

Some Immigrant Shuler Families

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THE HANS GEORGE SHULER FAMILY 1691-1791

Much of this research has been done since the publication of *The History of the Shuler Family*, privately published by Christine Weaver Shuler in 1973.¹ In the light of this further research, and to provide documentation for some of the early generations, the reader should augment the *History* with this article as some corrections have been made.

It is not the intent of this article to discredit work done by a fellow Shuler genealogist in any way, rather it is to create an accurate family history.

The Shuler family of Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina, is probably descended from the Schuler family of the Parish of Ferenbalm, village of Bibern, Switzerland.² At any rate the two brothers of that Parish found by research of Dr. Robert Oehler are surely the same two brothers found in the church registers in Germany, Hans George Schuler in Waldmohr and Johan Jacob Schuler in Lambsborn. Both of these were Reformed churches. The first entry for either of them was 1718 and the last dated 1736; so they are almost certainly the same two who left for Carolina in 1737.³

From a rather lengthy correspondence in 1966-1967 carried on with officials of the Archives in Speyer, both of their emigrations were documented in the records: In 1737, "Jakob Schuler of Krähenberg moved with his wife and eight children to Carolina." Also in 1737, "Hans Georg Schuler of Waldmohr moved to America."⁴

Their immigration is also substantiated in a list of immigrants from Zweibrücken coming to America. Others on the same page came over on the "Virtuous Grace"; however, no ship was given for these two entries. The *Virtuous Grace* arrived in Philadelphia two months before it arrived in Charles Town, S.C.⁵

Hans George Schuler petitioned as an incoming settler for a town lot, 400 acres of land and bounty in Orangeburgh Township. He had eight in his family, for settlers "Poor, Protestant and Foreign" were allowed

fifty acres for each person in the family (including slaves) and a year's provisions as bounty. On 24 January, 1738/39, he petitioned for more of his bounty supplies stating that he had been in South Carolina six months.⁶

His plat was certified on 12 June 1739 for Town Lot #40 and 400 acres of land on Bull Swamp. For some unknown reason, his grant was not issued until 4 July 1749.⁷ At this time, there seems to have been only one adult George Shuler, by any conceivable spelling, in the Province of South Carolina.

He was born in the Parish of Ferenbalm on 20 September 1691. He was believed by Dr. Scheidt of the Archives in Speyer to have been the identical Georg whose lawful wife was Anna Margaretha, and who had moved to the Parish of Waldmohr, town of Waldmohr, in the Rhenish Palatinate (now in Kreis Kusel, Bayern, West Germany.)

The baptisms of four, possibly all six, of his children appear in the Register at Waldmohr which has been published in Germany in book form and filmed by LDS.⁸ (Copy of register in possession of author.)

1. HANS GEORG SCHULER, the second of six children of Hans Joerg Schuler and Christina Goetschmann, was born 20 September 1691, in the village of Bibern (Biebern), Canton Solothurn, Switzerland. The family was of the Parish of Ferenbalm. He married Anna Margaretha (name unknown), probably in Germany. Their issue (from the Archives at Speyer, an uncertified copy, presumably copied from the original register:)

2. i. Catharina Magdalena bapt. 1 March 1724
3. ii. Susanna Elisabetha bapt. 12 May 1728
4. iii. Georg Nickel bapt. 1 Jan. 1731
5. iv. Johann Daniel bapt. 1 May 1735

In reading the *published* records of the Church at Waldmohr, two other children were baptized who were probably theirs. These two also appear in the Giessendanner records of early Orangeburgh. At this

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OKTOBERFEST XVII PROGRAM OCTOBER 3-4, 1997

FAMILY LIFE CENTER (Of Orangeburg First Baptist Church)
2855 Columbia Road NE (Hwy 21 North), Orangeburg, SC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997

- 9:00 AM - Spend the day researching Orangeburgh family records. Help available. Call!
- 2:00-5:00 PM - Southern Methodist College, Lynn Corbett Library
- 6:00 PM - Registration - Baptist Family Life Center
 - 6:30 PM - President's Dinner (\$10.00) Seated Banquet
 - President's Address
 - Introduction of Family Workshops and Leaders
 - WORKSHOPS - Session 1 (See Saturday listing)
- 9:30 PM - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1997

