

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name OURENDORF, Christian

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
"Pa. Dutchman"	Birth	15 Aug 1693			Germany	
"S.W.P.S" Julia Drake	Chr'nd	20 Aug 1692/3				
"Chr. O. Fam. Germany"	Mar.					
Julia Drake 1968	Death	15 April 1772	Eliztwp Lancaster		Pa	
Report from Moravian Society Arch. Beth. Pa	Burial		Grave #21 Bethel Moravian Cem			
Places of Residence Germ; Phila. Pa; Elizabeth twp Lancaster Co. Pa						
"Dauphin & Lebanon Cos Hist" Eagle	Occupation	Farmer/milician	Church Affiliation	Ger. Ref - Moravia	Military Rec.	Ger
"Notes & Queries" Eagle	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	(1) Agnes Weisler; (3)				
	His Father	Ohrndorf, Johann Heinrich	Mother's Maiden Name			

Wife's Full Maiden Name VON MUELLER, Elizabeth

Wife's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth				Germany	
Chr'nd					
Death				Germany	
Burial					
Places of Residence					
Compiler Mrs. L.G. Jaspersen					
Address 1681 Maple Ave					
City, State Colesburg, IL					
Date 6/1/01					
Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation					
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
Her Father Mother's Maiden Name					

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Louisa Full Name of Spouse* MIESS, Philip	Birth	1721		Nassau-Seigen	Germany	6 or 9 ch
		Mar.	ante 1740				
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Anna Margaretha Full Name of Spouse* ECKEL, John Herman	Birth	1724			Germany	
		Mar.	23 Oct 1740	Lebanon		Pa	Rev. J. Cass Stover Moravian
		Death					
		Burial					
3	Johann Christian Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	15 Nov 1726			Germany	Ref or Co vanist.
		Mar.	2 Apr 1749		Lancaster Co/Pa		
		Death	10 Dec 1796	Sharpsburg	Washington	Pa	
		Burial					
4	Anna Barbara Full Name of Spouse* KOHR, Casper	Birth	July 1728			Germany	
		Mar.					
		Death	20 Nov 1763				
		Burial		Bethel Moravian Cem	Lancaster Co Pa		
5	Margdalena Full Name of Spouse* KOR, Michael	Birth	1730/1731		Nassau-Seigen	Germany	
		Mar.	ante 1755				
		Death	5 Dec 1770				
		Burial					
*	Johann Heinrich Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1733/6		Nassau-Seigen	Germany	7/8 ch. Cath.
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
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*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. Info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

Apt. 204, Hotel Moscow
Moscow, Idaho 83843
June 20, 1971

Dear Mrs. Warnes,

Your interesting letter of June 5 has arrived and at once my memory was jogged and awakened. You see I am working at a disadvantage here. My genealogical data, the major portion, is in storage in a warehouse here.

While we are a little cramped for working space at the hotel, my daughter has had her residence enlarged. I have been given one room there for my painting easels, drawing board and genealogical files even tho we continue to reside at the hotel.

Her house will not be ready for them to move back into again until about Aug. 1 so I am awaiting that time to get my data out of storage and move it up there-- too cramped to store all that here.

About 6 years ago Lucius Yates Grove of Roanoke, Va. (related to Louise Grove) wrote me for information on his descendancy from Hans Graf of Earl Twp. The data he gave me was in error.

Clyde Groff and I, at that time, were busy trying to unravel the enigma of so many Hans Graf's having an elder son Jacob and younger son Hans.

The 1857 Hans Graf chart by Christian Graf had Hans of Earl's son Hans married to Elizabeth _____ of Philadelphia leaving Lancaster Co. and settling in Md. We had a Hans Graf married to Elizabeth _____, he was living in Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., having died in 1763 a short time after, selling his inherited land to his brother David. We were sure this was Hans, Jr. Historian had his two sons Jacob and Henry listed as sons of Hans of Earl's eldest son Jacob.

Shortly thereafter Judge J. Mason Grove of Fairfax Station, Va., a brother of Lucius Yates Grove, mailed me his father's family chart. His father was the family historian but had fallen into the pit of believing the Lancaster Co. historians but he had a story of his own about Hans of Earl. Not formerly the County von Weldon with a castle on the Rhine but married to some Duke's only child, a daughter who inherited the Duke's estate and fortune which was seized by Holland when Hans fled and his wife, the Duke's daughter, and their eldest son, Jacob, imprisoned.

You can see how foolish some of these historians were. They had Hans coming to Germantown, Philadelphia in 1695, falling in love with Susannah Orndorff whom he met on the boat coming over to America yet in the same breath they listed his eldest son Jacob (in ~~the~~ ^{his} ~~person~~) as being born in 1699 and dying in 1766. What about Hans's first wife? Did he leave Susannah in Phila, going to old country and visiting and begetting Jacob in 1698? How did the story start of his wife and Jacob being imprisoned when he left the old country for America?

Lucius Yates Grove gave me Mrs. Alva Dillon Grove's address in Hagerstown, Md. She was in her late 90's and active in genealogy and supplied me with some important data which was double proof that Jacob & Henry were sons of Hans of Earl, Jr. She gave me copies of Jacob's will and releases of Jacob's Catherine to any claims on Hans, Jr.'s estate in Manor Twp. We already had Hans, Jr.'s will dated 1763 mentioning Jacob & Henry and their sisters, etc. So double proof clinched the line.

Now here was another historian's error in saying Hans, Jr. of Earl married Elizabeth _____, of moving from Lancaster Co. to Md. Mrs. Alva Dillon Grove's data showed John or Hans, Jr., after selling his inheritance to brother David moved to York Co. and no doubt lived there while he set his sons Jacob & Henry up in

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Dear Mrs. Warnes,

Please do not offer excuses, we understand how we all can get into situations where delay occurs. Time is not much of a factor in genealogy. One goes a year or two before a valuable clue turns up and sets one straight.

My daughter's home remodeling has met with delays due to faulty workmanship such as water leaking through a new ceiling on to a newly laid carpet and shortage of men whereby they come for a day then put in no appearance until the next week. Consequently my records still in storage.

Now, I appreciate, at my age, the attribute of a photographic mind. It just so happened that I had some papers back from Sir Anthony Wagner, Garter King of Arms in London on the lineage of Judge Mason Grove who was applying for a patent of arms on Hans Graf of Earl and I could give you some of the Grove lineage of Mrs. Alva Dillon Grove, etc.

In the meantime I am sending data on the Ohrendorfs that came to me from Clyde Groff's file in Lancaster. I send it to be sure we are talking of the same person. (Note: Copies attached).

Also data showing that Hans Graf of Earl's son Daniel's grandchildren (a dau. m. a Rohrer, a common name in Lancaster County) evidently m. children or grandchildren of Christian Orndorff. Do not know the time element involved. Good to see about a Herman Orndorff in Penna. Shall search. What I send is from the only one issue published of a paper Graf International of about the 1870's. To understand the German name Graf *Eng. equiv. Count or Earl) one has to go back to Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire, 8th or 9th centuries, A.D. A Graf was an official in charge of a certain area. The Margravs or Margraves were in charge of the areas on the borderland--(a march away from the center). These were responsible for repelling any attacks on the borderland.

That is why Hans Graf of Earl named a son Mark Graf or Marcus as he was known. (Margrave).

A Graf or Count of one area was not necessarily a blood relative of a Graf in another area. In those times men had no family name, but known as Hans of Basle or Frederick of Saxony or Christian of Berne.

A peasant uprising against the upper class abolished the title of Graf or Count. Many fled oppression or death to other countries and took the name Graf, Graff, Graeff as a family name. Today the name is as voluminous in Germany, Alsace, Switzerland as Smith is over here.

Yes, it would be a pleasure to visit Penn. to see the land, etc., but difficult to have the records unraveled and the truth found, for many agencies who have done no research, will just hand you out what they have on file and that's that. Accordingly I gave you Clyde Groff's address if the time came that you needed something from there.



returned to Lancaster Co. in 1889. I was born there in 1890.

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- 4 G
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- Jacob Grove
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- Paul Grove
- Catherine Grove
- Philip Grove (4-7-1775 of Mt. Airy, d. 1-31-1841)
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Philip Grove
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Philip Grove
Susan Locher

5 G

1. Mary Grove, born 2-20-1801
m. Jacob Locher
2. Elias Grove, born 6-6-1804
m. _____
Son Peppes Grove m. Miss Nun
3. Samuel Grove, born 3-18-1806
m. Lavinia Houser, d. 1858
4. Joseph Grove, b. 5-15-1810
m. _____
son Frank T. Grove, d. Aug. 11, 1924
m. Betty Tyson
5. Lavinia Grove, b. 4-29-1808
d. 2-20-1834
m. Dr. Joseph Hayes
6. Jacob Hess Grove, born 9-18-1802

5 G

1. Daniel Locher Grove, b. 4-21-1817 *
d. 2-4-1868
2. Stephen Philip Grove
m. Mrs. Maria Robinson, nde Dillon
b. 6-4-1815, d. 6-8-1895
3. Anna Catherine Grove, b. 4-16-1824
m. Christian Rhinehart

6 G

Alva Dillon Grove, b. 9-1-1858
m. 2-9-1896 Julia K. Mumma
(Mumma is a Lancaster County family name
Julia known as Mrs. Alva Dillon Grove,
now 103 years old.)

