

During the Revolutionary War, Valentin Mochel and Valentin 2nd would serve in the Army during winter weather and farm in the other seasons. This is apparently the reason that their names do not appear on any muster role. It is a fact that they never received pay for serving in the Army. One letter sent home by Valetin Mockel, which was lost when the Mogel log home burned about 1916, told of the Army's defeat and retreat from Long Island and how Valentin and Valentin 2nd worked as a team in shooting British officers. One would be reloading while the other was in firing position. The letter indicated that this was the strategy of the troops.

A word of mouth story which is very interesting, is that the women that were left home on the Mogel farm poured lead bullets while the men were away. After the Battle of Trenton a Prussian deserter came to the farm house for food. Upon seeing what the women were doing he asked to help. The Prussian made multiple bullet molds and improved methods. Production increased to such an extent that a letter of commendation was received from Washington's Quartermaster. Unfortunately this letter was burned in the Mogel log house fire.

The original Mogel home was a huge log house which was destroyed by fire about 1916. As the years passed wood sheathing and a type of stucco were added to the sides. One side room had ceiling and walls completely covered with old guns and pistols. Most of the guns had been made by the Mogels. Everything was lost except Grandfather David's Civil War bayonet and a badly melted flintlock which I recovered. I still have the bayonet.

Heinrich (Henry) W. Mogel, a son of Valentin Mochel, 2nd joined the 15th Regiment, Volunteer Troop of Cavalry. The Captain was Samuel Wilson and the unit was the 2nd Div., 2nd Brigade, Bucks Co. Militia which saw service in the War of 1812-1814.

David W. Mogel (Mokle), a son of Heinrich W. Mogel, saw Civil War service at Suffolk, Va. He was a member of the 167th Regiment, Company D, Penna. Volunteer Infantry.

Even though David W. Mogel spent most of his service in northern Virginia in the Army of the Potomac, he sometimes found himself elsewhere. The story goes that in June 1863 he and other soldiers were sent on a mission by railroad. These troops were filtered in with units already in position. David W. Mogel found himself with a Michigan outfit at a place later known as the Gettysburg Battlefield. Even though wounded he never received disability.

David W. Mogel, like one of his brothers, had a language block and this is the basis for this story which Grandfather David liked to tell. The brother, I forget which one, was a bit of a lady's man. On the first day of the famous battle the brother was in the town of Gettysburg in a young woman's home. He never realized that the rebels were taking the town. Upon leaving, he was spotted. He ducked under the porch but was dug out by bayonet. Because he could not speak English, the rebels decided that he was foreign mercenary. He was placed against a board fence to be shot by a firing squad. A split second before the fire order, he swung over the fence and got away. Believe it or not!

Oscar A. Mogel, Sr., son of Valentine F. Mogel, who in turn was the son of David W. Mogel, researched the family history. The information from his work verified known family history. However, the most interesting result of his work was that the family has a crest or coat-of-arms which was bestowed on a family for being engaged in the manufacture of metal items (swords) or skilled in the use of the sword. Since the past Mogels were artisans this seems to be the more likely reason. The coat-of-arms can be seen on Oscar's headstone at Belleman's Church, Centre Township, Berks County, Pa.

It is requested that anyone who reads this Mogel family history who can supply additional information or corrections, please do so.

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Stanley L. Mogel's home is on
part of the original land.
Mog's Hill 1752

7. Arnold Ramsey Mogel Born 2/4/1946
 Wife - Juddy McClure Born 2/1/1946
 Married 2/17/1967
 Served in the U.S. Air Force
 1966-1970

Children -

 Matthew (See #8) Born 11/10/1969
 Nancy Kay Born 3/4/1971

8. Matthew Alan Mogel Born 11/10/69

Valentine Mochel moved from the Rhine River country of Western Germany to Alsace. A short time later he emigrated to America from the seaport of Rotterdam (Netherlands) and qualified in the port of Philadelphia, Penna., Aug. 28, 1750. He appears on the list of 337 passengers imported on the ship "Phoenix," John Mason, Master. The Phoenix sailed from Rotterdam, Holland to Philadelphia touching at the Port of Cowes, England.

Valentine Mochel first settled and took up land in a place known as Penns Valley in Perry County, Penna., and also Millheim in Centre County. He found the Indians troublesome and moved to land north of Belleman's Church, Berks County in 1752. A son of Valentine Mochel, John Adam Mochel later returned to Penns Valley.

