

Johann George Bamberg



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 Born: 1755 Prussia
 Married: Mary Ann Allen
 Died: 1801 SC
 Parents: Unknown

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John George BAMBERG

According to the 225th anniversary publication of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church of Ehrhardt, S. Carolina, published October 26, 1975, which referenced "The History of Bamberg" by Graham Copeland, John George Bamberg was among several officers sent by Frederick the Great of Prussia to see to the well-being of German colonists in Colonial America. It was reported that he brought considerable gold with him to relieve the distress of his countrymen. He admired the climate and soil of South Carolina so much, that he returned to Prussia and sometime after the death of Frederick the Great, resigned from the German Army, disposed of his property in Bamberg, Germany, and set sail for South Carolina. He landed in Charleston about 1786. He was ordained and became a minister at the Lutheran Church at Lexington, S.C. in 1788. He and Miss ALLEN had at least three sons and two or more daughters based upon the publication and the work of Mrs. Frank G. Bamberg, Everglades, Fla., 1936." Quote from Bamberg Family Tapestry and John George Bamberg Family History Report by Faye Hill Adkins (see Sources). "According to most Bamberg researchers, the majority of this is untrue." Quoted from John George Bamberg Family History Report by Faye Hill Adkins.

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	<p>The seven German ministers of the Gospel who formed this Corpus Evangelicum were located as follows:</p> <p><i>Rev. Frederick Daser, A.M.</i>, at St. Matthew's Church, Orangeburg District, South Carolina. He was a Lutheran minister.</p> <p><i>Rev. Christian Theus</i>, on the west side of the Congaree River, eight miles below Columbia, South Carolina. He was a German Reformed minister.</p> <p><i>Rev. John George Bamberg</i> labored until 1798 in</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">304 THE LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <p>Lexington District, South Carolina, and was pastor of Zion's Church, as the records of that church indicate, when he resigned and located himself in Barnwell District, South Carolina, where he remained to the close of his life. He was a Lutheran minister, and died during the year 1800.</p> <p><i>Rev. Frederick August Wallberg</i> labored among the churches in Lexington District before Bamberg's time of service, probably about the time the Corpus Evangelicum was organized. He was a Lutheran minister, and is supposed to have lived in the Fork of the Saluda and Broad Rivers to the close of his life.</p>	

Ancestry.com. History of the German settlements and of the Lutheran Church in North and South Carolina. [database on-line]. Provo, UT: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004. Original data: Bernheim, G.D.. History of the German settlements and of the Lutheran Church in North and South Carolina. : From the earliest period of the colonization of the Dutch, German, and Swiss settlers to the close of the first half of the present century. Philadelphia: Lutheran Book Store, 1979. Page 304

The peace treaty was signed September 3, 1783, and the thirteen American colonies declared to be independent. Hundreds of British and German soldiers liked South Carolina so well that they left the army and remained here, becoming responsible citizens. Among them was the Reverend John George Bamberg (thought to be a native of Bamberg, Bavaria, by some, and thought to be from Pennsylvania by others), who came to St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church (later called Mt. Pleasant) in 1798. He was the progenitor of the Bamberg family in this area, and Bamberg County would later be named for his grandson, General Francis Marion Bamberg (1838-1905). The seat of Bamberg County was named for another grandson, Major William Seaborn Bamberg (1820-1858).

From page 21 of the book; "History of Bamberg County, South Carolina" by the Historic Society of Bamberg County.

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church—1750

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, one and one-fourth miles southwest of Ehrhardt, was organized in 1750 by German Lutherans and Dutch Lutherans. It is Bamberg County's oldest church and the fourth oldest Lutheran church in South Carolina.

For the first eighty-five years of its history, Mt. Pleasant was known as St. Bartholomew and was located about a mile to the south of its present building. There is no trace today of the original building or burial ground.