- 8:00 AM - **Registration Baptist Family Life Center**
(\$5.00 Registration & \$10.00 Luncheon)
Coffee, Donuts, Juice - Materials on Display
- 8:30 AM - Call to Order, Welcome to Members and Guests
 - BUSINESS MEETING** - Report of Editors
 - Report of Treasurer
 - Report of Secretary
 - Report of Vice President
 - Report of President
 - Report of Nominating Committee
- 9:00 AM - **INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY WORKSHOPS AND LEADERS**
 - WORKSHOPS** - Session 2 (same as Session 1)
 1. BOZARD/HUTTO - Yvonne Hutto Bozard
 2. DANTZLER/FELDER - Julian Dantzler Kelly
 3. OTT - Jo Ann Slaten
 4. RICKENBAKER/RICKENBACKER - Beth Rickenbaker
 5. RUMPH/SCHIEDER - Annabelle Rumph Jenkins, Virginia Rumph Hairfield
 6. SALLEY - William "Will" Miller
 7. SHULER/SHAUMLOFFEL/SNELL - Beverly Sloan Shuler
 8. SISTRUNK - Thomas O. Sistrunk
 9. STROMAN/SMITH - Linda Dayhoff Smith
 10. SYFRETT/PATRICK/DUKES - Harold Syfrett
 11. TILL - Maurice Hinson
 12. ULMER - Harry Ulmer
 13. WOLFE/MYERS - Beverly Ulmer
 14. ZEIGLER/ZIEGLER/SIGLAR - Robert Hemphill
 15. OTHER FAMILIES (Note: Some of the above not written in stone - yet)
- 10:15 AM - **BREAK**
- 10:35 AM - **WORKSHOPS** - Session 3 (Same as the other two - you are free to attend any at any time)
- 11:50 AM - **BREAK** for lunch
- 12:00 NOON - **LUNCHEON** - Seated, Catered by Laura Dantzler
- 12:30 PM - **GUEST SPEAKER** - Peter Wilkerson, Archivist, the South Carolina Historical Society
"Early Orangeburgh Ministers"
- 1:30 PM - **WORKSHOPS** - "Orangeburgh On Line - The Internet" - Gene Jeffries, Peter Wilkerson
"Migrations of Orangeburgh Groups" - Beverly Shuler
- 3:00 PM - **ADJOURN**

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point, there is more evidence in favor of their inclusion in the family than against it.

If we include these two, the children would include:

2. i. Catharina Magdalena *born* 12.03.1724.
3. ii. Johann Nickel, son of Georg Schäfer and Anna Margaretha, resident of Waldmohr *born* 10.03.1726. [May be a mistake that should be Schuler, because Georg Schafer's wife seems to have been Anna Dorothea in the rest of the entries. Note that some of these are births, not baptisms.]
4. iii. Susanna Elisabetha *born* 12.05.1728
5. iv. Georg Nickel, *bapt.* 01.01.1731
6. v. Maria Barbara, dau of Johann Georg Schuler (o)(GM) and N.N. resident of Waldmohr *bapt.* 25.01.1733
7. vi. Johann Daniel, son of Hans Georg Schuler GM and Anna Margaretha N.N., *bapt.* 14.05.1735.

George Shooler's petition appears in the Journal of the Grand Council on 24 January 1738/39, stating that he has been in Carolina six months and had but one-half year's bounty provisions and wants the other half. The petition states that his family includes himself, his wife and six children:

- One daughter aged 14
- One daughter aged 13
- One aged 12
- One son aged 8
- One daughter aged 5
- One daughter aged 4

This writer does not know if Germany as well as the Netherlands (Holland) had already changed calendars, but we have some problems here.

- Dau aged 14- Jan. 1738-39 ...Catharina b. March 1724(/5?) would be 14.
- Dau aged 13- Jan. 1738/9 ...Johann Nickel "Schafer" was 13, but Susanna was not.
- One aged 12 -14 Jan. 1738/39 ...Susannah Elisabetha was 11.
- One son aged 8 - 14 Jan 1738/39 ...George would be 8.
- One daughter aged 5 -14 Jan 1738/9 ... Maria Barbara would be 5.
- One daughter aged 4 - 14 Jan 1738/9 ...Daniel would have been born in 1735. [To explain this, we will use

the language difficulty.]

