



Orangeburgh Genealogical Society

First Families of Orangeburgh District (SC)

SNELL

(Schnell)

First Family Biographies

The Heinrich Schnell Family

FIRST GENERATION

1. Heinrich Schnell was born in Germany about 1685. *[See Research Note A.]* He was a resident of Ingweiller, a village near (now a part of) Homburg. He married (1) Barbara Wär^[1] about 1716. She was born about 1684 and died 31 Jan 1756 aged about 72 years in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.^[2] He married (2) Catharina _____ by 27 Feb 1757.^[3] She died 3 May 1758 "in child bed" and was buried in the Church yard of Orangeburgh on 5 May 1758.^[4] Heinrich Schnell died before 25 Feb 1763.^[5]

On 10 Oct 1735 George Haig certified a plat for 350 acres of land and town lot #50 for Henry Shnell.^[6] The grant was issued on 17 Sep 1736.^[7] Henry Snell and wife Barbara later sold this land to son Adam Snell.^[8]

On 13 Oct 1737 George Haig certified a plat for 350 acres of land on Bull Swamp for Henry Snell. G. Hunter certified the plat again on 8 Nov 1743^[9] and the grant was issued on 11 Nov 1743.^[10]

Henry Snell, Sr. signed his will 5 Aug 1760. In his will he named his four sons "Elias, Barnett, Henry & Adam" and his daughter "Catherine". The will was proved 25 Feb 1763 and Adam Snell qualified as executor.^[11]

Children of Heinrich Schnell and Barbara Wär were:

- +2. a. Elias Schnell, born 1718-19 in Germany, died 11 Apr 1759 in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
- +3. b. Johan Heinrich Schnell, born 19 Feb 1721 in Ingweiler, Germany, died in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.

- +4. c. Johan Adam Schnell, born 19 May 1724 in Ingweiler, Germany, died in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
- +5. d. Bernhard/Barnet Schnell, born in Germany, died in May 1782 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Child of Heinrich Schnell and Catharina _____ was:

- 6. e. Anna Catharina, born May 1758, baptized 18 Jun 1758 in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.^[12]

SECOND GENERATION

- 2. Elias Schnell was born 1718-1719 in Germany and died 11 Apr 1759 aged "almost 40 years" in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.^[13] He married (1) Anna Barbara Meyer, daughter of Johannes Meyer, on 31 Jan 1738. He married (2) Mary Catharina Frichtman before 1750.^[14]

On 5 Jun 1739 Elias Snell petitioned for 100 acres of land in Orangeburgh Township "having Sworn to his family Right".^[15]

On 6 Dec 1740 George Haig certified a plat for 100 acres in Orangeburgh Township and Town Lot #246 for Elias Snell.^[16] The grant was issued on 11 Nov 1743.^[17]

Child of Elias Schnell and Anna Barbara Meyer was:

- 7. a. Mary Magdalena Schnell, probably born before 1744, confirmed "Easterday 1758".^[18]

Children of Elias Schnell and Mary Catharina Frichtman were:

- 8. b. Elizabeth Barbara Snell, born 10 May 1753, baptized 10 Jun 1753 in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.^[19]
- 9. c. Ann Margaret Snell, born 13 Aug 1754, baptized 1 Sep 1754^[20] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina, died 26 August 1755 "aged 1 yrs 12 days" and was buried in the Church yard of Orangeburgh.^[21]
- 10. d. John Schnell, born 10 Jul 1756, baptized 1 Aug 1756 in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.^[22]
- 3. Johan Heinrich Schnell was born 19 Feb 1721 in Ingweiler and baptized 23 Feb 1721 in Homburg, Germany. *[See Research Note B]*^[23] He married Juliana Schrader? about 1754 *[See Research Note C]*. He died in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.

Juliana Shrader petitioned for 50 acres of land on 23 Feb 1753 stating that she was free of any demand as to freight.^[24] Peter Faure, pursuant to a precept dated 23 Feb 1753, certified a plat for

50 acres of land on Edisto River opposite Orangeburgh Township for Julian Schrader on 22 Feb 1754.^[25]

Ephraim Mitchell surveyed 100 acres of land in Orangeburgh Township for Henry Snell on 11 May 1770.^[26] The grant was issued on 27 Nov 1770^[27] and a memorial was recorded on 7 Jan 1771.

