

HENRY NIMROD FOLK

5 February 1836 --- 28 November 1916

7th child of Jacob Folk and Olive Brabham Kearsse

m. 27 Aug. 1857

Mary Rebecca Weissinger (25 June 1841 - 8 Oct. 1869)

dau. of John Weissinger

From the files of:

Mr. Joseph Earle Steadman, Sr.

Family Bible of Jacob Folk, Jr.

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Henry Nimrod, son of Jacob and Olive Folk, was born 5 February 1836.
Census of South Carolina.

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Henry N. Folk 24, Anny E. 32, Henry C. 10, John F. 7, Mary J. 5, Emma J. 2.

Tombstone Inscriptions p Wesley Chapel M.E. Church Cemetery.

(Colleton County, S.C.)

Henry Nimrod Folk, born 5 February 1836; died 28 November 1916.

Mary, ^{Rebecca} Weissinger Folk, first wife of Henry Nimrod Folk, born 25 June 1841;
died 8 October 1869, aged 28 years, 3 months, 13 days.

Ann Felder Folk, second wife of Henry Nimrod Folk, born 30 April 1838;
died 13 August 1908

William Hampton Folk, son of H.N. and E.A. Folk, born 22 September 1870;
died 25 September 1879.

Lizzie Meldred Best, wife of G.A. Best, and daughter of H.N. and E.A. Folk,
born 12 January 1877; died 31 October 1898.

Infant of H.N. and M.R. Folk, b _____; d _____

Infant daughter of H.N. and M.R. Folk, b _____; d _____

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Section G.

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William Henry Varn of Smoaks is a merchant, farmer, banker and turpentine operator. He is now chairman of the board of directors of the Enterprise Bank. His son, William Henry Varn, Jr., is president of the bank. When Mr. Varn was a boy of 13 he commenced business for himself as a merchant with a small stock of goods. His father died when he was small and his grandfather, H.N. Folk, gave him a foundation of business training. Born in Colleton County on December 14, 1885, he is the son of the late W.M. and ^{many Ida} Mamie I. Varn. He attended school at Weiners Cross Roads and later Carlisle Fitting School. On December 22, 1914 he married Alexina Sauls, and they have children --- Mrs. Philura A. Langford of Ridgeland, Mrs. Mamie Laurine Cummings of Hampton, W.H. Varn of Smoaks and Mrs. Rebecca Coleman of Greenville. He is a Methodist.

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* Gerhard DeLoach Varn (now dead), one of Ehrhardt's leading business men for many years, married Rosa Hearn. They had:-

- * 1- Gerhard DeLoach - born July 13, 1932. He is a merchant, ginner, and farmer at Ehrhardt, and is a Methodist. He is a graduate of The Citadel. He married Gwendolyn Marie Brunson of Charleston, and they have 1 child.

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In 1892 J.F.Folk was owner-operator of a general merchandise store,
and a liquor establishment.

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John F.Folk was a Warden of Bamberg in 1896.

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Section E:

John F.Folk was Captain of the Bamberg Guards(National Guard --
Co. 1, 3rd S.C.Inf) in 1908.

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Section G:

John Folk of Bamberg sold Ford cars prior to 1912.

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Section J.:

In early years Col. John F.Folk was clarinatist in the Bamberg Orchestra.

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Section M.:

Col. John F.Folk became the second treasurer of Bamberg County after
its formation.-----(1870 - 1900)

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Section F:

Frankie Folk (Mrs. F.M.Moye) and Wilhelmina Folk(Mrs. B.T.Felker,Deceased)
were members of the Apollo Music Club, organized in 1913.

OBITUARY

MRS. LOUISE ZEIGLER

BAMBERG --- Mrs Louise Folk Zeigler, 74, widow of Paul J. Zeigler died Wednesday morning at her home in Bamberg. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Methodist Church with burial in South End Cemetery.

