



Orangeburgh Genealogical Society

First Families of Orangeburgh District (SC)

HUG

(HUG, HOOK)

First Family Biography

FIRST GENERATION

1. PETER HUG was born September 26, 1696, in Aarmuhle in the Swiss Canton of Bern.¹ He married Magdalen Balmer on December 3, 1723, in Gsteig, Canton Bern². She was born December 1697 in Weiler (now Gsteigwiler), Canton Bern,³ died December 3, 1756, in Orangeburg Township, South Carolina.⁴ Peter died on November 8, 1750, in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.⁵

Peter & his family became very involved in the early Orangeburgh church. He witnessed at least five marriages and served as baptismal sponsor for 6 children prior to his death.⁶ On October 17, 1735, George Haig certified a plat for 200 acres of land and town lot #275 for Peter Hock.⁷

Children of Peter Hug and Magdalen Balmer were:

- +2. b. BARBARA HUG/HOOK was born in Aarmuhle and baptized on December 3, 1724 in Gsteig⁸ and died March 17, 1758, in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina.⁹
3. c. PETER HUG was born July 1727 in Aarmuhle,¹⁰ died before June 1729 when the next son, also named Peter, was baptized.
- +4. d. PETER HUG/HOOK was born June 1729 in Aarmuhle,¹¹ died before 1766 in Orangeburgh District, South Carolina.¹²
5. e. HEINRICH HUG was born May 1733 in Aarmuhle¹³ died before July 1735, possibly on the voyage to South Carolina.¹⁴
- +6. f. ANNA HUG/HOOK was born November 12, 1739 in Orangeburgh Township,¹⁵ died after 1756 in South Carolina.¹⁶

SECOND GENERATION

2. BARBARA HUG was born in Aarmhule and baptized on December 3, 1724, in Gsteig, died March 17, 1758, in Orangeburgh Township. Barbara married John Ulrich Giessendanner circa 1741 in Orangeburgh Township.
4. PETER HUG born June 1729 in Aarmuhle, died before 1766 in Orangeburg District, South Carolina. He apparently lived long enough to have a son, John, who became the heir of his grandparents.
6. ANNA HUG born November 12, 1739, in Orangeburgh Township, died after 1756 in South Carolina.

RESEARCH NOTE

The Hug surname began evolving to Hook during Peter's lifetime as noted in some of the record citations. His descendants used the Hook surname.

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Family Migration

During the early and mid-Nineteenth century many Orangeburgh area families migrated to Alabama, Georgia, 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 accounting for missing branches of their families.

At this time, we have no record of descendants with this surname having migrated to other states. If you have updated information, please share your documents with the Orangeburgh Genealogical Society.

Please help maintain, correct and expand these pages. Send comments, corrections, updates and additions to: migrations@ogsgs.org

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