Mordicai McFarland surveyed 400 acres of land on Bull Swamp for Henry Snell on 5 Nov 1772.^[28] The grant was issued on 19 Nov 1772^[29] and a memorial was recorded on 24 Mar 1773.

Children of Johan Heinrich Schnell and Juliana Schrader? were:

11. a. John Peter Snell, born 24 Jun 1755, baptized 20 Jul 1755^[30] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
 12. b. Catharina Snell, born 2 Feb 1757, baptized 27 Feb 1757^[31] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
 - +13. c. John Frederick Snell, born 23 Sep 1759, baptized 18 Nov 1759^[32] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
 14. d. Regina Snell, baptized 28 Nov 1764^[33] in St. John Lutheran Church, Charleston, South Carolina.
4. Johan Adam Schnell was born 19 May 1724 in Ingweiler and baptized 21 May 1724 in Homburg, Germany [note b].³⁴ He died in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina. He married (1) Margaret Yutsy about 1746. She died "in child bed" 15 Mar 1757 aged about 26 years.^[35] He married (2) Ann Margaret _____ by 18 Jun 1758.^[36]

Alexius Mador Forster surveyed 200 acres "on the waters of Edisto River" for Adam Snell on 8 Dec 1766.^[37] The grant was issued on 1 Jun 1767^[38] and a memorial was recorded on 14 Aug 1767.

Thomas Sabb surveyed 200 acres in Amelia Township on a "branch of Four Holes" for Adam Snell on 15 Feb 1771.^[39] A memorial was recorded on 27 Jun 1771.

On 17 Jan 1772 Adam Snell recorded a memorial for two tracts of land in Four Holes Swamp including one for 400 acres summarizing a chain of title to a grant to Hans Ulrick Tentzler and another for 200 acres summarizing a chain of title to a grant to Jacob Hungerbealer.^[40]

Lewis Linder surveyed 200 acres of land in Berkeley County for Adam Snell on 8 Sep 1772.^[41] The grant was issued on 20 Oct 1772^[42] and a memorial was recorded on 21 Dec 1772.

The first Provincial Congress of South Carolina met in Charleston in January 1775 and appointed Mr. Adam Snell to the "Committee for effectively carrying into execution the Continental association" representing St. Matthews Parish.^[43] Adam Snell was a member of the Grand Jury which made an "ADDRESS and DECLARATION" to the Chief Justice of South Carolina which

stated in part "... the excellent Constitution lately established among us ... we are determined with our Lives and Fortunes to support, maintain and defend it.".[44]

Children of Johan Adam Schnell and Margaret Yutsy were:

15. a. Catharina Magdalena Schnell, baptized 14 Apr 1747^[45] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
16. b. Elizabeth Snell, born 10 Mar 1750, baptized 17 Jun 1750^[46] and died 15 Jan 1760 " aged almost 10 years"^[47] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
17. c. Johannes Snell, born 28 Mar 1752, baptized 21 Jun 1752^[48] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
18. d. Johan Adam Snell, born 24 Aug 1754, baptized 22 Sep 1754^[49] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
19. e. Magdalene Snell, born 10 Feb 1757, baptized 7 Mar 1757^{50]} in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.

Children of Johan Adam Schnell and Ann Margaret _____ were:

20. f. Sarah Snell, born 16 Jul 1758, baptized 27 Aug 1758^[51] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina. She married (1) John Felder (1751 – ca. 1781), (2) John Ragin. *[See Research Note D]*^[52]
 21. g. Jacob Snell, born 21 Sep 1759, baptized 18 Nov 1759^[53] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
5. Bernhard/Barnet Schnell was born in Germany and died about 16 May 1782. He married Susannah Elizabeth Shuler in Orangeburgh Township before 1750.^[54]

On 24 Jan 1738/39 the South Carolina Council Journal recorded a "Certificate of Major Mote in favor of Bernard Snell" stating that he was "out of service" and prayed for a half-years provisions and money.^[55] Out of service usually meant the person had completed the indenture required to pay for his transport from Europe. Three years was the usual term of service.