She was born in Bamberg, a daughter of the late Wilhelmina Suzanne Ehrhardt and Col. John Francis Folk. She attended Carlisle Academy, Bamberg; Columbia College, Columbia; and did graduate work at Converse College, Spartanburg.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Walter E. Brooker of Denmark, Mrs. Kenneth F. McLaurin of Bamberg, Mrs. Paula Zeigler Wright of Columbia; and four grandchildren. Cooner Funeral Home in Bamberg is in charge.

(Date died: 10 September 1969)

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Henry Calhoun Folk, senator from Bamberg County, born December 4, 1859, in Colleton District, son of Henry Nimrod Folk of Ehrhardt and Mary Rebecca Weissinger. Attended Wofford Fitting School 1875 -76; graduated from Wofford College, A.B., 1880. Moved to Bamberg in 1879. married Elizabeth Meldred Weissinger of Blackville, April 12, 1883. Mercantile business in Bamberg 1880. Began farming 1887. Director of Bamberg Cotton Mill, Vice-President. President of Peoples Bank of Bamberg. Director and President of South End Cemetery Co. Merchant and Cotton dealer for 50 years. Bank president for 25 years. Cotton buyer and cotton-mill officer and director for 20 years. Alderman and mayor of Bamberg several times. House of Representatives, Barnwell, 1890 - 94. Leader of Bamberg County and appointed one of Commissioners to apportion liabilities between old and new Counties. Master in Equity, Bamberg, 1902 - 18. South Carolina Senate, Bamberg, 1932 - 36. Board of control of Carlisle Military Academy. First Democratic Chairman in Bamberg County and served 25 years. Federal trustee. Delegate to National Convention in Baltimore. 1st. Lieutenant of Militia. Chairman of Draft board W W I. Member of Methodist Church and Steward for many years. Died November 6, 1945 and buried in Bamberg.

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Section L:

Henry Calhoun Folk was born on his father's plantation in Colleton County on December 4, 1859, and died November 6, 1945. He was the oldest son of Henry N. and Mary Weissinger Folk. He attended schools within his reach, spent 2 years in the preparatory department of Wofford college, entered the college in 1876 and graduated (A.B. degree) 4 years later. His father operated a country store on his plantation and also established a small mercantile business in the town of Bamberg. Henry Calhoun, after his graduation, took over management of the Bamberg business, subsequently became joint owner with his brother (John F. Folk), and later sole owner. In 1887 he added the management of a farm to his mercantile business and was continuously engaged in farming and planting until his retirement from active business. He was a leader in the movement to create Bamberg County, and when it was established he was elected one of the commissioners to apportion the liabilities between the old and the new counties. He was the first county chairman of the Democratic Party and served in that capacity for 25 years (30). He was elected Master in Equity in Bamberg County and held that office for 20 years. He served as a member of the House of Representatives from Barnwell County before Bamberg County was formed, and served 2 terms as mayor of Bamberg. He closed his political career by serving as Senator from Bamberg County. He organized the Peoples Bank of Bamberg and served as president for many years. He was one of the organizers of the Bamberg Cotton Mills (later Santee Mills) and was for a long time director and vice-president of the concern. He was one of the largest cotton buyers

at Bamberg for over 50 years. He served as a trustee of the public schools for many years and played a prominate part in securing Carlisle Fitting School (now Carlisle Military School) for Bamberg, serving on the Carlisle Board of Control for a long time. He was a Methodist. He was one of the first eddtors of the Bamberg Herald, serving in that capacity some 50 years (in 1895) when the paper was first established. On April 12,1883, he married Meldred Elizabeth Weissinger (daughter of John J. and Virginia Hutto Weissinger of Blackville), who died on January 17, 1955, in her 89th year. They left 6 surviving children --- Postmaster H.N.Folk and John W. Folk of Bamberg, Mrs. R.B.Stil l of Spartenburg, Mrs. J.Caldwell Guilds of Columbia, Mrs. Clarence Black of Macon,Ga., and Mrs. Marvin G. Gault of Bamberg.

