

John Jacob Heyer, Sr



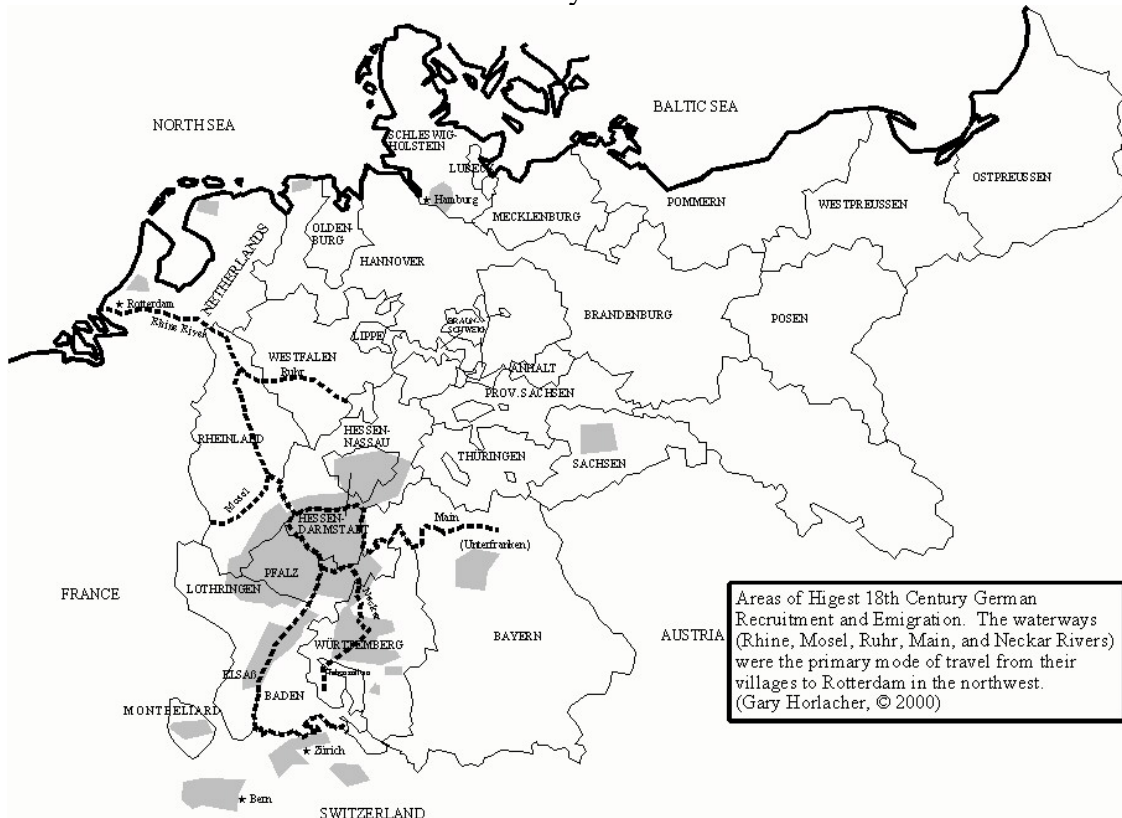
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Born: 3 Sep 1707 Pfalzgrafenweiler, Germany

Married: 2 Feb 1734 Barbara Wagner

Died: 1798 SC

Parents: Michael Heyer & Barbara Hack



The Heyer family migrated from Pfalzgrafenweiler, GR in 1751. Leaving their home, they probably loaded as many of their belongings as they could onto a wagon, traveled over land to the Rhine River, loaded everything they could on a boat, and sailed down the river to Rotterdam, Holland, where they boarded a ship to England and from there to Charleston, SC.

HEYER, JOHN JACOB

1707-ca 1768

**GERMANY
SOUTH CAROLINA**

John Jacob Heyer (Johan Jakob Hayr) was born on September 3, 1707 at Pfalzgrafenweiler, Wurttemberg, Germany. He was christened in the St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Pfalzgrafenweiler. He was the son of **Michael Heyr** (8/16/1669-3/8/1729) and **Barbara Hack** (5/28/1660 - 2/13/1735). On February 2, 1734, he married **Mary Magdalen Wagner (Maria Magdalena Wagner)**. She was born on January 30, 1711 at Pfalzgrafenweiler, the daughter

of **Michael Wagner** (1/21/1678 - 2/25/1735) and his wife, **Anna Schaiblin** (2/11/1688 - 4/18/1746).