Barnard Snell was a Tory and died a refugee in Charleston. On 18 May 1782, James Donaldson, a coffin maker of 90 Tradd Street, Charleston, provided a coffin for refugee Barnet Snell of Ninety Six District.^[56] *[See Research Note E]*

Ann Snell, a daughter of Bernhard, married Adam Fralick who was a loyalist during the Revolution and was a Captain in the Little River Militia, Ninety Six Brigade (British). His land was subsequently confiscated, and he moved to Nova Scotia.

Children of Bernhard Schnell and Susannah Elizabeth Shuler were:

- 22. a. Margaret Shnell born 15 May 1751, baptized 3 Nov 1751^[57] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
- 23. b. Christian Snell, born 20 Dec 1752, baptized 25 Feb 1753^[58] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
- 24. c. Elizabeth Snell, born ___ 175___, baptized 30 Mar 1755^[59] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
- 25. d. Magdalene Snell, born 16 Sep 1757, baptized 20 Nov 1757^[60] in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.
- 26. e. Ann Snell married Adam Fralick.^[61]

Adam Fralick, a loyalist during the Revolution, was a Captain in the Little River Militia, Ninety Six Brigade (British). His land was subsequently confiscated and he moved to Nova Scotia.^[62]

- 27. f. George Snell. Moved to Nova Scotia after Revolutionary War.^[63]

George, Daniel, and David Snell were listed as land grantees in Nova Scotia with Daniel and David each being listed as an "orphan lad".^[64]

- 28. g. Daniel Snell. Moved to Nova Scotia after Revolutionary War.^[65]

- 29. h. David Snell. Moved to Nova Scotia after Revolutionary War.^[66]

THIRD GENERATION

- 13. John Frederick Snell was born 23 Sep 1759 and baptized 18 Nov 1759 in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina. he married Elizabeth Ott, born 22 Apr 1760 *[See Research Note F]*, on 22 Apr 1782.^[67]

"Elizabeth Ott my wife Frederick Snell was born April 22, 1760 Married April the 22 1782"

Children of Frederick Snell and Elizabeth Ott were:

- 28. a. Rachel Snell, born 20 Nov 1782, married 1) Joseph Fersner on 23 Feb 1804^[68], married 2) William Austin 13 Jul 1826. Rachel died 27 Dec 1827.
- 29. b. Henry Snell, born 6 Nov 1785.^[69]
- 30. c. Dorothy Snell, born 16 Feb 1787, married 1) Henry Huber 21 Jul 1803, 2) David Gaffney, born 14 Jun 1795, on 8 Aug 1817.^[70]
- 31. d. Elizabeth Snell, born 16 Jan 1789.^[71]

32. e. William Snell, born 16 Feb 1792.^[72]
33. f. David Snell, born 14 Apr 1793.^[73]
34. g. Rebecka Snell, born 14 Apr 1795, married Thomas Jehu Hudson 16 Mar 1820.^[74]
35. h. Martha Snell, born 20 Nov 1799.^[75]

RESEARCH NOTES

- A. The card catalog of St. Michael's Church in Homburg Germany mentions a Jean Henry Schnel, born 12 Sep 1691 in Kirkel (a village about 4 miles southwest of Homburg) to Gregorie Schnel and Marie Aignel but there is nothing to show that this is our Heinrich Schnell.^[76]
- B. These records have been microfilmed but the copy quality for this time period is very bad. The cited records are identifiable by form in the microfilm but are illegible.^[77]
- C. Juliana is an unusual name in early Orangeburgh. The referenced Juliana Schrader, in the right place at the right time, is the only Juliana found besides the wife of Henry Snell, Jr.
- D. On 27 Dec John Ragin applied to the court of Camden District to be administrator of the goods and chattel of John Felder as next of kin, being the husband of John Felder's widow.
- E. Charleston was under British control from 12 May 1780 to 14 Dec 1782.
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Family Migration

During the early and mid-Nineteenth century many descendants of the early Orangeburgh area families migrated to Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana and other points west. The information we have provided about a family's migration to another state is an attempt to document those migrations in order to assist family researchers in connecting their ancestors back to Orangeburgh or account for missing branches of their families.

Some members from the SNELL family migrated to Canada. See Orangeburgh Migrations Project for more information about them.

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