THE FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS OF HUGH AND ELIZABETH HOLT

Coming to Spartanburg County in the late 1700s and settling in an area not yet named, (named Bivingsville in the 1830s, then Glendale, S.C.), Claiborne Holt bought land on “the waters of Lawson Fork”. He was registered as Clayburn Holt in the 1800 Spartanburg County Census, Clabourn Holt in the 1810 Census, Claborn Holt in the 1820 Census. His wife’s name was Elizabeth Dobbins Holt and the names of his two sons were Hugh and William.

The Spartanburg County Register’s Office, Book R. Page 540, dated October, 1821, shows a deed from Clayborne Holt in which he conveyed 120 acres of land on the waters of Lawson Fork to his son, Hugh Holt, in consideration of his future care, protection and provisions to be given to him by Hugh Holt.

Hugh purchased an additional 120 acres on the waters of Lawson Fork in August of 1822. Reportedly, Claiborne and his wife were buried in a family cemetery plot on the farm. The deed lacking a specific location, I have been unable to discern the exact location of this farm, anyone having information on this land or Cemetery, please contact this writer.

Using Federal Census records, Spartanburg Herald/Journal Obituaries and with the help of my friend, Arthur Holt, I have tried to list most of the descendants of Claiborne’s son, Hugh Holt through the third generation.

Census Enumerators recorded names and dates as they understood the registrant who oft times had little or no education which led to numerous errors in names, dates and ages. I have tried to copy the census as recorded, making no corrections, where errors occur, I apologize. Death certificates are not available in Spartanburg for years before 1917 and Obituaries have not been put on microfilm for the years 1924 through 1929.

The Family of Hugh Holt, son of Claiborne and Elizabeth Dobbins Holt;

The 1820 Census listed Hugh Holt in Union County, Union, S. C.

According to Book R Page 305, Spartanburg County RMC office, Hugh had bought 140 acres of land in Union County in August, 1821.

The 1860 The Spartanburg Census listed the household as;

Hugh Holt 66, husband/ born in Virginia
Wife; Elizabeth Holt 65, born in S. C. Daughter of Peter Peterson
Son; Peter A. Holt 25, carpenter/ born in S. C.
Son; John C. Holt 22, carpenter/born in S.C.
Elizabeth McCall 18

The 1880 Spartanburg County Census listed Elizabeth Holt, 83, and her son, Peter A. Holt living with her Grandson, Milton H. Holt and his family
The brief obituary of Mrs. Hugh (Elizabeth) Holt as published in *The Carolina Spartan* Newspaper, Wednesday, August 13, 1884 Page 3.

“Mrs. Elizabeth Holt, about 88 years old, died at the residence of her son, James Holt, last Friday. She was buried at the cemetery here Saturday”

No record of Hugh Holt’s death was found.

The Family of Hines (H.P.) Holt, son of Hugh and Elizabeth Holt;
The 1860 The Spartanburg Village Census listed the household as;

H.P. Holt 40, husband/carpenter  Wife; Frances 37
Children;  James T. 19  Martha E 15  John P. 5
Harriet E. 3  Malinda MJ. 7 mo.

The 1870 The Spartanburg Village Census listed the household as;

Hines Holt 52, husband/carpenter  Wife; Frances 49
Children;  Hattie 13  John 15  Mary 10

The 1880 Spartanburg/Beech Springs Census listed the household as;

Haines Holt 61, husband  Wife; Frances 61
Children;  Harriet E. 20  Jane 16

The 1900 Spartanburg City Wd. 5 Census showed Hines P. Holt, 81, born July 1818, boarding with William Walden. He was listed as a widower.

No death records of Hines or Frances Holt were found.

The Family of John P. Holt, son of Hines (H.P.) and Frances Holt;
The 1880 Spartanburg/Beech Springs Census listed the household as;

John P. Holt 25, husband/farmer  Wife; Mary 19
Children;  George D. 2  Carlas 4 mo.

