

family Plott

(1734 - 1919)

from the Rhine to the New World with their Dogs

Johannes⁶ Plott (1734 -): In 1750, as a young man of sixteen years, Johannes and his older brother sailed from Rotterdam, Germany, on the boat Priscilla with 209 other German emigrants to the New World. Johannes and his brother were born and reared on the Rhine River at Heildesberg, Batavia, Germany. There they had been gamekeepers on a great estate (some say for a prince) and they brought with them to America five of their prized hunting dogs. The brother died on the voyage over and was buried at sea, leaving the youthful Johannes and his dogs alone in the New World.

Johannes landed at Philadelphia, then made his way to Newburn, North Carolina where there was a German-Swiss settlement. He later relocated to Cabarrus County, North Carolina where he married Margaret⁶ Ann Littleton, and raised his family of four boys and four girls.

Henry⁵ Plott (1770-1839): Henry was the second son of Johannes⁶ and Margaret⁶ Ann. He married Lydia⁵ Osborne in 1795. In 1800, they, along with the family of Lydia's brother, Jonathan, moved to the Pigeon River area of Buncombe County (now Haywood County), where they purchased a farm in partnership. Henry and Margaret Ann later moved further west and established a farm on what is now known as Plott Creek, where they raised their family of eight sons and three daughters.

Jonathan⁴ Plott (1805-1886): When twenty-five years of age Johnathan moved nearby to the upper Pigeon River Valley where he taught school. Later he purchased a farm, eventually building it to over 800 acres of prime

farm land. He also established a grist mill and a saw mill on the banks of the Pigeon River, and he had a country store.

He married Elizabeth⁴ Harmon in 1835 and they had two children, Adeline³ and Pingtree.

Jonathan⁴ PLOTT & Elizabeth⁴ C. HARMON

Jonathan⁴ PLOTT

Birth: 08 Jan 1805, Haywood Co., N.C.
Death: 07 Jul 1886
Father: Henry⁵ PLOTT (1770-1839)
Mother: Lydia⁵ OSBORNE (1776-1857)

Elizabeth⁴ C. HARMON

Birth: 16 Jul 1818, Cabarrus Co., N.C.
Death: 30 Nov 1889
Father: Anthony⁵ HARMON (-1826)
Mother: Lucretia⁵ WELLS

Marriage: 02 Jun 1835

Two Children

Adeline³ Loucrecia (Addie) PLOTT

Birth: 13 Mar 1841
Marriage: 17 Aug 1858 James³ Leonidas Welch
(1836-1883);
Waynesville, Haywood Co., N.C.

Marriage: Mansfield CHRISTOPHER

Death: 21 Nov 1919 Micanopy, Florida.

Pingtree Pressley PLOTT

Marriage: Charity Haseltine OSBORNE

Adeline³ Loucretia Plott (1841-1919): Adeline married James³ Leondias Welch in 1858 at seventeen years of age. (For a continuation, see James³ Leondias Welch, page 57.)

Sources:

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the Plott Hound – “a good bear dog”

“The Plott Hound can run like a foxhound, fight like a terrier, tree like a coonhound and has the nose of a bloodhound”, a dog breeder once said. It is one of the six hunting hounds recognized by the United Kennel Club, but is different than other hounds in common use. Many claim it is more aggressive and faster, with a willing-to-mix-it-up attitude and a cat-like agility in a fight. These traits endear it to the rugged mountaineers of North Carolina, indeed throughout the country, who chase bear, boar, raccoon and mountain lions.

Most other hounds are descendants of the English Foxhounds, while the Plott Hounds are of German blood and are built more like mastiffs with short ears, bench legs, and barrel chests.

All Plott Hounds are descendants of the original dogs Johannes Plott brought to America from Germany in 1750. He, his sons and grandsons, and their sons and grandsons knew the importance of breeding and worked to maintain and improve the qualities of the pack. Only the best were bred and only the best of the offspring were kept – any that were clumsy, or showed a lack of desire or cowardice in a hunt were immediately dispatched on the spot by the hunters. For two hundred years the Plott packs passed through Plott descendants, each one a premier bear hunter and a stickler for maintaining the breed and keeping the bloodline intact.



Official U.K.C. Standard for the Plott Hound

Head: Carried well up, dome moderately flat, moderate width between and above eyes.

Ears: Set moderately high and of medium length, soft and no erectile power.

Eyes: Brown or hazel, prominent, no drooping eyelids.

Muzzle: Moderate length but not square.

Teeth: Even, neither undershot or overshot.

Shoulders: Muscular and sloping to indicate speed and strength.

Chest: Deep, with adequate lung space.

Back: Slightly arched, well muscled and strong, not roached.

Hips: Smooth, round, proportionately wide, flanks gracefully arched, muscular quarters and lions.

Tail: Moderately heavy, strong at root tapering there, rather long with brush, carried free, well up, saber-like.

Legs, Front: Straight, smooth, forearm muscular; straight at knees, perfectly in line with upper leg.

Legs, Hind: strong and muscular above hock, slightly bent at hock, no cow hock, speed shaped and graceful.

Feet: Round solid, cat foot, well padded and knuckled.

Color: Brindle – a fine streaked or striped effect or pattern of black or tan hairs with hairs of a lighter or darker background color. Shades of color accepted – yellow, red, tan, brown, black, grey, and maltese brindle.

Coat: Hair fine to medium coarse, short or medium length, with smooth, glossy appearance.

Voice: Open trailing, bawl and chop.

Height: Males – 22” to 27” at shoulder; Females – 21” to 25”.

Characteristics: Active, fast, bright, kind, confident, courageous, vicious fighters on game, super treeing instinct, take readily to water, alert, quick to learn, have great endurance and beauty.