
THE HOFFMANS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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A genealogical presentation of the original Hoffmans who settled in North Carolina. In this the author gives a brief historical review of their European origin; the conditions which caused them to leave their native country; their migration through Pennsylvania and Virginia to North Carolina; and the genealogical development of their descendants to the present day.

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OUT of the Middle Ages comes the proud and chivalrous custom and romantic tradition of ancestral "Coat of Arms." The insignia of one's ancestral lineage was devised in those days of chivalry and was proudly borne by armed knights in supreme tests and on battle-fields of old. The Hoffman coat of arms was devised, worn and cherished by our illustrious ancestors and has been handed down to us as our heritage. Let us cherish and treasure it.



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FOREWORD



THE PURPOSE of this work is to assemble in a single volume the history and genealogy of the Hoffman clan of North Carolina, and thus preserve the records for future generations. In presenting it I seek neither honor nor reward. Up to this time no one has attempted to assemble the fragments of information that still exist, and I am sure that if the present generation passes without such work being done, it will probably then be too late to compile such a work reasonably complete, for even now the dust of time is about to cover all traces of our ancestry.

When I first became interested in tracing my own line of ancestry, I thought that the entire history could be printed on one sheet of paper. But the more I searched, the wider the field became, until it led me into places and homes where I had never been, nor had ever expected to be. Some of the information has been gathered from tradition and legends which have been preserved in the memories of the old people who have in turn handed the stories of our ancestry down from one generation to another just as they heard them repeated by the fireside in days gone by. The remainder has been taken from various sources such as old deeds, family Bibles, tombstones, and other records. It is, indeed, regrettable that so few official records have been made of the births, marriages, activities, and deaths of our ancestors in North Carolina. However, we cannot condemn them on that score, because they were too busy building cabins, clearing lands, warding off Indians and wild beasts, prospecting for minerals, and eking out an existence for their families, to be bothered with such minor things as making written records of their activities. In some states there were laws requiring such records, but not so here. Many settlers even "squatted" on land without a grant or title in any manner and held it by "peaceable possession." Others purchased, traded, and sold land without ever recording the transactions. Some

would get married and the minister or magistrate performing the rites would often lose, or neglect to record, the marriage certificates.

Communities were isolated; therefore the associations and activities of the early people were confined to a small area. Newspapers were rarities and very few schools existed. In 1776 only five newspapers (one-sheet weekly issues) were being published in North Carolina, and the public school system was not instituted until 1836. (See Public School Records).

After three years of investigation the task looked insurmountable; many valuable records had been destroyed; the ravages of the winters had leveled mounds over many graves and erased carvings on tombstones; many had slipped away to the far west and had been smothered in the great rush for conquest; and the memories of many had become dulled by the onrushing of years.

I went into homes where I was repeatedly assured no information existed. After gaining their confidence, I secured photographs of their forebears; examined their old papers, land grants and old deeds; compared them with their family legends and traditions; and then, invariably, I traced each set of Hoffmans to Great Alamance Creek section in what is now Alamance County, North Carolina. From there I could easily trace them through the immigration period and on to the Rhine Valley of Germany.

The task of ferreting out the various marriages and families has been no small one. I am certain that I have made errors and have omitted the names of many individuals and families, because in many instances I have been obliged to accept information as to the names and numbers of children in families without being able to verify such information with written records; but it was not intentional to overlook a single person or line. I found some who were not interested in knowing who they were, or where they came from—not even where they were going. I now offer to my kinsmen the best that I have been able to discover in this persistent search covering almost every state, and all Ports of Immigration after a period of seven years.

In this work I shall deal mostly with the Pennsylvania Dutch, or German, element of people, because they were our

ancestors. Personally, I have no apologies to make for the fact that my ancestors were of German blood, for there is no better blood than that which courses through German veins. Despite the fact that we, the United States of America, entered the World War in 1917 against Germany, we have the abiding satisfaction that we were not fighting the real German people. We were, however, fighting the Prussian war-lords and autocratic war machines that had gained control of the German government and had gone mad with power and the taste of blood. We deplore the false philosophy of Germany's Iron Man Bismarck, her astute war-lord Kaiser Wilhelm and her adopted painter-dictator and demi-god Adolph Hitler. Yet we cherish the knowledge that the German people have kept the faith of their fathers through the ages by keeping their Teutonic blood true and blue. The real German people have as keen intellects as any people on earth, and they have developed the finest schools of philosophy and science to be found anywhere. They have delved into these realms as no other people have done. And when the great horde of early German immigrants was poured into the American melting pot, it enriched the contents of the mixture and added everlasting qualities to the American citizenship.

I wish to thank my friends and kinsmen for their kind and invaluable assistance in preparing this work. Without their aid I could have done little. I realize that this genealogy of the Hoffmans of North Carolina is far from complete, due to the fact that so few early people kept records of their families and activities. Also, untold numbers of our early Hoffmans migrated westward and nothing more has been heard from many of them. However, with the information which I have compiled and placed herein, I believe that any descendant, anywhere, may be able to arrive at his, or her, direct lineage to the original Palatine Germans.

Although tiresome and brain-wracking, this has been a work of love and devotion to my people. I hope you will find here the comfort, satisfaction, and information which everyone should know and cherish.

Yours In Kinship,

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Historical Introduction



IN ORDER to obtain a complete understanding of our Hoffman ancestors, it is necessary to know something about who they were, where they came from, why they left their native land, how they got here, and what difficulties and hardships they endured as they carved out their existence in a new world.

The American Continent was discovered in 1492 by Christopher Columbus, an Italian, whose voyage was financed by the Queen of Spain. The discovery, being known throughout Europe, inspired adventures by other nations. Each explorer took possession of the new land he discovered in the name of his mother nation. This wholesale "land-grabbing" lasted for over a hundred years and resulted in Spain possessing the southern portion of the North American Continent,^x England possessing the middle portion, and France the northern portion. Each nation, naturally, attempted colonization of its respective possession.

We shall here deal only with that portion of the Continent claimed by England. The English made numerous unsuccessful attempts to establish settlements in their possession, but it was left for Captain John Smith to succeed in a permanent settlement on the James River in 1607. This was in the Province of Virginia and marks the birthplace of the American nation.

This English, or British, province experienced the greatest and swiftest flood of immigration during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that had ever been known to man. Beginning early in the seventeenth century, immigration did not reach enormous proportions, however, until near the middle of the eighteenth century. It was composed, principally, of people from England, Germany and Holland, who were peaceable, hard-working, home-loving, liberty-loving, and clear-thinking people who, in a way, traced their ancestry directly back to the pure-blooded Aryan race of more than five thousand years ago.^{xx}

According to the best authorities on the development of man, that ancient Aryan race seems to have emerged from the cradle of civilization with higher intellects and better racial blood than any other race of people. Other races lived in caves, roved from one haunt to another, reproduced promiscuously without regard to any established law or custom of mating, and therefore assumed various colors, shapes, sizes, and habits. But, authorities claim, the Aryans established homes, tilled the soil, domesticated animals, cooked their food, formulated laws of marriage, and thereby seem to have lived upon a higher plane than other races.^{xx}

^x Spain also claimed much of the western portion of the continent.

^{xx} See *Outline of History* by Wells

Out of that Aryan race there developed a still more improved people having fair complexions, crystal-clear eyes, soft hair, symmetrically shaped heads, and attractive and shapely anatomical forms. These latter people migrated westward into central and western Europe where they became known as Teutons.

They populated the areas now known as Germany, Holland, Denmark, Scandinavia, and England, and, although short periods of ruptures, disagreements, and misunderstandings have arisen among them, in the main, they have been one people and one blood throughout the ages and have led the world in the progress of civilization.

It was these Teutons who, for reasons explained elsewhere, emigrated to America in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and became our noble ancestors. We are proud of them and revere their memories because we believe that they have handed down to us the purest blood of all mankind.

Through the midst of the European people there flowed a mighty river of spiritual, ecclesiastical, and political waters, whose fountain-head was the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, before whom all men were made to bow, worship, confess, and pay homage; while the mouth of the river spread until today it empties into every nation on earth. Its waters have many times overflowed with human temptation, passion, greed, fanaticism, bigotry, and oppression, and have been stained with the blood of crucified martyrs.

Out of the resulting maelstrom there emerged a great human philosopher, or redeemer of mankind, sent by the hand of Providence, named Martin Luther. He was born at Eisleben, Germany, November 10, 1483; was made a Catholic Monk in the Monastery of the Augustines in 1508; and was later made a professor in the University of Wittenberg, which place he held until 1517.

Up to that time the true New Testament had been kept hidden from the people to whom it rightfully belonged. Its reading and interpretation was reserved exclusively for the priests, while the people were deprived of its universal teachings, its sacred beauty, and its Divine inspiration. But this Martin Luther, inspired by its teachings, proceeded to translate it into the German language for his people. The emotions of his great heart became aroused by the oppression being exercised on his people and by seeing his Church sell indulgences for sins, and he bravely revolted against such conditions. Discarding his affiliations with his Church, he formulated his famous group of "Ninety-five Propositions," which he nobly propounded to the masses of his people. Throughout the land they flocked to hear him expound his theories, the most important of which was that man make his confessions before God and not to a Vicar of the Pope of Rome. This set in motion

the period of the Reformation which shook all Europe to its very foundations. Martin Luther's philosophy was known as the Lutheran Doctrine and became the established religion of Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, and Scandinavia, and was the beginning of the Protestant Religion.

Even then, for two hundred years the Roman Church would occasionally gain control of the German government, or of certain provinces within Germany. The Electoral Palatinate was one of the German provinces which were frequently subjected to the oppressive and almost unbearable rule.

Meanwhile the English government was endeavoring to establish colonies on her possessions on the American continent. As previously stated, the permanent settlement was effected in 1607, and following this, in 1632, a grant was given a group of oppressed English Catholics for the Province of Maryland, adjoining that of Virginia. Next, King Charles II of England made an outright conveyance of the territory lying north of the Province of Maryland to an English Quaker named William Penn. This territory was Penn's personal property, being conveyed to him by the King in settlement of an obligation which the Crown of England owed Penn's father.*

William Penn did not exercise his personal rights to the territory, however, but acted as Governor, operated it as an English Province, and called it Pennsylvania. He was very anxious to colonize his Province with the highest type of settlers available. With this in mind, and knowing of the dissatisfied and oppressed populace of the German Electoral Palatinate, he sent representatives, or agents, there to invite settlers to his Province in America. This was their opportunity.

For one hundred and fifty years thereafter all available ships were loaded with those distressed people. Not only did they emigrate from Germany, but from Holland, Sweden, and the British Isles.

In those days ships strong enough to be seaworthy were scarce, and most of them were British ships, which were taxed to capacity to accommodate emigrants from the various countries. Each ship usually made one voyage each year, carrying, according to capacity, from seventy five to as many as three hundred passengers each trip.**

The Palatines of Germany had a very long and hazardous journey. The first lap was made on small river boats which plied up and down the Rhine River. These boats consumed from six to eight weeks on their trips down the Rhine to the seaport towns of either Amsterdam or Rotterdam, Holland. Upon arrival at either of the latter ports, the emigrants disembarked, and then there came a long, wearisome, and expensive period of waiting for the seagoing ships upon which they

* McLaughlan's *History of the American Nation*.

** Confirmed by all Immigration Records.

hoped to get passage to America. A ship's crew never seemed to be in a hurry to get anywhere, and would delay starting from day to day and from week to week. After they set sail, all seemed well until the ship would arrive at some English port a week or so later. There the emigrants were required to disembark and go through another long period of waiting, during which time they were caused to renounce their allegiance to their native country, swear allegiance to Britain, and wait for the ship's crew to take their own good time in preparation for the final voyage across the Atlantic.

By that time the very patience of the passengers was well tried, their food about consumed, their clothing threadbare, the health of many impaired, and their funds often exhausted.

Then came the awful voyage. The ships were small and upon the high sea they were tossed like toys from one billow to another. This produced excessive sea-sickness among the passengers. Contagious diseases, dysentery, and illness in almost every conceivable form resulted from unsanitary conditions. Mothers gave birth to children. The passengers were packed like cattle, and all reeked in filth. Many begged to go back and face once more what they had tried to escape; some begged to be thrown overboard to end their misery; others died of starvation and disease and were thrown out into the angry sea.* This condition lasted from six to twelve weeks and brave and strong they must have been to survive.

Finally AMERICA! The land of refuge. The land of freedom. The land of promise. Upon arrival at the Port of Philadelphia it was necessary for all passengers to pass a health inspection before leaving the ships. Those sick were required to remain aboard the ships until able to pass inspection. Immediately upon leaving the ships, all males over sixteen years of age were taken to the Courthouse in Philadelphia to swear allegiance to the Province, or Colony. This done, they were set free in a strange land.



Leaving the ships, they were set free in a strange land.

* Rupp's *Manual of 30,000 Immigrants*. Also *Pennsylvania Pioneers* by Strassburger.

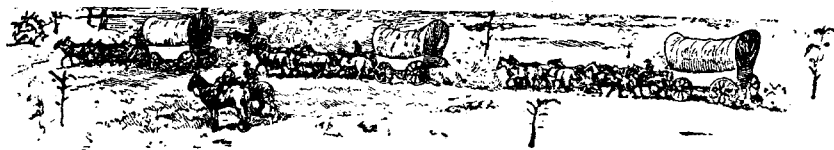
Naturally, the region along the Atlantic coast was settled first, but as the population of that area increased, both by new births in the families and by the teeming thousands of new immigrants arriving on every ship, new settlements pushed civilization forward into the wilderness. Soon new problems confronted the settlers. They had settled along the low-lands of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, but good land in those areas had become hard to secure. So the German and Dutch settlers, who were excellent tillers of the soil, began to drift southward along the foothills of the Alleghany Mountain range. Prospects for these home seekers were apparently best in the Valley of Virginia, the Piedmont area of North Carolina, and among the fertile valleys leading into the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here the climate was more inviting; the summers were longer and the winters shorter and milder; thus holding out very favorable promises to a sturdy farming class of people. Slowly they wended their way among the hills, vales, mountains and valleys, and took up their abodes. One by one, family by family, and group by group they came. Many of them had no shelter save the radiant sun and branches of trees by day, and the moon and stars of heaven by night. But they were happy souls with muscles of iron and nerves of steel. Here they found that freedom which they had long desired. This was their first opportunity to work and live uncrowded, unhampered and unoppressed; to expand and develop their latent powers; to think and speak as they pleased; and to worship their Creator according to their own desires.

North Carolina

On March 24, 1663, King Charles II of England granted to a group of English Noblemen all of the country lying between the 31° and 36° parallels of latitude, and extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. This territory was called Carolina in honor of their beloved King Charles II, and included the territory from the southern boundary of the Virginia Province southward to the Spanish Province of Florida. Much dispute arose between England and Spain as to the exact location of a dividing line between the English possession and the Spanish possession, and it was not settled for many years afterwards. In 1697 Carolina was divided into North and South Carolina. In 1732 King George II of England regranted the southern part of Carolina, this time to General Oglethorpe, and that area was named Georgia in honor of His Majesty the King. After many controversies and shuttling of the dividing line between North and South Carolina, it was finally settled in 1738.*

The English, Irish, Dutch, and German settlers came to North Carolina in such numbers that they made the Great Southern Wagon Road from Philadelphia to the Yadkin Valley of North Carolina, a

* See McLaughlan's *History of The American Nation*.



distance of nearly five hundred miles. A drawing and blue-print of this road has been preserved and placed in the Library of Congress at Washington. It passed through Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania, thence into Virginia by way of Winchester, the Shenandoah Valley, across the Blue Ridge, and into North Carolina. For fifty years this road carried a steady stream of settlers who were pushing southward in search of good lands, a milder climate, favorable living conditions, and the free wide-open spaces. Each family was seeking good farm land which they found in abundance along the North West (Cape Fear), Great Alamance, and other streams. Like "birds of a feather" the various nationalities "flocked together," each settling in separate localities where they maintained their respective native customs, manners, and characteristics, and became a happy, loyal, and homogeneous people.

The German and Dutch settlers soon established churches, schools, and entire communities of their own in North Carolina and became known as the "Pennsylvania Dutch." They were not all of Pennsylvania birth, but many were European-born. Neither were they all Dutch in the true sense, for "Dutch" means of Holland. But the Dutch people and the German people spoke somewhat similar languages, understood each other, looked alike, worked and acted so much alike that they preferred to be called "Pennsylvania Dutch." *

The Pennsylvania Dutch became a "clannish" mass of people in their habits and customs. Even to this day, despite all the intermarriages, modern churches, schools and methods of travel, there are certain communities in Alamance, Guilford, Rowan, and Lincoln Counties where the Pennsylvania Dutch lingo is still preserved. There are certain English words which they pronounce with their own peculiar accent. For example, they pronounce the word group as "tdroup"; grave as "tdrave"; drink as "tdrink"; thus slurring over the "d" with a "t" sound in front and then gently rolling over the "r".

They have always been a friendly and home-loving people. They are the "salt of the earth" in North Carolina, for they are among the State's most honorable and industrious citizens, proving themselves obedient subjects, religiously inclined, public-spirited in times of peace, and patriotic soldiers in times of war.

As fate would have it, those early settlers, many of whom had

* Hunters' Sketches of North Carolina. Wheeler's Historical Sketches of North Carolina.

emigrated to America less than forty years before in search of freedom, liberty and peace, had just become self-sustaining and independent, when they once more began to feel the biting fangs of that powerful, sly and slimy serpent from which they had formerly fled across the sea—the burden of taxation and oppression. It took the Révolutionary War to settle those issues and to free the people from European rule.*

Scarcely had three quarters of a century of peace, freedom, and independence passed before another serpent's head was seen rising in their midst to disturb the joy, peace, and tranquility of North Carolina's old Southern gentlemen as they tilled their farms, labored in their shops and rested in peace in front of their beautiful ante-bellum homes. This time it was the question of "States Rights," which was eventually precipitated by the curse of slavery. Then followed the War Between the States.*

It was these people of North Carolina, who, with cool heads during those cloudy days preceding the War,* were somewhat reluctant to secede from the Union and take up arms against their fellow Americans over matters that should have been settled without bloodshed. But when nothing but secession and war would suffice, they were first to enlist in that bloody struggle, and covered themselves with glory on all the battlefields of the war. It is not amiss to mention here the facts that in the Civil War North Carolina furnished one fifth of all the soldiers who fought for the Confederate cause, and that one half of the guns stacked at Appomattox were carried by North Carolina soldiers.* Consequently, in doing honor to their part, there is an inscription on the Confederate monument at Raleigh reading: "First at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, and last at Appomattox." What a noble heritage!

Hostilities in the Civil War having ceased, the ragged and foot-weary veterans trudged over the hills and down the lanes toward their former homes with the defeat of a lost cause weighing heavily upon their souls; starvation gnawing upon their empty stomachs; and many empty sleeves flying in the breezes.

Upon reaching their former homes they were confronted with a more tragic sight than they had seen on the battlefields. The crippled and aged men left at home, the women and children were destitute and starving. They had worked and produced supplies for their men at the battle-front; they had scanted themselves in hope that victory may come to their fighters; and they had witnessed "Sherman's march to the sea" as he destroyed their property, killed and confiscated their horses and cattle, and burned their fences, homes, barns, and public buildings.* Their communities had been scourged by pillaging raiders and

* Hunter's *Sketches of North Carolina*. Wheeler's *Historical Sketches of North Carolina*.

carpet-bag politicians. In short, they had witnessed their once prosperous Southland reduced to a moral and physical wreck.* What a spectacle! No property left, no provisions, no money, no law, and no government!

But poverty, desolation, starvation, and distress soon began to give way to stern determination. The North Carolina men and women were first to forgive and forget what had happened. With the courage of their indomitable wills, they gradually rebuilt their homes and fences, replenished the supply of cattle and horses, and turned devastated lands into fields of waving grain and meadow greenery. They also turned their fertile brains and skillful hands to the manufacturing industry. These arts brought abundance of wealth, and today, those communities lead the south in agriculture, manufacturing, and education.

Counties of North Carolina

We shall now hurriedly touch upon the erection and subsequent history of a few of the most important counties in which the Pennsylvania Dutch Hoffmans settled.

In 1758 Halifax County was created from Edgecombe County, formerly a part of Bath, in the northeast part of the state along the Roanoke River. It was settled by the English who distinguished themselves for their integrity and their devotion to liberty. They brought with them their Protestant Episcopal faith of the Church of England. Halifax was the birthplace of the state Constitution, and was the first county in the state to celebrate the Philadelphia Declaration of Independence. Its early settlers were in the forefront in Colonial affairs when our government was founded, and have enriched the state with their glorious history.

Orange County was created from Granville, Johnston, and Bladen Counties in 1751. This county became distinguished in the early days for the loyalty of her citizens to the Colonial cause of liberty and freedom. It was the home of the Regulators,* who, on May 16, 1771, were first to offer stubborn resistance to the heavy and oppressive hand of a tyrannical King as his merciless decrees were being administered by the Royal Governor William Tryon and Clerk Edmund Fanning at Hillsboro. That day those deep-chested English and German patriots stamped their feet upon the unjust and tyrannical orders meted out to them, shouldered their flintlocks, and struck the first blow of the American Colonists for freedom and independence. From that day forward, the sparks of revolt were swiftly fanned into flames throughout the Colonies wherever the love and desire of freedom reigned supreme.

The county seat of Orange County was laid off in 1754 and was named Hillsboro, which once was the Capital of North Carolina. It was the center of activity throughout the Revolutionary War. This

* Wheeler's *Historical Sketches of North Carolina*.

county was settled in 1725 by English and German immigrants who came in from Pennsylvania and Virginia. There they established the Episcopal and the Lutheran faiths.

Rowan County was created in 1752 from Anson; Mecklenburg in 1762 from Anson; Guilford in 1770 from Orange; and Surry in 1770 from Rowan. The last four named counties should be considered together because they have been so closely identified with each other in their settlement, formation, and growth. About 1725 the English, German, Dutch, Scotch, and Irish immigrants began pouring into the central part of North Carolina. From there they migrated in all directions—generally westward. About 1750 the westward movement got under way in earnest. The Yadkin and Catawba River valleys, due to the salubrious climate and fertility of the soil, and comparing favorably with that of the Rhine Valley of Germany, were very attractive to the settlers. The lower part of the Yadkin Valley was made into Rowan County and the upper part into Surry County. That area lying between the Alamance section on the east and the Yadkin Valley on the west was made into Guilford County. About 1740 the Scotch and German settlers began pushing westward towards the southern part of the Catawba River valley, and in 1762 they created Mecklenburg County. There they carried their Presbyterian and Lutheran faiths.

The area which these counties covered then comprised what is known today as the "Piedmont Area" of North Carolina. The people had come there seeking freedom from tyranny and oppression. They were happy and contented when given the opportunity to work and worship as they pleased. Yet they were among the first to rise up in all their fury against the demon of excessive taxation and oppression which closely followed their prosperity. They joined with their English, Scotch, and Irish neighbors when that daring group met at Mecklenburg Courthouse on May 20, 1775, and declared their independence from the British Crown.* This was some fifteen months before their fellow-patriots from all of the colonies met at Philadelphia and took the same memorable step. They were all as one when they fought the Tories and British at Ramsour's Mill, Beattie's Ford, Guilford Courthouse, Kings Mountain, and elsewhere during the entire struggle for their independence. It was their valiant service, their initiative, and their love of freedom that injected courage and determination into the American soldiers on every battlefield and every march, and finally silvered the American bayonets and banners at Yorktown.xx

Accounts of their skirmishes with the British and Tories will be referred to many times in this work, and their sacrifices and courageous deeds will live forever in the hearts of their descendants.

* Arthur's *History of Western North Carolina*. Also A. Nixson's *Sketches*.

xx Wheeler's *Historical Sketches of North Carolina*.

In 1769 Tryon County was created. It was named in honor of the Royal Governor William Tryon, and extended from the Catawba River on the east to the Mississippi River on the west, and northward to what was known as the Earl Granville Line.^x Due to the odium of Royal Governor Tryon, Tryon County was abolished in 1779, and that area was converted into the two counties of Lincoln and Rutherford. Lincoln County was originally a very large county. It was settled by German stock, many of whom migrated from Pennsylvania, through Virginia and into North Carolina by way of the famous Southern Wagon Road.^x Most of those settlers had stopped in the German settlements of Orange, Guilford, and Rowan Counties and then proceeded westward. In 1765 a count of those drifting immigrants was kept at Salisbury and revealed the astounding fact that one thousand wagon-loads of Pennsylvania Dutch settlers passed that place during the winter on their way to the Catawba valley.^{xx} The area later known as Lincoln County was their destination. The first white men to settle west of the Catawba River were Heinrich Weidner in 1742, Conrad Yoder in 1749, and Jacob Forney in 1752.^x The three latter named immigrants settled in what is now Lincoln County, and following them came great hordes of their people to that section.^{xx}

They were sturdy, thrifty, patriotic, and prolific, and soon became the most powerful citizens industrially, patriotically, and politically in North Carolina by taking the lead in all walks of life. In 1840 Lincoln County led the state in population. Of course, that lead was lost by 1848 after Catawba and Gaston Counties were carved from Lincoln. But the county is exceedingly rich in history and justly boasts of the purest German blood of any section in America.^x

Burke County originally comprised all of Western North Carolina except that portion occupied by Lincoln and Rutherford Counties. It was settled by a heterogeneous mass of German, Dutch, Scotch, Irish, and English. It is well called the parent stem of Western North Carolina, because from it more than a dozen other counties have been formed, and its population has spread into every nook and corner of that area. It is, indeed, rich in history and its citizens have taken outstanding parts in the nation's affairs.

The first white man to cast his eyes over the beautiful hills and fertile valleys of the South Fork River domain was the afore-mentioned Heinrich Weidner, a German immigrant who came to that section in 1742 while it was a part of Bladen County. In 1748 he went back to his friends and relatives in Pennsylvania. There he married Mary Mull, another German immigrant, and brought her back to the South Fork River valley, settling permanently along the Upper Fork of the river

^x Arthur's *History of Western North Carolina*. Also A. Nixon's *Sketches*.

^{xx} Wheeler's *Historical Sketches of North Carolina*.

which later became known as the Henry River and to this day perpetuates his name. His name was somewhat difficult to pronounce and was soon Anglicized to Henry Whitener, and from him sprang the prominent Whitener family of North Carolina. He furnished several sons for the Revolutionary War, one of whom was a Major and was stationed at Morristown, now Asheville,* to head off the expected march of one of Cornwallis's Generals who was in the west recruiting Indians for the British.

Henry Whitener was a large land-owner of his day. I find in the Colonial Records of 1750 and 1751 that he received from the Colony grants of land amounting to 3,250 acres. His foresightedness, stability, and integrity made him a man among men and a pioneer of first rank. It is rather difficult to find a family in Burke, Catawba, or Lincoln Counties that cannot in some manner trace its ancestry back to Henry Whitener, because his descendants are as numerous as the sands of the seashore.

Although Burke was the frontier, or most remote area of the state during the Revolutionary period, it acquitted itself nobly in the fight for liberty. The Colonial Records show that Burke County furnished one thousand six hundred and fifty men for the Continental Line, which number represented almost the entire man-power of the county at that time.

In the summer of 1780, when the hope of victory for the Colonists was running low, the British held possession of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and parts of Maryland and Virginia. Lord Cornwallis had just made a victorious drive through South Carolina and Georgia and left the British flag flying over Charleston, Savannah, and Augusta. His generals had brought into subjection the entire populace of the sections through which they had marched. Many former patriots, ragged, starved and disheartened, had taken shelter under the enemy flag. Important wings of the American army had been dismembered and demoralized. Their cumbersome artillery, stores, and equipment had fallen into the hands of the enemy, and it indeed looked as if the American cause was lost.

It was a time that tried brave men's souls. But the gallant men of Burke and neighboring counties did not falter. Cornwallis, having established headquarters at Charlotte, directed his southern campaign from that point. His bold, shrewd and experienced Major Patrick Ferguson, having completed his victorious expedition in South Carolina and Georgia, now prepared to invade North Carolina by attacking from the west. He marched his army by a circuitous route from Camden, S. C., into Western North Carolina, thus creating less suspicion. Ferguson

* Wheeler's *Historical Sketches of North Carolina*.

halted at Gilbert Town,^x near the present town of Rutherfordton, where he expected strong reinforcements; but sent a detachment of his men on to Morganton in Burke County to provoke consternation among the patriots, to subdue them without battle and to enlist them in the British Army.^x

When this information became known, Colonel Campbell, who was marching a handful of his men out of Western Virginia into Burke County, joined forces with Colonels Shelby and Sevier at Watauga and marched to Morganton where they were met by Colonel Joseph McDowell of Burke with a troop of the hardiest men who ever shouldered guns.^x Determined to capture Ferguson, and prevent him from wreaking havoc upon the people of North Carolina, as he had done in South Carolina and Georgia, they hurriedly marched to Gilbert Town. Ferguson, however, having heard that Colonel Joseph McDowell was determined to capture him, slipped away towards Charlotte where he could join Cornwallis. But realizing that this band of mountaineers was on his trail, Major Ferguson took his stand upon Kings Mountain, where he boasted that he was on "the King's mountain and all Heaven could not shake him down" from that vantage point.

At Gilbert Town Colonels Campbell, Sevier, and McDowell were joined by Colonel Cleaveland; and near Kings Mountain they were joined by the Washington and Sullivan County regiments. Having completed a swift march of nearly 200 miles in a very few days, ragged, wet, tired, and hungry, but with a single thought they formed into three grand divisions for the attack. With pre-arranged plans, they swept up the mountain from all directions, firing as they advanced. When Ferguson's men would attempt to return the fire of one division of the Americans they were attacked from the rear by another. The battle raged back and forth. Both armies fought desperately. In a last and desperate effort Ferguson attempted a terrific bayonet charge but failed to dispel the Americans. His men were outgeneraled, outwitted, and outfought. The battle over, the gallant and shrewd Ferguson was dead, his army was completely annihilated, and the entire equipment was in the hands of the brave Americans.^x

In the meantime, Cornwallis, only thirty miles away at Charlotte, realizing the danger he was in by being in proximity to such a fresh, determined, and conquering army, hurriedly assembled his men and slipped out of Charlotte back into South Carolina.

I copy here a letter by Major Ferguson written only seven days before his death to the heads of the Tory camps in the various localities of North Carolina in an endeavor to arouse the citizenry to unite with his army; which letter shows that Ferguson himself knew well the kind

^x Wheeler's *Historical Sketches of North Carolina*.

of men he must soon meet in deadly combat:

“Danard’s Ford, Broad River,
Tryon County, Oct. 1, 1780

Gentlemen:

Unless you wish to be cut up by an inundation of barbarians, who have begun by murdering the unarmed son before the aged father, and afterwards lopped off his arms, and who by their shocking cruelty and irregularities give the best proof of their cowardice and want of discipline; I say that if you wish to be pinioned, robbed and murdered, and to see your wives and daughters in four days abused by the dregs of mankind,—in short, if you wish or desire to live and bear the name of men, grasp your arms in a moment and run to camp.

The Backwater men have crossed the mountain; McDowell, Hampton, Shelby and Cleaveland are at their head, so that you know what you will have to depend upon. If you choose to be p---d upon forever and ever by a set of mongrels, say so at once, and let your women turn their backs upon you, and look for real men to protect them.

Pat Ferguson,
Major 71st Regiment.” *

The brave men from Burke, Lincoln and Rutherford Counties had met the strong and conquering wing of the British Army, and with their innate bravery, fortitude, and determined purpose, had made an end of its flaunting boasts, and set in motion a British retreat which lasted one year and came to an inglorious climax at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

Much more could be said here concerning many other counties of North Carolina, which have played so great a part in the illustrious history of the state. Many of the high spots, however, have already been mentioned in the foregoing discussions. Being strategically situated between the far North and the deep South, the silence of the whole state has been disturbed many times by the rattle of sabers, the crack of frontier rifles, and its soil has often felt the tread of great armies.

It seems as though the state has grown by counties and that her people and activities have been identified as such. Although some of the counties are of recent origin, each, with its mother county, takes great pride in its historical background, and its people cherish the memory of its noble men.

* *Wheeler’s Historical Sketches of North Carolina.*

HOFFMANS

The name Hoffman is of German origin and means "Courtman." Some German scholars lend the version that the name means "Gardener," while others claim that it means "Attendant at a Court."

The first record of the name in existence is that of Ursula Hoffman of Styria, a province of Germany, who married Hugo Von Scharffenberg in the year 1330.

The Hoffmans who emigrated to the American Continent during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries can trace their ancestry directly back to Johann Hoffman who in the year 1413 was made Rector of the University of Leipzig in Germany.^x His descendants became substantial business and farming citizens in the agricultural area of the Upper Rhine Valley of Germany. That area was sometimes known as the Palatinate, and at other times as the Electoral Palatinate; and was noted for its rich soil, salubrious climate, and independent citizenship.

They were of hardy Teutonic stock, and left their native land for the sake of religious freedom. They were unlike many others of the Hoffman name, but of Hebrew and various faiths, who emigrated to America during the nineteenth century in search of wealth and many other advantages.

Among the descendants of the true Teutonic Hoffman immigrants there exist many perversions in spelling the name. I have found in America the following variations of the Hoffman name: Hofman, Hofmann, Hoffman, Hoffmann, Hufman, Huffman, Hufam, Huffam, Huffham, and Huffum. Almost invariably each of these groups tenaciously adheres to some unfounded belief that its individual line of forefathers belongs to a separate and distinct set. Some even maintain that their ancestors came from Holland, Sweden or Denmark, in order to substantiate their own peculiar spelling of the name.

I have searched all immigration records and examined the signatures where the immigrants were required to sign their own names to their pledge of allegiance to the Colonies upon arrival in America and found only Hoffmans, Hoffmanns, and Hofmans came to our shores.^x It is true that some of them emigrated from Holland, Sweden, and Denmark, but they were the true Germans who had fled to those countries only a few years previously to escape oppression and persecution by ruling tyrants.

As additional evidence that the true name of all those various "sets" is HOFFMAN, there are no such names as Hufman, Huffman, Huffam, or Huffham in any of the European languages. Therefore, all of the

^x German Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the German Historical Society of New York.

^{xx} According to Immigration Records.

variations in spelling the name certainly were corruptions of the true name HOFFMAN, and came about by poor spelling and writing when their native German language gave way to the prevailing English language.

So, in due respect to our brave and courageous forefathers, their sterling characters, and high ideals of citizenship, I consider it right and proper to spell the name H-O-F-F-M-A-N just as our venerable ancestors spelled it in former days.

In attempting to produce a historical genealogy of the Hoffmans of North Carolina I am considerably handicapped, since the Hoffman clan has no great landmarks as pointers or as beacon lights. It has produced no Washingtons, Websters, Calhouns, Vances, or other men of high rank. But the Hoffmans have been content to remain in the ranks of the regulars and to do their share in making heroes and statesmen of others while defending their rights and their country.

I present here a list of the Hoffmans of North Carolina known to have been active participants in the Revolutionary War:

Daniel Hoffman, Rowan County
 John Hoffman, Orange County
 Christian Hoffman, Orange County
 Samuel Hoffman, Burke County
 Jacob Hoffman, Lincoln County
 John Hoffman, Lincoln County
 Richard Hoffman, Onslow County
 John Hoffman, Cumberland County
 Hudnall Hoffman, Cumberland County

There surely were other Hoffmans of North Carolina who took part in the defense of our freedom and national liberty, but the dust of time seems to have covered all trace of them. In that war the Colonists did not formally enlist or volunteer their services. When they saw that their services were needed they dropped their plow-handles, grabbed their flintlocks and "joined the pack." The officers had no time to make records of recruits nor to train the men in military duties. It was a war of skirmishes and matches with few great battles. The dead were left to the fowls of the air, or were buried on the spot and forgotten, except when remembered by comrades.

Many brave men came forward and fought like tigers for America, and then retired to their families among the mountain coves and along the silent streams, never to be heard from again. Marble monuments, bronze statues, and classic history perpetuate the names of many of the known heroes, but the noble deeds of the unknown are perpetuated in the hearts of a grateful people.

Seventy-nine years after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown

the men of North Carolina were called upon to defend the cause of the Southland in the War Between the States. Again the members of the Hoffman clan did not falter. I present here a complete list of the Hoffmans who left their modest farms and stately Southern mansions to face their fellow Americans beyond the Mason and Dixon Line on the glory fields of war:

Daniel Hoffman, Alamance County
John Hoffman, Alamance County
George Hoffman, Alamance County
Adam Hoffman, Alamance County
John Hoffman, Alamance County
James Hoffman, Bertie County
Harvey Hoffman, Burke County
Joseph Hoffman, Burke County
Alex Hoffman, Burke County
Amos Hoffman, Burke County
A. Hoffman, Burke County
Thomas Hoffman, Burke County
Wm. H. Hoffman, Burke County
Wm. M. Hoffman, Burke County
Thomas Hoffman, Burke County
W. F. Hoffman, Catawba County
H. N. Hoffman, Catawba County
D. J. Hoffman, Catawba County
M. A. Hoffman, Catawba County
L. C. Hoffman, Catawba County
Levi L. Hoffman, Catawba County
John F. Hoffman, Catawba County
Jeremiah Hoffman, Catawba County
Daniel W. Hoffman, Catawba County
Marcus Hoffman, Catawba County
Elijah Hoffman, Catawba County
Elijah J. Hoffman, Catawba County
Nelson Hoffman, Catawba County
J. P. Hoffman, Catawba County
B. Hoffman, Catawba County
David Hoffman, Catawba County
Allen Hoffman, Catawba County
Burwell Hoffman, Catawba County
Alfred Hoffman, Catawba County
Wm. S. Hoffman, Catawba County
Jacob Hoffman, Catawba County
Ambrose Hoffman, Catawba County
M. Hoffman, Catawba County
Noah Hoffman, Catawba County

Abel Hoffman, Caldwell County
Levi Hoffman, Caldwell County
Abel Hoffman, Caldwell County
A. F. Hoffman, Cleveland County
C. Hoffman, Cumberland County
Retus Hoffman, Cumberland County
J. C. Hoffman, Cumberland County
W. A. Hoffman, Columbus County
James Hoffman, Davidson County
Daniel Hoffman, Davidson County
Geo. W. Hoffman, Duplin County
Miles Hoffman, Gaston County
W. H. Hoffman, Gaston County
J. H. Hoffman, Gaston County
T. F. Hoffman, Gaston County
J. C. Hoffman, Gaston County
Fred L. Hoffman, Gaston County
B. W. Hoffman, Gaston County
Estelle Hoffman, Guilford County
Fred M. Hoffman, Jackson County
Frederick M. Hoffman, Jackson County
Ransom C. Hoffman, Jackson County
E. J. Hoffman, Jackson County
C. J. Hoffman, Jones County
W. B. Hoffman, Jones County
Joseph Hoffman, Lenoir County
Joseph L. Hoffman, Mecklenburg County
J. L. Hoffman, Mecklenburg County
J. M. Hoffman, Mecklenburg County
Mills Hoffman, McDowell County
John Hoffman, Mitchell County
John D. Hoffman, New Hanover County
S. A. Hoffman, New Hanover County
A. J. Hoffman, New Hanover County
Milton Hoffman, New Hanover County
W. F. Hoffman, New Hanover County
Solomon Hoffman, New Hanover County
John H. Hoffman, Onslow County
Jacob B. Hoffman, Onslow County
Wm. F. Hoffman, Onslow County
Cyrus Hoffman, Pitt County
Benjamin Hoffman, Pasquotank County
M. C. Hoffman, Rowan County
Henry Hoffman, Rowan County
L. M. Hoffman, Rowan County

Hosea Hoffman, Rowan County
Wm. J. Hoffman, Rowan County
John D. Hoffman, Rockingham County
D. M. Hoffman, Wake County
G. D. Hoffman, Watauga County
Lewis Hoffman, Wayne County
J. Hoffman, Wilkes County
J. S. Hoffman, Wilkes County
D. Hoffman, Wilkes County
Michael Hoffman, Uncertain
J. M. Hoffman, Uncertain
Eli Hoffman, Uncertain
David Hoffman, Uncertain

It is not for me to say here to what extent the Southern States were justified in their secession from the Union. I do say, however, that the foregoing list of North Carolina Hoffmans who enlisted in that struggle is sufficient evidence that they believed in the justice of their cause. They fought like demons, they bled like Trojans, and they died like heroes. We praise their courage, cherish their memories, and wish to enshrine their names in the "Hall of Fame."