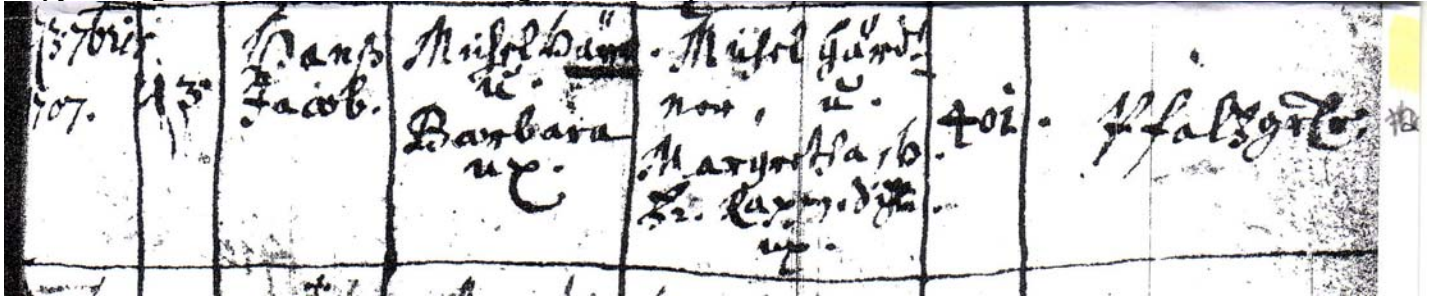
John and Mary were the parents of nine children:

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| 1. unnamed twin | b. 8/2/1735,
d. 8/2/1735. | |
| 2. unnamed twin | b. 8/2/1735,
d. 8/2/1735. | |
| 3. Johann Georg | b. 11/27/1736,
d. 1773. | m. Barbara ?. |
| 4. Johann Jacob
(Vol. I). | b. 12/6/1739,
d. 1772. | m. Catharine Howard ,
(ca 1765-ca 1810) |
| 5. Michael | b. 9/27/1742,
d. 1772. | m. Catharine ?. |
| 6. Anna Catharine | b. 1/31/1744,
d. 2/20/1744. | |
| 7. Christopher | b. 8/20/1745,
d. 1812. | m. Catharine ?. |
| 8. Gottfried/Godfrey | b. 4/25/1748. | |
| 9. Johann Martin | b. 10/19/1750. | |

John Jacob Heyer sailed, with his wife and children, from Rotterdam, Holland, in the ship, Anne, **Captain Charles Kennaway**, master. The ship touched at Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, and landed at Charles Town, South Carolina, late in October of 1751. He was able to pay for the family's passage and petitioned the **Governor James Glen**, on October 28, 1751 stating that he had with him a wife and four children for whom he desired the "King's Bounty". He was granted by the Governor in the name of King George II, three hundred acres on the north side of the main swamp of Saltcatcher River in Colleton County. The name "Heyer" became **Hire/Hier/Hiers**.

The wife was Mary and the four children evidently were Michael, Christopher, Godfrey and John. Coming later were John George and Jacob. According to the Executive Journal of the South Carolina Council on January 3, 1758, "**Jno. Geo. Jurg Heyer**" was allowed 100 acres "on the bounty for himself," and on July 5, 1763, "Jacob Heyer" was allowed 150 acres "on the bounty, free of charge".

Copy of original birth record from Pfalzgrafenweiler parish records



German transcription:

Taufregister 1707:

Annus, mensis, dies	d. 3. 7bris 1707
Numerus anni	13
Infans	Hanß Jacob
Parentes.	Michel Hayr u. Barbara ux.
Compatr.	Michel Händner, u. Margretha, Fr. Rappen Scht. ux.
Numerus uniposs.	401
Patria	Pfaltzgr.

