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The Archivist
Hauptstaatsarchiv
Stuttgart
West Germany

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are foul copies of papers that purport to trace the lineage of my ancestor Johann Jacob Platz who was granted a 400-acre tract of land in South Carolina in 1753 in the name of Jacob Platz.

I will be traveling in West Germany in May of 1985, and wish to visit some of the towns or villages listed as places of birth or burial of my ancestors. I would appreciate any information you can send me concerning the locations of these place names and any sources of information on these family names:

FAMILY NAMES	PLACE NAMES
Bitt	bat Bad Wimpfen
Eiting/Eitinger	Emmingen
Freyermuth	Gemmingen
Muller	Gultlingen
Platz/Platts	Heilbronn
Rees	Hochdorf
Rentz	Kurtzheimb
Roller	Motzingen
Vetterlin	Pfrondorf
Weber	Schietingen
	Taldheim
	Tappenu
	Treschlingen
	Unter-Jellingen

Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

The below information was taken from Hiers Genealogy. Page 502 & *following pages*

Table of Ancestors of the Platz (~~Platz~~) Family of Emmingen

I. The Immigrating Generation

- 1.a. Maria Barbara Platz; b 11 Nov. 1734, at Emmingen
- b. Christina Platz; b 6 April 1737, at Emmingen
- c. Anna Maria Platz; b 4 March 1739, Emmingen
- d. Johann Jacob Platz ; b about 1740, not in Emmingen
- e. Johannes Platz, b about 1742, not in Emmingen
- f. Johann Christopher, b about 1746, not in Emmingen
- g. Maria Magdalena , b 23 April 1747, at Emmingen
- h. Martin Platz, b 12 Nov. 1749, at Emmingen

II. Parents

2. Johann Jacob Platz, b 26 Jan. 1705, in Schietingen. In 1732 he was recorded as a farm-servant in Emmingen, later as a day-laborer. In 1751 he emigrated "into the new World" (America), m at Emmingen, 7 Oct. 1732 to
3. Christiana Rentz, b Emmingen, 27 Feb. 1710

III. Grandparents

4. Johann Jacob Platz, rekemaker at Hochdorf and Schietingen, b at Hochdorf, 24 Nov. 1673, d there, 13 Dec. 1708, m to (date and place unknown).
5. Anna Barbara Freyermuth, called Tabackweib (tobacco woman) b at Treschlingen near Heilbronn, 24 May 1669, d at Hochdorf, 29 Dec. 1726 (in her death record it is said she was the daughter of a parson in the country owned by the lords of Gemmingen (age 57 yrs. 7 mo. 5 days)).
6. Jacob Rentz (called Jung Jacob Rentz, i.e. Young Jacob Rentz), citizen and day-laborer in Emmingen, b 14 April 1682, at Emmingen, d 24 April 1746, also at Emmingen, m at same place, 27 Oct. 1704 to
7. Christine Roller, b at Pfrondorf, 8 Nov. 1677, d Aug. 4, 1743.

IV. Great-Grandparents:

8. Bartholomaeus (Barthe) Platz (or ~~Bisatz~~), called "Gessenbartle"; inhabitant and day-laborer at Hochdorf, b there 22 Aug. 1635. d there 17 Mar. 1716, m (1) at Hochdorf, 3 May 1655 to Christina, daughter of Hans Weber of Schietingen; she died at Hochdorf 7 Aug 1669 He m (2) at Hochdorf, 31 Jan. 1670
9. Barbara Bitt; died at Hochdorf, 15 Apr. 1704.
10. The Honorable and Well-born Herr Johann Andreas Freyermuth, for over 14 years pastor at Tappenau and Treschklingen; bat Bad Wimpfen, 5 June 1630; d at Treschklingen 29 July 1670; m 14 April 1657 to

11. Margarethe Vetterlin; b about 1632; d at Treschklingen, 18 Dec. 1676, m (2) 19 July 1674, at Treschklingen, Christoph Meppelin, Mayor of the Village of Treschklingen.
12. Martin Rentz, called in the records, "Alt Martin" (Old Martin) Rentz, citizen and farmer at Emmingen, b 21 May 1655, d 14 Nov. 1726, m (1) at Emmingen, 25 Feb. 1677, to Barbara (b at Gultlingen 14 Nov. 1654, d at Emmingen, 4 July 1679) daughter of Hans Muller, joiner at Gultlingen He m (2) 8 June 1680 at Emmingen
13. Anna Maria Eiting, b in Unter-Jettingen, 29 July 1658, d 27 Ja. 1747.
14. Hans Roller, citizen in Pfrondorf
15. Catharina _____.

