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The Rumphs of South Carolina, and their relatives in other Southern States, trace back to five adult Rumphs, whose names first appear on South Carolina records about 1735. ~~See~~

These were David, Jacob, Abraham, Peter and Catherine Rumph. They were all brothers and sister. These young people, undoubtedly, came over with the Swiss emigrants (from the German cantons) who arrived in Charlestown July 13, 1735,¹ and settled a township fifteen miles long by ~~ten~~^{five} miles wide, that had been laid off on the Edisto river (2), about eighty miles from Charlestown, in 1730. Up to this time it had been known merely as "The Township on the Edisto;" but when settled by these Switzers, was named by Lieutenant ^{Governor} Broughton, Orangeburgh, in honor of the, then, Prince of Orange (William IV) who was the son-in-law of King George II of England.

Note 1—"On Sunday last arrived here CAPT. HUGH PERCY in nine weeks from ROTTERDAM and six from COWES, with 250 SWITZERS on board, who are come to settle a township on the King's land in this Province."—*The South Carolina Gazette*, July 19, 1735.

Note 2—"About 220 of the Switzers that have paid all their passages are now going up to Edisto to settle a township there. The Government defrays them upon their jour-

ney, provides them with provisions for one year, and gives them fifty acres ahead; they are exempt from all charges for ten years."—*The South Carolina Gazette*, Saturday, July 26, 1735.

It is most likely that the parents of these young people came with them; but if so they must have died soon after, for we do not find their names in contemporary records.

CATHERINE—(1)—RUMPH was married in Mr. John Hearne's house, near the village of Orangeburgh, in Orangeburgh township, on Thursday, September 3, 1741, to James Pendarvis. (3)

Note 3—Rev. John Giessendanner's record, Salley's *History of Orangeburgh County*, 1704-1782, pp. 96 and 107.

PETER—(1)—RUMPH, "of Horse Savannah, in the Province of South Carolina Cordwainer," "Catherine Knowle, of St. James' Parish, Goose Creek, in the province aforesaid, widow," and "David Rumph, of St. Paul's Parish, in the province aforesaid, planter," made a tripartite agreement, April 4, 1746, arranging a marriage and settlement between the said Peter Rumph and Catherine Knowle, widow." (4)

ABRAHAM—(1)—RUMPH settled in St. George's Parish, Dorchester, at an early date. By his will, dated October 4, 1777, he is known to have had three sons, Abraham, Christian and George. (5) The first of these was brigadier-general of the Fifth Brigade of South Carolina militia, in 1808. Christian's son, Christian, married his cousin, Sarah Rumph, and "died just at the close of the late war, in Georgia, at an advanced age, after expending a fortune in trying to help along the Confederate government." He had but one son, and that son left but one child, George M. Rumph, Esq., a lawyer of St. George, Dorchester County, South Carolina, who died October, 3, 1902.

Note 4—Probate Court records, Charleston County, S. C., Book 1736-40, page 415.

Note 5—Ibid. Book 1774-78, p. 561.

DAVID—(1)—RUMPH married Mary———. He first settled in St. Paul's Parish, but at an early date removed to St. George's Parish, Dorchester, Charleston District, near the site of the present town of St. George, and became one of the

most prominent men in his parish. On April 18, 1767, he was selected by the Commons House of Assembly, to be one of the commissioners for building a "chapel of ease," in the upper part of the parish, "at the north side of Four Holes Swamp, within three miles of the said swamp." (6) He was several times Inquirer and Collector of taxes for the parish (7), and was one of those selected January 15, 1775, by the First Provincial Congress of South Carolina as the "Committee for Carrying into Execution the Continental Association" for (8) St. George's Parish, Dorchester. He died in 1782 or 1783. (9)

Note 6—Statutes at large of South Carolina.

Note 7—Ibid. Vol. IV.

Note 8—Moultrie's Memoirs of the American Revolution. Vol. I, p. 41.

Note 9—In his will, made Nov. 2, 1774, witnessed by John Dandridge, Isaac Utsey, and James Pettigrew, and in a codicil thereto, made January 4, 1782, for the benefit of the children of Ann Clayton—John and David Clayton—and proved before George Abbott Hall, ordinary C. T. D., Dec. 8, 1783, he mentions wife, Mary, children, John, David, Ann, Catherine Rumph, Elizabeth Giessendanner, Sarah Dewitt, and his three youngest sons, named Joseph, Jacob, and Christian Rumph. (P. C. R. C. C.) Henry Giessendanner and John Pendarvis, executors.