English transcription:

Hans Jacob was born 3 Sep. 1707 in Pfalzgrafenweiler, a son of Michel Hayr and his wife Barbara

Above information obtained from Friedrich R Wollmershauser, German Genealogist and contributor to the book, "Hiers Genealogy"

The following immigrants arrived in Charleston, S. C. in Oct. 1751 on the ship ANN and petitioned the Governor and his Council for grants of land, stating that they would all like to settle in the same area so that they could cooperate with each other. Their petitions were granted, as shown in the Council Journal dated Oct. 29, 1751 and Jan. 8, 1752. Those who petitioned for land were:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
<i>Oct. 29, 1751</i>		Mrs. Conrad Eiting (died after landing at Charleston)	
Rev. David Frederick Stoltzner		Anna Barbara Eiting	10
Henry Maul		Mary Anne Eiting	8
Mrs. Henry Maul		Christopher Eiting	5
<u>John Jacob Heyer *</u>		Michael Berkley	
Mrs. John Jacob Heyer		Mrs. Michael Berkley	
4 children		Frederick Hauser	
John George Rentz †		Mrs. Frederick Hauser	
Mrs. John George Rentz		Maria Catherina Hauser	8
2 children		Frederick Mayer	
Christopher Boesinger		Mrs. Frederick Mayer	
Mrs. Christopher Boesinger		Adam Mayer	18
3 children		Christopher Mayer	10
Catherine Hermanen		Charles Frederick Mayer	9
John Maul		Jacob Mayer	?
Mrs. John Maul		Christiana Mayer	15
<i>Jan. 8, 1752</i>		Jacob Stroather	
Jacob Plantz ‡		Mrs. Jacob Stroather	
Mrs. Jacob Platz		Michael Stroather	18
Barbara Platz	18	Anna Maria Stroather	16
Christina Platz	17	Misula Stroather	14
Anna Maria Platz	16	Rudolph Stroather	13
Jacob Platz, Jr.	14	Martin Stroather	9
John Platz	12	Martin Berkley	
Christopher Platz	6	Mrs. Martin Berkley	
John Martin Souter		Jacob Berkley	13
Mrs. John Martin Souter		John Berkley	9
Christiana Souter	17	John George Berkley	6
Barbara Souter	8	Mathew Pfindner (Fender)	
Macklun Souter	4	Mrs. Mathew Pfindner	
Conrad Eiting		Mathew Fender	10
		John Pfindner	7

* The record of several generations of the Heyer family is found in the parsonage of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church records in Pfalzgrafenweiler, Germany. See page 29 of this book.

† The record of several generations of the Rentz family in Germany will be found on page 417 of this book.

‡ The record of several generations of the Platz family in Germany will be found on page 502 of this book.

‡ There are discrepancies in ages of children as given on page 20 and those on page 502 from the parish records in Emmingen.

Article from pg20 of "The Hiers Genealogy" by the R L Bryan Co of Columbia SC
 Passenger list from the ship "Ann" shows 3 of the families arriving related to Hiers tree, either they were married in Germany or married after arriving.

The ship *Ann* arrived at Halifax on September 13th, 1750. She left Rotterdam July 5th. As was the case for all the "Palatine Ships," the *Ann* was obliged to call in at Portsmouth for official inspection before proceeding to sea. She carried 322 passengers who had been upwards 12 weeks aboard. Seventeen of them died during the voyage. Of the 322: 190 (93 males) were adult persons (persons over 14 years of age). Seventy-seven children between the ages of 4 and 14, and 55 small children under 4. The voyage had been a tough one, though likely not too abnormal for the times. Stormy weather had tossed the ship around sufficiently to stave in several water casks, which, of course, dictated short rations.



Passengers arriving at the
Port of Charleston, SC

Anne was a 200-ton British galley, only 87 feet long and 26 feet wide



Model of Ship Anne found at the “Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum” Savannah, GA



following pages are from the book, "Petitions For Land From The South Carolina Council Journals,
volume II: 1748- 1752

Cha's Town, the 25th day of Oct'r 1751. The Petit'r appearing and swearing to the Truth of his said Fam. right, the pray'r thereof was granted.