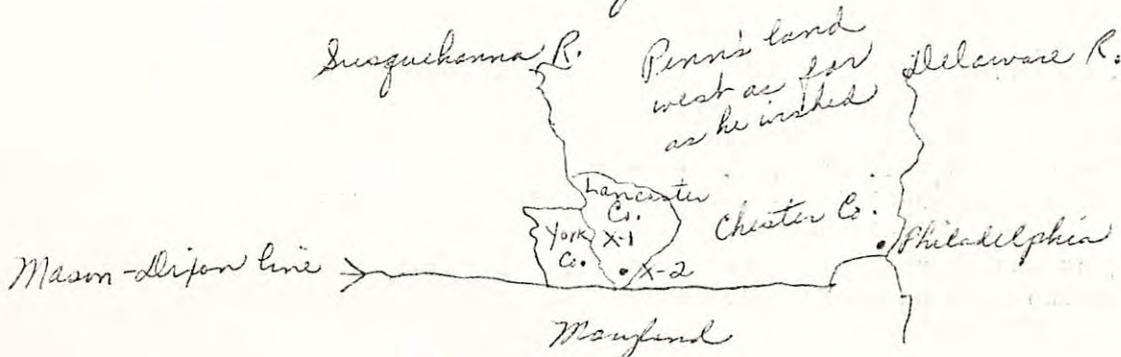
7 G

Mrs. Alva Dillon Grove's daughter Frances
Louise Grove, born 2-13-1902

8 G *

Judge James Mason Grove, b. 6-20-1920
Lucian Yates Grove, b. 7-17-1924
the 2 brothers I dealt with are the 8th
generation in Daniel Locher Grove's line.
He a brother to Louise Grove's grandfather.

Sketch from letter



X-1 - location of Hans' Jr in Manor Twp.

marrying into these families. I would suggest, for I find myself at a loss to, ask you until you furnish me or him with some added data, for instance as to the locality from which Philip Grove, Peter Grove or Ann Grove came and the location of the particular Orndorffs and Hess families you have in mind.

I get requests from many Groves in Ohio, Ind., Mich., Md., as to their Lancaster Co. ancestors upon which they are unable to give me much information about themselves for besides the Graf-Groves there were English Groves living there in Colonial Days.

If you could supply me with a bit more information ~~on~~ your family may have of your g. grandfather Peter Grove who married Catherine Oche(r), where he resided before and at date of marriage and any of his brothers's or sister's names it would aid immensely in pinpointing my activity in searching. Did Catherine Hess married to Philip Grove come from the Hess families of Lancaster Co.?

We miss Lancaster Co., for my people have been in that vicinity ever since the early 1700's but we enjoy the good air and sunshine here free from the pollution that has killed streams in eastern Pa. We have a daughter here who with her husband have been here for 20 years.

Before I opened your envelope I thought it was probably from a person married to some of my Groff relatives who moved on to Kansas, Iowa, and S. Dak. about the 1870's, However there were no Groves among them.

We, Clyde Groff and myself, appear to have descended from a Hans Graff or Graeff as the English wrote it in Colonial days who died in 1725 and lived in Germantown in 1695. Some of his descendants were known as Grove, in fact the battle of Germantown in Rev. War appears to have been fought on a farm of his descendants who was known as John Grove, a Capt. of Transportation in Rev. War.

Historians have in error attributed the doings of this Graff to Hans of Earl but those we have found to be in error. He was a Mason, friend of the Penns. Hans Graf of Earl was a Mennonite and as such would not have become a member of the Masonic order.'

This is quite a lengthy epistle and I trust not boring to you.

I would enjoy hearing from you once again after reading the above. I think your request to Clyde Groff would get extra attention if you mentioned that you received his address from me.

Wishing you success in your research, I am, Sincerely--Howard M. Groff

P.S. I am in my 82nd year. Still doing a lot of genealogical work and the painting of family coats of arms for Swiss-German-Huguenot descendants of old families emigrating in past centuries to Penn.

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business by securing lands for them to be held jointly by the brothers and then settled back in Manor Twp., Lancaster Co.

*See last page for copy of sketch included
here.*

Penn was granted a province in America. Lord Baltimore already had Md. but continual disputes between Penn and Md. authorities arose as to boundaries. When Pa. began to prosper, Md. tried to shut off Penn's expansion westward by claiming all land west of the Susquehanna River. There were some fights over land west of the Susquehanna River.

So when Hans, Jr. moved to York Co. some one said he had moved to Md. but he was still within land rightly owned by Penn. You see, Penn. in 1690, had a commission searching out a site for his metropolis not as Philadelphia the point of entry but situated on the Susquehanna East Bank. The surrounding land was called Penn's Manor, later Manor Twp. When the news broke many hustled to claim land in Manor Twp. to be near the new city. This may have influenced Hans, Jr.'s settlement in Manor Twp but by his time, 1763 death, the furor over a metropolis on the Susquehanna had died out. It was an age of bustle and hustle, like a Florida land boom. My personal experience at point 2. I bought a farm at X2 on which to retire in 1946. I picked out this farm, had the title searched and lo! 69 acres of it had been left out of the survey. I applied for a patent from the Commonwealth of Penn. and now possess the firmed patent. The only legal owners of this patch were 1. Indians. 2. Lord Baltimore. 3. Commonwealth of Pa. 4. Howard M. & Josephine K. Groff. The cost of this patent including interest from the 1700's amounted to \$2.50 per acre, which the former occupant paid to give me a clear title.

To get back to your Philip Grove and Peter Grove married to Catharine Ache. By the way, Jacob Grove, born 4 June 1737 married 1748 Catherine Stailey. She was a Lancaster Countian and in the records her name was spelled "Staley", born 3 March 1742, died 13 Sept. 1833.

I have all of Jacob's and Catherine's children on my master chart in storage but I shall give you herewith what Lucian Yates' father had on his chart with what corrections I can give now.

Louise Grove says that book by Julia Drake and James R. Orndorff is most comprehensive and that you have a copy. Does it say anything about Susanna Orndorff married to Hans Graf of Earl?

Your remarks about Philip Grove and Catherine Hess and Louise Grove are correct.

Our records of Hans Graf of Earl as to his descendants their land holdings, wills, etc. are very complete down to Christian Groff's chart of 1857.

Somehow all the Groves, Groffs, etc. of Lancaster & Chester Co., obsessed about Hans being a Count, etc. seem to be desirous of claiming him as an ancestor. As a result all historical books written later have included these family statements and as a result have clouded the issue tremendously. One destroyed court papers, etc. in 1840's because he wanted his book to be the only authoritative reference. However we have means such as petitions for roads, etc., through which we can slowly correct some mistakes etc.

I do not know until I get my records from storage if I have any Groff relatives in Pierre, S.D. If so, they through marriage have by now other names. My father and mother in the 1870's lived in Sterling, Ill., then moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and then to Kansas where his brother Simon Groff had a sheep ranch. My father

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Orndorf, Hess, Graf-Grove Families

Dear Mrs. Warnes

Regarding your inquiry of May 20, let me say that it touches upon a matter that attracted my interest very much before we moved to Idaho in Nov. 1970; i.e., the Orndorffs.

Perhaps a little explanation will aid you in understanding just what I mean.

We have an interesting problem in Lancaster Co., Pa., regarding the Hans Grafts, Groff or Graffs. In the period of 1695 to 1740 approximately there were about 12-15 Hans Grafts living as contemporaries in Lancaster and Chester Counties. Two Hans Grafts died in 1746 and one in 1748. A number curiously enough had oldest sons Jacob and younger son Hans, and with a number of court records such as wills, deeds, etc., turning up missing about 1840-1848 the local historians had hopelessly attributed certain activities of one Hans Graf or Graff to the wrong Hans.

One Hans known as Hans of Earl^{Township} left eldest son Jacob and first wife in prison in the old country when he came to America to escape religious persecution in the old country according to tradition.

He was credited with living in Germantown in 1695 and married a Susanna Orndorff whom he met on board ship to America. Local historians have his eldest son Jacob being born in 1696. Accordingly this does not match with the above for Jacob was supposed to have been born in the old country, so Hans must have left for America much later for we find in the diary of Schwartz Henry Zimmermann of encountering him in what was later termed Earl Twp. in a log hut with wife (presumably Susannah) and two infant children about 1722-1723. Others confused him with Hans George Graff who died in Lancaster County in 1746.