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- I—Elizabeth Rumph, b. probably in 1748, m. Feb. 23, 1767, to Henry Giessendanner.
- II—David Rumph, b. April 1, 1750.
- III—Mary Rumph, b. Aug. 16, 1751.
- IV—Sarah Rumph, b. May 7, 1753, baptized at the house of Thomas Pendarvis, near the Four Holes, April 23, 1754.
- V—Anne Rumph, baptized Jan. 26, 1756, at the house of Frederick Thore, at the Four Holes. Probably married—Clayton.
- VI—John Rumph.
- VII—Catherine Rumph.
- VIII—Joseph Rumph.
- IX—Jacob Rumph.

X—Christian Rumph.

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DAVID RUMPH (David—I—), b. April 1, 1750, bap. in Orangeburgh Church, Sunday, June 17, 1750. Sponsors, Jacob Rumph, William Berry, and Barbara, wife of John Jennings. He grew to man's estate in Colleton district, was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Lewis, his second wife Miss Anne Haddock. He was a planter, and lived at "The Cypress." On October 20, 1776, "David Rumph, Jr., of Charles Town district," conveyed to "John Salley, of Orangeburg district," his half of a tract of 200 acres in Colleton county, which had been conveyed by Christian Minnick to John Salley and David Rumph, Jr., October 24, 1774. (10)

Note 10—Original paper in the hands of the compiler.

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Mary Rumph, b. 1773, m. James Preston Appleby, d. 1852.

Thomas David Rumph, b. March 24, 1783, d. in Carlowville, Ala., Jan. 19, ~~1859~~ 1860.

Joshua Rumph, b. —, unmarried, killed by lightning 1823.

THOMAS DAVID RUMPH—(David 2—David 1) was born in Orangeburgh District March 24, 1783, married Nov. 6, 1806, to Sarah Maxwell (who was born March 6, 1788, and died in Carlowville, Ala., March 27, 1866), removed to Alabama in 1823, and died in Carlowville, Ala., Jan. 19, ~~1859~~ 1860.

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Peter P. Rumph, b. Nov. 14, 1807, d. Sep. 23, 1809.

Mary A. Rumph, b. May 12, 1809, d. Aug. 15, 1811.

William Maxwell Rumph, b. June 21, 1811, in Colleton District, S. C., m. April 4, 1839, to Frances Jane Lide, d. April 16, 1881.

Elizabeth A. Rumph, b. July 5, 1813, m. Dec. 13, 1831, to Lewis More, d. June 29, 1839. She had no children.

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SARAH RUMPH (David 1), born May ~~17~~⁷, 1753; married William Dewitt. One of their daughters, Sarah Dewitt, married John Robinson, of Orangeburgh District, who died without issue, and

she married Jacob McMichael (second wife) by whom she had one daughter and two sons—Lieutenant-Colonel Paul A. McMichael, of the 20th S. C. V. C. S. A.. and Cephas Manly McMichael, who was the maternal grandfather of the compiler of this genealogy.

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JACOB RUMPH (David 1) had eight children—Joseph, Ann, Jacob, Charles, John, Margaret, Elizabeth and Sarah.

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*CHRISTIAN RUMPH (David 1) had five children—Ann, William, David, Mary and Sarah.

WILLIAM MAXWELL RUMPH (Thomas David—David 2—David 1) b. in Colleton District, June 21, 1811, m. Frances Jane Lide, d. April 16, 1881.

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Thoms Eli Rumph, deceased.

William James Rumph, m. Frances Ann Lee.

Alice Elizabeth Rumph.

Sarah Frances Rumph, deceased.

Cornelius Mandeville Rumph, m. Mary Mazyck Hume.

Henry Lide Rumph.

Mary Mandeville Rumph, m. States Allen Deas; deceased.

Julia Edith Rumph, deceased.

Jane Lide Rumph, m. E. T. Bowman.

Hugh David Rumph, deceased.

Edward Rumph, deceased.

Herbert Rumph, deceased.

Charles John Rumph, m. Ariana Hume.

CORNELIUS MANDEVILLE RUMPH (William Maxwell—Thomas David—David—2—David—1—) married Mary Mazyck Hume.

ISSUE.

Alice Edith Rumph.

Florence Estelle Rumph, m James Martin Smith.

Julia Hume Rumph.

*Died at his plantation near Orangeburgh, on the 7th inst., CAPTAIN CHRISTIAN RUMPH, aged 43 years."—*Charleston Courier*, Monday, November 21. 1807.

Mary Eliza Rumph.

Annie Kate Rumph.

Hugh Mandeville Rumph.

Mildred Coley Rumph.

Olive Wryde Rumph.