The 1900 Spartanburg/Campobello Census listed the household as;
John P. Holt and Mary A. Holt married 22 years, 12 children, 9 living;
John P. Holt 45, husband/carpenter/born July, 1854  Wife; Mary A. Holt 38, born May, 1862
Children;  Collis P. 20/born April, 1880  Frank M. 17/born February, 1883
Allie B. 15/born March, 1885  John B. 11/born October, 1888
Thomas G. 3/born August, 1896  Katie L. 1/born March, 1899
No other records regarding the family of John P. and Mary A. Holt were found.

The Family of Berryman R. Holt, son of Hugh and Elizabeth Holt;
The 1860 Georgia/Pickens County Census listed the household as;
Berryman Holt 30, husband/carpenter    Wife; Nancy C. 23
Children;   Virginia 4      John F. 2

The 1870 Georgia/Pickens County Census listed the household as;
Berryman R. 41, husband    Wife; Nancy 34
Children;  Virginia 14  John 12    son 10    son 6    daughter ?
No other records found.

Miss. Hattie Holt, daughter of Berryman and Nancy Holt;
Excerpts from the Obituary of Miss Hattie Holt, daughter of Berryman and Nancy C. Holt;
“Miss. Hattie Holt, 93, of 307 West Avenue, West View Section, died August 1963 following
a long illness. Miss. Holt known as “Aunt Hattie” resided with Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Bradley.
Native of Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Berryman and Nancy C, Holt. She was
the oldest member in the Oak Grove Baptist Church where her funeral services were held.
Interment followed in the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Pauline, S. C.”

Peter A. Holt, son of Hugh and Elizabeth Holt;
The 1880 The Spartanburg Census showed him at age 47, living with his nephew, Milton H. Holt.
No other records were found.

The Family of James T, Holt, son of Hugh and Elizabeth Holt;
James T. Holt first married Susan A. Cannon.
The 1860 Spartanburg/Bivingville (Glendale) Census listed the household as;
James Holt 36, husband/farmer    Wife; Susan A. 33
Children;  Marietta 14  Sara Caroline 12  Milton H. 11  Lucinda E. 9  James Robert 6  Euphemia 3  Nancy A. 1

The 1870 Spartanburg Census listed the household as;
James Holt 46    Wife; Susan 42
Children;  Marietta 24  Carrie 22  Lou 18  James 15  Susan 13  Alice 11
Following the death of Susan A. Cannon Holt, James T. married Luisa McCarley.
The 1880 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;

James T. Holt. 55, husband/farmer  
Children;  
Marietta 30  Sara C. 28  Susan E. 25  
Nancy A. 21  William E. 9  Thomas 8 mo.  
Zack Smith 18, black farm labor  
Wife; Luisa 33

Excerpts from the very brief Obituary of Mrs. J. T. Holt published June 8, 1892;
“Mrs. J. T. Holt, 44 years of age, died at Glendale, June 1, 1892. She was Luisa McCarley before marriage.”
No mention of interment
No record of J.T. Holt’s death or burial was found.

The Family of Milton H. Holt, son of James T. and Susan Cannon Holt;
Milton H. Holt married Alta A. Lands.
The 1880 Spartanburg Census listed the household as;

Milton H. Holt 30, husband/carpenter  
Child;  
Terry 3 mo.  
Nancy E. Lands 58, mother in-law  
Elizabeth Holt 83, grandmother  
Peter A. Holt 47, Uncle  
Wife; Alta A. 30

The 1900 Spartanburg/City Ward 2 Census listed the household as;

Milton H. Holt 50, husband/salesman/born Oct. 1849  
Child;  
Milton R. 18/born Sept. 1881  
Wife; Alta 52/born Feb. 1848

The 1910 Spartanburg City/ Wd2 listed the household as;
A.A. Holt 62, widow, head of household  
M. R. Holt 28, son (obviously grandson)

The 1920 Spartanburg/ City Wd. 2 Census listed the household as;
Alta Holt 71, widow, head of household  
Reid Holt 40, son, news boy, Spartanburg City.  
No other records found.