We do find Hans and Susannah's signature to deed of property in 1717 although deeds in those days were issued much later than the date the property was acquired. He evidently did not hold this property very long.

In an endeavor to trace out the lineage of Mrs. Alva Dillon Grove, Louise's mother, and that of J. Mason Grove of Virginia, back to Hans Graf of Earl, we find mention in the records of Orndorffs of Maryland and nearby counties and it was my intention to later investigate these Orndorffs but to date I have been unable to do so but we did trace out successfully the above lineage.

A great many of the Grafts-Graffs moving on to westward lands from Lancaster County changed their name to Grove for Hans of Earl's children, raised at Graf's Thal became known as the "Grave" Graffs and so changed their name to Grove when they moved out of Lancaster County. This name prevailed in Md., Va., and westward states.

Clyde Groff, distantly related to me and I worked at securing data that would clear up old errors for quite a few years. He has a wealth of information but I honestly doubt if he could assist you in determining the families marrying into the Hess and Orndorff families but one never knows and it does no harm in writing to him. His address is Clyde L. Groff, 713 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, Pa. 17603. He may not be so well versed on the Hess & Orndorff or the Groves, etc.

Christ Lutheran Church, Tulpehocken twp., now Marion twp., Berks Co., Pa.

Chrendorf, Henry m. 12-28-1784, Maria Elisabeth Albert

" John, m. 4-22-1792, Elisabeth Oxenreiter

" Elisabeth, m. 6-25-1816, John Spangler

" Christian, m. ~~3-25-1801~~, Maria Eva Eck; d/o John Eck

Peace Reformed Church, Berrysburg, Mifflin twp., Dauphin county, Pa.,

Christian Orendorf (6-30-1797/10-1-1878; 81y 3m 1d), m. 2-17-1822,
Eva Christina Bordner 8-28-1803/3-9-1864; 60y 6m 1d). Farmer near Berrysburg
in Mifflin township, Pa. 10-21-1855,

daughter Mary A. Orendorf (3-25-1835; 11-27-1856; 20y 8m 2d), /first wife of
Samuel Peter Eisenhower (2-4-1831/6-30-1914); killed one month after
marriage by a run-away horse in a sleigh. He married (2^d) her sister,
Lydia Ann Orendorf (4-5-1839/2-9-1922). They were the last of this
Eisenhower family, and settled at Abilene, Kansas. A son William Henry
Eisenhower (4-9-1856/1-16-1926), married Amanda Alice Hoover (10-10-1864/
11-12-1940), who lived and died at Abilene, Kansas, parents of ten children.
Amanda Alice Hoover, was a niece of my grandfather, Cornelius Koppenheffer.

Orendorf, J. William - (d. 4-1-1905; 76y 9m 11d), and wife,

w.(1) " Elizabeth (d. 9-5-1856; 20y 10m 7d)

w.(2) " Mary Feidt (d. 12-22-1909; 75y 1m 20d)

son " Infant (b. 2-28-1869; d. 3-5-1869)

I would like to have the group sheet on the Herman Orendorff descendants.

I do have the book FROM WHEEL TO FLOWSHARE 1938, by Julia A. Drake,
and James Ridgely Orndorf, by The Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.,
on the family and descendants of Christian Orndorff, Jr. and Elizabeth
Hoffman, who settled near Sharpsburg, Maryland. In fact I read his
will at the Washington county courthouse, at Hagerstown, Maryland.
Evidently his grandmother Copenhever was still living in 1795, when
he made his will.

I would like to have your comments.

Sincerely,

Cornelius E. Koppenheffer,
351 Howard Circle,
Emporium, Pa. 15834
20 March 1981.

The Beginning of the Ohrendorff Family in the United States

Hermanus Ohrendorff and Anna Margaretha Ohrendorff came on the ship Charming Nancy, Charles Stedman Master, from Rotterdam but last from Plymouth, England. He took the Oath of Allegiance 8 October 1737, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He settled in Lebanon township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he was taxed fifteen shillings for 50 acres of land. He died in 1777, and his widow Catharine Ohrendorff was appointed sole administratrix by the Register's Office of Lancaster county, Pa., 2 April 1778, when the appraiser's report was filed for 181 pounds, two shillings and four pence. No heirs are named. Dated 2-27-1777 and filed 4-2-1778, at the Lancaster county, Courthouse at Lancaster, Pa.

Christian Ohrendorff and Johann Christian Ohrendorff, came off the ship ~~Christiana~~ St. Mark, Captain William Wilson Master, from Rotterdam and last from Cowes, England, 26 September 1741, when they took the Oath of Allegiance, at Philadelphia, Pa. He settled in Heidelberg twp., now Jackson twp., Lebanon county, Pa., near Myerstown, Pa., on fifty acres of land for which he paid eight shillings tax in 1758. He died 16 April 1772; aged eighty years of age; buried at the Moravian Church cemetery of Bethel, now Hanover twp., Lebanon county, Pa.

From the PENNSYLVANIA DUTCHMAN, 15 December 1950, Catalogue of the Brethren and Sisters in Swatara, October 23, 1752., Christian Ohrendorf, Widower, from Kiselberg in Freudenberg, born 1692, Reformed. Received into Moravian membership, 1749. Children: 1) Louisa, b. 1721; 2) Anna Margaretha b. 1724; 3) Johann Christian; b. 1727; 4) Barbara b. 1728; 5) Magdalena b. 1731; 6) Johann Heinrich b. 1733;

Tulpehocken Trinity Reformed Church, Heidelberg twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.

	<u>Name-Birth-Baptism</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Orndorf,	Anna Margaret, d/o	Christiantör. & Elisabeth	- Herfmann Orndorf & w.
"	b. 12-16-1750	m. 21 April 1749 (Hoffman)	
"	Christopher, s/o	"	" Christian Noecker & wife Catharina
"	b. 10-15-1752	"	" Heinrich Koppenhöfer
"	Catharina Elisabeth d/o	"	" Elisabeth Debeler S. both single
"	9-9-1754/2-3-1755	"	" Caspar Corr (Kohr)
"	Anna Barbara - (b. 8-21-1739/9-2-1759)	"	" Christian Ohrendorf
Kohr,	Johanna Elisabeth, d/o	Michael & Mary Magdalena	& w. Johanna Elisabeth
"	2-4-1754/3-3-1754	"	"
Ohrendorff,	Elizabeth, m.	8-25-1816,	John Spangler

Thomas Koppenhöffer (widower), m. 1-24-1749, Elisabeth Hoffman (widow), at Tulpehocken Christ Lutheran Church, Marion twp., Berks county, near Myerstown, Pa. He was in ... at ... 11 september 1728 ... arrival

Baltimore, Dec, 12-1938,

Mrs C M Steinmetz
#545 Centre Ave
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam

In writing a family history of Christian Oudorff and his descendants, there are several points which I wish to establish.

Christian Oudorff II at the age of 15 years came to America with his father age 49 and his sister Barbara age 13 on the ship ~~St Mark~~ Capt. Wilson landing in Philadelphia Sept 26-1741. After a short stay in Phila. they joined their relatives & friends who had arrived several years previous. Young Christian was born in Prussia Nov 15-1726, the name was spelled many ways such as Oudorff, Oudorff, Oudorff, Oudorff and Oudorff. He used the latter spelling in signing his will Dec 28-1795.

After the year 1727 men & youths above fifteen who entered through the port of Phila. found that they must go to the Court House and sign an oath of fidelity to the British Crown, the ship's register only shows the father Christian I but the city authorities took no chance in the 15 year old son Johann Christian and had him sign & take the oath. However he must have dropped the Johann for it never appeared again.

after her arrival in America.

Hermann Oudroff & his wife arrived in Phila on the ship *Charming Nancy* Oct 8-1737. He and Christian I were evidently brothers, they were neighbors and land owners in Heidelberg Township (only one at that time)

The daughter of Christian I, Anna Barbara married George Casper Kohn (Korn) Christian I bought a tract of land 372 Acres in 1749 from Peter Grove on Elizabeth Creek about two miles east on the road leading from Frederickburg to Lebanon, this became a famous mill site and was deeded to George Casper Kohn (Korn) on April 1-1762.

In 1758 Christian I purchased 50 acres near his other land in Heidelberg Township which while situated in Heidelberg was shown by the surveyor in Lebanon Township. You were probably familiar with the difficulty of properly locating land back in 1762 as Dauphin, Lebanon and Berks Counties were all carved out of Lancaster Co.

