

SYFRETT FAMILY OF SOUTH CAROLINA NEWSLETTER

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My research has come a long way in a short time but there are many "gaps" in the work because it is so time consuming. Many have been very helpful to supply information and I appreciate the fine cooperation which I have received from so many of the current family. I have found it necessary to limit my work to the South Carolina group but I hope to make connection with the Florida group and Phyllis Calkins of Texas has been most helpful. She is now enrolled in a nursing course which is taking all of her time. I welcome any help both in the supplying of information and also in doing research. Not only is it time consuming but it is money consuming; therefore, I cannot mail as many of these letters as I would like unless some are willing to pay for them.

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A. S. Salley in his History of Orangeburg County states that the first reference to the Syfrett Family was recorded in the Journal of John Gissendanner in 1753. In February "Matthew and Margaret Sreferet" were susceptr at the baptism of "Catharina . . Margaret Crommelich". On August 12 "Mary Margaret, Daughter of Matthew and Margaret Sigfritt; Born June 10th 1753" was baptized and the susceptr included Margaret and Mary Ann Sigfritt.

The Miscellaneous Records Book in the South Carolina Archives Collection records that "Rebecca Syfryths" recorded a "Marriage contract with Junior Franlin on 15 Nov 1703".

The Royal Grant Index of the Archives Collection has a memorial which gave to Alexander SYFRITT "250 acres of land situate in Berkeley County NE of Pon Pon river" which had been surveyed 11 February 1773. Grant recorded 20 September 1773. Plat recorded on page 244 of Volume 21 of the Plat Books. Also, index shows plat for 250 acres in Craven county recorded on page 269 of Volume 6 of the Plat Books.

The State Grant Index of the Archives Collection show the following grants:

1 December 1788	320 acres to Daniel SYFRITT in Orange County	(Plat 19 Nov 1788)
7 September 1789	52 acres to Daniel SYFRITT in Orange County	(Plat 18 Aug 1789)
1 April 1793	845 acres to Daniel SYFRET in Orange County	(Plat 23 Mar 1793)
7 October 1816	604 acres to David SYFRIT in Orange County	(Plat 9 Sept 1816)
4 November 1816	999 acres to Frederick SYFRITT Orange County	(Plat 9 Oct 1816)
5 October 1818	307 acres to Frederick SYPHRETT Orange County	(Plat 22 Sep 1818)
5 October 1818	298 acres to Adam SYPHRETT in Orange County	(Plat 22 Sep 1818)
2 August 1830	31 acres to Frederick SYPHRETT Orange County	(Plat 11 Feb 1830)
17 October 1839	1000 acres to Frederick SYFRET Orange County	(Plat 14 Sep 1839)

Three Revolutionary War claims are found in the South Carolina Archives Records. These are dated 1 August 1791. "Rebecca Syffratt or Syfret" claimed ten pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence "for five head of cattle" supplied to Rich Brown, B Company at McCord's Ferry. "Alexander Syfrid" claimed forty-five pounds, ten shillings and one penny for "Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Corn & Rough Rice". "Adam Syfreet" claimed four pounds, ten shillings "for corn".

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The Dukes DAR Papers show "Sarah SYFRETT" born 1755, died 1840, married Thomas DUKES in 1780 and bore three children, Thomas DUKES jr, 1785; Mary Winnie DUKES, 1807; and Elizabeth DUKES, 1783 (who married Frederick SYFRETT).

The grave stones in the Edwards Family Cemetary near Bowman show Frederick SYFRETT died October 1849 in his 68th year and Elizabeth SYFRETT born 25 September 1783 and died 12 March 1850. Deed Book Volume 3 in Orangeburg County pages 272-273 show the heirs of Frederick SYFRETT as Allen A. SYFRETT, Abraham W. SYFRETT, Mary A. FAIREY - Jesse W. FAIREY, Jane D. SMOAKE - Daniel SMOAKE, Eliza G. GRIFFIS - Lewis GRIFFIS, Dicy SMOAKE - David SMOAKE, and Dorcas L. EDWARDS - Thomas D. EDWARDS.

The 1790 Census shows three SYFRETT households in the north part of the Orangeburgh District. These were Adam SYFRETT, Thomas SYFRETT, and Daniel SYFRETT.

Alexander SYFRITT was one of 28 petitioners for a Lutheran Church "in lower Orangeburgh District" about 1788. "The Frederician Church almost certainly was among those in the lower Orangeburg area which succumbed to the Methodists..." A History of the Lutheran Church in South Carolina.

The St. Matthews Church Record Book (property of the Resurrection Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Cameron, S.C.) lists Thomas SYFRID born 1768, died 23 November 1808 - his children Thomas SYFRID born 1798, died 31 August 1800, and John Jacob SYFRID born 1803, christened 9 October 1803.

The 1800 Census shows in Orangeburg County the Adam SIFFRITT Family (Males one age 10-16, two age 16-26, one 45 and over; Females one age 10-16, one age 16-26, one 45 and over); and the Daniel SIFFRITT Family (Males one age 26-45, Females one age 10-16, one age 26-45, six slaves.)