CHARLES JOHN RUMPH (William Maxwell—Thomas David—David—2—David—I—) m. Ariana Hume.

ISSUE.

Charles Hume Rumph.

Dorothy Lee Rumph.

JACOB (I) RUMPH was married May 19, 1748, to Ann Datwyler (II) in Orangeburgh Township. He died in 1785. (12)

ISSUE. (13)

1. I—Anne Rumph, born August 26, 1750, married Jacob Wannamaker. (14)
2. II—Jacob Rumph, b. July 9, 1752.
3. III—Abraham Rumph, b. Sep. 27, 1754, d. ~~Jan~~ ^{June} 17, 1756.
4. IV—Susannah Rumph, b. May 1, 1757.
5. V—David Rumph, b. Nov. 10, 1759.

Note 11—Rev. John Giessendanner's record. Salley's History of Orangeburg~~X~~ County, 1704-1782, p. 110.

Note 12—"NOTICE. The creditors of the estate of the late Jacob Rumph, Sen. of Orange Parish, deceased, are desired to render an attested statement of their demands, to either of the subscribers, to be settled, and those indebted to said estate are requested to make payment by the 1st day of October next, as after that period no indulgence can be given.

JACOB RUMPH,
JOHN HOOK,
DAVID RUMPH, } Executors.

Orange~~burg~~ Parish, July 29, 1786."

—*The State Gazette of South Carolina*, Thursday, Aug. 24, 1786.

Note 13—Giessendanner's record, Salley's Orangeburg~~X~~, pp. 125-133-150-170-188-4nd 201.

Note 14—Jacob Wannamaker, the celebrated lieutenant of Rumph's Militia Company. (See Salley's Orangeburg~~X~~, pp. ~~134-135~~.)

JACOB RUMPH (Jacob I) b. July 9, 1752. bap. August 2, 1758, married Anne Mary Harrisberger (b. 1756, d. Sep. 30, 1838); served throughout the Revolution as a captain of militia (15), fighting, perhaps, one of the very last battles of the war (16); was colonel of the 21st Regiment of South Carolina militia for many years; was brigadier-general of the 5th Brigade in 1810; represented Orange Parish in South Carolina House of Representatives; was tax collector of Orange Parish in 1795 (17); was State Senator for the combined parishes of St. Matthew and Orange in 1796-1800; was a deputy surveyor-general in 1802 (18); died Dec. 12, 1812. His home was in Orange Parish, about eight miles above the town of Orangeburg, near Turkey Hill, and some of his descendants live in that locality now.

Note 15—Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1772, pp. 471-486.

Note 16—"The militia under the command of Capt. Rumph came up with a party of the enemy, under Cunningham and Fanning, a few days past, near Orangeburgh, killed one, wounded another, and re-took five horses that they had stole." *The South Carolina Weekly Gazette*, Saturday, February 22, 1783.

Note 17—"26 February, 1795. Jacob Rumph, Esq.: I have at length received your commission to act as tax collector. You had better forward your bond as speedily as possible, and shall transmit to you the commission. It is time that the business of the office should be entered upon.

Yours respectfully,
J. G. Guignard."

From letter book of J. G. Guignard, Comptroller-General of South Carolina, 1795.

Note 18—Plat made by him of a survey made by him for Benjamin Hart. Original in possession of compiler.

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6. I—John Rumph.
7. II—Lewis Rumph.
8. III—Christian Rumph.
9. IV—Jacob Rumph, b. ~~1755~~ 1777.

Aug. 20,

10. V—David Rumph, b. Oct. 28, 1778.
 11. VI—Elizabeth Rumph, b. Aug. 25, 1783, m. Jan. 22, 1799, to Dr. Van de Vastine Jamison (9) (b. March 24, 1765, d. Dec. 15, 1836) d. Feb. 2, 1814 (Issue).
 12. VII—Mary Elvira Rumph, m. July 10, 1817, to Donald Bruce Jones (b. May 1, 1792, d. Sept. 18, 1853), d. June, 1854. (Issue.)
 13. VIII—Caroline Ann Rumph, m. Daniel Frederick, who removed to Marshallville, Ga. (Issue).
 14. IX—Anne Rumph, m. Rev. James H. Mellard.
- Note 19—"Married on the 22d instant, at Orangeburgh, Dr. V. Jamison to Miss Elizabeth Rumph, daughter of Col. Jacob Rumph."—*City Gazette and Daily Advertiser*, Wednesday, January 30, 1799.