Explanation of Genealogical Numbers



THE MOST difficult part of all genealogies is the interpretation of the various family lines. After carefully studying many systems, all of which I found very confusing to the reader, I have adopted one of my own which I believe anyone can follow. Please remember the following:

The Hoffmans of North Carolina belong to a family of three pioneer brothers, John, George, and Jacob Hoffman, who emigrated to America with their respective families.

I have given each of the three pioneers the number 1. Each number 1 has a separate grand division, and each descendant can trace his ancestral line back to his pioneer number 1.

Then, I have given the second generation of each pioneer the number 2, the third generation the number 3, the fourth generation number 4, and all succeeding generations the corresponding number.

If you desire to find your individual name, turn to the INDEX, find your name and page number. Then you will readily see in what grand division you belong and which of the three pioneers was your ancestor.

Under your number 1 pioneer you will find all of his children listed as number 2's. Immediately following that list you will find the descendants of the oldest child in the number 2 family given in detail as number 3's, and no other name appears again in that discussion except descendants of the oldest number 2.

Then follow the descendants of each of the number 3's just as you have the number 2; follow then the number 4's as you have the number 3. When all of the descendants of the first number 2 are completed, you will find the second number 2 taken up and treated like the first number 2.

Should you get lost, or confused, please turn back to your number 1 pioneer and follow his line through his children as number 2; his grandchildren as number 3; his great-grandchildren as number 4, etc. As additional assistance, I have placed at the top of each page, the direct line of ancestry of all of those contained on that page.

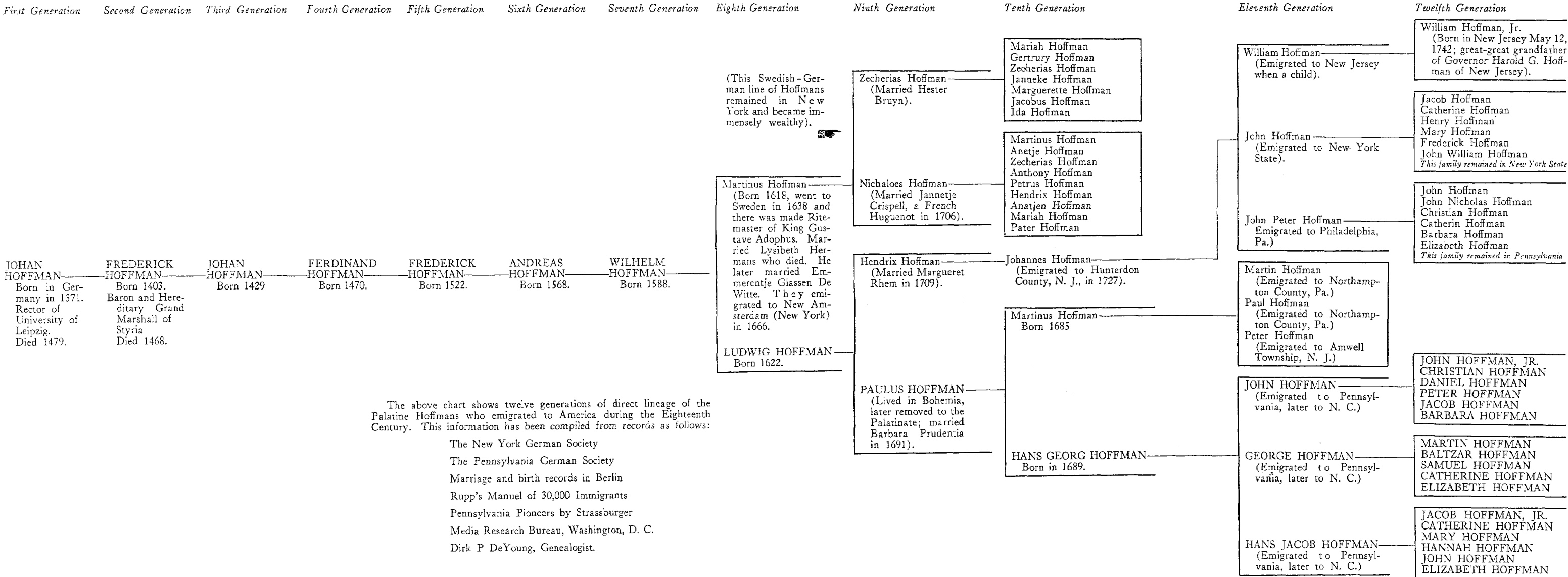
I have written in capitals the names of our pioneers and their children. This is one way of paying them our respect for their pioneer spirit, sterling character, and fine citizenship.

In many instances, to conserve space, the following abbreviations are employed: "b" for born; "m" for married; and "d" for died.

I have attempted to make this genealogy one of the Hoffmans of North Carolina. With few exceptions, I have dropped the lines of descendants in the instances where the females married and changed names. This has been done in order to avoid too much confusion and to stick to the Hoffman clan. This work will prove helpful, however, to the descendants having other names, since their maternal ancestry has here been firmly established.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE CAREFULLY

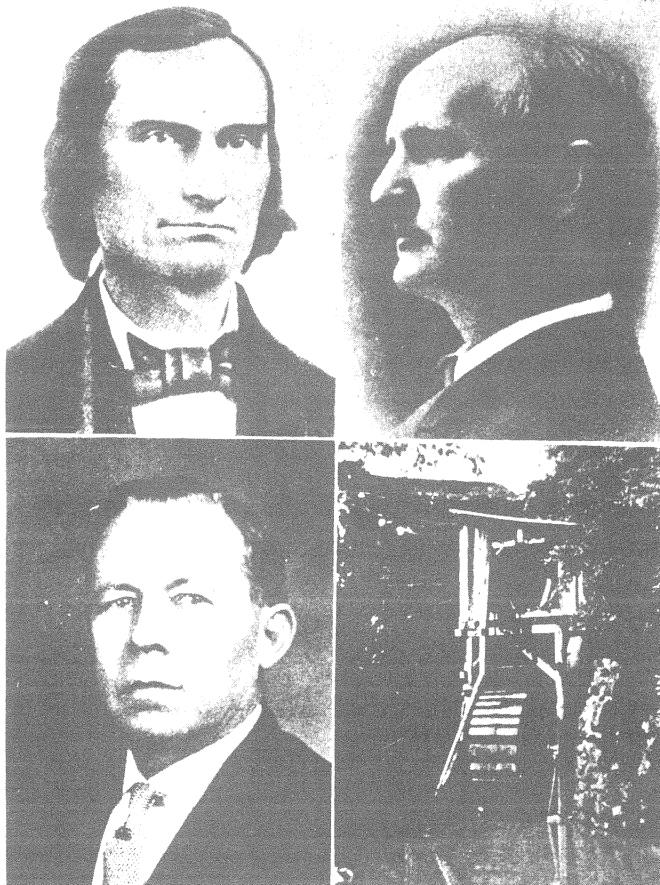
On the following chart will be found the direct ancestral lineage of the Palatine Hoffmans, beginning with Johan Hoffman in 1371 and carrying them down from father to son, through twelve generations to the three brothers, JOHN, GEORGE, and JACOB HOFFMAN, who settled in North Carolina. Immediately following the chart, the descendants of those three brothers will begin. The other Hoffman immigrants, who settled elsewhere, will be dropped. Although the chart shows that JOHN, GEORGE, and JACOB HOFFMAN belong to the twelfth known generation, in this genealogy I am assigning them the number "1" generation. This method of numbering the generations, I believe, will be more convenient and less confusing to searchers in this work. However, please bear in mind that if your generation in the following genealogy is number "5," in reality you belong to the sixteenth known generation. Likewise, if your number here is "10," in reality you belong to the twenty-first known generation.



The above chart shows twelve generations of direct lineage of the Palatine Hoffmans who emigrated to America during the Eighteenth Century. This information has been compiled from records as follows:

- The New York German Society
- The Pennsylvania German Society
- Marriage and birth records in Berlin
- Rupp's Manuel of 30,000 Immigrants
- Pennsylvania Pioneers by Strassburger
- Media Research Bureau, Washington, D. C.
- Dirk P DeYoung, Genealogist.

The above three families remained in North Carolina and will be given in the following genealogy: (next page)



Above left: 4 Benjamin Aycock (1828-1875).

Above right: 5 Charles Brantley Aycock (1859-1912) Governor of North Carolina 1901-1905.

Below left: 7 John Robert Hoffman.

All of the 1 JOHN HOFFMAN line.

Below right: Old mill built in 1790 by 2 JOHN HOFFMAN

Division 1

1 JOHN HOFFMAN

- 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, oldest of the four pioneer brothers, was born in Germany about the year 1705 and emigrated to America in 1751. He brought with him his family of five sons and one daughter. Also, with him came his brother, 1 CASPER HOFFMAN, and his family. Due to the great number of Palatine emigrants to America at that time these two families were compelled to take passage on different ships; some arrived in the Port of Philadelphia on the Ship Neptune and the others on the Ship Phoenix. Both ships dropped anchor on September 24, but the passengers aboard the Ship Phoenix did not pass inspection for landing until the following day.^x

Both families made their way to Berks County, Pennsylvania, where they found relatives, but soon passed on into Shenandoah County, Virginia, to join the brother, 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, and his family who had come over in 1749, only two years previously. The three re-united families spent the winter there, but in the spring of 1752 1 CASPER took his family back to Berks County, Pennsylvania, while 1 JOHN and 1 GEORGE pulled up stakes and joined the German migration to North Carolina.^{xx} The two latter settled near Great Alamance Creek in Orange County, now Alamance.

In searching records of this pioneer ancestor, 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, I met a very serious obstacle. For many generations there has been a family legend among his descendants in the Alamance section that their pioneer ancestor was CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN, but no one had any authentic information to support such a legend. It is true that there was a CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN who was a landmark in the community, but on investigation I found that he was never married and, therefore, left no descendants.^{xxx} He died in 1790 and according to all accounts of his activities, he was not a very old man and under no circumstances could he have been the pioneer father.

With the very efficient assistance of one of the descendants, Mr. John R. Hoffman, an attorney of much ability of Burlington,

^x According to the original Immigration Records at Philadelphia.

^{xx} According to the Pennsylvania German Society Records.

^{xxx} See CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN'S will under his heading.

North Carolina, we have searched every known source for information to sustain the "CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN pioneer" legend, and we cannot find where he, if there be one, ever possessed any property; made any contracts; where he lived; or when he died. Of course, there are plenty of later records of the unmarried CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN. We found, however, sufficient evidence that the pioneer of that family was 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, and with the approval of the said Mr. John R. Hoffman, descendant, I am proceeding with that theory.

Along with their CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN legend was the story of his two brothers, 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN and 1 JACOB HOFFMAN, who came the same route through Pennsylvania and Virginia to North Carolina by way of the Great Southern Wagon Road and passed on into the Catawba River Valley.

Although I find no evidence to support the CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN legend, there is plenty of proof that the subscribers to that legend were correct as regards the story of 1 GEORGE and 1 JACOB HOFFMAN when we consider the following:

(a) Information in the possession of the Pennsylvania German Society that the four sons of the German Hans George Hoffman emigrated to America with their families, and settled temporarily in Virginia. Then the one son, Casper, went back into Berks County, Pennsylvania, while the others, John, George, and Jacob, passed on into North Carolina; (b) the story, printed under 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, as related by "Aunt Savina" Hollar; (c) the story, also printed under 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, as written in person by "Aunt Sophrona" Hoffman Page. All of these positively correspond with all state, county, and church records.

This pioneer, 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, was on the job early in taking up land in several of the adjoining counties. His land holdings were along Great Alamance Creek, Haw River, North West (later the Cape Fear) River, and other places where good farm land could be had. On December 28, 1773, an agent of the Earl of Granville conveyed to "John Hoffman, a Province planter," 273 acres of land on Cedar Creek for 135 pounds—English money. Previous to that, in the 1760's, he was taking up land far down in Bladen County.^x

He was living in Bladen County during the Revolutionary War, and though an old man, he participated in several minor battles on the side of the Whigs.^x He became immensely wealthy in land holdings. I cannot find any record of a will disposing of his property, neither can I find an account of his death.

The name of his German wife is covered by the dust of time, but

^x See Colonial Records.

their children, as best as I can determine, were:

- 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, Jr.
- 2 CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN
- 2 DANIEL HOFFMAN
- 2 PETER HOFFMAN
- 2 JACOB HOFFMAN
- 2 BARBARA HOFFMAN

The above children of 1 JOHN HOFFMAN migrated to various sections; therefore information concerning them and their descendants is, in some instances, very meager. Each of them, however, will be discussed separately, giving all information that I have been able to secure:

- 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, Jr., as a young man known as John George Hoffman, seems to have been the first child of 1 JOHN HOFFMAN and was born in Germany about 1726. He came with his parents to America in 1751. There appears to be no information as to whom he married, but the supposition is that he married a German girl about the time the family left their native country, or immediately upon arrival in America, because his eldest son, John, 3rd, was born about 1753 in the Alamance area. His children were, in part, as follows:

- 3 John Hoffman, 3rd
- 3 George Hoffman
- 3 Jacob Hoffman
- 3 Ann Margaret Hoffman

Their families follow:

- 3 John Hoffman, 3rd, b. 1753; m. Catherine Ingle, daughter of the Revolutionary War hero, Barney Ingle. Their children:
 - 4 George Hoffman
 - 4 Jacob Hoffman
 - 4 Ann Margaret Hoffman
 - 4 Daniel Hoffman
 - 4 David Hoffman
 - 4 Mary Hoffman

Each of the above children of 3 John Hoffman, 3d, follow:

- 4 George Hoffman, b. 1774; lived part of his life in Guilford County, but spent the latter part in Tennessee where he died August 15, 1859. He married Elizabeth Shoffner in August, 1804. Their children:
 - 5 Hartwell Hoffman, b. March 26, 1833; m. Elizabeth DeVault. Their children:

- 6 John Rudy Hoffman, b. July 13, 1824; m. Maria Welker. He was a gallant and famous Colonel of the Militia in the days preceeding the War Between the States. Their children:
 - 7 Myron Allen Hoffman, b. 1867; m. Elizabeth Woodard in 1900. Their children:
 - 8 Theodore Hoffman
 - 8 Jennie Maria Hoffman, m. C. B. Ingle. Their child:
 - 9 Edna Gray Ingle
 - 8 Harry Lee, Elsie, Zona, and Marion Hoffman
 - 7 Jennie L. Hoffman, died young
 - 7 George W. Hoffman, b. 1871; m. Daisy E. Cauble. Their child:
 - 8 Frederick M. Hoffman
 - 7 Hattie and Pinkney Hoffman, never married
 - 7 John Robert Hoffman, m. Swannie Patterson. No children
 - 7 Grace E. Hoffman, m. Frank Lewis. Their children:
 - 8 Elizabeth and Frank Lewis
 - 7 Benjamin Hoffman, m. Florence Hoffman
- 6 Joshua Hffoman, b. November 16, 1825; m. Catherine E. Beaver. Their children:
 - 7 David B., John T., Martha, and Laura Hoffman
 - 7 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. John O. Wade
- 6 Lillie Hoffman, m. Fred Sherer. Their children:
 - 7 Francis S., Mary E., Ida., Susan, Jacob, Nellie, Emma, Ara, Della, Francke, and Oscar Sherer
- 6 Nellie Hoffman, m. Robert Wilson. Their children:
 - 7 Chas. C., Emma, Ida, Rufus, Junius, Ara Lena, John B., Minnie, Lillie, and James Wilson
- 6 Delilah (Dilly) Hoffman, m. Alfred E. Euliss. Their children:
 - 7 Rankin C., Robert L., Valentine, Nellie Jane, Judge, Clinton, Francis, John G., Avonil, Emogene, Eli, William, and Dora Euliss

- 6 Oliver Hoffman, m. Isabel McCauley. Their children:
 - 7 George Hoffman, m. Laura Ann Clark
 - 7 Mary Hoffman, m. R. W. Haynes
 - 7 Delilah Hoffman, m. W. D. Owenby
- 5 Hillary Hoffman, b. Dec. 8, 1808; d. Aug. 18, 1866; m. Salome Clapp Jan. 18, 1832. Their children:
 - 6 John J., Catherine Ann, Sara Ellen, and Mary S. Hoffman. No further information
 - 6 George Harpine Welker Hoffman, m. Mary Jones. Their children:
 - 7 Ollie, Oscar, Mary Ann, George, Gertrude, Sidney C., Amanda D., Maimai, Daisy G., Charles J., Pearl, Francis Marion, and G. C. Hoffman
- 5 Narcissa and Denton Hoffman, never married
- 5 Alice Hoffman, m. Cephas Meredith
- 5 Joseph Kivet Hoffman, m. Martha Ann Miller
- 5 Harpine Hoffman, m. Mary May. No issue
- 5 Mary (Polly) Hoffman, b. 1814; m. Hezekiah Coble and moved to Tennessee
- 5 Shoffner Hoffman, b. 1824; m. Susannah Nelson. Their children:
 - 6 David, Graigg, Alice, and Lizzie Hoffman
- 5 Delilah Hoffman, b. 1812; m. Joshua Clapp. Their children:
 - 6 Jacob Clapp, b. 1832; m. Emma Davis and moved to Newton, N. C., where he founded Catawba College. There he spent the remainder of his very useful life. He became one of North Carolina's distinguished citizens and foremost educators in training young men for all walks of life. He always proved himself a true friend to the youth of the land; he was faithful to his trusts, honest in his convictions, earnest in his purposes, and lofty in his ideals. His pronounced intellect, learning, logic, and philosophy always drew men to him and caused them to love, respect, and admire him. The children of 6 Jacob and Emma Davis Clapp were:
 - 7 Milton Clapp, m. ——— in Texas

- 7 Crawford Clapp, m. Gussie Shuford
- 7 Clarence Clapp, m. ——— Patterson
- 7 Robert Clapp, m. ——— Hargett
- 7 Annie Clapp, m. William D. Burns
- 6 George W. Clapp, b. 1834; m. Martha Wrightsel
- 6 Dr. John C. Clapp, b. 1838; m. Nellie Brownfield
- 6 Henry Clapp, b. 1840; killed in the Civil War
- 6 Mary Clapp, b. 1843; never married
- 6 Dan W. Clapp, b. 1844; died in the Civil War
- 6 Sara J. Clapp, b. 1850; m. Lafayette Stratford
- 5 Millie Hoffman, b. 1819; m. Rev. Joseph Holmes
- 5 Catherine Hoffman, b. 1818; never married
- 4 Jacob Hoffman, son of 3 John Hoffman, 3rd, was born in 1776; m. Polly Whitesell. (This 4 Jacob Hoffman was commonly known as "Coonie" Hoffman). Their children:
 - 5 John Hoffman, commonly known as "Jolly John," was born in 1818; m. Nellie Wagner. Their children:
 - 6 Cornelia Angeline Hoffman, b. April 5, 1850; m. Sam Allred
 - 6 Jacob Hoffman, b. Oct. 22, 1857; died young
 - 6 Emily Elizabeth Hoffman, b. Dec. 1, 1852; m. Jacob C. Whitesell of a very old and prominent line of German settlers to North Carolina. Their children:
 - 7 Mintora Angeline Whitesell, m. Clement E. Tapscott, Dec. 27, 1898. Their children:
 - 8 Madge Oreta Tapscott, died young
 - 8 Claude E. Tapscott, m. Pearl M. Whitt. Their children:
 - 9 Edward B., and Wm. E. Tapscott
 - 8 Betty Van, Ruth E., Frances E., Grace E., and Polly Ann Tapscott
 - 7 Corney Dallas Whitesell, b. April 24, 1873
 - 7 Iona Tryphosia Whitesell, m. J. F. Barber on Dec. 23, 1903. Their children:
 - 8 Howard L., Lois, Gladys, and Kenneth Barber

- 7 Edwin Patterson Whitesell, b. July 4, 1877;
m. Wilmoth E. Harper. Their children:
 - 8 John C., Percy J., Mary C., and Rosa
A. Whitesell
- 7 Sophronia Alice Whitesell, m. John H.
Dixon. Their children:
 - 8 Katherine L., Margaret B., and Lacy
Dixon
- 7 Robert Franklin Whitesell, m. Dora N. Mc-
Pherson. Their children:
 - 8 Eloise Katherine, Jacob C., and Mary
Doris Whitesell
- 7 Jennie Ava Whitesell, m. Dr. W. L. Isley
- 7 Mattie Elizabeth Whitesell, m. Joseph F.
Robertson. Their children:
 - 8 E. Catherine, Richard A., Gertrude,
Eva P., and Joseph Frederick Rob-
ertson, Jr.
- 7 Lacy Jacob Whitesell, m. Ella M. Martin.
Their children:
 - 8 Naomi F., Vera G., and Worth Rhyne
Whitesell
- 6 George Hoffman, b. May 7, 1854; m. Rosa
Huntley. No children
- 6 Polly Catherine Hoffman, second wife of Wil-
liam D. Whitesell. Their children:
 - 7 Albert L., John W., Victor H., Daisy M.,
Flossie M., Junius G., and Addie Catherine
Whitesell
- 6 Julia Harriet Hoffman, m. William Huffines.
Their children:
 - 7 Nellie, Charles, John, Arlie, Jodie, Heenan,
Essie, Martha, Pearl, and William Huf-
fines, Jr.
- 6 Maria Seraphine Hoffman, b. June 29, 1862;
m. Dr. James Crouse. Their children:
 - 7 Eugenia Vic., Donna Isabella, Everett B.,
Swonnie E., Mamie Frontis, Georgia J.,
Bessie G., Erwin Bryan, Floyd Mc., Mar-
shall D., Edith I., Sherman O., Beulah
Modeste, and Robert Glenn Crouse.
- 6 Tabitha Jane Hoffman, died single

- 4 Anna Margaret Hoffman, daughter of 3 John Hoffman, was born about 1778. She joined Old Brick Church in 1788. She married John Clapp, commonly known as "Hatter John." Their children:
 - 5 Daniel W. Clapp, m. Barbara Fogleman and later Josie Troxler
 - 5 Jacob Clapp, b. Sept. 8, 1807; m. Temperance Hobbs. Their children:
 - 6 Martha Ann Clapp, m. James Jobe
 - 6 Jane Clapp, m. L. L. Patterson
 - 6 Matilda and Elizabeth Clapp, never married
 - 6 Mary Caroline Clapp, never married
 - 6 John H. Clapp, m. Lula Wagner
 - 6 Albertine Clapp, m. L. N. Williams
 - 5 John Clapp, m. Abbie Wagner
 - 5 David and Elizabeth Clapp. No report
 - 5 George Clapp, m. ——— Townsend
 - 5 Martin Clapp, m. ——— Smith
 - 5 Barbara Clapp, m. Daniel Rich
 - 5 Nellie Clapp, m. Constantine Troxler
 - 5 Sallie Clapp, m. William Whitesell
- 4 Daniel Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Stalcup, and raised a large family on Haw River, but no records have been kept in the family
- 4 David Hoffman, son of 3 John Hoffman, 3rd; b. Feb. 18, 1797; d. July 24, 1884. He married Mary Whitesell. Their children:
 - 5 Jacob Milton Hoffman, b. Nov. 7, 1819; d. Jan. 5, 1896. He married Matilda Hobbs. Their children:
 - 6 John, Elizabeth, Martin, George, Jacob, Oscar, and Daniel P. Hoffman
 - 6 William Nathan Hoffman, m. Nancy Cable. Their children:
 - 7 Espie Hoffman, m. David Brown. Their children:
 - 8 Eliza, Eva, William, Ruth, and Mary Lee Brown
 - 7 David M. Hoffman, m. Sallie Evans. Their children:
 - 8 Joy Bell, Norva, Rudy V., Wm. W., and Maurine Frederick Hoffman

- 7 Jesse M. Hoffman, never married
- 6 George W., Jacob Milton, Jr., Oscar, and Daniel P. Hoffman
- 5 Elizabeth Hoffman, b. 1821; m. Mebane Cable. Their children:
 - 6 Nancy, Barbara, Carmelia, LeRoy, and Artelia Cable
- 5 Andrew Hoffman, b. 1824; m. Polly May. Their children:
 - 6 James D. Hoffman, m. Mary May. Their children:
 - 7 Ada, William R., Zephyr, and Andrew Hoffman
- 6 Nancy Ann Hoffman, m. William N. Hoffman. Their children:
 - 7 Mary, Bessie, James. By 2nd wife, Mary C. May: Cyrus, and John A. Hoffman
- 6 Sara Hoffman, never married
- 6 David W. Hoffman, m. Nannie Williams. Their children:
 - 7 Blondie Hoffman, m. Harvey Allen. No issue
 - 7 Fifie Hoffman, m. Perry Greeson. Their children:
 - 8 Mable, Upton, Worth, Ruth, and Perry Greeson
- 7 Narcellus Hoffman; no report
- 7 Ossie Hoffman, m. Samuel Witt. Their children:
 - 8 Helen and Edna Witt
- 7 Louis A. Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Witt. Their children:
 - 8 Blondie, Lois, Dorothy, and Louis G. Hoffman
- 7 Zebulan V. Hoffman, m. Kelsey Coltraine
- 6 Alice Hoffman, m. William May. No issue
- 6 Mary Ann Hoffman, m. William May after death of Alice. Their children:
 - 7 Thomas and Andrew May
- 6 George W. Hoffman, m. Lillie Kimball. Their children:

- 7 Eben, Ottie, Lula, Arlie, Lacy, and Herman Hoffman
- 6 Robert L. Hoffman, m. Nell Frances Brown. Their children:
 - 7 Mary, Ruth, Ross, Albert, Edgar, and Robert Hoffman
- 6 Thomas F. Hoffman, m. Effie L. Hinton
- 5 Margaret Hoffman, m. ——— Capps
- 5 John, Catherine, and David Hoffman, never married
- 5 Daniel Hoffman, m. Edna C. Boone. Their children:
 - 6 Peter P. Hoffman, m. Ursna Ingle. Their children:
 - 7 Bertha Hoffman, m. Grover Boone. Their children:
 - 8 Margaret and Dorothy Boone
 - 7 Arthur G. Hoffman, m. Evelyn Faucette. Their children:
 - 8 Violet, Howard, and Adrian Hoffman
 - 7 Grace M. Hoffman, m. Worth Bryan. Their children:
 - 8 Edna, Richard, and Robert Bryan
 - 7 Emily C. Hoffman, m. J. D. Moody. Their child:
 - 8 John D. Moody, Jr.
 - 7 Aubrey Hoffman. No report
- 5 George Hoffman, b. March 14, 1835; m. Delilah Boone. Their children:
 - 6 Lavenia Rhoney, Seymore J., Joel Patterson, James F., Alvin Julius, John A., and Margaret Hoffman
 - 6 David Lacy Hoffman, m. Eunice Lillian Sharpe. Their children:
 - 7 Norva Leah, Norman D., Nina Pearl, Lee G., Jacob R., Rosa E., Georgia, and Joseph W. Hoffman
- 4 Mary Hoffman, daughter of 3 John Hoffman, 3rd. Nothing is known of her, except that on September 17, 1818, she married Richard Abbot in Orange County

- 3 George Hoffman, son of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, was born about 1755. He later went into Stokes County and settled about the head-waters of the Yadkin River. He was listed in the 1790 census as having two sons and two daughters. They have kept no records among their descendants, and I cannot, in any manner, connect the present families in that section with the old settlers.
- 3 Jacob Hoffman, son of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, went down the North West, or Cape Fear, River and settled there. He raised some children, but I have been unable to definitely establish their names with the present families there.
- 3 Ann Margaret Hoffman, daughter of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, was born about 1758. She never married, but she took an active part in assisting the Regulators^{*} in their efforts to protect the interests of the Colonists. She assisted the Revolutionary soldiers, locating the position of British and Tory troops, and in nursing the sick and wounded back to health. She was an angel of joy to all who needed help and cheer and was a "pillar of strength" in Old Brick Church where the Pennsylvania Dutch from far and near came to worship. Her name is yet a household word among the descendants in Alamance and Guilford Counties.

2 CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN

- 2 CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN, pioneer son of 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, was born in Germany about 1728, came with his parents to America in 1751, and settled in the Alamance section of North Carolina. In Germany he was known as Michael Christian Hoffman, but the first name was soon dropped after arriving in America. He was true to the cause of the Colonists during the troublesome times leading up to the Revolutionary War. He was one of the Regulators, mentioned elsewhere, who participated in the Battle of Alamance Creek in 1771. He saw distinguished service against the British and Tories on many occasions, was captured by Lord Cornwallis at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, and imprisoned in New Garden Quaker Church.

He never married, but was a man of affairs in his community; possessing extensive properties and enjoying the reputation of being a philosopher and statesman. He died in April, 1790, leaving a very interesting and unique will which I copy herewith:

^{*} Wheeler's *Historical Sketches of North Carolina*.

"WILL OF CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN

Probated in Will Book No. 8, Page 93 for Orange County

WILL

In the Name of God, Amen.

I, Christian Hoffman of the County of Orange, State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound memory, Blessed of God, do this day make and order, this my Last Will and Testament, in name and form following:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my beloved brother, Peter Hoffman, the plantation whereon I now dwell, including the whole of the land and all the household furniture and wagons and all the horse gears and all plows, two horses and two cows, and one coult, one rifle, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend and brother, Jesse Acock, one cow, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Suffah Ingle, if her mother swear her to me, one shilling to her and her heirs forever, if not, nothing.

And all the rest is to be equally divided between my brother and sister, to them, their heirs and assigns forever, lastly I nominate and appoint my friend, George Clap, and my friend, Barney Troxler, executors of this, My Last Will and Testament.

This the 29th day of March, 1790.

CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN.

by his mark

Witnesses:

Michael Charles

Jacob Clap

Probated—May Term, 1790."

2 DANIEL HOFFMAN

- 2 DANIEL HOFFMAN, pioneer son of 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, was born in Germany about 1731, came with his parents to America in 1751, and on to North Carolina in 1752. In 1775 he joined the forces of Colonel Cleaveland to march into the mountains of Western Carolina where they succeeded in quelling an uprising of the Indians. In 1781 he was in the thick of the fight at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

That same year he married Rachel Park in Orange County, and in 1785 they moved into Rowan County where they reared their family. There they became outstanding citizens and did

much toward the growth and prosperity of that great county.
Their children:

- 3 Mary Hoffman, never married
- 3 Adam Hoffman, son of 2 DANIEL HOFFMAN, was born in 1784, one year before his parents moved to Rowan County. His relatives in Rowan County believe that he went West
- 3 Michael Hoffman, born in Rowan County in 1788. Married Christina Holshouser. I have record of only two children:
 - 4 George Hoffman, b. 1810; never married
 - 4 Daniel Hoffman, b. Dec. 22, 1812; m. Jane Williams. No children. Later he married Margaret Peeler. Their children:
 - 5 Jacob Hoffman, killed in the Civil War
 - 5 Michael Calvin Hoffman, m. Nancy Eagle. Their children:
 - 6 George Hoffman, m. Fanny Wilkerson
 - 6 Romus Hoffman, no record
 - 6 William C. Hoffman, m. Jane Shaw
 - 6 Fanny Hoffman, no record
 - 5 Alec Hoffman, m. ——— Hoffner. Later he married Romus Shope. Their children:
 - 6 John Hoffman
 - 6 George Hoffman, m. ——— Newsome
 - 6 David, Amanda, Maggie, Ida, and Josephus Hoffman
 - 5 Melinda Hoffman, no record
 - 5 Alice Hoffman, m. Luther Misenhamer
 - 5 Titia Hoffman, m. ——— Eagle
 - 5 Luther Hoffinan, m. Elmira Smith. Later married Joyce Lentz. Their children:
 - 6 Ada, Anna, Casper, and Albert Hoffman
 - 5 Henry Martin Hoffman, m. Sallie Mingus. Their children:
 - 6 Raymond and Maude Hoffman
 - 5 John Alfred Hoffman, b. May 1, 1864; m. Joyce Shuping in 1887. Their children:
 - 6 Arthur Hoffman, m. Ruth Cernelison
 - 6 Addie Hoffman, m. Charles W. Summers
 - 6 Mabel Hoffman, died young

- 5 Minnie Hoffman, b. August 16, 1866; m. Gus Patterson. They live at China Grove, N. C. Their children:

6 Margaret and Junius Patterson

2 PETER HOFFMAN

- 2 PETER HOFFMAN, pioneer son of 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, was born in Germany about 1734 and came with his parents to America in 1751. There exists no record as to whom he married. There is, however, a traditional belief among the relatives in the Alamance section that he married Elizabeth Troxler, a daughter of the Revolutionary hero, Barney Troxler. But upon further investigation I find that it was his son, 3 Peter Hoffman, who married Elizabeth Troxler. (See 3 Peter Hoffman.)

There is no record of 2 PETER HOFFMAN'S death, nor of his family in its entirety. After making a thorough study of his movements, I am sufficiently convinced to risk the following to be his children:

- 3 Hudling Hoffman
- 3 Andrew Hoffman
- 3 Christopher Hoffman
- 3 Peter Hoffman
- 3 Henry Hoffman
- 3 Jacob Hoffman

Should information ever be revealed where I am in error about either of the above I shall be happy to stand corrected, and will assist in distributing the information to any who may be interested in that certain line. Each of them will now be given with what information I have secured:

- 3 Hudling Hoffman, b. about 1755, went down the North West (Cape Fear) River where he took up two tracts of land by grants from the state of North Carolina in 1779. This land joined land of his grandfather, 1 JOHN HOFFMAN. I find his name spelled "Huffum," "Huffam," "Huffman," and "Huffham." He fought in the Revolutionary War on the side of the Americans. Nothing further is known of him or of his descendants, if he had such.
- 3 Andrew Hoffman, b. about 1757. Lived in the Alamance section, and owned land on Boyd's Creek, a tributary of Haw River. No records exist giving any information on his marriage, his children, or his death. His relatives believe that he went West.

- 3 Christopher Hoffman, b. about 1760. Migrated down the North West (Cape Fear) River where he took up land and married. There is no record of whom he married, but in the 1790 census he is listed as having two sons and two daughters.
- 3 Peter Hoffman, Jr., b. 1777; was christened at Old Brick Church October 20, 1793; m. Elizabeth Troxler (b. 1775) in 1798. This information has been found recorded in an old Bible now in possession of Mr. Thomas L. Hoffman, a descendant living at Normandy, Tennessee, along with other records of the family. The children of 3 Peter and Elizabeth Troxler Hoffman were as follows:
 - 4 John Hoffman, b. 1800; m. Polly Cortner
 - 4 George Hoffman, b. 1802
 - 4 Alfred Hoffman, b. 1805
 - 4 Polly Hoffman, b. 1808
 - 4 Sallie Hoffman, b. 1812

In 1812 this 3 Peter and Elizabeth Troxler Hoffman moved to Normandy, Tennessee, where they reared the above family. I have been able to secure information on one of the children as follows:

- 4 John Hoffman and his wife, Polly Cortner Hoffman, reared the following children:
 - 5 Angeline, b. 1828; George, b. 1830; Joshua, b. 1832; Polita Ann, b. 1834; John P., b. 1835; Elijah, b. 1840; and Mary Jane, born. 1843. Of these I have record of only one as follows:
 - 5 George Hoffman, m. ————. Their children:
 - 6 Molly Hoffman, m. 1859; m. William Bennett
 - 6 Mattie Hoffman, b. 1863; m. James Patey
 - 6 Sallie Hoffman, b. 1865; m. R. S. Brandon
 - 6 Thomas L. Hoffman, b. 1867; m. Dora Stevenson in 1896. Their child:
 - 7 Bernard Hoffman, b. 1897; m. Polly Cortner

Later 6 Thomas L. Hoffman m. Emma Jarrell.
Their children:

 - 7 Lillis Hoffman, b. 1803; m. Hubert Shofner

- 7 Julius Hoffman, b. 1804, m. Josephine Parke. Their children:
 - 8 Edgar and Elaine Hoffman
- 7 Mary Hoffman, b. 1805, m. George Crenshaw
- 7 Frances Hoffman, not married
- 7 Thomas L. Hoffman, Jr., m. Helen Bartlett
- 3 Henry Hoffman, b. about 1763. Went West. No report
- 3 Jacob Hoffman, b. about 1765. Went down the North West (Cape Fear) River where he married and settled. No record exists as to whom he married, but in the 1790 census he is listed as having a wife and two daughters. There are a few Hoffmans in that section, but they have no records and no family traditions to aid in tracing their forebears.

2 JACOB HOFFMAN

- 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, pioneer son of 1 JOHN HOFFMAN, was born in Germany about 1749 and was brought to America with his parents in 1751. In 1769 he married Polly Decker in Orange County. They moved westward to Rowan County where they settled and became leading residents of that county. Their children:
 - 3 Jacob Hoffman, Jr.
 - 3 Mary Hoffman
 - 3 Sara Hoffman
 - 3 David Hoffman

The above will be given in order as above named:

- 3 Jacob Hoffman, Jr., b. 1870; m. Elizabeth Moser in 1788. Their children, as best as I can determine were:
 - 4 Elizabeth and Moser Hoffman
- 3 Mary Hoffman, m. Joseph Stirwalt. I cannot trace them further.
- 3 Sara Hoffman was born in Rowan County in 1774. She married William Zackery. I cannot trace their descendants.
- 3 David Hoffman, son of 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, was born in Rowan County in 1778. He married Peggy Miller. Their children:
 - 4 George Hoffman
 - 4 Uriah Hoffman
 - 4 John Hoffman

- 4 Henry Hoffman
- 4 Adam Hoffman
- 4 David Alexander Hoffman

The record of the above six sons of 3 David Hoffman will be given in detail, as follows:

- 4 George Hoffman, son of 3 David Hoffman, of Rowan County, was born in 1806. Married Nancy Fisher. Their child:
 - 5 George W. Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Klutts in 1852. Their child:
 - 6 William A. Hoffman, m. ———. Their child:
 - 7 John C. Hoffman, m. Mary Bengle in 1890.
- 4 Uriah Hoffman, b. 1809; m. Delilah Bark in 1833. I cannot trace their descendants
- 4 John Hoffman, b. 1818. Killed in War Between the States
- 4 Henry Hoffman, b. 1822. Killed in War Between the States
- 4 Adam Hoffman, b. 1828. Killed in War Between the States
- 4 David Alexander Hoffman, b. 1830; m. Nellie Graham Sept. 9, 1861. No children by this marriage. In 1868 4 David Alexander Hoffman married Joyce Wise. Their children:
 - 5 Laura Hoffman, b. 1870; never married
 - 5 John E. Hoffman, b. 1873; m. Sallie Hall. Their children:
 - 6 Annie Hoffman, m. ——— Gupton
 - 6 Lillian Hoffman, m. Charles Yarborough
 - 6 Marie Hoffman, m. William Lippard
 - 5 Frank H. Hoffman, b. 1876; m. Jessie Beeker. Their child:
 - 6 Frank B. Hoffman
 - 5 David Lock Hoffman, b. 1878; m. Willie Winecoff. Their children:
 - 6 Leona Hoffman, m. ——— Sofley
 - 6 Ethel Hoffman, m. ——— Eagle
 - 6 Mary Bell Hoffman, m. ——— Thomasson
 - 6 Beulah, Grover, Floyd, Carl, and Dewey Hoffman

- 5 William Cicero Hoffman, b. 1880; m. Fanny Misenhamer. Their children:
 - 6 Edgar and John R. Hoffman
- 5 Bessie Ellen Hoffman, b. 1883; m. Ernest Staton. Lives in Charlotte. Their children:
 - 6 Lucille Staton, m. ——— Wright
 - 6 Frank S., and Helen Staton

2 BARBARA HOFFMAN

- 2 BARBARA HOFFMAN, b. 1762; m. Jesse Aycock on August 16, 1788. This Jesse Aycock was a son of the Revolutionary hero, William Aycock. I am sorry that I cannot give the entire family of this 2 BARBARA HOFFMAN and Jesse Aycock. I have record of this one son:

- 3 Jesse Aycock, Jr., m. Mary Wilkerson. Their child:
 - 4 Benjamin Aycock, b. 1817; m. Serena Hooks, a Quaker girl. This 4 Benjamin Aycock left a noble record in North Carolina history. For three years he served Wayne County as Clerk of Superior Court, and was then elected to the North Carolina General Assembly as Senator from his district. He served in that capacity from 1864 to 1865, during which time he distinguished himself as a war-time Legislator. He died in 1875. Their children:
 - 5 Frank, William, Francis, Robert, John, Jesse Aycock, 3d
 - 5 Charles Brantley Aycock, b. November 1, 1859; m. Varina D. Woodward. After Varina's death he married Cora L. Woodard, a sister of the former wife.

