

SYFRETT FAMILY NEWSLETTER  
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ORANGEBURG COUNTY, S.C.

"In 1735 a boatload of settlers from Germany and the cantons of Zurich and Berne, Switzerland, landed at Charleston and proceeded immediately to a spot about eighty miles north, and there they began building their homes on the banks of the North Edisto River, settling a village which was thereafter to be known as Orangeburgh.

"In 1736 another boatload of settlers arrived, and in 1737, a third, this time bringing along a minister, The Rev. John Ulrick Giessendanner. His faith is supposed to have been Lutheran, although it is claimed by some that he was a Swiss Zwingalist, whose creed was somewhat like the Lutheran and somewhat like the Calvinists."

The Orangeburg Papers, page 5

THE SYFRETTS

In the Giessendanner Record the name is spelled "Sreferet" and "Sigfritt" just a few pages apart. It is often spelled differently in the same document. It may be Sifried, Seifreit, Syfritt, Seifrit, Syfret, Syphrett, Syfrid, Seyfreit, Siffritt, Syfred, Cyphret, etc. The question now is did they come over in 1735-1736-1737 or did they join their relatives later? The name is first found in 1753.

- 1753 - Giessendanner Record- at baptism "Susceptr Mathew and Margaret Sreferet & Catharine Ax."  
at baptism "Mary..Margaret, Daughter of Matthew & Margaret Sigfritt; born June 10th 1753.  
Susceptr Thomas Gumble, Margaret & Mary..Ann Sigfritt."  
- Plat for 100 acres in "Berkley County" for "Mat: Sufried".
- 1757 - Plat for 250 acres in "Craven County, on a branch of Little Pee Dee. called Reedy Creek" for "Alexander Seifreit".  
- Royal Grant of 100 acres "on Ax Creek in Amelia Township" for "Mat. Sifried".
- 1758 - Royal Grant of 250 acres "on Reedy Creek in Craven County" for "Alexander Seyfreit".
- 1771 - Plat for 100 acres "in Amelia Township" for "Mathias Seifrit".
- 1773 - Plat and Royal Deed for 250 acres "in Berkley County, on the N E side of Pon Pon River" for Alexander Syfret  
- Mortagage for 1220 pounds on "four negroes Three men & One Woman" for "Alexander Syfritt".

- 1774 - Mortgage for 762 pounds, 18 shillings and 5 pence on "two Negro slaves vis Tom, a Man, and Cumbey, a Woman" for "Adam Syfrid".
- 1790 - Census Record - Daniel Syfret (1 male over 16, 2 males under 16, 3 females, and 2 slaves)  
 Adam Syfret (1 male over 16, 4 males under 16, 4 females, and 2 slaves)  
 Thomas Syfret (1 male over 16, 1 male under 16, and 2 females)
- 1788 - Plat and State Grant for 320 acres "in the District of Orangeburgh on Broad branch the waters of four holes" for "Daniel Syfrett".
- 1789 - State Grant for 52 acres "in the District of Orangeburgh on a Branch of the four hole Creek" for "Daniel Syfritt".
- 1791 - Revolutionary War Claims settled with "Rebecca Syffratt or Syfret", "Alexander Syfrid" and "Adam Syfreet".

About this time Alexander Syfritt was one of 28 petitioners for a Lutheran Church "in lower Orangeburgh District".

S.C.Lutheran Church History

- 1793 - Plat and State Grant for 845 acres "in the District of Orangeburgh on Middle Pen Waters of four holes" to "Daniel Syfritt". Plat shows a meeting house.

The Dukes DAR Papers show "Sarah SYFRETT" born 1755, died 1840, married Thomas DUKES in 1780 and bore three children, Thomas DUKES Jr. 1785; Mary Winnie DUKES, 1807; and Elizabeth DUKES, 1783 (who Married Frederick SYFRETT)

The St. Matthews Lutheran Church Records list Thomas SYFRID born 1768, died 23 Nov 1808 - his children Thomas SYFRID born 1798, died 1800, and John Jacob SYFRID born 1803.

- 1800 - Census Record - Daniel Siffritt (1 male 26-45, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45, 6 slaves)  
 Adam Siffritt (1 male 10-16, 2 males 16-26, 1 male over 45, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 16-26, 1 female over 45)

(Where was Thomas?)

- 1810 - Census - G. Sifrit (1 male 16-26, 1 female 16-26)  
 D. Sefrit (1 male over 45, 2 females under 10, 1 female 16-26, 5 slaves)  
 Susan Sefrit (1 male 10-15, 1 female 10-15, 1 female over 45, 4 slaves)  
 Ma<sup>h</sup> Syfrit (1 male under 10, 2 females 16-26)  
 Jn. Sefert (2 male under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 16-26)  
 F<sup>k</sup> Sifert (1 male under 10, 1 male 26-45, 3 females under 10, 1 female 26-45)  
 A<sup>m</sup> Sifrit (1 male under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45)

War of 1812 Records for George Syphret, Frederick Syfrit, and John Syfrit

1816 - Plat and State Grant for 604 acres "in Orangeburg District, on hear branches of Cow Castle Swamp Waters of Four Hole" for "David Syfritt".  
Plat and State Grant for 999 acres "in Orangeburgh District, on Birds Branch and Cat Fish Bay Waters of Edisto River" for "Frederick Syfritt".

