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JOHN HAUPT

John H. Haupt, who financed construction of the house at 113 E. Oglethorpe Avenue (lot 13, Franklin Ward), was born in St. Augustine, Florida about August, 1780. In 1802, at the age of twenty-two, he married Rebecca Lavender of Savannah, (He had moved to Savannah sometime previous to his marriage, probably with his presumed father, John Haupt, a baker.) As a young man, Haupt was quite a character, defaulting on taxes several times before running for Receiver of the Tax Returns in 1811, a position for which he was defeated. This defeat marked the beginning of a somewhat less than successful career running for public office. He ran for coroner of the county in 1828 and in 1834 and was defeated both times. At one point, he was elected as district justice of the peace, running without opposition. In the "behind-the-scenes" political world, Haupt was more successful, being a leader in the ^{Chatham County} Union and States Rights Association during the 1830's.

Outside the political arena, Haupt was ^a leader in the Savannah community. He was the secretary pro tem of the Fire Engine Company No. 1 in 1810 and in 1825 was a "founding father" of the Savannah Fire Company. He remained a leader in the latter organization until 1853 when it was dissolved. He was also a member of the Savannah Association of Mechanics for a short while and a leader of the Savannah Poor House and Hospital for about ten years. In 1825, Haupt was appointed to the Board of Health from Greene Ward, a position which he held for many years. He served on various committees under the City Council. He was a member and leader of the German Lutheran Church. Haupt was appointed by City Council as Keeper of the Powder Magazine, a position which he also retained for several years. He also served on several Grand Juries.

In his personal life, not too much is known about John Haupt. As mentioned above, Haupt married Rebecca Lavender in 1802. They had several children. She died in 1827 and he re-married in 1829 to Ann M. Wesner. She died in 1840. By 1850 (exactly when could not be determined), he had married again, this time to an "Eliza" from Charleston (her last name could not be determined). Throughout his life, Haupt had more than ten children and at his death eight were alive. He died in November 1859 at the age of seventy-nine.

JOHN HAUPT (1780-1859)

- 1793-John Haupt signed a notice as an heir of George Bollinger: On November 8, 1793, part of Bollinger's property was to be sold. On the lot was a "good dwellinghouse, kitchen, bakehouse, and oven, and, also, a good well of water."¹
- 1794-John Haupt served as an executor for the estate of Nicholas Witzten.²
- 1794-John Haupt died in March.³
- 1804-The personal property of John Haupt, a baker, was to be sold on April 4.⁴
- 1802-John Haupt married Rebecca Lavender in January.⁵
- 1802-John Haupt defaulted on taxes.⁶
- 1802-John Haupt was fined ten dollars for "trading or entertaining negroes, or retailing spiritous liquors without license." Apparently, Haupt's offense was the latter.⁷
- 1808-John Haupt's Estate and John Haupt were both listed as defaulting on 1807 tax returns.⁸
- 1810-A notice to the Mechanics Society of a meeting was signed by John Haupt, secretary.⁹
- 1810-A notice of an election for Fire Engine Company, No. 1, was signed by John Haupt, secretary pro tem.¹⁰
- 1810-The results of an election of the Mechanics Society reported that John Haupt was elected secretary.¹¹
- 1810-John Haupt ran for Receiver of the Tax Returns for 1811.¹²
- 1811-Applicants in response to an advertisement for two or three black women as nurses for the Savannah Poor House and Hospital were to be made to "Mr. Haupt".¹³
- 1817-Lot 13, Franklin Ward, owned by John Haupt.¹⁴
- 1819-Improvements on Lot 13, Franklin Ward, made.¹⁵
- 1820-A notice to the public of an investigation by the Fire Engines Company was signed by John Haupt, secretary.¹⁶
- 1822-A notice to the visiting committee of the Savannah Poor House and Hospital was signed by John Haupt.¹⁷
- 1825-A notice to the public by the Fire Engines Company was signed by John Haupt, clerk.¹⁸

