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James Michael Moss is his grandfather
TC is Mammy's 1st cousin

I have taken time to get up this capsule genealogy for my children and grandchildren so that they might have an easy way to trace their family tree on my father's side. Of course, you have the book by Roy Gilmore, "The Two Great Grands", to trace my Mother's (Connor) side. I have tried to be as factual as possible, but I know that there are errors. I have become interested in this and I am sure that I will have some corrections and additions. Virginia and I have collected and are collecting copies of interesting family documents - we will pass these on.

Through the patience, kindness and help of Virginia, Capers Holman, Dr. John C. Holman, "American Descendants" of Conrad Holman, and the publications of "The Family Circle" and "The Wannamaker, Salley, Mackay and Bellinger Families" I have compiled the following information for my children and grandchildren. It is my wish that their love for family will be as strong as ours and that they will appreciate and be proud of the heritage that is theirs.

Stephen Moss, Sr.'s early ancestors were of Bedford, England and were related to English royalty. He emigrated to Virginia and from there came to the Orangeburg District in about 1760. He married Mary Keziah Wright of the Orangeburg or Colleton District about 1763 and he died on a visit to Virginia in about 1774. His widow then married John Salley of the Orangeburg District in 1775. It is believed that Stephen Moss, Sr. and possibly his oldest child, Stephen Moss, lived in what is known as the Cannon Bridge area of Orangeburg County. Mills Atlas (1825) of Orangeburg District shows the name S. Moss as living in that area.

His oldest child, Stephen Moss, married Anne Erwin, a daughter of Lt. James Erwin and Sara Daniels. Their eldest child, James Erwin Moss, married Selina Catherine Stroman (I know nothing about this Stroman side except that she came from between Norway and Springfield). They settled in the Norway area and built a home there about 1830. Now it is possible that his father, Stephen Moss, was also in this area because he was buried here. This old home still stands; and after being vacant for a number of years was recently sold by the Dowling family to a young man named Jerry Price, who is in the process of restoring it. Rev. Benjamin David Moss' (Grandfather's brother) daughter, Selina, married Dr. Dowling and they lived in the old home that Grandfather spent his childhood with his five living sisters and one living brother.

The old Moss Cemetery - now called the Norway Cemetery - is located between the old home and Norway. Here are buried our great great grandfather and grandmother, Stephen and Anne Erwin Moss - our great grandfather and grandmother, James Erwin and Selina Catherine Stroman Moss, - here also are two of Grandfather's brothers, William Augustus and Rev. Benjamin David Moss, and two of Grandfather's sisters, Selina Stroman Moss and Ann Catherine Moss. Also there is an uncle of Grandfather's, Stephen H. Moss, who died about 1840 at age 24, or so the gravestone says.

Grandfather attended the old Poplar Springs Academy - a noted school in its day - located between Orangeburg and Norway. He then entered The Citadel but he was not there too long before he and his classmates withdrew to enter the army to fight the War of Northern Aggression. He was 16 years old at the time. He enlisted in Co. I, 2nd Regiment of S. C. Artillery and served for awhile on the coast of S. C. in defense of Charleston. While serving there a bullet passed through a palmetto log striking him in his chest and dropping at his feet. Ellen Westfall has this bullet.

Grandfather had a dear friend, Eli Riley, who lived on the Denmark side of the South Edisto. They went to The Citadel together, roomed together, joined the service together, and when the war ended their company was in the Goldsboro, N. C. vicinity. Eli had been sick, was in a very weakened condition and could not make the trip home. Grandfather walked home, scrounged a mule and wagon, put a mattress in it, and returned to the Goldsboro area, got Eli, and together they made the trip home.

