

ALEXANDER FAMILY GRAVE-YARD, FAIRFIELD PLANTATION, WASHINGTON, GA.  
(Memorandum taken by Alexander R. Lawton, February 25, 1912.)

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SARAH GILBERT, wife of Felix H. Gilbert, died May 1, 1808, aged 25.  
"She taught us how to live, and Oh! (too high the price of knowledge)  
"taught us how to die".

FELIX HAYWOOD GILBERT. Died Nov. 27, 1813, aged 55 years.

WILLIAM GRANT GILBERT, died May 23, 1831, aged 66.

SARAH PORTER GILBERT, daughter of Felix and Sarah Gilbert, died July 3, 1807,  
aged 2 months.

SARAH HILLHOUSE ALEXANDER, daughter of Felix and Sarah Gilbert and wife of  
Adam Leopold Alexander, died February 28, 1855, aged 49  
(Memo: She was first named Maria; and, after the death  
of her infant sister Sarah Porter, her name was changed  
to Sarah.

HENRY LEOPOLD ALEXANDER, son of Adam L. and Sarah H. Alexander, died September  
11, 1845, aged five weeks.

ADAM L. ALEXANDER (Jr.) son of Adam L. and Sarah H. Alexander, died May 9,  
1837, aged 15 days.

ADAM L. ALEXANDER, born Jan. 29, 1803, died April 9, 1882, and  
JANE MARION ALEXANDER, born June 20, 1821, died August 23, 1885. (She was his  
second wife, maiden name Dunwoody, then Mrs.  
then Mrs. Glenn, and married A. L. Alexander  
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"CYNTHIA PETERS, the faithful friend and servant of A. L. & S. H. Alexander  
and Nurse of all their children, fell asleep in Jesus  
12 Jan. 1880, aged 74 years.  
"Well done good and faithful servant" (Known to every  
one as "Old Maimy".)

MARY LOUISA, Wife of William Felix ALEXANDER and daughter of General Robert  
Toombs, died March 4, 1855, aged 21.

MARION LEE ALEXANDER, daughter of E. P. and B. M. Alexander, born April 17,  
1865, died June 26, 1865.

CHARLES ATWOOD ALEXANDER, born November 4, 1838, died January 30, 1907.  
(His first wife, Ida Calhoun, sister of his second wife,  
is buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.)

ROSA CALHOUN ALEXANDER, his second wife, died February 23, 1912, and was  
buried this date, February 25, 1912. She was born  
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CHARLES ATWOOD ALEXANDER (Jr.), son of Charles A. and Rosa C. Alexander, born  
April 27, 1883, died August 23, 1883.

HATTIE V. ALEXANDER, daughter of Charles A. and Rosa C. died March 24, 1882,  
aged 15 years eight months.

Gilbert,

Felix H. and William Gilbert came to Georgia from  
 Rockingham Co Virginia. The brothers were engaged not  
 only in planting, but in a business venture as well. They  
 built Fairfield, ~~and~~ in Washington (laid to the first town  
 named in honor of the father of his country) David and  
 Sarah (Porter) Hillhouse of New England had made it  
 their residence for many years, and here Felix wooed and  
 won Sarah Hillhouse as his bride and they were married.  
 She died when her daughter was about  
 three years old, and after that Mr. Gilbert traveled a  
 great deal and was seldom at home.

Interesting letters to his wife before their  
 marriage. 1 from Bethlehem, where she had  
 attended the Moravian School. Description of trip to N.Y.  
 Letters to his sisters etc.  
 Description in book of method of transporting cotton by  
 waggon to the river. See The Alexander Letters.

# Schmidt.

1<sup>st</sup> Generation.

Egedises Heinrich Schmidt of Stuttgart. b. 6<sup>th</sup> May 1738  
grad. Leipzig. He became a shipping  
merchant owning vessels trading between European  
ports and the West India Islands, which made it  
necessary for him to <sup>make</sup> spend many voyages to that  
part of the world. He was married to  
Dorothea Christina Kisselbach. b. Stuttgart 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1740  
and at the time of their emigration to the New World, the  
family consisted of children. The loss of several  
ships determined Mr. Schmidt to renounce his a  
business subjected to such great risks and to settle  
permanently in the United States and <sup>become a</sup> engage in the  
cotton merchant. Coming first to Charleston, S. C.  
in 1785 he lived for some time as the guest of a wealthy  
bachelor who's family and that of the Schmidts had  
been intimate in the fatherland. After deliberating as  
to where he could best locate himself he selected Savannah  
Georgia, then a thriving port and rival of Savannah,  
but now one of the Dead Cities of Georgia.

Extract here extract from  
Jones', Dead Cities of Georgia.