- 1825-John Haupt was appointed to a committee to organize a fire company as required by the state legislature.¹⁹
- 1825-John Haupt was appointed to the Board of Health as a delegate from Greene Ward.²⁰
- 1826-John Haught (sp?) was appointed by City Council to a committee to appoint a Measurer of Lumber as stated in the city ordinance.²¹
- 1827-Rebecca Haupt died on September 15, 1827 at age forty-five. She died of abscessed lungs.²²
- 1827-A notice about the sale of pews in the Lutheran Church was signed by John Haupt, secretary.²³
- 1828-The results of the election for coroner of Chatham County:
Thomas Eden-162, Isaac Russell-139, Henry Haupt-123, John Haupt-99, Henry J. Valleau-76, Louis Girodon-69, William Gilbert-25, S. Buntz-22, M. Mordecai-9.²⁴
- 1828-A notice to members of the Lutheran Church was signed by John Haupt, treasurer.²⁵
- 1829-John Haupt was elected without opposition as justice of the peace for the 4th beat.²⁶
- 1829-John L. Haupt married Matilda B. Christopher in November, 1829 by Rev. Stephen A. Mealy of the Lutheran Church.²⁷
- 1829-John Haupt married Ann M. Wesner in December, 1829.²⁸
- 1832-John Haupt was appointed by City Council as keeper of the powder magazine.²⁹
- 1833-Someone tried to "secrete" one of John Haupt's "negro boys" on a British brig going to Liverpool.³⁰
- 1833-A notice to the members of Lutheran Church was signed by John Haupt, secretary.³¹
- 1834-The results of the election for coroner of Chatham County on January 6:
Thomas Eden-366, W. W. Oates-260, John L. Clark-149, John Haupt-109.³²
- 1834-John Haupt was appointed by City Council as keeper of the magazine.³³
- 1834-N. B. Sisson (of the Sloop John Chevalier) appointed Haupt as his attorney for a business venture.³⁴
- 1834-John Haupt ^{was} appointed to a committee of the ^{Chatham County} Union and States Rights Association to nominate a ticket for the General Assembly of Georgia.³⁵

1834-John Haupt was appointed to the Board of Health from Greene Ward.³⁶

1834-John Haupt, Jr. made a toast "Jackson and Union forever" at the ^{County} Union and States Rights Association's Independence Day celebration.³⁷

*This association was a local subsidiary of the Democratic Party. It was against nullification in the 1832 controversy and, as can be seen, supported Jackson.

1835-John Haupt was re-elected by City Council as keeper of the powder magazine.³⁸

1835-John Haupt was re-appointed to the Board of Health from Greene Ward.³⁹

1835-John Haupt was appointed to a nominating committee for candidates for the General Assembly from the ^{County} Union and States Rights Association.⁴⁰

1836-John Haupt was re-elected as keeper of the powder magazine by City Council.⁴¹

1836-John Haupt served on a Grand Jury which investigated the problem of liquor retailers who sell liquor to negro slaves which gives "an inducement to theft and intoxication." Recommended was a regulation of such trade without a ticket presented by the negro slave from the owner.

The Grand Jury also recommended the construction of a new jail since the cost for upgrading the old one would be one-third the cost of a new building.⁴²

1836-John Haupt elected to the Board of Health from Greene Ward.⁴³

1836-John Haupt was on the nominating committee for the ^{Chatham County} Union and States Rights Association to nominate a ticket for the General Assembly.⁴⁴

1836-John Haupt was on a building committee for the German Lutheran Church which was to plan the construction of a new brick church.⁴⁵

1837-John Haupt was appointed by City Council as keeper of the powder magazine.⁴⁶

1837-John Haupt was selected by the residents of Greene Ward who were members of the Union Party to represent them on the nominating committee to select candidates for the legislature.⁴⁷

1838-Haupt was appointed by City Council as keeper of the powder magazine.⁴⁸

1838-Haupt was on a Grand Jury which found two men guilty of knowingly carrying a negro slave from the state.⁴⁹