The Family of Susan Holt McCarley, daughter of James T. and Susan Cannon Holt;
Susan Holt married James Kendall McCarley
The 1900 Spartanburg Township, District 100 Census listed the household as;
Susan Holt and Kendall McCarley, married 19 years, 1 child.
Kendall McCarley 49, husband, farmer/born October, 1850
Wife; Susan 40, born September, 1859
Daughter; Alice 18, born December, 1881
Brother in-law; Earl Holt 19, born September, 1890
Nephew; Milton Linder 14, born March, 1886

The 1910 Spartanburg Township/ District 89 listed the household as;
James K. McCarley, 62, head of household
Charles M. Bagwell 31, son in-law
Alice Bagwell 27, daughter/married 6 years, 2 children
Ola Bagwell 4, granddaughter
Kennedy Bagwell, 1 year, 5 mo. grandson

The Family of William E. (Willie) Holt, son of J. T. and Susan Cannon Holt;
The 1900 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
Willie Holt 27, head of household, weaver/born January 1, 1873
Carrie Holt 32, sister/born October, 1867
Mary Holt 34, sister/born September, 1865
Viola Holt 16, sister/born September, 1883

The 1910 Spartanburg Township/District 87 Census listed the household as;
Willie E. Holt 35, head of household
Carrie S. Holt 45, sister

The Family of Thomas Earl Holt, son of James T. and Luisa McCarley Holt.
The 1900 Spartanburg Township/District 100 Census showed he was 19 years old having
been born in September 1880. He was living with his half-sister and her husband, Kendall
and Susan McCarley.

The 1910 Spartanburg Township/District 95 Census listed the household as;
Thomas E. married Lucy Mae Chapman, daughter of Rufus and Sarah Wall Chapman.
They had been married 9 years, four children, four living.
Thomas E. 29, husband/farmer    Wife; L. Mae 28
Children; Rufus 7     Edna 6     Wofford 4
            Osborne 1

The 1920 Spartanburg Township/District 100 Census listed the household as;
Earl Holt 40, husband/farmer  Wife; Mae 38
Children;   Rufus 17  Edna 16  Wofford 13  Osborne 11
            Hardin 9   Estelle 6

The 1940 Spartanburg Township/District 42-98 Census listed the household as;
Earl T. Holt 60, husband/farmer  Wife’ Lucy Mae 59
Children; Hardin 28/wholesale grocery  Estelle 26
Marvin 18/wholesale grocery

Thomas Earl Holt, born September 15, 1879 died at the age of 75 on December, 24, 1954
L. Mae Chapman Holt, born February 26, 1881 died at the age of 66 on January, 30, 1948
They were buried in the Liberty Methodist Cemetery, Spartanburg, S.C.

The Family of Rev. James Rufus Holt, son of Thomas Earl and Lucy Mae Chapman Holt;
The 1940 Spartanburg/District 42-98 Census listed the household as;
James R. Holt 37, husband/Dept. store salesman  Wife; Eunice 32, private school teacher
Children; Marion 13  Grayer 5  James 4

The Family of Edna Holt Parris, daughter of Thomas Earl and Lucy Mae Chapman Holt;
Edna Holt married Alfred Ellerbe Parris.
The 1940 Spartanburg/District 42-98 Census listed the household as;
Edna Hope Parris 36, Widow, head of household
Children; Robert 8  Donald 2

Alfred Ellerbe Parris died at the age of 35 in January, 1938
Edna Holt Parris died at the age of 70 in Columbia May 2, 1974

The Family of Wofford Holt son of Thomas Earl and Lucy Mae Chapman Holt;
Wofford E. Holt Sr. married Margaret M. Easler.
The 1940 Spartanburg/District 42-98 Census listed the family as;
Wofford Holt 33, husband/farmer  Wife; Myrtle 33
Children; John E. 8  Elbert 4

Margaret Myrtle Easler Holt died at the age of 85 in November, 1991.
Wofford E. Holt Sr. died at the age of 85 in March 1992

The Family of Osborne (Aubrey) Holt, son of Thomas Earl and Lucy Mae Chapman Holt;
Osborne L.Holt married Emily Gay Sudduth, daughter of James H. and Emma Yunker Sudduth.
The 1940 Spartanburg/City Ward 1 Census listed the household as;
Osborne T. Holt 30, husband/wholesale grocery salesman    Wife; Emily 29, MD
Child;    Beverly 6

Osborne (Aubrey) T. Holt died at the age of 58 in December, 1966
Emily G. Holt died at the age of 77 in July, 1988

The Family of Henry Hardin Holt, son of Thomas Earl and Lucy Mae Chapman Holt;
Hardin Holt married Caroline Cannon.
Children;    Arthur    Caroline

Hardin Holt died at the age of 79 in June, 1990.
Caroline Cannon Holt died at the age of 85 in April, 2001.