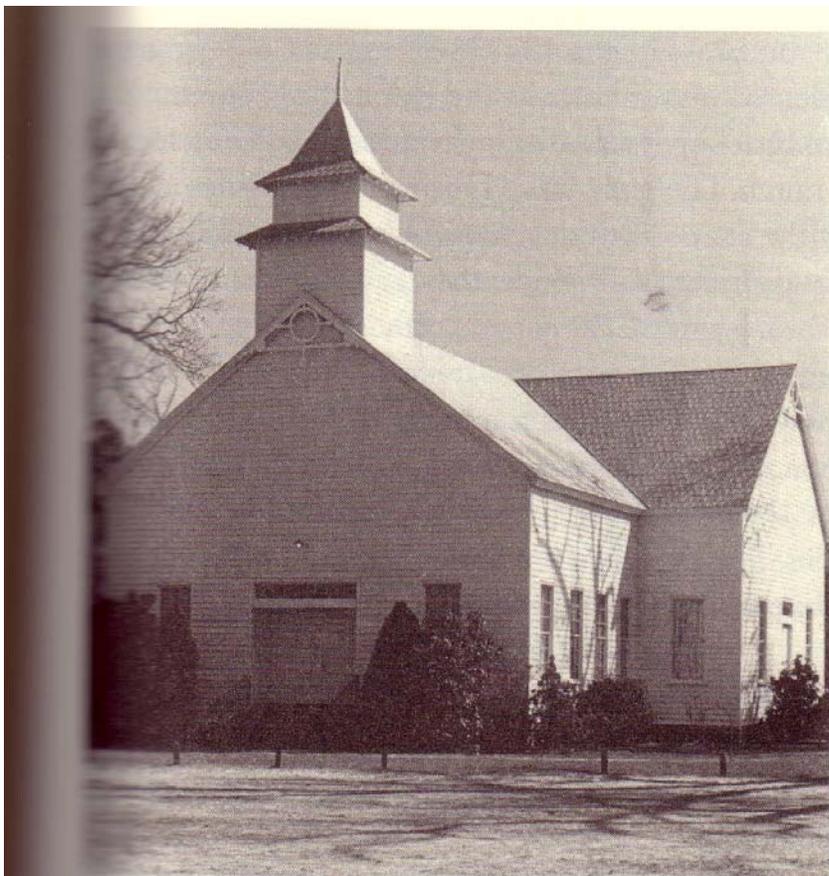
It is probable that the church moved to its present site in 1835 because a public road there meant greater accessibility for the congregation and a way to attract more worshipers. A name change at that time might have come from the schoolhouse previously occupying the site.

In 1873 a new church building was erected, probably incorporating some of the 1835 materials and plans. There is no evidence that the church building standing when federal troops invaded in 1865 was destroyed.

Meetings of the South Carolina Lutheran Synod were held at Mt. Pleasant Church in 1873, 1878, and 1894.

The Rev. John George Bamberg, late of Pennsylvania and a native of Bamberg, Bavaria, led a group of Lutherans from Lexington, South Carolina, to the area of Mt. Pleasant Church in 1798. He served the church until his death in 1800. He was Mt. Pleasant's first recorded pastor.

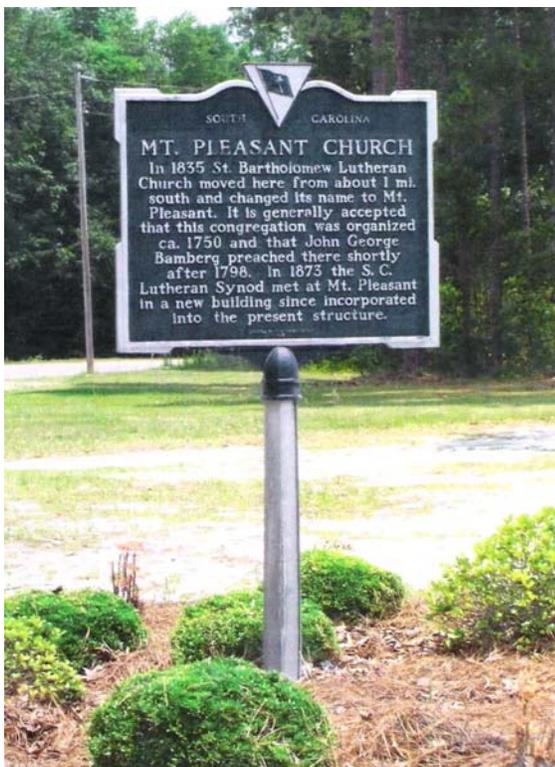
Today the gravestones of Rev. Bamberg and his son John Frederick Bamberg may be seen in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. These stones, originally located five and one-half miles west of Ehrhardt on Highway 64, were moved to the present site in the early 1970s. The burial ground had long passed out of family ownership and the sites were inaccessible for proper care. Two of the Rev. John George Bamberg's grandsons



