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Born: 1746 Charleston, SC

Married: Michael Heyer

Died: 1790 Charleston, SC

Parents: John Peter Varn & Anna Maria Hoffman

Research has not provided a lot of information on the ancestry line of Elizabeth Varn. After searching websites for information on Varns in the Charleston, SC area I discovered who I believe to be the father of Elizabeth Varn.

He is:

John Peter Wern (Varn)

Born: About 1719 in Warnsdorf, Germany

Married: Anna Maira Hoffman

Died: Jan 1774 in Orangeburg, SC

The John Peter Wern Family

FIRST GENERATION

1. **John Peter Wern** married Mary UNKNOWN. His place and date of birth are uncertain, although his arrival in the first wave of Orangeburgh Township settlers makes it highly probable that he was of Swiss origin. The name Werne is listed prior to 1800 in the cantons of Zurich and Geneva in the official Register of Swiss Surnames.¹ No member of the family appears in the Giessendanner Book of Record.² He probably died before 1773, when his wife Mary Warne filed a plat in her own name for 100 aces on the waters of the Saluda River, adjacent Frederick Warne and John Warne.³

A plat was certified Oct 10, 1735 showing a 100 acre tract of land in Orangeburgh Township and a 0.5 acre town lot in Berkeley County for John Peter Wern. His neighbors were Henry Snell, Harry Rhyman, and Hans Rhotes.⁴ The size of the 100 acre tract indicates there were only two persons, John Peter and (presumably) his wife Anna Maria.

Child Of John Peter Wern and Mary UNKNOWN was:

2.i. Felix Frederick Wernn d. bef. 13 Mar 1786

On 15 July 1758 Felix Frederick "Warren" certified a plat for 350 acres in Craven County on Bear Creek, a tributary of the Broad River.⁵ The grant was recorded 16 Jan 1761.⁶ A memorial was filed for this property on 20 Aug 1761.⁷

In 1764 Warne certified a memorial for 50 acres on Crim's Creek in the fork between the Broad and Saluda rivers, summarizing a chain of title to a grant to John Henry Welcher of 27 Aug 1751.⁸ He presumably acquired this land through purchase.

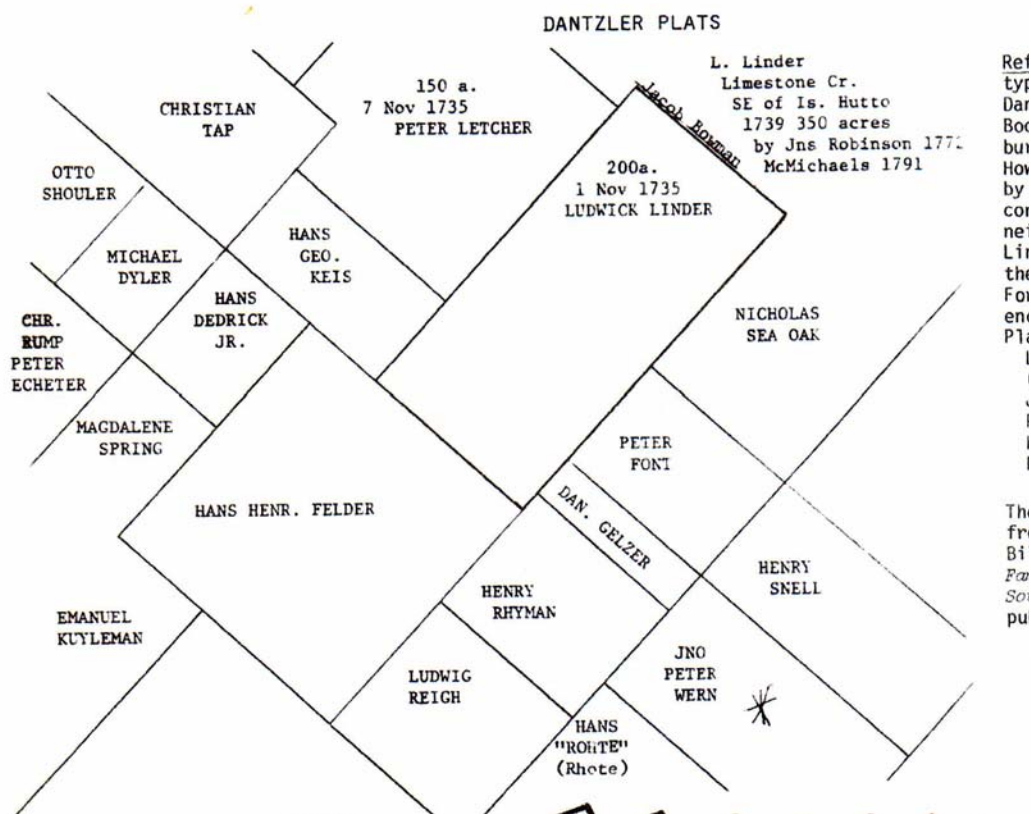
In 1772, Frederick Warne was granted an additional 100 acres on Halls Creek, a tributary of the Saluda River.⁹