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JOHN RUMPH—(Jacob 2—Jacob 1) was twice married. The name of his first wife has not been learned. His second wife was Elizabeth Frederick. He lived out to the right of the old Columbia Road, in Orangeburgh District (now county) near where Mr. F. W. Farnum now lives.

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15. I—J. Lewis Rumph, who was sheriff of Orangeburgh District, 1820-24.
 16. II—James D. Rumph, who became a physician, married his cousin, Caroline Rumph, daughter of Christian Rumph, and removed to Alabama.
 17. III—A daughter who married William Wannamaker, who removed to Alabama or Georgia, and died, his body being hauled home by one Sam Pearson, who made a sort of business of hauling corpses long distances.
 18. IV—A daughter, who married a Methodist minister named Thomason. He died and she married another Methodist minister named Crowell.
 19. V—John Rumph (?)
- Note 20—Information given by C. M. McMichael, Esq.

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LEWIS RUMPH—(Jacob 2—Jacob 1) owned the place on the Columbia Road in Orangeburg County, now owned by F. W.

Farnum. The plantation then contained about 5,000 acres of land. He sold it to Maj. John M. Felder, and moved to Houston County, Georgia, and many of his descendants live in that section now. (20) Married Miss Amaker.

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CHRISTIAN RUMPH (Jacob 2, Jacob 1). Married Miss Bouknight.

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- 20. I—Elizabeth Rumph, m. Andrew Jackson.
- 21. II—Caroline Rumph, m. Dr. James D. Rumph.
- 22. III—Anne Rumph, d. unmarried.

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JACOB RUMPH—(Jacob 2—Jacob 1), ~~b. Aug. 20, 1777~~, was a Methodist minister, and died unmarried in Charleston, S. C., ~~Dec.~~ 11, 1812. (21)

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DAVID RUMPH—(Jacob 2—Jacob 1), b. Oct. 28, 1778, m. May 10, 1808, to Elizabeth Carmichael (b. June 8, 1780, d. Nov. 17, 1847), daughter of James Carmichael, of Orangeburgh District, d. Jan. 7, 1835.

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- 23. I—Julius David Rumph, b. March 10, 1809, d. Oct. 8, 1809.
- 24. II—David Jamison Rumph, b. Jan. 17, 1811.
- 25. III—Elizabeth Ann Carmichael Rumph, b. Feb. 15, 1814, m. Dec. 11, 1832, to her first cousin, David Flavel Jamison. (22)

Note 21—"Departed this life on the 11th inst., the Rev. Jacob Rumph, aged 33 years and 22 days, son of General Rumph, of Orangeburgh, and one of the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city." *City Gazette and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, Wed., Sept. 16, 1812.

Note 22—"Married on the 11th Dec., by the Rev. Mr. Means, David F. Jamison, Esq., of Orange Parish, to Miss Elizabeth A. C. Rumph, daughter of Mr. David Rumph, of St. Matthews." *The Charleston Mercury*, Dec. 21, 1832.

JACOB LEWIS RUMPH, (John—Jacob 2—Jacob 1) was sheriff of Orangeburgh District, 1820–24.

ISSUE.

John B. Rumph.

Mary Rumph.

DR. JOHN B. RUMPH was married three times, and was the father of twenty-one children—only four sons, one of whom, G. B. Rumph, senior, is married. He lived in Camden, Ark.

G. B. RUMPH, Senior, has five children, Eugene B., G. B., Junior, Ethel Annie, Edward C. and Mildred.

Geo. W. Rumph, Atlanta, Ga., Lewis A. Rumph, Marshallville, Ga., Samuel H. Rumph, Marshallville, Ga., Eugene M. Rumph, Evergreen, Ala., are descendants of Jacob Rumph, one of the four brothers who came to America.

DAVID JAMISON RUMPH (David 2, Jacob 2, Jacob 1), b. in Orangeburgh District, January 17, 1811, m. Dec. 27, 1838, to Mary Chevilette Rowe, daughter of Capt. Donald Rowe; was major of militia before the Confederate war, and was colonel of militia during the war; d. April 27, 1872. He spelled his name Rumff.

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26. I—Annie Rumph, m. Rev. Lucius S. Bellinger, ~~M~~ D.
27. II—A daughter, m. William C. Wolfe.
28. III—Mary Rumph, m. John S. Rowe.
29. IV—William ~~R~~ Rumph.

ADDENDA.

The register of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston, contains the record of marriage of Ann Rumph and Nicholas Coffa, Feb. 8, 1780, and *The South Carolina Gazette and Public Advertiser* for January 15, 1785, announces the marriage of John Cart and Susannah Rumph. These two cannot be accounted for in the imperfect records now before us.