

The Third Generation

CHRISTIAN ISRAEL HEIDT

CHRISTIAN ISRAEL HEIDT, JR.³ (Christian Israel Heidt, Sr.², Johan George Heidt¹).

The oldest child of Christian Israel Heidt, Sr. was a son, Christian Israel, Jr., born about 1796. He was called Israel. The name of his mother is not known.

By this time, some of the young people were leaving the Lutheran church, preferring the English speaking churches. Mr. Bergman refused to learn English. Even the Methodist Bishop begged him to learn English. The Methodist minister, Rev. Lewis Myers, settled at Goshen in 1833, the Methodist church having been organized there in 1822.

When Israel was eighteen years old, his father deeded him 25 acres of the land which had been inherited from George. The deed for this is dated 28 Apr 1814. (Dd. Bk. G&H, p. 260).

On 14 Nov 1815, Israel Heidt and Catherine Nettles were married by John E. Bergman, the pastor at Ebenezer. (Misc. Bk.1, p. 298-299).

In July of 1816, he paid his father \$100.00 for an additional 50 acres which had been inherited from George and a 50 acre tract which had been granted to Christian, Sr., in April, 1796. (Dd. & Mortgages, Bk. K, p. 339).

He bought 93 acres of land from Solomon Zant of South Carolina on 24 Dec 1822. (Dd. Bk. N, p. 95).

In 1835, he received a grant of fifty acres in Effingham County. (Grant Bk. R, p. 51).

On 13 Sep 1836, his daughter, Ellen Isobel Heidt, was born. She must have been about sixteen years younger than her brother Solomon. It is not known if they had the same mother, but only one marriage has been recorded for Israel.

On 29 Sep 1838, Israel deeded 150 acres to his son, Solomon. Fifteen acres of this was part of a tract originally granted to C. Rabinhorst in trust for the Ebenezer Congregation. He retained full control and possession of the 25 acres through which the Mill Creek ran. Solomon was not to possess that part until Christian Israel died or left

the County, as giving that up would interfere with the mill. (Dd. Bk. U, p. 19). This land had been bought by Israel in Dec., 1836, from Timothy T. Gnann. Gnann had bought the land from Ernst W. Gugel, who had bought it from the Trustees of the Congregation. It was bounded by land owned by George Neace which had formerly belonged to Jacob Moore, and by land belonging to George Zeigler, which had formerly belonged to George Heidt. (Dd. Bk. P, p.113).

He could write his name, for his signature of C. I. Heidt was written, with no mark.

He marked his cattle with a figure of seven in each ear and cott?? [sic] crop of the end. (Marks and Brands, 1790--).

On 10 Nov 1851, Charles Hinely applied for and was granted administration of Israel's estate. (Minutes Bk. 4, p 46). The administrator's return filed at the April term of court, 1857, shows a balance of \$192 .92. (Minutes Bk. 4, p. 205). By June term, 1859, this had increased to \$207.79. (Minutes Bk. 4, p. 242). The administrator was dismissed at May term, 1860. The balance of the estate was \$220.08. (Minutes Bk. 4, p. 263).

His daughter, Ellen, was married to Teibert Zipperer before his estate was settled. She chose her father-in-law, Gideon Zipperer, as her guardian. (Minutes Bk. 4, p. 135).

CHILDREN

- +1. Solomon Heidt
- +2. Ellen Isobel Heidt

Two images from the original book are included in the Appendix for the Estate of Christian I. Heidt dated 25 Feb 1852, Appraisement Book 5, page 401, Effingham County, Georgia. The quality is somewhat low and hard to read.

DANIEL HEIDT

DANIEL HEIDT³ (Christian Israel Heidt, Sr.², Johan George Heidt¹)

The son on Christian Israel Heidt and Elizabeth Pepper, Daniel Heidt was born about 1813. (Mother's name determined by age of Daniel in U.S. Census records, and date of Christian's marriage to Elizabeth Pepper).

On 27 Mar 1834, Daniel and Mary Biddenbach were granted a marriage license in Effingham Co. They were married by the Justice of the Peace, P. J. Mingledorf, on 3 Apr 1834. (Marriage Bk. 3, p. 2).

