



Orangeburgh Genealogical Society

First Families of Orangeburgh District (SC)

PARLER

First Family Biography

Four Parler brothers, Shadrach, James, William and Meshek, arrived in America prior to 1750. They were part of a large contingent of Scotch-English emigrants from Northern Ireland who settled in Augusta County, Virginia. Meshek died intestate in Lancaster County, Virginia in 1750. Shadrach is mentioned in Virginia records as late as 1754. Shadrach and William appear to have joined the pre-war migrations south and moved to South Carolina about 1760.^[1] James Parler stayed in Virginia and was a Private in the Revolutionary War. He was granted a bounty land plat of 200 acres in Virginia on June 23, 1783.^[2]

The Shadrach Parler Family

FIRST GENERATION

1. Shadrach PARLER was born about 1728 in the United Kingdom and died about 1785 in South Carolina. He married Susannah _____.

Shadrach emigrated from the UK via Northern Ireland in 1750 with his three brothers. Initially settling in Virginia, he moved to South Carolina after 1760.^[3]

Shadrack Parlour received a grant for 197 acres of land in Frederick County, Virginia on 5 April 1760.^[4]

Shadrack Parlor petitioned for a warrant of survey for 200 acres of land on 3 Sep 1771.^[5]

William Gist surveyed 200 acres on Little Browns Creek, Broad River, Craven County for Shadrack Parlor on 26 Nov 1771.^[6]

Shadrack Parler's name appeared on the Defaulting Jurors List, November Circuit dated 16 May 1775.^[7]

Shadrach served in the Revolutionary War alternately under Capt. Joshua Palmer, Capt. Benjamin Jolly and Col. Brandon, during 1779, 1780, 1781. He was taken prisoner by the British and died in

confinement.^[8] Susannah Parler was paid 8:15, as widow of Shadrach Parler, held prisoner by the enemy and died in confinement.^[9]

Children of Shadrach Parler and Susannah _____ were:

2. a. Meshek PARLER was born about 1762.^[10]

Meshieh Parler was listed as a head of household in the 1790 census. His household included 1 male over 16, 1 male under 16, 5 females and 7 slaves. (notionally himself, wife, 1 son and 4 daughters).^[11]

Meshek Parler was one of the signatories to "The Presentments of the Grand Jurors for the District of Orangeburgh November Term 1792".^[12]

- +3. b. Abednigo PARLER was born in 1769 and died 29 Nov 1811

- +4. c. Shadrach PARLER, was born about 1775 and died 1830-1840.^[13]

SECOND GENERATION

3. Abednigo PARLER was born in South Carolina in 1769. He died in Nov 1811 and was buried 29 Nov 1811, aged 42 years, by Rev. Franklow, St. Matthews Lutheran Church.^[14]

Joseph Palmer surveyed 425 acres on the south side of the Santee River, Orangeburgh District for Abednigo Parler on 9 Feb 1785.^[15]

Abednigo Parler was listed as a head of household in the 1790 census next to the household of John Parler. His household included 1 male over 16, 3 males under 16, 3 females and 9 slaves (notionally himself, wife, 3 sons and 2 daughters).^[16]

John Tatum surveyed 1,000 acres on Poplar Creek, Orangeburgh District for Abednigo Parler on 6 Aug 1803.^[17]

Children of Abednigo Parler and unknown were:

2. a. unknown PARLER married Eliza _____.

6. b. Daniel PARLER was born about 1781 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina and died in 1828 in South Carolina.

7. c. Samuel PARLER was born about 1800 in South Carolina and died in South Carolina. He married Sophie HARE in 1821 in South Carolina.

8. d. Rachell Anne PARLER was baptized 12 Mar 1809 in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church^[18] and died in 1840 in South Carolina. She married Aaron Way in December 1825. He was born 11 Mar 1800 and died 31 Mar 1841.^[19]

9. e. Anne PARLER was baptized 10 Aug 1811 in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.^[20]

4. Shadrach PARLER was born in 1775 in South Carolina and died 1830 - 1840 in South Carolina. He married Rebecca LITTLE (daughter of John LITTLE) in South Carolina.

Children of Shadrach Parler and Rebecca Little were:

10. a. Catherine A. PARLER died in 1836. She married Allen Blackledge SMITH (son of John SMITH and Susanna TILLEY) 7 July 1836.
11. b. John Little PARLER was born on 12 Nov 1809 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina and died 26 May 1874 in South Carolina. He was baptized 6 Aug 1810 in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.^[21]
12. c. Shadrach B. PARLER was born 11 May 1812 in South Carolina and died 15 March 1887. He married Mary Elizabeth [Anne?] SHIRER (daughter of John W. SHIRER and Ann CARR)^[21] Nov 1839 in South Carolina. She was born 5 Mar 1823 in South Carolina and died 15 Dec 1902 in South Carolina,. Both are buried in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Ellore, South Carolina.^[22, 23]
13. d. William Daniel PARLER was born 4 Sep 1828 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He died on 3 Oct 1865 in Columbia County, Arkansas. He married Amarintah "Mary" SNIDER (daughter of William Jacob "Jake" SNIDER and Mary "Polly" TILL) before 1855 in South Carolina.

The William Parler Family

FIRST GENERATION

1. William PARLER I, one of four Parler brothers who arrived in America prior to 1750, was born in the United Kingdom. He emigrated from the UK via Northern Ireland in 1750 with his three brothers. Initially settling in Virginia, he moved to South Carolina about 1760.^[24] It is assumed that he died before 1790 in South Carolina as his son John Parler appears as head of the Parler family in the First Census of 1790.

