

Chapter Five**THIRD GENERATION****JOSHUA LIMEBERGER (1800-1848)**

Joshua, son of Israel Christian Leimberger and Mary Catherine Sneider was born in Effingham County, Georgia on May 17, 1800 (1). He attended the Ebenezer School as his mother made frequent contributions to it. Joshua's father died when he was nine years of age. At the age of twenty-one, his mother died. In 1821, Joshua and others posted a bond of \$ 350.00 to administrate the estate of his deceased mother. Later that year, he attended the auction of that estate. In September of 1821, as a legal heir of Christian Leimberger, Joshua signed a deed along with others that renewed the lost rights of the Ebenezer Congregation to the Plantation Cemetery. In addition, the orphans of Israel Leimberger in 1821 drew Land Lot 133 in the 7th District of Houston County (2). The previous year, he had drawn Land Lot 6 in the 5th District of Irwin County, Georgia. On December 28, 1825, Joshua was paid \$ 10.00 out of the estate of Samuel Snyder. In 1828 and 1829, he served as executor of his uncle, David Leimberger's estate.

Joshua Limeberger married Salome Schrimp in Effingham County on January 10, 1830 (3). She was the daughter of William Schrimp and Ann Catherine Seckinger. Joshua and Salome made their home in the 9th District of Effingham County. He had previously bought 300 acres of land there. On March 7, 1831, as administrator of his mother's estate, he called for the estate's division. Apparently, he received most of the land in Effingham County but the land in Houston County was given to his younger brother, Christian Israel Limeberger (4).

Joshua Limeberger served as petit juror in the July, 1832 term of Effingham County Superior Court. In the same year, he drew a gold lot in the 9th District in the Gold Lottery. He and his wife had their two oldest children baptized in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Savannah in April and November of 1832. They had their third child baptized in November of 1834 at the same church.

Joshua had sold all the Effingham County property by 1832. In 1835, he and his family were living in the Dees' District of Lowndes County, Georgia. By 1838, he had purchased two lots of 490 acres each from J. Porter and James Blicht. By 1840, he purchased an additional 490 acres from John Barnsides.

Joshua Limeberger was reportedly a man of short stature with a balding head (5). His wife, Salome [Aunt Sally], was a large framed woman with a fair complexion (6). Joshua died on May 13, 1848 and was buried in Forest Grove Cemetery in Lowndes County, Georgia. His widow, Salome, died on December 31, 1886 and was buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Lowndes County. The following children were born to them: (7)

1. Laban Elbert, born July 23, 1831, died September 14, 1832.

2. Salome Lavinia, born August 16, 1832, married Charles Wesley Arnold on October 31, 1850. She died on September 1, 1888.
3. Ann Rosinia, born August 5, 1834, died on July 24, 1836.
4. Washington Joshua, born September 18, 1836, married Susanna Emeline Zipperer on May 8, 1870. He died on April 20, 1906.
5. Celeta Ann Louise, born 1838, married Wiley Parrish ca. 1870. She died in 1907.
6. Francis Marion, born 1841, died without issue in 1863 in Co. B, Oglethorpe Light Infantry [1st Ga.] in Confederate service. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Georgia.
7. Israel Jasper, born 1844, died without issue on September 7, 1862 in Co. K, 42nd Ga. Infantry in Confederate service. He is buried in Forest Grove Cemetery in Lowndes County, Georgia.
8. William Newton, born 1845, died without issue on June 27, 1863 in Co. B, Oglethorpe Light Infantry in Confederate service. He is buried in Forest Grove Cemetery.
9. Levi Woodberry, born December 18, 1847, married Mary Ann Moody on November 24, 1867. He died on January 18, 1931.

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CHRISTIAN ISRAEL LIMEBERGER (1805-1865)

Christian, son of Israel Christian and Mary Catherine Sneider Leimberger, was born in Effingham County in 1805 (8). He attended the Ebenezer School along with his brother Joshua. In April of 1823, Christian bought some earthen dishes at his grandmother, Appollonia Leimberger's estate sale. As an orphan of Israel Leimberger, he received 202 1/2 acres of land in Houston County in the 1821 Land Lottery. He owned this tract of land as late as 1844.

