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Why We Came to America and How We Have Scattered

"Love is a driving force and by this force have I been driven."

Nothing could give me more pleasure than to write this sketch for you of my dear father's family and to pass on to the young people the aspirations, the hopes, the desires, and the ambitions of our family. There is no trait more commendable than appreciation of one's ancestors.

The name Heil means greetings, success, happiness. In 1335 we find the Heil (**HEYL**) family in Bavaria. Ritter **Beringer** Heilo led many of the battles at that time, fighting under Louis V, Emperor of Bavaria. The record of Ritter Heyl (Ritter is the German for knight) is incomplete. For about 200 years, the history is nothing more than a record of battles, with only one interesting incident. Knight **Beringer** Heil captured Margrave Ludwig and held him for a ransom. Margrave (which is equivalent to marquis in France) Ludwig, to gain his freedom, gave to **Beringer** Heil the city of Beisenthal and its revenue with the consent of the Emperor. The revenue of the city went to the Heils for many years. We next, in 1560, find two brothers in Spandaunear Berlin, George Hoyle of Jurgen Heyl, from whom we descend, and his brother, Peter Heil, who went to Wiesbaden near the Palatinate which had the famous university city of Heidelberg as its capital.

Martin Luther, from 1512, when he began his great Reformation, till his death in 1546, made a wonderfully great impression on the Germans as well as on other peoples of Europe. Our family became Protestants. After Luther's controversies with Zwingli of Switzerland, my impression is that our family went to the German Reformed Church; we know they were Protestants.

Charlemagne, b. 742 d.814, ruled all of Western Europe, including what is to-day Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland. He divided this colossal empire among his three sons, and the one who inherited what is now France did not have his

territory any where near the Rhine River. Two of his sons died; the third, Louis the Pious, could not hold the great empire together, and it was broken up into small kingdoms along the river Rhine; but France had none of this Rhine territory.

Henry IV of Navarre who became King of France was a Protestant and married Margaret (a Catholic) the daughter of Catherine de **Medici**-- you all remember the horrible massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day. Henry IV appointed two cities, Rochelle and Nantes, to which the Protestants left France and went into the Protestant Palatinate. For this reason Louis XIII of France fought the Prince of the Palatinate, intermittently for thirty years from 1618-1648, doing much harm and driving some of the people away, but not devastating the country.

When Louis the XIV became King of France with the incompetuosity of youth and his native cruelty, he revoked the edict of Nantes in 1685, and when the persecuted French fled--there were many of them (1,500,000) and they were the finest artisans of France--many of them went into the Protestant Palatinate where the ancestors of Peter Heyl lived. (Pioneer Peter, at this time had not yet been born.) Louis XIV went into the Palatinate, drove everybody out, and burned, at one time, nineteen towns. This was in 1689 and took this territory from the Germans, but would not keep it.

Adam Heyl, the great-grandson of George I of Berlin, (George, Michael, George, Adam.), left his family in Berlin in Massare, near the northern boundary of the Palatinate. These German Heyls during the years have gone back to Wiesbaden, and to-day no less than twenty Heyl families are in the telephone directory there. They are prominent people; one Mr. Heyl has written a history used in their schools and another was so dear to the people of the city that when he died a monument was erected by public subscription in his memory. If you go to Wiesbaden you will find this life-sized marble statue in the largest park of this famous spa.

However, in 1689 these Heyls fled from Louis XIV, going wherever they could, carrying whatever they could; and the tradition is that every Heyl man filled his pockets with walnuts from a magnificent walnut grove on the estate. The inference is they were not in a city, but in the vicinity of Wiesbaden.

I am quoting: "The Palatinate in southwestern Germany was a province ruled over by a Prince having certain royal prerogatives and called a Count Palatine. He was one of the seven electors who elected the German ruler. This prince as lord of his domain, exercised power, held imperial prestige, and reigned in surroundings of regal splendor. Lying just west of the Rhine between Mainz and Karlsruhe it is one of the choicest, richest and most fertile realms in all Europe. It was then, and has ever since been, the coveted pearl of great price in that undulating borderland between France and Germany. Old Heidelberg was the abode of proud Princes and Princes' sons." Do not forget that France devastated it in 1689 and drove our Heyl family and many other German families, the Costners, the Shufords, the Rhynes, the Rheinhardts, the Fridays and Ramsauers, broken hearted, from their homes. Some of the families crossed the Rhine into northern Germany, some went into Holland, some into Belgium, and some later into England, and some of them later returning to Wiesbaden on to the Palatinate itself under another name. The French though they destroyed did not hold this territory which today is partly in Bavaria and partly in Hessen. Not till 1807 when Napoleon defeated the King of Prussia and took this territory and held it till William I and Bismarck went all the way to Paris and took it back in 1871 and Paris crowned William I, King of Prussia -- Emperor of German Empire.

