

## GENERATION EIGHT

### ISAAC HALL AND JUDITH GREEN

(circa 1690 or earlier -1730)

Isaac: son of James Hall?

Judith: daughter of Lewis Green and Susannah Grigg???

A lot of information has been published about our grandfather, Isaac Hall. Pioneers of Wiregrass, GA has been the source of almost all of the information his descendants have used, but after a lot of research, I believe his "biography" in Volume 8 of that set of books needs some revision.

Isaac left very few footprints. Research done by professional genealogist James Petty in 1985 certainly indicates through land records that Isaac might have been the oldest son of Instant and Mary Willson Hall of Bristol Parish, Prince George County, VA. His wife seems to have been Judith Green, daughter of the Halls' neighbor, Lewis Green. For a long time, this explanation seemed plausible. However, in early summer of 2004, I received copious notes made by now- deceased Ruby Hall Barwinski, a cousin who lived in Norfolk. Ruby had done extensive research into every possible connection to Isaac Hall, our KNOWN and shared ancestor. AFTER PORING OVER HER NOTES FOR A LONG TIME, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT OUR ISAAC WAS A BROTHER TO INSTANT (I) AND THAT THEY HAD A SISTER NAMED ELIZABETH (HALL) HUDSON. There are a lot of land transactions in which Isaac, Hall Hudson (and HIS wife, Elizabeth) participated . It seems possible that Hall Hudson was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hall) Hudson. On April 10, 1727, Thomas Hudson of Prince George County gives 120 acres (with his wife relinquishing her dower rights) to Hall Hudson. The description of this land is unfamiliar to me, but it may be land left to Elizabeth Hall by James Hall, who we assume to be her father. It is also possible that Isaac Hall and Hall Hudson (uncle and nephew) were not too far apart in age.

The will of Mary Thweatt come in to play here. It was "hidden" in the papers from Ruby Hall Barwinski and no one had evidently noticed its significance. Mary's will gives clues in that she leaves small items to Instant Hall, and JAMES Hall, who she describes as a son of Isaac. Since Mary Thweatt died in 1712, I am guessing that this JAMES Hall was Isaac's son by a previous marriage, (even perhaps to a daughter of Mary Thweatt and her husband James, since first-cousin marriages were not that uncommon) and that Isaac later remarried to Judith Green, who was the mother of the four sons named in his will. Mary, in 1712, was old enough to be a grandmother....therefore putting her date of birth at least 1670. It would help if we knew what Mary Thweatt's maiden name was! What was her relationship to Isaac and Instant? No further trace of the JAMES Hall in Mary's will him has been found.

The Bristol Parish vestry records have many references to the Thweatt and Hudson families, along of course, with Instant Hall and his family. Nothing I have found indicates that our Isaac was connected to this church.....perhaps because he lived in Surry County. Church records of Southwark Parish, Surry County evidently were sent back to England and are lost. Here are the Hall and Elizabeth(who was she?) Hudson children as listed in the Bristol Parish church records: Isaac (!)b. July 1722, baptized 5-5-1723; Mary D. b. date illegible, but baptized 9-12-1724; Joshua b, 9-9-1727; Benjamin b. 1-15-1728, baptized 3-3-1728.

Isaac is mentioned in various property legal records: September 1723, he is named in a grant as living on property bordering John Mitchell, Robert Bolling and Lewis Green. This was in Surry County on the north side of the Nottaway River. Isaac still held his property in Prince George County, as indicated in Prince George County surveys in 1726 where Isaac is shown as holding property along with Hall Hudson, the land being adjacent to Daniel Sturdivant. On October 13, 1727, Isaac received a grant for property on the north side of the Nottaway River and east side of Turkey Cock Swamp bordering the land of Maj. Benjamin Harrison. By the next year, Isaac prepared his will. It was dated December 30, 1729 and recorded August 19,