On April 2-1749 Christian Oudroff II married Elizabeth Ann Hoffman, their first child Margaret was born the following year, Christopher the second child was born Nov 23-1752 their daughter Elizabeth & Barbara, the only record we have outside of the old family bible was that of Barbara obtained from the Historical Society of Berks Co. Pa which reads that Barbara born Aug 21-1759 baptized Sept 2 was sponsored by Casper Korn & his wife, this was taken from the baptismal records of the Hock Church.

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Christian Oudorff I along with his daughter & son-in-law
George Caspar Kohn are buried in Bethel Moravian
Churchyard which located about 10 miles north of the
Hebray Moravian Church.

On November 7-1762 Christian Oudorff II purchased
a plantation in Frederick County Maryland near
Sharpsburg and moved across the line into that state
with his wife and four or five children.

The first Christian, his daughter and son-in-law were
members of the Bethel Moravian Church, but Christian II
and his family continued in the German Reformed Church.

Christian Oudorff II refers in his will to his wife Elizabeth
and her mother Elizabeth Copenhoven.

We have been puzzled at the Copenhoven angle
whether Elizabeth Copenhoven was the name by a second
marriage or whether Elizabeth Ann Hoffman was a widow
when she married Christian Oudorff II.

What we would like to establish is a record of the
parents of Elizabeth Ann Hoffman, the date & place of her
marriage to Christian Oudorff II. Also the same
information of her mother Elizabeth Copenhoven.

I should like to know if you are willing to make a
search for this information and what would be your charge
personally. I believe Dr. Wm. Schwarzger of the Moravian
College, Bethlehem Pa could throw some light on
where these old records of the Moravian Church may be.

located, Christian Oudorff # and Elizabeth Ann Hoffmann
were evidently married at either Hack or Bethel
Moravian Churches, both denominations used the same
church as a matter of economy. I have written
Dr. Schwarzen four letters since last August
enclosing return postage & marked personal, but
have not had a reply.

Miss Rene Paul Wilkey met me, The Berks Co Historical
Society gave me your name & address

Kindly let me hear from you promptly & please
stamp enclosed for a reply.

Yours sincerely,

J. Oudorff

Hamewood Apartment

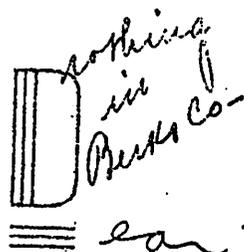
Baltimore, Md.

P.S. There were Hoffmann's on the same boat with
Christian Oudorff I. It may have been that
Ann Elizabeth & Christian II were sweethearts.

Wills & land records at Reading Pa may help

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vania records are extremely
ly brief. In rewriting
the manuscript I decid
ed to have both the
Dauphin and Berks
County records searched,
as Christian Orndorff,
Sr. might have held
land in your County,
as well as in present
Lebanon Co.

Christian Orndorff, Sr.
arrived in Sept. 1741,
coming on the ship St.
Mark and was listed as
a taxable in Heidelberg



319 N. Hamilton St.
Lincoln, Illinois
August 7, 1936.
ear Mrs. Steinmetz:

I wrote a master's
thesis at the Universi-
ty of Texas on the West-
ward migration of the
Orndorff family and
had access to many
old land records, Will
letters diaries, etc. of
Christian, Christopher
and John Orndorff in
Maryland and Kentuck-
y, but the Pennsylv-

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township in 1752.

When Christian, Sr. arrived in 1741, his fifteen year old son, Christian, Jr. came with him. By 1752 they were both buying land in all probability.

Christian, Sr. was buried ⁱⁿ the Moravian Church of Bethel Township, Lebanon County. He died on April 16, 1772, aged eighty years. I have been unable to find a Will or settlement of his estate anywhere. Lancaster County has few extant records of

Christian and has no Will registered. I hope that I may be able to locate a Will or settlement in your county or in Dauphin to which I am also writing.

There is a possibility that Vermanus or Herman Orndorff was an older son of Christian. He arrived four years earlier, or in 1737, and also held land in Lebanon township. Herman's sons Lorentz, Christian and

surveyed was bound⁶
to lie in Lebanon Town-
ship.

I would appreciate
very much if you
would look through
the deeds and Wills
before 1800 in the County
clerk's and Register's office
and see if, ^{by} chance they
have any Orndorff
deeds. Unfortunately Leban-
on County had no rec-
ords before 1813 and by
that time the Orndorff
had left for the West.

John drop out of the⁵
Lebanon County records
after 1790.

I am also trying
to locate a Christopher,
possibly a grandson of
Herman who crossed
to Vagerstown in 1791
and married Elizabeth
Philips.

Christian had 218+
acres surveyed in May
1759. This land when pur-
chased in 1758 was
thought to lie in Heidel-
berg Township, but when

7 If an Omdoff Will of Christian or John is available, I would like to have a copy in the complete form, in order to identify relationships of Herman, et. Christian's neighbors in Lebanon township were John Smith, Martin Imhoff, Peter Shuske, Herman - John - (not given)

The Omdorffs might not have held land in Lancaster County that later fell in Berks County, but I wish to be sure.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Sincerely,

Julia A. Drake

FAMILY GROUP No. Husband's Full Name OURENDORF, Christian

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
"Pa. Dutchman"	Birth	15 Aug 1693			Germany	
"M.W.P.S" Julia Drake	Chr'nd	20 Aug 1692/3				
"Chr. O. Fam. Germany"	Mar.					
Julia Drake 1968	Death	16 Apr 1772	Eliztwp Lancaster		Pa	
"Report from Moravian Society Arch. Beth. Pa"	Burial		Grave #21 Bethel Moravian Cem			

Dauphin Lebanon Cos Hist "Egle"	Places of Residence	Germ; Phila. Pa; Elizabeth Lwp Lancaster Co. Pa				
Notes & Queries "Egle"	Occupation	Farmer/militer	Church Affiliation	Ger. Her-Moravian	Military Rec.	Ger
	Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	(1) Agnes Geisler; (3)				
	His Father	Ourendorf, Johann Heinrich	Mother's Maiden Name			

Wife's Full Maiden Name		Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Mrs. L.G. Jasperson					Germany	
					Germany	
					Germany	

Compiler	Places of Residence					
Address 1681 Maple Ave	Occupation if other than Housewife					
City, State Salesburg, IL	Church Affiliation					
Date 5/1/01	Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
	Her Father					
	Mother's Maiden Name					

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Louisa Full Name of Spouse* MIESS, Philip	Birth	1721		Nassau-Seigen	Germany	6 or 8 ch
		Mar.	ante 1740				
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Anna Margaretha Full Name of Spouse* ECKEL, John Herman	Birth	1724			Germany	
		Mar.	23 Oct 1743	Lebanon		Pa	Rev. J. Casp Stover Moravian
		Death					
		Burial					
3	Johann Christian Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	15 Nov 1726			Germany	Ref or Co vanist.
		Mar.	2 Apr 1749		Lancaster Co/Pa		
		Death	10 Dec 1796	Sharpsburg	Washington	D	
		Burial					
4	Anna Barbara Full Name of Spouse* KOHHR, Casper	Birth	July 1728			Germany	
		Mar.					
		Death	20 Nov 1763				
		Burial		Bethel Moravian Cem	Lancaster Co Pa		
5	Margdalena Full Name of Spouse* KOR, Michael	Birth	1730/1731		Nassau-Seigen	Germany	
		Mar.	ante 1755				
		Death	5 Dec 1770				
		Burial					
*	Johann Heinrich Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1733/6		Nassau-Seigen	Germany	7/8 ch. Cath.
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
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8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
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9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

* Indicate the spouse with the additional children, other wives, references or information.

of Illinois the scene shifts several times, but the shores of Antietam Creek receives the spotlight for several chapters.

The tale of Christian's spy work, as he and Lieutenant Sprigg told it in some of the letters that brought an end to that Troy plot is told in the new book.
— *The Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md.

During the Revolution, the Orndorffs furnished much needed aid to Washington and the Continental Army, both in men and provisions. Of special interest is the record of Christian Orndorff III, who fought gallantly at the Battle of Long Island, later captured and after a long term in military prison, was liberated and, as Captain of the Sixth Maryland, was present at Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown.

Among the most notable of the Orndorff homesteads is "Mount Pleasant," near Sharpsburg, Md., in the shadow of South Mountain. With the marks of cannon balls from the battle of Antietam in its log walls, it is still standing.

The appendix of the book contains many interesting references to the Hager, Hess, McDowell, Morgan, Mumma, Paisley, and other old families of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kentucky, with which the Orndorffs intermarried. There are also listed 178 family names covering the collateral descendants of Major Christian Orndorff and his wife Elizabeth Ann Hoffman.

