

THE STALL FAMILY: A DNA SUCCESS STORY

Germany to Transylvania to Rhode Island to South
Carolina
in DNA

LYNN SHULER'S STALL LINEAGE

William Stall
b. 1739
d. 14 Aug 1808, Rhode Island
m.

Thomas Davis Stall
b. 23 Dec 1770, Newport, RI
d. 1 Feb 1848, Rose Hill, Old Dorchester, SC
m. 26 Jan 1797

William James Stall
b. 18 Apr 1807, Rose Hill, Old Dorchester, SC
d. 1886, Stallville, SC
m. 3 Nov 1833, Charleston, SC

Lawrence Charles Stall
b. 4 Mar 1853, Stallville, SC
d. 15 Nov 1905, Stallville, SC
m. Nov 1885, Stallville, SC

Katherine Louise Stall
b. 10 Apr 1898, Stallville, SC
d. 9 Dec 1982, Charleston, SC

Ewart Arnold Shuler Jr.
b. 27 Jan 1922, Elloree, SC
d. 18 Sep 1984, Columbia, SC
m. 18 Jul 1947, Charleston, SC

Tommie Lynn Shuler
b. 20 Jun 1948, Orangeburg, SC
d.

Thomas David Stall and wife Sarah Mary Rose were the founding generation of the Stall family in SC.

Descendants married into the Shuler, Murphy, Berry and other families of Orangeburg as well as Huguenot and German families of Charleston and the family of Revolutionary War hero Isaac Hayne.

STALLS IN RHODE ISLAND

- We know the parents of Thomas Davis Stall. He was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on 23 Dec 1770, to William Stall and Elizabeth [Davis] Stall.
- Attempts to trace the origin of this William Stall through documentary evidence have not been successful to date.



WILLIAM STALL

- William Stall [Stahl] was born in about 1739 or 1740. Family tradition is that he was either Dutch or German.
- He settled in Newport, Rhode Island, where he was a carriage maker.

A STALL QUERY

A genealogical query was published in the *Newport Mercury* on 7 Mar 1903, submitted by George Allen Dary. It states that on 5 Dec 1765 William Stall married Elizabeth Davis, a daughter of Thomas Davis of Rhode Island.

“379-5. Peckham, Stall, Davis. James Greene Peckham married at Newport 1803, Sept. 9, Elizabeth Stall, daughter of William and Elizabeth [Davis] Stall of Newport. William Stall and Elizabeth Davis were married at Newport 1765, 5 Dec. – I should be grateful for any information relating to the ancestors of James Greene Peckham, William Stall, and Elizabeth Davis. The latter is reputed to be the granddaughter of Sir Thomas Davis, Lord Mayor of London, 1797. – G. A. D. “

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH STALL

- Mary [Davis] Stall, born Newport, Rhode Island, on 37 Dec 1767.
- William Stall, born 1769, Newport, Rhode Island, died March 1835 in Massachusetts (documented in Baptist Church records)
- Thomas Davis Stall, born Newport, Rhode Island, on 23 Dec 1770.
- Isaac B. Stall, b. 1781, Newport, RI; identified in records as "General Isaac Stall."
- Elizabeth Stall, born Newport, Rhode Island

WILLIAM STALL IN RECORDS

- William and Elizabeth Stall's first child, Mary, was born 27 Dec 1767.
- The Stall family was apparently Baptist; definitely documented in the second generation.
- William Stall was described as a chair or chaise maker in Newport RI in 1784.
- On 30 Jun 1798 William Stall, probably WS II, submitted a bill for repairs of a chaise to Mr. George Palmer of Taunton, Massachusetts.
- William Stall appears in the 1790 and 1800 federal census in Newport, RI.
- He died 4 Aug 1808 in Newport, Rhode Island.

THOMAS DAVIS STALL

Thomas Davis Stall, son of William Stall, married Sarah Mary Rose, daughter of John Rose of Dorchester, SC, on 26 Jan 1797. The service was led by the minister of the Independent (Circular) Church at Charleston: “Thursday January 26 1797 Married Thomas Stoll & Sarah Mary Rose at Dorchester.” He was a carriage maker, and a member of the Orange Masonic Lodge, Charleston, South Carolina.

Webber, Mabel L., ed. Jan 1932. Register of the Independent Congregational (Circular) Church of Charleston, South Carolina 1784-1815. *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*. Vol. 33(1): 34.



HIS FATHER-IN-LAW JOHN ROSE

- His father-in-law John Rose was a remarkably well-educated plantation owner
- Musician
- Church deacon
- Artist, his most famous painting, which went from an Orangeburg descendant's estate to the Williamsburg Foundation, The Old Plantation
- Probably from the Rose family of Kilravock



AN EDUCATED AND SUCCESSFUL CARRIAGE-MAKER

- Tradition and the evidence of the will of John Rose point toward Thomas Davis Stall having been reasonably well educated. He is reported to have been close to his remarkably father-in-law, and in the will of John Rose was left many books (some quite dense theological treatises) and artworks.
- Throughout the lifetime of Thomas Davis Stall the family is said to have returned to Newport, Rhode Island, in summer and then back to Dorchester County, SC, for the remainder of the year.