Grandfather had a sister, Emma Lucia, who married Dr. Melchoir K. Holman (H. W. Farrow's grandfather) and so it was natural that he would meet Margaret Ann Holman (Melchoir's sister). A romance flourished and they were married in 1869. He then moved to Margaret Ann's home (my present home) and worked the land diligently. By 1880 he had saved enough - \$5,000.00 - to purchase the 1400 acres from Ann Leah Holman - Margaret Ann's mother and her sisters and brothers. It was here that they raised their family. The children at first went to a school near Shady Grove Church. The teacher always stayed with the Moss family. It was during one of their return walks home that the teacher suggested that each child dig and carry home a small pecan tree. This was done and they were set out in a line in front of the house. Today those towering pecan trees are a landmark - however, the nuts are of no value because they taste bitter.

Then the younger children went to a school located at the far end of a field that we call Ransom. Aunt Kittie taught at this school called Rosebud Academy. The depression of the old well is still visible. My father told the tale of one family - The children of the families in the immediate area came to school there - who rode the cow to school, then at recess would milk the cow for lunch.

Of course, the Moss family went to church at Shady Grove. Great Grandfather Adam in 1837 gave 5 acres of land for this church. In 1889 Adam Osgood Holman and Grandfather Moss gave Shady Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South clear title to this land. This present structure is the original church. We are told that when the road was moved from the present back of the church to the present front, that the church was turned around and the slave loft was removed at that time. We know that Shady Grove dates back to 1834 and possibly earlier.

Grandfather was a family man, a leader in his church and community, a leader in agriculture where he was an innovator. He believed in and practiced rotation of crops and diversification long before it became the thing to do. He had cattle, hogs and sheep as well as chickens, guineas, turkeys and geese. He had his own mill pond where he ground his corn and wheat. I remember him telling one tale of carrying hogsheads of tobacco and other things to Charleston and bringing back supplies.

Clemson College recognized him for his work in agriculture - he bred improved oats.

He and Margaret Ann were most successful in raising a wonderful family of 6 living children - 3 girls and 3 boys - all earning college degrees and all becoming successful in their chosen fields.

My grandmother died before I was born; but I have been told that she was straight forward, smart, hard working and a very witty person.

I did know my grandfather - this dear and great man - and I have fond memories of him. His bright twinkling eyes, kind smile and infectious laugh, his erect carriage and strong walk, with his ever present umbrella walking cane, his ever present cigar, his love for animals and the out of doors - especially his love for dove hunting and fishing - he was the

best jigger fisherman I ever saw. I paddled the boat for him on many afternoons, and he was so quick with that pole that he would almost knock me out of the boat if I was not alert. He loved to play cards, but only the old game of set-back. He had a genuine love for people and his sincerity and integrity were above reproach. He was one of those many persons who really knew what hard times and sacrifice were all about, but he would not let it beat him and he went on and helped to make our nation great. This is the kind of heritage that we have - certainly we can do no less!

The key is as follows for Dr. John Holman's Descendants of Conrad Holman:

- 1 - Conrad Holman (1714 - 1772)
Conrad Holman is my Great Great Great Grandfather.
- 16 - Conrad Holman's 6th child was named Melchoir (1763-1805)
Melchoir Holman is my Great Great Grandfather.
- 162 - Conrad Holman's 6th child Melchoir whose 2nd child was named Adam (1803-1861)
Adam Holman was my Great Grandfather.
- 162.11 - Conrad Holman's 6th child Melchoir whose 2nd child Adam whose 11th child (there were 13) was named Margaret Ann (1845-1912)
Margaret Ann Holman was my Grandmother.
- 162.11.6 - Thomas Clyde Moss who was the 6th child of Margaret Ann Holman and James Michael Moss.
My Father.
- 162.11.62 - Thomas Connor Moss is 2nd child of Thomas Clyde Moss and Eloise Connor.
That's me - I got a free ride to here.
- 162.11.621 - Virginia Clare Moss Allen is the 1st child of Thomas Connor Moss and Virginia Clare Dukes.
Clare is our daughter.
- 162.11.6211 - Susan Jennifer Allen is the 1st child of Virginia Clare Moss Allen and Thomas E. Allen, III.
Jennie is our Granddaughter and Great 5th Granddaughter of Conrad Holman.