The following interesting story of Valentine Mochel was passed down. Valentine Mochel was forced to move from the Rhein River Valley to Alsace due to Prussian oppression. While farming in Alsace he hired a pretty French Housekeeper. The Prussians came to Alsace and an officer made improper advances to Valentine Mochel's Housekeeper. In a fair fight Valentine Mochel killed the Prussian Officer, but since Valentine was just a farmer orders were issued that he was to be hung. Valentine Mochel fled to Holland and took passage on the sailing ship the Phoenix. The ship's master, John Mason was ordered to put Valentine Mochel ashore but John Mason set sail as the Phoenix had already cleared the harbor. If this account is true, and there is no reason to the contrary, the Mogels are here by the grace of a hangman's noose.

Valentine Mochel, Valentine 2nd, Heinrich and David were all craftsmen with skills in gun smithing, carpentry, black smithing and mechanics. I recovered from the barn a hand truck completely made of wood including the wheels, a badly rotted percussion pistol and some wooden gear wheels. Also, the frame of the old barn does not have a single nail - it is held together by wooden pegs.

Valentine Mogel took the oaths of Naturalization to become a subject of the Kingdom of Great Britain April 10, 1761 which is signed by Edward Shippen, Jr., "Prothunotary of the Supreme Court of the Province of Pennsylvania."

	Wife - Alice	Born	Died
	Served as Sheriff of Berks County		
	Children -		
	Emma (Snyder)	Born	Died
	Valentine F.	Born 11/28/1867	Died 1/30/1896
	Wife - Viola Althouse	Born 2/1/1869	Died 12/23/1910
	Children -		
	Oscar	Born 1893	Died 1970
	Ellen F.	Born 4/20/1869	Died 9/22/1887
	Howard F.		
	Wife -		
	Children -		
	Levi F. (See #5)	Born 9/18/1873	Died 5/31/1942
	Adam F.	Born 3/29/1881	Died 11/17/1888
	Wife		
	Children -		
	John F.	Born 1879	Died 1912
	Wife - Annie Miller	Born 1877	Died 1959
	Children -		
	Kattie E.	Born 1905	
	Mabel		
	David	Born 7/28/1885	Died 8/9/1919
5.	Levi F. Mogel	Born 9/19/1873	Died 5/31/1942
	Wife - Mary Rentschler	Born 10/12/1877	Died 3/ /1963
	Married 5/13/1897		
	Mary Rentschler, Daughter		
	of Jacob and Salome		
	Rentschler		
	Mary Rentschler had three		
	Brothers		
	Mahlon J. Howard and Darius		
	Levi attended West Point		
	Military Academy		
	Children -		
	Perl R.	Born 1900	
	Stanley L.	Born 6/6/08	
	Victor N.	Born 6/6/08	
6.	Stanley L. Mogel	Born 6/6/1908	
	Wife - Eva Ramsey	Born 7/15/1912	
	Married 9/26/36		
	Children -		
	Gail M.	Born 10/10/42	
	Arnold Ramsey		

THE FAMILY TREE

1. Valentin Mochel Died 1802
 Wife -
 Served in the Revolutionary Army as an
 unpaid soldier.
 John Adam Mochel, a Son moved to Pennsvalley
2. Valentin Mochel, 2nd Born 1/22/1758 Died 4/23/1830
 Wife - Catherine Meyer Born 8/19/1767 Died 8/1/1826
 Served in the Revolutionary Army as an
 unpaid soldier.
- Children -
- Valentin, 3rd Born 1/30/1792 Died 4/14/1867
 Heinrich W.
 Peter
 Samuel
 Daniel Born 11/25/1798 Died 5/16/1880
 Sallie Died 1895
Age 99
3. Heinrich W. Mogel Born 1/30/1792 Died 11/14/1867
 Wife - Susana Weiser Born 10/15/1801 Died 3/12/1865
 Served in the War of 1812. Two Years
 with the 15th Regiment Volunteer Cavalry
- Children -
- Heinrich Born 9/17/1821 Died 10/26/1867
 William M. Born 2/17/1827 Died 11/21/1887
CO.D 167 Reg.
Pa. Inf.
 John W. Born 12/9/1831 Died 3/1/1902
 Mary Ann (Stout)
 Susana (Single) Born 4/19/1825 Died 10/11/1873
 Samuel
 David W. Born 9/17/1838 Died 2/26/1918
 Elizabeth (Baganstose)
 Isaak Born 12/5/1844 Died 6/9/1906
4. David W. Mogel Born 9/17/1838 Died 2/26/1918
 Wife - Elizabeth Fayberger Born 1/13/1840 Died 2/13/1903
 Married March 8, 1863
 Served in the Civil War, 167 Regiment
 Company D, Pa. Volunteer Infantry
- Children -
- Morgan F. Born 1862 Died 1922
 Wife - Maggie B. Born 1868 Died 1906
- Children -
- 6 Infants who died
- Albert F. Born Died