

Chapter Four**SECOND GENERATION****ISRAEL CHRISTIAN LEIMBERGER (1774-ca. 1809)**

Israel Christian, son of Christian Israel and Appollonia Daumer Leimberger, was born in Effingham County on December 2, 1774. Israel had a twin brother named Samuel. Israel Leimberger was a life long resident of Zion [Mill] District which was located about three miles below the town of Ebenezer along the Augusta Road. He owned 50 acres of land, near his grandfather's Crown Grants, which had originally been granted to Daniel Remshart (1). Israel served as a private in the Effingham Militia in 1800 (2). He registered his livestock mark and brand with the county ordinary [probate judge] in the same year (3).

Israel C. Leimberger married Mary Catherine Sneider of Effingham County on May 2, 1799. Israel died ca. 1809 as his wife was shown as a widow on March 27, 1810 (4). On September 11, 1811, Mrs. Mary C. Leimberger advertised in the Columbian Museum and Savannah Advertiser that she was applying for letters of administration on the estate of her deceased husband, Israel.

Mary Catherine Leimberger died in Effingham County ca. 1820. Samuel Sneider and Joshua Limeberger were appointed administrators of the estate on January 15, 1821 (5).

The following are known to be children of Israel Christian and Mary Catherine Sneider Leimberger: (6)

1. Joshua, born May 17, 1800, married Salome Schrimp on January 10, 1830. He died on May 13, 1848.
2. Christian Israel, born 1805, married Margaret Davidson ca. 1853. He died in 1865.

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JOHN LEIMBERGER (1777-ca.1831)

John, son of Christian Israel and Appollonia Daumer Leimberger was born in Effingham County on April 26, 1777. He had a twin sister named Catherine. John served in the Effingham Militia as a private in 1800 (7). He registered his livestock mark and brand with the county ordinary in 1801 (8).

John Leimberger married Christiana Elizabeth Seckinger of Effingham County on April 2, 1802. He lived and farmed about three miles below Ebenezer in the Zion District on two tracts of land which had been originally granted to Matthew Brandner. John and Christiana sent their children to the Ebenezer School as he paid tuition to it in 1810, 1812, and 1816 (9).

In the 1820 Georgia Land Lottery, John drew Land Lot 124, Section 3 in Habersham County. Apparently, he never claimed the draw. In 1821, he attended an auction of his sister-in-law, Mary C. Leimberger's estate. Also that year, as a legal heir of Christian Leimberger, he was a co-signer of a deed which renewed the rights of the Ebenezer Congregation to two acres of land on which the Plantation Cemetery was located. On May 26, 1823, John Leimberger presented a demand note held by him against the estate of Appollonia Leimberger, his mother. In 1827, John attended the auction of his mother's estate.

John and Christina Elizabeth Seckinger Leimberger died ca. 1831 in Effingham County. They had the following known children: (10)

1. Albion, born ca. 1803, married Lydia _____ .
2. John C., born ca. 1804, married Ann Blitch on March 25, 1824.
3. Benjamin Franklin, born June 8, 1809, married Salome Geyer on July 12, 1831.

He died on May 1, 1889.

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CATHERINE LEIMBERGER (1777-1827)

Catherine, daughter of Christian Israel and Appollonia Daumer Leimberger was born in Effingham County on April 26, 1777. She had a twin brother named John. Catherine married Timothy Gnann on November 6, 1799. He was the son of Andrew and Anna Francisca Rottenberger Gnann (11).

Appollonia Leimberger, mother of Catherine, lived with the Gnanns in her later years. On March 6, 1826, Timothy Gnann was paid 50 dollars out of the estate of the late Appollonia Leimberger for her board. On June 23, 1824, Timothy, as administrator of the estate, gave a deed to Joshua Gnann for 300 acres of land that was sold at public auction. This had been a grant of land that Appollonia had received in 1798 from the State of Georgia.

Catherine Leimberger Gnann died in 1827 (12). (5) Her husband, Timothy, died on April 27, 1827. Their children were: (13)

1. Timothy T. married Mary Ann Heidt.
2. Gracie, born 1802, married Israel Arnsdorff on November 16, 1822. She died ca. 1836.
3. Christine, born 1809, married John Shuptrine. She died in 1887.
4. Gottlieb, born September 14, 1812, married Julie Ann Seckinger on April 18, 1839. He died April 6, 1859.