There is little I can tell a North Carolinian, or a Southerner, about this distinguished citizen of our state who, indeed, left his "foot-prints upon the sands of time." His life is an open record, for he served North Carolina as its Governor from 1901 to 1905, and afterwards became America's Ambassador-at-Large in the interest of education. Children by his first wife were:

- 6 Charles Brantley Aycock, Jr., died single
 - 6 Alice Verina Aycock, m. Clarence Poe
- By second wife were:
- 6 W. B., Mary, C. W., J. L., Louise, F. D., and Brantley Aycock

Division 2

1 GEORGE HOFFMAN

- 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, pioneer and son of Hans Georg and Priscilla Hoffman, was born in the Palatinate province of Germany in 1713.^x According to Pennsylvania Pioneer Records he married Catherina Rein, another Palatine. In the spring of 1749 they gathered their brood of four children and began the hazardous journey to America, the land of freedom. They spent five weeks on a river boat going down the Rhine River to Rotterdam, Holland. After waiting there for a period of twelve days, on August 12 they boarded the British Ship Jacob, and sailed for the new World. The ship dropped anchor at the English Port Cowes where it was detained for eight days, as all emigrants were there required to renounce their allegiance to their native country, swear allegiance to Great Britain, and make all other preparations for the final voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.^{xx}

On October 1, the ship arrived at the Port of Philadelphia, and all emigrants were removed from the ship and taken to the Court-house in Philadelphia, where they were required to swear allegiance to the Province of Pennsylvania.^{xx}

1 GEORGE HOFFMAN and his family made their way to Berks County, Pennsylvania, some forty-five miles distant, where they joined their German cousins who had preceded them. In the following spring, in 1750, they joined the German migration southward. They stopped in Shenandoah County, Virginia, where they stayed with other German relatives until the spring of 1752. While there, in the late fall of 1751, 1 GEORGE'S two brothers, 1 JOHN and 1 CASPER HOFFMAN, arrived with their families from Germany.^{xx}

In the spring of 1752 1 CASPER HOFFMAN and his family went back to Berks County, Pennsylvania, where they settled, while 1 GEORGE and 1 JOHN once more joined the German migration southward into North Carolina. They settled in the Great Alamance section which was then Orange County, but now Alamance.

In 1765 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN once more gathered his family

^x According to records preserved in Berlin and ages given in Immigration Records.

^{xx} Rupp's *Manual of 30,000 Immigrants*.

and got on the move. They followed the German, Dutch, and Scotch migration through the Yadkin River Valley and on into the Catawba River Valley. 1 GEORGE and his family crossed the Catawba River and went some eight miles to the head-waters of Clark's Creek where they settled permanently. That location is about two miles west of the present town of Conover and was then in Mecklenburg County. Later it was in Tryon County, but the latter being dissolved in 1779, it became Lincoln County. In 1846 Lincoln County was divided, and that left the location of the farm in Catawba County.

There they built a house of logs felled from the forest, which house served as a home for the family until 1805. Catherina Hoffman died there in 1787, and 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN died in 1794.

I am indebted to Mr. Milton L. Herman, who lives on the old Hoffman land and remembers the story of the old Hoffman family as related to him many times, when a boy, by "Aunt Savina" Hollar, widow of Daniel Hollar of that community.

According to the story of Mr. Herman and other old residents of that community, here are some of "Aunt Savina" Hollar's recollections:

Long before the Revolutionary War an old German named George Hoffman came into the community and settled on a tract of fine forest land. With him were his wife, Katy, three grown sons and two daughters. The men cut trees and built a log house where the old folks lived and died. The oldest son, Martin, was already married and soon moved a few miles farther over on Clark's Creek. The next son, Balthazar (some called him "Azor"), married Conrad Wagoner's daughter, and they lived at the old Hoffman place, but Balthazar was killed in the prime of life while on some kind of a trip into Georgia. The other son, Samuel, married a Moser from across the ridge in the Liles Creek section, and they moved up the river into Burke County and were never heard from again. The two girls married and also moved to Burke.

Balthazar Hoffman left three children, the youngest one being George, who was named after his grandfather. He retained the old Hoffman place, as it was customary in those days for the youngest son to hold the parents' property when possible. This George married Susan Houk and then began the erection of the first house built of sawed lumber in that country.

The men mounted the logs on scaffolds and sawed the lumber on the spot with an "up-and-down" saw. The planks, about twenty inches wide, were fastened with hand-made nails of iron from an iron mine in Lincoln County. It took five years to complete the house, and when done, it was a show-place. "Aunt Savina" remembered playing upon the massive sills of the house while it was under construction, and the supplanting of the new house for the old log house which stood near by.

The old German, George Hoffman, had a brother who stayed down about Orange County, and another who settled in Lincoln County.

George died the year "Aunt Savina" was born, and his wife died seven years before.

The marriage records of Lincoln County show that the young George Hoffman married Susan Houk in 1801. "Aunt Savina" Hollar was born in 1794 and died in 1888. According to those who remember her, she was the historian of the community, and remembered all the early stories of the settlers, where they came from, when they came into the community, and when they died. Her mental faculties were very keen, even to the last of her days, and she delighted in telling the young folk interesting stories of her early life. She was a lovable and saintly character and her veracity cannot be questioned, according to all accounts of her.

These facts, although handed down through two generations, have been a great help to me in establishing the relationship of the three main "sets," or groups of the original Hoffman immigrants to North Carolina. Also, they positively correspond with all immigration records; church, and courthouse records; and the story of Sophrona Hoffman Jones Page who yet lives at the age of ninety-seven and is printed under 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN.

The children of 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN and Catherina Rein Hoffman:

- 2 MARTIN HOFFMAN
- 2 BALTZAR (BALTHAZAR) HOFFMAN
- 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN
- 2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN
- 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN

Each of the above will now be given in order:

2 MARTIN HOFFMAN

- 2 MARTIN HOFFMAN, son of the pioneer 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, was born in Germany in 1735 and emigrated to America with his parents in 1749. He married Barbara Aker in Orange County, North Carolina, in 1762, and moved to the Clark's Creek section in 1765. He secured land near his father and lived there until 1807 when he sold out and moved across the ridge into the Falling Creek section where he spent his last days with his son, 3 Martin, Jr. He died April 10, 1822, and his remains now repose in an abandoned graveyard a few hundred feet from Falling Creek. His wife, Barbara, died in the following November and was buried by his side. Marking their graves are modest stones bearing their names, ages, and the dates of their deaths. Their children were:

3 Elizabeth Hoffman

3 Jacob Hoffman

3 Martin Hoffman, Jr.

There surely were others, but I cannot locate them. In detail:

- 3 Elizabeth Hoffman was born in 1768. She married Solomon Dietz of the same community in 1797. Their children were:
- 4 David Dietz, m. Ann Hoke in 1816
- 4 Elizabeth Dietz, m. Solomon H. Dietz in 1816
- 4 Emanuel Dietz, m. Anna Hawn in 1822. I have record of one child:
- 5 Christina Dietz, m. Ephriam Buck in 1842
- 4 Catherine Dietz, m. Barbara Seaback in 1824
- 4 Samuel Dietz, m. Sara Aker in 1824
- 4 Daniel Dietz, m. Mary Cline in 1830
- 3 Jacob Hoffman was born in 1772; m. Lavina Hunsucker in 1798. Their children:
- 4 Catherine Hoffman, m. Adam Bolick in 1822. Their children:
- 5 Elizabeth Bolick, m. Noah Heffner in 1842
- 5 Hiram Bolick, m. Susannah Miller in 1843
- 5 Jonas Bolick, m. Sara Bolick in 1842
- 5 Mahalia Bolick, m. Henry Miller in 1843
- 4 Jacob Hoffman, Jr., b. 1803; m. Susannah Shook in 1827. They moved out of the Lile's Creek community farther down near where the town of Newton is now, and lived on the famous Babel Whitener plantation, where they reared the following children:

- 5 Max Hoffman, m. Sally Simms and Mary Ann Cook. No issue
- 5 Myra Hoffman, gave birth to this son before marriage:
 - 6 Max Hoffman, m. Camilla Hahn. Their children:
 - 7 Charles Hoffman, m. Mary Reece
 - 7 Thomas Hoffman, m. Lula Ellis
 - 7 Macon Hoffman, m. Sadie Beck
 - 7 Jennie Hoffman, m. Abel Whitener
 - 7 Jacob Hoffman, m. Tудie Sigmond
 - 7 Myrtle Hoffman, m. Ottis Hunt
 - 7 Ora Lee Hoffman, m. Dan Lafone
 - 7 Essie Hoffman, m. Herbert Frye

Later 5 Myra Hoffman married Eli Hartzog. Their children:

- 6 Alice Hartzog, m. Samuel Sigmond
- 6 Dovie and Traise Hartzog, never married
- 6 William Hartzog, m. Rose McGinnis
- 6 James Hartzog, m. Julia Ennis
- 6 Sidney Hartzog, m. Alice Bolick
- 5 Elijah Hoffman, m. Adeline Baumgardner
- 5 Lavina Hoffman, m. Newton Silvia. No issue
- 5 Elmina Hoffman, m. Henry Wallace. Their children:
 - 6 J. Wallace, m. 6 Sara Hoffman. (See 3 George Hoffman record)
 - 6 Mattie and Mary Wallace
- 5 Mark Hoffman, m. Katie Sigmond. Their children:
 - 6 Monroe Hoffman, m. ————
 - 6 Robert Hoffman, m. ———— Lutz; lives at Mt. Holly, N. C. Their children:
 - 7 Herbert, Claudie, and ———— Hoffman
- 5 Adolphus Hoffman, m. Emeline Kanup. Their children:
 - 6 Jacob Hoffman, m. Lola Cline. Their child:
 - 7 Earl Hoffman, m. ———— Flowers
 - 6 Lou Hoffman, m. Robert Deal. Their children:
 - 7 Ivy Deal, m. Paul Dietz
 - 7 Lura Mae Deal, m. Robey Barger
 - 6 Raymond Hoffman, m. Fanny Marlow. Their children:

- 7 Frederick Hoffman, m. ——— Bollinger
- 7 Maude Hoffman, m. Shine Miller
- 4 David Hoffman, m. Sara Killian
- 4 Mary Hoffman, m. Ezekial Hanks in 1831
- 4 Henry W. Hoffman, m. Rachel Cook in 1833
- 4 Peter Hoffman, m. Becky Shepherd
- 4 Sally Hoffman, m. Joseph Drum
- 4 Leah Hoffman, single
- 3 Martin Hoffman, Jr., m. Betty Hawn. They lived near Falling Creek and both were buried in the old, now abandoned, graveyard near the creek. Their children:
 - 4 Nelson Hoffman, m. Rhoda Bolick. Their children:
 - 5 Caroline Hoffman, m. Samuel Miller. Their children:
 - 6 Jacob Miller, m. Sara Yount
 - 6 Caleb Miller, m. Sara Shuford
 - 6 Absolum Miller, m. Mary Whitener in 1826
 - 6 John Miller, m. Eliza Hefner in 1829
 - 6 Elizabeth Miller, m. Henry Ikerd in 1823
 - 6 Julianne Miller, m. David Hawn in 1825
 - 5 Rebecca Hoffman, m. Timothy Yount
 - 5 Daniel Hoffman, m. Katy Sides. Their children:
 - 6 Thomas, Robert, George, Shula, Edgar, Arthur, Naomi, Minnie, and Lottie Hoffman
 - 5 Julius Hoffman, distinguished in the Confederate Army, m. Belle Miller. Their children:
 - 6 Lola Hoffman, m. H. E. Eckerd
 - 6 R. L. Hoffman, an attorney of great ability
 - 6 Roy Hoffman
 - 5 William Hoffman, m. Geneva Miller. They had children, but no report is available
 - 5 Laura Hoffman, m. Pinkney Hoffman. Their Children:
 - 6 Luther Hoffman
 - 6 ——— Hoffman, m. ——— Sigmond
 - 6 Others
 - 4 Sally Hoffman, m. Ause Flemming in 1824. Their children:
 - 5 Sara Flemming, m. ——— Reynolds
 - 5 Tabitha Flemming, m. ——— Harvel
 - 5 Jane Flemming
 - 5 Others
 - 4 Fanny Hoffman, m. Robert Raby in 1830. No further information

- 4 Katie Hoffman, m. Jacob Hawn. They moved to Fredericktown, Missouri
- 4 David Hoffman, m. Sally Naugle in 1830. Nothing further
- 4 Dorothy Hoffman, m. Seymore Howard. Their children:
 - 5 Franklin, Sally, Nancy, Tabitha, and Levi Howard
- 4 Henry Hoffman, m. Polly Bolick in 1833. No further information
- 4 Jackson Hoffman, b. 1809; m. Polly Miller. He was a prominent farmer of his community and took an active part in all civic affairs. Their children:
 - 5 Sara Ann Hoffman, m. Morgan A. Ekerd. Their children:
 - 6 William L. Ekerd, m. 6 Mary Hoffman
 - 6 Alice Ekerd, m. Zebulan Deal
 - 6 Ada Ekerd, m. John Newton
 - 6 James Ekerd, m. Lily Davis
 - 6 Albert Ekerd, married in Missouri
 - 6 Charles Ekerd, m. Essie Cline
 - 6 Arthur Ekerd, m. Edna Lail
 - 6 Dora Ekerd, m. James Killian
 - 6 Daisy Ekerd, m. Raymond Poovey
 - 5 John Hoffman, m. Ellen Little. Their children:
 - 6 John Hoffman, Jr., m. ———
 - 6 Dora Hoffman, m. Oliver Moore
 - 6 Leona Hoffman, m. Marvin Little
 - 6 Lafayette Hoffman, m. Edna Winkler
 - 5 Levi Hoffman was killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville in the Civil War
 - 5 Camilla Hoffman, m. Marcus Ekerd. Their children:
 - 6 Obie Ekerd, m. ——— Bowman
 - 6 Louis Ekerd, m. Pearl Bollinger
 - 6 Addie Ekerd, m. Perry Baker
 - 6 Emma Ekerd, m. Ezra Herman
 - 6 Rose Ekerd, m. Arthur Miller
 - 5 Mahalia Hoffman, m. Elijah Townsend. Their children:
 - 6 Cornelius, Alec, and Leander Townsend
 - 5 Adeline Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Catherine Hoffman, m. John Lingle. Their children:
 - 6 Mary, Adolphus, Julius, Laura, and Minnie Lingle

- 5 Mary Hoffman, m. Newton Ekerd. Their children:
 - 6 John Ekerd, m. ——— Teague
 - 6 Veler Ekerd, m. Mary Sigmond
 - 6 Robert Ekerd, m. Laura Ekerd
- 2 BALTZAR (BALTHAZAR) HOFFMAN, son of 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, the pioneer, was born in the Palatinate of Germany in 1741, came with his parents to America in 1749, and remained with them until they moved to the head-waters of Clark's Creek in what is now Catawba County. (See record of 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN). In 1768 he married Catherine Wagoner, daughter of the pioneer, Conrad Wagoner. He was killed about 1798 while on a trip to Georgia. Due to insufficient records, I have been able to definitely establish only three of their children, as follows:
 - 3 Joseph Hoffman
 - 3 Christopher Hoffman
 - 3 George Hoffman
 Their descendants follow:
 - 3 Joseph Hoffman, b. in 1770, m. Barbara Reese of the Clark's Creek community. Their children:
 - 4 Polly Hoffman, m. William Cline on April 11, 1816
I found that they had these children:
 - 5 Noah Cline
 - 5 Amon Cline, m. Nancy Harris
 - 4 Levi Hoffman, b. 1792. As a young man he went into Burke County and there married Mary Ann Harshaw. They settled along the Catawba River about four miles east of Morganton on a beautiful tract of bottom land. There they reared the following children:
 - 5 Martha Hoffman, b. 1847, m. Jacob Corpening.
Their children:
 - 6 J. Shakespeare Corpening, a prominent minister now living in Lancaster, S. C. He has one child:
 - 7 Julius Harshaw Corpening
 - 6 Ella Corpening, m. James V. McCall, living in Hay, Washington
 - 6 Mary Corpening, m. Dr. W. F. Roberson, lives at Mars Hill, N. C.
 - 5 Julius Harshaw Hoffman, b. 1849, d. 1910. He was one of Burke's most distinguished citizens, being an outstanding farmer, a leader in the Southern Baptist denomination, and a Representative in the

- North Carolina General Assembly. He married Mattie Corpening and reared the following children:
- 6 Oliver Levi Hoffman, b. 1876, a very influential citizen of Mt Holly, N. C. He married Daisy Moore. Their children:
 - 7 Mary Ann and Elizabeth Hoffman
 - 6 Lillian Hoffman, m. David Tilley. No issue
 - 6 Horace and Anna Lee Hoffman, never married
 - 6 Mabel Hoffman, m. Willard L. McRary, lives in California
 - 5 Joseph Hoffman, died young
 - 4 Joseph Hoffman, son of 3 Joseph Hoffman, married Delilah Sigmond in 1828. Their children:
 - 5 Adolphus Hoffman, m. Katie Sides. They lived in Kansas City. Their children:
 - 6 Finley, Julius, Emily, William, Florence, Beecher, Dora, and Sara Hoffman
 - 5 Harrison Hoffman died in the Civil War
 - 5 Lou Hoffman, m. Ephriam Abee
 - 5 Caroline Hoffman, m. Calvin Abee
 - 5 Jane Hoffman, m. Frank Arney
 - 5 Mary Hoffman, m. John Rector, a minister. Their children:
 - 6 Laban Finley Rector, m. Flora Burtis. Their children:
 - 7 Carl, Ray, Fred, George, Burtis, and Florence Rector
 - 6 Simon and Theodosia Rector, died young
 - 6 Pruella Rector, m. J. L. Sparks. Their children:
 - 7 Bruce Sparks, m. ——— Hudson
 - 7 Luther, Jeree, Ned, Mary, Truett, Billy, Bennett, Jack, Margaret, and Myrtle Sparks
 - 6 Lilly Rector, m. Allorah Jiles. No children
 - 6 Florence Rector, m. Horace Conley. Their children:
 - 7 Essie Conley, m. ——— Hood
 - 7 Rosalie Conley, m. H. B. Smith. Their children
 - 8 Edris, Noel, Rector, and Richard Smith
 - 7 Paul, Burtis, Lester, Annie Mae, and Guy Conley
 - 6 Julius Hoffman Rector, m. Nannie Anderson. Their children:

- 7 Earl, Floyd, and Donald Rector
 - 6 Minnie Rector, m. A. F. Wagner. Their child:
 - 7 Barbara Wagner
- 4 Catherine Hoffman, b. 1801, m. Adam Bolick in 1822
Their children:
 - 5 Ambrose Bolick, m. Beckie Shell
 - 5 Hiram Bolick, m. Susan Miller
 - 5 Jacob Bolick, m. Sofia Morrison
- 4 Nancy Hoffman, m. Anthony Deal in 1830
- 4 Fanny Hoffman, m. Abraham Yount in 1830
- 4 Henry Hoffman, m. Polly Bolick
- 3 Christopher Hoffman was born in the Clark's Creek community in 1776. He married Polly Leah in 1798, and their descendants follow:
 - 4 Jacob Hoffman, b. 1799, m. Barbara Houk in 1826.
Their children:
 - 5 William Hoffman, b. May 17, 1827
 - 5 Polly Evelyn Hoffman, b. Nov. 8, 1828
 - 5 Delilah Hoffman, b. Oct. 10, 1830
 - 5 Sinna Susannah Hoffman, b. June 16, 1833
 - 5 Nancy Hoffman, b. Aug. 17, 1835
 - 5 Daniel Hoffman, b. Dec. 17, 1838
 - 5 Emeline Hoffman, b. Mar. 18, 1848
 - 5 Sida Hoffman, b. Oct. 23, 1850
 - 5 Hosea Hoffman, b. Dec. 28, 1852. I find no record of his marriage, but his children were:
 - 6 Catherine M., Orpha Ann, Lyda Silana, and Mary Hoffman
 - 4 William Hoffman, b. 1802, m. Amy Drum in 1828.
Their children:
 - 5 Joseph W. Hoffman, b. Jan. 27, 1828
 - 5 Polly Rosanna Hoffman, b. July 7, 1830
 - 5 Sara Melinda Hoffman, b. June 15, 1832
 - 5 Mary Louvina Hoffman, b. June 16, 1834
 - 5 William Sidney Hoffman, b. April 12, 1839
 - 5 Peter Hosea Hoffman, b. Sept. 8, 1846
 - 5 Jason Hoffman, b. Feb. 18, 1843, m. Orpha Heffner.
Their children:
 - 6 Minnie Hoffman, m. Jacob Deal
 - 6 J. Henry Hoffman, m. Bennie Baumgardner
 - 4 Delilah Hoffman, b. 1805, m. Bryan Humphries
 - 4 Eli Hoffman, b. 1808, m. Nancy Shook July 8, 1830.
Their children:
 - 5 Lavina Melinda Hoffman, b. June 12, 1832

- 5 Eliza Rosanna Hoffman, b. Mar. 4, 1840
- 5 Burline Cicero Hoffman, b. Aug. 8, 1841
- 5 Eno Hoffman, b. April 26, 1842
- 5 Silas Hoffman, b. Aug. 24, 1848
- 5 Delilah Hoffman, b. May 24, 1850
- 5 Abbey Hoffman, b. July 11, 1853
- 4 Alfred Hoffman, b. 1816, m. Melinda Simmons May 23, 1840. Their children:
 - 5 Orpha Hoffman, b. July 19, 1849, m. Noah Lafone. No children
 - 5 Francis Hoffman, m. Susan Kaylor. No children
 - 5 Miles Hoffman, b. 1845. Do not know whom he married. He was killed in the Civil War. Left one child
 - 6 Candace Hoffman, m. D. E. Shook and lived at Stanley, N. C.
 - 5 Catherine Hoffman, m. Noah Killan
 - 5 Salina Hoffman, m. Rubin Sigmon
 - 5 Delilah Hoffman, m. Julius Dietz
 - 5 Julianna Hoffman, m. William Killan
- 3 George Hoffman, youngest son of 2 BALTZAR HOFFMAN and grandson of 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, was born in 1780 in the old log house on the head-waters of Clark's Creek. He retained the original home place of his grandfather. He was a Captain of the 8th Company, Lincoln Regiment, and later was made Major in the War of 1812. He was known all the remainder of his life as Major George Hoffman. He was one of the leaders in public affairs in his community and was very wealthy, indeed. He made his last will and testament in 1847, in which he well provided for his widow and each of his children. He died in 1848 and was buried in the family graveyard on top of a hill a short distance from the home. His wife died many years later and was buried by his side. 3 George Hoffman, m. Susannah Houk, Jan. 2, 1801. Their children:
 - 4 Tabitha Hoffman
 - 4 Martin Hoffman
 - 4 Elijah Hoffman
 - 4 George Hoffman, Jr.
 - 4 Morgan Hoffman
 - 4 Julia (Julianna) Hoffman
 - 4 Susannah Hoffman
 - 4 Lucinda Hoffman

4 Amy Hoffman

4 Langdon Hoffman

Each of the above children of 3 George Hoffman and Susannah Houk Hoffman will be given in detail, as follows:

4 Tabitha Hoffman, b. Mar. 8, 1802, m. John Seaback June 24, 1820. Their children:

5 Jacob Seaback, m. Laney Poovey in 1840. Their children:

6 John W. Seaback, b. 1866, d. May 19, 1938. I do not know whom he married, but his children were:

7 Hugh H. and Frank Seaback, live in New Jersey

7 ——— Seaback, m. Thomas Weaver, lives in Statesville

7 ——— Seaback, m. Henry Moehlman, lives in Baltimore

7 ——— Seaback, m. R. A. Schooling, lives in Texas

7 ——— Seaback, m. John Beam, lives in Gastonia

7 Grace Seaback, unmarried, living in Hickory

7 ——— Seaback, m. ——— Cooper, living in Hickory

6 Perry, June, Avery, George, Luther, and Robert Seaback

5 David Seaback, possibly went West

5 Malachi Seaback, possibly went West

5 Retta Seaback, m. Abel Barger. Their children:

6 Gideon, Pinkney, Abel, Catherine, and Anna Barger

5 George Seaback, m. Purseda Poovey. Their children:

6 David Seaback, m. Sara Stine. Their children:

7 Ray, Gaither, Jennings, Mary, and Lizzie Seaback

6 Pinkney Seaback, went West

6 Levi Seaback; do not know whom he married, but their children were:

7 Rachel, Katy, Davis, Monroe, and Mary Seaback

- 6 Mary Seaback, m. Rufus Hartley
- 6 Caroline Seaback, m. George Bollinger
- 5 Susan Seaback, m. Ephriam Frye
- 4 Martin Hoffman, son of 3 George Hoffman, m. Sara Eckerd. I cannot determine the names of all of his children, but they are in part:
 - 5 Levi Hoffman, m. Lavina Miller. Their children
 - 6 Gamesville Hoffman, m. Betty Deal. Their child:
 - 7 Claudia Hoffman, m. Otto Smyre. Their children:
 - 8 Coy Smyre, m. Johnnie Rhodes
 - 8 Nannie Smyre, m. Donald Baumgardner. Their child:
 - 9 Aline Baumgardner
 - 8 Alma Smyre, m. Henry Beam. They had children
 - 8 Uray Smyre
 - 8 Flay Smyre, m. Nancy Compton
 - 8 Clara, Georgia, Peggy, and Ruby Nell Smyre
- Later 6 Gamesville married Eliza Sigmon. Their children:
 - 7 Helen and Maud Hoffman
 - 7 Fay Hoffman, m. Everett Eckerd
- 6 Monroe Hoffman, m. Ann Childers. Their children:
 - 7 Delia Hoffman, m. Henry Jones. Their children:
 - 8 George, Robert, Lloyd, Thelma, James, Margaret, and Audrey Jones
 - 7 Estelle Hoffman, m. Joseph Hildebran
 - 7 Loy Hoffman, m. Muriel Houston. Their children:
 - 8 Gaither, Bruce, Ruth, Emory, and Hugh Hoffman
 - 7 Cora Hoffman, m. Walter Bolick
 - 7 Anna Mae Hoffman, m. Walter Parkhurst. Their children:
 - 8 Frieda, Madeline, Charles, Dennis, Albert, and Walter Parkhurst
 - 7 Sara Hoffman, no record
- 6 Pinkney Hoffman, m. Mary Lutz. They had one child:

- 7 Macey Hoffman, m. ——— Moore
- 6 Poley Hoffman, m. Martha Cline. Their children:
 - 7 Mabel Hoffman, m. Martin Parks
 - 7 Albert Hoffman, m. Millie Sigmond. Their children:
 - 8 Everett and Fred Hoffman
 - 7 Lela Hoffman, m. Merrill Kulp. Their children:
 - 8 Daniel and John Kulp
 - 7 Nora Hoffman, m. Henderson Overcash. Their children:
 - 8 John, Alice, and Pauline Overcash
 - 7 Homer Hoffman, m. Catherine Flowers
 - 7 Bertha Hoffman, no record
- 6 Sara Hoffman, m. Jay Wallace. Their children:
 - 7 Blanche Wallace, m. Orley Schruntz. Their children:
 - 8 Dorothy Schruntz, m. Frank York. Their child:
 - 9 Vivian York
 - 8 Frank and Herbert Schruntz
 - 7 John Wallace, m. Flora Knight. Their children:
 - 8 Blanche, Louise, and Clarence Wallace
 - Later 7 John Wallace, m. Effie Knight. Their children:
 - 8 Mary, Kivet, Mattie, Coy, and John Wallace, Jr.
 - 7 Perry Wallace, m. Rosa Hefner. Their children:
 - 8 Albert, Viola, and Fred Wallace
 - 7 George Wallace, m. Edna Hefner. Their children:
 - 8 Catherine and Lucille Wallace
 - 7 Claude Wallace, m. Mammie Shook. Their children:
 - 8 Claud, Jr., Thomas, Martha, Flossie, Charles, and Roy Wallace
 - 7 Novella Wallace, m. Frank Sigmond. Their children:
 - 8 Sadie and Marvin Sigmond
- 6 Martin Hoffman, m. Anna Sigmond. Their children:

- 7 Catherine Hoffman, m. Lester Lail. Their children:
 - 8 Evelyn, Ray, and Faye Lail
- 6 Levi Hoffman, m. Fanny Hawn. Their children:
 - 7 Clarence, Lottie, Erlene, Ralph, and Wilma Hoffman
- 5 Mary Ann Hoffman, m. Henry Childers
- 5 Betty Hoffman, m. Allen Barger
- 4 Elijah Hoffman, b. 1807, m. Leah Bollinger. Their children:
 - 5 Salatial Hoffman, m. Artie Eckerd. Their children:
 - 6 Minerva and Alonzo Hoffman
 - 6 Pinkney Hoffman, m. Elmina Hoffman
 - 6 Barbara Hoffman, m. Jacob Koontz
 - 5 Gabriel Hoffman, m. Sara Brinkley. Later married Rebecca Starnes. No children by either marriage
 - 5 Hezekiah (Hack) Hoffman, m. Sara Herman. No children
 - 5 Caroline Hoffman, never married
 - 5 ——— Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Jaconnius Hoffman
- 4 George Hoffman, Jr., m. Polly Hunsucker, went West
- 4 Morgan Hoffman, went West
- 4 Susannah (Suzey) Hoffman, m. ——— Reese. No further trace
- 4 Julia (Julianna) Hoffman, m. Casper Bolick, son of the Revolutionary hero, Casper Bolick, Sr., on April 17, 1835
- 4 Lucinda Hoffman, m. Gabriel Turner in 1838
- 4 Amy Hoffman, m. William Punch, Oct. 18, 1840. Their children:
 - 5 Robert Punch, b. 1841. He was killed in the Civil War
 - 5 Sara Susannah Punch, no record
 - 5 Adolphus Punch, b. 1848, m. Martha Miller. Their children:
 - 6 James F., George W., Sara, Pinkney, Robert, John, Lowrance, Kelly, and Cordia Punch
 - 5 Sara Ellen Punch, b. 1854, m. Nicholas Flowers. She is living at this date at Dudley Shoals, N. C. Their children:
 - 6 Preston and Dora Flowers
 - 5 Langdon Punch, m. Salina Bolick. Their children:

- 6 William, Hosea, Emma, Jane, Minnie, and Lou Punch
- 5 Harriet L. Punch, m. George P. Flowers. Their children:
 - 6 Anna, Avery, Ellen, Elsie, Bessie, Emma, and Georgia Flowers
- 5 William L., Julianna, Amy Caroline, Mary Lucinda, and Jane Eliza Punch. I could get no further trace of these
- 4 Langdon Hoffman, m. Amy Miller, Nov. 25, 1841. Their children:
 - 5 Daniel Hoffman
 - 5 Davidson Hoffman
 - 5 Elmina Hoffman
 - 5 William P. Hoffman
 - 5 George Hoffman
 - 5 Polly Hoffman
 - 5 Langdon Hoffman, Jr.
 - 5 Jefferson Hoffman
 - 5 Amy Hoffman

Each of the above will be given in detail as follows:
- 5 Daniel Hoffman, m. Catherine Wagner. Their children:
 - 6 Noah Hoffman, m. Ida Sigmon. Their children:
 - 7 Maudie Hoffman, m. Arthur Stine. Their children:
 - 8 Adrian, Edith, Clarence, Viola, Ruth, Alice, and Carrol Stine
 - 7 Noah D. Hoffman, m. Thelma Bowman. Their children:
 - 8 Zelda Hoffman, m. J. C. Seal. Their children:
 - 9 James Seal, and, I think, another
 - 8 Neva Hoffman
 - 7 Lura Hoffman, m. Odell Propst. Their children:
 - 8 Willard, Donald, Eva, Cyral, Hal, John R., and Melvin Propst
 - 7 Frank Hoffman, m. Bertie Hunnicutt. Their child:
 - 8 Marion Hoffman
 - 7 Lee Hoffman, m. Jessie Propst. Their children:

- 8 Edna, Louise, L. C., Nellie Jean, Dolan,
Louetta, LaRue, and Ervin Hoffman
- 7 Harriett Hoffman, m. Cletus Ketner. Their
children:
 - 8 Russell, Lula, and Mary Ella Ketner
- 7 James Hoffman, m. Lucille Herman. Their
children:
 - 8 Jack, Joseph, Kenneth, and Barbara
Hoffman
- 7 Herbert Hoffman, no information
- 7 Charles Hoffman, m. Katie Hefner. Their
children:
 - 8 Doris and Janet Hoffman
- 7 Ruth Hoffman, never married
- 7 Lois Hoffman, m. Paul McKinney. Their
children:
 - 8 Darrell, Robert, Denny, and Billy Mc-
Kinney
- 6 Dora Hoffman, m. Martin L. Barger. Their
children:
 - 7 Lorin L. Barger
 - 7 Ellis Barger, m. Mae Smith. Their child-
ren:
 - 8 Ruth, Mary, Lois, Claud, Beulah,
Ralph, and Margaret Barger
 - 7 Sarah Barger, m. Noah Townsend. Their
children:
 - 8 Lola, Earl, Ada, and Andrew Townsend
 - 7 Ordie Barger, no information
 - 7 Robert Barger, m. Sibye Van Horn. Their
children:
 - 8 Nancy and Billy Barger
 - 7 Franklin Barger, m. Blondie Evans. Noth-
ing further
- 6 Pinkney Hoffman, m. Valona Spencer. Their
children:
 - 7 Arthur Hoffman, m. Lillie Smith. No re-
port
 - 7 Lela Hoffman, m. Oliver Hunnicutt. Their
children:
 - 8 Floy, Margaret, Olive, Doris, M. D.,
Bernard, John, James, Mary, and Mar-
tin Hunnicutt

- 7 Ella Hoffman, m. Olen Baumgardner.
Their children:
 - 8 R. A., Helen, Mima, Kate, and Dale Baumgardner
- 7 Lila Mae Hoffman
- 7 Luda Mary Hoffman, m. Harold Bolick
- 7 Lucille Hoffman, m. Jerald Moore. Their children:
 - 8 Junior, Barbara, and Harold L. Moore
- 7 George and Hugh Hoffman
- 6 Alice Hoffman, m. Lee Townsend. Their children:
 - 7 Anna Lee Townsend, m. Ellis Bowman.
Their children:
 - 8 Russell Bowman, m. Catherine Stillwell. Their children:
 - 9 Thelma and Ralph Bowman
 - 8 Ray Bowman, m. Alice Hart. Their child:
 - 9 Joyce Ann Bowman
 - 8 Gaither Bowman, m. Linda Frye. Their child:
 - 9 Martha Bowman
- 7 J. Pinkney Townsend, m. Willie Smith.
Their children:
 - 8 Nora, Franklin, and Ned Townsend
 - 8 James and Janie Townsend, by a second marriage
- 7 Lura Townsend
- 7 Pherbie Townsend, m. Robert Ikerd.
Their children:
 - 8 Billie and Robert Ikerd
- 7 Cleveland Townsend, m. Essie Cline. Their children:
 - 8 Lena, Lois, and Mary Townsend
- 7 Katie Townsend, m. Van Hinson
- 7 Pearl Townsend, m. Grady Hines
- 7 Claud Townsend, m. Mabel Hollar
- 6 Langdon Hoffman, m. Lillie Bell Yoder. Their child:
 - 7 Katie Hoffman, m. Jake Rayburn. Their children:
 - 8 J. C. and Phillis Rayburn

- 6 Laura Hoffman, m. John Spencer. Their children:
 - 7 Carrol Spencer, m. Viola Hollar. Their children:
 - 8 C. M., Wilford, and Anna Lou Spencer
 - 7 Ceibert Spencer, m. Junie Hollar. Their children:
 - 8 Louise, North, Pauline, Marie, and Ray Spencer
 - 7 Rachel Spencer, m. Grover Herman. Their children:
 - 8 John L., Johnsie Lee, and Frankie Marie Herman
 - 7 Wesley Spencer, m. Jennie Baker. Their children:
 - 8 Alma Dean, Wayne, and James Spencer
 - 7 Clarence, S. E. and Joseph Spencer
 - 7 Clifford Spencer, m. Lucy Hilliard. Their child:
 - 8 Dale Spencer
 - 7 Mabel Spencer, m. Everett Rowe. Their child:
 - 8 J. E. Rowe
- 6 Camilla Hoffman, no report
- 6 Dona Hoffman, m. Lee Townsend
- 6 Junius Hoffman, m. Lela Hefner. Their children:
 - 7 Earl Hoffman, m. Helen Ellis
 - 7 Violet Hoffman, m. J. A. Kistler
 - 7 Ernest Hoffman, m. Bobbie Mitchell. Their child:
 - 8 Eddie Hoffman
 - 7 Eilene Hoffman
- 6 Henry Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Propst. Their children:
 - 7 Annie Mae Hoffman, m. Thomas Holsenbeck. Their child:
 - 8 John Holsenbeck
 - 7 Vera Hoffman, m. Marshall Herman. Their child:
 - 8 Pascal Herman
 - 7 Richard W. Hoffman, m. Catherine Snipes. Their children:

- 8 Betty, Deems, and Sterling Hoffman
- 7 Myrle Hoffman, m. Adrian Sigmon. Their child:
 - 8 Gary Sigmon
- 7 Cecil Hoffman, m. Mae Queen. Their child:
 - 8 Louis Hoffman
- 6 Vivian, Ray, and Phillis Hoffman. No reports
- 5 Davidson Hoffman, m. Catherine Hunt; later married Harriet Miller. Their children:
 - 6 Ossie Hoffman, m. George Spencer. Their child:
 - 7 William Spencer
 - 6 George Hoffman, m. Sue Betty Wilson. Their children:
 - 7 Carrol, George, Jr., and Willard Hoffman
 - 6 John Davidson Hoffman, killed in War Between the States
 - 6 Vance and Paul Hoffman, never married
 - 6 D. C. Hoffman, m. ——— Sherrill
 - 6 Mattie Hoffman, m. Ed. Warren
 - 6 Beulah and Plato Hoffman
- 5 Elmina Hoffman, m. Henry Wagner. Their children:
 - 6 Henry and James Wagner
- Later Elmina Hoffman, after her husband was killed in the War, married Allen Baumgardner. Their children:
 - 6 McClelland Baumgardner, m. Louise Drum. Their children:
 - 7 Ora Baumgardner, m. Lee Friday
 - 7 Oscar, Clement, Della, Ernest, Elvira, Martin, Lucille, and Donald Baumgardner
 - 6 Perry Baumgardner, m. Lilly Harvesting
 - 6 Gene Baumgardner, m. Jennie Spencer
 - 6 Wesley Baumgardner, m. ——— Hunnicutt
 - 6 Laura Baumgardner, m. Perry Cline
 - 6 Nettie Baumgardner, m. John Hunt
 - 6 Lucinda Baumgardner, m. Frank Propst
- 5 William P. Hoffman, an outstanding business man of Hickory, N. C., married Mary Frye. Their children:
 - 6 Ara Hoffman, m. Bessie Payne. Their children:

- 7 Norman Hoffman, minister, m. Esther Wright
- 7 Dorothy Hoffman, student at Duke University
- 7 Catherine Hoffman, m. Buster Ripley of Durham, N. C.
- 6 Ruel Hoffman
- 6 Cyril Hoffman, m. Virginia McManus
- 6 Arthur Hoffman, m. Pauline Miller
- 6 Grover Hoffman, m. Estelle Morgan
- 6 Ewart Hoffman, m. Willie Costner
- 6 Mary Hoffman, m. F. L. Conrad, a minister
- 6 Ora Hoffman, m. Dr. E. E. Randolph of Raleigh
- 5 George Hoffman, was killed in the Civil War
- 5 Polly Hoffman, m. Wesley Ekerd. Their children:
 - 6 George, James, and Priscilla Ekerd
 - 6 Lafayette Ekerd
- 5 Langdon Hoffman, Jr., m. Elmira Frye. Their children:
 - 6 George Hoffman, m. Ada Arney. Their children:
 - 7 Adrian Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Icard
 - 7 Cecil Hoffman
 - 7 Floyd Hoffman, m. Nina Hayes. Their children:
 - 8 Floyd Hoffman, Jr., Robert, and William Hoffman
 - 7 Victor Hoffman, m. Willie Bivens
 - 7 Edith Hoffman, not married
 - 6 Minnie Hoffman, m. Thomas Bolick. Their children:
 - 7 Clarence Bolick, m. Irene Wyant
 - 7 Everett Bolick, m. _____
 - 7 Cloyd Bolick, m. _____
 - 7 Georgie Bolick, m. _____ Miller
 - 6 Albert Hoffman, m. Carrie Russell and Sadie Pope. Their children:
 - 7 Frankie Hoffman, m. Jack Kiser
 - 7 Russell Hoffman, m. Leona Wyant
 - 7 Dorothy Hoffman, m. Peter Turnmyer
 - 7 Albert, Mary Laura, Hazel, and Elmer Hoffman
 - 6 Luther Hoffman, m. 6 Emma Hoffman. Their children:

- 7 Ola Hoffman, m. Carrol M. Flowers
- 7 Cleo, Lena, Richard, and Bruen Hoffman
- 6 Otto Hoffman, never married
- 6 Loy Hoffman, m. Ruth Yount. Their children:
 - 7 Gordon, Bryant, Loy C., Jr., and Ruby Hoffman
- 6 Hugh Hoffman, m. Anna Killian. Their children:
 - 7 Ernest Hoffman, m. ——— Killian
 - 7 Uris, Claud, Willard, Vivian, Donald, Oren, Doris, and Grady Hoffman
- 6 Vida and Elsie Hoffman
- 5 Jefferson Hoffman, m. Fanny Hunt. Their children:
 - 6 Sara Hoffman, m. Charles Reeves. Their children:
 - 7 Lucy Reeves, m. Robert Mullins. Their child:
 - 8 Robert N. Mullins
 - 7 Edgar Reeves, m. Nelly Hefner. Their children:
 - 8 Charles, Nellie, and Neil Reeves
 - 7 Francis Reeves, m. ——— Collins
 - 7 Jack, Raymond, and Ruel Reeves
 - 6 Emma Hoffman, m. 6 Luther Hoffman. (See 5 Langdon Hoffman's record)
 - 6 Virgie Hoffman, m. Oren Hunsucker. Their children:
 - 7 Winnifred, June, Orvin, Richard, Dorothy, Benjamin, and Glenn Hunsucker
 - 6 Bennie Hoffman, m. Alfred Honeycutt. Their children:
 - 7 Vera Honeycutt, m. J. A. Bolick. Their children:
 - 8 Charles, Andy, Glenn, and Don Bolick
 - 7 Violet Honeycutt, m. Fred C. Shell. No children
 - 7 Frances, Lila, Ruth, Mary Ellen, Katie, and Ruby Honeycutt
 - 6 Luther Hoffman, m. Ada Knighten. Their children:
 - 7 Ernest Hoffman, m. Ruby Pinner. Their children:
 - 8 Ernest, Jr., Margaret, Luther, Kenneth, and Genela Hoffman

- 7 Lester Hoffman, m. Ruth Mann. Their child:
 - 8 Langdon Hoffman
- 7 Oren Hoffman, m. Pearl Lominac. Their child:
 - 8 Gwendelyn D. Hoffman
- 7 Orvin J., Arnold E., Mary, and Annie Hoffman. Last two are twins
- 6 David Hoffman, m. Leona Starnes. Their children:
 - 7 Bleka Hoffman, m. Crawford Lutz
 - 7 Edith Hoffman, m. Crawford F. Herman
 - 7 Zelma Hoffman, m. R. F. Flowers
 - 7 Claud Hoffman
 - 7 Cecil Hoffman, m. Etta Lail
 - 7 Walter, Buford, Melba, Ruby, Evelyn, and Edwin Hoffman
- 6 Jefferson Hoffman, Jr., m. Lottie Keller. Their children:
 - 7 Harvey, Frankie, Louise, Catherine, Lois, Ruth, Shirley, Mary, and Betty Jean Hoffman
- 6 Albertus Hoffman, m. Beulah Cline. Their children:
 - 7 Albertus, Jr., Beulah, Robert, and Edmond Hoffman
- 6 Mary Hoffman, m. W. L. Eckerd. Their children:
 - 7 Elsie Eckerd, m. Clarence Whisnant. Their children:
 - 8 Doris and Marie Whisnant
 - 7 Oliver C. Eckerd, m. Texas Berry. Their children:
 - 8 P. C., H. E., W. M. and C. L. Eckerd
 - 7 Ora Eckerd, m. Lester Icard. They have ten children
 - 7 Oma Eckerd, m. A. N. Scott. Their children:
 - 8 Norma, Thomas, and Alfred N. Scott
 - 7 Ted W. Eckerd, m. Mary Lowman. They have seven children
 - 7 Lila Eckerd, m. Floyd West. They have six children
 - 7 Luda Eckerd, m. Samuel Wade. Their children:

- 8 M. N., T. N., and E. M. Wade
- 7 Lorin Eckerd, m. Era Bollinger. Their children:
 - 8 Eva, Evelyn, and Cordia Eckerd
- 7 Everett Eckerd, m. Lura Bollinger. They have two children
- 7 Glenn Eckerd, m. Lenora Rudisill. They have one child:
 - 8 Frank G. Eckerd
- 7 Gladys Eckerd, m. Loy Berry. Their children:
 - 8 Loy, Jr., and Elizabeth Berry
- 7 Ernest Eckerd
- 6 Martha Hoffman, m. Monroe Newton. Their children:
 - 7 Emma, Essie, Margaret, Frances, Mary, N. M., Lowell Newton (all single)
- 7 Vivian Newton, m. L. M. Miller. They have one child:
 - 8 Lawrence Miller
- 7 Edith Newton, m. Ben Williams
- 7 Ruell Newton, m. Lois Yoder. Their children:
 - 8 Ruell, Jr., James D., Norman, and Martha Newton
- 5 Amy Hoffman, m. Titus Sipe. Their children:
 - 6 Vance Sipe, m. Mary Lail. Their children:
 - 7 Oren Sipe, m. Essie Eckerd
 - 7 Earl Sipe, m. Beulah Eckerd
 - 7 Clara Sipe, m. Clarence Cline
 - 7 Vela Sipe, m. Herbert Eckerd
 - 7 Avery Sipe, m. Vergie Keller
 - 7 Retta Sipe, m. Vernon Headrick
 - 7 Pauline Sipe, m. Lindsey Eckerd
 - 7 Floy, Richard, and Harvey Sipe, single
 - 6 Henry Sipe, m. Pearl Sigmon. Their children:
 - 7 Arcula Sipe, m. Claud Bolick
 - 7 Wade Sipe, m. Rose Davis
 - 7 Cleo Sipe, m. Ernest Bowman
 - 7 Fletta Sipe, m. Carrol Hoffman
 - 7 Floyd, Anna Lee, Netta, Ruby and Georgia, single
 - 7 Kenneth Sipe, m. Mae Moore
- 6 George Sipe, m. Elizabeth Starnes. No children
- 6 Sally Sipe, m. William Lail. Their children:

- 7 Eila Lail, m. Ernest Sigmon
- 7 Bertie Lail, m. David Headrick
- 6 Vernon Sipe, m. Viola Baker. No children
- 6 Lula Sipe, m. Henry Lail. Their children:
 - 7 Eva Lail, m. Luther Propst
 - 7 Troy, Beulah, Vernon, Sadie, Paul and Eunice Lail
- 6 Mary Sipe, m. Carl Sipe. Their children:
 - 7 Donald and Glenn Sipe
- 6 Cora Sipe, m. Albert Killian. Their children
 - 7 Elsie Killian, m. Floyd Killian
 - 7 Clara Killian, m. Ephriam Kanupp
 - 7 Gaither Killian, m. Margaret Davis
 - 7 Pauline Killian, m. Ray Kaziah
- 6 Luther Sipe, m. Nannie Hawn. Their children:
 - 7 Joseph and Ned Sipe
- 5 Upon the death of Titus Sipe, Amy Hoffman Sipe married William Killian. No children.

2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN

- 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, son of 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, the pioneer, was born in the Palatinate of the Rhine Valley of Germany in 1747. In the year 1749 he came with his parents to America, spent the first winter in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and the next two winters in the Valley of Virginia. In 1752 the family moved on to North Carolina and settled along the Great Alamance Creek in what is now Alamance County. In 1765 they moved westward into the Catawba River valley, settling this time along the head-waters of Clark's Creek in what is now Catawba County.

In 1778 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN married Barbara Moser of the Lile's Creek section, some three miles away, and they moved into Burke County, settling along the banks of the Upper South Fork, or Henry River. There they soon purchased a large boundary of virgin land, much of which was very fertile bottom land, and erected an excellent mountain house of logs. The house still stands and serves as a place for the storage of farm products of the present owner. The property has been in the possession of his descendants until the present day.

As conditions are today, it is, indeed, difficult for one to visualize the amount of courage, grit, and determination it required for this couple to settle in such a remote and inaccessible place as that location was. Other than mountain trails left there by the Indians only a few years previously, there was no avenue of approach. No wonder "Samuel was never



2 Samuel Hoffman's house, built in 1780

heard of again," as was stated by "Aunt Savina" Hollar, who lived to tell the story of the Hoffman family.* The Laurel Road, however, crossed the river about three miles west of 2 SAMUEL'S place, but it was a mere wagon trail winding over hills, through rocky gorges, and up ravines. Although seemingly impassable at times, the Laurel Road was a famous thoroughfare of that day, and it was the connecting link between the mountains and the sea. Over it passed lumbering coaches and wagons, hauling passengers and mountain products such as wax, skins, herbs, and wool to the Port of Charleston; and, in turn, bringing to the mountains many of the necessities of life such as sugar, coffee, leather, iron, and other items.

Over this famous Laurel Road passed Colonels Joseph McDowell and Campbell in their hurried march on October 2, 1780, with their band of patriots from the mountains, enroute to Gilbert Town, near Rutherfordton, to capture Major Patrick Ferguson with his British army of Tories. In Colonel McDowell's band of mountaineers in that pursuit was our ancestor 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, who remained in that charge until the capture and annihilation of Ferguson's army at Kings Mountain five days later. Although Colonial Records make no mention of 2 SAMUEL'S service in the battle, his descendants have proudly handed down from one generation to another the story of his participation. Many times did he point to his old flint-lock above the door in his log house and boast of his marksmanship at a Tory or at a squirrel's eye. His descendants frequently told visitors to the home that rifles from America's three wars had rested in the gun-rack as follows: (a) 2 SAMUEL'S flint-lock in the Revolution; (b) his son Frederick's flint-lock of the War of 1812; (c) and more than a dozen muskets

* Her story is printed under 3 Frederick Hoffman.

carried by grandsons in the Civil War.

According to the story told by 2 SAMUEL'S great-grand-nephew, Waitstell Hildebrand, who died in 1936 and whose memory and veracity were above reproach, here are the names of some of the neighbors who served under Colonel Joseph McDowell in his drive to Gilbert Town and Kings Mountain to capture Ferguson's British army: *

Ephriam McClain
James Murphy
James Wilson
Thomas Wilson
William Morrison
David Vance
Alec. Erwin
Sammie Hoffman
Conrad Hildebrand
David Tate
John Rhoney
William Denton.

Upon searching the Colonial Records, I find that few of the above are mentioned in the "Hall Of Fame" list of Revolutionary heroes. It is regrettable, indeed, that Burke residents have taken so little interest and pride in their forefathers' glory and fame. In many counties patriotic organizations have hunted up the old heroes and have emblazoned their names so that honor may be paid them, but the people of Burke have been content to inter resplendent glories with dead bodies and allow the dust of time to blot out pleasant memories.

To the above list many more names could yet be added if the people in various sections of the county would search old records and assemble such information. Men who have lived noble lives and served their country so gallantly certainly have left some slight impressions upon the hearts and minds of their fellow neighbors, even if they failed to leave their "foot-prints in the sands of time."

Only a few weeks before death robbed us of a great character, I sat by the bedside of Waitstell Hildebrand, who, at the ripe old age of ninety three years, allowed his keen memory to reflect back to his fireside legends. There he imparted to me much of the above information. He knew that 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN was his and my common ancestor, but little did I think at the time that I could ever unravel the secret.

2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, although living in a remote section

* See pages 11, 12 and 13.

of Burke county, was a man of undaunted courage, high attributes, and everlasting influence among his fellow men. His neighbors knew him as a kind father, a loving husband, a patriotic citizen, and a friend adorned with virtue and effulgent with honor.

Dying at the early age of sixty-three years, his name was a household word for honesty, stability, and loving kindness. His descendants to this day quicken with pride when they speak of him as "Granddaddy Sammy."

He died in May, 1810, and was buried near his home in the Hildebrand Graveyard. In his last will and testament, he devised that all his possessions should be sold and the proceeds be divided equally among his ten children. However, due to their love of his memory, they prolonged the division of his possessions for thirteen years.

I have been unable to find anywhere an account of the death of his wife, Barbara Moser Hoffman, who was by his side for thirty-two years and mothered his ten children.

Their children:

- 3 Eva Hoffman
- 3 Mary Hoffman
- 3 Abram Hoffman
- 3 Frederick Hoffman
- 3 Burke Hoffman
- 3 Casper (Jasper) Hoffman
- 3 Catherine (Katy) Hoffman
- 3 Barbara Hoffman
- 3 Elizabeth (Betty) Hoffman
- 3 Michael Hoffman

Each of the above children of 2 SAMUEL and Barbara Hoffman will be given in detail, as follows:

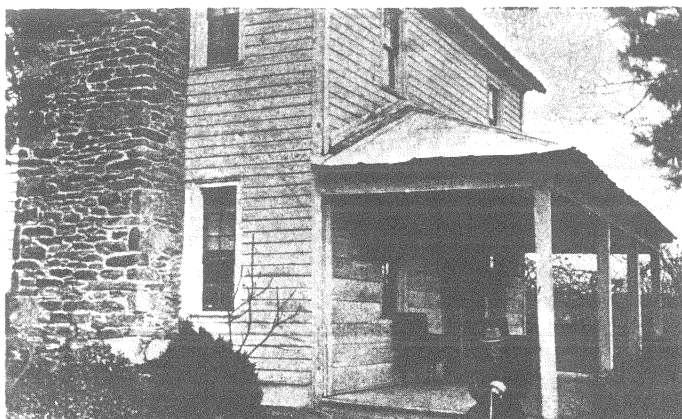
- 3 Eva Hoffman, the daughter of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, was born in 1778 in Burke County. She married Leonard Higdon of Lincoln County, and then moved to Macon County. 3 Eva died there in 1860. Leonard Higdon then went to Alabama where he lived with his daughter, Mattie Picklesimer, the remainder of his life. Eva Hoffman Higdon's children:

- 4 William Hoffman Higdon
- 4 Samuel Higdon
- 4 Leonard Higdon
- 4 Thomas Higdon
- 4 Alazor Higdon
- 4 Mac Higdon
- 4 Nancy Higdon

- 4 Mattie Higdon
Their families follow:
- 4 William Hoffman Higdon was a Major in the Civil War.
He married Jane Buchanan. Their children:
 - 5 Joseph Higdon, m. Margaret Berry. Their child:
 - 6 T. B. Higdon, an attorney in Atlanta. Never married
 - 5 Martha Higdon, m. John Ammons. Lives in Haywood County. Their child:
 - 6 Elias Ammons, prominent farmer of Haywood County
 - 5 W. W. Higdon, m. Jane Moore. Their child:
 - 6 Leonard Higdon, m. ——— Coggins. Lives in Gastonia
 - 5 Elizabeth Higdon, m. Alex Holbrook
 - 5 Eva Higdon, died single
 - 5 Margaret Higdon, m. James Bryson
 - 5 Samuel Higdon, m. Harriet Berry. Their children:
 - 6 Parks Higdon
 - 6 Mamie Higdon, m. ——— Murry
 - 5 Joshua Higdon, m. ——— Coggins. Their child:
 - 6 William Higdon. Lives in Macon County
 - 5 Ellen Higdon, m. James Grible. Their child:
 - 6 Thomas Grible, is Clerk of Court at Sylva, N. C.
 - 6 Others
 - 5 Thomas Bragg Higdon, the tenth child of 4 William Hoffman Higdon, had three marriages. His first wife was Molly West, who bore:
 - 6 Edgar Higdon, m. Maggie Kabe
 - 6 Nanny Higdon, m. Charlie Muncie
 - 6 Vinnie Higdon, m. Columbus Wilson
 - 6 Mary Higdon, m. Thaddeus BrownHis second wife was Patty Rich, who bore:
 - 6 Major Higdon, m. Mary Cunningham
 - 6 Alfred Higdon, m. Annie Crawford
 - 6 John Higdon, m. Mary Crisp. Lives in Los Angeles, Cal.
 - 6 Charlie Higdon, m. Sally Crawford
 - 6 Leslie Higdon, m. Annie Corbin
 - 6 Ellen Higdon, m. R. N. Smith of Winter Haven, Fla.His third wife was Lula Shepherd, who bore:
 - 6 Lefferts Higdon, m. Ella Elliot
 - 6 Paul Higdon, m. Callie Jones
 - 6 Ted, T. B., Jr., David, and Samuel Higdon

- 4 Samuel Higdon, went to Georgia
- 4 Leonard Higdon, went to Georgia
- 4 Thomas Higdon, went to Georgia
- 4 Alazor Higdon, went to Alabama
- 4 Mac Higdon, m. ——— Buchanan, went to Texas
- 4 Nancy Higdon, m. ——— Jones, who was later killed in War Between the States
- 4 Mattie Higdon, m. ——— Picklesimer in Alabama
- 3 Mary Hoffman, daughter of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, was born in 1780. She married John Moser, a cousin on her mother's side. I have not been able to find the names of any of their children, since no living person remembers any of the details, and all records of marriages and property possessions have been destroyed.
- 3 Abram Hoffman, the oldest son of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, was born in 1782 in Burke County; m. Betty Burns. Their children:
 - 4 Nicholas Hoffman
 - 4 Danie Hoffman
 - 4 Billy Hoffman
 - 4 Noah Hoffman
 - 4 Fanny Hoffman
 - 4 Sallie Hoffman
 Their families follow:
 - 4 Nicholas Hoffman, m. Peggy Daggerhart. Their children:
 - 5 John Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Franklin. Moved to Mitchell County, N. C.
 - 5 Betty Hoffman, m. Dee Cook. Lives in Georgia
 - 5 Abel Hoffman, m. Barbara Hoffman. Their children:
 - 6 Peter Hoffman, m. ——— ———, had no children
 - 6 Poley Hoffman, died single
 - 6 Mackie Hoffman, m. Kattie Keller
 - 6 Annie Hoffman, m. P. A. Carswell
 - 6 Maggie Hoffman, died single
 - 6 Tiney Hoffman, m. 5 J. R. Carswell, (see Alexander Carswell)
 - 6 Ennie Hoffman, m. Henry Van Horn
 - 6 Bessie Hoffman, m. Alec Martin
 - 5 Fanny Hoffman, m. James Lail. Their children:
 - 6 Phronia, Amos, Miles, Jane, Louise, Bart, Annie, and Etta Lail
 - 5 Logan Hoffman, m. ——— ———

First house built
of sawed lumber—
(1801-1805) in up-
per Lincoln County
(now Catawba), on
site where 1 GEO.
HOFFMAN settled.
Built by 3 George
Hoffman.



Left:

1 Mus. Hoffman
(1828-1909).

Right:

4 Sophrona Hoff-
man Jones Page
(1841-).



Left:

4 Samuel Hoffman
(1826-1896).

Right:

5 Charles L. Hoff-
man (1864-1910).

All of the
1 GEORGE
HOFFMAN line.





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ALFRED
H. CHORLEY
J. H. HOLLAND

- 5 Dan (Calvin) Hoffman, m. 5 Ruth Hoffman and later 5 Rena Carswell. Their children:
 - 6 Max Hoffman, m. Rose Hildebrand
 - 6 Alonzo Hoffman, m. Lottie Phelps. Lives in Virginia
 - 6 Wade Hoffman, m. Belle Smart
 - 6 Louis Hoffman, m. Nanny Rhoney
 - 6 Anna Hoffman, m. Wiley Woods
 - 6 Limmie Hoffman, m. Edgar Cook
 - 6 Liney Hoffman, m. Thomas Mace
 - 6 Bessie Hoffman, m. Calvin Cook
 - 6 Timmie Hoffman, m. Claud Smith
 - 6 Rhoda Hoffman, m. Jesse Smith
- 5 Azor Hoffman, m. Essie Brittain. Their children:
 - 6 Lily Hoffman, m. Thomas Mace
 - 6 Alice Hoffman, m. Jacob Brittain
 - 6 Etta Hoffman, m. Abel Rector
 - 6 Rose Hoffman, m. Max Lail
 - 6 Tinny Hoffman, m. Doc Riley
 - 6 Tude Hoffman, m. ————
 - 6 Skyler Hoffman, m. ———— Stanley
 - 6 Leila Hoffman, m. L. L. Lowman
 - 6 Frank Hoffman, never married
 - 6 Scott Hoffman, m. Phema Hoyle. Their children:
 - 7 Flavia, Doyt, Clyde, David, and Ruth Hoffman
 - 6 Miles Hoffman, m. Timey Hoffman. Eight children
 - 6 Charlie Hoffman, died single
 - 6 Joseph Hoffman, m. 6 Ida Hoffman. Their children:
 - 7 Versa, Belle, and Frederick Hoffman
 - 6 Emma Hoffman, m. Samuel Brittain. Their children:
 - 7 Ada, Clarence, Lee, Loy, Essie, May, and Vaxter Brittain
 - 6 Nettie Hoffman, m. 6 Clarence Carswell. Their children:
 - 7 Cleveland, Flossie and Samuel Carswell
- 5 Fronnie Hoffman, m. William Van Horn. Their children:
 - 6 David, Dock, Obie, James, and Geneva Van Horn

- 5 Dealie Hoffman, m. Michael Denton. Their children:
 - 6 John, Alice, Maggie, Vance, Joseph, Mary, Samuel, and Benjamin Denton
- 4 Danie Hoffman, son of 3 Abram Hoffman, m. Nancy Johnson of Catawba County. Their children:
 - 5 Gaither Hoffman, m. Catherine Whisnant. Their children:
 - 6 Edgar Hoffman, m. Eva Shuford
 - 6 Adolphus Hoffman, m. Mintie Fulbright
 - 6 Frank Hoffman, m. Carrie Bollinger
 - 6 Lafayette Hoffman, m. ——— Smalley
 - 5 Pinkney Hoffman, m. Jane Hollar. Their child:
 - 6 Ida Hoffman, m. William Mull
 - 5 Hosea Hoffman, m. Maggie Whisnant. Their children:
 - 6 Raymond Hoffman, m. Grace Ashebranner
 - 6 Charlie Hoffman, m. 6 Mae Hoffman
 - 6 Lou Hoffman, died single
 - 6 Bessie Hoffman, not married
 - 6 Beulah Hoffman, m. William Cline
 - 6 Lola Hoffman, m. 6 Frank Hoffman
 - 5 Sara Hoffman, m. Sidney Burns. Their children:
 - 6 Claud Burns, m. Pearl Upton
 - 6 Bedford Burns, m. Belle Robinson
 - 6 Ida Burns, m. 6 Hayes Hoffman
 - 6 Leila Burns, m. ——— Lambert
 - 6 Frederick Burns, m. 6 Ella Hoffman
 - 5 Mary Hoffman, m. Hosea Greenhill. Their children:
 - 6 Sara Greenhill, m. Adolphus Turner
 - 6 Midas Greenhill, m. 6 Minnie Hoffman and later Emma Whisnant
 - 6 Jane Greenhill, m. Ivey Keller
 - 6 Lafayette Greenhill, m. Ellen Bollinger
 - 6 Eliza Greenhill, m. Ben Bollinger
 - 6 Junie Greenhill, m. Henry Miller
 - 6 Jones Greenhill, m. Myrtis Rogers
 - 5 Fanny Hoffman, m. Peter Burns. Their children:
 - 6 Adolphus Burns, m. Leila Lail
 - 6 Dovie Burns, m. Henry Keller
 - 6 Walter Burns, m. Bessie Hudson
 - 6 Lucinda Burns, m. Atley Hildebrand
 - 6 Gertie Burns, m. Sonny Propst
- 4 Noah Hoffman, son of 3 Abram Hoffman, m. Nancy

- Coulter, moved to Maiden, N. C. Their children:
- 5 Franklin Hoffman, died unmarried
 - 5 Betty Hoffman, m. Thomas Thomasson. Their children:
 - 6 Charlie Thomasson, m. Mary Burgess. Their children:
 - 7 John (dead), Lorena, Bertie (by second wife, Bessie Thomasson), and Betty Jane Thomasson
 - 6 Daisy Thomasson, m. Wesley Angel. Their children:
 - 7 Thomas and Clyde Angel
 - 5 Ella Hoffman, m. Abel Robinson. Their child:
 - 6 Annie Mae Robinson, m. James Woodside
 - 5 Emma Hoffman, never married
 - 4 Billie Hoffman, son of 3 Abram Hoffman, m. Ibbie Johnson. Their children:
 - 5 Pinkney Hoffman, m. Fanny Speagle. Their children:
 - 6 Eliza, Mary, Annie, Lee, Martha, Ida, Ella, Minnie, John, and Lillian Hoffman (died young)
 - 5 Mark Hoffman, m. Frances Daggerhart. Their children:
 - 6 George, Joel, Dan, Frank, John, and ——— Hoffman
 - 5 Rufus Hoffman, m. Candace Martin. Their children:
 - 6 Sara, Hayes, Charles, Julius, Coonie, Zero, Minnie, Artie Hoffman
 - 6 ——— Hoffman, m. Monroe Brittain
 - 6 ——— Hoffman, m. Scott Kiser
 - 5 Monroe Hoffman, m. Sally Martin. Their children:
 - 6 William, Amanda, and ——— Hoffman
 - 5 Amos Hoffman, m. Sara Stevens. Their children:
 - 6 Marston, and ———, ———, ——— Hoffman
 - 5 Emma Hoffman, m. Mike Whisnant
 - 5 Betsey Hoffman
 - 5 Anna Hoffman, m. ——— Brinkley. No children
 - 5 Alice Hoffman, m. Grayson Hoyle and later m. ——— Johnson
 - 5 Ella Hoffman, m. William Stevens. Their children:
 - 6 Junie May Stevens, m. Mark Lowman
 - 6 Zeno Stevens, m. Burg Franklin
 - 6 Emma Stevens, m. Larkin Hildebrand

- 6 William Stevens, Jr., m. Julia Hildebrand
- 6 Paul Stevens, m. ——— Williams
- 6 Limma Stevens, m. ——— Young
- 4 Fanny Hoffman, m. James York. Their children:
 - 5 Betty York, m. William Chapman. Their children:
 - 6 U. L. G. Chapman, m. Mary Cook
 - 6 Lafayette, Emily and Riley Chapman
 - 5 Melinda York, m. 5 Terrell Hoffman. (See 3 Casper Hoffman record)
 - 5 Eliza York, m. Alfred Hoyle. Their children:
 - 6 Bryson Hoyle, m. Essie White
 - 6 Lou Hoyle, m. Britt Poteat
 - 6 Emma Hoyle, m. John Wortman and moved to California
 - 5 Harvey York, never married
 - 5 Holden York, m. 5 Mary Carsvell. Their child:
 - 6 Junie York, m. A. L. Harbison
- Later 5 Holden York m. 5 Tennie Carswell. Their children:
 - 6 Flavia and Pinkney York
- 5 Nicholas York, never married
- 5 Emily York, m. David Cook. Their children:
 - 6 Temple Cook, m. W. Pruett
 - 6 Mary Cook, m. Thomas Newton
 - 6 Lottie Cook, m. Alonzo Lail
 - 6 Martha Cook, m. Jacob Lindsey
 - 6 Julius Cook, m. Lottie Ledford
 - 6 Alice Cook, m. Peter Talent
 - 6 Florence Cook, m. John Willis
 - 6 Viola, Bryson, Loy and Lee Cook
- 5 Pinkney York, went to Idaho and became extremely wealthy. Never married
- 5 Bryson York, m. a Swedish lady in Idaho. Their children:
 - 6 Boyd, Wallace, and Bryson York
- 5 Sophronia York, m. Lee Franklin and moved to Mitchell County. Their children:
 - 6 Alice, James, Fanny, and Annie Franklin
- 5 Julius York, m. Nancy McNeely. Their children:
 - 6 Fanny York, m. Collet Carswell
 - 6 Sarah York, m. John York
 - 6 Margaret York, m. Rufus Carswell
 - 6 Susan, Tyra, and William York
- 5 Wadie York, m. Susan Hoyle. Their children:

- 6 Julius, Max, Minnie, Sophrona, Lafayette, and Bryson York
- 4 Sally Hoffman, m. Jackson York. Their children:
 - 5 Eli York, m. Mary Hoyle. Their children:
 - 6 Thomas, Sidney, and ——— York, moved to Madison County
 - 5 Amos York, m. Susan Wright
 - 5 Fanny York, m. Hampton Walker and moved to Arkansas
 - 5 Omie York, m. John Cook. Their children:
 - 6 Annie, Leary, and Hattie Cook
 - 5 Abel York, married in Missouri
 - 5 Mary Ann York, m. Aaron Tallent
 - 5 Louise York, m. John Shoup
 - 5 Mintie and Susan York, never married
- 3 Frederick Hoffman, son of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, was born in Burke County on February 9, 1784. He served in the War of 1812 under Captain George L. Davidson in the North Carolina Militia. He married Fanny Warlick, sometimes known as Fanny Hildebrand because she was reared by a Mr. Hildebrand of that community. In 1842 he moved with his entire family to Buncombe County and settled on Caney Fork Creek. When Buncombe County was divided, that section was in Haywood County, and when Haywood County was likewise divided, he found himself living in Jackson County. There he became a rugged mountaineer and one of the outstanding citizens of the early days. His life and mountain experiences would fill many books with interesting material. His descendants enjoy relating the stories of how he had to hew out his own trail up the Tuckaseegee River and through Caney Fork Creek jungles; fought off bears and other wild beasts of the mountains; and traded, bargained, worked, and fought with the Indians who still roved in never ending numbers over their native hunting grounds.

The children of 3 Frederick and Fanny Warlick Hoffman were:

- 4 Marion Hoffman
- 4 Ransom Hoffman
- 4 Alus Hoffman
- 4 Mary Hoffman
- 4 Michael Hoffman
- 4 Samuel Hoffman
- 4 Henry Hoffman
- 4 Minerva Hoffman

- 4 Sophrona Hoffman
 - Their families follow:
- 4 Marion Hoffman, killed in the War Between the States
- 4 Ransom Hoffman, killed in same war
- 4 Alus Hoffman, served in the war and came back to take his place in rebuilding his mountain community. With his father he had many thrilling experiences with the Indians and wild animals. He assisted the United States Government in keeping the Indians within their reservation which was only a short distance from Caney Fork. He married Sara Brown of the mountain section and their children follow:
 - 5 Frederick Riley Hoffman, m. Linney Mathis. Their children:
 - 6 Mack Hoffman, m. Lillian Ducker. Their children:
 - 7 Frederick, Ila Mae, Robert, James, and Bertha Hoffman
 - 6 Jeter Hoffman, m. Ossie Perkins. Their children:
 - 7 Farrel and Buck Hoffman
 - 6 Loftis Hoffman, m. Relia Tathran. Their children:
 - 7 Winston and Malcolm Hoffman
 - 6 Ira and Reta Hoffman, never married
 - 6 Ella Hoffman, m. Robert Hall. Their children:
 - 7 Brownlow, Arazona, Humphrey, and Baby Hall
 - 6 Thelma Hoffman, m. Taylor Headrick. Their children:
 - 7 Janice, Horace, Dorothy, Alethia, Howard, and Baby Headrick
 - 5 Thomas Hoffman, m. Geneva Mathis. Their children:
 - 6 Elizabeth and Garfield Hoffman. Both married and live in Detroit
 - 6 Maggie Hoffman, m. Robert Gunter. No children
 - 6 John Hoffman, m. Mamie Whitener. One son reported:
 - 7 Jack Hoffman
 - 5 Horry Hoffman, m. Sara Alexander. One child reported:
 - 6 Mabel Hoffman, m. Harl Queen

- 5 James Hoffman. No record
- 5 Hyley Hoffman, m. Vio Warlick
- 5 Mary Hoffman, m. Dock Mathis
- 5 Moderna Hoffman, m. Robert Moffitt
- 5 Semantha Hoffman, m. John Shepherd
- 5 John Hoffman, m. ————. Their children:
 - 6 Charles Hoffman, m. Cora Parker
 - 6 Samuel Hoffman, m. ———— in Idaho
 - 6 Arden Hoffman, m. Fanny Styles
 - 6 Felton Hoffman, never married
 - 6 Vada Hoffman, m. Rufus Mull
 - 6 Della Hoffman, m. Lester Payne. Their children:
 - 7 Gertrude, Clearcy, and Farrell Payne
 - 6 Fanny Hoffman, m. Charles Bowers
 - 6 Zilla Hoffman
- 4 Mary Hoffman, m. Daniel Ramsey of Burke County. Their children:
 - 5 Frances, Eliza, Stanhoke, Malt, Fanny, Rose, and Sara Ramsey
- 4 Michael Hoffman, served in the War Between the States, came home, and later went to the Big Bend of the Tennessee River in Alabama where he married and reared a family
- 4 Samuel Hoffman, served in the same war, returned, and went to Missouri
- 4 Henry Hoffman, served in the same war and went West
- 4 Minerva Hoffman, never married
- 4 Sophrona Hoffman, was born April 9, 1841, in Burke County, one year before her parents moved to Buncombe. She married Nelson Jones, and they reared the following children:
 - 5 Prescilla Jones
 - 5 Calby Jones
 - 5 Robert Lee Jones
 - 5 Meranda Jones
 - 5 Jane Jones
 - 5 Fanny Jones
 - 5 Floyd Jones
 - 5 Ransom Jones

Nelson Jones died in 1905, and 4 Sophrona married Henry Page, who died many years ago.

"Aunt Fronnie," as she is called, is now living with her son, Robert Lee Jones, in that community, at the ripe age of ninety-seven years. She can go about the house and is remarkably alert for a person of her age. She tells some hair-raising stories of her life's experiences with wild animals of the mountains. I have had the pleasure of visiting her on several occasions and always leave with the happy reflections of having known such a noble soul.

I copy here a letter received from her before I came to know her so well, and it has been of much aid to me in searching records:

"Cowarts, N. C.,
Jackson County,
Nov. 10, 1936.

"Dear Dr. Hoffman:

"I am glad to get your letter. Yes, my name was Sophrona Hoffman, some called it Huffman in Burke County where I was raised. I was born on April 9, 1841. I was the youngest child of Frederick Hoffman. My mother was Fanny Warlick before she married my father.

"My grandfather was Samuel Hoffman. He came from Germany when he was a small boy with his people. His father was George and he had a brother, I don't know his name, that stayed somewhere down the country. I know there was two big rivers to cross, I think they were the Yadkin and Catawba. They come there from Pennsylvania way back I don't know when. There was another brother, I think he was Jacob, that come later and lived way off down the river in Lincoln County. Then Granddaddy Samuel had brothers and sisters that married into the Martins and Heltdrant and Wagners and Kistlers, I don't remember their names now it's been so long since my daddy told us about these things. You know my daddy always talked funny talk to us and he called it Dutch, he said his father was born over in the Dutch country and could talk a lot of it to his children. My father was in the little war about 1814 I think, but his father was with Col. McDowell of Morganton

in the big war with some other furren country. My father moved up here in these mountains in 1843 when I was about 2 years old. He went back to Burke sometimes but never took us children. He died in 1884 and was buried on Caney Fork. He was a good man, a fine hunter, and all his neighbors loved him.

"My uncle Michael used to come and visit us but I haven't seen any kin from Burke in many years. I guess they all forgot us in these mountains. I will soon be 96 years old and expect to see a hundred.

"Come and see me. I don't have much, but I want to see more of my kinfolks.

Your Friend,

"Sophrona Page."

Below is a copy of an interview with "Aunt Phrone" which was published in the *Asheville Citizen* on Sunday, April 5, 1931:

"Coward, N. C., April 4, 1931.

"Jackson County's oldest woman is a disciple of modernism but not a radical. Sophronia Page, better known as "Aunt Phrone Jones" because her first husband was a Jones, doesn't want to ride in an aeroplane, knows no more about politics than 'a goose,' thinks modern dress isn't 'decent,' but still believes that 'people talk too much' when they say that the young people are going to the dogs.

"Do you read?" the writer asked.

"Good Lord, that's all I do," replied the ninety year old woman. The newspapers are among her favorite reading material and the old lady rather blushing admitted that she read True Story magazines. Mrs. Page says that she is fond of auto rides but never fails to make it clear that she has ridden during her lifetime in almost every vehicle imaginable, and that a sled is her favorite for passenger transportation. She even enjoys riding on a rock sled.

"'Aunt Phrone' has a pleasing disposition

and greatly loves to talk. She is very fond of children and likes to tell them stories. It gives her great pleasure to have her own sons and daughters visit her. She delights in showing guests the pictures of her two granddaughters who live in the State of Washington. They have 'finished school and Amanda works for Lawyer Greene.' The other granddaughter recently married a man who has relatives in North Carolina, and the two sisters plan to visit their aged grandmother this coming summer. Neither of them has seen her.

"Despite her ninety years, Mrs. Pages arises every morning at the early hour of five. She uses tobacco in two forms. It is a rule of hers to be very precise in giving an account of everything.

"The aged woman is the daughter of Frederick Huffman and Fanny Hildebrand Huffman, formerly of Burke County, North Carolina. Both her parents were members of well known families of that section of the State. Her first marriage was to Nelson Jones and the second to John Henry Page, both natives of the mountain section.

"At present she is living with a son in a beautiful mountain cove three miles from Cowarts. Almost daily some friends drop in to chat with her. She enjoys telling the history of her family, never forgetting to let it be known that both her father and mother were 'good Dutch.' Near the Jones home is a little one-room Baptist Church called Catherine's Chapel. It was so named because Mrs. Catherine Hooper, a beloved woman of the community, practically financed its construction.