The German record indicates that Hans Georg left Germany with six children. There possibly could have been a child before Daniel who died and one after Daniel who died. There also could have been an older child or a previous wife. Children of Hans George and Ann Margaret Shuler.⁹

2. i. CATHARINA MAGDALENA SHULER married Hans Georg Henry Hess "on Thursday, 12 Sumer month (October)" in 1742. She would have been 18. Witnesses were Peter Horger, Michael Larry, Valentia Justus and Elias Snell. The Giessendanner register is very confusing on the males in the Hess family. There are George and Henry Hess in addition to Hans George Henry Hess. The Reverend also called her Anna Catharina, rather than Catharina Magdalena. (Confusing her with her cousin?) Notice how Nicholas Shuler always seems to be included in the immediate family. Their children were:

- i. John *bapt.* 25 Dec. 1746. Wit. Michael Christopher Row, Nicholas Shuler and Mrs. Anna Rickenbackerin and Mrs. Magdalena of the village.
- ii. Johann Nicholas *bapt.* Sunday, 2 Feb. 1752. "Susceptors: John Heller, Nicolas Shuler, Margaret, wife of Christopher Rowe. (A child of this couple with the same name was buried on 26 Nov. 1750, having died the day before. He was 19 months old.
- iii. Joseph, born 24 Aug. 1759, baptized Sunday 21 Oct. 1759. "Sureties: Joseph Deramus, Jacob Weimer and Verena, wife of Nicholas Shuler."

3. ii. JOHN NICHOLAS SHULER/SHOOLER

In spite of previous works to the contrary, it is evident that John Nicholas Shuler was a closely associated family member of the children of Hans George. If he had not been in Germany while he was growing up, but was in Switzerland with another father, would he have been close with Daniel, who was not his age, and with Catharina, not his sister?

He would seem to be not only a son, but the eldest son of Hans George and Anna Margaretha.

26 September 1752 was a big day in the Shuler family. The Rev. Giessendanner married in the Orangeburgh Church, John Nicholas Shuler to Verena Hogg(in). He

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W'all Come Too. Hear?

FROM THE MAILBAG



The first reservation for OKTOBERFEST XVII was received 16 July from Jo Ann Slaten of Colleyville, Texas. Those on Internet know her well by now, but the rest of us are looking forward to meeting her. She will be the leader of the OTT discussion group.

Reprints of Vol. I Newsletters sell "like hotcakes." We are down to the last eight maps of Orangeburg. Will need to get more ready. Josephine Shuler.

"The Columbia Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society is sponsoring a new heritage program, *Founding Families of the State of South Carolina*, in celebration of the two hundred and tenth birthday of the State... Persons directly descended from an ancestor who was living in SC when the state was admitted into the USA on 23 May, 1788, or before, are eligible for membership." This will include almost all of our membership, as our area was settled in 1735. It will also include multitudes of the Scots-Irish who flooded into S.C.. With the actual settlers and founding fathers of the late 1600's and early 1700's, it should include all of those who gave the state its present character, be they Sandlappers or Mountain Sprouts! For more info contact:

W.T. Leverett, Pres. Columbia Chapter at 803-788-4951, or Frances S. Osburn, Project Director, 803-771-7877.

From Claude M. Hill, P.O. Box 6545, N. Augusta, SC 29841: "I found ten years ago a family Bible concerning Orangeburg. It was the HART Family Bible published 1861. V.A.G. HART 1870. It was in two pieces; so I had it bound and put it in the Augusta Genealogical Library where presumably it is still located. Could you alert the descendants of: HART, CARSON, FELDER, WALTERS, SHERIDAN and PILTER. It has births in 1838 and marriages during the Civil War. Note dated 4 June, 1997." *Bless you, Mr. Hill.*

Just wanted to add a note to tell you how marvelous we think your latest newsletter is, and how much we are looking forward to attending Oktoberfest for the first time. Also we think the work of Mr. Jeffries is absolutely SUPER! We are looking forward to meeting him in person. Mant thanks for all of the outstanding things you folks are doing for us. Fisher and Laurel Craft, Decatur, GA.

