

## GENERATION SEVEN

LEWIS HALL  
(circa 1720-1796)

SAMUEL SELLERS AND ZILPHA

JOHN JOHNSON

LEWIS: son of Isaac Hall and Judith Green

SAMUEL and ZILPHA: parents unknown

JOHN: parents unknown

Lewis Hall was born in Southwark Parish, Surry County, Virginia about 1720. He was the son of Isaac Hall and Judith Green. He and his brothers, George, William, and Isaac, Jr. were named as heirs in their father's will which is dated December 20, 1728, and recorded August 19, 1730 in the same location. The name of his wife is unknown, however two of his sons (Lewis, Jr. and Enoch) had daughters named Priscilla indicating this may have been their own mother's name. Although the chronological order of his children is somewhat sketchy, ancestors following the line of his son Lewis, Jr. find that this son was born in 1753. Other children of Lewis Hall, Sr. were Mary b. 1751: married Richard Gilmore and lived in Bladen and Robeson Counties, N. C.; Instance (little recorded); Enoch (born 1754, married Ann "Nancy" Jackson around 4-29-1775 in Bladen County. Enoch died in 1815 and is buried in Tattnall Co., Georgia near Glennville. Another son is Thomas, d. o. b. unknown, died 1811 in Tattnall County also. May have married Rachel Goff.

N.C. deed records indicate that Lewis Hall received land and bought and sold land in Bladen County until Robeson County was formed in 1787. It is not noted when this family moved to Georgia, however, they operated Halls' Ferry across Drowning Creek (now Lumber River in Robeson County) which was a noted landmark in that time. Bladen County Courthouse has been burned about three times. It is amazing that so much HAS been retained. A

record of a "Deed of Gift" for Richard and William Gilmore, children of Mary Hall Gilmore, has somehow survived, as well as many land transactions from 1791 to 1796 among the Halls. Lewis probably died before 1797, when his sons, and probably the Gilmore family moved to Montgomery County after it was formed from Washington County, Ga. Lewis Hall is probably buried in the present area of Lumberton, N. C.

We believe that William, brother of Lewis (and son of Isaac) also came into NC, living Duplin County. William also owned land in Robeson County which he deeded to Instance Hall (son of Lewis Sr.), John Hall and Abraham Hall and he indicated that they had been former residents of Duplin County. The excellent report passed on to us by James W. Petty, genealogist, says the Halls of Robeson County were part of the family of Lewis Hall, Sr. and the Halls of Duplin County were in the William Hall family. Now, what happened to George and Isaac, Jr....the other brothers of William and Lewis? No record is found of George Hall selling his Surry County property left to him by his father Isaac. He may have died before reaching maturity. Mr. Petty indicates that he believes Isaac Hall, Jr.'s family may have moved further west after they left Virginia and may appear in either Tennessee or Kentucky. According to the Bristol Parish Church records in 1788, an Isaac Hall is serving on the vestry. We have no idea who he is.

The 1790 census of Robeson County shows a Susannah Hall. I don't know who she is, but if she is an old lady, I suspect she is a sister of Lewis, Sr. (named for her grandmother, Susannah Grigg Green). Even if she is a granddaughter of Lewis, her name connects to our search for our Green ancestors.

Mr. Petty believes that Lewis Hall, Sr. had at least 8 sons. Besides the ones we have always documented, there could have been an Abraham, Ignatius and a James.....according to records in Montgomery County, Ga. But none of this is pertinent to those who descend from Lewis Hall, Jr.

SAMUEL SELLERS, JR (RS) AND WIFE, ZILPHA

According to the Pioneers of Wiregrass book, Samuel was born in North Carolina and married his cousin Zilpha in Duplin County, May 11, 1767. They had three known children:

John , b. 1770... married Jane Carter  
Samuel III, b. 1775... married Mary Bishop  
Penelope, b. 1777... married John Staten

Samuel served in the NC militia in the Revolutionary War and a few years after the war, he moved to Effingham County, GA. A deed of record in Sampson County, NC shows Samuel Sellars "of Georgia" deeding 300 acres to Nathaniel Merritt on November 9, 1790. Sampson County was cut out of old Duplin County in 1786.

Samuel Sellars, Jr. died in Effingham County. His will, dated August 29, 1794, was probated a few weeks later. By 1806, his widow and children and their families moved to Tattnall County where Zilpha died. The family members remaining moved into Appling County when it was formed soon after 1818.

## JOHN JOHNSON

The information on John comes from Kay Johnson Bohler who compiled a book on this family. She lived/lives at 826 Lake Terrace, Augusta, GA 30904. Kay claims that this is our first Johnson to come to America, that he came about 1754 from Scotland, arrived at Charleston with a wife and two sons. They were John and Matthias/Matthew. Traveling via the Cape Fear River, they settled in North Carolina. It is possible that they had three other sons, Samuel, James and Daniel. We descend from Matthias.