" 'Aunt Phrone's' life history is like a novel. Her account of it proved her to be a woman of remarkable memory. In fact, she remembers distinctly when she was three years of age. Her answers to questions came quickly and clearly, proving that her hearing is in splendid condition.

"She was born on a farm in Burke County. Not long after her birth, her father and his brother went into the mountain section to find a new home. They were disappointed in the section to which they went and on the way back to Burke County stopped in Jackson County to see a sister. This sister was the wife of Leonard Higdon, founder of the prominent Higdon family of Western North Carolina. Both the men bought some land near the foot of the Balsam Mountains. Mrs. Page has never lived more than three miles away from this first Jackson County home during the eighty-eight years that she has lived in Western North Carolina.

"When Sophronia was only two years of age Frederick Huffman and his loyal Dutch wife left the Piedmont section for their rugged mountain home. In the company, besides the father and mother, were nine children and Jim Keisler, an aged cousin who loved adventure. The journey was made in a wagon and lasted nine days. For the last three miles a road had to be blazed through a deep forest.

"'Not a stick of timber was amiss on the place,' and the men folk went to clearing. A few months later a huge one-room log house was built. Later a 'cooking room' was added to the building. While the huge fireplace and chimney were being built the mother and the family did the cooking by the side of a big log that had been felled nearby. Soon after the building of the house the Huffman family began to live the life of the average mountaineer.

"The brother of Frederick Huffman never moved to Jackson County but paid tax on his place for three years. The third year he sent his son to pay this tax. Leonard Higdon, his uncle, had been cuttin' tops the day he came. Leonard had failed to get his tops tied and had laid them down on the ground to get damp. He fed some of them to young Huffman's horse and it lay down and died with

the 'milk sick.' 'Milk sick' is the dread mysterious disease of the Appalachian mountains. 'Aunt Phrone's' cousin had to walk 'every step of the way back to Burke County.' The place was soon sold.

"Mrs. Page doesn't claim to be much of a hunter but still she proudly boasts the fact that she has killed three full grown deer during her lifetime. All three of the deer were killed while she was only a girl. She aided dogs in drowning them. One time she jumped into the middle of a stream to help her dogs out when the deer in some way struck her and gave her a 'powerful good baptizing.' At another time she waded into a pot-hole with the water to her neck and helped the dogs to drown one of the fleet-footed animals.

"Perhaps her most exciting chase was when she and three dogs ran a deer for 100 yards down the middle of Caney Fork creek. Two dogs had a front leg each while another dog had one of the hind legs, and she had the other. Those who are acquainted with the headwaters of Caney Fork can realize what a difficult task it would be to hold to the hind leg of a deer while it ran for 100 yards down the rugged creek bed. When about half way down a brother yelled, 'Hold on, Sophronia, I'll be there in a minute.' She asked him, when he arrived, to take her hunting knife from her pocket and give it to her. But when she got her knife 'the poor thing was almost stiff because it was run to death.' This lady hunter still carries a knife in her pocket at all times.

"Hunting was one of the chief occupations of the mountaineer in her young days. The woods of Western North Carolina were full of deer and bear. Meat was an important food of the day. Some settlers sold meat and bought sugar, coffee, etc., in return. One Jackson county man made his living entirely by 'silent hunting.' This method was the Indian way. No dogs were used. The hunter carried his meat to Waynesville and ex-

changed it for food supplies and other necessities. In that day the products of the farm were dried instead of canned as they are today.

"When 'Aunt Phrone' was a child she didn't live within the sound of a church bell as most American children do today. The closest place of worship was the old Caney Fork meeting house at East La Porte. East La Porte was the seat of the Blackwood Lumber Company and was a French trading post in the Colonial times. The meeting house was nine miles away.

"The only schools that Mrs. Page ever attended were three months subscription schools. Her only text book was the Blue Back Speller and the New Testament. Regardless of this amount of 'book larnin' Mrs. Page is an unusually well educated woman for her day. Among her early teachers were Jim Keisler, the cousin who came with her family from Burke County, Luke Queen, Montgomery Brown, and Marion Huffman, a brother who later volunteered his services to the Confederacy while attending school in Waynesville. The old lady smilingly related to the writer the cause of two punishments she received while in school. She got a very severe 'lickin' once for eating plums in time of 'books.' She hid the plum hulls in the school fireplace. At another time a girl 'come a spellin' aloud right toward a certain seat and this girl happened to sit down on a pin that 'happened' to be in Miss Sophronia Huffman's fingers. Miss Sophronia was punished for 'happening' to have a pin between her fingers at that certain time.

"The Huffman family 'shed its last full measure of devotion' in the War Between the States. Miss Sophronia saw six brothers enter the trenches under the Confederate flag. One left the school room in Waynesville; two went from Jackson County; one went from Georgia; one went from Alabama; one went from Missouri. Marion, the youngest son of the family, was fatally wounded in the Battle of Seven Pines. His ninety-year-old sister told the

writer about his writing to his mother expressing the wish that she could be with him and dress his wounds with her 'tender hands.' At this point in the story, tears fell from the old lady's eyes. Marion died nineteen days after he was wounded. One of his brothers was taken a prisoner by the Yankees and died later at Camp Douglas, somewhere 'up north.' He was taken a prisoner at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.

"While relating her Civil War experiences the aged woman told an interesting 'furlough story.' George Reed, of Georgia, was crossing the Balsam Mountains on his way home from Virginia. He and his party got lost while out in the bitter cold. Their fire was about to go out and Reed decided to throw a little powder on it. When he did his whole powder horn caught fire and he was badly burned about the face. Coming to the settlement, he was told that Frederick Huffman could draw fire by blowing and spitting in one's face. The soldier was very much in pain and was disappointed to learn that the magic healer had gone to milk. He was told by Mrs. Huffman, however, that Sophronia (Aunt Phrone), the bashful daughter, could 'draw the fire.' Sophronia refused because she didn't want to spit in the man's face. She immediately learned that he didn't 'care where in the h --- she spit just so she drew out the fire.' The operation was then performed.

"According to 'Aunt Phrone,' the social life of her early days was gay regardless of its rather crude setting. Most every night some cabin in the community would feel the shuffle of feet as fiddles poured forth the strains of Weevily Wheat, Steal Your Partner, or Johnny-Mr. Brown. Log rollings and corn shuckings were popular social events for both young and old. When a wedding took place the contracting party considered itself lucky if it got no more than a good serenading from the 'bunch.' Mrs. Page admitted, with a gleam of mischief in her eyes, that the youngsters

had 'one more time' the night she was married. She further admitted that a chain was stretched in the back yard to give the noise-makers a fall.

"Physical hardship has marked the life of 'Aunt Phrone Jones' from the very beginning. For years during the War Between the States she was the rail splitter, the lumberman, and the plow hand on her father's farm. After she married she made her children's shoes and made their hats with the straw of oats and wheat. During the conversation she remarked that she had many times carried packs of provision on her back all the way from Waynesville. Her route lay across the rugged steeps of the Balsam range.

"At a recent Caney Fork township home-coming day, this aged woman gave a demonstration on spinning, using the old fashioned (little) spinning wheel. She gave her demonstration to a large and enthusiastic audience in the beautiful building of the John's Creek high school. The spinner received such enthusiastic applause that she timidly admitted that she was a little bit bashful.

"Her story is one of hardship and happiness. She had hardly finished relating it when a beautiful silver-painted aeroplane came up from the south and sailed over her mountain home. A contrast indeed—'Aunt Phrone's' favorite sled and the winged monarch of the air."

- 3 Burke Hoffman, the oldest son of 2 Samuel Hoffman, was born in Burke County in 1789. He went to New Albany, Indiana, in early manhood and there married Mary Miller, who was born in 1803. They lived in New Albany until 1837, then moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, near where the thriving city of Birmingham is now, and reared most of their family on a great farm familiarly known as "Old Lick Creek Farm." 3 Burke died there on May 21, 1858, and his wife, Mary, died on April 21, 1862. The accompanying letter written by 3 Burke Hoffman to his brother, 3 Frederick, in 1827, is self-explanatory:

(COPY)

New Albany, Indiana,
Oct. 3, 1827

Dear Brother:

I received your letter yesterday by Mr. Allen Ramsey which gave me great satisfaction to hear you are all well. I have wrote you a number of times but it appears you never received any of my letters. I am well at present. I have married since I come to this country. I was married on the 12th day of April in the year 1822 to Mary Miller and have had two children, the first one is dead. You wished to know why I did not write to you more. The reason why I did not write more often than I did, I have been sick for three years 'till the last year and have been neglectful. I expect I shall not be in that country under two years. If any of you have any notion of coming to this country, I would be glad to see them. I expect they would do better in this country than there, except it is not quite healthy here as it is there. Remember me to all my brothers and sisters and friends. I will give you a statement of the price of produce here this season. Corn is from 12 to 20 cents per bushel. Flour by the barrel is \$3.50 per barrel. Pork is from 2 to 3 cents per pound, beef is from 2½ to 3 cents per pound. Potatoes is from 20 to 25 cents per bushel. Whiskey is from 20 to 22 cents per gallon, by the barrel. Oats is from -- to 16 cents per bushel. Hay is from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per ton, and everything in proportion. Write to me as soon as you receive this letter, and I will try and write oftener than I have done. Direct your letters—New Albany, Floyd County and State of Indiana. Nothing more at present.

Your affectionate brother,

Burke Hoffman

NOTATION:

This letter was addressed to—"Mr. Frederick Hoffman or any of the family."

Was "favored" by—Mr. Allen Ramsey. There was no envelope in which to send this letter, but the letter was folded in such a manner as to form an envelope of itself and was sealed with hard wax. It will also be noted that this letter was written thirteen years before the United



Above left: 4 Hiatt Hoffman (1835-1912).

Above right: 4 Frederick B. Hoffman (1842-1918).

Below left: 5 Ira Burke Hoffman.

Below right: 5 Mary Hoffman Healy (1868-1934).

All of the 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN line.

States Government printed the first postage stamps. This was the last information concerning that family until I located them in 1937.

The children of 3 Burke Hoffman and Mary Miller Hoffman were:

- 4 Samuel Hoffman was born in New Albany, Indiana, in 1830, and went with his parents to Iowa in 1837. When the Civil War came on in 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army where he served until captured by the Confederates. He was placed in prison in Andersonville, but escaped and went back home where he died in 1862. Never married.
- 4 James Hoffman, m. ————. Their children:
 - 5 Victor Hoffman
 - 5 Otto Hoffman, living in Yacalti, Washington
 - 5 Sylvester Hoffman, living in Yacalti, Washington
 - 5 Charles Hoffman, m. Mary ———, lives at Amboy, Wash. Their children:
 - 6 Harold Hoffman, lives in Seattle Washington
 - 6 Robert Hoffman, lives in San Francisco
 - 6 Charlotte Hoffman, lives in England
- 4 Barbara Hoffman, born in 1824 in Indiana, m. William Stanley. Their child:
 - 5 ——— Stanley, m. ——— Buckmaster. Their child:
 - 6 Frederick Hoffman Buckmaster, lives in Moravia, Iowa
- 4 Hiatt Hoffman was born October 11, 1835, in Indiana, died September 8, 1912, in Birmingham, Iowa. He went with his parents to Iowa, in 1837. There he married Vitula R. Goodall, the first white child born in Van Buren County, Iowa. This 4 Hiatt Hoffman served in the Union Army for a period during the War Between the States. He then went to the gold fields of Oregon where he became wealthy. Later he returned to Birmingham, Iowa, and made another fortune in the mercantile business.

The children of Hiatt and Vitula Goodall Hoffman were:

- 5 Montimer Hoffman was born in 1858; m. Ella Bryant. He died in April of 1927, at which time he was Superintendent of Bridges at Sheridan, Wyoming. Their children:
 - 6 Helen Hoffman who lives with her mother at 344 Coffern Avenue, Sheridan, Wyoming

- 6 Yale B. Hoffman, m. ————. Their children:
 - 7 Catherine Hoffman, m. ————. Their child:
 - 8 Yale Hoffman ————
 - 7 Bryant Hoffman, m. Jane Norris
- 5 Mary Hoffman, b. in 1868, m. Thomas D. Healy, prominent attorney of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Mary died in 1934. Their children:
 - 6 Hoffman Healy, died young
 - 6 Thomas Healy, Jr.
 - 6 Elizabeth Healy, m. Mike Ross, a distinguished American writer, and they live at 224 W. 11th Street, New York City. No children
- 5 Ira Burke Hoffman, b. Nov. 27, 1870 in Iowa. In 1888 he went to Nebraska where he was employed by the C. B. & Q. Railroad Company. Later he went to California where he has been for many years employed as traveling passenger agent for the Sante Fe Railway Company. He married Mabel Reeves in 1892. They are now retired and live in Los Angeles, California. No children. I am indebted to 5 Ira Burke Hoffman for much of the information concerning 3 Burke Hoffman's descendants contained herein. Since we established contact with each other, he and his good wife have visited Western North Carolina.
- 4 George Hoffman, b. 1837 in New Albany, Indiana, named after his great-grandfather, 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN. He saw service in the Union Army during the Civil War, returned home and married Alvina Pollock. Their children:
 - 5 Frederick Burke Hoffman, who lives at E. 411 Augusta Avenue, Spokane, Washington
 - 5 Mary Jane Hoffman, who lives at Raymond, Washington
- 4 John W. Hoffman, b. 1840 in Iowa. He enlisted in the Union Army on July 17, 1861, Iowa Infantry; made a 1st Lieutenant July 11, 1863; was wounded at the Battle of Inka, Mississippi; and due to his inability to retreat with his company, he was captured by the Confederates and placed in prison at Richmond, Virginia. He later escaped prison and re-united with the Yankee forces. He married Endora Beale of Iowa in 1866. Their children:

- 5 Ed Hoffman, b. July 8, 1868. Married ——— and moved to Moscow, Idaho.
- 5 Robert R. Hoffman, b. Jan. 26, 1872. Died in 1920
- 4 Frederick B. Hoffman, b. April 1, 1842, in Iowa. He enlisted in the Union Army July 17, 1861, Iowa Infantry. He was wounded at the Battle of Chicamauga, Nov. 25, 1863, and was discharged July 20, 1864. He married Martha Skinner Jan. 24, 1866. They lived in Birmingham, Iowa, for sixteen years; Fairfield, Iowa, for fifteen years; Salt Lake City, Utah, for thirteen years; then they moved to Los Angeles, California, where they spent the remainder of their days. 4 Frederick B. Hoffman died Nov. 8, 1918. His wife died June 30, 1926. No children.
- 4 Robert I. H. Hoffman was born in Van Buren County, Iowa. He also enlisted with the Union Army for service in Iowa Infantry, and was captured by the Confederates and died in Libby Prison. Never married
- 4 Mary Hoffman was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1845. She was a woman of great vision, much business ability, lovable character, and very impressive personality. She married John Bishop of Iowa and reared the following children:
 - 5 Carl Bishop, a prominent physician of Glasgo, Iowa. He was born October 2, 1864. He married Catherine Gregg in 1897. She died in 1911. Later Dr. Bishop married Luella Williams. His children:
 - 6 J. Payne Bishop, of Clarendon Hills, Illinois
 - 6 Carl G. Bishop, of Otumma, Illinois, a prominent physician
 - 6 Robert H. Bishop, a prominent physician of Champaign, Illinois
 - 6 James F. Bishop, a prominent physician of Davenport, Iowa
 - 6 Mildred Bishop, m. ——— Jorgenson, of Fertile, Iowa
 - 5 Mary Bishop, m. Harold Humbledahl. They live at 1915 16th Street, Rock Island, Illinois
 - 5 Anna Bishop, m. Samuel W. Berry. Lives at Froid, Montana
 - 5 Robert H. Bishop, dead
 - 5 Talbott Bishop, dead
 - 5 Burke Bishop, dead

This is all the information that I have been able to assemble concerning the descendants of 3 Burke Hoffman.

As will be seen, they were among the first settlers in the western states and have played a great part in that empire. They have been outstanding citizens wherever they have gone, and have distinguished themselves in many walks of life.

Although all of 3 Burke's brothers and sisters remained in the South and were valiant supporters of the Confederate cause in the Civil War, he, 3 Burke, had been living in the North for sixty years where opposite conditions existed; and when the War came, his sons rallied to support the Northern cause with the same patriotic spirit as did their cousins in Dixie rally to their cause. They faced each other in the fiercest of battle, and it is well that they knew not of the same blood that coursed through their veins. In fact, all of them have gone to their reward and only two of them, Frederick Burke on the North and Amos on the South, learned before death that they had been enemies on the battlefield. But that feeling has gone, the scars are all healed, and all, with their posterity, have united in the task of making America the "greatest nation on earth."

- 3 Casper Hoffman, son of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, named after his grandfather's brother, Casper, who remained in Pennsylvania, was born in Burke County in the year 1792. In 1813 he married Polly Hudson, the daughter of Thomas Hudson, who had migrated to Burke County from Virginia. 3 Casper Hoffman was an outstanding man in his community, having been a very large landowner, a farmer of much import, a trader and dealer in live stock, a dealer in merchandise, and a builder of schools and other philanthropic enterprises. He found his native county of Burke in a state of darkness, so far as educational facilities were concerned. There were no schools for him to attend when a boy, and realizing the extreme necessity of schools, he was the promotor of the first school in the southern part of Burke County, if not the first in the entire county. This was in the year 1828, and, for the reader's information, I copy herewith a contract for the construction and operation of the school; the handwriting of which was in the Old English style and was executed in a very beautiful design, indeed:

"We whose names are hereunto Subscribed do bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns to pay, or cause to be paid unto Daniel Brackett the Sum of one Dollar & Twenty five cents per Scholar for his Services as a Teacher

3 months & each subscribed Shall Afsist in building a Sufficent House to teach in agreeable to their Subscription & S, d Subscribers Shall Empower S, d Brackett in full Government of said School. & I Daniel Brackett Doth bind myself to teach S, d School Committed To my Care in reading, Writing or Arithmetic to the best of his Skill and ability & their Several Capacities will permit and S, d Brackett obliges himself to teach & instruct good rules and Regulations to the best of his skill & begins with 20 Scholars and keeps an open School to 2. If any Scholar comes into the School and will not submit to the rules of the School they Shall Leave the School & pay Likewise & we the Subscribers Shall find S, d Brackett in boarding and washing as Witnesses—with our respective Names Annex't with the number of Scholars CB and keeps 5 days per week During said term.

Phillip Brittain-----	Schlors-----	6
Daniel Roper-----	Schlors-----	4
Casper Hoffman-----	Schlors-----	5
Phillip Martin-----	Schlors-----	6"

The above contract was found among 3 Casper Hoffman's effects in the old home place where he lived and reared his family. Although several new houses have been built and several generations have come and gone, the tumbled down chimneys and many old logs and boards to this day mark well the site. Much of the original land has been divided among his descendants and sold to others, however, the homeplace has been held intact, and is now owned and tilled by his great-grandchildren. It was in this home where the contract and many other interesting articles of 3 Casper Hoffman were found carefully preserved in old hand-made chests which have been kept by the family descendants.

Another very interesting paper found in the old chest of 3 Casper Hoffman was a letter sent by hand on August 22, 1833, from one Thomas Ress, a writing school teacher, who had been, previous to that date, teaching writing school in that community and had boarded in 3 Casper's home. It was a beautiful display of words and penmanship and carried a vein of sincere gratitude and appreciation for the fine hospitality the writer had received in the

home of his host. On the reverse side of Thomas Rees's letter is to be found, along with many other sheets of paper, much evidence that 3 Casper himself had been taking writing lessons under Mr. Reese. Evidence of his improvement in writing and spelling may be found by comparing his writing and signatures on various papers, some of which bear dates as early as 1810 and others as late as 1855.

3 Casper Hoffman died February, 1868. He had just borne the grief of losing one son on the battlefields of Virginia, but in turn his old heart had been gladdened before death by seeing four other sons return from the front to do their part in rebuilding their Southland.

The children of 3 Casper and Polly Hudson Hoffman were:

- 4 Abram Hoffman
- 4 Charity Hoffman
- 4 Thomas Hoffman
- 4 Mary Ann Hoffman
- 4 Katie Hoffman
- 4 Samuel Hoffman
- 4 William Hoffman
- 4 Joseph Hoffman
- 4 Julius Hoffman
- 4 Fanny Hoffman
- 4 Barbara Hoffman.

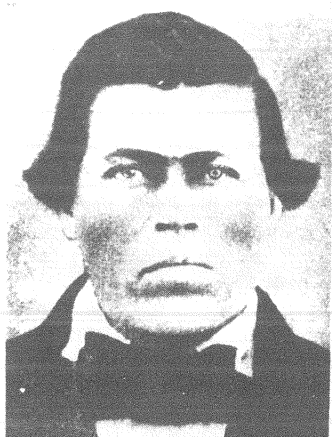
Their families follow in order as above named:

- 4 Abram Hoffman was born April 10, 1815, married Vinna Martin. Their children:
 - 5 Harvey Hoffman, went to Arkansas, m. Kandace Trout. Their children:
 - 6 May, Althazor (Balthazar), Lou, and Glenn Hoffman
 - 5 Terrell Hoffman, remained in Burke County, m. Lindy York. Their children:
 - 6 Harvey Hoffman, m. ————. Their children:
 - 7 Josie, Ethel, Hazel, Eva, John, Alvin, and Santos Hoffman
 - 6 Fanny Hoffman, m. William Bradshaw. Several children
 - 5 Mary Hoffman, b. 1860 in Burke County, but when a child, went with her parents to Clay County, N. C., where she married Richard Nelson. Their children:

- 6 James Nelson, m. Dora Daly
- 6 Virgil Nelson, m. Lena McClure
- 6 Charles Nelson, m. Lily Rogers
- 6 Samuel Nelson, m. Stella Phillips
- 6 Emma Nelson, m. Alfred McClure
- 6 Lena Nelson, m. Everett Garrison
- 6 Donie Nelson, m. Arvel Daly
- 5 Alec Hoffman, m. ——— in Clay County.
Their children:
 - 6 William and Joseph Hoffman, went to Idaho
 - 6 Alonzo Hoffman, m. Emma Early. Their children:
 - 7 Leonard, Esther, Anna Lou, Doy, Terrell, Joseph, Hubert, and Claude Hoffman
 - 6 Berry Hoffman, m. Lena Hodges. Their children:
 - 7 Edgar, Samuel, and Alice Hoffman
 - 6 Bynum Hoffman, m. Dealia Cruise. Their children:
 - 7 Lawrence, Edith, Birdie, and Louise Hoffman
 - 6 Lou Hoffman, m. Grady Coward. Their children:
 - 7 Jacob, Alfa, Birdie, and Arlene Coward
- 5 Joseph Hoffman, never married
- 4 Charity Hoffman, m. James Garrison and they moved to Clay County where they reared the following children:
 - 5 Henry Garrison, m. ——— McClure
 - 5 "Sis" Garrison, m. ——— Poteat
 - 5 William, Samuel, Wythe, Mary, Barbara, and Fanny Garrison
- 4 Thomas Hoffman, m. Polly Stilwell. Their children:
 - 5 Casper "Bud" Hoffman, never married. He was a plain, uncouth and eccentric individual, living among his relatives and never had a home or a care. His presence was always welcomed because he radiated sunshine, mirth and homespun philosophy wherever he went. Born too late to become a full-fledged soldier in the War Between the States, he did his "mite" by carrying water, food and other provisions to the soldiers as they marched to and from battle. When he passed out to sea his place by the fireside remained vacant, because there was no one just like "Bud" to fill it.

- 5 John Hoffman, m. Jane Lowman. Their children:
 - 6 William Hoffman, m. Lottie Icard
 - 6 Alice Hoffman, m. John Powell
 - 6 Mary Hoffman, m. D. W. Hunter
 - 6 Dealia Hoffman, m. G. W. Hildebrand
 - 6 Polly Hoffman, m. J. H. Delapp
 - 6 Princie Hoffman, died single
 - 6 James Hoffman, m. Bessie Icard
- 5 Katie Hoffman, m. Jacob Lail. Their children:
 - 6 Doanie Lail, m. John Lail
 - 6 Emma Lail, m. ——— ———
 - 6 And others
- 5 Sara Hoffman, m. ——— ——— and went West
- 5 Betty Hoffman, m. John Lowman. Their children:
 - 6 Sidney Lowman, m. Alice Brittain
 - 6 And others
- 4 Mary Ann Hoffman, m. William Denton. Their children:
 - 5 Julius Denton, m. Minnie Denton. Their children:
 - 6 Belo, Michael, Mary, Joseph, Frank, and Barbara Denton
 - 5 Wade Denton, m. 5 Mary Alice Settlemyer. Their children:
 - 6 Lincoln, Max, Velvie, Otis, Raymond, Mary Belle, and Vassie Denton
 - 5 John Denton, m. Anna Wellman. No issue
 - 5 Joseph Denton, never married
 - 5 Lethia Denton, m. John York. No issue
 - 5 Dovie Denton, M. John Cook. Their children:
 - 6 Effie Cook, m. Carnie VanHorn
 - 6 Mary Jane Cook, m. Julius Hildebrand
 - 6 Bertha Cook, m. R. P. Van Horn
 - 6 Raymond, Flavious, and Wade Cook
 - 5 Jane Denton, m. Lou Taylor. Their children:
 - 6 Martha and Dan Taylor
 - 5 Barbara Denton, m. Abbie Butler. Their children:
 - 6 Frank Butler, m. Fannie Cook
 - 6 Jennie Butler, m. J. C. Chapman
 - 6 Sanford Butler, m. ——— ———
 - 6 Velie Butler, m. Henry Swink
 - 5 Martha Denton, m. Berry Swink
- 4 Katie Hoffman, m. Lorenzo Brittain. Their children:
 - 5 Newton Brittain, m. ——— Speagle. Their children:
 - 6 Ida Brittain

Left:
4 William M.
Hoffman
(1834-1905).



Right:
Candace Tucker
Hoffman
(1840-1886).



Left:
5 James Haywood
Hoffman
(1873-1897).



Right:
5 L. Zero Hoffman.



Left:
5 Timmy Hoffman
Gilbert.



Right:
5 M. Neady Hoff-
man Grigg.



All of the
1 GEORGE
HOFFMAN line.

Dr. John Syers Hoffman
of the
GEORGE HOFFMAN Inc.



Left:
Jeannett Johnson
Hoffman.



Right:
Dr. Byron L.
Hoffman.



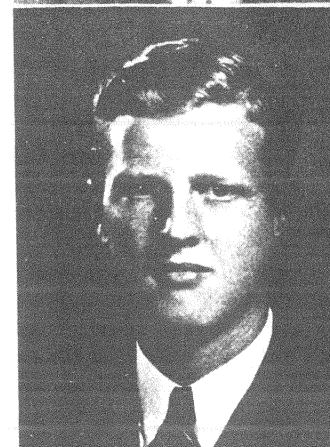
Left:
Dr. Milo J.
Hoffman.



Right:
Boyce M.
Hoffman.



Left:
Robert R.
Hoffman.



Right:
Helen Jeannett
Hoffman.



The author's family.
Of the
1 GEORGE
HOFFMAN line.

- 6 James Brittain, m. Lola Rudisill
- 6 Cleveland Brittain, m. Cordie Rudisill
- 6 Dealie Brittain, m. Craig Rudisill
- 5 Aaron and Fanny Brittain
- 4 Samuel Hoffman, b. May 5, 1830, m. Martha J. Haines on Aug. 9, 1854. They lived in Lincoln County. Their children:
 - 5 Emma Hoffman, b. in 1856, m. James Hauss. Their children:
 - 6 Vera Hauss, never married
 - 6 Lilly Hauss, never married
 - 6 Leonard Hauss, m. Jesse Phillips. Their children:
 - 7 Dorothy and ——— Hauss
 - 6 Kiser Hauss, m. Nellie Stewart. No issue
 - 6 Frank Hauss, m. Marie Snyder. No issue
 - 5 Charles L. Hoffman, b. 1861, m. Mamie Richardson of Lincolnton. Their children:
 - 6 Annette Hoffman, m. ——— in New Orleans
 - 6 Charles, Jr., and Alice Hoffman. Unmarried
- 4 William Hoffman was born January 10, 1834. In 1861 he was among the first to volunteer for the defense of the Confederate cause under Col. Kirksy. He participated in all the major battles of the Civil War, among which were Manassas, Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Petersburg, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, and Appomattox. He received only one wound during the four years, that being at Gettysburg. He was in the thick of battle at Appomattox at the time of General Lee's surrender and witnessed the very dramatic episode of General Lee offering his sword to General Grant which terminated hostilities in that horrible struggle. He there, with many other brave and worn out souls, stacked arms, and after being honorably discharged, began the wearied trod back to his native North Carolina.

On January 29, 1868, he married Candace Tucker of Catawba County. They acquired a tract of land in

the latter county where they lived the remainder of their lives. Candace died in 1886. After her death 4 William married Sarah Hull, but no children by her. William died January 29, 1905. Their children (first wife):

- 5 Samuel Hoffman, died young
- 5 Emma Hoffman, died young
- 5 James Haywood Hoffman, was born April 6, 1873. As a young man, he acquired a splendid education at Rutherford College, and, heeding the advise of Horace Greely to "Go West, young man," he ventured to that great domain of Colorado. There, when facing a brilliant future and only twenty-four years of age, he was stricken with a new disease called "Appendicitis," and fell like an Autumn leaf. His untimely death spread a pall of grief and sorrow over his native community, the like of which it had never before or since experienced. His body was shipped home and buried in the quiet graveyard of Old St. John's Church.

He was the pride of the community, being a diligent student, a convincing speaker, a leader in athletics, a young man of sterling character and a personality that caused all who came into his presence to stand in awe and admiration. Although forty years have passed since his death, the vacant place made by his death has never been filled in the hearts of his people and friends. He never married.

- 5 Lawrence Zero Hoffman was born January 22, 1875. He served his country very gallantly in the Spanish-American War under Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, returned home, and married Beatrice McClurd. Their children:

- 6 Bessie Hoffman, m. Detroit Belwood. Their children:

- 7 Clara Lee, Claud, and Estelle Belwood

- 6 Candace Hoffman, m. Floyd Willis. Their children:

- 7 Frederick, Dorothy, and Anna Kate Willis

- 6 Mary Hoffman, m. Elijah Daves. Their children:

- 7 Alda Lee, Winona, Talcowana, Elizabeth, William, and Joyce Daves

- 6 Florence Hoffman, m. Lee Champion. Their children:
 - 7 Ray and Martha Champion
- 6 William Hoffman, m. Pearl Webb. No children
- 6 Alice Hoffman, not married
- 5 Fanny Tinny Hoffman, b. November 10, 1877, m. Aude Gilbert. Their child:
 - 6 Virgie Gilbert, m. Lander Wood. Their children:
 - 7 John Hoffman and Mary Frances Wood
- 5 M. Nealy Hoffman, b. February 29, 1880, m. Marion Grigg. Their children:
 - 6 B. R. Grigg, m. Georgia Jenkins and later Alpha Gilbert
 - 6 Virgil Grigg
 - 6 Fanny Grigg, m. Lester ———
 - 6 Lonie Grigg, m. Roy Smith
- 5 John Styers Hoffman, b. December 17, 1882. He is a dentist of much skill, and has enjoyed a very lucrative practice in Charlotte, North Carolina. I am indebted to him for assistance in securing information in this work. He married Elizabeth Corbett. No children.
- 5 Max Ellis Hoffman, b. October 9, 1885; m. Jeannett Johnson. Their children:
 - 6 Byron Jay Hoffman, a physician in Atlanta
 - 6 Milo Johnson Hoffman, a dentist; m. Elaine Moore
 - 6 Boyce M., Robert Richard, and Helen Jeannett Hoffman
- 4 Joseph Hoffman, killed on battlefields of Virginia. Never married
- 4 Julius Hoffman, m. Nancy Tucker. Their children:
 - 5 Frances Hoffman, m. Adolphus Leatherman. Their children:
 - 6 Ivey Leatherman, m. Mike Rainey. Their children:
 - 7 Lucille, Fred, Edith and Geneva Rainey
 - 6 Anna Leatherman, m. Ed. Reinhart
 - 6 Joseph Leatherman, m. Reah Lattimore
 - 6 Vergie Leatherman, m. John Buff
 - 6 Bunnie Leatherman, m. George Rainey. Their child:
 - 7 Nanney Sue Rainey
 - 6 Ora Leatherman, m. Albert Hartsoe

- 5 Charley Theodore Hoffman, m. Linney Johnson. Their children:
 - 6 Hessie Hoffman, m. Alexander Cook. Their children:
 - 7 Theodore, James, Rosa, Ray, Alvin, and Harvey Cook
 - 6 Beulah Hoffman, m. Edgar Norman. Their children:
 - 7 Clifford, Pauline, and Elizabeth Norman
 - 6 Julius Hoffman, m. Velma Stevens. Their children:
 - 7 Ray, K. C., Howard, Alta Mae, and Eugene Hoffman
 - 6 Georgia Hoffman, m. Dock Lindsey
 - 6 Ethel Hoffman, m. Clement Huss. Their children:
 - 7 Bonnie, Catherine, Edith, Dolly, and Clementine Huss
 - 6 Bertie Hoffman, m. Herbert Martin
 - 6 Vangil Hoffman, m. Ernest Lindsey. Their children:
 - 7 Eva and Baby Gene Lindsey
 - 6 Dolly Hoffman, m. Ed. Bivens. Their children:
 - 7 Betty and Paul Bivens
 - 6 Charlie T. Hoffman, Jr.
- 5 Nettie Hoffman, m. J. Rufus Sain. Their children:
 - 6 Alice Sain, m. Burton Sain. Their children:
 - 7 Mae and Clyde Sain
 - 6 Bessie Sain, never married
 - 6 Frances Sain, m. Fred Sain. Their children:
 - 7 Marshall, Pauline, Marvin, and Karl Sain
 - 6 Sanford Sain, m. Zona Stevens. Their children:
 - 7 Harold, Herman, J. C., Richard, and Paul Sain
 - 6 Dora Sain, m. F. S. Barnes, no children
 - 6 Lester Sain, m. Maude Houser. Their children:
 - 7 Edith, Irene, Clara Nell, Joan, and Lessie Paul Sain
 - 6 Clarence Sain, m. Ila Abernethy. Their children:
 - 7 Virgie, Charles, Orland, and Dorothy Sain
 - 6 Hettie Sain, m. Clarence Elmore; no children
 - 6 Florence Sain, not married
 - 6 Lona Sain, m. Fitzhugh Elmore. Their children:

- 7 Billie and Jean Elmore
- 6 Pressley and Edna Sain, neither married.
- 3 Katie Hoffman, daughter of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, b. in 1794, married Elijah Roper. Their children, as best I can determine, were:
 - 4 David Roper
 - 4 Barney Roper
 - 4 Pace Roper
 - 4 Ann Roper Their families follow in part:
 - 4 David Roper, m. ——— Hildebrand. Their children:
 - 5 Bud Roper, m. Dovie Smith
 - 5 Berry Roper, m. ——— Farr
 - 5 Julius Roper, m. ——— ———
 - 4 Barney Roper, m. ——— ———, went to the Civil War, and was killed
 - 4 Pace Roper, m. Jackson Smith. Their children:
 - 5 Monroe Smith, m. Mary Newton. Their children:
 - 6 Edgar Smith, m. Jane Cook
 - 6 Elijah Smith, m. Elizabeth Smith. Their children:
 - 7 Jackson, Abbie, Dora, and Quemi Smith
 - 6 Tude Smith, m. Joseph Smith. (See 3 Betty Hoffman record)
 - 6 Dealie Smith, m. John Hudson. No children
 - 5 There were other children in this family, but no record
 - 4 Ann Roper, m. Westley Walker. (See 3 Betty Hoffman record)
- 3 Barbara Hoffman, daughter of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, m. William "Billy" Carswell. Their children:
 - 4 Alexander Carswell
 - 4 Robert Carswell
 - 4 Samuel Carswell
 - 4 Billy Carswell
 - 4 Michael Carswell
 - 4 Joseph Carswell
 - 4 Jasper Carswell
 - 4 Barbara Carswell
 - 4 Mintie Carswell Their families follow:
 - 4 Alexander Carswell, m. 4 Mary Hoffman, his first cousin and daughter of 3 Michael Hoffman, and for their children see 3 Michael Hoffman's record
 - 4 Robert Carswell, m. Polly Walker. Their children:

- 5 Betty Carswell, m. Henry Swink
- 5 Nathan Carswell, m. Eliza Denton
- 5 Thomas Carswell, m. Phronia Cloud
- 5 Pinkney Carswell, m. Betty Smith
- 5 Nancy Carswell, m. Arch Swink
- 5 Amanda Carswell, m. Bill Brittain
- 4 Samuel Carswell, m. Ruth McNeely. Their children:
 - 5 Betty Carswell, m. J. J. Carswell
 - 5 Margaret Carswell, m. Thomas Baumgarner
 - 5 Barbara Carswell, m. Stanley Smith
 - 5 Mary Carswell, m. Haywood Chapman
 - 5 Jane Carswell, m. Ivey Smith
 - 5 Thomas Carswell, m. Ellen Hines
 - 5 Amos Carswell, m. Rena Hoyle
 - 5 Amanda Carswell, m. J. M. Carswell
- 4 Billy Carswell, m. Sally Smith. No issue
- 4 Joseph Carswell, m. Barbara Hoffman. See 3 Michael Hoffman record
- 4 Jasper Carswell, m. Betty Brittain. Their children:
 - 5 Rufus Carswell, m. ——— York
 - 5 Elam Carswell, never married
 - 5 Zena Carswell, m. Todd Smith
 - 5 Minnie Carswell, m. Robert Hawkins
- 4 Michael Carswell, killed in War Between the States
- 4 Barbara Carswell, m. 4 Harvey Hoffman. (See 3 Michael Hoffman record)
- 4 Mintie Carswell, died young
- 3 Betty (Elizabeth) Hoffman, daughter of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, m. Thomas Walker. Their children:
 - 4 Billy Walker
 - 4 Joseph Walker
 - 4 Westley Walker
 - 4 Nancy Walker
 - 4 Bash Walker
 - 4 Samuel Walker
 - 4 Jennie Walker

Their families follow:

 - 4 Billy Walker, went into Western North Carolina and married an Indian
 - 4 Joseph Walker, m. ——— Deal and later m. ——— Denton
 - 4 Westley Walker, m. Aggie Watts. Their children:
 - 5 Betty Walker, m. Alec Smith. Their children:
 - 6 Joseph Smith, m. Elmer Smith. Their children:
 - 7 Colon, Benjamin, and Opal Smith

- Later 6 Joseph Smith married ——— Franklin.
 Their children:
 7 Gorman and Lewis Smith
 6 Abel Smith, m. Mary Brittain
 6 Silas Smith, m. ——— Carswell
 6 John Smith, m. ——— Hawn. Their child:
 7 Westley Smith
 6 Minnie Smith, m. Scholar Smith
 6 William Smith, m. ——— Hunnicutt
 6 Nancy Smith, m. ——— Bunch
 6 Badger Smith, m. ——— Allran
 5 Jane Walker, m. George Smith. Their children:
 6 Aggie Smith, m. John Stamey
 6 Logan Smith, m. Mary Swink. Their child:
 7 Nancy Smith
 6 Thomas Smith, m. Eliza Carswell
 5 Nancy Walker, m. John Smith. Their children:
 6 Emma Smith, m. ——— Kanipe
 6 Westley Smith, m. Martha Hildebrand
 5 Mary Ann Walker, m. Joshua Mull. Their children:
 6 Marshall Mull, m. ——— Branch
 6 Edna Mull, m. ——— Branch
 6 Minnie Mull, m. Peter Brittain
 4 Nancy Walker, m. Jacob Mull. Their children:
 5 Jacob, Jr., and John Mull
 4 Bash Walker, never married
 4 Samuel Walker, went into Western North Carolina. No further trace
 4 Jennie Walker, m. George Smith. No further record
 3 Michael Hoffman, youngest son of 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, b. December 18, 1798, m. Mary Burns of the Burke community. 3 Michael died March 31, 1872, after a long and useful life.
 The children of 3 Michael and Mary Burns Hoffman were:
 4 Frederick Hoffman
 4 Betty (Elizabeth) Hoffman
 4 Samuel Hoffman
 4 Barbara Hoffman
 4 Harvey Hoffman
 4 Mary Hoffman
 4 Alec Hoffman
 4 Angeline Hoffman
 4 Amos Hoffman

4 Azor (Balthazar) Hoffman

4 Byard Hoffman

The families of the above will be given in detail as follows:

4 Frederick Hoffman, commonly known as "Feddle," married Susan Cook, settled along the banks of Henry River some few miles above the old home place of his grandfather, 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, and reared a very large family as follows:

5 James Hoffman, m. Phenie King. Their children:

6 Ida Hoffman, m. Walt Brittain

6 Florence Hoffman, m. ——— Brittain

6 Ollie Hoffman, m. ——— Mull

6 Walter Hoffman, m. Lethia Brittain

6 James Hoffman, died single

5 Eller Hoffman, m. Frank Smith. Their children:

6 Annie Smith, now single

6 Vivian Smith, m. ——— Flye

6 Susan Smith, m. Carl McGill

6 Donald Smith, m. Pauline Buff

6 Conley Smith, now single

5 Chick Hoffman, m. Sara Murphy. Their children:

6 Charlie, William, Mooney, Joseph, Ernest,
Alice, Bessie, and Nannie Hoffman

5 Obie Hoffman, never married

5 Lucy Hoffman, m. D. Wade Brittain. Their children:

6 Marshall Brittain, now single

6 Mamie Brittain, m. Grover Hudson

6 Colon Brittain, m. ——— Blackwood

6 Nannie Brittain, m. Dan Whisnant

6 Cecil Brittain, m. Ora Propst

5 Samuel Hoffman, son of 4 Frederick Hoffman, and a very influential citizen of Morganton, m. Martha Hildebran. Their children:

6 Frank O. Hoffman, an outstanding business man of Morganton, m. Mary Louise McCollum. Their child:

7 Mary Louise Hoffman, m. Thomas Cornwell. Their children:

8 Mary Louise, Annie Hoffman, and Barbara Gold Cornwell

6 Frederick L. Hoffman, a business man of Morganton and Drexel, m. Elizabeth Cochrane. Their children:

- 7 Mildred and Eleanor Hoffman
- 6 Robert O. Hoffman, a leading citizen of Burke County, and a national figure in the business world, m. Pearl Trogden. Their children:
 - 7 Pearl, Anne, and Roberta Hoffman
- 6 Minnie Hoffman, m. W. H. Reddish. No children
- 5 Michael Hoffman, m. Mary Reynolds. Their children:
 - 6 Lucy Hoffman, m. ——— Hyman
 - 6 Frank Hoffman, m. Minnie Mull
 - 6 James Hoffman, died single
 - 6 Roy Hoffman, m. ——— Taylor
 - 6 Ottis Hoffman, m. Mary Broughton
 - 6 Leila Hoffman, m. W. W. McCall
 - 6 Anna Hoffman, m. Merrit Poteet
 - 6 Belle Hoffman, m. Robert Brittain
- 5 Joel Hoffman, m. Celia Garrison. Their children:
 - 6 Grant Hoffman
 - 6 Tessie Hoffman, m. Julius Wright. Their children:
 - 7 June, Gladys, Clarence, and Cecil Wright
 - 6 Susan Hoffman, m. E. C. Kirk. Their children:
 - 7 Geraldine and Robert Hoffman Kirk
 - 6 Velsie Hoffman, died single
 - 6 Ernest Hoffman, never married
 - 6 Herbert Hoffman, m. Colleen Hoffman. No children
- 5 Nancy Hoffman, m. Joseph Mull. Their children:
 - 6 Obie Mull
 - 6 Jink Mull, m. ——— Poteat
 - 6 Dallas Mull, m. Frank Cook
 - 6 Ellen Mull, m. Robert Cline
 - 6 Ida Mull, m. Jacob Mull
 - 6 Marion Mull, m. ——— Allen
 - 6 David Mull
 - 6 Minnie Mull, m. Frank Hoffman
 - 6 Etta Mull, m. Herman Walls
 - 6 Celia Mull, m. William Patton
- 5 Mary Hoffman, m. Abel H. Carswell. Their children:
 - 6 Ransom F. Carswell, m. Minnie Waters. Their children:
 - 7 Ransom Carswell, Jr.

