

Preface

Foreword

A chance remark led to the writing of this book. I visited Mrs. Ernest Schuster in Savannah, Ga. in search of some information on the Heidt family. She had the entrance papers of members of the Salzburger Society. While there, I said that someone ought to write a book on the Heidt's. She immediately decided that was a job that I should undertake.

Originally I had hoped to impart some feeling of the times in which they lived. It was fun to read through the old newspapers. The west was being settled. There were stories of Indian raids on wagon trains. The California Gold Rush provided many tales for the editors. In the decade preceding the Civil War, southern rights were prominent in the editorials. Even the advertisements reflected the growing dissatisfaction. One of the Purse's advertised that he had paint for sale, made in the south, by southerners, for southerners.

It has been impossible to include all the historical background that I would have liked. Some has been retained in an effort to show somewhat the events that affected their lives.

Some of the families have received more attention than others simply because more information was available on them. Some were very active in business and civic affairs, while others preferred the quieter life of the farm. Earlier generations have been given more historical attention because it was easier to place our parents and grandparents in the proper historical setting than it is to place generations before them, simply because we are more familiar with recent history.

The Salzburgers and Their Descendants

Being the History of a Colony of German (Lutheran) Protestants, who Emigrated to Georgia in 1734, and Settled At Ebenezer, Twenty-Five Miles Above the City of Savannah, by Rev. P. A. Stobel, 1855; reprinted 1953 by University of Georgia Press, Athens, Ga., was the reference source for background material in Europe and the early days of the colony. Other sources used were newspapers, deeds, wills, marriage records, court records, tombstones, compiled cemetery listings, military records, Census Records, church membership rolls, city directories, Bible records and private family records which family members so graciously shared with me. Research was done in the Georgia Historical Society Library, Savannah, Ga., and the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the Library of Congress, and the Chatham-Effingham Regional Library on Bull Street in Savannah, Ga.

The research and compilation have been a rewarding experience. It is hoped that this work will be accepted and appreciated by the Heidt family and their kin and that errors of commission and omission will be forgiven.

This is your family. Get to know them.

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The Format

The format used is the one I found the simplest. The data concerning the first known generation is given. Each child for which additional information was available was listed with a "+" beside the name. This child was then carried forward to the second generation. In those instances in which nothing was known except date of birth and death and a few other minor points, this information is given and that child is not carried forward.

In the second and subsequent generations, the person is listed with a number denoting the generation and, in parenthesis, the line of descent back to the first generation, thus: George Marian Heidt³, (Daniel Heidt², John George Heidt¹).

In the Addenda, this did not seem feasible, so the usual form of denoting the generations has been used. If used in conjunction with the information for Family A, it will be easy enough to follow.

The wives have been identified with their maiden name when it was known. This was in order to identify her as belonging to her family, and to avoid the awkward form of using her given name, the maiden name in parenthesis, followed by the married name. In the index, she is listed once under her married name, as well as being listed by her maiden name.

The division into three separate families is self-explanatory at the beginning of the divisions. If at any time family B or C can be proven to be descended from John George of Family A, then it would be a simple matter to just move back a generation to family A. The only change that would be required would be to change the generation numbers to reflect this.

Unless otherwise stated, all references to marriages, deeds, wills, etc., are for Effingham County, Georgia.

About the Name

The name appears as HAID in the Ebenezer RECORD BOOK, which was probably a mistake on the part of the translator. Anyone who has ever tried to read German script will understand how this could have happened, especially in translating material that was as old and fragile as that book. In the index to that book, the spelling of HEIDT is given as well as HAID.

Anytime the Salzburgers spelled the name themselves it was spelled HEIDT. The only exception found was the will of John George Heidt who was the father of Abel and Christian. In that document, the name is spelled HEYDE. When others, especially Englishmen, spelled the name, it might appear as HEIDT, but was just as likely to be spelled HIDE, HITE, HEIGHT, HEYDE, or other variations. It is possible that the will of George Heyde was dictated and the actual writer was someone who was unfamiliar with the German spelling. Certainly HEIDT is the way it appears in Germany at the present time.

In Way of a Postscript

Some additional information was received on Daniel Gugel Heidt, Jr. after the indexing was begun. Because it gives so much insight into the character of the man, the pertinent information will be given here. It is regretted that the entire document cannot be included. It is extracted from the report of the committee appointed to present resolutions in commemoration of the life and character of the late Daniel G. Heidt.