at Bamberg for over 50 years. He served as trustee to the public

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Henry N. Folk, Bamberg's postmaster for 33 years was born in Bamberg County on April 10, 1891, being the son of Henry C. and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk. He attended the Bamberg schools, Carlisle Fitting School, and graduated from Wefford college in 1912. For several years he was in the mercantile business before being appointed postmaster. He married Simpsie McMichael, and they have three children, --- H. N. Folk, Jr. of Pensacola, Fla., Robert T. Folk of Chester, Calif., and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Smoak of Bamberg.

Page 4. Section G:

Robert Folk of Bamberg was a member of the Wefford College Baseball Team in 1937.

Page 4. Section N:

H.N. Folk succeeded A. W. Knight as postmaster in 1925. Two of his grandchildren are, Lynda Folk, and Beverly Smoak.

Page 6. Section L:

Elizabeth Folk married Laurie Clinton Smoak, Jr. (born December 13, 1922, in Bamberg), a professional photographer. Their children Beverly Annette, John Lawrence, Nancy Elizabeth, Brenda Folk and Linda Kay

Page 3. Section G:

Elizabeth Folk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.N. Folk, was 7 years old in 1931 when she played a group of piano numbers in a radio broadcast at Savannah, Ga. Her parents also had parts on this musical program.

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Section P:

Leonard Folk (Mrs. Clarence E. Black) was a member of the "Apollo Music Club organized in 1913.

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Section M:

Virginia Folk married Marion G. Gault, Superintendent of Bamberg School district No.1, who was born on November 8, 1898, at Fountain Inn, S.C. They have 2 sons -- Marion G., Jr., of Clinton, and Calhoun of North Augusta.

Henry N. Folk (son of Jacob Folk, Jr.) of Colleton County, South Carolina, married Mary R. Weissinger of Barnwell County South Carolina, on the 27th day August at Mr. Henry Rutte's by the Rev. Michael Hiers. In the year of our Lord 1857.

Their Children

Was born on the 4th day Dec. 1859 a male child named Henry Calhoun Folk.
Was born on the 31st day of Oct. 1862 a male child named John Francis Folk.
Was born on the 18th day of April 1865 a female child named Mary Ida Folk.
Was born on the 14th day of August a female child named Emma Jane Folk

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Mary R. wife of H.N. Folk departed this life on the 8th day of Oct. 1869.

On the 18th May 1870 H.N. Folk and Elizabeth Ann Felder were joined in holy Matrimony.

Elizabeth Ann wife of H.N. Folk departed this life on the 13th of August 1908.

Mary Ida Folk, daughter of Henry Nimrod Folk, married on the 26th day of March 1885 to W.M. Varn.

Their children;

William Henry Varn, son of W.H. Varn and Mary Ida Folk, was born December 14th 1885.

Mary Annie Varn, daughter of W.H. Varn and Mary Ida Folk, was born August 19th 1887.

Aaron Eugene Varn, son of W.M. Varn and Mary Ida Folk, was born January 30th 1890.

* Gerhard DeLoach Varn, son of W.M. Varn and Mary Ida Folk, was born July 21st 1892.

Emma Jane Varn, daughter of W.M. Varn and Mary Ida Folk, was born January 5th 1895; died

W.M. Varn, died January 21st 1897.

Henry Nimrod Folk born February 5th 1836, departed this life November 28th 1916 at 8:50 o'clock, A.M.

Emma Jane Folk, married _____ Tuten and had,

- 1- Ernest Tuten, married Bessie McKensie.
- 2- Daughter.