1839-John Haupt was appointed as Keeper of the Magazine by City Council.⁵⁰

1840-Ann M. Haupt died of "fever" at the age of forty-five on November 9.⁵¹

1850-The 1850 Federal Census shows these people living in the home of John Haupt:

John Haupt	69 years	no occupation	born in Florida
Eliza Haupt	55 years	no occupation	born in South Carolina
Mary L. Haupt	15 years	no occupation	born in Georgia
William H. Haupt	14 years	no occupation	born in Georgia ⁵²
John H. Haupt	12 years	no occupation	born in Georgia.

1852-John Haupt was elected clerk and treasurer of the Savannah Fire Company.⁵³

1853-The Savannah Fire Company went out of existence. John Haupt was secretary at the time.

There was a controversy over an attempt to unite the Savannah Fire Company with the Oglethorpe Fire Department. City Council passed an ordinance which the former felt "struck a blow at our corporate position" and favored the Oglethorpe Fire Department over itself.⁵⁴

1859-John Haupt died of "debility" at the age of seventy-nine on November 19.⁵⁵

1865-Eliza Haupt, the third wife of John Haupt, died of tuberculosis at the age of seventy-two on February 7.⁵⁶

GENEALOGY OF JOHN HAUPT

WILL OF JOHN HAUPT (1859-File No. H-254)

Mentioned as heirs of John Haupt are:

Eliza Haupt - wife, Margaret G. Ferguson - daughter, Frances M. Wall - daughter,
Ann M. B. Buntz - daughter, Mary L. Haupt - daughter, Eliza R. Seyle - daughter, John L.
Haupt-- son, James L. Haupt - son, Andrew J. Haupt - son, Elizabeth Haupt - widow of
son Samuel B. Haupt, Jane Haupt Posey-- granddaughter.

ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL B. HAUPT (File No. H-325)

Mentioned as receiving payments were:

George Washington Haupt - son, Anna Eliza Haupt - daughter, Margaret Haupt-daughter,
and Thomas P. Haupt - son.

MARRIAGE RECORDS (Folio 75)

Anna Eliza married Norton Frierson.

LETTER CONCERNING THE WILL OF ANNA E. FRIERSON (File No. 317) and LETTER OF ADMINISTRA-
TION FOR THE WILL OF NORTON FRIERSON (1905-File No. 403)

Mentioned as heirs are:

George S. Frierson, Jr. - son, Annie H. Thomas - daughter, Jesse Mercer Frierson - son,
Norton Frierson - son, and Aaron R. Frierson - son.

MARRIAGE RECORDS (Book S, Folio 57)

Norton Frierson, Jr. married Nellie Frierson [the widow of Jesse Mercer Frierson, Norton's
brother - see: MARRIAGE RECORDS (Book L, Folio 197)] in 1906.

WILL OF NELLIE FRIERSON (1953-File No. 924)

Nellie Frierson died.

MARRIAGE RECORDS (Book 3, Folio 143)

Norton Frierson married Julia F. Jurgenson in 1954.

WILL OF NORTON FRIERSON (1961-File No. 1084)

Mentioned as heirs are:

Julia Frierson - wife, Helen Moye - daughter, Annie Fulton - daughter, Norton Frierson, Jr.,
Mildred Fine - daughter, Vivian McWatty - daughter, Lucille Jurgenson - daughter, and
Ray Frierson - son.

*Those names underlined show the direct bloodline from the person being studied to a
modern descendent.