Alsace and Lorraine has always been German except for short periods and from 1807-1871. After the World War in 1918 in order to cripple Germany it was given to France. All newspapers are printed in French and German. German is the language.

In 1666 when London had her "Great Fire" and \$50,000,000 of property was destroyed, even the outlines of the lots were obliterated and 13,000 homes were ruined, --Charles II, England's Merry Monarch, appointed three men to reestablish the boundary lines and re-seat the people as best they could. One of these three men was a Hoyle; he probably had left the Palatinate during the Thirty Years War with Louis XIII from 1618-1648. He must have been well known even though a German, intelligent, educated, probably knew something of surveying, had good judgment and, more than anything else, was a man to be trusted.

Jurgen Heyl I or George Hoyle, our "stammvater", was born at Spandau (Sphandow) about 1560 and was married in St. Nicholas Church on September 21, 1597. I have here a picture of that church; I got it recently. A German living in Charlotte (Mr. Willmann of Brandenburg, Germany), knowing our history, got a postcard picture of the church when in Berlin and brought it to Mr. A.S. Rhine, who is Barbara Hoyle's grandson. I said, "How could it be? It has been 336 years!" Mr. Rhine replied, "This old knife of mine has had two new handles and three new blades." All buildings in Europe are stone.

About 1708 we find these wandering exiles still wandering and some of them went up the Thames River to London; Queen Anne had tents pitched for them at St. Catherine's on the right bank of the Thames as you go toward London from the English Channel.

Queen Anne, who came to the English throne in 1702, was not only a Protestant, but was a cousin to the Count Palatine; and she was most lovely to these refugees. She not only took care of them, but had lists made of them as they arrived and these lists are still preserved in the British Museum. Since our last reunion I have written to the Curator of the museum and he sent me the names of three young ladies who keep these files. I wrote to the first one on the list and she answered me that she would go through these files for me for \$5.00. If the depression had not "depressed" me so I should have some interesting data for you for I believe that Pioneer Peter married in England for his wife's name, Catherine Dales, sounds very English to me. Queen Anne offered these refugees, at first, free transportation to America and the privilege of taking up land at a shilling an acre. There may have been some selfishness in Queen Anne's goodness, for she said: (Watch ne adjectives.) "I want as colonists in my American lands these sober, thrifty, industrious, honest, honorable, intelligent, land-loving, God-fearing German people;" who can wonder that Peter Costner and Martin Shuford and other German people fought with the Tories under Lord Cornwallis? The English Colonists along the Atlantic Coast demanded the rights of the Englishman's Magna C -- "No taxation without representa- tion" -- what did these German Palatines know of the Magna Charta

wrested from John Lackland, King of England, (brother of Richard the Lion Hearted) at Runnymede, in 1215? They knew nothing, cared nothing, but they did know that Queen Anne had been very good to them and also that George I and George II had been kind. The wonder to me is that any of them were Whigs!

The beautiful Scottish Flora McDonald and her husband, Allen McDonald having fought a losing battle for Bonnie Prince Charlie, fled after the battle of Culloden Moor and came to eastern Carolina. Because she thought that there might be a few drops of Stewart blood in the heart of George III of England, she fought valiantly with the Tories. It took much more courage and bravery to fight your brothers and cousins as Peter Costner and Martin Shuford did than to fight rank strangers as Flora McDonald fought. However, North Carolina has named a college for Flora McDonald, and the king of England a few years ago sent a representative to a commencement there to pay tribute to her memory!

I do not know where Adam Heyl (Hoyle) was from 1689 to 1738-- in England I think. They may have stayed in or near Wiesbaden but on September 11, 1738, when the ship Robert and Alice of Dublin, sailing from Rotterdam by way of Dover, England, with Walter Goodman, Commander, steamed in Philadelphia, Pa., off came Peter Heyl, his wife Catherine Dales Heyl, and three small children, landing in the U.S.A.! Crossing the ocean was quite a venture then, but this couple was young and they were brave. Peter Heyl immediately took the oath of allegiance to George II, King of England, and became an American subject on September 11 1738. Peter Hoyle stayed in Lancaster or Bucks County in Pennsylvania two years, then went to Frederick, Maryland; but finding the better land taken, for it was now 1747, he started south through the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and did not stop till he came to Dallas, N.C., in what is now Gaston County. His was the first grant of land registered at the court house in Lincolnton, in 1753, I think. He took up hundreds of acres. Along Hoyle Creek on this old Peter Hoyle place there is one tract of fine bottom land of 75 acres without a stump! I found this summer (1933) that Peter Hoyle's younger brother, George Hoyle, came to America six years before our Pioneer came.