The Family of Estelle Holt, daughter of Thomas Earl and Lucy Mae Chapman Holt;
Estelle Holt married Thomas Lafayette Hall, son of John D. and Lillie C. Hall.
Children;    Mary    Cynthia

Thomas Lafayette Hall died at the age of 64 in September, 1981.
Estelle Holt Hall died at the age of 82 in November, 1995.

Marvin W. Holt, son of Thomas Earl and Lucy Mae Chapman Holt;
Marvin W. Holt married Peggy Edwards.
Children;    James    Douglas    Joanne
S/Sgt. Marvin W. Holt was an Army Recruiting Officer in Columbia, S. C. in 1948 according
to the Obituary of his mother, Mary Chapman Holt.
Marvin died???
Peggy Edwards died November 27, 1963

The Family of Malinda Holt Pool, daughter of James T. and Susan Holt;
Melinda Holt married Cicero Pool.
The 1880 Census listed them as Pool and were listed as Poole in the 1900 Census, obviously
the correct spelling was Pool for the area they lived in was known as Pool’s Mill and the Pool
Post Office was located there according to the County map of 1887.

The 1880 Spartanburg/District 149 Census listed the household as;
Cicero Pool 22, husband, farmer    Wife; Malinda 22

The 1900 Spartanburg/District 149 Census showed they had been married 20 years, 6
children, five living. The household was listed as;
Cicero M. Poole 42, husband, farmer/born April, 1858  Wife; Malinda 43, born April, 1857  
Children;  Walter 19, born October, 1880  Nannie 17, born October, 1882  
Elijah 14, born April, 1886  Kennedy 10, born January, 1890  
Bennie 8, born December, 1892  
Clarence Holt 14, nephew/born January, 1886  

Malinda Poole died in January, 1906  
No record of Cicero Poole’s death was found.  

The Family of Clarence C. Holt, son of James T. and Luisa Holt;  
The 1900 Spartanburg/District 149 Census listed Clarence C. Holt living with his Uncle Cicero and Aunt Malinda Poole.  
He was listed at 14 years of age being born January, 1886.  

The 1910 Greenville/City Wd3 Census listed the household as;  
Clarence had married Ida Arsular Johnson. They were listed as having been married 3 years.  
Clarence C. Holt 24, husband/grocery store  Wife; Sular 24  

The 1920 Spartanburg/City Ward 6 Census listed the household as;  
Clarence Holt 34, husband/Spartan Mill Store  Wife; Sular 35  
Children;  James P. 9  Oren 7  Mary 5  
Edwin 2yr. 6mo.  Infant 2 mo.  

The 1940 Spartanburg/District 74-B Census listed the household as;  
Clarence C. Holt 54, husband/farmer  Wife; Sular- 55  
Children;  Homer W. 18  Roy G. 16  

Clarence C. Holt died at the age of 83 in March, 1969  
Ida Arsular Johnson Holt died at the age of 66 in June, 1951  
They were buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C.  

The Family of James Perry Holt, son of Clarence and Arsular Holt;  
James Perry married Nell Waters.  
No census records found.  

James Perry Holt died at the age of 90 in February, 2001  
No record regarding the status of Nell Waters Holt was found.  

The Family of C. Edwin Holt, son of Clarence and Arsular Holt;
C. Edwin Holt married Evelyn Hall.
The 1940 Spartanburg/City Wd. 4 Census listed the household as;
C. Edwin Holt 26, husband/bookkeeper               Wife; Evelyn
No children listed

Edwin Holt died at the age of 83 in 2001  
Evelyn Hall Holt died at the age of 93 in July, 2007

The Family of Roland Wofford Holt, son of James T. and Luisa McCarley Holt:
The 1910 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed him as a widow living with his Mother in-law.
The household was listed as;
Harriet E. Gault 54, widow, head of house/eight children, eight living.
Children:    Son, Forney Gault 22                  Click H.F. Gault Family
            Son, Coke Gault 18               Daughter, Sidney 15
Roland W. Holt 28, 2 children, one living. (wife not listed)