Frederick SYFRETT and John SYFRETT are found in the War of 1812 Index of the South Carolina Archives Collection.

The 1830 Census shows in Orangeburg County the Adam SYFRED Family (Males two 15-20, one 40-50, Females one 30-40); Frederic SYFRED Family (Males one 10-15, one 40-50, Females one under 5, three 5-10, one 40-50, five slaves); Mary SYFRED Family (Males one 20-30; Females one 10-15, one 30-40).

The 1840 Census shows in Orangeburg County the Adam SYFRETT Family (Males one 20-30, one 50-60, Females one 40-50); Alexander SYFRETT Family (Males one 20-30, Females one under 5, one 20-30); Fred SYFRETT Family (Males one 10-15, one 20-30, one 50-60, Females three 15-20, one 50-60, Slaves four males and five females); and the James W. SYFRETT Family (Males two under 5, one 30-40, Females one 15-20, one 20-30.).

The 1850 Census Records show only two families of SYFRETTS in Orangeburg County although there were SYFRETTS living in other households. Abraham SYFRETT was a "Planter" with property valued at \$3,000. He was 37 years old and his wife Mary C was 35. Their children were listed as Meldrid, Female age 5; Richard A, Male age 3; Fred Wm, Male age 2. Also living in this household were Ann MURPHY, Female age 14; John B. MURPHY, Mage age 12; and Mary J. MURPHY, female age 9. Jacob E.B. SYFRETT was a "Planter" with property valued at \$585. He was also 37 years old and his wife Rachel S. was 28. Their children were listed as Ann C, Female age 8; Sarah, Female age 7; Margaret M., Female age 6; Martha, Female age 4; Susanna, Female age 2; and Mary, Female age 5/12. Anna SYFRETT, Female age 57, was living in the same household (I assume she was Jacob's mother.). Listed in the same household were Sarah MAXEY, Female age 50 (recorded as a "Planter"); Caroline MAXEY, Female age 23; and Eliza MAXEY, Female age 7. Jane S. SYFRETT, Female age 4,

was listed in the household of Henry J.M., Male age 47, and Mary, Female age 46, GRIMES. William SYFRETT, Male age 10, and Ann SYFRETT, Female age 5, were listed in the household of George, Male age 62, and Sarah, Female age 40, Aaron Mynam (? spelling) SYFRETT, Female age 28, was listed in the household of Wm. SMOKE, Sr., Male age 67) and Elizabeth SMOKE, Female age 66.

Anna Phyllis SYFRETT CALKINS of the Texas group of SYFRETTs supplied the following information on the Alexander (1810-1857) and Harriett (1811-1876) SYFRETT Family: Jane SYFRETT born 7 December 1835 (I believe she is the Jane of the GRIMES household of the 1850 census - therefore, born 1845). Andrew J. SYFRETT (my great grandfather) born 21 July 1840, died 1925 (married Elizabeth PATRICK and Janie MORRELL). Cebron Wade SYFRETT born 10 April 1842, died 10 November 1918 (married Margaret HAIGLER). Rachel SYFRETT born 28 March 1844 (married Brantley WANNAMAKER). Obediah J. SYFRETT born 16 Febraury 1848. Jasper Alexander SYFRETT (Phyllis' grandfather) born 23 November 1849, died 14 February 1950 in Lubbock, Texas (married Mary Ann Martina BURDETT and had 10 children). Mary SYFRETT born 5 October (married a JENKINS). Newton C. SYFRETT born 3 April 1852 (married his first cousin Martha A. SYFRETT). Harriett SYFRETT born 12 March 1856.

Andrew, Cebron, and Obediah SYFRETT served in the Civil War. Obediah, Jasper, and Newton SYFRETT went to Texas while Andrew settled at Rowesville, Orangeburg County, S.C. and Cebron at St. Matthews, Calhoun County, S.C. Andrew is buried in the New Hope Cemetary at Rowesville while Cebron is buried at the Jericho Methodist Church Cemetary at Cameron, Calhoun County, S.C.

The Civil War files in the South Carolina Archives Collection contain the following from South Carolina: William A. SYFRET (Greenville), A. J. SYFRETT -, C. W. SYFRETT, and O. J. SYPHRET. From Florida: D. SYFRET, Alfred SYFRETT, Francis SYFRETT, Silas SYFRETT, and Thomas A. SYFRETT.