Queen Anne was right about this Hoyle family. They are sober, thrifty, industrious, honest, honorable, intelligent, land-loving and a God-fearing family. So far as I have been able to find out every man owns his home; he may get it on the installment plan, but he does not pay rent. Most of us are farmers. In former days if a Hoyle said he would do a thing it did not need to be written, and I think that is still true; and the deciding question in regard to a job is, "Is it honest?" And this Centennial today attests the fact that we still strive to serve God. We are a stubborn set and when we get "set" we are set, but thanks to the training and environment of our ancestors we "get set" in the better things; and everywhere our family is found they are church-going people and their names are on the lists of church officials. May this continue.

Our family has always stood for education, making cheerfully any sacrifice necessary. It was not an unusual thing in my father's family for us to go without meats that we might buy books. In this crowd today the percentage of college men and women will compare favorably with any family in North Carolina. What ~~we~~ could not get, we are striving to give to our children and every college student of our family should study German.

Pioneer Peter Hoyle died November 1, 1781 intestate, his many acres going to the oldest living son, Jacob. (I am under the impression that Peter's son, Andrew Hoyle, who went back to Maryland and has not been traced in our Hoyle book, was the oldest but had died.) Jacob Hoyle, Peter's oldest living son, also died intestate, very soon after the death of his father, pioneer Peter; and Peter's property went to Jacob's oldest son, Martin Hoyle I. By the English law under which we then lived, Martin, the oldest son's oldest son, had a perfect right to his grandfather's entire estate; however, Martin called together his uncles and divided his grandfather's property, taking his father Jacob's one-fourth and dividing that among his sisters. (The women of that day got no land; they got feather beds, washpots, cows, horses, and money.) You can find this data for yourselves in the old records on Lincolnton. This unusual man, Martin Hoyle, was the parent-stem of

the Lincolnton line of Hoyles!

Pioneer Peter Hoyle's son, Andrew Hoyle, who went back to Maryland, was a sergeant in the Revolutionary War. Peter's daughter, Catherine Hoyle, married Bostian Bess and is the great-great-grandmother of Mrs. Beard of Belmont, N.C. and Washington, D.C., and also of Mr. A.C. Lineberger, a cultured Christian gentleman (a great, good man) and wealthy manufacturer of Belmont. Mr. Lineberger married Miss Martha Jane Hipp. Peter's daughter, Elizabeth Hoyle, married George Hovis, Sr., and is the ancestor of a large family. Z.A. Hovis of Charlotte is one representative. Peter's daughter Susan Hoyle married Peter Wilfong. Of this interesting German family I have no data. Peter's daughter, Mary Hoyle, married Henry Wittenbough. They moved to Blount County, Tennessee. Later they moved to Illinois and one of their sons has gone to Wayne County, Missouri.

Pioneer Peter's son, Michael Hoyle, who married Margaret Delinger, had a son called "Politician Peter", who married Elizabeth Carpenter. "Politician Peter" was in the House of Representatives 1802-1817 and in the Senate in 1819. They had several children. Their daughter Fannie Hoyle, married Rev. Ambrose Henkel; Fannie's sister Catherine Hoyle, married Rev. Ambrose Henkel's brother, Rev. David Henkel. "The Henkel family was famous for its great number of Lutheran ministers. Their father was Rev. Paul Henkel and he was the son of Jacob Henkel and he in turn was the son of Justus Henkel, the son of Rev. Gerhardt Henkel who was a German Court preacher. Rev. Gerhardt Henkel was a descendant of Count Henkel of Poeltzig who was instrumental in sending the Great Muhlenburg to America. Count Henkel was a descendant of Johann Henke., D.D.,L.L.D., born in Leutschau, Hungary, and was Father Confessor of Queen Marie of Austria about 1530" -- before they became Protestants. This shows what they gave up to become Protestants.

Catherine Hoyle Henkel's son, Rev. Socrates Henkel, was a very prominent Lutheran minister of Tenn. Synod, and, due to his ability and position, was an important factor in his church. He was editor of the Lutheran Church paper--a great scholar and writer. His brother Rev. Polycarp Henkel was also a very learned and capable minister

and a brilliant writer.

