

Jacob, Mary, Harriet, Sallie, and Susan. Adam moved to Louisiana locating just south of Ruston in what is now known as the Riser Community. Adam Riser farmed for a while, then opened a store where he conducted a \$50,000.00 business per year, and later established a postoffice and it was known as Bonner, Louisiana. In 1854, when the first preliminary survey for the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad (now the Illinois Central) was made, one Henry Bonner (from whom Bonner, La. was named after) came with the surveyors and proposed the route of the new railroad to pass near Adam Riser's store. Had the survey materialized into the railroad that they expected, the town for this section would have been Bonner. Fate decreed that Ruston should be the town and that nothing should remain of Bonner but a fading memory and the Riser Cemetery. Adam Riser was born Dec. 16, 1809 in Newberry County, S. C. and in 1892 was 83-years old and wrote to his nephew Judge Jacob B. Fellows of Newberry County, S. C. the following letter on April 23, 1892. "Ruston, Louisiana—April 23, 1892. I work my garden and Irish potatoes and keep my orchard trim and my grape vines."—he wrote a very steady hand. He died Oct. 20, 1898—and was buried beside his wife in the Riser Cemetery near where old Bonner, Louisiana used to be. Martin Riser, Sr.'s third wife was a widow Summers and they had no children. According to records in Newberry Country, S.C., Martin Riser, Sr. died there on Sept. 23, 1844, and was buried in the family cemetery at Newberry County, S.C.

From family data left at Newberry County, S. C. by George Riser, Sr., one finds that Adam Riser, who located at Goodwater Community in the vicinity of Winnfield, La. was the son of George Riser, Sr. first Riser to come to America . . . and that Adam Riser who located just south of Ruston in what is now the Riser Community, was the son of Martin Riser, Sr. and a nephew of Adam Riser at Winnfield, La.

John Riser son of Martin Riser, Sr. married Barbara Ann Zeigler and they had ten children: William, John, Hartwell, George, Adam, James A., Elizabeth, Annie, and Lavinia. His son married Elizabeth Rikard, and one of their nine children was the Rev. Sidney T. Riser who died in Staunton, Va. while a young man, being a minister in the Lutheran Church. Another son George married a Miss Peaster, and was killed in North Carolina in the last battle of the War Between the States. His daughter Lavinia married Belton Kibler who was killed in the War between the States.

George Riser, Sr. made a "Will" which was located in Box-25, Package-398 in Edgefield, S. C., and this "Will" was recorded in Volume-1, A-book, Page-105, in the Department of Archives of South Carolina in Columbia. This "Will" was dated March 21, 1821. From the date of this "Will" of George Riser, Sr. (1821) and date of his Revolutionary War Claims paid (1783), it is evident that George Riser, Sr. was a Revolutionary War patriot.

In Deed "H" Page-262 dated 1804—it was stated that "George Riser, Sr., father of Martin Riser, Sr.," had been the grantee of 350 acres of land ~~to the Revolutionary War effort~~ between the Broad and Saluda Rivers in Newberry County, S. C., on Dec. 20th and 27th, 1763—which was 58 years before said George Riser, Sr. made his "will" and 39-years since he signed as patriot by furnishing supplies during Revolutionary War.

Revolutionary War records in Newberry County, S. C. show that George Riser, Sr. rendered service to the American Army in 1781 and 1782 by furnishing supplies—and said George Riser, Sr.'s request to the Public Treasurer of the State of South Carolina to deliver my Indents to Major Adam Summer (of Newberry County, S. C.) and his Receipt shall

George Riser left Stuttgart in Wuertemberg, Germany in 1750, arrived in Cape Fear, N.C. from whence I came in 1751 to South Carolina at the first opportunity, he stated in petitioning the S.C. authorities 18 Aug. 1751 for a 50-acre landright grant "In the Park between Broad and Saludy Rivers". Born c. 1732, he served as Pvt. in Gov. Army, deserted to the Loyalist cause in 1779 but rejoined the American cause in 1781. He and his wife Francis were parents of HANV RISER (1781-1860) who married in 1787 Jacob Copeland, Jr. (1776-3 Nov. 1853), son of Rev. War soldier Jacob Copeland, Sr.