Christian Limeberger moved to Lowndes County, Georgia about the same time as his brother Joshua. He was shown as a single head of household in the 1840 Census of Lowndes County. In 1842, he purchased 490 acres in the 16th District of Lowndes County. Around 1853, he married Margaret Davidson, oldest daughter of Henry and Jane Davidson. She was born in Ireland and moved here with her parents and sisters. Christian and Margaret Davidson Limeberger lived in the Benevolence Community of Lowndes County. Both were members of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church. Christian Limeberger served on the Grand Jury of the 1858 term of Lowndes Superior Court.

Christian Limeberger died in 1865 (9) and was buried in Forest Grove Cemetery in an unmarked grave. Charles Wisenbaker was appointed as guardian of his children. His widow, Margaret, married Jesse Hardie. She died ca. 1900. She is buried in Forest Grove beside her first husband, Christian Limeberger. The children of Christian and Margaret are:

1. Israel Stewart, born November 8, 1854, married Salome Arnold on January 18, 1876. He died in November of 1926.

2. Mary C. M. [Catherine Margaret] (10), born October 3, 1858, married Lewis Lamar Bray on August 8, 1878. She died on October 3, 1928.

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ALBION LIMEBERGER (ca 1804 - ca 1848)

Albion, oldest son of John Leimberger and Christiana Elizabeth Seckinger was born in Effingham County, Georgia ca. 1804. Very little information about him can be found. Apparently, he married Lydia _____. Albion drew Land Lot 81, Section 17 in Early County, Georgia in the 1820 Land Lottery. When Thomas County was formed in 1825, his land was cut off into it. In 1842, Albion executed a deed in Effingham County for the 250 acres in Thomas. He died sometime before 1849, as the Court of the Ordinary ordered the County of Effingham to pay the boarding and funeral expenses of the widow, Lydia Limeberger. Issue, if any, is not known.

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JOHN C. LIMEBERGER (ca 1805 - ?)

John C. Limeberger, son of John Leimberger and Christiana Elizabeth Seckinger was born in Effingham County, Georgia about 1805. John drew Land Lot 168 in the 10th District of Henry County, Georgia in the 1821 Land Lottery. He sold the lot to Richard Rowell on February 20, 1824. John married Ann Blich of Effingham County on March 25, 1824. By 1830, he and his family was living in Thomasville, Georgia. In 1835, he sold his town lot in Thomasville and moved back to Effingham County. He lived there for about three years (11). In 1839, John returned taxes in Leon County, Florida, showing slave ownership (12). By 1840, he and his wife had three sons and two daughters.

Ann Limeberger, two daughters and one son were enumerated in the 1850 Census of Leon County. Ann's age was 42 and her place of birth was South Carolina. John and the two older sons were not enumerated. By 1860, the family had left Leon County. The youngest son, Richard Franklin, was enumerated in the Lowndes County, Georgia Census of 1860. Oral tradition relates that this family went west in the Gold Rush of 1849 (13). John C. Limeberger and Ann Blich had the following known children:

1. Male child, born ca. 1825.
2. Eliza, born ca. 1828.
3. Male child, born ca. 1831.
4. Richard Franklin, born August 22, 1838, married Marietta Hightower on December 26, 1869. He died on October 26, 1904.

5. Jane, born ca. 1840.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LIMEBERGER SR. (1809-1889)

Benjamin Franklin Limeberger Sr. was born in Effingham County, Georgia on June 3, 1809 (14). He was a son of John Leimberger and Christiana Elizabeth Seckinger. Benjamin married Salome Geyer of Chatham County on July 12, 1831 (15). In the same year, he drew two gold lots in the Cherokee Gold Lottery. On December 11, 1832, Benjamin Limeberger, Lydia Limeberger and John C. Limeberger Sr. executed a deed to John A. Seckinger for 100 acres of land that belonged to John Leimberger (16). Benjamin Limeberger served as a petit juror in the July, 1832 term of Effingham County Superior Court.

Benjamin and his wife Salome had their first child christened on November 25, 1832 in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Savannah. His first cousin, Joshua Limeberger and wife, had their two children christened also that day.