Pioneer Peter Hoyle's son, Lieutenant John Hoyle, fought the Cherokee Indians before the Revolutionary War and thus gained his title of Lieutenant. He was a young man and always fought with Col. Hambright before and during the Revolutionary War. The consensus of opinion was, among the older generations, that Lieutenant John Hoyle was on the northern side of Kings Mountain with Colonel Hambright's men. Lieutenant John Hoyle married Margaret Costner (Kestner) the sister of Whig Thomas, Tory Peter and Whig Major Jacob. I am proud of all three. Their father was Adam Costner, the pioneer.

You college people will appreciate that the world-famous poet Goethe was madly in love with the beautiful Charlotte Buff and wrote many poems to her. I have her picture. She discarded Goethe and married Christian Costner. I have the Costner coat-of-arms to which you, also, are entitled as well as to the Hoyle coat-of-arms.

My father told me that the reason we were an outstanding sober family was due especially to Margaret Costner Hoyle's teaching. In that day everybody made whiskey, but she said repeatedly to her boys: "Every one of you needs all your mother-wit; now don't befuddle your brain with whiskey." With her it was not a moral issue, but a practical common sense one.

When I first attempted to join the D.A.R.'s my application was sent back with "Tory" written across it in red ink. Cousin Lemuel J. Hoyle, Robert, Frank, and George's father, one of the outstanding brilliantly brainy men, not only of our family but of this section of the state, and my father and Aunt Fannie got busy. They knew the younger Hoyles from Lieutenant John down were Whigs, but it was Mrs. Magnolia Shuford of Hickory who finally produced the proof which forced Sheriff Nixon of Lincolnton to change his mind; so the D.A.R. Chapter of Hickory is named for Lieutenant John Hoyle and of the forty-eight members every woman is a lineal descendant! My D.A.R. number is 177,806. Use my number and show how you are related to Rev. Jacob Hoyle or how you are kin to me.

Since you all have a copy of "Our Kin" I shall simply go down

our line to Noah Hoyle who represented the family here one hundred years ago in the founding of this church.

Lieutenant John Hoyle's son, Rev. Jacob Hoyle, married Catherine Summey, another German Family. Catherine Summey's mother was Katrina Weidner (Whitener in N.C. but still Weidner in Pennsylvania and New York). Katrina Weidner's father was an older brother of Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who married Queen Victoria of England. This older brother signed away his right to the duchy when he came to America the second time. This information was secured by Dr. Robert Abernathy, the founder of Rutherford College. My father saw the correspondence, which unfortunately was lost when the college was burned. After Catherine Summey Hoyle died grandfather Jacob married Elizabeth Rhodes, a descendant of Frederick Rhodes. When she found that grandfather Jacob had already willed to his children his fourteen plantations, she was not very kind to him and insisted on his selling his slaves. Against his wishes, for the better people did not buy and sell their slaves, he sold several and she put the money away. After this had occurred several times grandfather got wise and gave to his children the following slaves: To Noah he gave Ephraim; to Aunt Rhoda he gave Riley--Elsie was the mother of these two negro men; to Aunt Susan he gave Wesley; to Uncle Reuben he gave Willis; to Uncle Humphrey he gave Sandy; to Cousin Lemuel J. he gave Silas--Uncle Abel's part, the Wise place near Jug town. After Uncle Abel's death Aunt Nancy went to live with grandfather Jacob. She was so good to him that he idolized her and could scarcely bear for her to get out of his sight. Aunt Nancy later married Edward M. Lewis, December 27, 1848.

Rev. Jacob Hoyle was a Presbyterian till he was 50 years of age; he joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1829, was licensed to preach, and became a local minister. His daughter, Rhoda, married Tyre Gantt. I got quite a thrill recently doing some research work on the Gantt family. I was prompted to this work principally thro' my love for Cousin Emma Gantt, who married J.B. Ivey, son of Salina R. Neal Ivey and Rev. George M. Ivey, whom North Carolina fondly calls "Uncle Ivey". The Gantts got their name from the city of Ghent in Belgium. (before the day of surnames) King Edward III of

England was fighting France in 1337 and took his wife Phillippa to the city of Ghent and there his third son, John of Ghent, was born. When he was carried back to England he was called John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. The Gaunt family came to America much earlier than the Hoyles, but did not come south till later. The branch of the family in Pennsylvania still spells the name Gaunt. I am writing this without notes, having given my Gaunt data to George Ivey. the Gaunt coat-of arms is beautiful.

Rev. Jacob's son, Rev. Abel Hoyle married Nancy Moorman, whose mother was Mary Pegram, a first cousin of Mr. Miles Pegram of Charlotte, N.C. Rev. Abel's son, Lemuel J., married first Emma Higgins, daughter of Henrietta Evelyn Neal, whose mother was Rebecca Moore. Lemuel J. later married Miss Ella Round whose mother was Louise McCants. Lemuel J. had two sons, Robert and Frank, by his first marriage, and one son George, and three daughters, Louise, Mary, and Kate by his second marriage.