About 1787 Mrs Schmidt decided to send for his family, consisting of two sons and three daughters,

- 1 Heinrich d. s. p. in Germany.
- 2 Leopold d. s. p. in Philadelphia.
- 3 Louisa Frederika. m. Adam Alexander M. D.
- 4 Carlotta Igilla. m. Mr Tom Green d. s. p. in Saratoga
- 5 Dorothea Christina. Spinster.

Heinrich having already entered the army remained in Germany where he did unmarried, but Mrs Schmidt and her other children embarked at Amsterdam for America. The consort of their vessel sailed first, but before the next tide a violent storm with intense cold caused the harbor to freeze, imprisoning all the shipping for many weeks before the breaking up of the ice permitted them to depart. Meanwhile the first ship arriving in Charleston reported its sister as but one tide behind and due to arrive before long, but as the weeks passed <sup>and still no ship appeared</sup> the anxious husband and father was compelled to gear up his loved ones as lost. Finally however, they sailed unhindered into the harbor of Saratoga, and later went to their pleasant home in Saratoga and here in true story-book style the bachelor friend followed the family and became a suitor for the hand of the fair Louisa Frederika.

She however turned from his addresses. Though she promised her father to marry no one else as long as he lived. Not many <sup>long</sup> years <sup>Mr. Schmidt</sup> after he died 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1795 - when she was about twenty three years of age, and 10<sup>th</sup> March 1802 at <sup>3 1/2 years</sup> <sup>generally</sup> Sanbury, Dr Adam Alexander of Edinburgh. Of the other children of Egidias Heinrich Schmidt, Leopold the second son studied medicine in Philadelphia with the celebrated Dr Rush and at the time of the terrible yellow fever epidemic, when all the other medical students fled! This one had the courage to remain and aided <sup>Mr. Rush</sup> to duty. After ~~other children~~ - Carlotta <sup>Salottica Christiana</sup> <sup>married</sup> a Mr Van Gerven and died S.P. in Savannah 1851. Aged over eighty years. The only descendants therefore of this interesting German family are the <sup>daughters</sup> of Louisa Frederika who married Dr Adam Alexander, of whom there were two. Adam Leopold, m. Sarah Gilbert. Louisa, m. <sup>Andrew</sup> ~~George~~ Porter of Savannah and died S.P.

Adam Alexander was one of a number of educated Scotchmen who came to America about this time. He graduated at Edinburgh <sup>came to America</sup> and took service as a Surgeon in the army of the revolting colonies. At the Siege of Savannah he was taken prisoner, but liberated on parole to attend a British officer of high rank. After peace he resided in Sanbury

When he died 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1811, aged 58. After his death his widow, being solicitous that her <sup>son and daughter</sup> children should have the best education this <sup>country</sup> world could give, took her <sup>son and daughter</sup> children to New Haven, <sup>Conn.</sup> that they might be placed under the best masters there, get so well had Dr N<sup>o</sup>. Whitt trained Adam Lepphold. that he was able to enter <sup>the sophomore class</sup> Yale college at the age of fourteen and to graduate in the class of 1821 at the age of seventeen. Those who have had the privilege of knowing his sister Louisa Mrs Porter, remember well the high standard of her culture and dignified firmness of her manners.

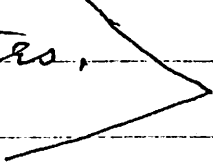
Under these circumstances the orphaned Sarah Gilbert met her future husband, she also having been brought from Georgia to New Haven by her grand Mother Mrs David Hillborn via Sarah Porter of Hadley, and for the same reason, and by the time their education was completed <sup>they young people</sup> they became engaged when she was but fourteen and he seventeen years of age.

Insert here letters of A. D. A and J. G.

They were married at the home of her uncle William Gilbert (which later she inherited) 28<sup>th</sup> April 1820. Here they resided for six months after which they lived <sup>for some time</sup> with his

\* 1<sup>st</sup> named Maria. name changed to Sarah after her mother's death.

Mother Mrs Louisa Friederika (Schmidt) Alexander in  
 Senbury. Until becoming involved in financial diffi-  
 culties Mr Wm Gilbert summoned his wife to  
 Washington and upon her arrival she was put into  
 possession of Fairfield the home built by her father  
 Felix H. Gilbert and here they lived for the remainder  
 of their happy and prosperous lives rearing this mem-  
 orable family of ten children distinguished alike for  
 ability and character.

Letters. 

Picture of Fairfield.



~~Write RC Jordan  
in my name  
Frank 3317  
900  
Please write  
name and address  
for application  
for Florida Home  
Hotel contingent  
May 8th~~



DAVID HILLHOUSE and SARAH PORTER, his wife. (parents of Sarah Gilbert), first settlers of the family in Washington, Georgia, lived and died in Wilkes County and were buried on a plantation. Their place of burial is now unknown.