William Parler (Parker, Porfer) age 23 appears in the roster of Col. Thompson's Regiment of Rangers in 1775.^[25, 26]

William's service in the Revolutionary War included three months as a quartermaster under Gen. Sumter and three hundred thirty days as a farrier under Col. Gusset.^[27, 28]

Thomas Platt, surveyed 200 acres on Popler Branch, Orangeburgh District for William Parler on 20 Jan 1786.^[29]

James Rainey surveyed 768 acres on Poplar Branch, Orangeburgh District for William Parler on 3 Apr 1788.^[30]

James Rainey surveyed 998 acres on a branch of Poplar Branch, Orangeburgh District for William Parler on 3 Apr 1788.^[31]

James Rainey surveyed 256 acres on Poplar Creek, Orangeburgh District for William Parler on 27 Sep 1790.^[32]

Children of William Parler and unknown were:

- +2. a. John PARLER was born about 1750 in Virginia and died in South Carolina.
- +3. b. William PARLER was born about 1753 in Virginia and died before 1820 in Charleston, South Carolina.

SECOND GENERATION

- 2. John PARLER was born about 1750 in Virginia and died.

John Parler served one month in the Revolutionary War as a cattle driver.^[33, 34]

John Parler was listed as a head of household in the 1790 census next to the household of Abednigo Parler. His household included 2 males over 16, 2 females and 7 slaves.^[35]

Children of John Parler and unknown were:

- +4. a. John PARLER was born in 1775 in Orangeburg, Orangeburg County, South Carolina and died in 1825 in South Carolina. He married Elizabeth LITTELL before 1812 in South Carolina.
- 2. William PARLER was born about 1747 in Virginia and died in 1815 in Charleston, South Carolina. He married Mary Maria Chaplin of St. Helena Parish 9 April 1811. (See Reference Note A).^[36, 37]

Dennis Gilmore surveyed 144 acres on Fates Branch, St. Matthews Parish, Orangeburgh District for William Parler on 22 May 1812.^[38]

Children of William Parler and Mary Maria _____ were:

- 5. a. Milton PARLER, born 1 January 1812 in South Carolina.^[39]

Milton Parler was admitted to the Charleston Orphan House on 13 April 1820 by his mother Mary Maria Parler. He was indentured to John Connor as a saddler on 20 October 1825. The indenture expired 1 January 1833 (his 21st birthday).^[40]

- 6. b. Harriet A. PARLER, born 1 October 1813 in Charleston South Carolina^[41] and died 12 June 1901 in Columbia, South Carolina. She married Rev. Edwin Abiel Bolles, Jr. on 25 March 1836 in Charleston, South Carolina. He was born 10 March 1812 in Charleston, South Carolina and died 22 December 1893 in Columbia, South Carolina. Both are buried in Ebenezer Lutheran Church Cemetery, Columbia, South Carolina.^[42]

Harriet Parler was admitted to the Charleston Orphan House on 13 April 1820 by her mother Mary Maria Parler. She was indentured to Martha Harvey as a domestic on 17 October 1822. The indenture was transferred to her mother on 3 April 1823. The indentures expired 1 October 1831 (her 18th birthday).^[43]

THIRD GENERATION

4. John PARLER was born in 1775 in Orangeburg, Orangeburg County, South Carolina and died in 1825 in South Carolina. He married Elizabeth LITTELL before 1812 in South Carolina. She was born on 8 February 1793 (from gravestone) in South Carolina and died 10 Oct 1861 in South Carolina. She is buried in the Target United Methodist Church Cemetery, Holly Hill, South Carolina.^[44]

John Parler was Elizabeth's second marriage. She married first _____ JONES and third John AVINGER. Elizabeth was living with James Aquilla PARLER in 1860 Census.

Children of John Parler and Elizabeth Littell were:

7. a. James Aquilla PARLER was born 25 Jun 1812 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina and died 7 Jun 1871 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He married Sarah Jane NORRIS before 1825 in South Carolina. She was born 1 February 1817 in South Carolina and died 30 June 1870 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. Both are buried in Antioch Cemetery near Santee, South Carolina.
8. b. Capt. Arnold Edward PARLER was born 5 December 1818 in St. Matthews Parish, South Carolina and died 31 December 1895 in Colleton County, South Carolina. He married Sarah Catherine THOMPSON (daughter of George THOMPSON and Margaret DANTZLER) 26 November 1840 in South Carolina. She was born on 16 Dec 1825 in Providence Community, Orangeburg County, South Carolina and died on 16 Oct 1873 in Colleton County, South Carolina. Both are buried in Saint George UDC Cemetery, Dorchester County, South Carolina.^[45]
9. c. John Quincy PARLER was born 26 November 1820 in South Carolina and died 26 October 1882 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He married Barbara Jane WHITMORE (daughter of Joshua WHITMORE I and Jane CURTICE) in 1842 in South Carolina. She was born 21 June 1823 in South Carolina and died 8 December 1898 in South Carolina. Both are buried in Antioch Cemetery, near Santee, South Carolina.^[46]

RESEARCH NOTES:

- A. The note on the admission of Harriet Parler to the Charleston Orphan House states that the father was a coachmaker, name unknown. However, later the parents of both Milton and Harriet are given as William and Mary Maria Parler.

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Family Migration

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Some members of the PARLER family migrated to Arkansas. See the Orangeburgh Migrations Project for more information about them.

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