Ethel Folk, daughter of Henry Calhoun and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk,
was born in Bamberg, S.C., March 10, 1884., married Reddick
Bowman Still, Dec., 27, 1903. They had;
Reddick Bowman Still, Jr. born _6 Jan. 1905;
Meldred Koger Still, born 27 Feb. 1911;
Henry Furman Still, born 6 Oct. 1919; died 18 May 1921.
William Leonard Still, born 10 Oct. 1921;

Lucille Folk, daughter of Henry Calhoun and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk,
was born in Bamberg, S.C., 26 Nov. 1885, married John Caldwell
Guilds, President of Columbia College, Columbia, S.C.
28 Dec. 1910. They had;
Mildred Anderson Guilds, born 5 August 1913;
John Caldwell Guilds, Jr., born 27 Feb. 1924

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John Caldwell Guilds married 28 December 1910, Lucille Folk, daughter
of Henry C. and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk of Bamberg, and had Mildred
and John Caldwell, Jr.

John Weissinger Folk, son of Henry Calhoun Folk and Elizabeth Weissinger
Folk, was born in Bamberg, S.C. July 25, 1896.
married,
United States Civil Service Official, Balboa Heights, C.Z.

Oliver Faber Folk, son of Henry Calhoun and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk, was
born 4 Sept 1906 at Bamberg, S.C.
Civil Enj'r.- U.S. Enj'r, Dept. , Vicksburg, Miss.

Mary Folk, born 13 May 1902; died 8 July 1905

William Hutto Folk, born 10 Feb. 1889; died 28 Dec. 1900.

Henry Nimrod Folk, son of Henry Calhoun Folk and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk was born 10 April 1891 at Bamberg, S.C., and was married to Simsie Rowe McMichael, of Orangeburg, S.C., 25 June 1913. Children;

Henry N. Folk, Jr., born 10 May 1915;

Robert T. Folk, born 21 Oct. 1918;

Elizabeth Folk, born 23 Nov. 1922;

Leonard Folk, daughter of Henry Calhoun and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk was born in Bamberg, S.C., 8 March 1894;

Married Clarence Ervin Black on 25 Nov. 1914 (he was Bamberg banker, and Insurance Manager)

Children:

Clarence Ervin Black, Jr.

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Leonard Folk (daughter of H.C. Folk) married on 25 November 1914, Clarence Ervin Black (Banker) of Bamberg, S.C., and was the mother of Clarence Ervin Black, Jr. (b. 1916)

Tombstone Inscriptions in the new Cemetery at Bamberg, S.C.

Henry Calhoun Folk, born 12/4/1859 ; died 11/6/1945

Elizabeth Weissinger, born 7/7/1866 ; died 1/17/1955.

Oliver Faber Folk, born 9/4/1906 ; died 10/2/1940

Virginia Folk (daughter of Henry C. and Elizabeth Weissinger Folk, was born in Bamberg, S.C. 13 Feb. 1899 ; married Marvin G. Gault (principal Junior High School, Greenville, S.C.) on 26 July 1922.

Marvin Bideon Gault, Jr., born 3 Sept. 1925 ;

Calhoun Folk Gault, born 22 Dec. 1927

Family Bible of Henry Nimrod Folk

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**John Francis, son of Henry Nimrod and Mary Rebecca Folk, was born
b- 31 Oct. 1862**

Tombstone Incriptions - New Cemetery at Bamberg, S.C.

John Francis Folk, born 31, ~~Sept~~ October 1862 ; died 16 October 1938.

Wilhemina Ehrhardt Folk, born 24 September 1865 ; died 16 July 1932.

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Rev. M.M.Brabham ---A Family Sketch or Else.

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**page 17 - Frankie Folk (daughter of John F. and Wilhelmina Ehrhardt
Folk of Bamberg,S.C.) married Frank Meye and had: Sarah Wilma Meye.**

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Knowledge of Joseph E.Steadman,Sr.

**John Francis and Wilhelmena Ehrhardt Folk were the parents of Frankie
Folk (a daughter), Wilhemina Folk, and Louise Folk.**