

Also sp. Leitner. Christopher Lightner, b. ca 1710 Austria, listed on 1758 Lancaster Co., Pa. tax list, Leacock Township. He with LWT of George Preeler, butcher, Charles Town, S. C., 8/17/1769. Newberry County, South Carolina Historical and Genealogical by Summer:

"Christopher Leitner, born about 1710, died about 1768, married before coming to the Dutch Fork in Newberry County, South Carolina, as a petition for bounty grant of 250 acres on Crims Creek dated October 2, 1752 indicates he had a wife and three children. Another grant for 100 acres on Second Creek made February 12, 1755. March 20, 1762, his son, Michael, signed a bounty grant which shows that his father died between 1762 and 1769. Shares of property were divided between sons, John and Michael; and since there was another child who may have died before that date or others who were daughters already provided for, only the two divided shares were given in the grant."

Issue:

I. John Lightner, b. ca 1735.

II. George Michael Lightner, b. ca 1735, his estate administered on 9/12/1791, Abbeville dist, S. C., his w. Mrs. Maria Beard. He served in Rev. War and made claims in S. C. He was also Justice for Orangeburgh dist. in S. C.; witness to LWT of Jacob Folck in 96th dist. S. C. dtd 7/6/1775, tanner who named his wife, Catherine. Newberry County, South Carolina Historical and Genealogical by Summer:

"Major Michael Leitner, born about 1735 and died 1789-91, married Maria Beard, probably a sister of Colonel Jonas Beard, and had children: John Christian Lightner who died in 1800 and leaving all his property to his sisters who were Anne Marguerette who married George Adam Setzler, Sr.; Mary who married Dr. Henry F. Schmitz; Eve Christina who married John Adam Epting, Jr., second Martin Koone, Sr.; Catherine who married John A. Setzler, Jr.

Major Michael Lightner before the Revolutionary War was a Justice of the Peace; Justice of the Quorum and from 1775 to 1781 a member of the Second Provincial Congress from Upper Orangeburg District. During the war, he was Captain, then Major of Calvary Troops."

Also, from Page 147, same book:

"Mrs. Maria Beard Leitner was born probably Pennsylvania married Major Michael Leitner, son of Christopher. Her husband, having organized one of the scouting companies in the Upper Dutch Fork and being an active fighter against the Tory element, was sought for continuously by the Tories and the English Troops. She was sister or close relative to Colonel Jonas Beard,

another famous American Officer in the Revolutionary War. It was at her home that her husband and brother often met to discuss the war problems and where Major Leitner, with the aid of his wife, wrote a famous address which he delivered to the grandjurors at Jacksboro.... On one occasion, the Tories, having heard Major Leitner was at home, went to his house to capture him; but the rumor was false as he was away on an expedition. The disappointed band of Tories endeavored to make his wife tell where he was, but she did not, even though they punished her severely, beat her, and threatened her life...."

The Lightners, or Leitners, were among the element of Germans who migrated from Pa. to Dutch Fork, Newberry Co., S. C. Issue of George Michael Lightner follows:

1. Anne Marguerette Lightner m. George Adam Setzler, Sr.
2. Mary Lightner m. Dr. Henry F. Schmitz.
3. Eve Christina Lightner m. John Adam Epting, Jr., then 2d Martin Koone, Sr.
4. Catherine Lightner m. John A. Setzler, Jr.
5. George Lightner, b. ca 1750 Lancaster Co., Pa., his LWT dtd 10/28/1812, pvd 1/22/1814 Richland Co., S. C., m. first in Pa., Mary Creighton and had issue: Isaac, Henry and William. He m. 2d, Barbary and had: Jacob, George, Henry, Christian, Mary Sestrunk, Catherine Graddick, Magdalene Graddick and Elizabeth. The Lightners found in Richland Co., S. C. are descendants of George. Issue:
 - a. Isaac Lightner.
 - b. Henry Lightner.
 - c. William Lightner.
 - d. Jacob Lightner, b. 1775, d. 1845, m. Mary Eve Graddick, she being b. ca 1773, d. 1847. His LWT dtd Richland Co., S. C., 6/1835, pvd 6/1845. Issue: David, Daniel, Jacob, Margaret m. Mr. Broom, Christian, Elizabeth, Mary, Nancy and Susannah.
 - e. George Lightner m. widow of Jacob Turnipseed, his LWT dtd 5/25/1832, pvd 6/1832 Richland Co., S. C. Issue: Elias, George, dau. who m. Daniel D. Finley.
 - f. Catherine Lightner m. Mr. Graddick.
 - g. Magdalene Lightner m. Mr. Graddick.
 - h. Mary Lightner m. Mr. Sestrunk.
 - i. Elizabeth Lightner.
 - j. Christian Lightner m. Hester Martin.
6. John Lightner, b. ca 1755 Lancaster Co., Pa., d. after 1800 Fairfield Co., S. C., listed on 1800 Fairfield Co. S. C. census. He d. 1800/1810, his LWT dtd 9/19/1794 Fairfield Co., S. C., naming w., Mary and children: Christian, Philip, Elizabeth, Caty, Mary, Barbary, John, and Michael.

Last son, Michael, b. ca 1780 Newberry Co., S. C., settled in Ga., in Jones Co. 1814, later Emanuel Co. in 1820. He was Capt. in Ga. Militia, Emanuel Co. 1820 to 1821. Issue:

Eli Lightner, b. 1814 Jones Co., Ga. m. 12/3/1835 Jones Co., Miss Lucinda Tucker. He was in Harris Co. 1839-1841, in Muscogee Co. abt 1844, listed 1850 Muscogee Co. Census. Issue: James M., b. 1838 Jones Co. Ga.; Camilla C., b. 1839 Harris Co., Ga.; John N., b. 1841 Harris Co., Ga.; and Martha A., b. 1844 Muscogee Co., Ga.