[Meeting of Friday A. M. 25 October 1751]

Pages 339-340: The Petition of Josiah Tomlinson humbly setting forth, That he came from Ireland with some of his Friends, and is desirous to settle in this Province, as near as may be with them; He is informed that there is Land proper for him on Santee River or the Branches thereof, and as he has four Children & four servants, for whom as Yet not any Land has been assigned, and therefore he humbly prays for 450 acres of Land on Santec or Wateree Rivers, or any of y'e Branches thereof, and that he may have a Grant for the same. Josiah Tomlinson. Cha's Town, the 25th day of Oct'r 1751. The Petit'r appearing and affirming to the Truth of his s'd Fam'y right, the prayer thereof was granted.

→ Meeting of Tuesday A. M. 29 October 1751

Pages 347-349: The Petition of Divers Palatines late arrived in the Ship Ann, Charles Kennedy, master, from Rotterdam, In humble manner sheweth

That your Pet'rs with hopes & expectations of enjoying great Priviledges were induced with others to transport themselves from their native Country in Germany to settle in this Province. The y'r Peti'rs have large Familys of Children with whom it must be the greatest anxiety & trouble should they be compelled to separate and be sold for payment of their Passage. That should your Peti'rs meet with the Encouragem't they expected by their passage paid & settled upon Lands with his Maj's Bounty, They apprehend it would be of great inducement for many others of your petitioner's Countrymen to come w'th their Familys & settle in this Province, from the relation of your Petitioners kind reception here. Your Peti'rs therefore humbly pray That their own Familys passage may be payed, and Lands assigned them w'th his Majis Gracious Bounty and for repaym't of all moneys that may be advanced for the same, Your Peti'rs are ready & willing to enter into proper Obligations, so that they may not be sold for servants & their Familys separate.

After the oath of allegiance to his Majesty had been rendered to each of them, and the Peti'rs to their Several Family rights, and after they all before his Excell'cy in Council had declared by their interpreter that they were Protestants, the Gov'r gave them to understand, that whoever had told them that their frights [sic, for freights] were to be payed by this Government had deceived them, the Public having no Legal Power to do, but that each of them who had payed, or would pay their respective freights, at present, were entitled to 50 acres of Land, and his Majesties Provision Bounty for one Year.

Six or Seven of the 12 who had signed the above petition agreed to pay their Several Freights thereby to be entitled to their lands & bountys as free men.

The Rever'd Mr. Garden also attended at the Board and gave his Excell'cy and their hon'rs to understand that he was ready and willing to make a Free donation of half his Barony on Savanah River to those Protestants to live thereon free of quit rents for Ten years on Condition that at y'e Expiration of that time each of them should oblige themselves to pay him Quit Rents for their said Lands. Mr. Garden also informed the Board that Hugh Bryan had Surveyed the whole of that Barony he therefore humbly proposed that previous to the settlement of these Forreigners, Mr. Bryan sh'd show the Petitioners the nature of the soil, in order that they may be comfortably settled thereupon.

The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Bryan to acquaint him that some of those Forreigners are to come up to him in the country, in order that he may carry them to the s'd Baroney, and shew them the nature of y'e soil, whether the same be proper for them to settle on. And that Mr. Bryan do immediately draw a Line that shall divide the s'd Baroney in equal halves, and shew those Forreigners on which side thereof he thinks best for them to settle with their Familys.

The Petition of the above Subscribed Germans being Considered, and the Peti'rs appearing and swearing to the Truth of their several Family rights, it was ordered that the Survey'r Genl Cause 50 acres of Land to be surveyed to each of them, that grants may pass for the same. Ordered also that the Commiss'y General do pay the Charges for each of the 12 Petitioners and his most Gracious Majesties Bounty to each. But that with regard to that part of their Petition praying that their Freights be payed for their Passage from Europe hither, that was rejected.