The book furnishes interesting reading to the student who likes to wander off the beaten path of history, tired of the ponderous footsteps of the "great figures" and the clash and roar of battles; one who likes to trace his country's development in the slow but steady progress of more humble folk who tilled the fields, ground the meal and felled the mighty forests — men whose efforts perhaps did more to build our great nation than the marching of armies or the roar of cannon.

Capt. J. R. Orndorff, formerly Supervisor of Materials for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, now retired, is co-author of the book with his cousin, Julia Angeline Drake, professor of History at Wood Junior College.

— *Baltimore & Ohio Magazine*

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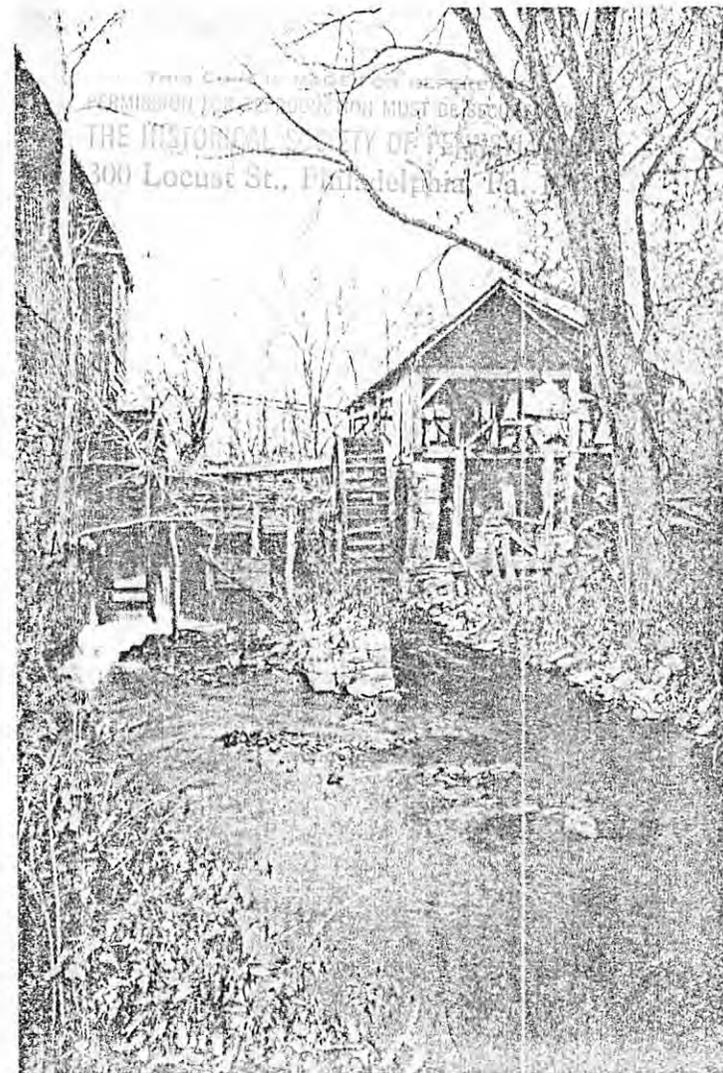
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THE LAST ORNDORFF MILLS ON THE ANTIETAM

endured even more than their share of the terrible atrocities perpetrated by the savages.

The town of Lebanon, being already densely settled, resorted to, as a place of safety by hundred of families fled from the frontier settlements. Sixty families had, at one time, taken shelter in the house of John Light, which is standing, and known among the people there as the "John Light Fort." Of it the Rev. P. C. Croll of that city, has just written me "The John Light Fort" is a dilapidated stone structure fast going to ruin, in the northwest section of our city, but owned by one Gingerling, but now in possession of the Breese and Colemans. It was a house of refuge, having still an arched vault under the first floor (which is stone and earthen) spacious enough to shelter comfortably one hundred people. It used to have a running spring in this cellar, which is dug up. The house was used as a Mennonite meeting house, a residence, and fort, and later distillery, and now furnishes shelter for goats and sparrows and a colored family."

The house of Mr. George Gloninger was also a place of usual resort, also that of Mr. Ulrich near Annville, and Zellers property near Newmanstown. Concerning these two buildings Rev. P. C. Croll, of Lebanon, has kindly furnished the following interesting information:

"The Gloninger and Ulrich forts, so called, I judge have been simply strongly built houses of refuge. The former is now used, with some alterations, as a farm house. The latter was erected in 1751, a quarter of a mile north of Annville on the road depot, by Mr. Ulrich, over which his descendants erected a stone dwelling, which has been recently remodelled, but the fort has remained intact. It is nothing but a mural dungeon or vault, built into a hill side, with an air hole walled up. It has a stone with this inscription:

'SO OFT DIE DIER DEN ANKEL WENT
AN DEINEN TOD, OMENSCH, GEDENK.'
1751.

(a free translation.)

'Whene'er this door its hinge does turn,
may thought of death to thee return.'

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U. Scott Seal

Year above written.
Signed sealed and delivered } Elizabeth Maynadier
in the presence of } Henry Maynadier
On the Back of which Deed were the following Indorsements to wit
Received this 30th Day of December of the within named John Robt Roy
Esquire the sum of one hundred Pounds Currency, being the consideration
Money within mentioned U. Scott.

Witness Henry Maynadier. Elizabeth Maynadier
Maryland: On the thirty first Day of December, seventeen hundred
and eighty two, came before me one of the Judges of the General Court
of the State of Maryland, Upton Scott, one of the Parties to the within
Indenture, and acknowledged the within Indenture, and the Land
and Promises therein mentioned, to be the Estate Right, Title and
Interest of the within mentioned John Robt Roy his Heirs and Assigns
Forever, according to the Form of the Act of Assembly in such Case
made and provided. A. L. Hanson.

Exam^d and delivered to Maj. Peter Mantz At the Request of Christian
on the 10th day of October 1784. Deed. Orendorff Jun^r and George Adams
The following Deed was recorded on the twenty second Day of March
Anno Domini 1783. To wit:

This Indenture made this seventh Day of February, in the Year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three Between
Clement Holliday and Nathaniel Ramsay Esquires Commissioners
appointed to possess confiscated British Property of the one Part
and Christian Orendorff Junior, and George Adams of Washington
and Frederick Counties of the other Part Whereas the said Com-
missioners were by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland
entitled an Act for the Sale of certain confiscated British Propert-
ty, pledged for the Redemption of Certificates; and an Act entitled
an Act to postpone the Sale of certain confiscated British Property
for the Redemption of Certificates, directed to lay off Monocoy Manor
into convenient Lots, under certain Restrictions in the said Acts
contained, and sell the same at Public Vendue, and the said Commis-
sioners did by Virtue of the said Acts, and in Conformity to the Direc-
tions thereof dispose of the said Manor at Public Sale on the tenth
Day of September last past, at which said Sale the aforesaid Christian
Orendorff Junior and George Adams became Purchasers of Lot

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Number Twelve, a Part of said Manor, at and for the Sum of two thousand five hundred, and thirty five Pounds Specie. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Clement Hollyday, and Nathaniel Ramsey for and in consideration of the aforesaid Sum of two thousand, five hundred and thirty five Pounds to the said Commissioners paid by the said Christian Crenshaw and George Adams have granted bargained sold aliened released ease offed and confirmed, and by these Presents do grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto them the said Christian Crenshaw and George Adams, as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint Tenants the aforesaid Lot Number Twelve, being Part of Monococy Manor aforesaid: Beginning at a Stone standing on the Bank of Monococy, at or near the Place of the former Beginning, and running thence North five Degrees, East sixteen Perches. North fifty nine Degrees, and a half, East one hundred and ten Perches. East two hundred and six Perches. South ten Degrees, West one hundred and eighty Perches. West one hundred and sixteen Perches. Then with a straight line to the first Beginning containing two hundred and forty eight Acres, lying and being in Frederick County aforesaid: Together with all the Advantages, Hereditaments and Appurtenances therunto belonging and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and all the Estate Right Title Interest Claim and Demand whatsoever of them the said Clement Hollyday and Nathaniel Ramsey as Commissioners aforesaid, and all the Estate Right Title and Interest which Henry Harford Esquire, or any Person or Persons claiming under him, or any Person or Persons claiming under the late Lord Baltimore had to the said Land, previous to the Laws of this State for the Confiscation of British Property to have and to hold the said Lot of Land with its Appurtenances (except the Right of a certain William Lum, acquired under a lease from the late Lord Baltimore's Agents to the said Land, or a Part thereof, if any such there be) unto them the said Christian Crenshaw and George Adams, as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint Tenants, their Heirs and Assigns forever, and to, and for no other Use Intent or Purpose whatsoever. In Witness whereof the Parties to these Presents have hereto set their Hands and affixed their Seals, the Day and Year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered *Allen Ruyter* Clement Hollyday
 in Presence of *M. Hyde* Nat. Ramsey