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DAVID LEIMBERGER (1780-ca.1828)

David, youngest child of Christian Israel and Appollonia Daumer Leimberger, was born in Effingham County on November 28, 1780. Church records show a posthumous birth for him. (14)

David Leimberger married Naomi "Amy" Keiffer of Effingham County on December 27, 1802. He and his wife lived on 50 acres of land that he had purchased from his mother in 1819.

On November 9, 1812, David witnessed the will of John Martin Dasher. The following notice appeared in the Republican and Savannah Evening Ledger:

"Acts Passed at the session of the General Assembly, held at Milledgeville on November and December, 1809.

Act 36. An act for the relief of David Limeburger."

In March and June of 1816, David made contributions to the Ebenezer Church School. He drew Land Lot 98, Section 4 in Early County in the 1820 Georgia Land Lottery. Apparently, the lucky draw was never claimed. On September 1, 1821, David Leimberger, as a legal heir of Christian Leimberger, renewed unto the Ebenezer Congregation the right and title to a two acre cemetery [Plantation] which was on the Leimberger Estate. Also in 1821, he attended an auction of his sister-in-law, Mary C. Leimberger's estate. On May 26, 1823, a demand note held by David Leimberger was presented against his mother, Appollonia Leimberger's estate.

On September 26, 1826 the following will was filed by David Leimberger:

"Last Will and Testament of David Leimberger

Georgia)

Effingham County) In the name of God, Amen.

I, David Leimberger, of the County of Effingham, State aforesaid, being very weak in body but of a sound disposing mind and necessary thanks be given unto Almighty God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men to die once, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say: Principally, and first of all, I commend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God who gave it, and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the descretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such Worldly estates, wherein it hath pleased God to help me in this life, I give,

devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

1st. It is my will and desire that all my lawful debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named by me.

2nd. It is my will and desire that all my property, both real and personal, shall belong to my well beloved wife, Naomi Leimberger, during her natural life.

3rd. It is my desire that my well beloved son Christopher Leimberger, shall maintain his mother, Naomi Leimberger, during her natural life, from the goods and chattels, lands and tenements heretofore bequeathed to her, my said wife Naomi Leimberger.

4th. It is my will that after the death of my beloved wife, Naomi Leimberger, all the real estate now belonging to me shall belong to my well beloved son, Christopher Leimberger, and that the said Christopher Leimberger shall give to my well beloved son John Leimberger, fifty dollars as a share out of said lands and the personal property to be equally divided between my three dear children: Christopher Leimberger, John Leimberger and Elizabeth Dasher, share and share alike.

Lastly. I nominate, constitute, and appoint my well beloved son, Christopher Leimberger and my nephew Joshua Leimberger to be the sole and whole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other powers, wills, testaments, bequests, legacies and executors by me in any wise named, willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of September 1826." (15)

The will was signed by David Leimberger and was witnessed by his brother, John Leimberger, his nephew Christian Leimberger and Lewis Weitman. David died in Effingham County ca. 1828. It was reported by a decedent of David Leimberger that he was buried in an unmarked grave in the Keiffer Cemetery in Springfield (16). On March 21, 1828, Joshua Leimberger was named as the executor of David's last will and testament. On March 2, 1829, Christopher Leimberger qualified as executor of his father's estate. In September of 1830, Benjamin Dasher Jr., brother-in-law of Christopher Leimberger, applied to the ordinary of Effingham County for letters of administration on the estate and effects of Christopher Leimberger, deceased. On May 30, 1838, Naomi and John T. Leimberger executed a deed for 100 acres of land from the estate of David Leimberger (17).

Naomi Leimberger was living in Effingham County in 1850 in the household of Benjamin Dasher Jr.. Her age was given in the Census as 73. Her date of death is unknown. The children of David Leimberger and Naomi Keiffer are:

1. Elizabeth, born December 6, 1803, married Benjamin Dasher Jr. on December 25, 1825. She died on December 28, 1878. (18)
2. Christopher, born ca. 1808, died ca. 1830 without issue. (19)
3. John T., born ca. 1816, married Margaret Carr on August 31, 1837. He died on April 17, 1881 at the age of 65. (20)

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