[Meeting of Tuesday A. M. 29 October 1751]

Pages 349-350: The Petition of the Rever'd Frederick Stoeltzner humbly setting forth, That he peti'r was desired by his Country men to come out with them and on the Encouragem't given to Forreign Protestants he being much impoverished by misfortunes and disappointed by fair promises, he is not able to pay his Passage w'ch is still owing to the Ship; the Pet'r was bred at the University of Jena in Saxony, and took his degrees & Priest's orders, and has officiated as a Priest of the Lutheran Church, especially at Rotterdam, where he preached in the Church and married & christened, and also performed the Priest's office on board the Ship, in the Passage. Your Pet'r is desirous of settling with his Countrymen in this Province, and humbly hopes for the Encouragem't of your Excell'cy & Honours, to relieve him from his debt of about fourteen pounds sterling for the Ship. Therefore your Peti'r humbly Prays That y'r Excell'cy & Hon'rs will take his unfortunate case into your Consideration, that you will give him relief as to his debt to the ship, and that

you will order the Surv'r Gen'l to lay out 50 acres of Land and for his pres't subsistance that he may have his most Gracious majesty's Bounty of provision. Chas Town, y'e 28th day of Oct'r 1751. David Frederick Stolzner. The prayer thereof with regard to the land and the bounty was granted, but with regard to the paying the Fright for is Passage from Europe hither, the same was rejected.

[Meeting of Tuesday A. M. 29 October 1751]

Pages 350-351: The Petition of Henry Maul a forreign Protestant from Wirtembergh in Germany humbly setting forth, That the Pet'r engaged himself at Rotterdam to come over to this Province in the Ann, Captain Kennaway, on the Encouragem't given to Forreign Protestants, and he is desirous of settling on such Place as your Excell'cy and Honours shall direct between the two great rivers of Savannah & Santee where the rest of his Country people shall settle. That he has a wife and never had any Land in this Province, prays to lay out 100 acres of land between the rivers as above free of Charges. Geo Maul (X), Cha's Town, the 28th Oct'r 1751. The prayer thereof was granted.

→ Page 351: The Petition of Jacob Heyer a forreign Protestant from Wirtembergh in Germany humbly setting forth, That the Pet'r came from his native County at Rotterdam and shipt himself for this Province on y'e Encouragement given to forreign Protestants. He is desirous of settling with his Family in such Place as your Excell'cy and Honours shall appoint for him & the rest of his Countrymen who came out with him in the ship Ann, Capt. Kennaway, Commander. That y'e Peti'r has a wife and four children and never had any Land in this Province, prays to lay out 300 acres of land between the great rivers as above free of Charges & that he may have his most gracious majesties bounty of provision. Jno Jacob Heyer. Cha's Town, the 28th Oct'r 1751. The prayer thereof was granted.

Pages 351-352: The Petition of John George Rentz humbly setting forth, That the Pet'r is come into this Province from Germany on the Encouragem't given to Forreign Protestants, and on the assurance that they should be greatly assisted; That your petit'r is desirous of settling between the 2 great rivers of Savannah & Santee where several Familys propose to settle together to assist one another, and as the Pet'r has a wife and two Children in Family for whom he hath not obtain'd any assignm't of Land in this Province, prays to lay out 200 acres of land in such place aforesaid and his Maj's most gracious Bounty of Provision. John Geo Rentz. The prayer thereof was granted and the full Bounty to four Persons and half bounty to two.

Pages 352-353: The Petition of Christopher Boeringer humbly setting forth, That the Pet'r came out with his Family in the Ann, Captain Kennaway, Comm'r, from Rotterdam to this Province, on the Encouragem't given to Forreign Protestants, That the is desirous of settling with his Family between the two great rivers of Savannah & Santee & with the rest of his Country

people now come in the s'd ship, that he has a wife & three Children for whom as yet not any Land has been assigned him, prays to lay out 250 acres of land free of Charges and that he may have his majesties most Gracious Bounty. Christian Boeringer. Cha's Town, the 28th Oct'r 1751. The prayer thereof was granted.