When I was a little girl between seven and eight years old my father, Rev. Max H. Hoyle, was sent to Pleasant Grove Campground (circuit). There the older people told him a beautiful story of his Uncle Abel Hoyle who had been pastor there. Uncle Abel had been conducting a meeting and was completely worn out. He went home to rest for a few days and to get ready to preach the following Sunday. In the meantime it was noised abroad that a note infidel had announced his intention to hear Rev. Abel Hoyle the following Sabbath. On Friday Uncle Abel was ill, Saturday, he felt even worse, but on Sunday morning he forced himself up and was getting ready to preach. Aunt Nancy remonstrated that he was too ill to preach. His reply was, "And lose an opportunity to try to save an infidel!" He went and according to those present preached a powerful sermon; however, he was carried home ill, took a congestive chill, and died within a few days. He is buried near Pleasant Grove Campground in Union County, N.C. at Old Union Cemetery.

Rev. Jacob Hoyle's son Reuben Hoyle married Sara Whitener (Weidner), and from that line we have the late Hon. Phillip A. Hoyle of Newton. No finer man ever walked God's beautiful earth!

Big physically, morally, financially for that day, mentally and spiritually. Like Cousin Lemuel Hoyle, who was his contemporary and his first cousin, they both represented their respective counties in the state legislature. Both held many posts of honor.

Rev. Jacob's daughter Susan Hoyle married Ephraim Shuford, another German family whose parent stem was George Schefferdt and his wife, Rhoda. By the way, I have found a Shuford coat-of-arms! The Shuford family has given North Carolina many worthwhile men, among them Rev. J.H. Shuford, A,B,, Judge George A. Shuford, and Congressman Craig Shuford, Grandmother Hoyle's brother's son.

Rev. Jacob's son Humphrey Hoyle, for whom my father was named, married Elisabeth Dickson. She was descendant of Colonel Ham-bright's family. They had the proverbial Hoyle number of children, thirteen, with usually a "set of twins". This family is scattered over Oregon, California, and Texas.

I am taking Rev. Jacob (Uncle John R.'s own grandfather) for several reasons. I know by experience how very difficult it is for young people to remember these personages they never saw even when they want to; and as young people they do not care--not many of them. They will care, so I am trying to make these facts easy for them.

Grandfather Jacob's eldest brother, Peter Hoyle, married Susanna Hovis, and his sister Mary Hoyle married Lewis Warlick. Some of this family of Warlick descendants are in Texas, some in New York City, Honable R.L. Ryburn of Shelby and Bruce R. Payne, President of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. Mary Hoyle War-lick's son, John Warlick, has a grandson, John Patton, who is a graduate of Harvard and a lawyer in Boston. His brother Logan Patton is a minister in Boston. Another sister, Fanny Hoyle, married Daniel Rhinehardt and moved to Georgia. (See "Our Kin" page 469).

Rev. Jacob Hoyle had two brothers who were ministers, Rev. John Hoyle and Rev. David Hoyle. These two ministers went to Tennessee;

Adam Hoyle, another brother went to Georgia and all three have reared wonderful families. Rev. John Hoyle married Rachel Lattimore and had a daughter Margaret who married Thomas Wells. Their daughter, Mary Wells, married Ewing W. Carlock of Los Angeles, California. Rev. John's son, Rev. Thomas Lattimore Hoyle, married Hannah Logan. They are the parents of Judge John B. Hoyle of Tennessee. His sons are lawyers, doctors, and preachers; and one of them, James B. Hoyle, now of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was secretary to Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia. Rev. John Hoyle's son and son-in-law, Mr. Praetor, wrote up their line of Hoyles and on his deathbed gave this data to his children as a most precious legacy and said to them, "Do not get lost from our relatives in North Carolina; we must keep in touch with them. We must not get lost, for Peter Hoyle is also our 'stammvster'." (They left in 1822 and their descendants met with us in 1933.)

The Mrs. Homer T. Jones whom I introduced to you last August, at the old Peter Hoyle home, is Rev. John Hoyle's granddaughter by marriage. She took her grandfather-in-law's papers and has done much interesting work. She has a remarkable family of her own--three sons; Clifford, who is a Lieutenant-Colonel of U.S.A.; DeWitte, also a Lieut.-Col. of U.S.A.; and Thomas who is Major of First Coast Artillery, U.S.A. DeWitte Jones' son, Beverly, graduated this spring at West Point. They have donated themselves to their country flag.