Andrew J. SYFRETT and Elizabeth PATRICK birthed Walter A. SYFRETT (1866-1917) who married Agnes SMOAK and Sally GRIFFIN; Jane SYFRETT (1867- ?) who married William Herring - son Joseph HERRING; Naomi SYFRETT (1875-?) who married Marion Pressley DEAN - sons Jasper William DEAN (married Corrine MILLS), Wade Hampton DEAN (married Hannah Missouri CRAVEN), Joseph Henry DEAN (married Margie Lee EASTERLING) and daughter Minnie Elizabeth DEAN (married Orrin Thomas JUDY); Fannie M. SYFRETT (1883-1945) who married Charlie Edward Thomas - daughter Mary Louise THOMAS (married Thomas Ralph HATCHELL and John ELSEY). Andrew J. SYFRETT and Janie MORRELL birthed Derinde SYFRETT (?- ?) who married John Fields - sons Andrew FIELDS, Oscar FIELDS, Ernest FIELDS, daughter Ethel FIELDS WESTBURY; Leila SYFRETT (1907 - living) who married James Percey MILLS - sons Ernest Lee MILLS and James Thomas MILLS; Marie SYFRETT (? - 1934) who married Callie EADES - sons Harry EADES and Lawrence EADES; Georgia Lee SYFRETT (? - ?) who married Henry LUCAS - sons Billy LUCAS, Beverly LUCAS, Chris LUCAS, and daughter Brenda LUCAS ROGERS; and Paul Lever SYFRETT (1914-living) who married Sadie Kinsey GARTMAN - daughter Margaret Louise SYFRETT ROSKOPH.

Cebron Wade SYFRETT and Margaret HAIGLER has no children. His will mentions - in addition to his brothers and sisters - nephews G. J. KING and Walter A. KING of Marquetz, Texas, and niece Cleo HOLMAN of St. Matthews. His will also left \$1,000 to Summerland College to establish the "C.W. Syfrett Scholarship". Summerland College was established by the Lutheran Church about 1909 between Leesville and Batesburg, S.C. and was merged with Newberry College in 1926.

Rachel SYFRETT and Brantley WANNAMAKER had two daughters - Mary and Hattie. Rachel and Hattie (along with Newton WANNAMAKER) are mentioned in Cebron's will.

Newton C. SYFRETT - according to Texas information - married his first cousin (Matt) Martha A. SYFRETT (daughter of Jacob E.B. SYFRETT). They lived in Marquez, Texas, where he died after they bore a son and a daughter. The story is told that Newton and Matt "got mad at each other & lived together for many years and didn't speak. They talked to each other through the children or anyone else present."

Jane SYFRETT lived with the Henry GRIMES Family. In the 1870 census there was living next door to the GRIMES Family a Jane who had married Ceasar RUMP and there was a two year old daughter named Jane M.

Obediah J. SYFRETT - according to Texas information - married and bore one daughter and she bore two daughters. They lived in Marquez, Leon County, Texas where he had several hundred acres of land but "used wire for his shoe laces because they would last longer."

Jasper Alexander SYFRETT settled first in Marquez, Leon County, Texas, at the age of 24. He moved a number of times and received the bulk of Cebron's estate upon his death. Jasper and his wife Mary Ann had the following children: Beulah Leora SYFRETT (1874-1966) married Earl BOTTS; Ella Leola SYFRETT (1876-1943) married Henry GRAU; Zillah Mineva SYFRETT (1878-1973) married Bob GRAHAM and Reuben HARKEY; Julia Mabel SYFRETT (1880-1964) married Bill CURRY and Charlie ALEXANDER; Roy Weldon SYFRETT (1883-1968) married Lizzie SCOTT; Horace Jasper SYFRETT (1886- ?) married Emily SCOTT; Ida SYFRETT (1888-1917) never married; Benjamin Eddley SYFRETT (1890-1936) married Lillian ? ; Arthur Lee SYFRETT (1892-1964) married Hettie Jane O'NEAL (children Rosalie SYFRETT WEED and Anna Phyllis SYFRETT CALKINS); Ollie Milla SYFRETT (1895-1972) married Orlin MABEN.

Walter A. SYFRETT (1866-1917) married Agnes SMOAK. A number of children were born to them but George Andrew SYFRETT born 7 April 1888, died 12 April 1937 was the only child to reach school age. In 1916 Walter married Sara Louise (SALLY) GRIFFIN of Colleton County and to this union was born Willie Walter SYFRETT born 31 January 1917 died 23 February 1960. After Walter's death Sally married Henry Sullivan BOLEN and had Willie's name changed to "BOLEN".

George Andrew SYFRETT married Leticia Rebecca Martha DANTZLER born 23 November 1888 died 28 June 1976. Eight children were born to this union. These were Fulton W. SYFRETT (18 January 1913-3 May 1913); Louise Elzadie SYFRETT (31 October 1914-) married Grover Steven STROBLE; Robert Elee SYFRETT (2 October 1916) married Alice Elizabeth GILLIAM; Carl Edward SYFRETT (22 November 1918) married Flora ? and Betty Ann HERNDON; Julius Eugene SYFRETT (12 October 1921) married Lillian ALBERTA; Harold Walter SYFRETT (2 November 1923) married Evelyn Marie TAYLOR; Wilbur Charlie SYFRETT (4 February 1926) married Emma Jane BOWERS and Frances Elizabeth BOWEN; Andrew Jasper SYFRETT (12 April 1930) married Margaret GARTRELL.