- 7 John Carswell. See Alexander Carswell's record
- 6 Guy T. Carswell, m. Clara Horn
- 6 Jeter J. Carswell, m. Lula Murray
- 6 Anna Carswell, m. Paul Waters. Their children:
 - 7 Elizabeth, Sue, and Gene Waters
- 6 Samuel Carswell, single
- 6 Paul Carswell, m. Louise Williams. Their children:
 - 7 Paul, Jr., and James Carswell
- 6 Robert Carswell, m. Mildred Yarborough. Their children:
 - 7 Robert, Jr., and Guy Carswell
- 5 Jane Hoffman, m. William Orders. Their children:
 - 6 Samuel Orders
 - 6 Frederick Orders, m. Cleo Wall
 - 6 Coy Orders
 - 6 Hester Orders, m. C. A. Caldwell
 - 6 Eunice Orders
 - 6 Mulie Orders, m. Moran Harbison
 - 6 Janie Orders, single
 - 6 Rena Orders, m. ——— Garrison
- 5 Barbara Hoffman, m. 5 Abel Hoffman. Their children:
 - 6 Peter Hoffman
 - 6 Napoleon Hoffman. Went West. No further records
 - 6 Mackie Hoffman, m. Katie Keller
 - 6 Anna Hoffman, m. "Bub" Carswell. (See Alexander Carswell's record)
 - 6 Maggie Hoffman
 - 6 Bessie Hoffman, m. 6 Alexander Martin
 - 6 Timey Hoffman, m. 6 J. R. Carswell
 - 6 Ennie Hoffman, m. Henry Van Horn
- 4 Betty Hoffman, daughter of 3 Michael Hoffman, m. Thomas Cook. Their children:
 - 5 Elizabeth Cook, m. Jacob Abee. Their children:
 - 6 Thomas Abee, m. Effie Brown. Went to Missouri
 - 6 Nellie Abee, m. Charles Laughridge
 - 6 John Abee, m. Annie Rector
 - 6 Daniel Abee, m. Pearl Powell
 - 6 Wade Abee, m. Ruth ———
 - 6 Rosie Abee, m. Ernest Denton

- 6 Sara Abee, died single
- 6 Ernest Abee, m. in California
- 6 Emma Abee, m. John Gross
- 5 Naomi Cook, m. Calvin Settlemeier. Their children:
 - 6 Milas Settlemeier, m. Lillie Franklin
 - 6 Etta Settlemeier, m. Cam Franklin
 - 6 Emma Settlemeier, m. William Parker
 - 6 Max Settlemeier, m. 5 Zora Carswell
 - 6 Mary Alice Settlemeier, m. 5 Wade Denton
 - 6 Thomas Settlemeier, m. Lillie Carswell
 - 6 Zora Settlemeier, m. Kelly Carswell
 - 6 Maggie Settlemeier, m. Vester Lindsey
 - 6 Harvey Settlemeier, m. Rose Carswell
 - 6 Schyler Settlemeier, m. 6 Lula Carswell
 - 6 Rhoda Settlemeier, m. Fred Wellman
 - 6 Alphonso Settlemeier, m. Della Stamey
 - 6 Vassie Settlemeier, m. Frank Propst
- 5 Michael Cook, m. Sally Hudson
- 5 Tinny Cook, m. Abbie Carswell. Their children:
 - 6 Samuel Carswell, m. May Gilbert
 - 6 Lillie Carswell, m. 6 Thomas Settlemeier
 - 6 Walter Carswell, m. Carrie Miller
 - 6 Alice Carswell, m. Grover Clark
 - 6 Etta Carswell, m. Oscar Deal
- 5 Alphonso Cook, m. Jane Wright. Their children:
 - 6 Dicy Cook, m. 6 Rufus Hoffman
 - 6 Lelia Cook, m. John Lindsey
 - 6 Ottis Cook, m. Virgie Wheeler
 - 6 Sebastin Cook, m. ————
 - 6 Roy Cook, m. Virgie Stroup
 - 6 Virgie Cook, m. Isaih Beam
 - 6 Cottie Cook, m. ——— Whitener
- 4 Samuel Hoffman, m. Katie Cloud. Their children:
 - 5 Jane Hoffman, had one child:
 - 6 Hettie Hoffman, m. Corella Sain
 - 5 Emma Hoffman, m. "Little Doc" Hoffman of the 5th generation of 1 JACOB HOFFMAN of Gaston County. Their children:
 - 6 Sydney Hoffman
 - 6 Barto Hoffman, m. Dora Keller
 - 6 Frank Hoffman, m. Mattie Keller
 - 6 Laughton Hoffman, m. Phoebe Leonard
 - 6 Louis Hoffman, m. Media Lail
 - 6 Henry Hoffman, m. Ollie Martin

- 5 "Big Doc" Hoffman, m. Laura Dietz. No issue
- 5 Alice Hoffman, m. Thomas Leonard. Their children:
 - 6 Annie Leonard, m. G. C. Wilson
 - 6 Dewitt Leonard, m. Floy Benson
 - 6 Daniel Leonard, m. Herron Frye
 - 6 Kate Leonard, never married
 - 6 Earl Leonard, m. Ruth Hawn
- 4 Barbara Hoffman, m. Joseph Carswell. Their children:
 - 5 Collet Carswell, m. Fanny York. (See 3 Abram Hoffman record)
 - 5 Jink Carswell, m. Kisie Lail
 - 5 Alphonso Carswell, m. Alice Lail
 - 5 Emma Carswell, m. _____
- 4 Harvey Hoffman, son of 3 Michael, m. Barbara Carswell. Their children:
 - 5 Jane Hoffman, m. William (Billy) Reynolds. Their children:
 - 6 Minnie Reynolds, m. William McClurd
 - 6 Betty Reynolds, m. Roland Hildebrand
 - 6 Dempsey Reynolds, m. Azor Mull and later m. Theo Abee
 - 6 John Reynolds, m. Rosalee Hildebrand
 - 6 William Reynolds, Jr., m. Junie Bradshaw
 - 6 Sanford Reynolds, m. Texie Keller
 - 6 Hattie Reynolds, m. Wallace Tallent. Their children:
 - 7 Marjorie Lee Tallent
 - 7 Emogene Tallent
 - 7 Wallace Tallent, Jr.
 - 5 Michael Hoffman, m. Barbara Jane Carswell. Their children:
 - 6 Miles Hoffman, m. Ella Smith
 - 6 Belo Hoffman, m. 6 Mary Carswell
 - 6 Eliza Hoffman, m. 6 Filo Hoffman
 - 6 Timey Hoffman, m. 6 Milas Hoffman
 - 6 Vance Hoffman, m. Pearl Woods
 - 6 Rufus Hoffman, m. Hettie Smith
- Later 5 Michael Hoffman m. Mrs. Zena Smith. Their children:
 - 6 Frederick Hoffman, m. _____
 - 6 Franklin Hoffman, m. _____
- 5 Wade Hampton Hoffman, m. Lola Goodson. Their children:

- 6 Julius Hoffman, m. Beattie Costner
- 6 Robert Hoffman, m. Willie Waugh
- 6 Cleaveland Hoffman, m. Dovie Smith
- 6 Jennie Hoffman, m. T. S. Wellman
- 6 Ethel Hoffman, m. Paul Denton
- 6 May Hoffman, m. Ernest McKinzie
- 6 Donald Hoffman, m. Lillian McGuire
- 6 Lee Hoffman, m. Pearl Raby
- 6 Paul Hoffman, m. Cathleen Roberts
- 6 Anderson Hoffman, m. Rosalee Auten
- 6 James, Mary, and Horace Hoffman, by another marriage
- 5 Barbara Hoffman, m. Henry Franklin Tallent. Their children:
 - 6 Hettie Lee Tallent, m. Charles H. Propst. Their children:
 - 7 Ethel C., Frank M., Everett Mc., Barbara B., Mary Eloise, and Frances Louise Propst
 - 6 William Harvey Tallent, m. Jennie Smith. Their children:
 - 7 Willie Marie Tallent, m. Charles M. Ward
 - 7 Shirley P. Tallent, m. Lavone Peeler
 - 7 Merle, Barbara Lee, Betty Sue, Hettie, and William Tallent
 - 6 Henry Franklin Tallent, Jr., m. Virginia Clay. Their children:
 - 7 Loy Allen Tallent, and others
- 4 Mary Hoffman, m. Alexander Carswell. Their children:
 - 5 J. R. (Dude) Carswell, m. 5 Timey Hoffman. Their children:
 - 6 Margie Carswell, m. Walter Bost
 - 6 Elbert Carswell, m. Grace Allen
 - 6 Estelle Carswell, m. Horace Brittain
 - 6 Pearl Carswell, m. Stuart Ramsey
 - 6 Zena, Wesley Ellen, and Beulah Carswell, all single
 - 5 Dealie Carswell, m. James Martin. Their children:
 - 6 Alec Martin, m. Bessie Hoffman. Their children:
 - 7 Annie Lee Martin, m. Paul Birch
 - 7 Mayo, Dallas, Beatrice, Herman, Tellis, and Lillian Martin
 - 5 S. S. Carswell, m. 5 Candace Cloud. (For their children see record of 4 Angeline Hoffman who married Joe Cloud)

- 5 Mary Carswell, m. 5 W. H. York. Their child:
 - 6 Junie York, m. A. L. Harbison
- 5 Tennie Carswell, m. 5 W. H. York after Mary's death. Their children:
 - 6 Flavia York, m. McKendree Wells
 - 6 Pinkney York, single
- 5 Jock Carswell, m. Betty Carswell. Their children:
 - 6 Mackey Carswell, m. Zula Mitchell
 - 6 Marston Carswell, m. Estelle Smith
 - 6 Hester, Arthur, Major, Bessie, and Celia Carswell, all single
- 5 Eliza Carswell, m. 5 Alus Hoffman. (See 4 Azor Hoffman's record)
- 5 P. A. (Bub) Carswell, m. 5 Anna Hoffman. Their children:
 - 6 Mary Carswell, m. Belo Hoffman
 - 6 Lula Carswell, m. 6 Shyler Settlemyer
 - 6 Sadie Carswell, m. Patrick Handerhand
 - 6 Cora Carswell, m. Charlie Wellman
 - 6 Lucy Carswell, single
- 5 Julia Carswell, m. Robert VanHorn. No children
- 5 Zora Carswell, m. Max Settlemyer. Their children:
 - 6 Evelyn Settlemyer, died single
 - 6 Vernon Settlemyer, m. _____
 - 6 Margie Settlemyer, m. _____
 - 6 Gustia Settlemyer, m. Boyd Baker
 - 6 Myrtle Settlemyer, m. James Wood
 - 6 Nora Settlemyer, m. Jay Baker
- 5 Kelly Carswell, m. 6 Zora Settlemyer. Their children:
 - 6 Nona Carswell, m. Dewey Lowman
 - 6 Raymond Carswell, m. Fanny Legar
 - 6 Bryson Carswell, m. Ottie Lail
 - 6 Vaxter Carswell, m. Ruby Keller
 - 6 James, Pless, Ruth, Bessie, and Clyde Carswell
- 4 Alec Hoffman, single
- 4 Angeline Hoffman, m. Joel Cloud. Their children:
 - 5 Julia Ann Cloud, m. John VanHorn. Their children:
 - 6 Candace VanHorn, m. George McDuffie
 - 6 Pressley VanHorn, m. Helen Burnett
 - 6 Lester VanHorn, m. Maggie Hilderbrand
 - 6 Arthur VanHorn, single

- 5 Candace Cloud, m. 5 S. S. Carswell. Their children:
 - 6 Sanford Carswell, m. Mary Lee Herron
 - 6 Milas Carswell, m. 6 Veler Hoffman
 - 6 Lottie, Julia, and Mary Carswell, all single
- 5 Mary Cloud, m. John Propst. Their children:
 - 6 Ellen Propst, m. Carl Stroup
 - 6 Marvin Propst, m. Beulah Webb
 - 6 Ernest Propst, m. Katie Stroup
 - 6 Gladys Propst, m. ——— Jaynes
- 5 Ransom Cloud, m. Kemmie Sain. Their children:
 - 6 Zelma Cloud, m. Claude Hamrick
 - 6 Anna Cloud, m. Cornelius Keller
 - 6 Gladys, Edna, Lottie, Eva and Ava (twins), General, Wendell, and Mary Lou Cloud
- 5 Alice Cloud, m. John Stilwell. Their child:
 - 6 Conley Stilwell, m. Catherine Brittain
- 4 Amos Hoffman, m. Annie Whisnant. Their children:
 - 5 Charlie Hoffman, m. Dora Ann Warlick. No children
 - 5 Ella Hoffman, m. Fayette Cook. Their children:
 - 6 Meadie Cook, m. Deck Baker
 - 6 Effie Cook, m. Vandor ———
 - 6 Carl Cook, single
 - 6 Hetty Cook, m. ——— Suttle
 - 6 Minnie Cook, m. ——— Williams
 - 6 Lula Cook, m. Marion Roberts
 - 5 Jennie Hoffman, m. Monroe Hoyle. Their children:
 - 6 Lester Hoyle, m. Clara Stamey
 - 6 Amnar and Carl Hoyle
 - 5 Summey Hoffman, m. Sophrona Franklin. Their children:
 - 6 Gracie Hoffman, m. Avery Beaver
 - 6 Lilly, Tessie, and Manley Hoffman
 - 5 Mary Hoffman, m. 5 Alec Hoffman. Their children:
 - 6 Robert, Bertha, Hattie, and Guy Hoffman
 - 5 Wade Hoffman, m. Vassie Mull. Their children:
 - 6 Estelle Hoffman, m. McCleney Cook
 - 6 Thelma, Frederick, Forrest, Mull, Willie, Minnie, and Ruth Hoffman
- 4 Azor Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Hildebrand. Their children:
 - 5 Alus Hoffman, m. Eliza Carswell. Their child:
 - 6 Sibbie Hoffman, m. Hugh Reinhardt

- 5 Milas Hoffman, m. Alice Baumgarner. Their children:
 - 6 Pinkney Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Little
 - 6 Clarence and Flossie Hoffman
- Later 5 Milas Hoffman m. Sally McNeely. Their children:
 - 6 Fannie Mae, Obie, Alvin, Vera, Johnny and James (twins) Hoffman
- 5 Dicey Hoffman, died single
- 5 Neely Hoffman, died single
- 5 DeBart Hoffman, went West. Never married
- 5 Rhoda Hoffman, m. Bailey Brittain. Their child:
 - 6 Baxter Brittain, m. ——— Johnson
- 5 George Hoffman, m. ——— McFarland
- 5 James R. Hoffman is now an outstanding citizen of Burke County. He married Agnes Hoyle. Their children:
 - 6 Clifford, Vernie, Florie, LeRoy, Huston, Preston, Walter, Russell, Milton, and Larry Hoffman
- 5 Vanders Hoffman, m. ——— ———
- 5 Alvin Hoffman, m. Essie Propst. Their children:
 - 6 Ruth, Millard, Cora Lee, Fay, and Helen Hoffman
- 4 Byard Hoffman, m. Mary Gross. Their children:
 - 5 Eliza Jane Hoffman, m. Pinkney Baumgardner. Their children:
 - 6 Artie Baumgardner, m. Joel Walker
 - 6 Effie Baumgardner, m. Joseph Walker
 - 6 Charles Baumgardner, never married
 - 5 Nettie Elizabeth Hoffman, m. Shyler Franklin. Their children:
 - 6 Vassie Franklin, m. Horace Rector
 - 6 James Franklin, m. Myrtle Mace
 - 6 Lillie Franklin, m. Elzer Christople
 - 5 Zero Hoffman, m. Annie Powell, no issue
 - 5 Alec Hoffman, m. 5 Mary Hoffman (1st cousin). Their children:
 - 6 Robert, Bertha, Hattie Bell, and Guy Hoffman
 - 5 John Hoffman, m. Addie Coulter. Their children:
 - 6 Lottie, Irene, Lorene, and Thomas Hoffman
 - 5 Jacob Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Mary Alice Hoffman, m. Frank Rudisill. Their children:
 - 6 Chloe, Jalonius, and Mildred Rudisill

- 5 Ella Hoffman, m. John Cook, no issue
- 5 Bessie Hoffman, m. Shyler Hudson. Their children:
- 6 Annie, Myrtle, James. Bland, Horace, and Lillie Hudson.

2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN

- 2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN, daughter of the pioneer 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, was born in the year 1754 in the Great Alamance Creek section of North Carolina. In 1775 she married Conrad Yoder in Rowan County, and they settled near the Catawba River in what is now Catawba County, not far from the home of 2 CATHERINE'S parents. Conrad Yoder saw service in the Continental Line during the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, but no mention is made of it in the Colonial Records. The children of 1 CATHERINE HOFFMAN YODER and Conrad Yoder were:

- 3 Catherine Yoder
- 3 Daniel Yoder
- 3 John Yoder
- 3 Christina Yoder
- 3 Michael Yoder
- 3 Jacob Yoder

I have been unable to trace fully all of these children, but will give what has been secured through friends and records of the Yoder generation, as follows:

- 3 Catherine Yoder, b. 1777, m. John Baker in 1798. Their children:
 - 4 Jacob Baker, m. Susannah Sellers in 1819
 - 4 Joseph Baker, m. Elizabeth Reynolds in 1821
 - 4 Margaret Baker, m. John Baker in 1822
 - 4 Barbara Baker, m. Daniel Hefner in 1831
- 3 Daniel Yoder, m. Ellen Davis in 1805. Their children:
 - 4 Eli Yoder, m. Elizabeth Detter in 1834
 - 4 Solomon Yoder, m. Sara Seagle in 1832
 - 4 Peter Yoder, m. Rachel Hawn in 1832
 - 4 Others
- 3 Christina Yoder, m. Jacob Weaver in 1823. Their children:
 - 4 Melinda Weaver, m. Lorenza Black in 1844
 - 4 Susan Weaver, m. James Cornwell in 1840
 - 4 Noah Weaver, m. Lavina Ashebranner in 1840
 - 4 Phillip Weaver, m. Adeline Jenkins in 1849
 - 4 Barbara Weaver, m. Jacob Fisher in 1844
- 3 John Yoder, m. Sara Whitener. Their children:
 - 4 Lavina Yoder, m. Jesse Killian in 1840
 - 4 John Yoder, m. Elizabeth Jarrett in 1840

3 Michael Yoder, m. Polly Dietz in 1823

2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN

- 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, daughter of the pioneer 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, was born 1755, soon after the family had moved to the Alamance section of North Carolina. She moved with her parents to the Clark's Creek section of Rowan, later Lincoln and still later Catawba County. In 1774 she married Conrad Hildebrand, a German immigrant from the Palatinate who had arrived in the Port of Philadelphia on the British ship *Hero* on November 27, 1764. Accompanying him on that voyage were Henry Lutz, Frederick Hefner, John Cline (Klein), Jacob Heyl (Hoyle), and many other Germans who came into the Catawba and South Fork valleys in 1765.

This Conrad Hildebrand (often spelled Hultebrandt) was a "go-getter" when it came to transacting business. He received from the state of North Carolina land grants amounting to thousands of acres in Lincoln and Burke Counties. During the Revolutionary War he owned a very crude plant where much gun-powder was prepared in Burke County. This plant and his supply of powder was commandeered by the Whigs and was used against the British. He, himself, was in Col. Joseph McDowell's division when the swift march was made from Morganton to Gilbert Town and on to Kings Mountain where the American troops turned the tide of the Revolution. His great-grandson, Waitsell Hildebrand, who died in 1936, always enjoyed relating the story of his old ancestor, Conrad Hildebrand, and his participation in that battle.

Conrad Hildebrand was a mountain farmer on a large scale. He bought and sold merchandise, was a leader in his community, and helped to erect a small log church on the hill above his Henry River home. Being able to read and write well, he was a Burke magistrate, and handled many legal affairs of the county. He represented his county in the legislature for some time.

I am sorry, indeed, that I am unable to give a more complete history of his descendants, but the Burke records have all been destroyed by fire and all of the old landmarks are gone.

2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN HILDEBRAND and Conrad Hildebrand moved up on the Henry River, in company with 2 ELIZABETH'S brother, 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN, in 1778, where they settled, the Hildebrands on the north side of the river and the HOFFMANS on the south side.

The descendants of 2 ELIZABETH and Conrad Hildebrand follow:

- 3 Conrad Hildebrand, Jr. (Coonie)
- 3 Susannah Hildebrand
- 3 Mary Hildebrand
- 3 Elizabeth Hildebrand
- 3 Henry Hildebrand
- 3 Jacob Hildebrand
- 3 Sally Hildebrand

Here is all of the information I can secure on the above:

- 3 Conrad Hildebrand, Jr., was born in 1776 in the Lyle's Creek section of what was then Tryon County, later Lincoln but now Catawba County. He married Catherine (Katy) Martin of the Burke community. Their descendants were in part:
 - 4 George Hildebrand, b. 1798, m. Lizzie Mull. Their children:
 - 5 Julius Hildebrand, m. ——— Burns
 - 5 Frank Hildebrand, m. Rebecca Bowman
 - 5 John Hildebrand, never married
 - 5 Leander Hildebrand, m. Sallie Burns
 - 5 Callie Hildebrand, m. Amos Burns
 - 5 Elmina Hildebrand, m. Jonas Hildebrand
 - 5 Myra Hildebrand, m. John Warlick
 - 5 Rita Hildebrand, m. George Lowman
 - 5 Waitstell Hildebrand, m. Caladonia Lail
 - 5 Monroe Hildebrand, m. ———
 - 5 Burton Hildebrand, m. ———
 - 4 Katie Hildebrand, m. Ransom P. Cloud. Their children:
 - 5 Betty Cloud, m. Joseph Reynolds, father of William Reynolds. (See 4 Harvey Hoffman's family)
 - 5 Joseph Cloud, m. Angeline Hoffman. (See 4 Frederick Hoffman's family under 3 Michael Hoffman)
 - 4 Betty Hildebrand, m. David Roper. Their children:
 - 5 Bud Roper, m. Dovie Smith
 - 5 Berry Roper, m. ——— Farr
 - 5 Julius Roper
 - 4 "Missie" Hildebrand, b. 1812, m. Jacob Mull. Their children:
 - 5 Emeline Mull, m. (Little) Peter Mull, a cousin, and they moved further into Burke County on the Linville River where they became independant farming people. They had about five children, but I have the name of only one:
 - 6 John Mull, a prominent attorney of Morganton

- 5 Mary Mull, m. Burt Wilkie
- 5 Peter Mull, b. 1826, m. Alice Yount. No children. This man had a great career. He was a very brilliant and self-made man. At the age of thirty-four the Civil War came on, and he took upon himself the responsibility of enlisting a company of men from his community to serve the Confederacy. He trained the men in all of the then known military tactics and marched them to the Virginia battle-front where they wore themselves out whipping the enemy. At the close of the war he returned to his native community where he became a model citizen and a pillar of strength. He was the best civil engineer that section ever knew, having learned the art in the great "school of common sense and experience." He was also a merchant, an operator of both wheat and corn mills, a magistrate in civil affairs, a farmer in a big way, a postmaster, a church leader, and a No. 1 citizen in every respect. He was known as "Captain Pete" and throughout his long life he was very active physically and always walked with his quick military step which distinguished him from other men. He spent his last days in Newton, N. C., among loved ones, where he died in 1915 in the satisfaction of having lived a well-spent life.
- 5 Jacob Mull, b. 1832. No children. He was a very rich man, possessing an enormous amount of good farm land. He settled with his brother, "Captain Pete," just out of Burke County in Catawba along the Jacob's Fork River, where he became an influential citizen.

Division 3

1 JACOB HOFFMAN

- 1 JACOB HOFFMAN, one of the pioneer brothers who came to North Carolina, was born in the Palatinate of Germany in 1716.^x His name there was Hans Jacob Hoffman but the "Hans" prefix was dropped after arriving in America. Although his brothers, 1 GEORGE, 1 JOHN, and 1 CASPER, emigrated to America in the great rush of 1748 to 1751, 1 JACOB, having several small children at the time, did not emigrate until 1768. He brought with him his wife and four children, the oldest ones, 2 CATHERINE and 2 JACOB, Jr., having just married, remained in the Palatinate until the spring of 1771. The said 1 JACOB HOFFMAN married Catherina Best in 1745.^x They sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on the British Ship Pennsylvania Packet and arrived at the Port of Philadelphia on October 3, 1768.^{xx}

Upon arrival, they visited with 1 JACOB'S brother, 1 CASPER, and family and other relatives in Berk's County, Pennsylvania; then among other relatives in Lancaster and York Counties, and later passed on into Shenandoah County, Virginia. While there the Revolutionary War began absorbing the attention of the Colonists, and 1 JACOB'S son, 2 JOHN, became engaged in some of the skirmishes.^{xxx} In 1776, however, the family moved on into North Carolina, settling in the South Fork River valley some sixteen miles below where 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN had settled only eleven years previously. They acquired land near the mouth of Big Long Creek in what is now Gaston County. The exact dates of the deaths of this pioneer and his wife are not known, but many descendants know the place of their burial.

The children of 1 JACOB and Catherina Best Hoffman were:

- 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, JR.
- 2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN
- 2 MARY HOFFMAN
- 2 HANNAH HOFFMAN
- 2 JOHN HOFFMAN

^x Confirmed by age at death and age at time of emigration. Also German marriage records.

^{xx} Rupp's *Manual of 30,000 Immigrants, and Pennsylvania Pioneers* by Strassburger.

^{xxx} Virginia Revolutionary War Records.

2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN

Each of the above children of the pioneer 1 JACOB HOFFMAN and Catherina Best Hoffman will be discussed separately:

2 JACOB HOFFMAN, JR.

- 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, JR., was born in Germany in 1746.* He married Elizabeth Shetley in 1767.* As stated previously, they did not come to America with 2 JACOB'S parents, but delayed their voyage until 1771, arriving at Philadelphia, November 19, of that year, aboard the British Ship Tyger.** They joined the HOFFMAN family in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and came with them to North Carolina in 1776* They settled in what was then Tryon County, which was later changed to Lincoln and still later to Gaston County, near the junction of Hoyle's Creek and the South Fork River. There they reared the following family:

- 3 John Hoffman
- 3 Elizabeth Hoffman
- 3 Hannah Hoffman
- 3 Catherine Hoffman
- 3 Christine Hoffman
- 3 Margaret Hoffman
- 3 Mary Hoffman
- 3 Susan Hoffman
- 3 Ann Hoffman
- 3 Jacob Hoffman, 3rd.

Each of the above will be taken separately as follows:

- 3 John Hoffman, eldest son of 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, JR., married Elizabeth Rhyne, the daughter of Peter Rhyne, and they lived for a while on the farm willed him by his father, 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, JR., but about 1835 they moved to Perry County, Missouri, where they reared the following children:
 - 4 Catherine Hoffman, m. John Rhyne
 - 4 Mary Hoffman, m. Henry Arpe
 - 4 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. Peter Rhyne
 - 4 Sarah Hoffman, m. Daniel Rhyne
 - 4 Barbara Hoffman, m. Rufus Wills
 - 4 Daniel Hoffman, m. Catherine Sipes
 - 4 Fannie Hoffman, never married
 - 4 Solomon Hoffman, m. Mary Pressnel
 - 4 Jacob Hoffman, m. first, Mary Hovis, later m. Sarah Sides

* Records of the Pennsylvania German Society.

** *Pennsylvania Pioneers*, by Strassburger.

- 4 Hanna Hoffman, never married

I shall not attempt to carry these children of 3 John Hoffman any further, because they all remained in the middle western states and helped to settle that great country.

- 3 Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, JR., was born February 6, 1782. She married Jacob Rhyne in the year 1800, and lived in Lincoln County. Their children:
- 4 Elizabeth Rhyne, m. Jacob Rhyne
 - 4 Jonathan Rhyne, m. Becky Hoffman
 - 4 Fanny Rhyne, m. Lewis Lineberger
 - 4 Mary Rhyne, m. first. Andrew Clemmer, later m. ——— Bollinger
 - 4 Moses Rhyne, m. Margaret Hoffman
 - 4 Rebecca Rhyne, m. Levi Hoffman, cousin
 - 4 Jacob Rhyne, Jr., m. Margaret Best
 - 4 Susannah Rhyne, never married
 - 4 Sara Rhyne, m. Jonas Hoffman. (See 2 JOHN HOFFMAN line)
 - 4 John Rhyne, m. Dorcus Hoffman
- 3 Hannah Hoffman, m. John Clemmer, moved to Tennessee. Their children:
- 4 Louisa Clemmer, m. Jonathan Totherow
 - 4 Susan Clemmer, m. William Davis
 - 4 Jacob Clemmer, m. Martha Wimpee, and later Lizzie Huggins
 - 4 Mattie Clemmer, m. John Davis
 - 4 Margaret Clemmer, m. David Smith
 - 4 John Clemmer, m. Juda Weathers
 - 4 Anna Clemmer, m. John Young
 - 4 George Clemmer, m. Janie Ensley
 - 4 Hannah and Eli Clemmer, never married
 - 4 Julia Clemmer, m. ——— Vincent and later Wm. Cline
 - 4 William Clemmer, m. Maryanne Ensley
- 3 Catherine Hoffman, m. Michael Rhyne, moved to Missouri. Their children:
- 4 Peter Rhyne, m. Elizabeth Hoffman
 - 4 Daniel Rhyne, m. Sara Hoffman
 - 4 Hannah Rhyne, never married
 - 4 Joel Rhyne, m. Susan Fulbright
 - 4 Elizabeth Rhyne, m. Caleb Hovis
 - 4 Catherine Rhyne, m. Bob Dickinson
 - 4 Barbara Rhyne, m. Pinkney Powers

- 4 Fanny Rhyne, m. Henry Lineberger
- 4 Christina Rhyne, m. ——— Sipe
- 4 Mary Rhyne, m. ——— Hinkle
- 3 Christine Hoffman, m. Frederick Shrum, moved to Missouri
- 3 Margaret Hoffman, m. Andrew Shrum, moved to Missouri
- 3 Mary Hoffman, m. William McAllister in 1817. Their children:
 - 4 Joseph McAllister, m. Eliza Spencer
 - 4 Martin McAllister, died in War Between the States
 - 4 Jacob McAllister, never married
 - 4 Harvey McAllister, m. Helen Hobbs
 - 4 Sally McAllister, m. ——— Rhyne
 - 4 Susan McAllister, m. Smith McAllister
- 3 Susan Hoffman, no record
- 3 Ann Hoffman, m. John Spencer in 1818. Their children:
 - 4 William Spencer, m. Catherine Jenkins
 - 4 Ann Spencer, m. Joseph Rhodes
 - 4 Eliza Spencer, m. Joe McAllister
- 3 Jacob Hoffman, b. in 1803; m. Margaret Rhyne; moved to Missouri. Their children:
 - 4 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. Drew Collier
 - 4 Ann Hoffman, m. Alexander Barrett
 - 4 Lementine Hoffman, m. Dow Tipton
 - 4 Susan Hoffman, m. David Lineberger
 - 4 Marion Hoffman, m. Francis Hovis
 - 4 Lavina Hoffman, m. Eli Hovis
 - 4 Sidney Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Stevens
 - 4 Louise Hoffman, m. Henry Punch, grandson of 1
GEORGE HOFFMAN
 - 4 Emeline Hoffman, m. ——— Lafevre, ——— Hart,
——— Austin
 - 4 Caroline Hoffman, m. 3 Abel Hoffman, cousin and son
of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN
 - 4 Rosa Hoffman, m. Alfred Skaggs
 - 4 Jacob Hoffman, never married

This completes the list of the descendants of 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, Jr.^x

2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN

- 2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN, oldest daughter of the pioneer
1 JACOB HOFFMAN, was born in Germany in 1749. In the

^x According to family records still in possession of descendants in Gaston County. I am indebted to the late Mr. L. M. Hoffman of Dallas, N. C., for much of the above information.

year 1768, when she was nineteen, her family migrated to America, but she remained in Germany and married her lover, Anton (Anthony) Glantz, a Saxon, who had drifted into the Palatinate. She and her young husband, were not left alone, as her older brother, 2 JACOB HOFFMAN, had just married Elizabeth Shetley, and they also remained in Germany. However, after only three years had elapsed, both young couples set out for America.

2 CATHERINE and Anton Glantz arrived at the Port of Philadelphia aboard the British Ship *Minerva*, September 17, 1771.^x They made their way to 2 CATHERINE'S uncle, 1 CASPER HOFFMAN, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and later joined her own family in Shenandoah County, Virginia. In 1776 they all moved to North Carolina, settling in what was then Tryon County, now Gaston County, along the South Fork River and about sixteen miles below the community in which her uncle, the pioneer, 1 GEORGE HOFFMAN, had settled eleven years previously. There 2 CATHERINE and Anton Glantz secured land near Long Creek.^{xx}

During this migration the name Glantz had been Anglicized to Glance. Three children were born to them. Anton died of fever in 1785, but 2 CATHERINE managed her farm and reared her three children. In 1792 her only son, 3 Charles, married Katy Cross and brought her into his mother's home.^{xx} I have no record of what became of the two girls, but the descendants believe that they married and moved into Tennessee.

By this time the area west of the Blue Ridge Mountains became inviting to those with a pioneer spirit, and in 1803 the son, with his wife, four children, and his mother, sold their property on Long Creek and joined the migration to Buncombe County. There they settled on Little Sandy Mush Creek. I have no record of 2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN GLANCE'S death, because her old family Bible has been lost and no gravestone seems to mark her resting place, but all descendants believe that she was buried at Old Brick Church in Big Sandy Mush beside her sister, 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER. The descendants of 2 CATHERINE and Anton Glance:

3 Charles Glance, born in 1770, married Katy Cross, May 12, 1792, in Lincoln County. Their children:

4 Catherine Glance

4 Barbara Glance

^x Rupp's *Manual of 30,000 Immigrants*.

^{xx} According to records at Courthouse in Lincolnton.

- 4 Christina Glance
- 4 Elizabeth Glance
- 4 Jacob Glance
- 4 Mary Glance
- 4 John Hoffman Glance
- 4 Ann Glance

Each of the above will be taken separately:

- 4 Catherine Glance, b. December 9, 1794, in Lincoln County. She married Joseph Lusk, February 11, 1833, in Buncombe County. Their children:
 - 5 Julia Ann Lusk, b. November 30, 1836. Never married
 - 5 Mary Emeline Lusk, b. February 3, 1838; died July 20, 1838
 - 5 John Rufus Lusk, b. September 30, 1839; m. Sara Robeson. (For their family see Sara Robeson under 2 ELIZABETH PALMER)
 - 5 Sophrona A. Lusk, b. February 7, 1842; died young
 - 5 Harriet Rosanna Lusk, b. February 27, 1844; never married
 - 5 Elizabeth Catherine Lusk, b. same date. Twins; never married
 - 5 Sara J. Lusk, b. September 30, 1845; m. Joseph Chunn. Their children:
 - 6 Etta Chunn, m. William Crary
 - 6 Leona Chunn, m. Charles Nelson
 - 6 Malcombe, Ernest, and Leslie Chunn, died young
 - 6 Eupha Chunn, m. Merton Miller
 - 6 Eva Chunn, m. ————
 - 5 Eliza W. Lusk, b. August 24, 1848; m. Marion Clayton. Their children:
 - 6 Bertha Clayton, m. ——— Chase
 - 6 Rutledge and Claudia Clayton
- 4 Barbara Glance, daughter of 3 Charles and Katy Glance, b. 1797 in Lincoln County, m. Malachi Reeves in Buncombe County. Their children:
 - 5 Jackson Reeves, m. Violet Robeson.*
 - 5 John Anthony Reeves, m. Margaret Robeson.*
 - 5 Rachel Reeves, m. Jack Worley. Their children:
 - 6 Llewellen Worley, m. William Waldrop
 - 6 Came Worley, m. Ella Moore
 - 6 Ida Worley, m. Sebran Ball

* See 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER line for their descendants.