She was born about 1815, the daughter of John Biddenbach and Naomie Seckinger. She had a sister, Christianna, who married John F. Fetzer in 1837. Her mother was the daughter of Jonathan and Mary Frederica Scherouse. (Mary Frederica Scherouse was the sister-in-law of Daniel's Uncle Abiel Heidt). John Biddenbach was the son of Mathew Biddenbach, Sr. and his third wife, Apolina Kieffer and the grandson of Christian Biddenbach and his wife Sohpie, who emigrated to Georgia about 1750 and settled at Ebenezer. (Georgia Salzburgers and Allied Families--Gnann).

The next record of Daniel is when he bought two acres of land near 30 depot on the Central Railroad of Georgia, on 5 Feb 1839. He paid \$25.00 for the two acres. (Dd. Bk. P, p.110).

According to the 1850 U. S. Census for Effingham Co., Ga., he was a blacksmith.

He marked his cattle with an upper square in each ear and the brand "O". (Marks and Brands, Bk. 1, 1790--).

On 6 Dec 1850, he gave Thomas Elkins a promissory note for \$238.91. (Dd. Bk. R, p. 244).

On 20 Jan 1852, he gave one-quarter acre of land to the trustees of Sand Hill Academy. (Dd. Bk. R, p. 405).

On 12 Jul 1851, he sold land to the Trustees of Ebenezer as payment for a note which he had given in December, 1850. (Dd. Bk. R, p. 333 and 244).

His estate was appraised by Thomas Blitch, W. F. Brogden, and Hiram A. Davis on 19 Sep 1859. They valued his property at \$686.50. It consisted of

1 gray horse, 13 head stock cattle, 26 head hogs, 1 double wagon and running gear, 1 cart, 5 ploughs, 8 hoes, and 1 harrow, 4 spades, 2 shovels, ½ log chain, 2 pair hames and traces, 2 old saddles, bridles, buckboard, 3 kosses, axes, 1 crosscut saw, 2 handsaws, 1 old saw, 9 augers, 8 planes, 2 adz's, and turning gages, etc., 1 brace and bit, 1 lot chisels, 2 hammers, 3 round shaves, 1 box old screws and sundries, 2 rice hooks and 1 pair shears, 1 pair steel yards, 7 bells, 2 guns and rifle, contents of blacksmith shop, 2 grindstones, 1 stone mill, 1 bar of

iron, 2 nets, 2 tables, 1 sideboard, 18 chairs, 1 clock, 1 pair sash, 1 pair sad irons, tongs, and andirons, 2 beds, 1 bolster and 6 pillows, 9 quilts and 3 blankets, 2 chests, 3 bedsteads, 2 mattresses, 1 spinning wheel, 1 stove, 1 sugar bowl, 1 pot and hooks, contents and in small house, kitchen furniture, coffee and pepper mill, tubs, buckets and wash board, cupboard in the yard and contents, books, 15 hundred pounds fodder, potatoes, 123 bushels corn, 40 head chickens, bed and bedding, kitchen ware, 1 sow, and 1, set harness.

All of this was valued at \$686.50. (Inventory and Appraisements Bk, 4, p 22 & 23).

Mary was granted administration of his estate. On 11 Oct 1859, she sold the perishable portion of his estate. Her sons Elbert and Larned (Leonard) were among the buyers. (Sales of Estates, Bk. 4, p. 182).

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1. Varaline Heidt, b. cc. 1836,
2. Elbert Heidt, b. cc. 1840
3. Larnard Heidt, b. cc. 1844
(Leonard Heidt, age 27, in household of Aaron Marcy, Bulloch Co., Ga. In 1870 Census)
4. Eugenia Heidt, b. cc. 1847
5. Henry Heidt, b. cc. 1850. This is probably the Henry C. Heidt who married Lizzie Prescott in Savannah, Ga., on 10 Mar 1875.

This is taken from the 1850 U. S. Census for Effingham Co., Ga. There may have been other children.

Two Images from the original book are included in the Appendix for the "Inventory and appraisement of Estate of Daniel Heidt". (Sales of Estates, Bk. 4, p. 182). The quality is good and generally readable.

MATHEW HEIDT

Mathew Heidt³ (Abiel Heidt², Johan George Heidt¹)

Mathew's birthday is not known, but can be estimated to be about 1790.