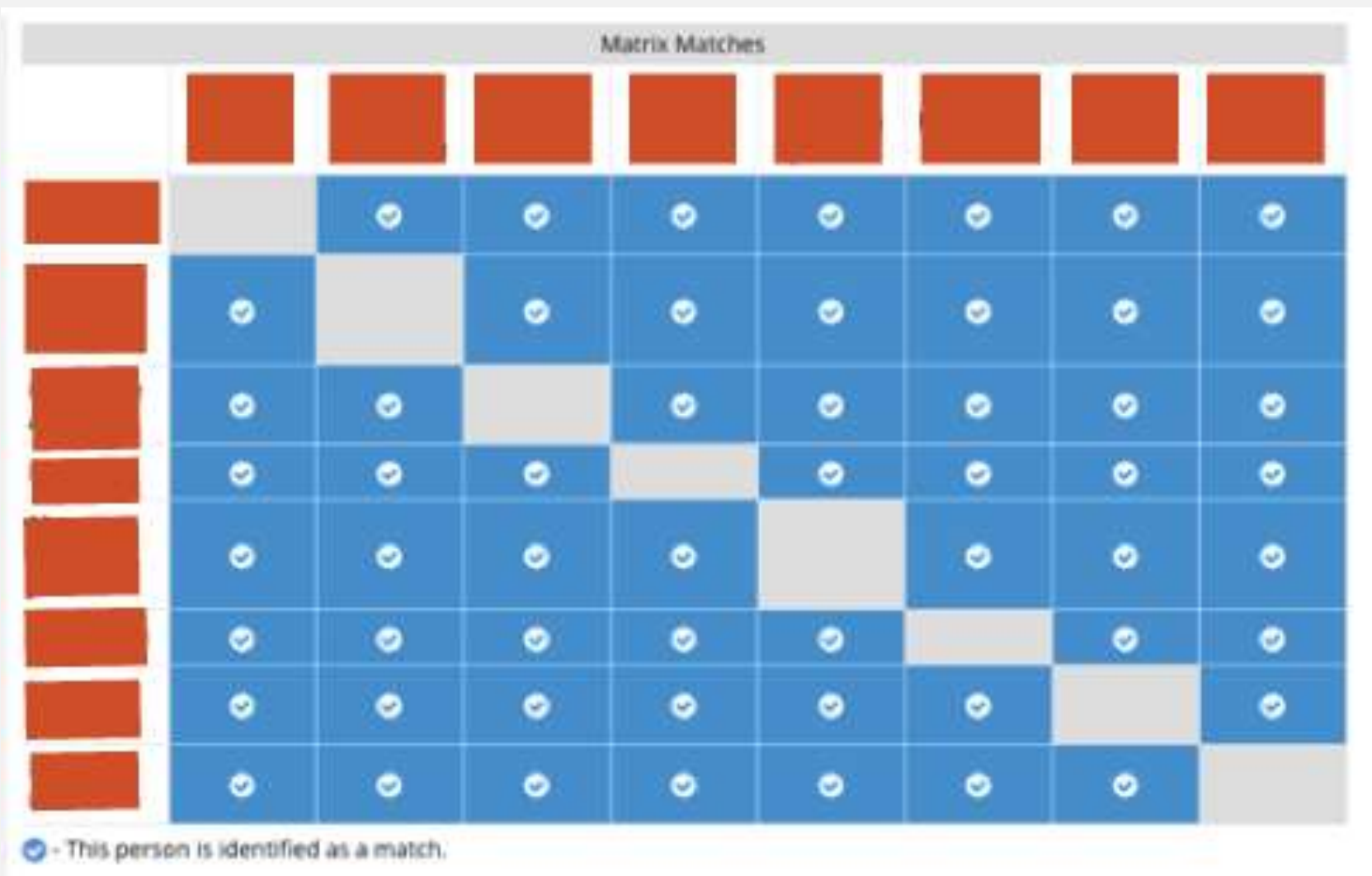
THE DNA EVIDENCE

We have no yDNA evidence to firmly tie the William Stall line to a European lineage.

However, we have autosomal or recombinant DNA evidence.

- We began with two documented Thomas Davis Stall and Sarah Mary Rose Stall descendants in South Carolina, one tested at Family Tree DNA and another at 23andMe, whose match with me is one the same chromosome segment.