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then married John Heller to Esther Ott. At the same time, apparently, he married "John Frederick Ulmer to Mary Barbara Shuler; all of Orangeburgh Township. Being present: John Miller, Henry Rickenbaker, Lewis Golsen, etc."¹⁰

The children of John Nicholas and Verena Hogg [Was she also known as "Fryna Hawk?"] were:

i. John Frederick born 8 Sept 1753. Bapt. 11 Oct. 1753. Susceptor: Frederick Ulmer, Francis Koonen and Ann Mary, wife of Warner Ulmer. [Untraced, presumed died young]

ii. John Henry born 6 June 1757. Bapt. 17 July 1757. Sureties: Henry Felder, Martin and Zibilla,, [sic] Catharina Egly.

iii. Daniel born 25 April 1759. Bapt. 3 June 1759. Sureties Daniel Shuler, John and Margaret Myer.

iv. Although there is no Mary Shuler except Mary Barbara in the Giessendanner register; it is generally accepted that Mary Shuler born 27 July 1768, who married Joseph Winningham was a daughter of John Nicholas. Joseph was the son of Henry and Mary Winningham who lived next to George Shuler.

The Giessendanner baptismal register ends with 14 Sept. 1760.

John Nicholas married second, Frances, called "Fanny" (unknown).

A son of theirs was baptized at St. Matthews Church :

v. Jacob Shuler b. 1 Feb. 1771 [No further knowledge of him.]

4. iii. SUSANNA ELISABETHA SHULER . She married Barnard Snell before 1751, and probably before March 1749. Strangely, no known Shulers are mentioned as witnesses or sureties at the baptism of their four children:

i. Margaret born 15 May 1751, Bapt. 3 Nov. 1751. Susceptors: Jacob Roth, Barbara, wife of Henry Haym, and Margaret, wife of Adam Snell.

ii. Christian born 20 Dec. 1752. Bapt. 25 Feb. 1753. Susceptors: Michael Christopher Row, John Anding, and Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Suther.

iii. Elizabeth born 175_ (illegible?). Bapt.

Easter Sun. 30 Mar. 1755. Susceptors: Elias Snell, Barbara, wife of Jn. Frederick Huber, and Ann Margaret Snyder.

iv. Magdalene born 16 Sept. 1757. Bapt. 20 Nov. 1757. Sureties: Frederick Hoff, Mary Catharina, wife of Elias Snell, and Eve Catharina, wife of John George Hayner. [Can this be Eve Catharine Shuler?]

The Snell family has been carefully researched by Dr. Julian D. Kelly. Barnard, who became "Barnet Snell, Tory" died in captivity in Charleston in 1782. All of his family except Christian went to Nova Scotia.

Because there was a Snell family in South Carolina who were apparently English long before this family arrived, we can't be sure of kinships in this family.¹¹

A Christopher Snell got six grants of land, the earliest being 1790, in Georgia. Most of them were in Emanuel County. His sons could have been George W. and Barnabas Snell. He may be Christian, having anglicized his name.¹²

5. iv. GEORGE NICHOLAS SHULER was baptized on the first of January 1731 in Waldmohr, Germany. That there was a George Shuler, Jr., in Orangeburgh is established by two sources, the Quit Rent Rolls and the use of "George Shuler, Sr.," by Giessendanner. His first marriage is not of record in the Giessendanner register, yet it should have occurred within the time period of the register. According to A.S. Salley, in the History of Orangeburg, some of the marriages on the register have been lost. Not only is there no marriage for him, there are no children! There is a story which circulates about his having gone "back to Switzerland." This is highly unlikely. George was eight years old when he came to Carolina and probably had never been to Switzerland. He was born in Germany.

The idea that George, Jr.'s ,wife was Ann Margaret Hutto was probably conceived when someone noticed that Ann Margaret, wife of George Shuler (no Junior), was a susceptor for Isaac, son of Peter and Margaret Barbara Hutto in 1751. George Nickel would have been 21 at this time. Hans George Shuler, Sr., was very much alive in 1751 and also in 1754 when Ann Margaret, "*wife of George Shuler, Sr.*," was a susceptor for Ann Margaret, daughter of Elias and

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OKTOBERFEST XVII is "our next move" and we are looking forward to the best ever because our officers have planned a unique program. This program will deal with various families of early Orangeburghers and will depend on the work of a number of "leaders". It will be well worthwhile for those who attend. We hope to see YOU there!

