

LEITNER LEGENDS

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The first Leitner who came to America was given a beautiful red shirt, handwoven and handmade by his sweetheart, at sailing time. He met John Wesley on the ship and they became fast and very close friends and companions traveling to many places and both preached in many churches. It is said that many times the initiative was taken by young Leitner who was unassuming to the extent that he was seldom written about while the boastful Wesley took full credit.

On the voyage the ship sprang a leak and would have sunk had not the quick-thinking Leitner taken off his red shirt and stuffed it into the hole, thus saving many lives and valuable cargo.

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1885--Ocala Star Banner LEITNER--This is a brand new place situated on the Florida Southern railway, 4 1/2 miles north of Ocala. It, like boarding house butter, has lots of room to improve. It now has one store with general merchandise, notions, .etc., a fine 30-horse power saw and grist mill have just erected by that excellent mechanic H. Sinclair. It has just gotten a post office and of course land in and around there will go up in price.