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Dear Mrs. Williams:

I hate to have to tell you that I know very little more than you have been furnished about the Howard-Platz (Platts) connection, except that all of the older members of the Howard family were of the definite opinion that Christina was a daughter of JACOB PLATTS, JUNR. (c.1737-1797) and his wife CATHARINE.

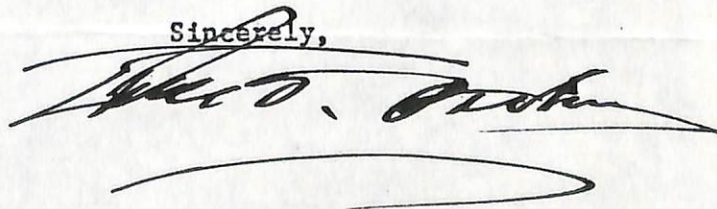
GEORGE HOWARD died about 1825 in Liberty County, Ga. His wife CHRISTINA died about July 1846 (See Georgia Genealogical Magazine, v. 4, p. 964). Their son JACOB (named for his maternal grandfather) died Jan. 18, 1877; his second wife Martha Flowers (11 Feb 1809-6 Sept 1883) was a daughter of Charles Flowers (1770-1841) and Martha Standley. Anna Susannah Howard died Oct. 11, 1870; her first husband Daniel F. Sullivan (1800-1831) was with Gen. Andrew Jackson in the First Florida Seminole Indian War; and her second husband Richmond H. Peacock (1807-1881) was murdered. Hannah B. Howard died Sept. 8, 1885. John Hall Howard married on April 7, 1853, Sarah Ann L. Brewer. Simon (not Simeon) Harrington was born Feb. 10, 1798 and died May 5, 1876.

JACOB PLATTS was a Loyalist, having been a sergeant in Capt. Edmund Jones' Saltketcher Company of Col. Robert Ballingall's Regiment, Colleton County, Loyalist Militia, 1780.

I do not have a Platts line, but am descended from George Howard's sister Catharine who married Jacob Hiers (1739-1807).

I am sorry that I cannot be of more help to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elmer O. Parker", written over a horizontal line. Below the signature is another horizontal line.

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Dear Mr. Parker

From the Hiers Genealogy and Pioneers of Wiregrass, Georgia, I learned of Elmer Oris Parker, a genealogist in Columbia. From the Columbia telephone book I learned this address. If you are not the Mr. Parker, genealogist, please forgive this intrusion and drop the self-addressed post card in the mail at your convenience with a note informing me of my mistake.

If you are the Mr. Parker, genealogist, I would greatly appreciate some information concerning Christina Platts Howard for an article on the first four generations of the Platz/Plats/Platts family in South Carolina. Here is what I have:

THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATIONS

Johannes, or John Platts, Sr., died in 1799 leaving a wife, Sophie, and nine children. One daughter, Hannah Platts Cone, ~~predeceased~~ him leaving heirs. If there were other children deceased in 1816, they obviously left no issue. Children of John Platts, Sr.:

Christina m. George Howard. By 1816 they had moved to Liberty County, now Ludowici, Georgia. She was still living in 1844 and an heir to her brother George's estate. Helen Day of Brunswick sent me the following information on the Howards from Judge Folks Huxford's book, Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol. 5, pages 580-581. This information was furnished to Judge Huxford by Mr. E. O. Parker, formerly of Washington, DC, now of Columbia: George Howard was born 17 June 1777 and Christina Platts was born 16 March 1776. Their children were (a) Elizabeth, b. 10 June 1798, m. Robert Middleton; (b) Mary, b. 13 Dec. 1799, probably died young; (c) Jacob, b. 10 Nov. 1801, m. (1) Rebecca Moody, (2) Martha Flowers; (d) Anna S., b. 6 Jan. 1804, m. (1) Daniel Sullivan (2) R. H. Peacock; (e) Hannah B., b. 13 Feb. 1806, m. Joshua Fletcher; (f) John H., b. 30 April 1908 (sic), probably died young; (g) Miley, b. 31 Oct. 1810, m. Simeon Harrington.

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his will was found,*

Is what I have correct? If not, will you please correct it for me.

When and where did George Howard and Christina Platts marry?

When and where did George Howard and Christina Platts Howard die?

Do you have information on Christina Platts's mother? Was she the Sophie who survived John Platts, Sr., or was Sophie a second or even a third wife?

Do you have dates of death of any of George and Christina Howard's children?

Do you know of anyone else doing research on this family who would be willing to share information or even collaborate? While this is my mother's family, genealogy is not my primary interest, although I am interested in anyone living on the west bank of the Big Salkehatchie River between Buford's Bridge (Hy 301) and Broxton's Bridge (Hy 601), south to Jackson's Branch and Whippy Swamp, primarily from 1750 to 1850, and I am especially interested in Germans. I am curious about the origins of St. Nicholas Lutheran Church in present-day Allendale County; about what I believe to be "a dense web of reiterated kinship" that existed among the German families for over 100 years; and about the patterns of property ownership in the region described. At the suggestion of Dr. Robert Peoples of Hilton Head Island, I am researching the first four generations of the Platz/Plats/Platts family in South Carolina. The first, third, and fourth generations have been relatively uncomplicated. The second generation has not revealed itself to me so readily.

Are you connected to the Platz/Plats/Platts family?

Very truly yours,

Rose-Marie Williams