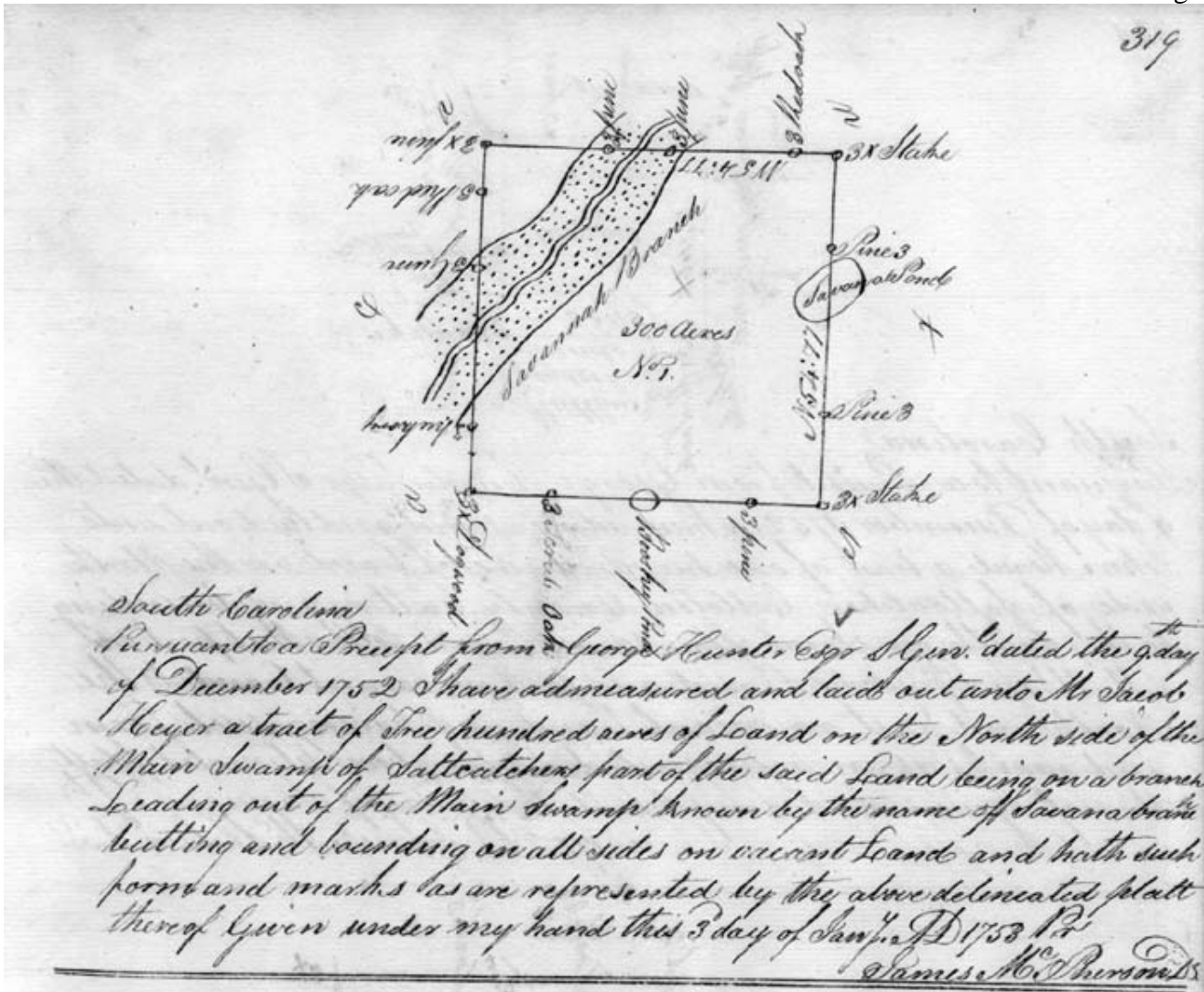
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Page 353: The Petition of Catherina Hermannen humbly setting forth, That she, with the rest of her Country people, shipt themselves in Rotterdam in the Ann, Capt'n Kennaway, Comm'r, for this Province on the Encouragem't given to Forreign Protestants and as she is desirous of settling with her Brother in Law, Geo Maul, and the rest of her Country People between the two great Rivers of Savannah & Santee, she prays to run out for the Peti'r 50 acres of land between the 2 Great rivers of Savannah & Santee free of charges and that she may obtain his most Gracious majesties bounty. Catherina Hermannen. The prayer thereof was granted.