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Seal

On the Back of which Deed was the following Acknowledgment Made: Maryland sp: On the seventh Day of February 1783 I came before the Subscribers two of the Justices of the County of Anne Arundel, the within named Clement Hollyday and Nathaniel Ramsey, and acknowledged the within Instrument of Writing to be their Act and Deed, and the Land and Premises therein mentioned to

be the Right Title and Estate of the within named Christian Orendorf and George Adams their Heirs and Assigns forever, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, and the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided Allen Quynn. Wm Hyde

At the Request of Philip Fishburn Junr. the following Deed was recorded on the twenty

second Day of March Anno Domini 1783. to wit

This Indenture made this twenty second Day of March, in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty three Between John Miller, eldest Son and Heir at Law of Stephen Miller late of Tawny Town, deceased, of the one Part: and Philip Fishburn Senior of Frederick County of the other Part: Witnesseth that the said John Miller as well in Execution of the Contract of his Father Stephen Miller, as in Consideration of the Sum of five Pounds current Money to him in Hand paid by the said Philip Fishburn before the Dealing and Delivery hereof, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained sold aliened released enfeofed and confirmed, and by these Presents doth give grant bargain sell, alien release enfeof and confirm unto him the said Philip Fishburn his Heirs and Assigns: All that Land lying and being in Frederick County aforesaid called Stringers Neglect containing forty seven Acres more or less, which John Braxton conveyed to his Father Stephen Miller, as by Deed recorded in Frederick County Court fully appears, together with all and singular the Advantages and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, and all the Estate Right Title Interest Use Trust Possession Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of him the said John Miller of in or to the same To have and to hold the said forty seven Acres of Land, and Premises, with its Rights Members and Appurtenances to him the said Philip Fishburn his Heirs and Assigns to the only proper Use and behoof of the said Philip Fishburn his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, and to, or for no other Use Intent or Purpose whatsoever. And the said John Miller doth hereby for himself his Heirs and Assigns covenant grant and agree to and with the said Philip Fishburn his Heirs and Assigns to warrant and defend to him his Heirs and Assigns the above described Land and Premises against all Claims that may be set up under the said John Miller his Heirs or Assigns. In Witness whereof the said John Miller hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal the Day and Year above writton. Signed R. Potts John Miller (Signature) Sealed and delivered, in the Presence of . . . Joseph McHale On the Back of which Deed were the following Indorsements to wit

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exam^d and delivered to allaj: At the Request of George Adam the following Deed was
 signed on the 10 Oct^r 1783 recorded on the ninth Day of August Anno Domini
 1783. To wit: This Indenture made this eighth Day of August in the year
 of our lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three Between Christian
 Orendorff Jun^r of Washington County and State of Maryland of the one part
 and George Adam of Frederick County, and State aforesaid, of the other part
 Witnesseth that the said Christian Orendorff for and in consideration of the Sum
 of two hundred pounds Common Current Money, to him the said Christian Orendorff
 in hand paid, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Christian
 Orendorff hath granted bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant
 bargain and sell unto the said George Adam his Heirs and Assigns; All
 his the said Christian Orendorffs Part or Moiety of a Tract or parcel of land
 situate lying and being in Frederick County aforesaid, being part of Monoconey
 Manor; heretofore hold as British confiscated property, the whole of which is
 distinguished by Number Twelve, and contained within the following Meets and
 Bounds. Beginning at a Stone standing on the Bank of Monoconey, at or
 near the former Beginning, and running thence North five Degrees, East sixteen
 Perches. North fifty nine Degrees, and an half Degree, East one hundred and
 ten perches. East two hundred and six perches. South ten Degrees, West
 one hundred and eighty perches. West one hundred and sixteen perches.
 Then with a straight line to the Beginning containing two hundred and forty
 eight Acres, a Moiety of which said land, Together with all the Advantages
 Hereditaments and Appurtenances therunto belonging, and the Reversion
 and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rights Issues and profits
 thereof, and all the Estate Right Title Interest Claim and Demand whatsoever
 of him the said Christian Orendorff and his Heirs, and all the Estate Right Title
 and Interest which Henry Harford Esq^r or any Person or Persons claiming under
 him the said Christian Orendorff and his Heirs, shall and will forever warrant
 and defend the aforesaid part, or one half of the land contained within the Meets
 and Bounds within prescribed as contained in toll Number Twelve unto him the
 said George Adam his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, and to and for no other Use
 Intent or purpose whatsoever, and that he the said Christian Orendorff is at this
 Time seized in Fee of the aforesaid one half of the within toll of land Number Twelve
 and that he hath in him vested, a good and lawfull Right and Title to sell and
 dispose the aforesaid land to have and to hold the said part of toll Number
 Twelve unto him the said Geo. Adam his Heirs and Assigns for Ever. Except
 the Right of a certain Milliam sum, acquired under a lease from the late lord
 Baltimore's Agents to the said land or part thereof if any such there be. In
 Witness whereof the said Christian Orendorff hath hereunto set his Hand and
 affixed his Seal, the Day and Year first within written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
 Wm. Beatty C: Orendorff Jun^r Seal
 John Harrison

On the Back of which Deed were endorsed the following Receipt and Acknowledgment
 Viz: August 8th 1783. Received of W. Geo. Adam the just and
 full Sum of two hundred pounds specie, being the full consideration Money
 as within mentioned, to be paid by him to me. C: Orendorff Jun^r
 Test Wm. Beatty Jn^r Harrison.

Frederick County sp^t: On the Day of the Date first within written, came before
 us the Subscribers two of the Justices of Peace for said County Christian
 Orendorff, and acknowledged the within Instrument of Writing to be his
 Act and Deed, and the land and premises therein mentioned, to be the Right
 and Estate of the within named George Adam his Heirs and Assigns
 for Ever, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, and of the
 Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Acknowledged before Wm. Beatty. Jn^r Harrison.

At the Request of Benjamin Downing the following
 Lease was recorded on the ninth Day of August Anno
 Domini 1783 To wit: This Indenture made this ninth Day of August

Christopher Omdorff
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Land Record
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Maryland Frederick County feb: I the subscriber lately of Jefferson County
in the State of Virginia but now residing in Frederick County in the State
of Maryland with a bona fide intention of settling there declare that I brought
with me from the County of Jefferson aforesaid in the State of Virginia the
following slave for my own use Peggy aged about 35 years who is a native
of the United States Witness my hand the 29th March 1802.

Christopher Omdorff

Ed^d and ex^t. Granted?
11th June 1806

At the request of John Row the following
deed was recorded 29th March 1802 to wit:

This Indenture made the twenty seventh day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two between James Elder
of Frederick County and State of Maryland of the one part and John
Row of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth
that the said James Elder for and in consideration of the sum one
hundred and twenty five pounds current Money to him in hand paid
by the said John Row the receipt whereof the said James Elder doth
hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and by these
presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John Row his
heirs and assigns Part of two Lots of ground in Emmitsburg in
the County and State aforesaid the said Lots being known in the
Platt of the said Emmitsburg by numbers One hundred and thirty and
one hundred and thirty one Beginning for the said part at the south
East Corner of Lot number one hundred and thirty and running thence
North sixteen and one half degrees East one hundred and twenty feet then
North seventy three and one half degrees West Sixty feet then South sixteen
and one half degrees West one hundred and twenty feet to the alley then
by a straight line to the Beginning containing seven thousand two hundred
Square feet Together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto
belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold all and sin-
gular the said part of the said Lots of ground with the premises advanta-
ges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said John Row
to the only proper use and behoef of him the said John Row his heirs
and assigns forever in fee simple, and the said James Elder for himself
and his heirs Executors and administrators doth hereby covenant and agree
to

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At the request of John Young the following return
was recorded 29th March 1802 to wit:

Know all Men by these presents that I William Emmit of Frederick County by State
of Maryland for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars current Money
to me in hand paid by John Young of the same County and State of said the
receipt whereof I the said William Emmit do hereby acknowledge which said
sum of Money of said is to me well and truly paid for the purpose purchase of
releasing unto him the said John Young his heirs Executors Administrators &
assigns the ground and forever of the following Lot of ground in Emmittsburg
the said Lot being known in the Map of the said Emmittsburg by number
Twenty six for the said Lot of the said William Emmit have numbered
released and forever quit claiming and do by these presents hereby release
and forever quit claim of or to any further or future ground north lower
and do hereby covenant and agree for myself my heirs Executors and Ad-
ministrators to and with the said John Young his heirs Executors Administrators
and assigns in manner following that I the said William Emmit
my heirs Executors and Administrators shall and will warrant and forever
defend the said Lot of ground unto him the said John Young his
heirs Executors Administrators and assigns clear and free and clear and
fully discharged from any further or future ground North and that him and
them shall have hold occupy and enjoy the said Lot of ground in the same
in like manner as the said William Emmit have received and my heirs
and all the second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and two.