V. Great-Great-Grandparents.

166. Dwig Platz, inhabitant and member of the local law-court in Hochdorf, d 26 July 1665. m (2) at Hochdorf, 31 Oct 1654, Agnes, widow of Gallus Rees in Schietingen.
17. Maria _____ (1st. wife) died at Hochdorf, 6 Feb 1654.
18. Caspar Bitt, citizen in "Kurtzheimb .earner landlins" (this is garbled) in Switzerland, d in 1670.
19. Wife is unknown
20. Andreas Freyermuth, citizen and knife-smith in the Free Imperial town of Wimpffen (today known as ~~Wimpffen~~ Bad Wimpfen)
21. Dortehea Muller, b in Talheim
22. George Vetterlin, hunter and forester at Wimpffen
23. Wife unknown.
24. Michel Rentz, d in Emmingen, 7 Sept 1675. m at Emmingen, 1651 to
25. Catharina _____ buried at Emmingen 21 April, 1705
26. Jacob Eiting (Eitinger), citizen and member of the local law-court in Unter-Jettingen, he was described as son of Jacob Eitinger of Unter-Jettingen and 44 years old in the Hauptstaatsarchiv at Stuttgart, A 298 WLE 23 Bondmen's Book 1657.
27. Wife unknown
- 28-31- These ancestors are unknown.

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The Family of Bartholomaus Platz:

Bartholomaus (nickname: Barthle)(or Blatz, called commonly "Gessenbarthle") (note by M. Rubincam: I don't know what "Gessen" means- can't find anything comparable to it in my German dictionaries) was an inhabitant and day-laborer at Hochdorf. He was born on 22 August 1635 as son of Ludwig Platz, member of the local law-court at Hochdorf. Ludwig Platz was twice married, firstly in 1628 to Maria (died at Hochdorf, 6 Feb. 1654, aged 50. And secondly, on 31 Oct. 1654, at Hochdorf, to Agnes, widow of Gallus Rees of Schietingen. Bartholomaus was son of the first wife.

The records show that on 17 March 1716, Old Barthle Blatz commonly called "Gessenbarthle," after he had gone over land with rakes on ~~the~~ the previous Monday and "come back in a brandy-drunkenness", as he used to do, fell into a water ditch in the Grindtal (a valley). He was able to draw himself out. He was found dead the following Wednesday and was buried the same day. (All this information is contained in his death record.)

Bartholomaus or Barthle Platz married (1) at Hochdorf, 3 May 1655, to Christina, daughter of the deceased Hans Weber of Schietingen. She died 7 August 1669, aged 38. On January 31, 1670, he married (2) at Hochdorf, Barbara, daughter of the deceased Caspar Bitt, a citizen of "Kurtzheimb. earner landlins" (this name seems to be garbled) in Switzerland. Barbara died on April 15, 1704 at Hochdorf.

Bartholomaus Platz had issue by his first wife, all born at Hochdorf;

1. Martin, b 9 Nov. 1655, marksman by occupation, d at Hochdorf 23 August, 1714, m Barbara - , d 22 Ja. 1722 at Hochdorf.
2. Ludwig, b 2 Jan. 1658, d 24 Ja. 1658.
3. Ludwig, b 10 Dec. 1658, d 11 Dec. 1658.
4. Maria, b 10 May 1660.
5. Anna, b 27 Ja.n. 1663, d 13 Feb. 1663.
6. Anna, b 29 Feb. 1664.
7. Catharina, b 29 April 1667

By his second wife, Barbara Bitt, Bartholomaus Platz had issue

8. Christina. b 19 Nov. 1670
- Barbara, b 14 Dec. 1671
10. HANS JACOB, b 24 Nov. 1673; see below
11. Ludwig, b 14 Mar. 1676, d 17 Dec. 1679
12. Christina, b 1 Jan. 1679, d 26 Sept. 1738 at Motzingen
13. Magdalena, b 11 Dec. 1682
14. Agatha, b 13 Jan. 1684, d young

Hans (or (Johann) Jacob Platz, son of Bartholomaus by his second wife, Barbara Bitt, was born at Hochdorf, 24 November 1673, and died there December 13, 1708. He was a rakemaker by occupation at Hochdorf and Schietingen. He married at a date and place not yet found, to Anna Barbara Freyermuth, who was born at Treschklingen near Heilbronn, 24 May 1669, and died at Hochdorf, 29 Dec. 1726. She was a Tabackweib (tobacco woman- probably ran a tobacco shop at Hochdorf).