Pages 353-354: The Petition of John Maul humbly setting forth, That the Petitioner was encouraged to leave his native Country in German to Come into this Country on the Encouragem't given to forreign Protestants, and is desirous to settle in such Place between Savannah River & Santee river, that the Petitioner has a wife and prays to lay out 100 acres of land between the rivers as above free of Charges and that he may have his most gracious majestie's Bounty of Provision. John Maul. Cha's Town, Oc'r 28th 1751. The prayer thereof was granted.

[Meeting of Friday A. M. 1 November 1751]

Page 356: The Petition of Henry Kingsbury humbly setting forth, That he has been greatly imposed on by one John Linvell who hath pretendedly sold a Tract of land for w'ch he paid him 200£ as p'r y'e annexed receipts for the same, without any right &c, That he has a Wife & 4 children & one negro for whom he never had any Land, and prays to lay out to the Pet'r 350 acres of land in the Forks on the Wateree of Broad River free of charges & to give what further relief his Excell'cy & their Hon'rs shall think meet. Hen Kingsbury. Ch's Town, 1 Nov'r 1751. The prayer there of was granted, also ordered that the Commissary Genl do pay the Charges, and with regard to the Fraud committed by John Linvell in the pretended property of the Land sold the Peti'r and is a matter of Property and fraud, the Pet'r was directed to sue in forma Pronperis[?] at the Ordinary Courts of Indiacature.



HEYER, JACOB, PLAT FOR 300 ACRES ON SALT-CATCHERS SWAMP
<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives>

Between the years 1730 and 1766 the Colonial government of South Carolina actively encouraged immigration of foreign Protestants to the Province. Appreciable numbers of immigrants from Germany began to arrive in the 1740s. The year 1752 represented the peak of the migration with an estimated 1800 German settlers who arrived on several ships in the fall of that year. Saxe-Gotha, Amelia, Salkehatchie, and the fork of the Broad and Saluda (Dutch Fork) became largely German settlements. The Dutch Fork was the most densely settled, becoming home to 483 settler families by 1760, almost all of whom were of German origin (E. B. Hallman, "Early Settlers in the Carolina Dutch Fork 1744-1760", Master's Thesis, Wofford College). It has been estimated that by the year 1765 there were 7500-8000 Germans and German-Swiss who had come to the province of South Carolina (R. L. Meriwether, "Expansion of South Carolina, 1730-1765").

<http://www.palmettoroots.org/Auswanderer.html>

1790 Census Charleston District SC, Parish of St. Bartholomew

Head of Household	Free Whites			Slaves
	Males 16 & over	Males 1-15	Females	
Doyle, Daniel	1	1	1	27
Webb, Benjamin Est. of	4	2	2	125
Mc?erchion, J?	1	0	0	39
Smith, Phillip	4	2	3	259
?ackins, William	1	3	1	15
Kenney or Kinsey, John	1	0	0	24
Williams, John	1	1	1	2
?alse, Mrs.	0	0	2	23
Bellinger, John	1	1	3	57
Waring, John	2	0	0	30
Wiggins, John	2	2	4	
Chancey, Edward	2	5	4	
Chancey, Jeremiah	3	1	4	
Yon or Won, Michael	2	1	3	
Bradley or Spradley, Peter	1	1	3	
Chambers or Chalmers, Pope?	1	1	4	3
Hier or Hiers, Jacob	2	0	2	
Hier, John	1	0	2	
Hier, Michael	1	2	2	
Hier, Godfrey	1	3	3	
Morgan, J?	1	2	3	
Willison, George	1	0	3	
Dobbins, Mrs.	0	0	1	
Dobbins, ???mic	1	1	4	
Floyd, ?epey or Jesse?	1	3	3	
Gotman, Mrs.	1	0	4	
Nickels, Mark	2	3	2	
Bunton, John	1	0	4	
Harris, Mr or Mrs.	2	1	2	
Preston, Adam	1	2		



This Historical Marker is located in front of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church south of Ehrhardt, SC.



R Wayne Peters (right), descendent of John Jacob Heyer, and Carl Platts (left) descendent of Johann Jacob Platz, stand in front of the Hiers Historical marker. Both families came to America from Germany on the ship Ann in October, 1751.



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.
All 3 pictures taken on September 13, 2008