Children of Felix Frederick Warne were:

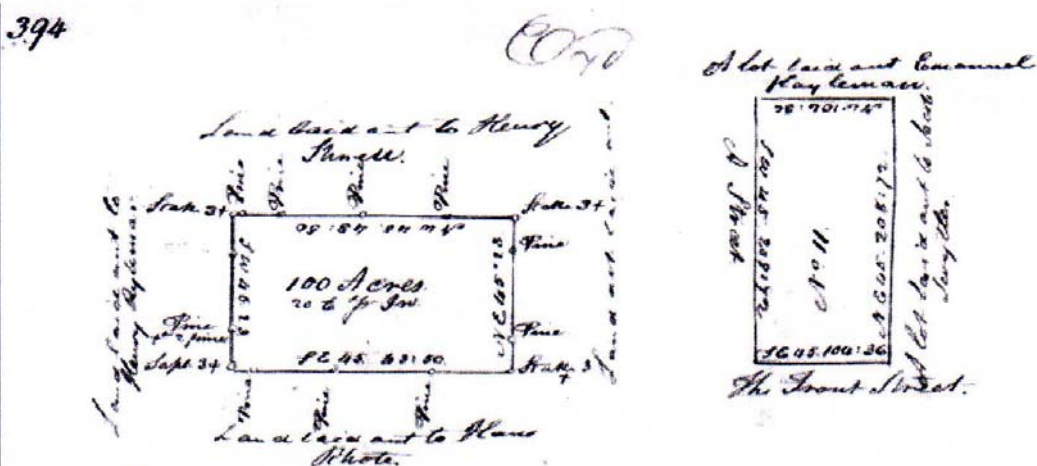
- 3.i. Jacob Varn was born about 1748 in Orangeburgh Township, and died about 1805 in the Prince William Parish, Beaufort County. He married Mary (possibly Coleman or Chassereau) who d. ca. 1820. Jacob served in the Revolutionary War.¹⁰ In the 1790 census Jacob Varn is listed adjacent a younger male, Benjamin, in the Orangeburgh North enumeration with 3 white males over 16 years of age, 6 white males under 16 years, 2 white females and 1 slave.¹¹ However, Jacob Varn moved his family to the Beaufort area, as documented in an 1802 plat for 107 acres on Whippy Swamp, Beaufort District, surveyed by Robert Tanner on 8 June 1797.¹²
- 4.ii. John Varn was a younger son of Felix Frederick and Mary Warne. The 1790 census shows John Varn and his family living in Orangeburgh District, North. His household included 1 adult male, 2 males under 16 years of age, 3 white females and 2 slaves.¹³ However, by 1794 John Warne purchased 250 acres of land in Beaufort District from Jacob Zahler and moved his family to that area; **his name is signed Varn in that document.**¹⁴

Above information from online research at: <http://www.ogsgs.org/ffam/varn.htm>

*I believe Elizabeth Varn to be one of John Peter Wern's daughters. Only his sons are listed above.



Above plat shows property of John Peter Wern



South Carolina

Pursuant to a precept under the hand and seal of James St. John Esq. his Majesty's Secy. G^l. I have a survey made and laid out unto John Peter Wern a tract of land in Orangeburgh Township, in Berkeley County, containing one hundred acres: Butting and bounding to the N.E. on land laid out to Henry Shnell, to the N.W. on land laid out to Henry Rhymann, to the S.W. on land laid out to Hans Photo, to the S.E. on land not laid out. And also one town lot in Orangeburgh, containing half of an acre, known on the grand plat of the said town by number eleven: Butting and bounding to the N.E. on N^o 15, laid out to Emanuel Haylemann to the N.W. on a street, to the S.W. on the front street of the said town, and to the S.E. on N^o 12, laid out to Jacob Snythen: And each hath such shape, form and marks as appears by the above plats.

Certified the 30th Oct: 1735 for me G^l: Haig, D.S.



* Lot 10 owned by John Peter Wern(Varn) Other ancestors of mine owned lots in Orangeburg also. Johannes Inabinet, lot 158; Hans Peterly, lot 180