Stephen Moss, Sr.		- 1774
M. Mary Kesiah Wright		-
Stephen Moss	1st child	1764 - 1839
M. Anne Erwin		1784 - 1850
James Erwin Moss	1st child	1811 - 1887
M. Selina Catherine Stroman		1816 - 1899
James Michael Moss		1846 - 1937
162.11.	M. Margaret Ann Holman	1845 - 1912

The offspring of this marriage is as follows:

162.11.1	Mary Erwin Moss	1870 - 1870
162.11.2	Adam Holman Moss	1871 - 1959
	M. Anne Norwood	1880 - 1957
162.11.21	James Alexander Moss	1904 - 196
	M. Ellen Mary Stevens	1906 -
162.11.211	Ellen Legare Moss	1945 -
	M. Richard Okey Westfall	1947 -
162.11.2111	Richard Okey Westfall, Jr.	1976 -
162.11.212 (2112)	Ellen Legare Westfall	1979 -
162.11.22	Adam Holman Moss, Jr.	1907 - 1909
162.11.23	Louisa Norwood Moss	1909 -
	M. Arthur McLees	1908 - 1979
162.11.3	Ann Catherine (Kittie) Moss	1873 - 1967
	M. Jacob Risher Fairay	1868 - 1951
162.11.31	James Erwin Fairay	1899 - 1900
162.11.32	Phillip Moss Fairay	1899 - 1903
162.11.4	Margaret Holman Moss	1876 - 1945
	M. Albert C. Watson	1874 - 1928
162.11.41	James Michael Watson	1899 - 1947
	M. Coy King	1904 - 1929
162.11.411	James Michael Watson, Jr.	1923 - 1942
162.11.42	Albert C. Watson, Jr.	1906 -
	M. Annie Culler	1906 -
162.11.421	Margaret Moss Watson	1936 -
	M. J. W. Allgood	1936 -
	M. Robert A. Lundgren	1943 -
162.11.4211	Hazel Ann Allgood	1960 -
162.11.4212	Rachel Moss Allgood	1963 -
162.11.4213	Joel W. Allgood, Jr.	1965 -
162.11.422	Albert C. Watson, Jr.	1941 -
	M. Patricia Culler	1941 -
162.11.4221	Anna Margaret Watson	1970 -
162.11.4222	Triaha Marie Watson	1974 -
162.11.5	James Erwin Moss	1879 - 1879
162.11.6	Thomas Clyde Moss	1880 - 1947
	M. Eloise Connor	1887 - 1972
162.11.61	Margaret Elizabeth Moss	1916 -
	M. John C. Haigler	1916 - 1978
162.11.611	Mary Eloise Haigler	1945 -
	M. William Jerry Leake	1945 -
162.11.6111	Elizabeth Haigler Leake	1972 -
162.11.6112	William Chandler Leake	1975 -