Wm Emmit

signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
John Cole Key Associate Justice of said County
Frederick County Va: on the 2 day of January in the year our Lord 1802
personally appeared before me the subscriber an Associate Justice of the Peace
for the County of said William Emmit the grantor named in the within
Instrument of writing and acknowledged the same to be his act and
deed and the Lot of ground therein mentioned to be hold in the simple
and the ground North to be the Right and title of the within named
John Young his heirs and assigns forever

Acknowledged before John Cole Key Associate Justice for said County

At the request of Christopher Underhill the following
Certificate of Sale was recorded 29th March 1802 to wit:

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Heinrich Dek, Johannes Anspach, Leonard Anspach, Joh. Phil. Schneider, Balthas Anspach, Joh. Leonhard Hollsteiner, Georg Brosius, Abraham Lauk, Michael Muller, Joh. Nich. Schwengel, Andreas Wolf, Michel Koppenhofer, Simo Carle, Joh. Phil. Gebhardt, Michael Hof, Jr., Johann Schoss, Abraham Nef, Andreas Wigner, Joh. Mich. Muller, Joseph Keller, Peter Gebhard, Jacob Lowengut, Joh. Martin Kapp, Johan Martin Cass, Geo. Vitus Cass, Joh. Michael Kapp, Joh. Georg Konig, Doratha Ertzberger(in), Margaretha Basler(in), Niclaus Hafner, Philip Moderer, Joh. Muller, Joh. Adam Lang, Peter Kreutzer, Nicklaus Gaucher, Jacob Katterman, Peter Zerh, Johannes Graf, Heinrich Schu George Graf, Jr., Joh. Adam Christ, Philip Kunz, Georg Pfafenberger, Wilhelm Leitner, Frederick Suss, Marg. Kreutzberger(in), Johan Kistler, Anna Cath. Daur(in), Melchior Debler, Marg. Cath. Christian, Franciscus Brosmann, Joh. Kastner, Anna Eliz. Len(in), Hermanys Batorf, Jacob Leqch, Leonhard Feg, Joh. Geo. Goldmann, Joh. Gotfried Rohrer, Joh. Jacob Kohler, Anna Barb Ried(in), Daniel Schneider, Joh. Adam Muller, Joh. Peter Muller, Heinrich Gruber, Jacob Muller, Conrad Scharf, Christian Gruber, Johan Dieter, Joh. Valentin Land, Jacob Mautz, Christoph Beshler, Johan, Geor Lauk, Andreas Kra Stephanus Umbenhauer, Johan Kettner, Joh. Casper Stover, Geo. Michael Kettner, Conrad Ernst, Adam Scharf, Gottfried Fiteler, Michel Schauer, Eva Martin(in), Martin Pfateicher, Jacob Zorn, Philip Straus, Adam Schayer, Johannes Zerbe, Jacob Zerbe, Adam Schmidt, Adam Ulrich, Leonhardt Muller, Johannes Waidmann, Balthas Suss, George Albert, Martin Waidman, Daniel Hub George Klein, Jacob Klein, Jacob Heil, Hartman Vertries, Leonhard Hof, Joh Georg Heil, Peter Raa, Henrich Rothe, Johannes Bauer, Joh. Adam Oberlin, Geo. Eichelberger, Michel Spieger, Mattheus Albrecht, Joh. Peter Kucher, Speitz, Joh. Sigmund Herle, George Zeh, Wendel Heil, Friderich Ruth, Geor Gunter, Valentin Herchelroth, Adam Stump, Henrich Majer, Geo. Bartel Schafer, Franz Wenrich, Johannes Haak, George Wenrich, Johan Henrich Basl Joh. Holman, Joh. Jac. Ertzberger, Christian Ansbauer.

Members of German Reformed Church 1735-1755 Appendix XV

Johannes Bassler, Jonas La Ru, Johan G. Zoller, Wilhelm Hoster, Hartman Friederich Klopp, Georg Huber, Johan Thomas, Michael Spengler, Johannes, Petrus, Nicholas Gelbert, Johannes Zollner, Jacob Imberger, Nicklaus Muller, Johannes Muller, Peter Becker, Peter Loch, Jonas Fortuny, Johannes Lein, Johan Adam Stein, Jacob Dinges, Christian Orndorff, Jacob Simon, Michael el, Jacob Keller, Johan Jacob Muller, Peter Sumois, Georg Dollinger, Jo William Hoster, Abraham Lebbo, Peter Spycker, John Adam Fome, Henrich Muller, Jacob Rammler, Johannes Reiff, Wilhelm Leitner, John Georg Stahl-schmidt, Nicklaus Simon, Michael Kor, Peter Mayer, Jacob Rossel, Johan Henrich Herchelroth, Jacob Seifert, Johan Diehm, Heinrich Ludwig, Daniel Maurshagen, Johan Peter Pappel, Isaac Mayer, Joh. Adam Dieffenbach, Adam Forrer, Peter Wenkelbley, Baltzer Noll, Jacob Groninger, Conrad Goldman, Henrich Schmidt, Philp Ziegler, Valentin Schuler, Casper Kor, Johan Michael, Becker, Michael Sanger, Jacob Walter, Conrad Schwartz, Georg De Johan Datweiler, Martin Schell, Augustus Wilhelm, Jacob Zufall, Lorentz

Inhabitants of Colebrookdale-May 10, 1728 petition Gov. Gordon for relief against suffering from the Indians, who had fallen about the inhabitants about Falkner's Schwamm and Goshenhoppen. John Roberts, Joh Pawling, Henry Pfannebacker, W. Lane, John Jacobs, D. Bais, Israel Morr Benjamin Frey, Jacob Ocdebraf, Richard Adams, Georg Roger, Adam Solion, Dielman Kolb, Martin Kolb, Gabriel Schuler, Anthony Hallman, John Isaac Klein, Hans Detweiler, William Bitts, Hubrecht Cassel, Henrich Panting Christian Weber, Gerhart de Hesse, Lorentz Sinsemora, Richard Jacob, H Rupert, Betu Bohn, Jacob Conrad, Christian Neuschwanger, Conrad Cress Jacib Kolb, Hans Ulrich Borge, John Mayer, John Prot, Paul Prot, Wm. S Peter Rambo, David Yung, Christopher Schmidt, Gerhart Mamans, Mathias (Deisen), Peter Janson, Yost Heid, Christian Allbach, Hans Reif, Daniel Stauffer and numerous others.

all men by these presents that I William Bright of Frederick County & province of Maryland have for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty pounds common lawfully due me of Maryland the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge this day from the said James Burgis of the same place and the same to be in full satisfaction for the articles herein after transferred have granted bargained sold & delivered & by these presents do Grant bargain sell & deliver unto the said James Burgis (to wit) one old Black Horse Brand on the neck & under thro' W, one dark brown Sgo & half matted with addit & under bit in each year, one feather bed & furniture; One large Iron pot; one skillet; one frying pan; One Blackwalnut Table; Three pewter dishes; and one dozen of plates; one small Iron kettle; & two spinning wheels; and also all my personal Estate whatsoever & whosoever ^{intents} lying & being I do have sold all singular the said bargained sold good & chattels unto the said James Burgis his heirs assigns forever to his their only proper use & behoof. And I the said William Bright my heirs assigns & assigns shall & will warrant & for ever defend the said bargained good & chattels unto the said James Burgis his heirs assigns forever to his their only proper use & behoof against all person whatsoever In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventeenth day of August Anno Domini 1774 one thousand seven hundred & seventy four.

signed sealed & Delivered in presence of
William Blair

W Bright

On the Back of which Deed or Bill of sale was the following Indorsement to wit; "Paid the 17th day of Augr 1774 from James Burgis the sum of Twenty pounds in full for the consideration within mentioned to the said W Bright,

W Bright

On the 17th day of Augr 1774 appeared before me the subscriber one of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for Frederick County the within named William Bright & acknowledged the within Bill of sale to his said Deed agreeable to law

W Blair

At the request of Christian Brough Cotton the following Deed was made this 17th day of August Anno Dom 1774 to wit; This Indorsement made the same day of Augr in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy four Between Abraham Lincolnton of Frederick County in the province of Maryland of the one part & Christian Brough, George Keifer, Wm Millbourn & Lewis Haysborger, Trustees appointed by the Dutch Calvinist Congregation in & about Sharpburg in Frederick County aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Abraham Lincolnton for & in consideration of