Around the year 1835, Benjamin and family moved to the 790th Militia District of Lowndes County [now Brooks]. They came by horse and wagon most likely down the Hen Cart Road to the little frontier town of Jacksonville in Telfair County. There he took the Coffee Road which ran through the 790th District to Thomasville. Benjamin drove hard and long each day, trying to make as many miles as possible (17). His wife complained that he did not stop early enough each evening to make a safe camp. Salome could hear the panthers' scream in the piney woods and this terrified her. [A panther's scream sounds similar to a woman's]

On February 27, 1836, Benjamin voted in an election in the 790th Militia Company to replace a second lieutenant. In 1840, Benjamin and family were enumerated in the Grooversville District of Thomas County. By 1844, he had purchased 490 acres of land in the 16th District of Lowndes County, Georgia. The land was Lot number 27. He later sold this and purchased Land Lot 72 in the 12th District of Lowndes. He later sold this to Carter Newsom and purchased Land Lot 162 in the 11th District of Lowndes. This was in the 662nd Militia District and was located about one-half mile below the present town of Dasher.

Benjamin F. Limeberger Sr. became associated with the Baptist Church after moving to Lowndes County (18). In the early 1840's, the Baptist Churches in South Georgia became divided over the issue of Sunday Schools and Missionary effort. Benjamin aligned with the Missionary Baptist movement. The other faction, first called "Anti-Missionaries" were later called "Primitive Baptist".

In 1850, Elder Ryan Frier, along with others, organized a Missionary Baptist Church in the Northeastern part of the 662nd Militia District and named it Corinth. Around the year 1858, it divided over theological doctrinal differences. The Missionary Baptist faction met for awhile in the Double-Barrelled Schoolhouse which was located about three miles below the original

building. The opposite faction retained possession of the original building and renamed it Corinth Christian Church. The faction that met in the schoolhouse chose Benjamin Limeberger, Edward McLeod and James Corbett as Trustees and purchased three acres of land about three miles southwest of the original churchbuilding. A House of Worship was constructed and the church called themselves, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church of Christ.

Benjamin and his wife remained members of this church until their death. He served as Moderator of Church Conferences on many occasions and it is believed that he was a Deacon. The early minutes of the church are not extant.

Benjamin Limeberger was a member of the Farmer's Alliance. This was a Populist movement in Georgia in the rural sector. Benjamin voted in the 1860 Federal Election which saw Abraham Lincoln win the presidency.

Benjamin was a farmer all of his life. The home that he and his family lived in was constructed of logs. Several incidences related by his grandson, William Mead Lineberger are very interesting (19). It seems that Benjamin and grandson Mead went fishing one day to Hammock Lake, about three miles south of his home. While fishing, the boat overturned. Another incident occurred on a trip to Valdosta by horse and wagon. On the way back, Benjamin allowed his young grandson, Mead, to drive. Grandfather Benjamin, decided that he would take a nap. Upon reaching home, it was discovered that Mead had lost the whip. They went back to retrieve it and was found near the present-day Irwin Hill Baptist Church.

When Benjamin and his wife Salome attended church or went on trips, he always rode on the back of the horse and she rode in the wagon (20). At Corinth Church, he always hitched his horse to the same tree every meeting day (21).

Salome Geyer Limeberger died on October 28, 1888 and was buried in Corinth Cemetery in Lowndes County. After her death, Benjamin lived with his daughter, Jane M. Dees. On May 1, 1889, just seven days before his 80th birthday, Benjamin Franklin Limeberger Sr. died. He was walking in the fields, looking at the crops and died of an apparent heart attack. He was buried beside his wife. At the time of his death, a severe measles epidemic was raging in the community. It was very difficult to find enough men to serve as pallbearers (22).

Benjamin Franklin Limeberger Sr. and Salome Geyer had the following children: (23)

1. Charles Albion, born August 19, 1832, married Martha Ann Dees ca 1851. He died on April 29, 1863.
2. Mary Elizabeth, born January 31, 1835, died in infancy.
3. John, born September 7, 1837, died in infancy.
4. Malinda Ann, born March 10, 1840, married F. M. Phillips in 1860. She died on November 29, 1914.

5. Jane Maranda, born August 29, 1842, married Daniel Asbury Dees ca 1865. She died on February 18, 1926.

6. Benjamin Franklin, born March 23, 1845, died without issue on June 16, 1864.

7. Sarah Adaline, born May 24, 1847, married Albert Cashus Carter on November 7, 1871. She died on December 5, 1923.

8. James Harmon, born September 6, 1849, married (1) Mary Elizabeth Duke on January 12, 1871 (2) Sarah A. Green on April 21, 1901. He died on June 9, 1913.

