

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HOYLE FAMILY AND HOYLE HOUSE

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May 14, 1710 - (Rucker) - Pieter Heyl born in vicinity of Wiesbaden

January 4, 1733 Elizabeth Catherina. Heyl born to Johann Peter and wife Susanna Catherina in Handsbach, District of Kreuznach.

1738 Peter Heyl, a miller, from Adenbach left for Pennsylvania - Immigrants from Zweibrucken.

September 11, 1738 Peter and Catharine Dales Heyl and family arrived in America on the ship Robert and Alice.

They took up residence in northeast Lancaster County near Berks County line.

December 3, 1745 - Anna Elisabeth Heyl - daughter born to Pieter and Catherine at Muddy Creek Congregation, Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, baptized by Rev. Conrad Templeman.

According to tradition - Hoffman and Rucker - Heyl family lived sometime in Frederick, Maryland.

Mid 1750's - listed on Captain Samuel Cobrin's Militia List - Peterer Hoyl- married man; Jacob Hoyle - young man.

Rucker contended Hoyle House built "about 1750 with its historic walnut trees."

May 8, 1753 - land grant to Peter Hoyle mentioned in Martin Hoyle deed - March 12, 1782.

May 17, 1754 - land grant to Peter Hoyle of 300 acres in Anson County on north side of Long Creek and south side of South Fork.

May 17, 1754 - land grant to Peter Hoyle of 500 acres in Anson County on south side of South Fork River.

October 21, 1758 - land grant to Alexander McCulloch below Phillip Rudisill's on "Hoile Mill Creek about a mile above the Mill."

? 1758 - date of Hoyle House construction from Cope and Wellman's History of Gaston County.

1759 - 1761 Cherokee uprising on frontier N. C.

Prior to January 20, 1761 - Peter Hoyle died - where buried? Estate record from Anson County listed 270 pound total estate sales dated January 20, 1791.

Prior to January 20, 1761 - Jacob Hoyle died. On January 20, 1761 recorded

"To Jacob Hoyle dec'd - Dr[ebtor]"

April 22, 1763 - land grant. to Martin Hoile - 180 acres in Mecklenburg County, joining his own land, Lawrence Snapps, Hoiles old line, and Leapers Creek.

August 2, 1763 - Estate sale for Jacob Hoyle - listed "Widow Hoil Jacobs Widow" and "Widow Hoil old Woman". Jacob Hoyle's widow Elizabeth re-married Jacob Costner - Mecklenburg Co. Estate File

November 16, 1764 - land grant to Michael Hoil - 300 acres in Mecklenburg County on both sides of Little Long Creek about one mile from Peter Lebonts - including a shoal

October Sessions 1768 - Return of Jacob Hoyle's Estate in Mecklenburg County Court

1761-1779

Land held by Hoyle Family - Primogeniture - to eldest son - and entailed the entire estate from 1761 - 1779. Martin Hoil probably became of age in 1779

March 25, 1771 - Capt. Fred. Hambright Expedition against the Cherokees included John Hoyle, Lieutenant, Andrew Hoyle, Seargant.

Lincoln County Deeds:

October 26, 1779 Martin H. to John H. 200 pound part of original 1754 Peter Hoyle grant. Peter Hoyle died intestate, land went to his eldest son, Jacob, who died intestate, then fell to Martin, Jacob's eldest and only son - 60 acres

Same date Martin to John H. - homeplace tract

Same date Martin to Andrew H.

Same date Martin to Michael H. 200 pounds - 196 acres - part of Peter H. original grant

March 12, 1782 Martin H. to Peter Best 100 pound - 29 acres - part of Peter's old tract - granted May 8, 1753 - probably named after Peter Hoil

July 8, 1783 Martin H. to Wirry Rudisill 3 pounds land on Hoyles Creek granted to Peter 1754

Settlement of Jacob Hoyle's Estate moved to Lincoln County. Complication Jacob and Elizabeth Hoyle Costner died in 1779.

1782 - John Hoyle - administrator of Jacob Costner's estate  
'- "Andrew Heyel" received for Hana Hoil - daughter of Jacob money from John Hoyle.

-- "Martin Heil" received money on three receipts as a share of his estate.

January 1, 1787 - appears to be a final settlement of both Jacob Hoyle and Jacob Costner.

-- Jacob Hoil had 3 children

Ann died single

Hannah - married George Pasour Jr.

Martin - moved to present Cleveland County

--Hoffman gave no indication of when Peter Hoyle House was built.

1790 Lincoln County census - 8th Company

Hoyle, John	4	-	5	-	5	-	2	slaves
Hoyle, Michl	1	-	2	-	6	-	3	slaves
Hoyle, Andrew	1	-	4	-	6			
Hoyle, Martin	1	-	3	-	5	-	1	slave
Hoyle, Peter	1	-	2	-	3			

--John, Andrew and nephew Martin moved to present northern Cleveland County.

October 20, 1794 John Hoyle of Rutherford County to Andrew Hoyle, Jr. 400 pounds N. C. money, 351 acres - of original Peter Hoyle land; 300 acres granted to John Hoyle; 18 acres of another John Hoyle grant

1800 - 1810 - Major renovation of the Hoyle House

1805 - Andrew Hoyle taxed for 933 acres - 1WP-3BP and 1 store

Post office established at Hoyleville for present Gaston County area. Andrew as postmaster 1812 - 1846

"Rich" Andrew - owned stores - owned stock in High Shoals Iron Manufacturing - owned considerable acres of land

In 1846 he owned 18,831 acres valued at \$63,034; operated 4 stores; owned interest in Kings Mountain gold mine; owned 16,000 acres associated with High Shoals iron works; the Abernathy Forge.

1849 Eli Hoyle, son of Andrew, died - house across the road

November 22, 1856 Andrew Hoyle wrote his will

February 9, 1857 Andrew Hoyle died

February 1857 Probated will

Will and Estate Papers filed under Gaston County records--In his will Andrew gave the old home and the homeplace tract to son Caleb Wilfong Hoyle who was a deaf mute.

Andrew Hoyle's Estate was worth over \$200,000 not counting his slaves.

June 3, 1879 Thomas Grier (grandson of Andrew) swore that C. W. Hoyle died without a will. Shortly before (April 16, 1877) the homeplace tract was divided into three lots and sold with Leroy L. Suggs buying 280 acres for \$4062.80  
Estate papers found in Mecklenburg County.

January 5, 1911 Mary A. Suggs, widow of L. L. Suggs, sold the homeplace to T. A. Setzer

November 12, 1912 T. A. Setzer sold the homeplace to R. A. Lewis.

February 21, 1914 R. A. Lewis resold the house to Mrs, Frances L. Stroupe