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the sum of one hundred & sixty pounds Current money of Maryland to him in hand paid by the said Christian Broadoff, George Heiffer, John Middlecauff & Lewis Baylorge Trustees of the Congregation aforesaid, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged with Great Joy & with all the necessary great Joy & do unto the said Christian Broadoff, George Heiffer, John Middlecauff & Lewis Baylorge Trustees aforesaid all that better portion of Ground in Maryland Town in Frederick County No 61 containing one hundred & three feet in Breadth two hundred & six feet in Length, with the Quota thereof & all profits advantages & appurtenances to the said better portion of Ground Belonging, according to have & hold to them the said Christian Broadoff, George Heiffer John Middlecauff & Lewis Baylorge their heirs assigns for ever for the use of the Congregation aforesaid to them & their use & to no other use intent or purpose whatsoever. Holding, paying unto Joseph Chapline his heirs or assigns one penny Ann if demanded on the ninth day of July yearly every year from the date hereof & the said Abraham Singenfelder for himself and his heirs doth Covenant and agree to and with the said Christian Broadoff George Heiffer John Middlecauff & Lewis Baylorge Trustees of the Congregation aforesaid, their heirs & assigns, that when they shall or may have had & peaceably enjoy & possess the said better portion of Ground and other the premises yielding, paying the Rent aforesaid herein before reserved & any rent that may grow due or shall to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his heirs or assigns of fully & absolutely discharge from all other Claims, Innuencians & Charges whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said Abraham Singenfelder hath hereunto set his Hand & seal the day & year first above written & signed sealed & Delivered of Law & Seal for. Abraham Singenfelder in presence of John Middlecauff

On the Back of which Deed were the following Indorsements to wit
 Agree @ 1774 Ad of the within mentioned Christian Broadoff George Heiffer John Middlecauff & Lewis Baylorge the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds Current money, being the Consideration within mentioned
 Witness hand & Seal for. John Middlecauff Abraham Singenfelder
 John Middlecauff

Frederick County Feb Agree @ 1774 Came the within mentioned Abraham Singenfelder before us as one of his Justices. Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid & acknowledged the within Abraham act of writing as his act & deed for the uses therein mentioned also at the same time came Barbara wife of said Abraham Singenfelder and acknowledged the same

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same freely & willingly, she being privately Examined out of
the Hearing of her husband according to the direction of the act
of assembly in that Case made & provided
Pepie } Saml. Beall for
 } Comptroller

Examined
Delivered
Chris. Orl.

At the Request of Peter Esq. In the following deed was made the 17th
day of August anno Domini 1774. to wit, Maryland. This Indenture
made this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord seventeen
hundred & seventy four between Richard Brown of the said County in the
Province of Pennsylvania of the one part and Peter Esq. of the
County in the province of Maryland of the other part Witnesseth
that the said Richard Brown for & in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds
Current money to him in hand paid by the said Peter Esq. by a Bill of Ex-
change bearing date the sixteenth day June last above hundred & sixty
six & omitted among said records of Frederick County into the said Peter
Esq. his heirs & assigns for ever one hundred acres of Land situated lying
along in Frederick County in the province of Maryland it being part of
a tract of Land called Honour Delight known as by the said Deed may
more fully appear And for as much as the said Deed of Exchange is quoted
to be Erroneous in several parts Therefore the said Richard Brown in
order to correct the Error in the aforesaid Deed of Exchange as well as
for and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of fifty pounds Current money
to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge
that he gives Grants Bargains and alienations confirmed and lightens
grants to the said Richard Brown doth give Grant Bargain sell alien
Confirm & Confirm unto the said Peter Esq. his heirs & assigns for ever
All that part of a Tract of Land here after described & contained in
the following Notes & Bounds it being part of a Tract of Land
called the second amendment situated lying and being in Fred. Co.
County in the province of Maryland Beginning for said part at the
end of the North thirty five degrees East ninety two perch line of the original
Tract of Land called the second amendment. Running thence North ten degrees
East Eighty perches, then North forty degrees East fifty perches, then North thirty
five degrees West eighty five perches, to the end of the sixty first line of the
aforesaid Land called second amendment thence with said Land South four
degrees East sixty perches, then South seventy eight degrees West sixty
perches then North thirty degrees West forty eight perches, then West forty
degrees, then South twenty eight degrees East fifty perches, then South fifteen
degrees West twenty six perches, then North twenty eight degrees East
twenty perches, then South twenty degrees East twenty two perches then by
straight



May 24, 1988

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger
19702 Crestknoll Dr.
Yorba Linda, CA 92686

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Enclosed are some papers containing will and cemetery records for the Orndorff family, which may give you some idea where you might look for further information on your visit to this area.

We have the Shepherdstown Lutheran Church records on microfilm in our library. Some more records and history of this church are contained in the book On this rock: the history of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, by Gladys Hartzel. The Lutheran church records go back to 1795.

The records of the Shepherdstown Christ Reformed Church go back to 1820. At present, I am not sure where these records can be found, other than Charleston, our state capital. I feel fairly certain that either the church or one of the libraries in Jefferson County must have these records. I will try to have better details when you make your visit to our library.

Hope you have a safe trip, and look forward to helping you on your visit to our state.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Hammersla
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Staff Genealogist

Nelson, Thomas. Private in Captain Stephenson's company. The name occurs in the list of prisoners on board the Jersey prison-ship.

Nixon, John. A private in Captain Shepherd's company. Marked on the old pay-roll of this company as "absent after Feb. 15th, 1777." There must have been a wholesale butchery of prisoners that day.

Noble, ———. Captain Noble was one of the militia captains of Berkeley County during the Revolution. Anthony Noble was a large landowner, and was commissary for the county during the Revolution.

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Oldham, Conway. Probably a son of Samuel Oldham, first High Sheriff for Berkeley County. Conway was a private in Captain Stephenson's company. Afterwards promoted to a lieutenantcy.

Oldham, William. A private in Captain Daniel Morgan's company of riflemen raised in June, 1775. He was a brother of Conway Oldham. Went with Morgan to Quebec. Appears to have escaped capture. Moved to Kentucky, and was a brave Indian fighter. On St. Clair's disastrous campaign of 1791 Colonel William Oldham commanded the Kentucky militia, and was killed. He was a man of spotless reputation and great bravery. An able officer and worthy of a better command. Son of Samuel Oldham of Berkeley County, Va.

Oliver, Thomas. A private from Shepherdstown.

Orndorff, Christian. Capt. Christian Orndorff "distinguished himself in the battles of Bennington and Skenborough." He lived at Sharpsburg, Md., and did not move to the neighborhood of Shepherdstown until after the Revolution. He had a very beautiful

daughter whom, it is said, General Horatio Gates wanted to marry. She refused him, and married Jonathan Hagar, who named his town Elizabeth Town in her honor. Afterwards the name was changed to Hagarstown.

Osborn, Samuel. Served under George Rogers Clarke in 1781, but whether he belonged to the Osborn family of Berkeley is not known.

Ox, George. A Hessian who deserted from General Knyphausen's Division, and enlisted under Pulaski. He was a small man, and after the war was a butcher in Shepherdstown. Moved west.

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Peacock, James. A private from Shepherdstown.

Pearce, John. John Pearce is said to have fought in the Revolution. There was a John Pearce in Capt. Daniel Morgan's company of riflemen. He was taken prisoner at Quebec. He was captured while bravely fighting within the ramparts. John Pearce was afterwards one of the few Shepherdstown men who returned from the fatal defeat of St. Clair by the Western Indians in 1791. He afterwards taught school in Shepherdstown for more than thirty years after the Revolution. It is possible that John Pearce of St. Clair's army was a son of Morgan's rifleman.

Pendleton, Nathaniel. Captain Nathaniel Pendleton joined Captain Stephenson's riflemen in 1775 as a private. He was an intimate friend of H. Bedinger, who frequently mentions him in his journal of the campaign. January 1st, 1776, he wrote: "Nat Pendleton Returned from on Board a Privateer." In 1776 he enlisted as first lieutenant in Captain Gabriel Long's riflemen, which was Company 6 of the eight compa-

nies of riflemen raised in V the Rifle Regiment. At the ington Lieutenant Pendleton with the other officers, first in New York. Afterwards tered on Long Island, where until November, 1780, when After his exchange Nat. Pe Colonel Rawlings Regiment. moved to New York, and Alexander Hamilton's second Burr. His descendants lived mund Pendleton, his great Maryland.

Pendleton, Philip. Col. Ph time during the Revolution co militia.

Peninger, Christian. A p herd's company. Another p on the 15th of February, 177

Piper, Jacob. A soldier o Shepherdstown.

Pollock, Thomas. A privat company. January 1st, 1777, other company.

Porterfield, Charles. The F dents of Jefferson County. Ch ert were all brave officers of t was a sergeant in Captain Da in 1775, and was taken priso wards he commanded one of th by Morgan in 1777-8. He wa C., at the head of his regiment, lieutenant colonel in the Virgin