- 6 Lela Worley, m. Walter Randall
- 6 Manta Worley, m. Frank Fanning
- 6 James Worley, m. ————
- 5 Elizabeth Reeves, m. John Rogers. Their children:
 - 6 William Rogers, m. Emeline Roberts
 - 6 Elizabeth Rogers, m. Jack Farmer
 - 6 Mary Rogers, m. ———— Farmer
 - 6 Zachariah Rogers, m. Margaret Hughes
 - 6 Hannah Rogers, m. John Campbell
- 5 Posey Reeves, m. Adeline DeBord. Their children:
 - 6 George Reeves, m. Mallie Wilson
 - 6 Arey Reeves, m. Judge Sluder
 - 6 Lillie Reeves, m. Sidney Jordan
 - 6 Eula Reeves, m. John Jordan
 - 6 Minnie and Mallie Reeves
- 5 Jinsey Reeves, m. Thomas Payne. Their children:
 - 6 Joseph, James, Frank, Hester, and Sara Payne
- 5 Melinda Reeves, m. Mitchell Payne. Their children:
 - 6 William Payne, m. Clara Jones. Their children:
 - 7 Collie Payne, m. Ethel Turnbull
 - 7 Annie Payne, m. Charles Mears
 - Later 6 William Payne m. Mamie Collins. Their child:
 - 7 Mary Payne, m. Charles Glass
- 5 Catherine Reeves, m. ———— Gregory, in Texas
- 4 Christina Glance, b. in 1800 in Lincoln County, m. Joseph Carver in Buncombe County. Their children:
 - 5 Elijah Carver, m. Betty Reeves. Their children:
 - 6 John M. Carver, m. Elizabeth Hipps
 - 6 Taylor Carver, m. Tilda Freeman
 - 6 Hunter Carver, m. Lula Freeman
 - 6 Hicks Carver, m. ———— Waddell
 - 6 Lafayette Carver, m. Sally Freeman
 - 6 Mallie Carver, m. Sally Hunter
 - 6 Doc. Carver, m. ———— Wiles
 - 6 Altha Carver, m. Sidney Lusk
 - 6 Laura Carver, m. W. Cody
 - 6 Wiley Carver, m. Dora Lusk
 - 5 John Carver, m. Mary E. Worley. Their children:
 - 6 Joseph J. Carver, never married
 - 6 Henry (Judge) Carver, m. Harriet Davis. Their children:
 - 7 Nellie, Joseph, and Lucy Carver

- Later 6 Henry Carver m. Mrs. Alice Teague.
Their children:
 - 7 Howard and Mary Carver
- 6 Jack Carver, m. Delia Davis
- 6 Charles Carver, m. Mamie Ninehouse. Their children:
 - 7 Della and Leach Carver
- 6 Plato Carver, m. Annie Mae Morrow
- 6 Madison Carver, m. Lillie Wells. Their children:
 - 7 Wilma and Herschell Carver
- 5 Jack Carver, went to Tennessee and married there
- 5 Sallie and Rachel Carver, never married
- 5 Jacob Carver, m. Susan Randall. Their children:
 - 6 Robert and Laura Carver
- 5 Elizabeth Carver, m. John Bolin
- 5 Madison Carver, killed in Civil War
- 4 Elizabeth Glance, m. George DeBord and moved to Texas. I have record of only one of their children:
 - 5 Thomas DeBord, m. Sarah Robeson. For their descendants see record of 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER
- 4 Jacob Glance, b. in 1802 in Lincoln County, son of 3 Chas. and Katy Cross Glance, m. Hannah Rogers and moved to Texas
- 4 Mary Glance, b. in 1806 in Buncombe County, m. William Miller and they also moved to Texas
- 4 John Hoffman Glance, b. in 1812 in Buncombe County, m. Mahalia Wells. Their children:
 - 5 Jack Glance, m. Jane Paris. Their children:
 - 6 John Glance, m. Josie Serratt. Their children:
 - 7 Julia Glance, never married
 - 7 Mary Glance, m. ——— Penland
 - 7 Ethel Glance, m. ——— Penland
 - 7 Maude Glance, m. ———
 - 6 Julia Glance, m. Sebren Ball. Their children:
 - 7 Sebren, Jesse, Fred, and Allie Ball
 - 5 Mary Ann Glance, m. Jordan Lankford. Their child:
 - 6 Josephine Lankford
- Later 5 Mary Ann married Jack Plemmons. Their children:
 - 6 Robert Plemmons, m. Nola Brown. Their children:

- 7 Vinnie Plemmons, m. J. C. Martin. Their children:
 - 8 Robert, Harry, and Curtis Martin
- 7 Raymond, Neal, and Crawford Plemmons
- 5 Jacob Glance, m. Jane Cooper. Their children:
 - 6 Lideau and Wila Glance, never married
 - 6 Cynthia Glance, m. ——— Rainey
 - 6 Mahalia Glance, m. ——— Williby
 - 6 Harvey Glance, m. Elizabeth Wright
 - 6 Gaither Glance, m. Viola Cooper
- 5 Eliza Glance, m. Mitchell Brwon. Their children:
 - 6 John Brown, m. Mary ——— in Virginia
 - 6 James Brown, m. Mary Willett
 - 6 William Brown, m. ——— Turnover
 - 6 Jesse Brown, m. May Ball
 - 6 Joseph and Seney Brown
- 5 John Glance, m. Hattie Ball. Their children:
 - 6 Louisa Glance, m. John Worley
 - 6 Mahalia Glance, m. Jack Worley
 - 6 Della Glance, m. Joseph Lusk
 - 6 Jacob Glance, m. Tasla Davis
 - 6 Grover C. Glance, m. Essie Elder
 - 6 Robert Glance, married in South Carolina
- 5 Emeline Glance, m. Joseph Austin. Their children:
 - 6 Horace Austin, m. ———
 - 6 John Austin, m. Letitia Bishop
 - 6 Burgin Austin, m. Loduskie Wells
 - 6 Mary Etta Austin, m. O. Burton Grimes
 - 6 Eliza Jane Austin, m. John Brown
 - 6 Mahalia Austin, m. Grady Reeves
- 5 Thomas Glance, m. Catherine Gilbert. Their children:
 - 6 Florence Glance, m. James Stevens
 - 6 Josie Glance, m. Charles Meadows
 - 6 Others
- 5 Hunter Glance, m. Margaret Carter.* Their children:
 - 6 Voda, Ollie, Dora and Walter Glance
- 5 Charles Glance, m. Martha Clark. Their children:
 - 6 Lucy Glance, m. Thomas Clark
 - 6 Kitty Glance, m. ——— Gillespie
 - 6 Douglas Glance

* Margaret Carter was a full-blooded Indian of the Cherokee Tribe, according to information given by members of the family.

(1 JACOB HOFFMAN, 2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN GLANCE)

- 5 James Glance, m. Della Lawson. Was later killed in Civil War
- 5 Jesse P. Glance, b. 1854; ^x m. Laura Cooper. Their children:
 - 6 Hunter Glance, m. Lily Varner
 - 6 J. M. Glance, m. Lou Brown. Their children:
 - 7 J. Marvin, Hoffman, C. C., Ruby, and Mary Glance
 - 6 Pearl Glance, m. J. D. McLain
 - 6 Lola Glance, m. Lease B. Reeves
 - 6 Emma Glance, m. Lyda Clark
- 4 Ann Glance, b. 1819, m. John Foster. Their children:
 - 5 Ira Foster, m. George Clark
 - 5 Mary Jane and David Foster, never married

2 MARY HOFFMAN

- 2 MARY HOFFMAN, daughter of the pioneer, 1 JACOB HOFFMAN, and Catherine Best Hoffman, was born in Germany in 1755.^{xx} She remained with her parents on their voyage to America in 1768, and on their sojourn through Pennsylvania and Virginia. She was a very beautiful and vivacious girl, according to all accounts of her youth. The story is told among the Hoffman descendants that when the Hoffman family were making preparation to emigrate to America a young boy named John Dettro begged to accompany them, but he had no funds with which to pay his transportation. Giving an attentive ear to the youth's entreaties, 1 JACOB HOFFMAN agreed to pay the boy's expenses providing that he would remain in the home after arrival here and serve at hard labor for a period of six years. To this the boy readily agreed.

While living on a farm in Virginia, young John Dettro proved himself a fine worker, a genteel lad, and a lover of the old man HOFFMAN'S daughter, MARY. By mutual consent the youth was released from his agreement to do hard labor before his time was up, and wedding bells rang out in the Valley of Virginia. Moving time was on again, and all came to North Carolina.

Due to the difficulty of the German people to pronounce a "D" with the English accent, the "D" in Dettro was slurred over with the sound of a "T." Therefore, Dettro was soon pronounced "Totherow" in that section. However, some of the older children moved early into Tennessee and other sections, and many of them retained the "D" in the name and spelled it "Dethrow," which accounts for the various spellings of the

^x Jesse P. Glance is yet living in Little Sandy Mush and is hale and hearty.

^{xx} According to family records.

same name in many sections of the Southern States. Henceforward the name will be spelled "Totherow." Their children:

- 3 Jonathan Totherow, m. Louisa Clemmer. Moved to Tennessee. Their children:
 - 4 Jacob Totherow, m. Anna Hannah
 - 4 Salena Totherow, m. Elijah Lankford
 - 4 John Totherow, m. Nancy Hunnicutt
 - 4 Susan Totherow, m. Louis Petty
 - 4 Sarah Totherow, m. ——— Brooks
 - 4 Miller Totherow, m. ——— Robinson, ——— Lusk, ——— Armstrong
- 3 Solomon Totherow, m. Elizabeth Jenkins. Their child:
 - 4 Jacob Totherow, who lived in Louisiana
- 3 Jacob Totherow, m. Nancy Weathers. Their children:
 - 4 Polly Totherow, m. Hiram Thompson
 - 4 Elizabeth Totherow, m. John Barton
 - 4 Lorine Totherow, m. Tom Davis
 - 4 Amanda Totherow, m. Charles Williams
 - 4 Adaline Totherow, m. George Davis
 - 4 Nancy Totherow, m. William Gibson
 - 4 Jacob Totherow, m. Elizabeth Gibson
 - 4 John Totherow, never married

All of the above were reared in Tennessee.
- 3 Mary Totherow, m. William King
- 3 John Totherow, m. Elizabeth Clemmer. Their children:
 - 4 Isaiah Totherow
 - 4 Silas Totherow, m. Isabel Rhyne
 - 4 Eli Totherow, m. Catherine Hope
 - 4 Elizabeth Totherow, m. John Scott
 - 4 Ann Totherow, m. John Reasoner
 - 4 Joel Totherow, m. Tilda Young
 - 4 Joshua Totherow, m. Rhoda Shope, and lived in Buncombe County, N. C.
- 3 George Totherow, m. Susie Plonk. Lived in Lincoln County. Their children:
 - 4 Solomon Totherow, m. Fanny Moore
 - 4 George Totherow, Jr., m. Mary Smith
 - 4 John, Christine, Sally, Susie, and Mary Totherow; never married
- 3 Elizabeth Totherow, m. John Shrum. Their children:
 - 4 Solomon Shrum, m. Polly Shrum
 - 4 Margaret Shrum, m. James Withers
 - 4 Louise Shrum, m. Rial Smith
 - 4 Michael Shrum, m. ——— Baumgardner
- 3 Hannah Totherow, m. Martin Keener. Their children:

- 4 John, Jesse, William, Susan, and Margaret Keener
- 3 Barbara Totherow, m. Dan Stamey. Their children:
 - 4 John, Katie, and Annie Stamey
- 3 Sally Totherow, m. Jacob Plonk. Their child:
 - 4 Mary Plonk, m. Daniel Bollinger. Their children:
 - 5 Lizzie Bollinger
 - 5 Katie Bollinger, m. Philip Avery
 - 5 Margaret Bollinger, m. Jack Taylor
 - 5 Christina Bollinger, m. Jacob Brown
 - 5 Nancy Bollinger, m. Absolum Farmer
 - 5 Susie Bollinger, m. George Avery
- 3 Catherine Totherow, m. Phillip Rhyne. Moved to Tennessee. Their children:
 - 4 Fanny Rhyne, m. Martin Kiser
 - 4 Sally Rhyne, m. Jacob Kiser
 - 4 Jonas Rhyne, m. Eliza Gaston
 - 4 Barbara Rhyne, m. William Wright
 - 4 Elizabeth Rhyne, m. Peter Costner
 - 4 Caroline Rhyne, m. John Ross
 - 4 Jacob Rhyne, m. Jemina Hoffman
 - 4 Susan Rhyne, m. Newton Semard
 - 4 David, Andrew, Martha, and James Rhyne
- 3 Margaret Totherow, m. John Dixon, moved to Arkansas. Their children:
 - 4 John Dixon, Jr., m. Margaret Smith
 - 4 Catherine Dixon, m. Amos Reynolds
 - 4 Agnes Dixon
- 3 Michael Totherow, m. Barbara Shrum. Their children:
 - 4 Jacob and Elizabeth Totherow
- 3 Susan Totherow, m. Henry Shrum and went West.

2 HANNAH HOFFMAN

- 2 HANNAH HOFFMAN, daughter of the pioneer, 1 JACOB HOFFMAN, was born in Germany in 1757. She accompanied her parents to America in 1768, remained with them in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and came to North Carolina with them in 1776. She married Michael Rhyne in 1798. Michael Rhyne was a restless and venturesome person. They joined the migration westward and were lost sight of in the building of the great West.

2 JOHN HOFFMAN

- 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, son of 1 JACOB HOFFMAN, was born in the Palatinate of Germany in 1760^x and came to America

^x According to Revolutionary War records.

with his parents in 1768 aboard the Pennsylvania Packet.^x After spending a short while with 1 CASPER HOFFMAN'S family in Berks County, Pennsylvania, they moved to Shenandoah County, Virginia, where they stayed until 1776. As a mere boy of sixteen, 2 JOHN took part in several Revolutionary skirmishes.

In 1776 the family moved from Virginia to the South Fork River valley of North Carolina, where they settled on Big Long Creek in Tryon County, later Lincoln and still later Gaston. He and his older brother, 2 JACOB, were in the thick of the fight at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1781, under the leadership of Col. Frederick Hambricht. There 2 JOHN was wounded. Many of his friends and descendants delighted in telling of the scar caused by a British bullet plowing a furrow across his breast. He lived to a ripe old age, but carried the scar until his death, which occurred in 1832.

In 1785 he married Margaret Hovis, and they moved near his older brother, 2 JACOB. There they reared a large and influential family. This 2 JOHN HOFFMAN was a well-to-do man in that community. He was a "big" farmer and a good mechanic, constructing all of his farming equipment himself. When he saw the need of some article for himself or for a neighbor, he forthwith proceeded to construct that article.

On one occasion, needing a compass with which to survey, or "lay off," land, he made one and used it for the remainder of his life. That compass, though crude, is still serviceable and is now in the possession of one of his descendants near Dallas, North Carolina.

He was a manufacturer with much native ability. He built a saw-mill to saw lumber for his and his neighbors' use; he built a grist-mill to grind grain for himself and his neighbors. When cotton became a staple farm product of his community, he realized the enormous amount of time consumed in separating the lint from the seeds, he proceeded to build a machine for that purpose. This was one of the first cotton gins ever built, and was in active service long before the famous Eli Whitney built and patented his cotton gin.^{xx}

He was nicknamed "Rich John" Hoffman to distinguish him from other John Hoffmans in the community. His will, which is now on record at Lincolnton, testifies to the fact that he was the wealthiest man in that section.

^x According to Immigration Records.

^{xx} Eli Whitney's cotton gin was patented in 1793.

His direct descendants have become so numerous that they now comprise a large percentage of the population of Lincoln and Gaston Counties. Most of them are of the wealthier class, and are very prominent in governmental, civic, financial, and industrial affairs of that section.

The children of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN and his wife, Margaret Hovis were:

- 3 John Hoffman, Jr.
- 3 Jonas Hoffman
- 3 Catherine (Katy) Hoffman
- 3 Jacob Hoffman
- 3 Elizabeth Hoffman
- 3 Daniel Hoffman
- 3 Joseph Hoffman
- 3 Susan Hoffman
- 3 Peter Hoffman

Each of the above will be given in order:

- 3 John Hoffman, Jr., was born in Lincoln County in 1786. He married Polly Lineberger. Their children:
 - 4 Rebecca Hoffman, m. Jonathan Rhyne. Their children:
 - 5 Louisa Rhyne, m. Alexander White
 - 5 Mary Rhyne, m. Jonathan Stroup
 - 5 Abel Rhyne, m. Martha Holland; later m. Elmina Hoffman
 - 5 Marcus Rhyne, m. Anna Rhyne; later m. Myra Lay
 - 5 Caleb Rhyne, m. Nancy Smith
 - 5 Sarah Rhyne, m. William Lineberger
 - 5 Moses Rhyne, m. 5 Emma Hoffman
 - 5 Emma, Isabella, John L., and Susan Rhyne, never married
 - 5 Eva Rhyne, m. Luther Clemmer
 - 5 Jonas Rhyne, m. Mattie Best
 - 5 Peter Rhyne, m. 5 Julia Hoffman
 - 4 Solomon Hoffman, m. Elmina Rhyne. Their children:
 - 5 Adeline Hoffman, m. G. Flowers. Their children:
 - 6 Laban Flowers, m. M. Armstrong
 - 6 Gus Flowers, m. Ruth Armstrong
 - 5 Roswell Hoffman, m. Lucinda Smith. Their child:
 - 6 Julia Hoffman, m. Milas Lineberger
 - 5 Maryanne Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Emily Hoffman, m. Moses J. Rhyne
 - 5 Laban Hoffman, m. Lou Lineberger. Their children:
 - 6 George and Katie Hoffman

- 5 Sidney Hoffman, m. Mary Tritt. Their children:
 - 6 Ethel, Elma, Ione, and Ivan Hoffman
- 5 Eliza Hoffman, m. D. W. Padgett
- 4 David Hoffman, m. Lena Jenkins. Their children:
 - 5 John Hoffman, m. Cansada Withers
 - 5 Juletta Hoffman, m. W. M. Holland
 - 5 Alberry Hoffman, m. Annie Jones
 - 5 Vennie Hoffman, m. Henry Jenkins
- 4 Susan Hoffman, m. Caleb Lineberger. Their children:
 - 5 Annie Lineberger, m. Lawson Rhodes
 - 5 W. C. Lineberger, m. S. A. Bell. Later m. Artie Barnes
 - 5 Monroe Lineberger, m. Julia Roddy
 - 5 Dorcas Lineberger, m. John Davis
 - 5 John F. Lineberger, m. Alice Hayes. Later m. Dorcas Lineberger
 - 5 Peter Lineberger, m. Molly Holland
 - 5 Katie Lineberger, m. Thomas Lineberger
- 4 Eva Hoffman, m. Jonas Lineberger. Their children:
 - 5 Mary Lineberger, never married
 - 5 Elvira Lineberger, m. Harrison Jenkins
 - 5 Dorcas Lineberger, m. 5 John F. Lineberger
 - 5 John Lineberger, m. Laura Wallace
 - 5 Miles Lineberger, m. 5 Julia Hoffman
 - 5 Lee Lineberger, m. Eva Edwards
 - 5 Callie Lineberger, m. Henry Clemmer
- 4 Frederick Hoffman, m. Vennie Lineberger. Their children:
 - 5 Frederick Hoffman, m. Annie Carroll. Their children:
 - 6 Josie, Ptolomy, Carl, Campbell, and Xra Hoffman
 - 5 Lafayette Hoffman, m. Mary Costner. Their children:
 - 6 Carrie Hoffman, m. J. E. Winkle
 - 6 J. Lester Hoffman, m. Ollie Cone
 - 6 Claud Hoffman, m. Lily Rhodes
 - 6 Daisy Hoffman, m. J. W. Wall
 - 6 Ada, Myrtle, Willie, Nena, Felder, Norris, Lona, and Robert Hoffman
 - 5 William Hoffman, m. Sophia Carroll. Their child:
 - 6 Pierce Hoffman
 - 5 Margaret Hoffman, m. W. J. Adkins
 - 5 Mary Hoffman, m. William Carroll

- 5 Frances Hoffman, m. J. T. Neely
- 5 Cora Hoffman, m. James McNeely
- 5 Erastus, Amelia, Franklin, and Susan Hoffman,
never married
- 4 Caleb Hoffman, m. 4 Dorcus Clemmer. Their children:
 - 5 Ambrose Hoffman, m. Nancy Rhyne. Their child:
 - 6 Leonard R. Hoffman, m. Beulah Robinson.
Their child:
 - 7 Ross Hoffman
 - 5 Alice Hoffman, m. Lem Lineberger
 - 5 Ida Hoffman, m. David Lineberger
 - 5 Alberta Hoffman, m. J. L. Smith
 - 5 Etta Hoffman, m. Mason Stroup
 - 5 John E., and Lula Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Oscar Hoffman, m. Pearl Setzer. Their children:
 - 6 Everett and Loy Hoffman
- 4 Mary Hoffman, m. Frank Carpenter. Their children:
 - 5 Peter Carpenter, m. Ellen Harrison
 - 5 Etta Carpenter, m. Eli Sain
 - 5 Harriet Carpenter, m. Jackson Shannon
 - 5 Ida Carpenter, m. John Gladden
 - 5 William Carpenter, m. Ada Sain
 - 5 Susan Carpenter, m. Abbie Houser
- 3 Jonas Hoffman, the second son of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN,
m. Ann Maria Costner, in 1788. Their children:
 - 4 Eli Hoffman, m. Martha Hamilton. Their children:
 - 5 Jonas Hoffman, m. Harriet Houser. Their children:
 - 6 James Hoffman, m. Ida Gilfillan
 - 6 Ellen Hoffman, m. ——— Bridges
 - 6 William Hoffman, m. Ida Bolin
 - 6 Sallie and John Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Mary Hoffman, m. John Cobb
 - 5 John Hoffman, m. Sarah Lineberger. Their children:
 - 6 Charles Hoffman, m. Minnie Jenkins
 - 6 George Hoffman
 - 6 Edward Hoffman, m. Mary Bryson
 - 6 Ola Hoffman, m. R. G. McGinnis
 - 6 Alonzo Hoffman, m. Laura Harwell
 - 6 Miles Hoffman
 - 5 Thomas Hoffman, killed in War Between the States
 - 5 Barbara Hoffman, m. Thomas McKeown
 - 4 Michael Hoffman, never married
 - 4 Jacob Hoffman, m. Elizabeth Lineberger. Their children:

- 5 Elmina Hoffman, m. Azor Holcombe
- 5 Ephriam Hoffman, m. ——— Litton
- 5 Sara Hoffman, m. William Armstrong
- 5 Harvey, Mary, Buell, John, George, and Monroe Hoffman
- 5 Dorcus Hoffman, m. James Wagstaff and later Robert Wentz
- 5 Lewis Hoffman, m. Fidella Leonhardt. Their children:
 - 6 Wiley Hoffman, m. Annie Ewing
 - 6 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. William Keller
 - 6 Robert Hoffman, m. Zetta Clayton
 - 6 Frank and Lee Hoffman
- 5 Violet Hoffman, m. Samuel Johnson
- 5 Laban Hoffman, m. Sara Craigg. Their child:
 - 6 May Hoffman
- 5 Hayes Hoffman, m. ——— Garrison. Their children:
 - 6 Nile and Jesse Hoffman
- 5 Gussie Hoffman, m. John Ellington
- 5 Maggie Hoffman, m. William Lineberger
- 4 Jonas Hoffman, Jr., m. Sara Rhyne. Their children:
 - 5 Larkin, James, Mary, and John Puett Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Laban Miles Hoffman, who recently died, was an attorney at Dallas, N. C. He was a historian, and one of the most pious, genial, conscientious and entertaining gentlemen I ever knew. I doubt if he ever had an enemy, or an evil thought, or did an unkind act in his whole life. He was an idol to be modeled after and possessed a host of friends. He spent many years tracing the family tree of his immediate line of Hoffmans, and in 1912 he published his book entitled "Our Kin." He entered the Civil War during the later part and served bravely. He married Martha Jenkins upon returning home. Their children:
 - 6 Ernest Jenkins Hoffman, m. ——— ———
 - 6 Sarah Jane and Laban Miles Hoffman, Jr., never married
 - 5 Calvin Jacob Hoffman, m. Elmina Rhyne
 - 5 Margaret Ann Hoffman, m. George W. McKee
 - 5 Alberry F. Hoffman, m. Jennie Smith
 - 5 Sarah Alice Hoffman, m. O. P. Rhodes

- 5 Charles P. Hoffman, m. Mary Sowers. Their children:
 - 6 Fanny Hoffman, m. M. R. Cannon
 - 6 Clarence Hoffman, m. Fernand Michelin
 - 6 Pinkie Hoffman, single
- 5 Robert Grant Hoffman, m. Maggie Rhyne. Their children:
 - 6 Clara Mildred Hoffman, m. Kelly Aderholdt
 - 6 Ralph, James, Elgin, Carl, Lee, Louie, and Jonas Hoffman
- 5 Mattie I. Hoffman, m. Jacob Ramsour
- 5 William C. Hoffman, m. Ada Oliver. Their children:
 - 6 Mary, Isabella, Willie, Mattie and Jonas Oliver Hoffman
- 4 Miles Hoffman was born July 12, 1825. He married Fanny Rhyne, Catherine Gordon, and Caroline West. Being a grandson of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, he had until death a very clear recollection of his grandfather, and often recited stories to his children about 2 JOHN HOFFMAN'S experiences coming over the ocean as a boy; the latter's sojourn in Virginia, his participation in the battles of the Revolutionary War, and the scar cut across his breast by a British bullet. He remembered seeing the scar many times when a boy, and was seven years old when his grandfather died.

4 Miles Hoffman, was born in Lincoln County, now Gaston, and after living near Spencer's Mountain for a while with his first wife, they moved up the South Fork River valley and settled along the banks of Jacob's Fork where he reared a large family. He became a substantial citizen and was known as a patriarch of that community. I had the pleasure of knowing this fine old man when I was a boy, and well remember the pleasant countenance that beamed from behind his flowing set of side-burns.

He carried the "Huffman" name with him to that section, and to this day, some of his descendants persist in spelling the name with a "u," while others have made the proper correction.

This 4 Miles Hoffman knew of the family relationship of the two, or more "sets" of Hoffmans, and many times discussed this with my father, who belonged to the "upper set." But little was ever explained to us as children, because we were not interested in such

things at that early age. However, my father had told us during his reminiscent periods, of how when a young man he occasionally made trips to York, South Carolina, to have the family's supply of sheeps' wool spun into thread, and on those trips he would manage to spend one night going, and one night returning, with relatives in "Old Lincoln" County. Of course those relatives were the immediate families which this 4 Miles Hoffman left there. Although the dust of time has obscured many such traces, there yet remains sufficient proof of the relationship.

The descendants of this 4 Miles Hoffman and Catherine Gordon Hoffman follow:

- 5 Lee Hoffman, m. Lizzie Leonard. Their children:
 - 6 Emma Hoffman, m. Luther Shrum
 - 6 Gordon Hoffman, never married
- 5 Dock Hoffman, commonly known as "Little Dock," m. 5 Emma Hoffman of the 2 SAMUEL HOFFMAN line. Their children:
 - 6 Sidney Hoffman, m. _____
 - 6 Bart Hoffman, m. Dora Keller
 - 6 Franklin Hoffman, m. Fanny Keller
 - 6 Lawton Hoffman, m. Phoebe Leonard in the West
 - 6 Lewis Hoffman, m. Media Lail
 - 6 Henry Hoffman, m. Ollie Martin
- 5 Gordon Hoffman, m. Mollie Richardson. Moved to Arkansas
- 5 Russell Hoffman, m. Dempsey Tucker. Lived along the Jacob's Fork River about two miles above his father's place. Their children:
 - 6 Ida Hoffman, m. Hinkle Shull. Their children:
 - 7 Clyde Shull, m. Annie Costner
 - 7 Bryte Shull, m. Ralph Bostian
 - 7 Murl Shull, m. Elizabeth Shell
 - 6 John Hoffman, m. Carrie Seals. Their children:
 - 7 Ray Hoffman, m. Geneva Shuford
 - 7 Fanny Hoffman, m. John Pierce
 - 7 Daniel, Lee, and Luke Hoffman
- 6 Annie Hoffman, m. Summey Gantt. Their children:
 - 7 Stowe, Eva, and Hazel Ann Gantt

- 6 Bryce Hoffman, m. Belle Friddell. Their children:
 - 7 May Hoffman, m. Herman Wilson
 - 7 Basil Hoffman, m. Alma Hartman
 - 7 Marie Hoffman, m. Alvin Glazebrooks
 - 7 Emma Hoffman, m. Gus Houston
 - 7 Buford, Dock, Walter, and Paul Hoffman, single
- 6 Gordon Hoffman, m. Alice Van Horn. Their children:
 - 7 Clyde Hoffman
 - 7 Others
- 6 Fanny Hoffman, m. Roschell Young. Their children:
 - 7 Ralph Young, m. Otto Clark
 - 7 Howard and Edith Young, single
- 6 Dock Hoffman, m. Pearl Brittain. Their children:
 - 7 Russell L., Myrtle, Margaret, Floyd, and Dempsey Hoffman
- 5 Marion Hoffman, m. Jennie Rhoney, a descendant of Henry Whitener. Their children:
 - 6 Lafayette Hoffman, m. Gladys Crafton. Their child:
 - 7 Myrtle Hoffman, m. ——— Berry
 - 6 Bessie Hoffman, no report
 - 6 Lizzie Hoffman, m. Burgin Hull. Their children:
 - 7 Ramond Hull, m. ——— Leatherman
 - 7 Thelma Hull
 - 6 Clayton Hoffman, no report
 - 6 Maude Hoffman, m. Grover Rudisill. Their children:
 - 7 Callie and Opal Rudisill, single
- 5 Jesse Hoffman, m. Maggie Whitener, a descendant of Henry Whitener, and lived in Burke County. Their children:
 - 6 Lola Hoffman, m. Marvin Duckworth
 - 6 Mullie Hoffman, m. C. J. Wood
 - 6 Arthur Hoffman, no report
 - 6 Effie Hoffman, m. John L. Pearson
 - 6 Andrew Hoffman, m. ——— ———. Lives in Burke
 - 6 Eula Hoffman, never married

- 5 Zoe Hoffman, m. Wyatt Abernethy. Their children:
 - 6 Lilly Abernethy, m. Ellis Whitener
 - 6 Ramond Abernethy, m. Winnie Reinhart
 - 6 Edna Abernethy, m. Charles Johnson
 - 6 Craigg Abernethy, m. Vador VanHorn
 - 6 Lennie Abernethy, m. Charley Fulbright
- 5 Amanda Hoffman, m. Bart Baker. No issue
- 5 Rose Ann Hoffman, m. Eli Speagle. Their children:
 - 6 Rose Speagle, m. Justice Johnson
 - 6 Callie Speagle, m. ——— Weaver
 - 6 Bertha Speagle, m. ——— Bestra
 - 6 Fanny and Lee Speagle, no report
- 5 William Hoffman, m. Lula Speagle. Their children:
 - 6 Winnie Hoffman, m. Russell Rudisill
 - 6 Pinkney Hoffman, m. Ida Fulbright
 - 6 Lafayette Hoffman, m. Vertie Speagle
 - 6 Lee Hoffman, m. Nellie Rogers
 - 6 William and Esther Hoffman. No report
- 4 John McL. Hoffman, m. Polly Rhyne and Frances Lay. Their children:
 - 5 Fidus Hoffman, m. Prindel Cox and Ben F. Leonhardt
 - 5 Callie Hoffman, m. Jefferson Rhyne
 - 5 Charles Hoffman, m. Pricilla Brown. Their children:
 - 6 Laura, Leonard, John, Fuller, Lillian, Iris, and Charlie (girl) Hoffman
 - 5 Fitz Hoffman, m. Ida Tritt. Their child:
 - 6 Arthur Hoffman
 - 5 Lafayette Hoffman, m. Nancy Parker
 - 5 David Hoffman, m. Effie Capps. Their children:
 - 6 Wade, Earl, Giles, and baby Hoffman
- 4 Lannie Hoffman, m. Jonas Lineberger. Their children:
 - 5 Roxanna Lineberger, m. David Fronneberger
 - 5 Henry Lineberger, m. Mattie Davis
 - 5 Margaret Lineberger, never married
 - 5 Fanny Lineberger, m. John Paysour
 - 5 Katie Lineberger, m. J. R. Lewis
 - 5 Lucy Lineberger, m. Robert Payne
 - 5 Susie Lineberger, m. ——— McLaughlan
 - 5 Lee Lineberger, m. Becky Davis
 - 5 Sally Lineberger, m. Eli Spencer

- 5 John Lineberger, never married
- 5 Herbert Lineberger, m. Hatty Bradley
- 4 Anna Hoffman, m. Anderson Withers. Their children:
 - 5 John A. Withers, m. Mary Burkwin
 - 5 Miles M. Withers, m. Sadie Inman
 - 5 Luther Withers, m. Illa Duffy
 - 5 Lanney Ann Withers, m. O. Winkler
 - 5 William Withers, m. Mary Erwin
 - 5 Dixon Withers, m. Flo Hinshaw
 - 5 Joel Withers, never married
 - 5 Jeremiah Withers, m. ——— Mahan. Later m. Ida Shell
 - 5 James Withers, m. Jenny Weakley
- 4 Roxanna Hoffman, m. Zimmie Ford. Their children:
 - 5 Catherine Ford, m. Monroe Brooks
 - 5 Eli Ford, never married
 - 5 Barbara Ford, m. J. B. Albright
 - 5 Sarah Ford, never married
 - 5 Jonas Ford, m. Mary Tedder
 - 5 J. E. Ford, m. Mandy Kelly
 - 5 Mary Ford, m. Joseph P. Green
 - 5 Susan Ford, never married
- 3 Catherine Hoffman, daughter of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, married Daniel Rhyne, who was the son of Peter Rhyne. Their children:
 - 4 Vinie Rhyne, m. Reuben Setzer. Their children:
 - 5 Quince Setzer, m. Lizzie Smyre
 - 5 Catherine Setzer, m. Sidney Lutz
 - 5 Daniel Setzer, killed in the Civil War
 - 4 Susan Rhyne, m. Henry Setzer. Their children:
 - 5 Elizabeth Setzer, m. Welly Lineberger, and later P. J. Rhyne
 - 5 Ann Setzer, m. L. L. Suggs
 - 5 Thomas Setzer, m. Alice Smyre
 - 5 Frankie Setzer, m. Henry Clemmer
 - 5 Adeline Setzer, m. J. M. Lineberger
 - 5 Canada Setzer, m. William Lineberger
 - 5 Rosa Setzer, m. L. J. Lineberger
 - 5 Margaret Setzer, m. Simon Bell
 - 4 Catherine Rhyne, m. Lawson Clonninger. Their children:
 - 5 Laban Clonninger, m. Agnes Graham
 - 5 Henry Clonninger, m. Susan McKinney

- 5 Martha Clonninger, m. Pinkney Sanders
- 5 Malchi Clonninger, m. Susan Sanders
- 5 Daniel Clonninger, m. ——— Llewellen
- 4 Barbara Rhyne, m. Henry Rhodes. Their children:
 - 5 Rose Rhodes, m. A. M. Seitz
 - 5 Martha Rhodes, m. Charles Rembler
 - 5 John Rhodes, never married
 - 5 Christie Rhodes, m. Elizabeth Whitener
 - 5 Catherine Rhodes, m. B. M. Picker
 - 5 Malchi Rhodes, m. Sophie Picker
 - 5 Benton Rhodes, m. Almeda Young
 - 5 Joseph Rhodes, m. Cynthia Miller
- 4 Margaret Rhyne, m. 3 Jacob Hoffman. Their children:
 - 5 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. Drew Collier
 - 5 Lementine Hoffman, m. Dow Tipton
 - 5 Ann Hoffman, m. Alexander Barrett
 - 5 Marion Hoffman, m. Frances Hovis
 - 5 Susan Hoffman, m. David Lineberger
 - 5 Sidney Hoffman, m. Lizzie Stephens
 - 5 Lavina Hoffman, m. Eli Hovis
 - 5 Emeline Hoffman, m. Daniel LaFevre
 - 5 Louise Hoffman, m. Henry Punch
- 4 Solomon Rhyne, m. Katy Froneberger. Their children:
 - 5 Lavina Rhyne, m. Monroe Bell
 - 5 Mary Rhyne, m. Mack Bradley
 - 5 Abel Rhyne, m. Martha Clifton and later Sally Kinard
 - 5 Caleb Rhyne, m. Alice Beck
- 4 Joseph Rhyne, m. Lavada Clonninger. Their children:
 - 5 Margaret Rhyne, m. L. B. Clemmer
 - 5 Jane Rhyne, m. Larkin McAllister
- 3 Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, m. Solomon Rhyne. Their children:
 - 4 Simon Rhyne, went West
 - 4 Jonas Rhyne, killed in War Between the States
 - 4 David Rhyne, killed in same War
 - 4 Louisa Rhyne, m. Adam Clemmer
 - 4 Margaret Rhyne, m. Jonas Summey
 - 4 Perry Rhyne, m. Adeline Clonninger
 - 4 Jacob Rhyne, m. Lavina Costner
 - 4 Eli Rhyne, m. Susan Whitener
 - 4 Daniel W. Rhyne, m. Nancy Setzer. Later m. Sarah Hoyle

- 4 John Rhyne, m. Lucy Portis
- 4 Henry Rhyne, m. Elizabeth Jenkins
- 4 Miles Rhyne, m. Elmina Clemmer
- 3 Daniel Hoffman, son of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, m. Susan Lineberger. Their descendants follow:
 - 4 Margaret Hoffman, m. Moses H. Rhyne. Their children:
 - 5 Susan Rhyne, m. R. G. Love
 - 5 Alfred Rhyne, died in the Civil War
 - 5 Abel P. Rhyne, m. Mattie Costner
 - 5 Miles Rhyne, m. Julia Bollinger. Later m. Annie Abernethy
 - 5 Laban Rhyne, m. Ellen Lentz
 - 5 Daniel E. Rhyne, never married
 - 5 Sally Rhyne, m. J. A. Abernethy
 - 5 Maggie Rhyne, m. W. F. Holland
 - 5 Arthur Rhyne, m. Cora Rutledge
 - 5 Robert Rhyne, m. Ann Rose. Later m. Mary Craigg
 - 5 Emma Rhyne, m. W. C. Kendall
 - 4 Frederick Hoffman, m. Margaret Smith. Their children:
 - 5 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. Jackson Love
 - 5 Sarah Hoffman, m. _____
 - 5 Marcus Hoffman, m. Emma Rose. Their children:
 - 6 Ross, John, Joseph, and Mary C. Hoffman
 - 5 Julia Hoffman, m. Frank Dunn
 - 5 Laura Hoffman, m. J. C. Dellinger
 - 5 Frederick Hoffman, m. Laura Cannon. Their children:
 - 6 William and Bessie Hoffman
 - 4 Myra Hoffman, m. Caleb Rhodes. Their children:
 - 5 Abel Rhodes, never married
 - 5 Elizabeth Rhodes, m. J. F. Lineberger
 - 5 William Rhodes, m. Elizabeth Mauney
 - 5 John M. Rhodes, m. Maggie Aderholt
 - 5 Julia Rhodes, m. Henry Sigmon
 - 5 Sarah Rhodes, m. J. F. Smyre
 - 5 Selena Rhodes, m. William Gall
 - 5 Luther Rhodes, m. Mary Aderholt
 - 5 Dorcus Rhodes, m. Elias Sigmon
 - 4 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. James Quinn. No children
 - 4 Rufus Hoffman, m. Sarah Harmon. No children
 - 4 John Hoffman, never married

- 4 Dorcus Hoffman, m. J. J. Rhyne. Their children:
 - 5 William Rhyne, m. Maggie Davis
 - 5 Alice Rhyne, m. W. Robinson
 - 5 Charles Rhyne, m. Alice Lineberger
 - 5 Sarah Rhyne, m. Winfield Clemmer
 - 5 Julia Rhyne, m. Abram Smith
 - 5 Laban Rhyne, died young
 - 5 Laura Rhyne, m. Sherman Robinson
- 4 Sarah Hoffman, m. Edward McKeown. Their children:
 - 5 Daniel McKeown, m. Sarah Beatty
 - 5 Others
- 4 Susan Hoffman, m. John Withers. No children
- 4 William Hoffman, commonly known as "Uncle Bill," was a prominent dentist. He practiced his profession in Lincolnton, Charlotte, and spent his later years in Gastonia. He married Elmina Jenkins. Their children:
 - 5 Beverly Hoffman
 - 5 Miles P. Hoffman, m. Lily Rhyne. Their children:
 - 6 Miles P. Hoffman, Jr., died young
 - 6 William Rhyne Hoffman
 - 5 Cullen Byron Hoffman, also a dentist. Died single
 - 5 Nancy Hoffman, m. William Kindley
 - 5 Susie Hoffman, never married
- 3 Joseph Hoffman, son of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, m. Sallie Withers. Their children:
 - 4 Andrew Hoffman, never married
 - 4 George Peter Hoffman, m. Jane Ruff. Their children:
 - 5 Sallie Hoffman, m. Preston Rion
 - 5 Lily Hoffman, married in Georgia
 - 5 Daisy Hoffman, m. L. C. Deal
 - 5 James Hoffman, m. Carrie Hutson. Their children:
 - 6 Samuel, Peter, Wade V., and James C. Hoffman
 - 5 Jane Hoffman, never married
 - 5 Mattie Hoffman, m. Robert Jones
 - 5 Pierce Butler Hoffman, m. Nora Kennedy. Their children:
 - 6 George Peter and Pearson L. Hoffman
 - 5 Charles Hoffman, m. Annie L. Younts. Their child:
 - 6 Charles Gaston Hoffman, Jr.
 - 5 Nanny Hoffman, m. James Nelson

- 4 Clementine Hoffman, m. George C. Rhyne. Their children:
 - 5 Hattie Rhyne, m. Robert Garner
 - 5 Virginia Rhyne, m. E. R. McQuerry
 - 5 Jacob Rhyne, m. Rebecca Wright
 - 5 Lenora Rhyne, m. Doc. Lay
 - 5 James Rhyne, m. Lula Garrison
 - 5 Lizzie Rhyne, never married
- 4 Adam Hoffman, m. Nancy McKee. Their children:
 - 5 Charlie Hoffman, m. Ora Smith. Their children:
 - 6 Chas, Jr., Boyd, Gertie, Lean, Roy, Annie, William, Emma, Lelia, and Fitzhue Hoffman
 - 5 Sallie Hoffman, died young
 - 5 Maggie Hoffman, m. Jefferson Beatty
 - 5 Robert Hoffman, never married
- 4 Samuel Hoffman, was killed in the Civil War
- 4 John Hoffman, also killed in the Civil War
- 4 Sallie Hoffman, m. Johnny Ford. Went West
- 3 Susan Hoffman, daughter of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, m. Jones Costner. Later m. Elisha Withers. Their children:
 - 4 Mary Costner, m. Matthew Cook
 - 4 Jacob Costner, m. Rachel Smith
 - 4 Margaret Costner, m. Frank Cannon
 - 4 Barbara Costner, m. Abbie Hahn
 - 4 Betty Costner, m. James Cannon
 - 4 John Withers, m. Elizabeth Lineberger
 - 4 Sid Withers, m. Callie Morris
 - 4 Sophie Withers, m. Sid Clemmer
 - 4 Miles Withers, m. Rachel Alexander
 - 4 Elizabeth Withers, m. James A. Davenport
- 3 Peter Hoffman, son of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN, m. Anna Berry. Their children:
 - 4 Margaret Hoffman, m. Adolphus Harris
 - 4 Laban Hoffman, m. Jenny Hoyle. Their children:
 - 5 Beulah Hoffman, m. ——— Bailey
 - 5 Ephriam Hoffman
 - 4 Harriet Hoffman, m. James Ferguson. Later m. ——— Whitesides
 - 4 Elizabeth Hoffman, m. John Quinn
 - 4 Jasper N. Hoffman, m. Lizzie Bradley. Their children:
 - 5 Ruth Hoffman, m. R. Lester Edwards
 - 5 Frank and Ralph Hoffman
 - 4 Adaline Hoffman, m. Thomas Ferguson

- 4 Ephram Hoffman, was killed in the Civil War. This family was reared in Arkansas, and was the last of the great army of descendants of 2 JOHN HOFFMAN. I am indebted to the late Mr. L. M. Hoffman of Dallas, N. C., for some of the connections of this 2 JOHN HOFFMAN.