The President's Address on Friday evening will be my "swan song" as I close out my third term as president. This leads me to look back on the seventeen years of our organization and those who have served as president. I am indebted to each of them. We organized OGS in Atlanta at the National Genealogical Society's first Conference in the States in April 1981 when we elected Beverly Shuler our first president. She laid a good foundation. I succeeded her as president, then to be followed by Josephine Freland Shuler, Alfred Sheriff Gramling, Gene T. Jeffries and Frederick A. Smith. In 1993 I was asked to serve a second term and was reelected in 1995. Beverly laid the foundation, I enlarged Oktoberfest, Josephine strengthened our local base, Alfred related us more closely to the Orangeburg Historical Society, Gene enlarged our publications, Frederick developed our organizational handbook, and I have kept it together during the past four years. We look forward to a greater society under the new president as we continue to grow through "word of mouth" and the Internet with the assistance of Gene Jeffries.

The "State of the Society" has been improved with three changes this year. Josephine Shuler was elected Corresponding Secretary and has organized the mail handling and the service of membership and publications. Janice Rickenbaker was elected Treasurer and has put our financial records and membership

Meeting of OGS GS Executive Committee

The Executive Committee
Swiss Genealogical
12, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. in
Southern Methodist

of the Orangeburgh German-Society met Tuesday, August the Lynn Corbett Library at College, Orangeburg, SC. The full board was present including President Harold W. Syfrett, Vice-President Julian Kelly, Treasurer Janice Rickenbaker, Editor of OGSN Beverly Shuler, Associate Editors James Gressette and Harry Ulmer, Genealogist Gene Jeffries and Corresponding Secretary Josephine Shuler.

President Syfrett opened the meeting with prayer and distributed the agenda for the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Janice Rickenbaker distributed copies of an eight-page report of finances covering a seven-month period from January 1 through July 31, 1997. Minutes were taken by Corresponding Secretary Josephine Shuler. Officers reported on the progress of their offices prior to a discussion of agenda items.

During the morning session, the Committee considered, discussed and acted upon the following: (1) Approval to employ the services of a computer consultant to set up an additional program for the Treasurer; (2) compile a list of addresses for Internet or E-Mail members for distribution; (3) designate several work days on the OGS GS holdings at the library; (4) development of an index for Volume VI of the Newsletter at least two weeks prior to Oktoberfest. Gene Jeffries will prepare the index for duplication; (5) development of a format for implementing the family-name workshops at Oktoberfest to be used by each leader; (6) division of the \$15.00 registration fee for Saturday of Oktoberfest into \$10.00 for the luncheon and \$5.00 for attendees not staying for the meal; (7) authorized the corresponding secretary to duplicate any OGS GS publication needed to re-stock the inventory before Oktoberfest; (8) designated Janice Rickenbaker to provide copier services to attendees at Oktoberfest; (9) decided on content for the September OGSN to include a list of Orangeburg motels and a map of the city with locations for meetings marked as an aid to attendees.

Following a recess for lunch, the planning meeting resumed at 1:00 P.M. and adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Josephine F. Shuler, Secretary Pro Tem

computer. Our membership grows in interests as well as numbers.

Another change this year has been the relocation of our OGS GS holdings to the Southern Methodist College's Lynn Corbett Library where they are more accessible. Josephine Shuler is on the faculty and staff of the college and she is now your contact with the library.

Just a word about OKTOBERFEST XVII which is the main purpose of this issue of the Newsletter. We appreciate James Gressette being our contact with

the First Baptist Church in the use of their Family Life Center. The facilities are good for our program. The program format is very different, on the request of our members. It is experimental but we hope we will be able to build on it in the future. We will have three sessions of Family Workshops - allowing you to consider several family lines - and the fourth session will have one workshop on the Internet and another on Orangeburghers' migrations to other states from South Carolina.

Harold Syfrett,
President

Mary Catharina Snell.

On 17 December 1752, Giessendanner states that Catharina was the wife of Hans George Shuler, Senn. This can only be explained as a mistake on his part unless Hans George had three wives in very short order.

There are also some identity problems. From the Quit Rent Rolls, we learn that a George Shuler was still paying on Hans Georg's 400 acre grant until 1770, at which time he would be 79 years of age. Since George, Jr., got his land of 150 acres in 1763. It is possible that he was paying on both tracts, but by 1774, the 400 acres had disappeared from the Quit Rents; so must have been divided between Hans Georg's heirs. Although Daniel left a will, no will for either of the two Georges has survived.