162.11.62	Thomas Connor Moss	1922 -
	M. Virginia Clare Dukes	1924 -
162.11.621	Virginia Clare Moss	1947 -
	M. Thomas Eugene Allen, III	1944 -
162.11.6211	Susan Jennifer Allen	1972 -
162.11.6212	Virginia Leigh Allen	1974 -
162.11.622	Thomas Connor Moss, Jr.	1948 -
	M. Lynette Findley	1950 -
162.11.623	Margaret Anne Moss	1951 -
	M. Thomas Clinton Key, Jr., M.D.	1951 -
162.11.6231	Lauren Summers Key	1977 -
162.11.6232	Clinton Connor Key	1980 -
162.11.7	Sara Anellia Moss	1883 -
	M. James Lewis Mann PHD	1873 - 1944
162.11.71	Dorothy Amelia Mann	1906 - 1910
162.11.72	Margaret Eliza Mann	1910 -
	M. Lewis Ezra Cromer	1904 - 1972
162.11.721	James Lewis Mann Cromer	1935 -
	M. Carolyn Rochelle Merritt	1934 -
162.11.7211	James Lewis Mann Cromer, II	1963 -
162.11.7212	Elizabeth Rochelle Cromer	1967 -
162.11.722	Sara Kathryn Cromer	1942 -
162.11.73	James Moss Mann	1914 -
	M. Helen Chastain	1914 -
162.11.731	James Lewis Mann, II	1940 -
	M. Eloise McMillan	1942 -
162.11.7311	Susanne Chastain Mann	1964 -
162.11.7312	James Moss Mann, II	1969 -
162.11.7313	Jenkins McMillan Mann	1974 -
162.11.732	Thomas Chastain Mann	1942 -
	M. Jenko Bordeaux	1938 -
162.11.733	Amelia Moss Mann	1946 -
162.11.734	Helen C. Mann	1949 -
162.11.74	Catherine Fairrey Mann	1919 -
	M. John Maurice Truesdale	
162.11.741	Catherine Amelia Truesdale	1943 -
	M. Victor Neil Robertson	
162.11.7411	James Michael Robertson	1962 -
162.11.7412	Tracey Margaret Robertson	1963 -
162.11.742	John Maurice Truesdale, Jr.	1947 -
	M. Sharon Diane Godfrey	
162.11.7421	Ashley Diane Truesdale	1974 -
162.11.7422	Jason Maurice Truesdale	1975 -

162.11.743	Rebecca Ann Truesdale.	1950 -
	M. Marvin Wilkes Pitts	
162.11.7431	Rebecca Amelia Pitts	1977 -
162.11.7432	Margaret Wilkes Pitts	1979 -
162.11.744	Margaret Truesdale	1953 -
	M. James Thornton Darby	
162.11.7441	Catherine Sharp Darby	1979 -
162.11.745	Carolyn Truesdale	1955 -
162.11.8	James Michael Moss, Jr.	1885 - 1964
	M. Martha Caroline Keller	1894 -
162.11.81	Margaret Emily Moss	1922 -
	M. Earl W. Mischler	1915 -
162.11.811	Earl W. Mischler, Jr.	1942 -
	M. Jean Webb	1949 -
162.11.8111	Laura Catherine Mischler	1972 -
	Emily Caroline Mischler	1975 -
162.11.812	Martha Rebecca Mischler	1950 -
	M. Thomas Patrick Zeigler	1947 -
	Rachael Elizabeth Zeigler	1978 -
162.11.82	Martha Catherine Moss	1924 -
162.11.83	James Michael Moss, III	1927 -
	M. Margaret Bull	1920 -
162.11.831	Curtis Michael Moss	1951 -
	M. Susan K. Keitt	1951 -
162.11.8311	James M. Moss, IV	1978 -

Conrad Holman married Mary Ann Braun and their 6th child was named Melchoir. Now Melchoir was married twice and Adam (our great grandfather) was the son of his second wife, Mary Keitt, and also the second child of Melchoir. Adam was raised by John Conrad Kennerly and his wife, Margaret Keitt. They had no children. John Conrad Kennerly was the son of Mary Ann Holman (2nd child of Conrad & Mary Ann) and James Kennerly. Adam Holman married Ann Leah Wannamaker and our grandmother, Margaret Ann Holman, was the 11th of 13 children. Of course, Margaret Ann married James Michael Moss. Margaret Ann - my grandmother - was a sister to Adam Osgood - Capers Holman's grandfather.