Mount Pleasant
Lutheran Church
(1924-1974)

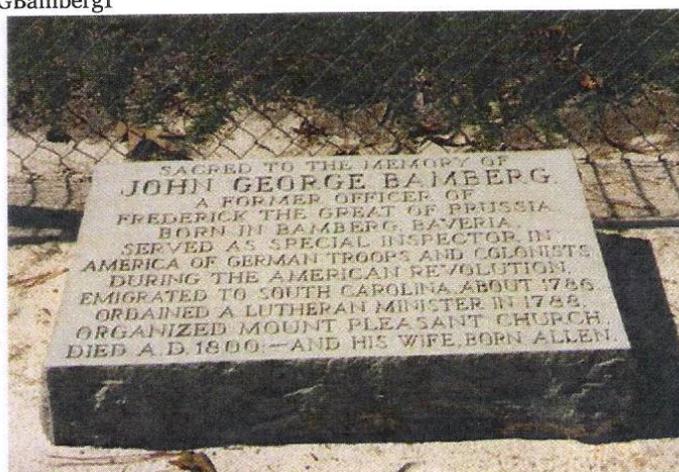
provided the names for Bamberg County and the county seat, Bamberg, thus pro-
viding perpetuity for the Bamberg name.

From pages 316-317 of the book; "History of Bamberg County, South Carolina" by the Historic Society of Bamberg County.



This marker is located in Bamberg County, SC, which was named for Major William Seaborn Bamberg. This marker identifies his grandfather, John George Bamberg, who was a native of Germany and settled near River's Bridge following the Revolutionary War.

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Located at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church

This grave marker is located in the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church cemetery.

Bond for Ann Mary Orth to become administratrix of John George's estate.

Administration Bond.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

K NOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *Ann Mary Orth*
Sarah Rydick and
 are holden and firmly bound unto *Cranford R. Ellison*
 Esquire, ordinary for the district of *Lowndes*
 in the full and just sum of *Three thousand dollars*
 lawful money of this state, to be paid to the
 said *Cranford R. Ellison* or his successors,
 ordinaries of this district, or their certain attorney or assigns. To which payment
 well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and every of us, our and every of our
 heirs, executors and administrators, for the whole, and in the whole, jointly and sever-
 rally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated the *fourteenth*
 day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and *ten*

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the *within above*
^{*Ann Mary Orth*}
^{*deceased*} *John George* of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of *1070*
^{*deceased*} *John George* deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect
 Inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have
 or shall come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of *her* the said *Ann Mary Orth*
 or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for *her* and the same so made,
 do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited into the ordinary's office of this district, at or before the
^{*fourteenth*} day of *June* next ensuing. And the same
 goods, chattels and credits, and all other the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased,
 at the time of *her* death, which at any time hereafter shall come to the hands or possession
 of the said *Ann Mary Orth*
 or into the hands
 and possession of any other person or persons for *her* do well and truly administer accord-
 ing to law. And further, do make, or cause to be made, a true and just account of *her*
 administration, at or before the *fourteenth* day of *June* next,
 and afterwards when thereunto required. And all the rest and residue of the said goods,
 chattels and credits which shall be found remaining on the said administration account (the
 same being first examined and allowed by the ordinary of this district for the time being) shall
 deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said ordinary, by his decree
 or sentence, pursuant to the true intent and meaning of the statutes and acts of assembly, of
 force in this state, for the better settling of testators' estates, shall limit and appoint. And if
 it shall hereafter appear, that any last Will and Testament was made by the said deceased,
 and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same to the said ordinary, mak-
 ing request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said *Ann Mary Orth*
 within bounden being thereunto required, do tender and deliver the said letters of adminis-
 tration, approbation of such testament being first had and made, to the said ordinary; then
 this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered,
 in the presence of } *Ann Mary Orth* *DS*
Wm. S. Dineen } *Daniel Rydick* *DS*
Wm. S. Dineen } *Daniel Rydick* *DS*

An alternate history for John G Bamberg (Prussian immigrant or Loyalist)

There is some information that points to a John George Bamberg serving in the 3rd battalion of the New Jersey loyalist volunteers. If true, he would be the only ancestor that I know of that fought in the Revolutionary War as a loyalist. His unit fought at the battle of Musgrove Mill and the siege of Ninety – Six on 24 Feb 1781.