**Mrs. Lucille Jurgenson spoke with me briefly on July 30, 1975.

ENDNOTES

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- 4 Columbian Museum and Savannah Advertiser, February 25, 1804, p.2, c.2.
- 5 Ibid., January 5, 1802, p.3, c.1.
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- 8 Republican and Savannah Evening Ledger, January 16, 1808, p.2, c.2.
- 9 Ibid., April 19, 1810, p.3, c.4.
- 10 Ibid., November 6, 1810, p.3, c.2.
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- 17 Georgian, November 4, 1822, p.2, c.4.
- 18 Savannah Republican, January 4, 1825, p.1, c.4.
- 19 Savannah Georgian, February 4, 1825, p.2, c.1.
- 20 Savannah Republican, May 14, 1875, p.2, c.5.
- 21 Savannah Georgian, May 12, 1826, p.2, c.1.
- 22 Chatham County Health Department Death Certificates; See also Savannah Georgian, September 15, 1877, p.3, c.1.
- 23 Savannah Georgian, November 14, 1827, p.2, c.6.
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- 25 Ibid., November 6, 1828, p.2, c.2.
- 26 Ibid., January 3, 1829, p.2, c.2.
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28 Chatham County Marriages (1805-1852), No.1336.

29 Georgian, January 13, 1832, p.2, c.2.

30 Ibid., July 20, 1833, p.2, c.1.

31 Ibid., November 9, 1833, p.3, c.2.

32 Ibid., January 8, 1834, p.2, c.4.

33 Ibid., January 10, 1834, p.2, c.3.

34 Ibid., January 13, 1834, p.3, c.2.

35 Ibid., April 3, 1834, p.2, c.4.

36 Ibid., May 16, 1834, p.2, c.5.

37 Ibid., July 8, 1834, p.2, c.2.

38 Ibid., January 10, 1835, p.2, c.1.

39 Ibid., May 13, 1835, p.2, c.5.

40 Ibid., July 16, 1835, p.6, c.6.

41 Daily Georgian, January 8, 1836, p.2, c.3.

42 Ibid., February 20, 1836, p.2, c.1 and 2.

43 Georgian, May 5, 1836, p.2, c.6.

44 Ibid., August 20, 1836, p.2, c.4.

45 Daily Georgian, December 22, 1836, p.2, c.6.

46 Ibid., January 6, 1837, p.2, c.2.

47 Ibid., September 26, 1837, p.2, c.3.

48 Ibid., January 5, 1838, p.2, c.3.

49 Ibid., February 8, 1838, p.2, c.2.

50 Ibid., January 10, 1839, p.2, c.4.

51 Chatham County Health Department Death Certificate.

52 1850 Federal Census. Household No.1453.

53 Daily Morning News, January 3, 1852, p.2, c.1.

54 Ibid., November 7, 1853, p.2, c.2 and 3.

55 Chatham County Health Department Death Certificate. See also: Laurel Grove

REFERENCES EXAMINED BUT NOT USED

Because a major problem in this study was to distinguish between the various people named John Haupt, almost anything which had any mention of the name or any similar name was used. (Four people with the name of John Haupt lived during the time of John H. Haupt, the subject of this study.)

As a guide for future researchers, the entries in the various indices (1763-1840) and digests (1850-1859) for the Savannah newspapers which did not refer specifically to John Haupt, or some derivation of that name, usually were examined but not used except in a general way (e. g., Haupt's children). This researcher feels that they are useful for orientation purposes but not specifically relevant to the topic.

When searching for a modern descendent, some of the estate records served only to eliminate certain routes. The records in this category are:

Ann M. B. Buntz (File No. B-424)
Henry C. Buntz (File No. B-876)
Eliza B. Seyle (File No. S-650)
George S. Frierson (File No. F-351)
Jesse M. Frierson (File No. F-394).

The 1850 Federal Census was scrutinized carefully. The household of Henry Haupt (No. 260) was not used; however, the households of Samuel B. Haupt (No. 485) and James L. Haupt (No. 1459) may be helpful in further work.

The Savannah City Directory (1867-1880) were examined but were not useful.

All the deeds at the Chatham County Courthouse from 1800-1834 concerning John Haupt were examined in an attempt to determine his occupation but they proved useless for that purpose.

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56 Chatham County Health Department Death Certificate.