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EPTING FAMILY

By George Leland Summer, Sr.

John Adam Epting, pioneer, came with a colony Palistines about 1749, and settled on Grims Creek, then a part of old Saxe-Goth Township. John Adam Epting was a man of high standing in his homeland, a freeman. He was given a grant of land by King George, the third of England, dated October 20th., 1749 consisting of 250 acres. The exact location of this tract seems to have been been opposite of the upper section of Saxe-Goth Township.

These families came as a result of many changes in Europe about the middle of the 18th. century. Under the Hapesburg reign Germany had become an Empire of loosely bound states without free Government of democracy and individual liberty of it's citizens. A religious change had gradually come about for the past two hundred years. So the people began to long for less restrictions of their religious freedom, especially those of the reformed church. As a consequence of which they migrated to America in great numbers.

The first Lutheran church, called St. Johns, was started sometime before the establishment of St. Johns in Upper Dutch Fork. The first St. Johns was located on Saluda River. Its pastor, The Rev. Christian Theus, was persuaded by John Adam Summer, Sr. to come to his community, Upper Dutch Fork, and preach to his people. After preaching among the colonist for awhile, St. Johns, in Upper Dutch Fork, was started.

From the records, Jacob Epting (1820-1888) son of John and Elizabeth Werts Epting and a brother to Harrison (Hack) Ezra Epting, M. D., who was killed near his home near Spartenburg. He practiced medicine in Upper Dutch Fork then moved to Anderson County and practiced medicine for many years around Williemston. There seems to be some question about the Hack Epting that was killed near Spartenburg in front of his home being the Dr. Hack Epting. The father of the Dr. Hack Epting is given as John. The one who was killed in or near Spartenbug father is given as George.

Dr. Hack Epting had a brother named Jacob who died in 1888. He married Dollie Fulmer who had the following children: Frances, who married P. H. (Hill) Shealy, children Mary, Fannie, John, Corrie, (Jacob, deceased) Hattie, Joe, Maggie, Lula, Olin and Norma. Sarah married George Lindler, no children.

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John, married Mary Mayor. Children Henry, Haskell and perhaps others. Anne, married John D. Shealy. Children: Agnes, Rufus, Myrtle and Lula. Dora, married Joe Epting. One boy Dewey. Kansas, married Jas. W. Fulmer, children Trannie, Pearl, Tallie, Toland, Henry and Cohen (Dick).

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Frances father