

Hall County history

Hosch family came from Pennsylvania

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The families by name of Hosch living in Hall and Jackson Counties are descendants of Jacob Hosch who lived in Fairfield County, S.C.

According to family records, as found in Hill-Moberly Connections of Fairfield County, S.C., "Jacob Hosch came to South Carolina from Pennsylvania in 1783. Jacob was the son of Henry Hosch of Pennsylvania; he married Rachel—(?), and died in Fairfield County, S.C. 1819."

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Jacob Hosch left a will recorded Fairfield District, S.C., dated: Sept. 5, 1818. "I, Jacob Housch, of the State and District aforesaid...will and Bequeath in the manner and form following...unto my belived wife Rachel Housch my present dwelling house and plantation with household and kitchen furniture in my present possession to be enjoyed by her during her lifetime and at her death...unto my eldest son Mathew Housch 102 acres of land to be possessed by him, his heirs...unto my youngest son Jacob Housch and my youngest daughter Rachel Housch to be joint heirs in two Negroes..."

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District, S.C. to Georgia after 1819 and before 1823. A deed recorded at the courthouse Monroe, Walton County, Ga. "Aug. 16, 1823. John W. Ragsdale sells to Matthew Hosch for \$400, in Walton County, on Marbury Creek, 200 acres..."

Children of Mathew and Mary Hosch were: John Jacob, Henry, Dorcas Tabitha, Mary, Elizabeth Ellen, Lucinda, Frances Rebecca, William Hill, Susan and John J.

To Georgia

The second son of Mathew and Mary Hill Hosch, Henry, was born in Fairfield District, S.C. Dec. 23, 1813 and died July 7, 1862. He moved with his parents from S.C. to near Jug Tavern, (Winder) Georgia. He married Matilda Camp, Aug. 4, 1837. Matilda was born Oct. 7, 181 and in Jackson County, Ga., Aug. 7, 1893.

Henry Hosch enlisted in the Creek-Seminole War at Monroe, Walton County, Ga., June 10, 1836. Records on file in Washington give the following description: "Five feet, 10 inches tall, blue eyes, dark hair,

dark complexion, farmer, born in S.C. Resided 15 years near Jug Tavern, Ga...Lived near Hoschton 10 years...married Aug. 4, 1837 at near Newnan, Ga. by Hiram Camp, Esq. J.P."

Henry Hosch enlisted in the Confederate Army, January 1861, in the Center Hill Guards. He was promoted to Junior Second Lieutenant Oct. 1, 1861, and died July 7, 1862, Richmond, Va., and was buried there. Later, his son, William Hosch, brought the body home for burial at his plantation, Hoschton, Ga.

Children of Henry Hosch and Matilda Camp Hosch: Mary Ann, Malvin Elizabeth, William G.B., Susannah Francis, Nancy J, John Robert, Henry Andrew, Russell Angel, Lucinda Rosella.

The eldest son of Henry and Matilda Hosch, William G.B., was born Aug. 13, 1845, Jackson County, Ga., and died in Gainesville. He married Angeline Braselton. HOSCHTON and BRASELTON just across the Hall County line in Jackson County, received their names from these two families.

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Children

The children of Jacob and Rachel Hosch were two sons, Mathew and Jacob, and two daughters, Rachel and Ann Cathcart. The descendants of the daughters are untraced. Family tradition states that the son Jacob died at a young age.

The son, Mathew Hosch, was born 1785 and died about 1838 in Walton County, Ga. He married Mary Hill, born 1783, Fairfield District, S.C., and died between the years 1865 and 1870 in Red River County, Tex. Mary Hill Hosch is buried at Shamrock Cemetery, northwest of Clarkesville. Mary Hill was the daughter of William Hill, Jr., and Dorcas Moberly South Carolina.

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