

Lineage

Hans (John) ABERLY (1720-1766); wife, Mrs. Anne LANG Markley  
Mary(2) Aberly (c1748-c1788); husband, Michael(2) Durr

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Hans (John)(1) ABERLY was born in Switzerland, 17 Dec 1720, the son of Hans Aeberlj (Swiss spelling), deceased. John withdrew from Parish Bonnsteten, Zurich, Switzerland to go to Carolina or Pennsylvania in September 1738. He was in the Province of South Carolina by 1745, and was granted 250 acres on N.E. side of the Santee or Congaree River on 4 June 1749.

John Aberly was a carpenter. The records indicate that he also owned land in Craven County in 1751 and 1765, also land on Indian Field Swamp, St. George Parish, Berkeley County, in February 1757, near the Peter Durr family.

On 28 April 1745, John Aberly and Mrs. ANNE(2) LANG Markley, a childless young widow, were married by Rev. John Giessendanner of Orangeburg Church, Orangeburg Township. They settled in St. George Parish, Berkeley County and had the following children:

Anne, married Joseph Russell; MARY(2), married MICHAEL(2) DURR; Susanna, married David Hughs; Catherine Margaret, married Jeremiah Russell; and Jacob Aberly died an infant. [See DURR FAMILY GENEALOGY]

John Aberly's will was dated 30 Nov 1766 and proved on 15 May 1767. Administrators were wife Anne, brother-in-law Felix Long, and George Draxler. His estate was left to his wife for her widowhood, then to his five daughters [Charleston Will Bk A, Vol. II, pg. 37].

Anna Lang Markley Alberly died before 11 Aug 1788, the date her five sons-in-law, Michael DURR, David Hughs, Jeremiah Russell, Joseph Russell, and Daniel Stroble leased to David Hughs for one year -- a plantation lying on Indian Field Swamp, St. George Parish, containing 200 acres granted to John Aberly, 3 Oct 1750 by Lord James Glen, Governor of Province [Bk T-6, pp 438-440].

LANG-LONG FAMILY GENEALOGY

Anne Lang (Long in English) was baptized in Stadel Parish, Zurich, Switzerland, 31 July 1729, the daughter of HANS LANG (1686-after 1740) of Windlach, Stadel Parish, and ANNA MEYER (1697-after 1740) of Raat, married 5 Dec 1717 in Stadel.

On 24 Jan 1740, Hans(1) Lang of Ober-Raat was listed on the Parish Register as 'leaving for Carolina with his wife and children'. The three LANG children arrived in South Carolina without their parents, who may have died somewhere in Europe on their journey of about 500 miles by river from Switzerland to Rotterdam, Holland. Children:

LANG-LONG FAMILY GENEALOGY, cont'd:

- a) Felix Long (1720-1784), settled first above Saxe-Gotha in 1748, then removed permanently to Charleston by 1757. He was a planter, merchant, inkeeper, and ship chandler and served in the American Revolution. Wife, Mary ---; five children.
- b) ANNA(2) LONG Markley (1729-after 1780) married secondly, John ABERLY (Oberly-Eberly) on 28 April 1745 (as above).
- c) Jacob Long (1737-1786), arrived in Charleston, SC, 7 Dec 1752 by way of Rotterdam on the ship, CALEDONIA. He obtained a land grant of 100 acres (2 persons @ 50 acres each) and settled in the Crim's Creek area of Dutch Fork in 1757, later Newberry District. He was married before his arrival to wife, Judith---. Their children: Michael, George, Jacob, Catherine, and Anne Mary Long. Jacob died before 3 Aug 1786. Judith married 2) Jacob Repolge; she died after 28 Feb 1796.

The LANG Family is thought to have descended from the Alemans, a German tribe which settled in what was later Switzerland about 1500 years ago. The Lang family was living in Raat, Canton of Zurich, Switzerland as early as 1455. The Stadel Parish Register was begun in 1567 and continues through the departure of Hans Lang, of the sixth generation, from Switzerland on 24 Jan 1740.

SOURCES

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'The Giessendanner Records' as found in The History of Orangeburg County, South Carolina, by A. S. Salley, Jr.

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