

RECORD OF THE BONNETT FAMILY

Jacob Bonnett, father of Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar Bonnett, was born in 1783. It is not known whether he was born in Holland or Germany, although it is known that he was German-Dutch, born of pure Dutch parents, and was reared in Germany. He immigrated from Germany to South Carolina at an early date, some time before the American Revolutionary War.

His wife, before her former marriage, was Rachel Ann Baltzegar. She was born in 1783, place not known. She was half Welsh and half Irish. Her first husband was a Mr. Cooper who died early after their marriage, leaving her one son, Peter Cooper, after which she married Jacob Bonnett about the year 1814 in the state of South Carolina.

Jacob Bonnett and his wife, the former Rachel Baltzegar settled there in South Carolina. Their children were: two sons, Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar Bonnett, born May 31, 1815 in South Carolina, and Jacob Moss Bonnett, born about 1820, and one daughter, Mittie Ann Bonnett, born about 1817. All of whom were born in South Carolina.

Jacob Bonnett, with his family, emigrated from South Carolina to Lowndes County Alabama, exact date not known, bought a plantation and settled there, and with the help of his slaves, acquired considerable wealth at this last place he lived.

Peter Cooper, son of Rachel B. Cooper Bonnett and step-son of Jacob Bonnett died unmarried. Their son, Shadrach D.B. Bonnett, served two months in the Creek Indian War in Alabama in 1836 under Col. Gaffney. He was mustered into service May 22 in 1836, and was mustered out of service on July 22 of the same year. For this service he received Federal land warrants about the year of 1848, and a Federal pension from about 1890 until his death which occurred in 1902. He also served as home guard in the Civil War 1861-1865. Their other son, Jacob Moss Bonnett died unmarried.

Shadrach D.B. Bonnett was a successful farmer, a skilled mechanic and a genius in mathematics. For further record of the Bonnett Family, see Record of the Ivey Family.

Mittie Ann Bonnett, the daughter of Jacob Bonnett and his wife, Rachel, married Robert Cannon about the year of 1839 or 1840. They had one child which died in infancy soon after which Mr. Cannon died. A few years later she married Mr. L. Mitchum, only one child, a daughter whose name was Annie, was born to them. Mittie B. Cannon Mitchum died about the year 1870; and her daughter, Annie Mitchum, married Alonzo Vaughan about the year 1870. Both Annie Mitchum Vaughan and her mother lived in Lowndes County, Alabama, probably in the city of Montgomery, and probably died there. The exact dates of their deaths are now forgotten. Shadrach D.B. Bonnett and his sister Mittie Ann and his brother Jacob Moss Bonnett, had three cousins whose names were John Hutto, Martin Hutto, and John Bonnett, all living in Lowndes County, Alabama, and who moved to Louisiana at an early date. They also had an uncle living there whose name was Rock Baltzegar.

Jacob Bonnett, father of Shadrach D.B. Bonnett, died March 11, 1851 in Lowndes Co. Alabama, age 68 years. His wife, Rachel Baltzegar Cooper Bonnett, and mother of Shadrach D.B. Bonnett died August 29, 1840 in Lowndes County Alabama, age 58 years.