(1) He was born in Savannah on 13 Feb. 1877 and died in Atlanta, Ga. 29 Oct. 1918 while visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Heidt. He was married to Louise Brigham, of Augusta, Ga. on 30 April, 1913. There were no children. Both parents were representatives of that sturdy

Salzburger stock of Effingham Co., from whom he inherited the sterling traits and qualities of head and heart which so conspicuously characterized him. He was survived by his widow, his mother, one sister, and a brother. Most of his life was spent in Effingham Co. at Guyton, after his marriage, but at the time of his death he resided in Savannah, Ga.

(2) In 1902, he was selected as private secretary to Honorable Rufus E. Lester, Representative in Congress. He served in this capacity until the death of Colonel Lester and then served as Secretary to the Honorable J. W. Overstreet, who succeeded Colonel Lester. In 1907, he was selected as Chief of the Pure Food Building at Norfolk until its close, when he returned to Savannah.

(3) He was admitted to the bar of Georgia in 1907, and soon formed a partnership with William L. Gignilliat, where he remained until his death. Due to his ability as a lawyer and his great popularity as a man, he had a successful and lucrative practice at the Savannah bar. In 1914, he was elected Solicitor of the Court, which office he held until his death.

(4) Dan Heidt was a faithful and loving husband, a loving and dutiful son, a true and loyal friend. His health became noticeably poor during the last years of his life. His cheerfulness in the full consciousness of his critical physical condition marked him as a submissive Christian, in full and perfect accord with the will of his Master.

(5) He was always willing to yield his own convenience for the accommodation of others. It was easy to impose upon his gentle good nature, but it was never possible to

impose upon his sense of right and wrong. When principles were involved, he was uncompromising.

The traits that characterized Daniel G. Heidt, Jr. seem to be the traits of many of the Heidt's, even to the present generation.

List of Documents and Photographs

The Appendix contains pictures and documents of interest. Some are faded and somewhat hard to read.

George Marian Heidt

Appraisement of Estate of Christian I. Heidt

Inventory of Estate of Christian I. Heidt

Inventory of Estate of Abel Heidt

Appraisement of Estate of Daniel Heidt

Sale of Estate of Daniel Heidt

Sale of Estate of Abel Heidt

Military Record of George Washington Heidt

Webster Bittle Heidt, Sr.

Lawton LeConte Heidt

Ethel Heidt Noland

Annie Mae Heidt Osteen

Herbert L. Osteen

James Connett Family, James, Adrian, Patricia Anne, and Jonathan

Wanda, Susan, Sharon, and John Robinson

Kimberly Tucker

Doris Carey

Map of City of Savannah, 1828

Copy of Bible Record of Family of Thomas Purse

John Thomas
Isabella Purse
Isabel Cregar
Isabel Cregar and friend
Mamie Heidt
Herbert Heidt
Marriage License of George Marian Heidt
Military Record of Thomas G. Heidt
John Wesley Heidt
Letter Written by William T. Heidt
Letter Written by William T. Heidt
Letter Written by William T. Heidt
Military Record for Horace N. Heidt
Military Record for J. E. Heidt
Military Record for H. N. Heidt
Map of Savannah, 1868
Family of John Milton Hendricks, Sr.; David Lynn,
Evelyn Bailey, Thomas Heidt and John Milton, Jr.
John Paul Carey, Jr. and Marian Hendricks Carey
Patricia Carey
Heidt Family Gathering 1905

How This Document Was Produced

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This is an electronic version of the Heidt Book that was created by Evelyn Hendricks in 1981. The project to convert the book took several months to complete.

Mrs. Hendricks published her fine work on a manual typewriter. Given the work required to convert her original work to this format, I can only imagine the time and effort required by her to self publish the Heidt Book.

The family of Evelyn Hendricks has given me limited rights to use this converted book. The family retains copyrights to the book.

Also they have allowed me to publish the book on a web site. The intent is to put this information on a web site for all to see and to make it searchable via Google and other search engines.

This part of the project has begun. A first version of the site is in test and development at the time of this writing (Dec 2017). The intent of the site is to publish this book, along with a book by Joe Lineberger on the Lineberger family, also a Salzburger Family. Another primary objective of the site is to allow genealogy data on Georgia Salzburgers to be published. This is also in test at this time.

Now, a word about the conversion process. The Hendricks family scanned the book and provided it in PDF format. Each page was then converted to a Microsoft Word document. This allows the book to be indexed and searched. Every page was visually checked for errors in the scanning process and many errors were found on every page, due to the scanning and OCR process. Also most pages had faded, some badly, and had to be reentered.

Every known error has been corrected and I know of no errors in this document – but surely there are a few. If you see something that might be wrong, it could be in the conversion process. You can contact me at the email address

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if you find things that might be in error. Enjoy...Sam Heidt

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