The diary of a Lutheran (United Brethren) minister, Brother Joseph Ettwein's journey to Georgia and S.C. in 1765 sheds light on George Shuler. Ettwein visited Lutheran minister, Rev. Boltzius in Ebenezer. He also visited Herman Lemke, a "true and loyal Pietist." He says, "Many Germans, especially Wurttembergers live in the region [of lower S.C.] They would have liked to see me remain until Sunday and preach to them, their pastor [Giessendanner?] died two years ago and they do not know how to get another one. On the 11th. I crossed the Edisto River; and on the 12th. I visited Georg Schuler, who visited us last fall in Wachovia. He is concerned about his salvation and has been a widower for five years because he is afraid he might get a person who is not of his mind..." He did, indeed preach "in the Orangeburgh Church that Sunday, in both German and English about the passion and death of the Lord." After the sermon, he met "a Mr. Hutchins who runs the school in Orangeburg and has a good reputation."¹³

Unfortunately, we do not know whether this was Hans Georg or George Nickel, for sure; however, it would fit better with documenting families of children to say that this was George Nickel. His father would have been 74 at this time.

This family will have to fall into the realm of theory, but the following, if correct, solves some problems:

George Nickel (Nicholas) Shuler, for some reason, was called "George" in America, rather than Nicholas, which he would have been called in Germany. This is explained if he had an older brother called Nicholas. He could have married Ann Margaret__? before Giessendanner died. Perhaps he had met and married a girl from another place. To account for the several George Shulers in South Carolina in the Eighteenth Century, we must theorize an older son here, Johann George.

George N. Shuler b. 1731 in Waldmohr, married first__? (Ann Margaret?):

i. John George. born about the time his mother died, probably after the Giessendanner register. There is a John G. Shuler in the 1800 Census of Edgefield County. He could not be Lt. George Shuler of Lexington who served in the Revolution and was granted bounty land in Pendleton District, SC, married Mary and moved to North Carolina. He could have been the private George Shuler who served under Col. John Fisher (Tory) from Orangeburgh in 1781. This could explain why he lived in Edgefield for awhile. He is a most likely candidate for the father of "Col. David Shuler", as he was the older brother of Adam Shuler who reared David. He probably died about 1800-1802.

George Shuler married second, Rachel ____, after 1765 when he saw Ettwein:

ii. Dorcas born 1770, married George Lambright

iii. Timothy born 1773 m. Barbara Carns

iv. Adam born 13 Oct. 1774, m. Elizabeth

Snell

v. Rachel m. Horger, moved to Miss.

After George's death (around 1789-90), Rachel married Edward Thomas. This is proved by a court case for debts owed to George's estate. It also explains why Timothy, Adam, etc., are not in the 1790 Census. They were in the home of Edward.

6. v. MARIA BARBARA SHULER "daughter of Johann Georg Schuhler" was born either Jan. or March 25, 1733 (Gregorian calendar used?)

Whether she was the daughter of Hans Georg and Anna Margaretha Schuler, or possibly Hans Georg's granddaughter by a son whose name in the record was

Johann Georg, an expert in German handwriting must be employed to say, after a search of the original Waldmohr church register. At any rate, she came to America as their daughter, apparently.

Mary Barbara married John Frederick Ulmer at the same time and place as John Nicholas and Verena. He was called "Frederick". Their children were:

i. George Adam born 20 March 1754, one of the susceptors was George Hessy.

ii. Mary Magdalene born 25 April 1756, one susceptor was Catharina, wife of George Hessy.

iii. John Jacob born 3 July 1758, Jacob and Margaret Ott and Jacob Giessendanner were susceptors.

7. vi. JOHANN DANIEL SHULER was born the 14th. of either May or July 1735 in Waldmohr, Germany. Four years later, he arrived in the port of Charleston, S.C. as the baby of his family to grow up on the Indian frontier that was Orangeburgh. The family probably lived in the village of Orangeburgh until around 1767.

Daniel and his wife, Mary Barbara _____? were married before 17 February 1760, but there is no marriage for them in the Giessendanner register.

He applied for land on Bushy Branch in 1767. By annexing his two plats of land, it can be seen they that adjoined. This was in Providence community.

Daniel died in 1774, testate. His will is extant.