Rev. David Hoyle, a remarkedably handsome man, who married Nancy Peeler had a son, Peter Hoyle, who married Nancy Carlock, one of the most prominent families in the U.S.; and Peter's sister, Elisabeth Hoyle, married James Chism Carlock. These latter are the parents of Robert Lee Carlock, a very wealthy, prominent lawyer of Fort Worth, Texas, who has traveled through Europe and went to Wiesbaden and gave me some of my information. Rev. David's son, Felix Hoyle, went to California during the Gold Rush of 1849, went on later to Santiago de Chile, South American in 1855 and is the parent-stem of a large and very interesting family. He married into Spanish nobility and his family is both wealthy and prominent. (Since this paper was read August 24, 1933, I have heard from Felix

Hoyl of South America and from his nephew, David Hoyl Yost.)

Adam Hoyle married Katherine Fiteand after her death, Sarah Rhyne. He was the father of George Somers Hoyle who was born in Canton, Georgia, graduated from West Point, was a Major of Cavalry and died in Atlanta in 1906. Adam Hoyle was the grandfather of Brigadier-General Eli D. Hoyle who, though he had retired, was recalled during the World War and had charge of the Post of Embarcation at Governor's Island, in New York Harbor. Brig. Gen. Eli D. Hoyle was educated by Magnolia Shuford's father, Elkanah Shuford of Hickory. He died August 1921 and is buried at the National Cemetery at Arlington. Eli Wilson Hoyle, a son of Adam and uncle of Gen. Eli D. Hoyle, was promoted on the field of battle for bravery in the Civil War at Malvern Hill and made Major. Later he was killed at the battle of Chickahominy. Adam Hoyle is the great-great grandfather of Mrs. Wilbe Wilson, 2612 Sherwood Ave., Charlotte, and of Mrs. Arthur Heuer, Queen's Road, Charlotte, both talented women.

Grandfather Jacob's brother, Andrew Hoyle, who lived near Dallas on part of the old Peter Hoyle home, married Catherine Wilfong, another German family. Uncle Andrew Hoyle, Mr. A.C. Lineberger, and R.L. Carlock are the only Hoyles that I know of who belonged the the millionaire class. Uncle Andrew Hoyle's family is not now large. Mrs. E.S. Steele, a very lovely old lady, is a most interesting representative of this line. She lives on W. Tenth St. in Charlotte and has for several years. She has three children, one daughter, Mary, who married Armand D. Myers; and two sons, Leroy Adams Steele, at Kavalla, Greece, a tobacconist with Myers-Liggett Tobacco Company, and Eli Springs Steele, Jr., at Puerto Rico, also a tobacconist.

Rev. Jacob Hoyle's sister, Margaret Hoyle, married Jacob Shuford, uncle of Grandmother Hoyle and she, Margaret, is the great-grandmother of Mr. E.T. Cansler, Sr., attorney in Charlotte, and one of North Carolina's most brilliant lawyers. She is also the great-great-grandmother of Miss Kate Finley, Principal of Rockingham High School, and is the great grandmother of the late Gus Durham of Bellingham, Washington, who married Ola Thompson, of Shelby, the daughter of Frances Hoyle Thompson.

Rev. Jacob's brother Solomon Hoyle, married Anne Summey, a sister of Jacob's wife, and is the great-grandfather of Dr. Rush Shull of Charlotte.

Rev. Jacob Hoyle's sister Sally Hoyle, married Barnaby Peeler, and they are the great-grandparents of Dr. E.N. Peeler of the Matheson Clinic and of J.W. Peeler of Rockwell, N.C, who is writing a history of the Peeler (von Buhler) family. Dr. Cansler and Dr. Shull are kin to the Hoyle family in two lines due to the intermarriages of these German families.

Rev. Jacob's sister Elizabeth Hoyle, married Andrew Friday (**Freytag**) another German family, and she is the great-grandmother of Miss Carrie McLean, attorney of Charlotte, who represented Mecklenburg County in the Legislature in 1927.

Rev. Jacob Hoyle's oldest child was Noah Hoyle, the "stammvater" of a great part of the crowd here today. Noah Hoyle married Elizabeth Shuford, whose mother was Elizabeth Ramsauer, another German family. Elizabeth Ramsauer's father was Jacob Ramsauer; and his father, Deidrich Ramsauer, is thought to have been responsible for the German families trekking south. Grandmother Elizabeth Shuford Hoyle's father, David Shuford, represented Lincoln County in the Senate of North Carolina in 1806, 1812, 1815, 1816, and 1820. (See Wheeler's N.C. History.) Grandmother's sister, Sarah Shuford, married John Rhyne and is the great-great-grandmother of Wade Montgomery of the Carolina Auto Supply Company of Charlotte.