1818 - Plat and State Grant for 307 acres "in Orangeburgh District on Peter Wood's Branch Waters of N. Edisto River" bounded by Adam Syphrett, Dan<sup>l</sup> Syfrett for "Frederick Syphrett.

Plat and State Grant for 298 acres "on the Mile Pond Branch waters of North Edisto River" for "Adam Syphrett".

1820 - Census - Georg Syphrit (1 male under 10, 1 male 26-45, 2 females under 10, 1 female 26-45)  
Frederick Syfrit (2 males under 10, 1 male 18-25, 1 male over 45, 4 females under 10, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 26-44)  
John Syfrit (2 male 10-15, 1 male 26-44, 4 females uner 10, 1 female 26-44)

1830 - Plat for 31½ acres "on the South Side of Cattle Creek Waters of Edisto River" for Frederick Syphrett.

Misc Records - Deed of Trust - Susannah Syphrit gave ~~ten~~ slaves to Christian Grambling to insure the care of her grandchildren, "Salina Shiro, Susan Wannamaker, Barika Barbara Wannamaker, Jane Wannamaker, Henry Wannamaker, Ellenine Wannamaker, Bathsheba Wannamaker & Michael Aquilla Allison Wannamaker, children of Henry Wannamaker by his first wife, Barbara Wannamaker, now deceased".

- Census - Jacob Syfret (1 male under 5, 1 male 10-15, i male 20-30, 1 female under 5, 1 female 20-30)  
Adam Sypherd (2 males 15-20, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 30-40)  
Frederic Syphred (1 male 10-15, i male 40-50, 1 female 5-10, 3 females 10-15, i female 40-50)  
Mary Syphred (1 male 20-30, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 30-40)  
IN LEON COUNTY FLORIDA - George Syfret (1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 40-50, 1 female under 5, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 30-40)  
IN HENRY COUNTY ALABAMA - John A. Syfrett (3 males under 5, 1 male 20-30, 1 female 20-30)

1835 - Deed - Susannah Syfrett sold 50 acres of land to William Shuler for \$37.50. Land "lying on Middlepen Swamp the waters of Fourhole".

1839 - Plat for 1,000 acres "on Br Waters of Pen Branch of Edisto River" for Frederick Syfrett. Bounded by land of Mrs. E. Griffith, Jas Grimes, Reich Edwards, Jas Edwards, F Syfrett, Dukes, Michael Dukes, George Summers, Harry<sup>s</sup> Felder, Christopher Metze, John Metze, John Cannon. Commissioner was Isaac Dantzler, Esq.

1840 - Census - Alex<sup>n</sup> Syfrett (1 male 20-30, 1 female under 5, 1 female 20-30)  
 Fred<sup>k</sup> Syfrett (1 male 10-15, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 50-60, 3 females 15-20, 1 female 50-60)  
 Adam Syfrett (1 male 20-30, 1 male 50-60, 1 female 40-50)  
 James W. Syfrett (2 males under 5, 1 male 30-40, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 20-30)  
 IN LEON COUNTY FLORIDA - George Syfrett (2 males 15-20, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 40-50)  
 IN JACKSON COUNTY FLORIDA - John A. Syfrett (2 males under 5, 3 males 10-15, 1 male 30-40, 2 females 5-10, 1 female 20-30)

1850 - Census - Abraham Syfrett 37 (Mary C 35, Mildrid 5, Richar A 3, Fred Wm 2, Ann Murphy 14, John B Murphy 12, Mary J Murphy 9)  
 Jacob E. B. Syfrett 37 (Rachel S 28, Ann C 8, Sarah 7, Margaret M 6, Martha 4, Susanna 2, Mary 5/12, Anna Syfrett 57, Sarah Maxey 50, Carolina Maxey 23, Eliza Maxey 7)  
 HENRY J M GRIMES Home (Jane S. Syfrett 4)  
 GEORGE AARON Home (William Syfrett 10, Ann Syfrett 5)  
 WILLIAM SMOKE SR Home (Mynam(?) Syfrett 28 female)

1850 - Deed for 790 acres of estate of Frederick Syfrett sold to William J. Fairey by his (FS) heirs (Allen A Syfrett, Abraham H Syfrett, Jesse W & Mary A Fairey, Daniel & Hane D Smoak, Lewis & Eliza G Griffis, David & Dicy Smoak, Thomas D & Dorcas L Edwards, Phillip & Sarah M Joiner, Joseph & Meldrid L Stokes). Price of sale \$1,031. Land had been granted to Jno Cannon in k787 and was bounded by land of Joseph Edwards, Abraham H Syfrett, Benjamin B. McAhany, Samuel R. Gressette, James Grimes. Witnesses were James Grimes and William Grimes. Magistrate was F W Fairey. Plat notes "Pursuant to Request of Thos D Edwards & Elizabeth Syphrett, Admis if the Est of Frederick Syphrett Dect... on South Carolina Rail Road..." Chainers were John S. Smoak and William Fairey.

Deed - Abraham H. Syfrett to William J. Fairey for "sum of thirty-three Dollars"... "All that plot or parcel of Land situated on the North side of the South Carolina Rail Road on Felders Bay waters of Edisto River... containing Eleven acres Binding South on the South Carolina Railroad East on lands of the said William J Fairey... It being granted to Cannon and known as the Shecut Land..."

This is the early records which we now have. I am indebted to Irene Carter of Mannassas, Virginia for some of this materials, especially census records of the Florida migrants. We need more early records but they are in "strange places" and we seek the help of everyone of you in digging out the information.