1730. A very faded and fragile copy of it is in the courthouse in Surry County, VA. In it he leaves his land to four sons, George, William, Isaac, Jr. and Lewis. Evidently, Judith remarried to a Mr. Early (Yearly? Yardley?) and moved to North Carolina. Her sons sold their inherited property in various stages, beginning in 1738...with our grandfather Lewis selling his in 1741. The deeds were co-signed by Judith Early, indicating that the sons had just come of age. Sons William and Lewis also moved to North Carolina by 1740 and in Lewis's case, we find him receiving land grants in that state by 1763. The important conclusion here is that Isaac Hall, (Instant's brother and Shirley Hall Bowers' ancestor) married Judith Green as a second wife. Judith was obviously much younger than Isaac.

Nowhere have I been able to find proof that Judith's maiden name was Green. It seems to be an accepted fact by most researchers that she was the daughter of Lewis Green and Susannah Grigg. The Greens and the Halls were both on the vestry of Bristol Parish Church at the same time and their lands adjoined. The names Lewis and Green both come down through the generations into NC and GA.

Here is the will of Mary Thweatt of Prince George County as found on p. 187 of that county's wills and deeds 1710-1713: All spelling is as shown.

"To my grandson James Thweatt, a young cow, big with calf and a young ewe big with lamb.

To my grandson James Sturdevant, heifer big with calf. The first cow calf to go to JAMES HALL, SON OF ISAAC HALL.

To my grandson Edward Thweet, a cow calf.

To my son James, a four-foot chest and all money he is indebted to me, he paying to James Williams what I am indebted. Also to my son James, 2 sows and a barrow.

To sons James and Henry equally, what money I have due me in England.

To daughter Elizabeth, a cow, with first calf to my grandson William, also to Elizabeth a one gallon iron pott, feather bed, etc.

To daughter Archer, my new Virginia cloth gound and coat.

To my grandson James Parram, a sow.

To grandson Miles Thweet, a sow.

To son James Thweatt, all the meat I have killed, in the house.

To son Henry a sow and the rest of the hogs to him and my son James.

To son Henry, iron pott of 4 gallons, 3 iron hooks, 1 pr tongs, 1 case bottles, 6 gallons cyder and the cask, he paying the cooper for the cask, one powder barrel full of cotton.

To son, John, pr. Stilyards, 90 gal. Cyder, and all the money he is indebted, he paying John Kemp 5 shillings, and I give him my part of great brass kettle.

To daughter, Judith, one still and such part of my wearing that daughter Elizabeth thinks fit.

To daughter Elizabeth, case with viols belonging to it, rest of my bottles, bell mettle mortar and pestle, warming pan, 2 pewter basons, 1 pewter dish, 1 dozen spoons, 2 plates.

To my grandson Matthew Parram, gold ring with a stone in it.

To daughter Elizabeth, two deal boxes full of cotton, one small box of cotton pick.

To son Henry, one couch.

To daughter Mary, pewter dish and 2 plates, 1 smoothing iron, 1 deal box with lock and key.

All the rest of my corn to James Thweatt, he paying to barrels to John Thweatt, 2 to Henry and 2 to John Spaine, Jr. and a bushel of wheat to INSTANT HALL. Rest of my estate to my daughter, Elizabeth.

Executor: John Spain, Jr. 1 Jan. 1712/13

Mary (M) Thweatt

Wit: Jno Kemp, Tho (X) Sands, Eliza (s) Sands recorded 13 Jan 1712/13.

Efforts to trace Mary Thweatt's descendants through Sturdevant, Parram, Spain and even Archer families have yielded no results. Postings and inquiries to the THWEATT family genealogical sites in the web were not answered.

The gist of this is: Isaac Hall is most likely a brother to Instant Hall, and NOT his son. Instant seems to have been the most prominent of the Halls. His is the name that is all over the early records, plus even his nephews

carried his name into Georgia. Shirley Hall Bowers' great-great grandfather in Appling County is named Instance Hall.

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