The following information was found on Ancestry.com

1. 1755/1760: Born, place unknown, possibl[y] Eastern Pennsylvania, likely no later, since he is a soldier by 1777, and no earlier since is under 45 in the census of 1800.
 2. November 19, 1777: (Earliest Record) Staten Island, New York, [a] private in the Third Battalion of the New Jersey Volunteers, a Loyalist regiment which fought for England during the war of the American Revolution; the corps was recruited in 1776 and was comprised of natives of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania[;] the Third Battalion served in the colony of New York and in the Carolinas and Georgia; his name on muster rolls.
 3. October 21, 1778: Staten Island, New York, last muster roll found from this location that lists Bamberg.
 4. December 1778: Sandy Hook, just off Staten Island, New York; a British force in charge of Lt. Col. Archibald Campbell sailed for Savannah, Georgia with orders to capture the city; members of the 3rd Batt. Were included.
 5. December 23, 1778: Mouth of Savannah River on Georgia Coast; the British force landed after a seventeen day voyage.
 6. December 29, 1778: Savannah, Georgia; the city fell to the invading British force.
 7. August 31, 1779: Savannah, Georgia; lookouts on Tybee Island saw the sails of French ships of war; which had been ordered to assist the American Army in an attempt to retake the city.
 8. October 4, 1779: Savannah, Georgia; bombardment was opened upon the British works and the town; members of the 3rd Batt. Were present.
 9. October 9, 1779; Savannah, Georgia; the assault on the city and the intense battle in which the attempt to recapture it ended in failure.
- NOTE: Bamberg is believed to have arrived in Georgia with the force that left Sandy Hook in December, 1778.
10. February 24, 1781: Ninety-Six, South Carolina; corporal in the Third Battalion of the New Jersey Volunteers; name on muster roll.
 11. June 24, 1781: Ninety-Six, South Carolina, last muster of this location (siege of the fort had lasted from May 22 to June 20) Bamberg listed. (Last military record)[.]
 12. July 1, 1781: Fort Granby; (Congarees) South Carolina; after evacuating Ninety-Six, the British moved east to occupy the fort for three days before it was recaptured on July 4 by the Americans and the British fled toward Orangeburg. Bamberg may, or may not, have gone with them. No further record of him has been found in the military records.
 13. 1782/1783: Believed to be the approximate time of marriage to Miss [Ann Mary] Allen.
 14. 1782: Lexington County, Orangeburg District, South Carolina, [pastor] at German Protestant Church Zion. (Earliest ministry record.).
 15. August 1783 - Richland Church, Camden District, South Carolina, German Protestant Minister with a congregation.
 16. November 14, 1787 - Lexington County, Orangeburg District, South Carolina, Minister serving three churches as pastor:
 17. January 9, 1788 - Zion Church, Lexington County, South Carolina, ordained as a Lutheran minister.
 18. June 5, 1797: Land grant of 200 acres on the Big Salkehatchie River in Orangeburg Dist, South Carolina.
 19. June 11, 1797: Resigned from Zion Church.
 20. July 31, 1797: Lexington County, South Carolina; was witness to a marriage.
 21. August 7, 1797: Land grant of 300 acres on the Big Salkehatchie River in Orangeburg District, South Carolina Aug.
 22. 1798: Moved to the land on the Big Salkehatchie River, Barnwell (now Bamberg) County, Orangeburg District, South Carolina, and became pastor of St. Bartholomew Church (now Mt. Pleasant) and St. Nicholas Church.
 23. 1800 - Listed in the census in Barnwell County, South Carolina. (Census to begin first Monday in August and end within nine months.)
 24. 1801/1804 - Died by 1804; buried approximately five or six miles west of Ehrhardt [SC], just off highway 64.

New Jersey Volunteers Barbarie's Coy.

Muster Roll of Captain John BARBARIE's Company in the 3rd Battn. New Jersey Volunteers,
from the 24th February to the 24th April 1781 Inclusive 60 days-

Ninety Six February the 23rd 1781

Captain John BARBARIE
Lieutenant John TROUP
Ensign John WILLES
Sgt Daniel JAMES
Sgt Albert BERDAN
Sgt John FORBES
Cpl John PRIESTLY
Cpl John G. BAMBERG
Cpl Josiah FOSTER
Drummer John ATKINS
John CORNELISON
Amos STEDHAM
William PACK

at Charles Town by Leave
Barrack Master at Augusta