Grandmother Hoyle's maternal grandfather, Jacob Ramsauer, was locked in his own mill at Lincolnton, N.C., and forced, by Lord Cornwallis in 1780, to grind corn and flour for the British army; and the battle of Ramsauer's Mill in the Revolutionary War was fought on grandfather Jacob Ramsauer's plantation, which, I am told, was the finest in or around Lincolnton for miles and miles. Sheriff Nixon wrote a description of his house calling it a spacious mansion. I have Jacob Ramsauer's old will which is extraordinarily quaint. He was far above the average in culture and education.

Noah Hoyle figures preeminently here today in 1933 in this Centennial as the Chairman of the board of Trustees in 1833,

tho' then only 29 years of age. The first meeting held in regard to organizing this church was well attended. Many who were not Methodists went, among them Grandfather Noah and his wife, Elizabeth Shuford Hoyle, who were of German Reformed denomination, but had no church near. The Methodist Episcopal minister invited, most cordially, any and all of other denominations, which had no church near enough to attend, to join with them here at Kadesh. Grandfather and grandmother both joined, but in the crowd neither one had seen the other. As they started home, riding along in a buggy with great high wheels, grandfather said, "Betsy, I did something to-day which. probably, I should not have done without first talking it over with you; I joined the Methodist Church!" Grandmother replied, "I'm so glad, 'Noie', I did too!"

Grandfather helped build this church in 1833, eleven years before the Methodist Episcopal Church was divided over slavery. Grandfather was a classleader who could not only build a church, but could also conduct the services if the minister were absent. Daily he studied his Bible (often reading in his German Bible). As helps he used Dr. Watson's Biblical Dictionary and Dr. Adam Clark's Commentaries. He knew probably as much about the Bible as the average minister of that time. He had a very fine library of worthwhile books for that day, the finest in the territory bounded by Lincolnton, Salisbury, Morganton, and Rutherfordton.

Grandfather Noah was the first person in this community to buy matches. They were put up about 20 in a little wooden barrel about four inches long, and I think, the box cost a dollar. People walked for miles to see Mr. Hoyle "strike fire".

Grandfather Noah freed his slaves one Sabbath morning after having had prayers with them around the back steps as was his Sunday morning custom. He freed them five years before the Civil War for economical reasons--too expensive. All the older ones stayed. When the Civil War came his three oldest sons fought for "States Rights".

Grandfather Noah lacked one of having the proverbial thirteen children, but he had the twins, Aunt Frances Thompson and Aunt

Martha Porter. Both of them have recently joined him.

Grandfather Noah went to Alabama with Jacob Summey, his mother's brother, and stayed till 1829. He came back and he and grandmother Elizabeth Shuford Hoyle were married the 25th of Sept., 1829, at the bride's home by Daniel Conrad, Esq. (How many of you have made note of "who married you" so your children may know?)

Summey Hoyle, grandfather's second child, was the first person buried in this cemetery, one hundred years ago; and my father, Rev. Max H. Hoyle, Noah's sixth child, became a minister and joined the S.C. conference on Dec. 11th, 1867, at Morganton, N.C., which territory then belonged to the S.C. Conference, before the North and South Carolina Conferences were divided according to the state line. They were divided in Dec. 1870 at Morganton and my father was transferred immediately to the North Carolina Conference. My mother, a South Carolinian, thought it an "awful comedown" to have to live in North Carolina! She has changed her mind long ago. Daddy belonged to the N.C. Conference and then to the Western N.C. Conference. Never missing an appointment tho' once he had to go sixty miles on horseback thro' a swamp miles long in Columbus County to one of his churches. He never missed a conference till that on 1907 before he passed on March 24, 1908.

Aunt Rhoda Hoyle Gantt's son, Abel Gamewell Gantt, also became a Methodist minister and was contemporary with my father. He, also married in S.C.--Miss Emma Browning. Rev. Sam V. Hoyle was another contemporary. Rev. Jacob A. Hoyle, a Baptist minister, also lived at this period.

Rev. Jacob had an Uncle Jacob, to whom I have referred previously in regard to the division of Pioneer Peter's estate, whose line gave to N.C. Rev. Robert M. Hoyle. He was mighty in his rugged strength. It has often been said that had he cared more for the little amenities of life he would have been made a bishop. He had the brain and the piety. We honor ourselves in honoring him. He has written some beautiful poetry which I trust may yet be published.