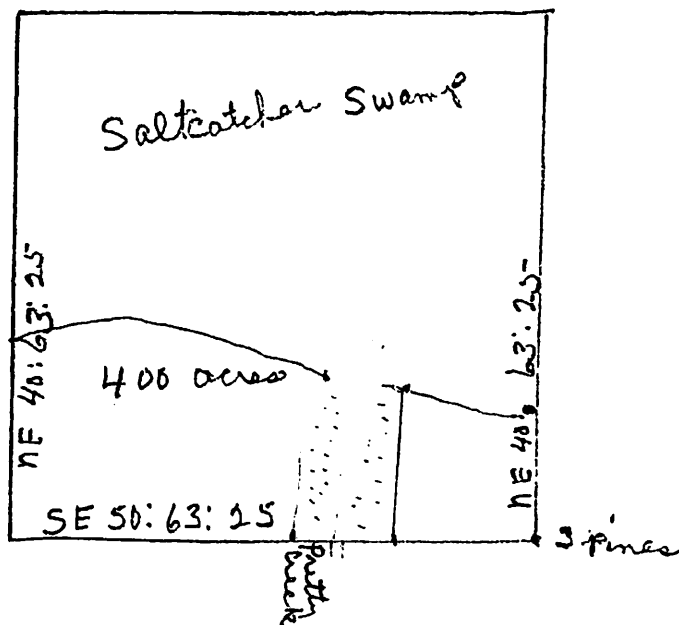
Platz Plat - Description

South Carolina

Pursuant to a Precept from George Hunter Esqr. S Gen dated the 23d day of March 1753 I have admeasured and laid out unto Jacob Plats (Platz, Platts) a tract of four hundred acres of land in Granville County butting and bounding to the east on vacant lands, to the south on vacant lands, to the West and North on vacant Lands and hath such form and marks as are represented by the below delineated platt thereof Certified this 30th. day of March AD 1753. James McPherson DS Reference: Colonial Plats Vol. 5, S.C. Archives.

Note: that the Platz survey was made early in the day, and shows vacant land on all sides. Dated on the same day were two adjoining plats for (1) Christian Pour 400 acres, and (2) Henry Ulmer 350 acres. The original of these plats can be found in the S.C. State Archives. U.S. Geological Survey map shows Pretty Creek on south side of Saltcatcher, about 5 miles SE of Ulmer, S.C.

(This is just a rough sketch and copy of Plat found in Hiers Genealogy.)



Johann Jacob Platz, son of Hans Jacob and Barbara (Freyermuth) Platz, was born on 26 Jan. 1705, in Schietingen. On 7 Oct. 1732, he married at Emmingen, Christina Rentz, b 27 Feb. 1710, at Emmingen, daughter of Jacob Rentz, citizen and fisherman of Emmingen, by his wife, Christina Roller. With their children they emigrated to America in 1751. Their issue:

1. Maria Barbara, b 11 Nov. 1734, at Enningen.
2. Christina, b 6 April 1737, at Emmingen
3. Anna Maria, b 4 March 1739, at Emmingen
- ④ 4. Johann Jacob, (no birth record found at Emmingen) *about 1741*
5. Johannes, apparently not born at Emmingen for same reason *about 1743*
- 6.6. Johann Christopher, not born at Emminger - *about 1745*
7. Maria Magdalena, b 23 April 1747 at Emminger
8. Martin, b 12 Nov. 1749 at Emmingen.

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Note: We apologize to Mr Rubincam for errors by ~~printers~~ printers who did not punctuate his work exactly as he did in the Meyer (Hiers) Rentz and Platz(Platts) families in Germany. We believe, however, that you will correctly understand his work.

