

SOLOMON LOFTIS

Loftis and the Decendants of Laban Loftis

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Solomon Loftis made an application in 1848 for a U. S. pension for his service as a soldier in the American Revolution and in it he stated that he was born in SC in either 1763 or 1764, and that he entered the service as a volunteer in 1782 at Caswell (later called Person) County, NV. He served under Capt. Henry Cobb and Col. O'Neel in the area of Salisbury, NC marching and guarding the Tories....He stated that he married his wife Margaret in NC and then removed to Greenville Co., SC. He gave his Post Office as Tyger, SC. Clergyman John M. Roberts and Charles P. Dill verified his pension application on 20 January 1848. No pension was allowed to him on account that his service was less than six months. After his death, his wife Margaret hired two lawyers to file an application for a pension which was also denied for the same reason. However, he was recognized as having served from 1 October 1814 to 12 March 1815 in the War of 1812 as a Private in Manley Ford's Company, 3rd Regiment, SC Militia (Alston's) commanded by Major William Fields (File AA-1939-B & C).

Lands Bought By Solomon Loftis in Greenville County, SC

George Graham sold 214 acres on Beaverdam Creek of Tyger in 1797 (Book E, p. 43)...Archable Dill sold 50 acres on South Tyger River in 1800 (Book E, p. 438)...William Yarbrough sold 50 acres on S. Tyger River in 1803 (Book G, p. 25)...Benjamin West sold 82 acres on S. Tyger River in 1803...Solomon Dill on 9 May 1811 sold 50 acres on Pax Creek of South Tyger River to Solomon Loftis and witnessed by Elizabeth Loftis (wife of Laban Loftis), Thomas Jackson, Reuben D. Jackson and H. A. Whitehead (Book U, p. 41)...1845 from Jessie Davis 4 acres on Pax Creek (Book V, p. 101). There is also record of a land grant to Solomon Loftis in Guilford (became Rockingham in 1785) County, NC, (Book 3, p. 128).

Lands Sold By Solomon Loftis in Greenville County, SC

On 16 February 1799 sold 111 acres on Beaverdam Creek of S. Tyger River to Archer Holcombe and said lands being an original grant to George Graham in 1797, and by him conveyed to Loftis, witnesses were Aaron Short and David Jackson...Solomon Loftis sold 200 acres for \$300 on 16 March 1843 lands on Pax Mountain and Pax Creek which runs into Tyger River and witnessed by his daughter Purdy Loftis and Joel Youngblood...20 February 1844 he sold this same 200 acres to (his son) Jordan Loftis and same witnesses..1844 he sold 50 acres on Pax Creek of S. Tyger River to (his son) James Loftis... Solomon Loftis in none of his papers nor in his will does he name any children except three unmarried daughters (Phenia, Prudence and Lotty Ann); however, in his will dated 8 January 1847 it states, "a portion equal to that received by their sisters now married." He presumably had 4-5 sons and 10-12 daughters who were already married and had earlier received their portion of the estate prior to probate of his will. The proof is in the deeds to James and Jordan Loftis and the census records. (1800 census shows Solomon Loftis household with 1 male (16-26) & 3 females (under 10); 1810 shows 1 male (under 10), 1 male (10-16), 3 females (under 10) & 3 females (10-16);

1820 shows 2 males (under 10), 1 male (10-16), 1 female (under 10), 3 females (10-16) & 1 female (16-26).

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Married

MARGARET B. DILL

b. 1763/1764

Greenville Dist.

b. 1772, NC

d. 3 August 1849, SC

South Carolina

d.

Children: (*Probable Children)

1. William Loftis (circuit-riding Methodist minister)
2. Andrew Loftis
3. John Loftis
4. Susan (Sucky #1) Loftis, b. 1790. Never married, but did have children. Quite a character, may have been a Loftis widow who continued to use name.
Children: Thompson Loftis Lou Loftis
 Selena A. Loftis Malissa Loftis
 James M. Brock Solomon Loftis
 Francis Asbury Lofits Maggie Loftis
5. Elizabeth Loftis Married Solomon Pittman
Children: Reuben, George Asbury, Harris Emanuel, Hester Ann
6. Sarah Loftis, b. 1798 Married William Barton
Children: Elvira, William, Thomas and Solomon Barton
7. Phenia Loftis, b. 1804, SC (Unmarried as of 8 January 1847)
8. Prudence Loftis, 1806, SC (Unmarried as of 8 January 1847)
9. Charlotte Loftis, 1810, SC (Unmarried as of 8 January 1847)
10. (Solomon) Jordan Loftis Married Nancy Bailey
b. 5 January 1815, SC b. 15 January 1816
d. 22 December 1863 d. 22 June 1897, SC
(Both are buried at Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC)
James David Loftis, b. 1839 Married Maiden Ann Poole
Elvira Loftis, b. 1841 Married Forrester
Laban Lofits, b. 1844
John Loftis, b. 1848
William Lemuel Loftis, b. 1851 Married Lydia Pauline Roberts
Andrew Loftis, b. 1854
Spartin Loftis, b. 1856
Miles Loftis, b. 1859
11. James Loftis Married Margaret Brock
b. 1824 b. 1824
Elizabeth Loftis, b. 1845
Angeline Loftis, b. 1847
Joseph A. Loftis, b. 1848 Married Margaret Elizabeth Hammonds

12. Amanda Loftis Married Ephriam Few
Laurence, b. 1859
Thomas, b. 1864
Ignatius, b. 1866

Descendants of Solomon Loftis

Source: Jearleen Hammonds Brown

- 1 Solomon Loftis b: 1763 Greenville Dist.,SC d: August 03, 1849 Greenville County, SC
.. +Margaret B. Dill b: 1772 NC
 2 James Loftis b: 1824 Greenville County, SC
.... +Margaret Brock b: 1829
.. 3 Elizabeth Loftis b: 1845
.. 3 Angeline Loftis b: 1847
.. 3 Joseph A. Loftis b: December 1848 SC d: SC
..... +Margaret Elizabeth Hammonds b: April 1858 Williamston Anderson County S C
d: January 20, 1941
.... 4 Missouri J. Loftis b: 1875 Anderson Co S. C
.... 4 John E. Loftis b: December 1878 Anderson Co S. C
..... +Fannie Unknown b: 1882
..... 5 Pearl Loftis b: 1906
..... 5 Eula Loftis b: February 1909
.... 4 Robert Lee Loftis b: October 21, 1890 Anderson Co S C d: September 01, 1945
Anderson Co S C
..... +Essie Woods
..... 5 James "Jim" Robert Loftis b: 1927 Anderson Co S . C. d: November 10, 2000
Greenville Memorial Hospital. Greenville County SC
..... +Frances Traynham b: Anderson Co S . C.
..... 6 Marlene Loftis
..... +John Corn
..... 7 Allison Corn
..... 7 Michael Corn
..... +Betsy Unknown
..... 6 Unknown Loftis b: Anderson Co S . C. d: Deceased
..... 6 Unknown Loftis b: Anderson Co S . C. d: Deceased
..... 6 Unknown Loftis b: Anderson Co S . C. d: Deceased
.... 4 Benjamin Franklin Loftis b: June 02, 1893 Anderson Co S C d: November 02, 1954
Anderson Co S C
..... +Gertrude Brown b: June 20, 1891 Anderson Co S . C. d: February 16, 1936