Phillip Hiers



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Born: 1794 Orangeburg, SC
Married: Keziah Hunter
Died: 1887 Colquit Co., GA
Parents: John Jacob Hiers & Catherine Howard

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HIERS, PHILLIP.

1794-1879

COLQUITT.

Phillip Hires was born in Orangeburg District, S. C., in 1794, a son of Jacob and Catherine Heirs (see Vol. 1). He was married August, 1823, to Keziah Hunter, born 1804 in South Carolina. They had the following children:

1. Susannah	b. Nov. 10, 1824, m. David B. Norman, son of A. B.								
2. Charles A.	b. Nov. 20, 1825, m. Mary Robinson, dau. of James.								
3. Mary A.	b. Aug. 30, 1827, m. Mitchell Tillman, son of								
Joshua.									
4. Phillip S.	b. Apr. 29, 1829, m. Sarah Smith, 1854.								
5. Jesse G.	b. Jan. 4, 1832, m. Sarah Hancock, dau. of John.								
6. Daniel	b. May 1, 1835, m. 1st, Phoebe Wingate; 2nd,								
	Martha Douglas.								
7. Solomon	b. Feb. 5, 1837, m. Eliza J. Tillman, dau. of Joshua.								
8. James W.	b. May 30, 1839, m. Rachel Ann Tillman, dau of								
	Joshua.								
9. Rebecca Ann	b. Mar. 11, 1841, m. Jos. T. Tillman, son of Joshua.								
10. Eliza	b. July 25, 1842, m. Jacob A. Croft.								
11. Martha A. E.	b. Apr. 5, 1846, m. James Durst.								

Mr. Hiers moved from South Carolina to Georgia about 1833, and located in the 9th district of Lowndes County. He was cut out of Lowndes into Colquitt County in its formation in 1856, and was elected one of the first Inferior Court justices in the new county in 1856 and commissioned March 28, 1856. He resigned the office Aug. 13, 1856.

Mr. Hiers lived on the line of Colquitt and Brooks Counties and had property in both counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiers united with Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in present Brooks County by letter May 3, 1833. On April 4, 1846 they were granted letters of dismission, and transferred to Sardis Church nearer their home, of which they remained members until their deaths.

Mr. Hiers died in 1879, and his wife died June 10, 1890. They were buried at Sardis Church.

CENSUS REFERENCES: 1840, 1850, Lowndes; 1860, Colquitt.

Information from the book, "Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia", by Huxford, vol 2, pg 147

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Colquitt County

(Created Feb. 25, 1856)

JUSTICES OF THE INFERIOR COURT

(Four-Year Terms)

Abraham Strickland	March 28, 1856-Jan. 12, 1857
Philip Hiers	March 28, 1856-1856
John Gregory	
Nathaniel Giles	March 28, 1856-Jan. 12, 1857
James W. Getty	March 28, 1856-Jan. 12, 1857
Daniel O. Saffold	Aug. 13, 1856-Jan. 12, 1857
Abraham Strickland	-Jan. 12, 1857-1858
James W. Getty	Jan. 12, 1857-1859
Nathaniel Giles	Jan. 12, 1857-Jan. 10, 1861
Daniel O. Saffold	Jan. 12, 1857-Jan. 10, 1861
James M. Norman	Jan. 12, 1857-1860
Linton Carlton	May 5, 1858-Jan. 10, 1861
Henry Scott	Aug. 8, 1859-Jan. 10, 1861
George W. Tucker	April 9, 1860-Jan. 10, 1861
John G. Coleman	Jan. 10, 1861-1862
Jeremiah Bryant Norman	Jan. 10, 1861-Jan. 23, 1865
Linton Carlton	Jan. 10, 1861-1862
Henry Gay	
James Robinson	Jan. 10, 1861-Jan. 23, 1865
James Douglass	Jan. 25, 1862-1863
Thomas F. Hampton	Feb. 7, 1862-1864
George W. Tucker	
Elijah Tillman	March 4, 1864-1864
James Murphy	March 26, 1864-Jan. 23, 1865
Jeremiah Bryant Norman	Jan. 23, 1865-1868
Elijah Tillman	Jan. 23, 1865-1868
James Murphy	Jan. 23, 1865-1868
George W. Tucker	Jan. 23, 1865-1868
Absalom Baker	Jan. 23, 1865-1868
Office abolished by Cons	stitution of 1868

Mrs. B. Spencer Rice, Moultrie, Ga., 31768, has in her possession an affidavit signed by her father, C. A. Hiers, dated Jan. 12, 1971, made for the purpose of proof of ancestry for geneological purposes, that in effect, he was born Aug. 31, 1884, the youngest of ten children of Michael Hiers and Sara Ann McKenny Hiers; that his father, Michael, born Sept. 19, 1844, was the eleventh of twelve children born to Phillip Hiers and Keziah Hunter Hiers and that he remembers seeing his grandfather and grandmother Phillip and Keziah; and that it was common knowledge in the family that Phillip and his brother, Daniel, together with their families who came to Georgia in 1833 from Colleton District South Carolina, were the sons of Jacob Hiers, Jr. and Catherine Howard.

In 1833, when Phillip Hiers (3G) and his wife Keziah Hunter Hiers migrated from S. C. to what was then known as Irvin County, Ga., he acquired four lots of land the location of which fell into Colquitt County after its creation in 1856 from the former Irvin County. The house that is pictured is in land lot 394 which is located two and one-half miles north of township of Berlin, Ga. Phillip built his home on an oakridge near the bank of Indian Creek. Later, after he had made some clearings he moved his house about three-quarters of mile north, not before, however, he had carefully and distinctly numbered each log with Roman numerals to facilitate reassembling the structure. These numbers proved helpful again when one of his grandsons William Michael (Mance) moved it to its present site where all of his children, except the last one, were born. Regrettably, the house and its accompanying lands have been sold out of the Hiers family, and is now used as a



CHARLES ARCH HIERS AND ORIGINAL HOME OF PHILLIP HIERS



GRAVE STONE OF PHILLIP HIERS (b 1794, d 1887)



Phillip Hiers and his wife, Keziah Hunter Hiers, are buried in the Sardis Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, near Berlin, GA. This picture was taken, 7/19/08.