The 1920 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the household as;
May Holt 38, Widow, head of household/cotton mill
Raymond Holt 14, son/cotton mill
Harriet Gault 66, mother/widow
Alonzo Gault 40, brother, Cotton Mill Supervisor   Click Alonzo Worth Gault Family

May Gault Holt married J. O. Hellams after the death of Roland W. Holt.
Roland W. and May Gault Holt Hellams were buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.
Grave markers; R. W. Holt-September 16, 1881=August 16, 1907
                        Mae Holt Hellams- 1880=1948
No record of J.O. Hellams death was found.

The Family of William Raymond Holt, son of Roland W. and Mae Gault Holt;
The 1940 Spartanburg/Glendale Census listed the family as;
Wm. R. Holt 34, husband/cotton mill               Wife; Anna 30, spooler
Children;      Roland 11                       Harriett 6

Raymond and his wife are buried in the Glendale Community Cemetery.
               Thelma Reaves Holt- 1909=2001
Though we have been unable to identify the parents of this Ruth J. Holt, I am listing her household as we feel sure she was a member of the lineage as she lived among many of the families listed above.

The Family of Ruth J. Holt Cannon, daughter of “unknown”
Ruth J. Holt married Wilson W. Cannon

The 1860 Spartanburg/Hurricane Shoals (Clifton) Census listed the household as;
Wilson Cannon 35, husband  Wife; Ruth J. 33
Children; Benjamin F. 14  Elizabeth J. 10  Edward H. 7  Nancy A. 6
          Susan A. 3  John R. 9 months

The 1870 Spartanburg Township Census listed the household as;
Wilson Cannon 49, husband  Wife; Ruth J. 45
Children; Benjamin 22  Edward 18  Susan 13  John 10  Anna 4

The 1880 Spartanburg, District 149 (Cannon Camp Ground/Zion Hill) Census
Wilson Cannon 60, husband/farmer  Wife; Ruth 55
Children; Edward 26/wood worker  Anna 14
No other records of Wilson and Ruth Holt Cannon were found.

The Family of Benjamin Cannon, son of Wilson and Ruth H. Cannon;

The 1880 Spartanburg District 149 Census listed the household as;
Ben Cannon 34, farmer  Wife; Mary 28
Children; Benjamin 7  Bob 6  Alice 3

The 1900 Spartanburg/District 104 Census listed the household as;
The census showed Benjamin and Mary F. Cannon had been married 25 years.
Ben Cannon 53, born December, 1846/carpenter  Wife; Mary F. 48, born April, 1852
Children; Robert 24, born in 1875/weaver  Ida 13, born in August, 1886/spooler
          Annie 20, born in February, 1880/spinner  Baker, 9, born in 1891

The 1910 Spartanburg/Beech Springs (Arcadia Mills) Census listed the household as;
Ben F. Cannon 62, widower/Carpenter
Children; Ida 28  Baker 18, weaver
No records of Ben and Mary’s death were found.

The Family of John Cannon, son of Wilson and Ruth Holt Cannon;

The 1880 Spartanburg/District 149 Census listed the household as;
John Cannon 21, husband/farmer    Wife; Eliza (Elizabeth) 19
Deaths of John and Elizabeth Cannon were not identifiable.

The Family of Edward H. Cannon, son of Wilson and Ruth Holt Cannon;
The 1900 Spartanburg/District 102 Census listed the household as;
Edward and Ida Cannon had been married 20 years, 7 children, 4 living.
Edward Cannon, 47, born October 1852/farmer    Wife; Ida 44, born November 1855
Children;   John O. 11, born October 1888    Clifford E. 8, born June 1891
           Asa R. 4, born November 1895    Roy C. 1, born September 1898

The 1910 Spartanburg/District 87 Census listed the household as;
Edward H. Cannon 57, husband/farmer    Wife; Ida M. 54
Children;   Clifford E. 18, weaver    Asa R. 14, laborer in cotton mill
           Roy C. 11
No records of death were found.

The Family of Susan A. Cannon McKinney, daughter of Wilson and Ruth Cannon;
For family story    Click “The McKinney Family”

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