in 1811. *born 1703 died 1791.*

John Rhoad and Katharine had three sons, Richard L., Nathaniel D., James N. These three sons married three Byrd sisters, daughters of Nathaniel Byrd 1792-1852 and Mariah Fairey 1801-1895 who is buried in Byrd Cemetary.

James N. Rhoad 1824-1886 and Mildred Sarah Byrd 1838-1918 settled at home in Branchville. Richard L. Rhoad 1808- and Flora Harriet Byrd 1823- and Nathaniel D. Rhoad 1812-1886 and Mary Margaret Byrd 1821-1896 settled in the Hunters Chapel section of Barnwell County (now Bamberg). Nathaniel D. and wife Mary M. are buried at Old Zion Church. Richard L. and wife Flora H. died during the Civil Was and are buried in unmarked graves in abandoned cemetary near his plantation. Their descendants are as follows. Nathaniel D. Rhoad 1812-1886 and Mary Margaret Byrd 1821-1896 had the following children. John E. 1847-1888, Nat R. 1849-1915 and Daniel B. 1852-1928 and Mildred R. Berry and Sarah R. Rhoad and Ann Rhoad.

John E. Rhoad and wife Hannah Steedly 1848-1896. She was the only daughter of Daniel O. Steedly and Rebecca 1827-1889. Their children: D.N. married first Sallie Steedly, second Sallie Rentz, and third Mamie Copeland, Mollie married H.M. Rhoad, Maggie married H.M. Herndon. John E. and Hannah S. buried at Old Zion. Daniel N., J. Bennie and Mollie R. Rhoad buried at Zion.

Nat R. and wife Nela McMillan 1857-1937. Nat was a Confederate Veteran. Their children Henry married Molly Rhoad, Frank married Sallie Carter, Dixon married Miss Padgett, Annie married G.W. Hunter, Julia married J.B. McCormick.

Daniel B. married Johnnie Durr 1864-1922. Their children Rev. G.T. married Mary LaMaster, D.T. married first Neva Parker and then Claire Kirby, Lilly married J.C. Smoak, Mildred married H.A. Stokes, Josiah married Eunice McCormack, D.B. Jr. married Vivian Reeves, Lizzie married John Shuler, Lena married E.A. McCormac, Marie married Henry Smoak and M.M. Dykes. John and Rufus never married.

Mildren Rhoad married S.F. Berry 1860-1938. Their children: Bessie married S.W. Wilson, Ida married Charlie Carter, Carson Y. married Bessie Smoak, Marion married Lola Fender, Ernest married Erma Jordan.

Sarah Rhoad married John Rentz and Ann Rhoad married Andrew Rhode. They had no children.

First son of Rev. John Rhoad. Richard L. Rhoad 1808 and wife Flora Harriet Byrd 1823. Their children, William D, John M., Richard, Nathaniel B., Oliver G., Jane R. Fender, Rachel R. Brown, Mariah R. Smith, Martha R. Hunter. William D. and Richard lost their lives in the second Battle of Mannas August 29, 1862. Nathaniel B. was wounded in the same battle.

Children of Richard Rhoad: John M. Rhoad 1838-1906 married E. Rebecca Smoak 1838-1896. Their children: John D. married first Ethel Williams, second Lilly May Myers, Lessie married D.L. Rhoad. John M. Rhoad was a Confederate Veteran.

Nathaniel Byrd Rhoad 1844-1926 married Salina C. Smoak 1842-1915 the only daughter of Andrew W. Smoak 1814-1881 and Harriet Rachel Maloy 1820-1881. Their children W.D. married Meta Rice - J.G. married Lula Carter. Rev. P.K. married Marie Folk - Hattie E. married Dr. S.P. Rentz - Sabra J. married G.W. Miley, Ida T. married J.H.A. Carter - Thomas N. married Neta Walker. (Bug Nat) Nathaniel B. and Salina are buried at Zion. Julius G., Thomas N., Hattie Rentz buried at Zion.

Oliver G. Rhode 1854-1936 and Josephine Rentz 1860-1902. Their children: Richard married Carrie Walker, Wyatt married Nettie Carter, Sam married Daisy Dunning, Mamie married Monnie Rentz, Ollie married Moses Randal, Florine married Stephen Holley. Oliver G. Rhode second wife was Maude Hunter Rentz 1875-1928. One child Myrtle married Vergie Ott. Oliver and Josephine are buried in Zion Cemetary.