Another outstanding Hoyle descendant not directly in our line was John B. Smith, the historian. Cousin Lemuel J. Hoyle told my

father that John B. Smith, Elizabeth Hoyle Bess' great-grandson, was the most intellectual, and the best read man he had ever known.

I want to give loving tribute and grateful recognition to Aunt Frances Thompson for her outstanding genealogical work. As my father, Rev. Max H. Hoyle, traveled around over Gaston, Lincoln, and Catawba counties preaching, he carried a notebook with him, making notes all the while and collecting data of Adam Heyl, Peter Heyl the pioneer, Lieut. John Hoyle of Revolutionary fame and of Rev. Jacob Hoyle who still spoke very broken English. Then Aunt Frances took up the work and gave all of grandfather Noah's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, with all the dates-- births, marriages, and deaths! Hers was a wonderful piece of work. Mr. L.M. Hoffman, another Hoyle descendant of whom we are justly proud, never could have completed his Hoyle chapter had it not been for Aunt Fannie's help. She also helped him with other lines of Rev. Jacob's family. Aunt Fannie had a remarkable memory and had always lived here or in Shelby; outside of her family and her church, she loved her clan. She was looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to this Centennial and to this fortieth consecutive reunion of the clan. There is not a family in N.C. whose history is as full as ours nor whose family is larger-- on my book of the family I have 1100 names. If your name is not there put it there today with pencil. Later I shall write over it with ink and then erase the pencil marks.

I shall stop with Grandfather Noah and leave my father's and my generations of some future family historian, except to mention Rev. John. W. Hoyle, Sr.; Mrs. Frances Peyton Jones (Adam's line), State President of Parent-Teacher Association of Va.; the late Rev. Marvin Hoyle, Cousin Jonathan's son, a most gifted young minister who bade fair to rival his uncle Rev. R.M. Hoyle; Rev. David F. Hoyle, a minister of Paris, Miss.; the late Rev. Lee Falls; my sister, Maude Shuford Hoyle Ogburn, who with her husband, Rev. N.S. Ogburn, is doing missionary work in Kobe, Japan; Dr. Chivis Thompson of Hugo, Oklahoma; R.M. Gantt, attorney of Durham; Drs. A.M and M.A. Gantt, Houston, Texas; Ed. E. Porter, an omniverour reader of deep books and a very deep thinker; Rev. G.Croft Williams, an Episcopal clergy-

man who is a professor of Sociology in the University of South Carolina at Columbia; Max Payne of Greensboro and Dr. Bruce R. Payne, President of Peabody College in Knoxville, Tenn., sons of Rev. Jordan Payne; Hugh Hoyle of Belwood, a great-grandson of both Noah Hoyle and Gilbert Dixon; and North Gantt, the grandson of Noah Hoyle, who is the present chairman of the board of trustees of Kadesh to-day (1933).

In the next generation I shall mention cursorily Clark Harris Jones, Adam Hoyle's great-grandson and a gifted musician, who gave concerts all over the world till the World War interrupted his engagements; he then drifted into making beautiful marquetry furniture and has studios in New York and Asheville; he made one table (butterfly table with inlaid woods--I have a picture of it) for which the Metropolitan Museum of Arts of New York City paid him \$1500; Adam's great-granddaughter, Mary Ann Jones, secretarial position in N.C. State College of Agriculture; Mary Hoyle, doing missionary work in Mexico, daughter of Rev. John W. Hoyle, Sr.; Rev. John W. Hoyle, Jr., Asst. Sec. of the Western N.C. conference of the M.E. Church, South, Rev. Gilreath Adams and Rev. John Cline, Aunt Kate's grandson the only active ministers we have just now; Dr. Heywood Thompson of Shelby; Edgar Dixon Hoyle, a victim of the World War; and Warren F. Hoyle, Frank's son, who sleeps in Flander's Field! These latter, except Warren, are Noah Hoyle's great-grandchildren.

To my cousins and the cousins younger, let us strive to be still Godfearing, God-serving people; and when we shall have passed off the scene may the Hoyle clan be able to put the stamp of approval on our lives as we do to-day in honoring Noah Hoyle of Kadesh, M.E. Church, South, Belwood, N.C. Auf Wiederschen.

Special guests of honor: Abel John R. Hoyle, Noah Hoyle's youngest and only living child; Susan Gantt Webber, Aunt Rhoda Hoyle Gantt's daughter; Mrs. Max H. Hoyle; Jonathan Hoyle, Dr. R.B. Hoyle's brother; Mrs. Homer V. Jones and Mrs. Helena Bell of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Lineberger of Belmont; Mrs. Beard of Belmont and Washington; Mrs. Mamie Skinner and daughter, Mary, of Atlanta.

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