NUMEROUS
TEST SUBJECTS
ARE IN
COMMON
WITH THE
DOCUMENTED
STALL-ROSE
DESCENDANT
AT FTDNA AND
WITH ONE
ANOTHER



Note: 2nd individual on chromosome segment chart was tested at 23andMe, so we have no data on commonality with ftdna tested persons

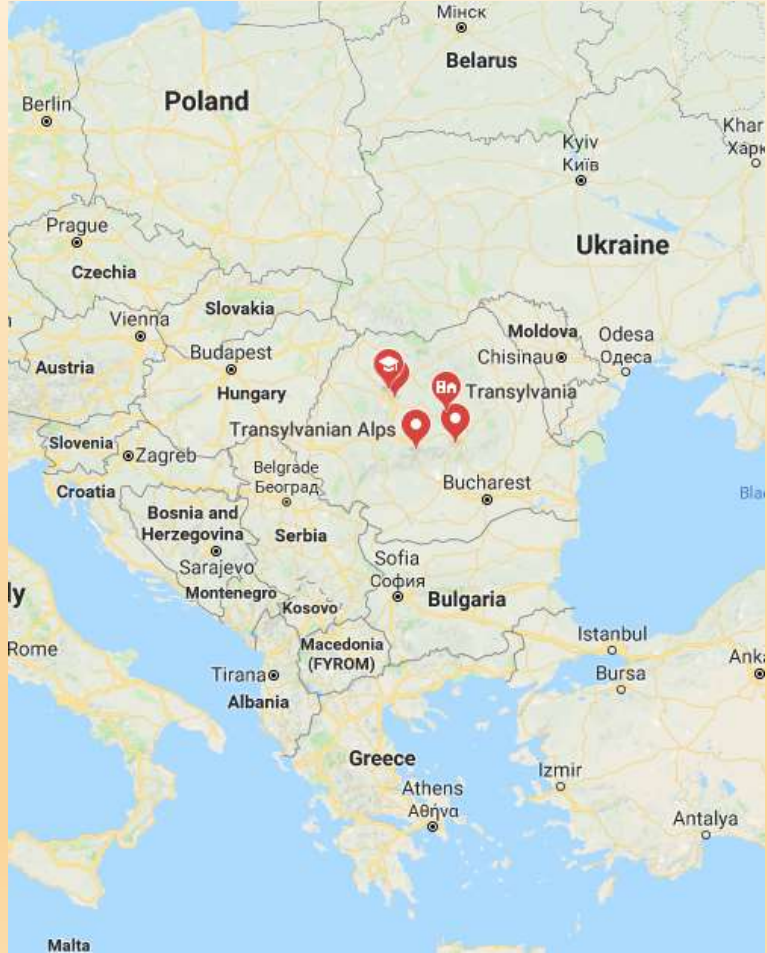
MATCHES IN COMMON WITH STALL-ROSE DESCENDANTS

The origins of these matches in common with the descendant tested at Family Tree DNA include:

- a Scandinavian
- Germans: Prussian and Hanoverian
- A descendant of an individual born in Alwinz, Transylvania, and died Wischenka, Russia

The first point to note: although any atDNA segment includes paternal and maternal DNA, these matches clearly originate with Thomas Davis Stall, and not with his wife of Scottish ancestry.

BUT REALLY! TRANSYLVANIA?



THE DNA MATCHES

Listed Ancestors	Ch	Start	End	cM	Relation
Thomas Davis Stall	13	62,194,088	85,007,695	20.74	2 nd -4 th
Thomas Davis Stall	13	63,000,000	88,000,000	21.60	2 nd -4 th
Swedish and Danish ancestry	13	63,138,089	72,061,810	9.75	5 th -remote
Hanover, Germany	13	63,138,089	71,824,009	9.55	5 th -remote
Johann Stahl, b. Hutterite colony of Alwinz, Transylvania, d. 18 Sep 1788 Hutterite colony of Wischenka, Russia through Darius Johann Stahl b 17 May 1796 Wischenka, Russia, died 29 Jul 1874, Lincoln, Nebraska; also lists Janzen, Reimer and Penner (Mennonite surnames)	13	63,138,089	71,267,457	8.52	5 th -remote
Janzen and Voth, Prussian Hutterites	13	63,749,599	71,564,063	8.79	5 th -remote
Stahl, NE Germany and Hutterite in Transylvania, Russia, US and Canada	13	63,749,599	71,267,457	8.34	5 th -remote
Schulz, Cabel in Prussia	13	64,157,755	71,267,457	8.23	5 th -remote
Decker, Prussian Hutterite family	13	63749599	71267457	8.34	5 th -remote

WHO ARE THE HUTTERITES?