2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN

- 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, youngest child of the pioneer 1 JACOB HOFFMAN and Catherine Best Hoffman, was born in Germany on May 9, 1764. She came with her parents to America on the British Ship Pennsylvania Packet, arriving at the Port of Philadelphia on October 3, 1768. She remained with her parents on their sojourn in Pennsylvania and Virginia and moved with them to North Carolina in 1776. On September 21, 1785, she married Jesse Palmer, a hero of the Revolutionary War, in Lincoln County. They acquired land near Big Long Creek where they lived until 1803. That year they moved to Buncombe County in company with 2 ELIZABETH'S widowed sister, 2 CATHERINE HOFFMAN GLANCE, and the latter's son's family. The Palmers settled on Big Sandy Mush Creek, while the Glance family settled on Little Sandy Mush Creek. Their descendants have taken a great part in the upbuilding of Western North Carolina.

Although 2 ELIZABETH was a mere child when her parents bundled her into their arms and began the hazardous trip to America, she was reared in a free American home by German parents who taught her many of their native customs and stories. And throughout her long and happy life she took pleasure in delighting her friends and family with her Dutch stories of the "Old Country."

She was a model woman, of magnanimous spirit, sterling character, lovable disposition, queenly airs, an affectionate wife, and a loving mother. Her memory is still sweet in the minds and hearts of the descendants of those who knew her. May her kind of humanity come again and replenish the earth.

Jesse Palmer died in 1850, and 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER died July 13, 1858. Both were buried at Old Brick Church in Big Sandy Mush. They reared the following children:

- 3 John Palmer
- 3 Jacob Palmer
- 3 Catherine (Katie) Palmer
- 3 Mary Palmer
- 3 Anna Palmer
- 3 Elizabeth Palmer

3 David Palmer

3 Margaret Palmer

Each of the above children of Jesse and 2 ELIZABETH PALMER will be given with their descendants as follows:

3 John Palmer, son of 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER, was born in Lincoln County on February 1, 1786. In 1803 he moved with his parents to Buncombe County. On February 21, 1816, he married Eleanor Vermillion, a granddaughter of the French Huguenot immigrant James Vermillion. 3 John Palmer died in February, 1867, and his wife died September 11, 1874. Their children:

4 Noah Palmer, m. Julia Littlejohn. Their children:

5 Sally Palmer, never married

5 Jesse Palmer, m. Jane S. Cody. Their children:

6 Earl Palmer

6 Grace Palmer, m. Columbus Broadwick

6 Carlton Palmer, m. Alene Mayo

6 Nellie Palmer, m. Arthur Ayers

6 Jesse and Ethel Palmer

5 John Palmer, never married

4 Andrew Palmer, never married

4 Amy E. Palmer, m. ——— Nichols. Their child:

5 Lucius B. Nichols

4 Francis Marion Palmer, killed in War Between the States. Never married

4 Duke Palmer, moved to Texas where he was later killed. Never married

3 Jacob Palmer, son of 2 ELIZABETH PALMER, was born in Lincoln County, May 19, 1788, moved with his parents to Buncombe County in 1803, and later went to Missouri. He married Isabella Weathers. I have record of the following children being born to them:

4 Alexander, Jesse, Jacob, Montgomery, and Elisha Palmer

3 Katie Palmer, daughter of 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER, was born in Lincoln County, November 6, 1790, moved with her parents to Buncombe County in 1803. She later married Andrew Falls of Lincoln County and went back there to live. Their children:

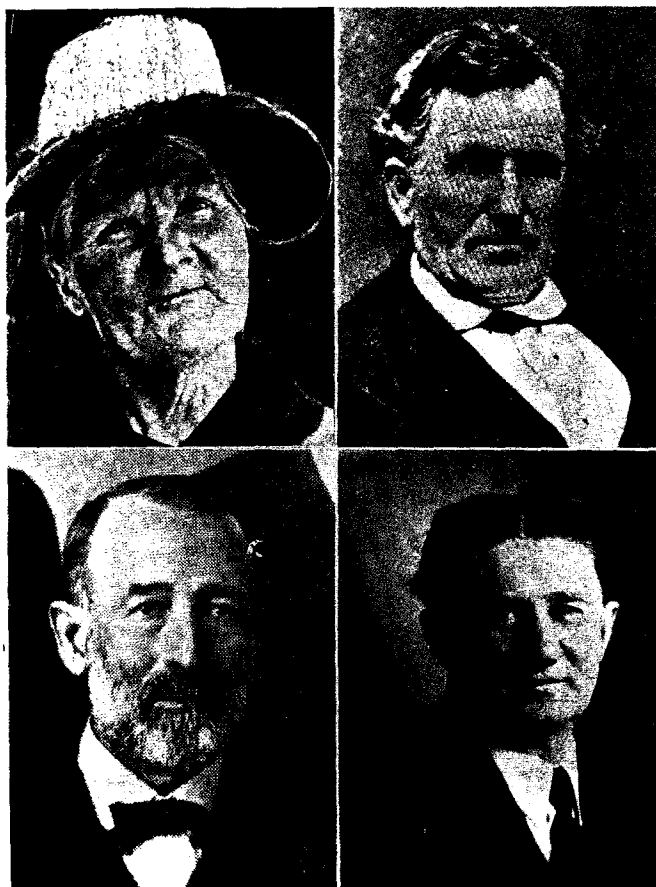
4 William Falls, m. Grace Wright. Their children:

5 Frank Falls, m. Margaret Dickey

5 Thomas Falls, m. Sara Ferguson

5 William Falls, m. Mary Ferguson

5 Mary Falls, m. Dan McCarter



Above left: 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER (1764-1858).

Above right: 4 Jonas Hoffman (1820-1901).

Below left: 5 Laban Miles Hoffman (1846-1930).

Below right: Robert M. Wells.

All of the 1 JACOB HOFFMAN line.



5 Linton B. Robeson (1865-1938)
Of the 1 JACOB HOFFMAN line.

- 5 Emeline Falls, m. John Morrow
- 5 Rebecca Falls, m. F. J. Whitesides
- 4 Mary Falls, m. Lewis Hamilton. Their children:
 - 5 Alexander Hamilton, m. Annie Clifton
 - 5 Monroe Hamilton, never married
 - 5 Noah and Amanda Hamilton, went to Texas
- 4 James Falls, m. Rebecca Dixon and moved to Arkansas
- 4 Ruth Falls, m. John Hayes. Their children:
 - 5 Wiley Hayes, m. Amelia Kendrick
 - 5 Thomas Hayes, m. Mattie Jones
 - 5 Jesse Hayes, m. Ella Lackey
 - 5 Catherine Hayes, m. John Goforth
 - 5 Alice Hayes, m. John Lineberger
 - 5 Erwin Hayes, m. Adeline Waterson
 - 5 John Hayes, m. Nancy Waterson
- 4 Elizabeth Falls, m. John Roper. They went West
- 4 Emeline Falls, m. Thomas Sarvice and moved to Mississippi
- 3 Mary Palmer, daughter of 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER, b. December 26, 1793, in Lincoln County, and moved with her parents to Buncombe County in 1803. She married Alexander Robeson of that county and their descendants were:
 - 4 Elizabeth Robeson, m. Josiah Jones. Their children:
 - 5 Jesse Jones, m. Susan Woods. Lives in Texas. Their children:
 - 6 Robert W. Jones, m. May Shrewder
 - 6 Frank D. Jones, m. Quinta Farmer
 - 6 Ida Jones, m. Arther Spillman
 - 6 Ada Jones, m. J. W. Raskin
 - 6 Walter Jones, m. ————?
 - 5 Martha Jones, m. Julius McCracken. Their children:
 - 6 Eugene, Thomas, Laura, and John McCracken
 - 5 LaFayette Jones, m. Jane Arrhart. Lives in Texas. Their children:
 - 6 Hettie L., Eula, and Wylie Jones
 - 5 Wylie Jones, went West
 - 5 Ellen Jones, m. Jesse Palmer, Jr., cousins. Their children:
 - 6 Lula, Mae, and Jesse Palmer
 - 5 Caroline Jones, m. William Vess. Their children:
 - 6 Ella Vess, m. Marshall Medley
 - 6 Elizabeth Vess, m. ————?

- 5 M. Bailey, and Mary Jones, went to Texas
- 4 Jesse Robeson, went West
- 4 William D. Robeson, m. Esther Jones and went West
- 4 John H. Robeson, m. Harriet Cummings. Their children:
 - 5 E. W. Robeson, died young
 - 5 Eluera Robeson, m. R. L. Jones. Their children:
 - 6 Harriet G. Jones, m. Otis M. Coxe
 - 6 Annie Jes. Jones, died single
 - 6 Bertha Estalena Jones, m. ————?
 - 5 H. A. C. Robeson, m. ————?
 - 5 Mary I. Robeson, m. Rev. W. D. Akers. Their children:
 - 6 Lewis R., D. W., Helen, and William D. Akers
 - 5 Edward Robeson, m. S. F. Ferguson
 - 5 Leona C. Robeson, never married
 - 5 Linton B. Robeson, b. 1865; d. August 11, 1938; connected with Ginn & Co., of Atlanta; m. M. Holtzclaw. Their children:
 - 6 Harriet C. and Mary C. Robeson
 - 5 Oscar C. Robeson, m. M. E. Wood
- 4 Caroline Robeson, m. J. M. McCracken and moved to Texas
- 4 Jacob Robeson, m. C. Herron
- 4 Madison M. Robeson, m. F. Herron
- 4 Matilda Robeson, m. E. S. Patty, and later m. F. M. Easterly
- 4 Thomas F. Robeson, m. Vianna Glanca
- 4 Althea and Jane M. Robeson, never married
- 3 Anna Palmer, daughter of 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER, b. January 23, 1796 in Lincoln County, moved with her parents to Buncombe County in 1803. She married John Robeson, brother of the Alexander Robeson whom her sister, 3 Mary Palmer, married. Their children:
 - 4 A. Center Robeson
 - 4 Humphrey Robeson
 - 4 George D. Robeson
 - 4 Elizabeth (Lizzie) Robeson
 - 4 Margaret Robeson
 - 4 Violet Robeson
 - 4 Sarah Robeson
 Their descendants follow:
 - 4 A. Center Robeson, m. E. Duckett. Their children:
 - 5 John M. and Jesse Robeson, went West. No record
 - 5 William H. Robeson, m. Sara Self. Their children:

- 6 James Robeson, never married
- 6 Chas. E. Robeson, m. Anna Wells. Their children:
 - 7 Edwin J., Willie Louise, Frances, and Max Robeson
- 6 Mary Alice Robeson, m. James A. Land. Their children:
 - 7 Edna Estell and Cecil E. Land
- Later 5 Wm. H. Robeson m. a Mrs. Frederick. Their child:
 - 6 Harriet E. Robeson, m. John R. Payne. Their children:
 - 7 William E. and Edna E. Payne
- 5 James D. Robeson, m. Kate Grier. Their children:
 - 6 Lorena Robeson, m. Henry Odell. Their children:
 - 7 Isolena, James, Jesse, John, Charles, Jacob, Lizzie, Lafayette, and Henry Odell
 - 6 Lizzie Robeson, m. George T. Anderson. Their children:
 - 7 W. E. Anderson, m. Laby Moore
 - 7 Anna Kate Anderson, m. William Rogers
- 5 George C. Robeson, m. Martha E. Story. Their child:
 - 6 Nancy E. Robeson, m. M. H. Hulsey. Their child:
 - 7 Young C. Hulsey
- 5 Sarah Ann Robeson, m. John R. Lusk. Their children:
 - 6 Leona L. Lusk, m. E. S. Garrett
 - 6 Mammie Lusk, m. B. E. Poole
 - 6 Florence Lusk, m. Lawrence Duckett
 - 6 Center, Lafayette, and Thomas Lusk
- 5 Harriett Robeson, m. G. W. McCracken. Their children:
 - 6 John McCracken, m. Hattie Morris. Their children:
 - 7 Hattie, Cora, Joseph, Lillie, Mamie, Mattie, and George W. McCracken
 - 6 Hermie McCracken, m. W. H. Garrett. Their children:
 - 7 Orvil and Hattie May Garrett
 - 6 Forest C. McCracken, m. Rebecca Cathey. Their child:
 - 7 Hattie Fay McCracken

- 6 Lillian McCracken, m. Herman Wells. Their children:
 - 7 Georgia Blanch Wells, m. Albert Abrams
 - 7 Robert and H. Reeves Wells
- 5 Marcus Lafayette Robeson, m. Anna Wilson. Their children:
 - 6 Betty, James, Maggie, Harriett. Marcus, and Zeb Robeson
- 5 Mary Robeson, never married
- 4 Humphrey Robeson, b. 1815, went to Missouri
- 4 George D. Robeson, b. 1818, m. Rachel Austin. Their children:
 - 5 Daniel Robeson, m. Laura Jones. Their children:
 - 6 Lafayette Robeson, m. Lilly Worley
 - 6 Jesse Robeson, m. Molly Blackburn
 - 6 Baxter Robeson, m. Pearl Hayes. Later m. Lizzie Suttle
 - 6 Hattie Robeson, m. Boss Andrews
 - 6 Anna Robeson, m. Horace Jones
 - 5 Center Robeson, went to Georgia and m. Rhoda Welch there. Their children:
 - 6 George, Dennis, Barney, Beckey, John, Ann, Rhoda, William, and Mattie Robeson
 - 5 John W. Robeson, m. Salome Reeves. Their children:
 - 6 Iola Robeson, m. Morris Brown
 - 6 Edith Robeson, m. Herman Brown
 - 6 James Robeson, m. Vay Bridges
 - 6 Savannah Robeson, m. Wilbur Allison
 - 6 Ruth and Relda Robeson
 - 5 Edgar Robeson, m. Martha Davis, and later m. Mattie Wells. Their children:
 - 6 Dora Robeson, m. ——— Messer
 - 6 George B. Robeson, died single
 Children by second marriage:
 - 6 Rhoda Robeson, m. ——— Rosenbaum
 - 6 Anna Robeson, m. ——— Messer
 - 6 Lafayette Robeson, m. Clara Meadows
 - 6 Lillie Robeson, m. Richard Green
 - 6 Gorman, Linton, Craig, Kate, and R. G. Robeson
- 5 Sophrona Robeson, never married
- 5 Maggie Robeson, m. Ransom Brown. Their children:
 - 6 Andrew Brown, m. Mary Lane

- 6 John T. Brown, m. Eliza Austin
- 6 Roxie Brown, m. Robert Frisbee
- 6 Margaret (Sis) Brown, m. Van Frisbee
- 6 Lassie Brown, m. Henry Wells
- 5 Laura Brown, m. Adolphus Gragg. Their children:
 - 6 William, Margaret, Ella, Homer, Edward, and Viola Gragg
- 5 Violet Robeson, m. William Cassada. Their children:
 - 6 Melissa Cassada, m. Robert Plemmons
 - 6 Jeter Cassada, m. Ruby Ball
 - 6 George Cassada, m. ——— Isenhour
 - 6 Dewey, Iver, Eula, and Ula Cassada. The two latter were twins
- 5 Anna Robeson, m. Decatur Wells. Their children:
 - 6 George W. Wells, m. 6 Ida Reeves
 - 6 Margaret Wells, m. Burgin Austin
 - 6 Rachel Wells, m. Joseph Black
 - 6 Marion and John Wells, never married
 - 6 Henry Wells, m. Margaret Brown, and later Lassie Brown
 - 6 Rufus Wells, m. Willie Rogers
 - 6 Bessie Wells, m. Baxter Brown
 - 6 Robert Wells, m. Julia Plemmons
 - 6 Lyda Wells, m. Lorine Freeman
 - 6 Leona Wells, m. Thomas McMahon
- 5 Leila Robeson, m. George Miller. Their children:
 - 6 Elsie Miller, died young
 - 6 Edward, John, Rachel, Ora, Sarah, Etta, and Glenn Miller. This family was reared at Bryson City, N. C.
- 4 Lizzie (Elizabeth) Robinson, m. Malachi Reeves, Jr. They settled on Big Sandy Mush Creek in Buncombe County. I have been to this old substantial brick home, and wish to say that its very appearance shows well the independent and outstanding position these aristocrats enjoyed in that community. Their descendants follow:
 - 5 John Anthony Reeves, m. Clementine Furgeson. Their children:

- 6 F. Farady Reeves, m. Georgia Harkins. Their child:
 - 7 Mary Reeves, m. Dale Thrash
- 6 Amanda Reeves, m. Robert Reynolds. Their children:
 - 7 Hugh, Ruby, and Ruth Reynolds
- 6 Malley Reeves, m. Della Brown. Their children:
 - 7 Paul Reeves, m. Pauline Cole
 - 7 Maybelle Reeves, m. ——— Hart
 - 7 John C., Evelyn, and Helen Reeves
- 6 William Reeves, m. Lela Walkup. Their children:
 - 7 Anthony and Rachel Reeves
- 6 Plato Reeves, m. Savannah English. Their child:
 - 7 William Reeves
- 6 Otto Reeves, m. Virginia Willis (second wife). Their children:
 - 7 Virginia and Dorothy Reeves
- 6 Jerome Reeves, m. Mary Parker. Their children:
 - 7 Virginia and Zelda May Reeves
- 6 Riley Reeves, m. Viola Pinner. Their child:
 - 7 Marjorie Reeves
- 6 Etta Reeves, m. David Noland. Their child:
 - 7 Reeves Noland, m. ——— Ferguson
- 6 Laura Reeves, m. Claud Kinsland. Their children:
 - 7 Georgia and Dorothy Kinsland
- 6 Bertha Reeves, m. John Davis. Their children:
 - 7 Anthony, Glenn, Homer, and Thelma Davis
- 5 Zachariah Reeves, m. Rachel Ferguson. Their children:
 - 6 William Reeves, m. Hazel Blackburn
 - 6 Robert Reeves, m. Lottie Williams
 - 6 Marietta and Burder Reeves
- 5 James Reeves, m. Llewellyn Ferguson. Their children:
 - 6 Ruth Reeves, m. Jesse Wells. Their children:
 - 7 Reagan, Monroe, Garland, Burder, Mil-
lard, Ben, and Harley Wells

- 6 Ava Reeves, m. S. L. Teague
- 6 Garland Reeves, m. Ella Higgins
- 6 Elbert Reeves, m. Fanny Redmon
- 6 Robert Reeves, m. Lottie Duckett
- 6 Barbara Reeves, m. James Rheims
- 6 Thomas Reeves, m. Bertha Teague
- 6 Burnet Reeves, m. Notie Woody
- 6 Kate Reeves, m. Wade Worley
- 6 Audry Reeves, m. Herschell Glance
- 6 John H. Reeves, m. Lou Asker
- 5 Robert Reeves, m. Nelly Reynolds. Their children:
 - 6 Grady Reeves, m. Mahalia Austin
 - 6 Jefferson Reeves, m. Myrtle Duckett
 - 6 Mary Reeves, m. _____
 - 6 Hazel Reeves, m. James Arrington
 - 6 Willie Reeves, m. Grady Duckett
 - 6 Roscoe Reeves, m. D. Treadway
- 5 Thomas H. Reeves, m. Anna Reagan. Their children:
 - 6 Lucy Reeves, m. Joseph DeNardo
 - 6 Frederick Reeves, m. Bertha Tilson
- 5 Elbert Reeves, m. Ella Harbin. Their children:
 - 6 Leasie Reeves, m. M. S. Glance
 - 6 Clem Reeves, m. Dennis Church
 - 6 J. H. Reeves, m. Irene Church
 - 6 Bonnie, George E., Carrie, Mallie, and Zacharias Reeves
- 5 Hannah Reeves, m. James H. Hipps. Their children:
 - 6 Carpus Hipps, m. Edna Curtis
 - 6 Marion Hipps, m. Mary Gordon
 - 6 Kermit Hipps, m. Hester Williams
 - 6 Nora Hipps, m. James Farmer
 - 6 Bonnie Hipps, m. Gilbert Woody
 - 6 Bessie Hipps, m. William E. Enloe
 - 6 Lovell Hipps, m. _____
- 5 Jane Reeves, m. Samuel W. Cooper. Their children:
 - 6 Florence Cooper, m. B. G. Bingham
 - 6 L. M. Cooper, m. Laura Long. Later m. Mattie McClure
 - 6 Hattie Cooper, m. David Battle
 - 6 Charles C. Cooper, m. Belle Gaddis

- 6 Mary Cooper, m. Thomas Barrett
- 6 Dora Cooper, m. R. L. Hyatt
- 6 Grady, Samuel, Grover, and Minnie Cooper
- 5 Angeline Reeves, m. R. Crisley Wells. Their children:
 - 6 Robert M. Wells, a prominent attorney and business man living in Asheville, N. C. He has served his City and County in a very competent and distinguished manner, and is at this time Mayor of Asheville. He married Anna Wilson. Their children:
 - 7 Anna Kate Wells, m. Herbert Lamb
 - 7 Evelyn Wells, m. Donald Caldwell
 - 7 Christa Wells, m. ——— Howard
 - 7 Virginia Wells, m. Lowery Lasher
 - 7 Robert M. Wells, Jr.
 - 6 Zora Wells, m. Robert Taylor
 - 6 Irene Wells, m. Hezekiah Miller
 - 6 Estelle Wells, m. Dr. Albert Greenwood
 - 6 Pinkney Wells, m. Lou Etta Susong
- 5 Melvin Hezekiah Reeves, m. Ernie Crymes. Their children:
 - 6 Jefferson, Elizabeth C., Jennie, and Melvin Reeves
- 4 Margaret Robeson, m. John Reeves. Their children:
 - 5 Sarah Ann Reeves, m. Harrison Ferguson. Their children:
 - 6 Bascomb Ferguson, m. Cora Rogers
 - 6 Gaston Ferguson, m. Cenia Kingsmore
 - 6 Leila Ferguson, m. James Noland
 - 6 Gaither Ferguson
 - 5 William Humphrey Reeves, m. Laura J. Wells. Their children:
 - 6 Leila Reeves, m. Lewis Allman
 - 6 Effie M. Reeves, m. Gay Green, a prominent business man, merchant, capitalist, philanthropist, of Asheville, N. C. No children
 - 6 Calvin Reeves, m. Essie James. Their children:
 - 7 Vivian Reeves, died single
 - 7 Maythorne Reeves, m. N. A. Randall
 - 7 Laura Reeves, m. A. B. Lloyd
 - 7 James Reeves, m. Alma Sigmores
 - 6 Edwin Reeves, m. Vessie Cathey. Their child:
 - 7 William Cathey Reeves

- 6 Lassaphine Reeves, m. Charles W. Smith
- 6 Eulalia Reeves, m. James L. Turbyfill
- 6 Sadie Reeves, m. Ira Gibbs
- 6 Lucy Reeves, m. J. L. Anderson. (I am very grateful to her for her assistance in compiling this family record)
- 6 Norma Reeves, m. J. M. Harrison
- 6 Harlan Reeves
- 6 Nellie Reeves, m. ——— Hyatt
- 6 Inez Reeves, m. ——— McCracken
- 6 Ethel Reeves, m. Charles Hawkins
- 6 Ophelia Reeves, m. ——— Taylor
- 6 Hattie Reeves, m. ——— Gibbs
- 5 Laura A. Reeves, m. William B. Ferguson. Their children:
 - 6 Ida Ferguson, m. John C. Orr
 - 6 Herbert Ferguson, died single
 - 6 Homer L. Ferguson, m. Eliza Skinner
 - 6 Harley B. Ferguson, m. Molly McCormack
 - 6 William B. Ferguson, Jr., m. Maude Stevens
 - 6 Margaret Ruth Ferguson, m. William Blalock
 - 6 Maude Ferguson, m. Alexander Shuford of Hickory, N. C. Their children:
 - 7 Alexander, 3rd., William B., and Harley B. Shuford. They all live at Hickory
- 5 Hester L. Reeves, m. David Wells. Their children:
 - 6 Herman L. Wells, m. Lillian McCracken. Their children:
 - 7 Georgia Blanche Wells, m. Albert Abrams
 - 7 Robert, H. Reeves, and Glenn Wells
 - 6 Annie Wells, m. Charles E. Robinson
 - 6 Leila Wells, m. Ulysses Randall
 - 6 Bessie Wells, m. John Hall
 - 6 Exie Wells, m. ——— Duckett
 - 6 Elmer and Edwin Wells
- 5 Carr A. Reeves, m. Sarah James. Their children:
 - 6 Cora Reeves, m. John Kirkpatrick
 - 6 Della Reeves, m. ——— Moxley
 - 6 Gertie, Myrtle, Herschell, and Walter Reeves
- 5 A. Melinda Reeves, m. Robert Hurlburt. Their children, living in California are:
 - 6 Norma and Hardy P. Hurlburt
 Mrs. Hurlburt later m. ——— Presswood. Their children:

- 6 Jesse and Easton Presswood
- 5 Millard W. Reeves, m. Caroline Coleman. Their children:
 - 6 May Reeves, m. John Carrington
 - 6 Exie Reeves, m. Grover Wilson
 - 6 Jane Reeves, m. James Colville
 - 6 Anne, Margaret, John B., Marvin, Viola, Roy, James, and Millard Reeves
- 5 Harriet I. Reeves, m. David Kerr. Their children:
 - 6 Martha, William, Lula, Bertha, Evelyn, John, and David Kerr
- 5 Eleura Jane Reeves, m. John Bolling. Their children:
 - 6 Anna Bolling, m. Frank VanValkenberg. Their children:
 - 7 Nell, Louise, and Billy VanValkenberg
 - 6 Roy Bolling, m. Louise ———
 - 6 Elsie Bolling, m. Porter Webb
 - 6 Nora Bolling, m. Charles Odell. Their child:
 - 7 Charles Odell, Jr.
 - 6 Mary Bolling, single
- 4 Violet C. Robeson, m. Jackson W. Reeves. Their children:
 - 5 Mary C. Reeves, m. Frank Brown. Their child:
 - 6 Charlie Brown, m. Lillie Barrett. Their children:
 - 7 Connie Brown, m. Clark Brooke
 - 7 Margaret Brown, m. Wiley Ridenhour
 - 7 Jennie Brown, m. Fletcher Ridenhour
 - 7 May Brown, m. Jackson Ingle
 - 7 Joseph, Albert, Bessie, and Wiley Brown
 - 5 Harriett Reeves, m. William R. Trull. Their children:
 - 6 Laura Trull, m. Albert W. Flemming
 - 6 Mattie Trull, m. Elias Powell
 - 6 Katie Trull, m. James Gordon
 - 6 John B. Trull, married in Idaho
 - 6 Annie Trull, m. James Fisher in Idaho
 - 6 Mary, Effie, and Benjamin Trull
- 5 James Reeves, m. Mary Ann Dixon, in Arkansas. Their children:
 - 6 William R. Reeves, died young
 - 6 James Reeves, m. Minnie West
- 5 Matilda Reeves, m. Henry W. Gilbert. Their children:

- 6 William J. Gilbert, m. Alice Ford
- 6 Althea I. Gilbert, m. Frank Brown
- 6 Beuna Vista Gilbert, m. Edgar Lance
- 6 Charles Gilbert, m. Florence Foster
- 6 Sarah Gilbert, never married
- 5 Jeffie P. Reeves, m. Jane Wilson. Their children:
 - 6 Lesta Reeves, m. Frank King
 - 6 Hermie V. Reeves, m. John Randall
 - 6 Harlan Reeves, m. Anna Reece
 - 6 Nora Reeves, m. J. M. Herron
- 5 Festus Reeves, m. Rachel S. Boyd. Their children:
 - 6 A. Salmone Reeves, m. John W. Robinson
 - 6 James E. Reeves, m. Maggie Clark
 - 6 Ida May Reeves, m. George M. Wells
 - 6 Willard, Herbert, Lyda, Elizabeth, Lois, Lattie G., Annie G., and Mary C. Reeves
- 4 Sarah Robeson, m. Thomas Debord. Their children:
 - 5 Thadeus Debord, m. Hattie Rockie. I have no further record
 - 5 John F. Debord, m. Emma Prestwood. Their children:
 - 6 Pelham, Lavada, and Floyd Debord
 - 5 George A. Debord, m. Rachel Worley. Their children:
 - 6 Charlie Debord, m. Pearl Smathers
 - 6 Nathan, Annie, John, Horace, and Millard Debord
 - 5 Hester Debord, m. Tull Hipps. Their children:
 - 6 Exie, Hassie, and Marion Hipps
 - 5 Hattie Debord, m. J. Gideon Varner. Their children:
 - 6 Sebren Varner, m. Florence Allison
 - 6 Hardy L. Varner, m. Annie Fisher
 - 6 Thomas, Oscar, Bessie, Myrtle, and Thadeus Varner
- 3 Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER, was born May 15, 1798, in Lincoln County, and moved with her parents to Buncombe County in 1803. She married George D. Robeson and their children were: (It will be noted that three of these Palmer girls married three Robeson brothers.)
 - 4 Margaret Robeson, m. William Green and went West
 - 4 Alexander H. Robeson, m. F. Harbin. Their children:
 - 5 Harriet Robeson, m. David Duckett. Their children:

- 6 Charles and Ida Duckett
Later 5 Harriet Robeson Duckett m. E. J. Auldredge and their children were:
 - 6 Jesse Gertrude, and Claud Auldredge
- 5 Hannah C. Robeson, m. William Day
- 5 Henriette Robeson, m. ————
- 5 Julius Robeson, m. Kittie Rogers. Their children:
 - 6 Mollie, Fren, and Leroy Robeson
- 5 M. M. Robeson, m. Elmina Wert
- 5 Eleura Robeson, m. Geo. L. Henderson. Their children:
 - 6 John, Bessie, Anna, Edward, Willard, and Floyd Henderson
- 4 Lucinda Robeson, m. S. Presswood. Their children:
 - 5 Laura Presswood, m. Frank Brown
 - 5 Thomas Presswood, m. Delia Reeves
 - 5 Clara Presswood, m. ————
 - 5 Emma Presswood, m. John Debord
 - 5 Ella Presswood, m. Lawrence Jones
- 4 Harriet Robeson, m. Case Thomas
- 4 Wiley Robeson, m. Violet Worley. Their children:
 - 5 Retta Robeson, m. Joseph Rogers
 - 5 Bettie Robeson, m. Nelson Tweed
 - 5 Florence Robeson, m. P. Wallen
 - 5 Frank Robeson, m. C. Franklin
 - 5 Jesse Robeson
- 4 Montravaile Robeson, m. Louisa Boyd. Their children:
 - 5 Laura, Ellen, Maggie, Charles, David, Eula, Robert, Luella, Gaston, and Hattie Robeson
- 4 Sophrona Robeson, m. Graham Robeson. Their children:
 - 5 Nelson Robeson, m. Ellen Nodine
 - 5 Caney Robeson, m. Ella West
 - 5 Harriet Robeson, m. Mark West
 - 5 Hester Robeson, m. Alfred Clark
- 4 Rebecca Robeson, m. Franz Miller in Texas
- 4 David Robeson, m. Mollie Graham in Texas
- 4 Eliza Robeson, m. Abraham Randall in Texas
- 4 Phylettus Robeson, m. ————
- 3 David Palmer, son of Jesse and 2 ELIZABETH HOFFMAN PALMER, never married. He was a noble citizen and beloved philosopher of the Sandy Mush community, and lived to a ripe old age
- 3 Margaret Palmer, daughter of Jesse and 2 ELIZABETH

HOFFMAN PALMER, was born November 7, 1803. Married John Wells of Buncombe County. Their descendants:

- 4 Frank Wells, m. Mary J. Robeson. Their children:
 - 5 Charley Wells, m. ————. Their children:
 - 6 Mary and Lucy Wells
 - 5 M. Timoxine Wells, m. J. C. Weaver. Their children:
 - 6 Leona Weaver, m. J. M. Long
 - 6 Chas. W. Weaver, m. H. McCurdy
 - 6 Mary Weaver, m. L. Allison
 - 6 Ernest Weaver, m. Laura Davis
 - 6 Juanita, John H., Frank W., and James Weaver
- 4 Julia Wells, m. John Garrett. Their children:
 - 5 Thomas Garrett, m. Laura Robeson, Sarah Medford, and Louise Taylor
 - 5 Ellen Garrett, m. Leona L. Lusk
 - 5 Brock Garrett, m. Edith Ables
 - 5 Nora Garrett, m. Riley Medford
 - 5 William Garrett, m. Hermie McCracken
 - 5 Nellie Garrett, m. Eliza Ledbetter
 - 5 Robert, Pellam and Linton Garrett
- 4 M. Matilda Wells, m. Robert McKee. Their children:
 - 5 Lawrence and Robert McKee, died young
 - 5 Hattie McKee, m. Joseph Collins
 - 5 Henry McKee, m. Mattie McLean
 - 5 James McKee, m. Carrie Bryan
 - 5 Lindon McKee, m. Mattie Moody, and later Gertrude Dills
 - 5 Hannah McKee, m. Coleman Hall
- 4 Jesse Wells, b. 1833, went West. Never married
- 4 Jacob Wells, went West. Never married
- 4 Callie Wells, b. 1836, m. Theodore Erwin. Their children:
 - 5 Inez Erwin, m. Joseph Austell. Their children:
 - 6 James Austell, m. Beatrice McClarin
 - 6 Harriet Austell, m. George W. Morgan
 - 6 Madge and Margaret Austell
 - 5 John Erwin, m. Bessie Gillespie. Their children:
 - 6 Marie, Doris, Harry, and Conrad Erwin
 - 5 Mark Erwin, m. Else Waldrop. Their children:
 - 6 Evelyn, Fay, and Francis Erwin
 - 5 William Erwin, m. Emma Cole. Their children:
 - 6 May, Lucy, and Eula Erwin
- 4 Lucinda Wells, m. Maj. W. M. Rhea. No issue

- 4 David Wells, b. 1843, m. Hester L. Reeves. (See record of Jno. Reeves)
- 4 Laura J. Wells, b. 1845, m. Wm. Humphrey Reeves. (See record of Margaret Robeson)
- 4 Hester L. Wells, b. 1847, m. Dr. Horace N. Wells.
Their children:
 - 5 Daisy Wells, m. Frank Haynes
 - 5 Ralph Wells, m. ——— Mears
 - 5 Vincent and Marvin Wells

This completes the information that I have been able to secure on the descendants of 1 JACOB HOFFMAN, the last of the three pioneer brothers.

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ERRORS

- Page 33. eliminate line 2.
- Page 39, line 30, substitute (b.) for the first (m.)
- Page 39, line 39. 1803, should read 1903.
- Page 40, line 1, 1804, should read 1904.
- Page 40. line 4, 1805, should read 1905.
- Page 40. line 28, 1788, should read 1888.
- Page 46. line 27. Barbara Seaback. should read Solomon Seaback.

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