9. Harriet Arline, born March 21, 1852, married John McCranie on January 26, 1871. She died on May 10, 1945.

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TIMOTHY T. GNANN (ca 1800 - ?)

Timothy T. Gnann was born in Effingham County ca 1800 (24). He was the son of Catherine Leimberger and Timothy Gnann. His mother, Catherine, had a twin brother named John. Timothy T. Gnann married Mary Ann Heidt.

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GRACIE GNANN (1802-1836)

Gracie Gnann was born in Effingham County in 1802. She was the daughter of Catherine Leimberger and Timothy Gnann. She married Israel Arnsdorff on November 16, 1822. He was the son of Jonathan Arnsdorff and Christina Elizabeth Kronberger Schrimp. Christina was the widow of Solomon Schrimp. Gracie Gnann Arnsdorff died ca 1836. Gracie and Israel Arnsdorff had the following children:

1. Christina, married Edward Graves.
2. Catherine, married (1) Mr. Wilson (2) Mr. Hedrick.
3. Sarah, born in August of 1831, married John Joy Cornell on September 8, 1847.
4. John George, twin brother of Gracie, was born and died on October 20, 1836.
5. Gracie, twin sister of John George, was born on October 20, 1836. She married Samuel M. Subers on January 2, 1858. She died on December 3, 1929.

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CHRISTINA GNANN (1809-1887)

Christina Gnann was born in Effingham County on May 2, 1809. She was the daughter of Catherine Leimberger and Timothy Gnann. She married John E. Shuptrine of Effingham County, Georgia on November 17, 1838. He was the son of Israel Shuptrine and Mary Heidt. Christina Gnann Shuptrine died on March 21, 1887. The children of Christina Gnann and John Shuptrine are:

1. Lavinia, born 1839.
2. Lawrence Edwin, born January 3, 1842, married Susie Cooper.
3. James Nicholas , born September 1, 1844, married Lavinia R. Smith on May 4, 1869. He died on December 5, 1908.
4. Laura V., born February 6, 1847, married Frank R. Lamers. She died August 9, 1921.

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GOTTLIEB GNANN (1812-1859)

Gottlieb Gnann was born in Effingham County on September 14, 1812. He was the son of Catherine Leimberger and Timothy Gnann. He was married on April 18, 1839 to Julie Ann Seckinger, daughter of Gottlieb and Mary Weidman Seckinger. Gottlieb Gnann died April 6, 1859. Their children were:

1. Georgia Julia, born February 4, 1841, married Charlie G. Cotton on May 26, 1859.
2. Elizabeth, married Ephraim Finkley on September 24, 1853.
3. Johanna, married Theophilus Colson on September 20, 1876. No Issue.
4. Sarah J., born November 1, 1849, married George W. Zeigler. She died on December 24, 1925.
5. John Joseph, died unmarried.

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ELIZABETH LIMEBERGER (1803-1878)

Elizabeth Limeberger was born in Effingham County on December 6, 1803. She was the daughter of David and Naomi Keiffer Leimberger. She married Benjamin Dasher Jr. on December 25, 1825. He was the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Sweighofer Dasher. Elizabeth

Limeberger Dasher died on December 28, 1878 and was buried in Zion Cemetery in Effingham County, Georgia. They had the following children:

1. Susannah E., born 1827, married John W. Edwards on September 3, 1849. She died ca 1850.
2. David Haupt, born October 30, 1829, married (1) Maria Permilie Heidt on January 22, 1851 (2) Laura A. Mallette on December 20, 1865. He died on January 7, 1906.
3. Mary Elizabeth, born June 29, 1835, married Fredrick L. Nease on November 10, 1858. She died on June 5, 1919.
4. Georgia, born February 8, 1836, married Allen Newton Keiffer on May 29, 1856. She died on April 15, 1863.
5. Jasper B., born March 24, 1840, married Mary A. Zettler. He died on February 3, 1919.
6. Harriet K., born November 19, 1842, married Cyrus R. Zeigler on February 13, 1867. She died on February 26, 1913.
7. Shadrack Elisha, born August 24, 1845, married Salina E. Nease. He died on May 10, 1914.
8. Emma Philisa, born December 22, 1837, married Joshua Christopher Shearouse on November 14, 1860. She died on August 9, 1913.