Note: The ages of these children do not agree exactly with the ages given in his request for land as outlined in the Council Journal of South Carolina, Jan. 8, 1752. It will also be noted that his two youngest children were apparently too young for a grant.

JOHN JACOB PLATZ, IMMIGRANT

John Jacob Platts, German immigrant to South Carolina, was born Jan. 26, 1705 at Schietingen, Germany, and married at Emmingen on Oct. 7, 1732 to Christina Rentz, born at Emmingen Feb 27, 1710, and immigrated to South Carolina with their eight children in 1751. No attempt has been made to trace his descendents in South Carolina, except for his fourth child, John Platz, whose will follows:

Reference- S.C. Archives
Barnwell County Wills
Vol. 1, Book A. ppl-2.

Will of John Platts

In the name of God Amen I John Platts being weak in body but ⁱⁿ perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last Will and testament and desire that it may be received as such. First I Bequeath my soul to God my Maker humble beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it. Secondly I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken ~~as~~ as

for burial I hope it may be done decently and in order whenever it may please the lord to call me hence at the discretion of my Dear Wife and executors hereafter Named, as to my worldly estate I give unto my son a tract of lands the youngest excepted, containing five hundred acres which land to be equally divided between them as they come of age I give unto my dear loving wife the plantation where I now live during her widowhood containing two hundred acres and after her decease or widowhood to fall to my youngest son as for the rest of my property such as Negroes horses cattle hogssheep and Household furniture together with my working tools to be divided between my wife sons, daughters, in the following manner that is to say I Will that my wife shall have during her natural life an equal part and during her widowhood her choice of one negro and I will that daughters shall have two shares and my son one of the above mentioned property land except and for my wife to continue on the plantation where I now live and the care and benefit of the property with the consent and direction of my executor to rear and support my children and during her widowhood or until my youngest child comes of age and whenever ~~and during~~ either, then for a devise to be made or should any of my sons and daughters ~~may~~ marry then for them to take their share or part and should any of my sons or daughters decease without lawful Issue then for their part to devolve amongst the rest of my children or their heirs and should any of my sons incline to dispose of their lands I will that they shall sell to their surviving Brothers and should any of my Daughters incline to live single and chuse to live on the place where I now live that they shall have it for their home and place of abode during their life and after my wife decease then for their part to be equally divided between my sons and daughters or their lawful heir and lastly I do constitute and appoint my wife Sophia and my Trusty friend John Hire and Jacob Harter executors hoping they will faithfully comply with this My last Will and Testament given under my hand this sixth day of November 1799 Signed Sealed in presence of P.S. should my wife marry then I will that my executors take unto their care and charge the rest of my children and their Property.

John Platts

George Kope
 Fredereck Brant
 Jacob Koup

Recorded in Will Book "A" page 242, pasted in front of index
 Recorded fifteenth day of March 1816 --Orsamus D. Allen, Esq. Ordinary
 Barnwell District

Original Will not in Probate Judge's files

According to Deed Book J pp, 327, 328, 329 in Barnwell Courthouse his estate was settled as follows:

Know all men by these present that we John Platts, David Platts, John ^A All, and Elizabeth his wife; Henry Brant and Caterenah his wife, ~~HEM~~ John Coone & George Harter & Margaret his wife, all of Barnwell District, S.C., Michael Kinard and Miley his wife of Lexington District, S.C., Abraham Hiers and Nancy his wife of the Colleton District, S.C., George Howard & Christenah his wife of the state of Georgey for \$720. paid by George Platts of Barnwell District S.C. all that plantation or tract of land containing 300 acres situated in the state and district aforesaid, one tract of two hundred acours lying on hog Branch including the old plantation, and one hundred acours lying on Pretty Creek, both waters of Great Saltcatcher, being originally granted to John Platts decdased and descending to us the said John Platts, Daniel Platts, Christenah Harter and Caterenah Brant as the leaguel heirs of the said John Platts, deceased. Dec. 26, 1816

Witness:

John Jenny
George Moles
Mar. 25, 1817

Signed:

(George Howard
(Christner X Howard
John Coone
(Michael X Kinard
(Miley X Kinard
John Platts
(George Harter
(Margaret X Harter
(Adam All
(Elizabeth All
(Abraham X Hire
(Nancy X Hire
David Platts
(Henry Brant
(Cathernal Brant