The Rev. John E. Bergman, minister at Ebenezer, married Mathew Heidt and Hannah Elizabeth Weitman on 28 Nov 1815. (Misc. Bk. 1, p. 298). She was born 14 Oct 1790, the daughter of Jedidiah Weitman and Hannah Elizabeth Keiffer, and granddaughter of John Louis Weitman and Anna Eve Weidman (Weibman) who settled at Ebenezer before 1756. Hannah's maternal grandparents were Jacob and Dorothy Reuter Keiffer. The Keifferts were from the Palatine District of Germany. They migrated to South Carolina with Pury and his Swiss settlers and joined the Salzburger colony at Ebenezer in 1737. (Georgia Salzburger and Allied Families by Gnann).

On 15 Feb 1818, his father, Abiel Heidt, deeded him 100 acres of land. (Dd. Bk. V, p. 568).

In 1815, Hannah, along with her brothers and sisters, heirs of Jedidiah Weitman, sold 100 acres of land to Solomon Weitman. The others who signed were her mother Hannah, who had married a Fryermouth by then; Martin and Lydia Dasher; Godlieb and Mary Seckinger; John and Dorothy Hindly; Philip and Gracy Horning; and Ann Eve Weitman. (Dd. Bk. L, p .223).

The 200 acres of land on which he lived was given as security in May, 1830 for two hundred dollars which he owed the Commissioners of the Academy of Effingham Co. He signed his name with his mark **M**. Philip Horning and Stephen Hester signed with him. (Dd. Bk. M, p. 389).

In March, 1831, he paid John Darby \$200.00 for 400 acres of land. (Dd. Bk. M, p. 388).

He is the first Heidt, of which there is any record, who owned slaves. Slavery had been forbidden in the group at first. The reason for this is not known. Perhaps the memory of their own oppression made them unwilling to place others in slavery. Perhaps they thought that having slaves would make them become lazy, or weaken the community. Or perhaps it was, as Baron Von Reck once wrote, that slaves would starve the poor labourer, and their colony was a refuge for the oppressed.

Outside influences gradually came to bear so strongly on them, that most changed their minds. Mr. Bolzius was the last to yield.

Even when he did yield, he did so with reservation. He admitted that it was wrong to place a fellowman in bondage. Yet, he reasoned, if by removing them from heathen Africa to a land where they would be exposed to the Gospel, then the evils of slavery might be endured because of the spiritual advantages to the slaves.

Before allowing slaves, however, the Salzburgers consulted with the Christian friends in Germany. The advice they received was that if they took slaves in faith, with the intent of conducting them to Christ, then the action would not be a sin, but could prove to be a blessing.

Mathew sold Howell Hines a seventeen year old girl slave named Mary for \$244.80. (Dd. Bk. M, p. 44). He bought Suckey, a woman thirty years old, from William Hulet for \$430.00. (Dd. Bk. O, p. 401). In Jan., 1814, he paid \$500.00 to James White for an eighteen year old girl named Silvey. (Dd. Bk. P, p.126). Silvey was sold soon afterwards to Mathew's brother-in-law, Philip Horning. (Dd. Bk. P, p. 127).

Mathew applied for and was granted the administration of his father's estate on 28 Nov 1838. He was dismissed as administrator on 6 Jan 1840.

In August, 1839, he bought 165 acres of land from Edwin Keller for \$50.00. In October, he sold 165 acres to Amos Rahn for \$65.00. It was bounded by the lands of James Bryan, Robert Bowman, and Hinely. (Dd. Bk. O, p. 140).

In Feb 1842, he sold Emanuel Crawford 250 acres on Hestor Mill Swamp. (Dd. Bk. P, p. 368). He had bought 150 acres on Hestor Mill Swamp from William Waldhaur of South Carolina in October, 1834. He had paid \$56.75 for it. (Dd. Bk. N, p. 162).

He died before 1 Nov 1846. On 1 Nov 1846, Hannah E. Heidt received a note for \$400.00 from Emanuel Crawford. It was to be paid \$40.00 with interest for seventeen years and \$30.00 on 1 November, 1864. This was probably in payment for a mulatto girl slave called Sue or Susan which he bought from Hannah. In the deed she is referred to as a widow. (Dd. Bk. P, p.360, Dd. Bk. P, p 112).

On 3 Apr 1850, Hannah married Stephen Hester.

CHILDREN

- +1. Josiah Heidt
- +2. James E. Heidt