Their children were:

i. David, b. ca 1759, probably married Lavinia Snell, but they were not the parents of Col. David Shuler. David's land adjoined George Antley. He inherited part of Daniel's land in 1774 when his father died. In 1846, Lavonia was living in Florida. The death of David is unknown. Served in Revolution. Son Daniel b. 1788. One dau. b. before 1790.

ii. John b. ca 1760 married Rebecca (Rachel?) Heanor/Hayner. Died before 10 Jan. 1825.

iii. Daniel b. ca 1762 m. Catharine Moorer, dau. of John and Catherine Stroman?

iv. "Luey" Lewis born 24 March 1772, married Elizabeth Dantzler b. 14 Sept. 1776, on 11 April 1793. She was dau. of Jacob Dantzler and Barbara Carn. He died 15 Feb. 1826.

v. "The one that is to come" b. 1775.

JOHANN JAKOB SCHULER

1. JOHANN JACOB SHULER, fourth child of Hans Joerg Schuler of the Parish of Ferenbalm, and his wife, Christina Goetschmann, was born July 16th. 1693, in the village of Bibern in Canton Solothurn or in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland.

Around 1726, the Schuler name disappears from the Ferenbalm Parish records. We know that he and his older brother, Hans Joerg (Georg) went to Germany, either to find work or to be conscripted in the service of some Baron as a foot soldier. No one has traced the rest of his family except that Christine Shuler in her book, *History of the Shuler Family*, theorized that they had a brother who came with them to America and was father of several Orangeburgh pioneers.

It is more likely that the children in question belonged to Hans Georg. At any rate, no brother appears in the records of Waldmohr, Germany, with Hans Georg, nor in the records of Lambsborn, Germany, with Johann Jakob.

Jakob was in Germany by 1718. He and Anna Margaretha Lauer were married on the 10th. of May 1718 at Wiesbach. Anna Margaretha was the daughter of Matthias Lauer of Krähenberg. They had many children baptized in the church at Lambsborn between 1719 and 1736. All of them were girls except for Johann Simon. By 1738/9, he had apparently died.

Their children were:

2.i. Susanna, baptized 17 February 1719.

3.ii. Anna Catharina, baptized 17 October 1720.

iii. Eva Maria, baptized 21 March 1723, buried in Wiesbach 12 October 1733, aged 10 years and 6 months.

4.iv. Eva Catharina, baptized 28 January 1725.

5.v. Anna Apollonia, baptized 2 January 1727.

6.vi. Margaretha Barbara, bapt. 7 November 1728.

7.vii. Maria Elisabetha, bapt. 6 Sept. 1730

viii. Anna Charlotta, bapt. 24 August 1732.

ix. Johann Simon, bapt. 4 November 1733.

x. Maria Margaretha, bapt. 12 February 1736.

In 1727, the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania issued an order that lists would be made of all people imported, and that the lists would contain three things: the names of all the arrivals, submitted by the captains, the

occupations of those aboard, and the places from which they had come.

Few of these lists survived, and those which did never contained the three categories of information; so American scholars began to search in German archives for such lists. Professor Albert B. Faust and Dr. Adolph Gerber found many lists of these emigrants in German church records.

Dr. Don Yoder later published a book of lists derived from a document in the Bavarian State Archives at Speyer, Germany. It was taken from a document marked "Zweibruecken III, 2035". One chapter is entitled "*List of Emigrants from Zweibruecken, 1728-1749*" and many later South Carolinians appear on his lists.¹⁴

Under the section of the list called, "Oberamt Zweibruecken", there is listed under 1736, "Jakob Schüler of Krähenberg, with wife and eight children, leaves for Carolina." Entries, both before and after his, state that the persons left Sept. 24, 1737, on the ship Virtuous Grace. Under the second section of those who left in 1736 is "Johannes Heyel of Waldmohr, Hans Georg Schuler of Waldmohr, leave for America." Another ship leaving at about the same time appears on this list, the Samuel, which left Aug. 30, 1737. In 1738, Jakob Rauch of Brenschelbach and Henrich Galetta of the same place left for Carolina. Also, Nickel Leiner of Rinschweiler, Johann Kopp of Niederbexbach left for Carolina. Hans Adam Huber of Rieschweiler left also for Carolina. Several more families from Waldmohr were noticed to have left.