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JOHN T. LIMEBERGER (ca 1816 - 1881)

John T. Limeberger was born in Effingham County, Georgia ca 1816. He was the son of David Leimberger and Naomi Keiffer. He married Margaret Carr of Chatham County on August 31, 1837.

On May 30, 1838, John T. sold his interest in his father's estate to his brother-in-law, Benjamin Dasher Jr.. John T. then moved to Savannah and lived on State Street. His occupation was that of a bookkeeper and held the elective office of Inspector and Measurer of Lumber. He was drafted into the 1st Regiment of the Georgia Militia in August of 1863. On May 29, 1868, he operated a store called "Uncle John's" at 181 Congress St. in Savannah.

Margaret Carr Limeberger died and was buried on May 18, 1848. Her age was 32 years. John T. Limeberger died in Savannah, Georgia on April 17, 1881 at the age of 65 years. Their children are thought to be:

1. I. T., born 1839 in Savannah, died at two months of age and was buried on August 31, 1839.
2. Girl Child

3. Louisa M., born 1844 in Savannah, was living in residence of Thaddeus P. Blakewood of Savannah in 1860.
4. Girl child.

Source Notes

- 1 Bible Record of Joshua Limeberger and family in possession of Vannah Lee Lineberger Beck of Lowndes County, Georgia.
- 2 Georgia State Archives, 1821 Land Lottery (Atlanta, Georgia).
- 3 Caroline Price Wilson, Annals of Georgia, Vol. II , p. 119.
- 4 Georgia State Archives, Lowndes County Tax Record.
- 5 Oral report of Bessie Lineberger Howell by Maggie Lou Zant to this researcher.
- 6 Oral report of Adele Zipperer Sommers, age 98, to this researcher. She personally remembered Salome Schrimp Limeberger.
- 7 Bible birth records in possession of Vannah Lee Limeberger Beck of Valdosta, Georgia.
- 8 Georgia State Archives, Seventh Federal Census of Georgia - Lowndes County.
- 9 Oral report of Corrine Lineberger Sims, age 92, to this researcher. She related that her father, Israel S. Lineberger, was 11 years of age at her father's demise.
- 10 A written record by Washington J Limeberger in possession of this researcher that gives her initials as M. C. M. L.. Apparently she was named after her paternal grandmother and her mother.
- 11 Valdosta Daily Times, October 1904. Obituary of Richard F. Lineberger, son of John C., relates that Richard [Dick] was "born in Effingham County and spent his boyhood days in Florida."
- 12 The second known incidence of any slaves owned by any of the Limeberger family.
- 13 Oral report of Joseph Perry Lineberger, father of this researcher. He stated that his father, Mead, had related to him that his grandfather, Benjamin Limeberger, had two brothers that moved with him to South Georgia. One moved back to Effingham County and one went West in the Gold Rush of 1849.
- 14 Bible record in possession of Terrence Harmon Carter of Lake Park, Georgia.
- 15 Caroline Price Wilson, Annals of Georgia Vol. II. p. 119.

16 Georgia State Archives, Effingham County Deeds and Mortgages, Book N p, 19. See also p. 11.

17 Oral report of Mattie Lene Peterson, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Limeberger, stated to this researcher the account of the journey to South Georgia as told to her by her mother, Lula Lineberger Hunter.

18 Oral report of Goldie Godwin, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Limeberger, stated to this researcher that her grandmother, Jane Limeberger Dees related to her that they attended a Baptist Church near Mud Swamp in Lowndes County when she was a small girl. [1840's]

19 Oral report of Joseph Perry Lineberger to this researcher relating experiences told to him by his father, Mead Lineberger concerning Benjamin Limeberger.

20 Oral report of Salome McCranie Harris, age 98, granddaughter of Benjamin Limeberger, who related to this researcher that she had personally seen her grandparents, come visit them, traveling in this manner when her family lived in Berrien now Cook County, Georgia.

21 Orally related to Joseph Perry Lineberger by Mr. Henry Corbett, a member of Corinth Church.

22 Orally related to Anne Elizabeth Martin Lineberger by her father Gus B. Martin who served as a pall-bearer at the funeral.

23 Bible record belonging to Terrence Harmon Carter of Lake Park, Georgia.

24 Pearl Rahn Gnann, Georgia Salzburger and Allied Families. All the genealogical information on the Gnann and Dasher allied families comes from this excellent source.