A GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

CHRISTIAN LEIMBERGER: A LUTHERAN SALZBURGER EXPATRIATE

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© 1985 Joseph William Lineberger All Rights Reserved I became interested in learning about my Leimberger ancestors at an early age.

My grandmother, Anne Elizabeth Martin Lineberger, was able to partially satisfy my curiosity as she was knowledgeable about most lines of the family back to the third generation living in Georgia.

While enrolled in the University of Georgia, in the early 1960's, I found a listing, in the library, of the first and second generation offspring of Christian Leimberger, a Georgia Salzburger, who helped to settle Ebenezer in 1734.

The problem then developed of determining how the third generation was related to the second using primary sources of information. I finally located the last source of needed information in April of 1983.

Many people in the family have enquired of me about the spelling and meaning of our name. The original manner is Leimberger which means a person who lives at or near a mountain composed of lime. This became anglicized, about 1820, to Limeberger. Around 1900, some of the family further anglicized the spelling of the name to Lineberger.

As I was carrying out my research, I was fortunate to meet and correspond with Oscar Earl Robinson, of Greenwood, South Carolina, who had done much research of our family. As it turned out, we were of mutual genealogical benefit to each other. Another person, J. Leland Connell of Valdosta, Georgia, who was conducting research on the family was of great assistance. Another person was James L. Pierce of Albany, Georgia, who was a source of information. J. C. Woodward of Valdosta provided to me the genealogical information on the Woodward Family and Mrs. Pearl R. Gnann compiled the information on the Limeberger Allied Families who remained in Effingham County. I have met and developed friendships with countless persons, which under ordinary circumstances, I would have never have had the opportunity to meet. To all of these people, I extend my personal thank you.

I have put countless hours of time and research into the compilation of this book. I dare not try to determine the cost of my time, effort, and travel. I have tried diligently to gather accurate data from all sources. If a mistake is found, I extend my, apology. The mistake was certainly not intentional. I do not apologize; however, for incomplete data for I have requested the information and in some cases the inquiry was not honored by some individuals.

I would like to thank my wife, Carolyn, for being patient and very supportive in my work. I have enjoyed my task and it is sincerely hoped that the reader will become more informed about our family as the result of it.

This Book is dedicated to My Children:

David Gregory Lineberger

Amanda Leigh Lineberger

Christian Daniel Lineberger