In 1738, plats were drawn up for both Jacob and George Shuler/Shooler. Each was to receive a town lot in Orangeburgh and 400 acres (denoting 8 people in each family.) Hans Georg and Jacob, brothers, got lots # 39 and #40 in Orangeburgh. Jacob's land, however, was on Caw Caw Swamp, to the northwest of the present town of Orangeburg. George's land was on both sides of Bull Swamp on the road which now leads to Cameron at about Shulmer Road.

Unfortunately, Jacob was not to enjoy Carolina for long. By January of 1738/9, his widow was petitioning for the other half of the bounty which had never been received. One large mystery exists here. If the family left Germany even as late as September 1737, where were they between that time and July 1738? Surely it

wouldn't have taken them ten or eleven months to get to Carolina! The time is too short for indentured service; so they must have had quite a story to tell. It would be interesting to find it in Speyer or Charleston.

In the petition for bounty, Margaret Shooler mentions that she has six daughters, the youngest being eleven years of age. A chilling thought is that they could have been the poor, unfortunate family which was quarantined in Charleston for smallpox with two children who died.¹⁵ At any rate, of the ten children, two died in Germany as children, Eva Marie and Johan Simon. Two more must have died, and it had to be the youngest girls, Anna Charlotta and Maria Margaretha who were not as old as eleven in January of 1738/9. Even Maria Elizabeth would have to have been baptized late to have been eleven at that time.

From the Giessendanner Register, we are able to match names with fairly good accuracy. We can also get an approximation of their marriage dates from the date of the beginning of the register and the birth/baptism of the first child of each couple. Only one of the names is not in accord with her "saint" name.

The married children of Jacob and Ann Margaret Shuler were:(From Giessendanner)

2. i. SUSANNAH bapt. 17 Feb. 1719 married c. 1740, Joseph Kreuter/Kryter/Crider in Orangeburgh. (He d. 3 April 1758.)

i. Joseph b. 1747

ii. Susannah b. 1748, d. 29 Mar. 1753

iii. Ann b. 1754

iv. Johannes b. 1757

3. ii. ANNA CATHARINA bapt. 17 Oct. 1720, m. Jacob Wannemacher c. 1740 in Orangeburgh.

(Catharina)

i. William b. 1741

ii. Henry b. 1747

iii. Anne b. 1752

(Anna)

v. Henry

[Both babies died 1760 - smallpox.

vi. Mary Magdalene b. 1757,

vii. Anna

4. iv. EVA CATHARINA bapt. 28 Jan. 1735, m. John Jubb (Now Chubb?) after 1740 in Orangeburgh.

i. William b. 1751

ii. Elizabeth b. 1753

iii. Ann Margaret b. 1756

iv. Susannah b. 1759

5. v. ANNA APOLLONIA bapt. 2 Jan. 1727, m. Jacob Wolf c. 1748.(Prob. son of John, Sr.) Zibilla was probably her mother-in-law.
- i. Ann Apollonia b. 19 Mar. 1750
 - ii. Mary Elizabeth b. 29 May 1752
 - iii. (son) b. 1755
 - iv. Samuel b. 16 Feb 1757
 - v. Regina b. 6 Sept. 1759, d. 29 July 1760
6. vi. MARGARETHA BARBARA bapt. 7 Nov. 1728, m. ca 1749, Peter Ottow/Hutto.
- i. Isaac b. 4 Dec. 1751
 - ii. Henry b. 1753?
 - iii. Martin b. 1 April 1755
7. vii. MARY ELISABETHA bapt. 6 Sept. 1730, (called Ann Elizabeth by Giesendanner for awhile), m. John Giegleman (now Giegleman.)
- i. Mary Elizabeth b. 1758, privately bapt.

After Jacob's death, Ann Margaret Lauer Shuler married Hans Jacob Gyger between 1740-1750. At the time, two of her "Dutch" children were living at home. The youngest was over 11, as we know by her petition for bounty in 1738/9. Hans Jacob Gyger/Geiger was deceased by 6 Oct.1753. Could she have remarried a Huber?

END NOTES

(Note: To save time in getting this issue published in advance, to advertise Oktoberfest XVII, I am noting published sources, some of which are difficult to find.. In the December issue, I will publish a much better set of end notes and corrections, as needed. If you are seriously interested in the Shuler family, please wait until after that issue to use my end notes if you need to refer to a particular point, or write or call me. BSS)

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