My great grandfather, Adam, and my great grandmother, Ann Leah, are buried in the old Holman cemetery located behind and aside of Capers Holman's present home and off S.C.#6 (St. Matthews side) in timber land owned by Capers Holman. This cemetery is laid off in a square 90 x 90 with a deep ditch dug around its perimeter. The reason for the ditch was two-fold - one for drainage and two to keep livestock (there were

few fences back then) from entering. There are five distinct rows or partial rows of tombstones dating from 1824 to 1888. There is good reason to believe that Conrad Holman and many others of the Holman family are buried here with their grave markers having either been wood or sandstone which have disintegrated with time. There are 45 visible gravestones in the cemetery now. In this cemetery are also buried Mary Erwin and James Erwin Moss - 1st and 5th child - of James M. Moss and Margaret Ann Holman. There are visible markers to these two graves. Grandfather had markers placed at Sunnyside Cemetery (Moss lot) in Orangeburg for these two but their remains were not removed from the Holman Cemetery.

Virginia and I have the privilege and honor to be living in the home built by my great grandfather, Adam Holman. Of course, this home has been remodeled through the years but we have a picture of the original home. We believe that the original home was built around 1840, and I am the 4th generation of my family to live here.

An interesting story of why Sherman's men did not burn the home of Adam Holman, where I now live, is as follows - Sherman's men first went to the Zimmerman plantation just above us. No one was there except the slaves, for Mr. Zimmerman had taken his family to Columbia for safety - the place was ransacked and then the torch put to it. Sherman's men then went to the Whetstone plantation. Mrs. Whetstone had recently lost a son in Virginia and was deathly ill at the time and the men were prevailed upon not to burn the home. Sherman's men then came to Adam Holman's home. Adam had died in 1861 and only Great Grandmother, Ann Leah and the younger children were here. It is said that when Great Grandmother saw Sherman's men come in the back yard and dismount that she ran down the back steps with her apron over her head yelling smallpox, smallpox!! Sherman's men left in a hurry and the house was saved.

Grandmother Moss was Margaret Ann Holman who goes back to Conrad Holman. Conrad Holman came to Charleston and America in about 1750. He was German, but he and his 2nd wife, Mary Ann, went to England before proceeding to America. His 1st wife died in Germany and it is reported that he left a daughter there when he emigrated. Dr. John Holman found a recorded land grant in Kew, England to Conrad Holman for 100 acres of land in the Orangeburg township. After landing in Charleston they made their way up to and settled in the area (100 acres) approximately where

Capers Holman now lives. He built a trading post along the old Cherokee trail and a millpond. He prospered and there are records where he was paid for entertaining Indians as well as government agents. It is reported that Conrad Holman prevailed upon an ordained Lutheran minister to come serve the needs of the growing settlement.

The German settlers were looked upon condescendingly by the English but they lived peacefully and happily together. Conrad's ability as a trader, a civic and religious leader of his community, and last but not least, his wealth won for him respect of the English.

Our lineage to Conrad comes through Melchoir, the sixth son of Conrad and on through Adam, the second son of Melchoir. Adam married Ann Leah Wannamaker. We do have some information on Ann Leah - sometimes called Nancy - and, incidentally Albert Watson has in his possession handed down through his mother, a dress of Ann Leah's. This dress is in good condition, having been worn by Albert's daughter and granddaughter in recent celebrations.

Among the Swiss and German settlers that came to the Orangeburg area in 1735 was Jacob Wannamaker. In 1740 he married Susan Shuler who died at the birth of their first child. A short time later he married Ann Catherine Shuler, sometimes called Anna or Catherina, and from this union came Jacob #2. Both Jacobs served in the Revolutionary War. Lt. Jacob #2 served with the famous Capt. Jacob Rumph and later married his daughter, Ann Rumph. Both Lt. Jacob Wannamaker and his wife, Ann, are buried in the Rumph cemetery which is located in Calhoun County between I-26 and S.C. 21. Jacob Wannamaker #3 was born of this union. He became a Methodist minister and married Mary Magdalene Miller. Mary Miller's parents are buried in the Miller cemetery near Jamison. Rev. Jacob Wannamaker and his wife Mary are buried in an old Wannamaker cemetery near Jamison. So far we have not located this cemetery. From this union was born Ann Leah, sometimes called Nancy, our great grandmother.