- Hutterites are re members of an Anabaptist religion that evolved as an outgrowth of the Protestant reformation of the early 1500's. They are neither Catholic nor Protestant. They found themselves branded as heretics and persecuted by both the Catholics (who burned them at the stake) and by the Protestants (who decapitated them).
- The Hutterites originated in the Reformed tradition begun by Ulrich Zwingli in Zurich, Switzerland. A subgroup became committed to adult baptism and became known as Anabaptists. They were and are pacifists.
- Some of these Anabaptists of German-speaking origin came together as a small communal group in Moravia (today the eastern Czech Republic) in 1528. Jakob Hutter is first mentioned in Austerlitz in 1529; in 1536 he was burned at the stake in Innsbruck.

THE HUTTERITES RISE AND FALL

- By 1621 there were 102 communities with a total population of 20,000 to 30,000. Members of the community were assigned crafts in support of the community. They were known for their superior doctors and for founding the first kindergartens, 270 years before the first in Germany.
- The Golden Period ended with the start of the Turkish War, fought against the Holy Roman Empire. Turks frequently raided Hutterite colonies. (One Stahl captured by the Turks is said to have founded a family in NE Turkey.) The Thirty Years War followed quickly, from 1618 until 1648. Most were eventually forced into Catholicism.
- However, in 1621 the Prince of Transylvania invited the Hutterites to found a Bruderhof, there. Almost a thousand ultimately moved to Alwinz. However, by 1762 Maria Theresa was determined to root out Anabaptists. Only 19 Anabaptists remained steadfast, among them Joseph Kuhr and Johann Stahl, both of whom were deported to Poland. They moved to Wallachia, and were driven out again. The remaining Hutterites, including the Johann Stahl family, moved on to the

HUTTERITE FAMILIES

- Stahl: “Old” Hutterite families may again be subdivided into those (a) who lived in [Transylvania](#) ([Alvinc](#)) ever since 1621, and from there moved to the [Ukraine](#) 1767-1770, and (b) those from [Slovakia](#) (mainly [Sobotište](#)) who joined the brotherhood only after the 1780s. From Transylvania come the Stahl and the Wipf families. A Stahl is mentioned in the small *Chronik* as early as 1663 when he was killed by the Turks”
- Decker: Hutterites of Mennonite origin: contacts with the Mennonites of [East Prussia](#) began around 1780-1781. Today four families exist of that Mennonite extraction: Decker or Dekker (in 1782, one Els Deckerin joined with her children), Entz (no further information), Gross (joined the Vyshenka group in 1781), and Knels (like Els Deckerin, also one Liset Knelsin with two children, joined the brotherhood in 1782, *Klein-Geschichtsbuch*, 369)
- Janzen and Voth: also documented Hutterite families.

HUTTERITE STAHL'S DOCUMENTED IN THE MID-1700'S

- **Johann Stahl...b 1725 Alwinz....d 18.9.1788 Wischenka...m before 1752 in Alwinz a ceramic potter from Alwinz and missionary of the Hutterite Church
wife: Judith Glait...b 1727 Alwinz...d 16.12.1781 Wischenka**
- **Andreas Stahl...b 1730...d 18.1.1801 Wischenka...m 1760 circa Sabatisch a farmer from Sabatisch, Slovakia...supposedly a brother of Johann Stahl (S1)
wife: Hester**
- Johann Stahl...b 1753 Alwinz....d 20.3.1810 Raditchewa...m 8.11.1775 Wischenka....S1
wife: Barbara Waldner...b 1756 Rumes...d 15.4.1782 Wischenka...S1
second wife: Gretel Wollman....m 9.3.1785 Wischenka...Wo2
children of Johann Stahl and Barbara Waldner
- Heinrich Stahl...b 1761 Alwinz...d 30.3.1795 Wischenka...m 7.12.1780 Wischenka...S1
wife: Barbara Glanzer...b 15.5.1763 Stein...d 19.8.1813 Raditchewa...G4
child of Heinrich Stahl and Barbara Glanzer
- Benjamin Stahl...b 1763 Alwinz...d 10.8.1794 Wischenka...m 1.1.1787 Wischenka...S1
wife: Barbel Pullman....P2

STAHL TO STALL

- In the same generation:
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SO IN CONCLUSION . . .

- In 1762 Hutterites were brutally driven out of their Bruderhof at Alwinz, Transylvania, by Maria Theresa. Johann Stahl was a leader of the community that survived and founded the new Bruderhof in the Ukraine.
- William Stall appeared in Rhode Island and married there in 1765.
- If Johannes and William were brothers, their descendants of my generation would be 6th cousins.
- DNA places a direct descendant of Hutterite colony leader Johannes Stahl as my “5th-remote” cousin, and identifies multiple other documented Hutterite relatives of about the same relationship.
- It is reasonable to conclude that William Stall was the younger brother of Hutterite Johann Stahl. Rather than move to the Ukraine, he moved to Rhode Island, where he used his skills as a carriage maker and chair maker to support a new family, among them son Thomas Davis Stall.