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Gettysburg, PA 17325

April 26, 1982

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

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Your letter of April 12, 1982 was most interesting. You are certainly an example for the rest of us, the thorough way you do dig in. Here are a few items on Trucks that my wife pulled out of our files. Perhaps they will help you.

George Trucks (d.1766) left a widow, Susannah. She married John Berryer/Berrier, who in turn was dead by 13 May 1777 when his estate was appraised. Her third husband was Anthony Arehart.

Philip Trucks (b. 1766) and Abraham Berryer (b. 1768)--half brothers I would guess--on 1 Aug. 1784 were apprenticed to Thomas Stanley, "house carpenter and joiner" of Taneytown.

Captain John Trucks was dead by 1833 when his widow, Catherine Elizabeth, gave dower release on a deed.

There were two Maryland John Trucks's in the Revolution. Catherine Elizabeth, the widow of one, got a land warrant for his service. No other data in the Revolutionary War pension records in Washington.

Frederick County Land Records J524 p. 237. On 28 January 1826 John Trucks sold lot #5 in Emmitsburg to John S. Stephens, Catherine Trucks, and Harriet Trucks for \$1500 (presumably two daughters and a son-in-law?). Later Harriet sold her share to John S. Stephens. Later Catherine E. Trucks, widow of John, gave her dower rights to John S. Stephens.

John Trucks testified in a Chancery case in 1809 that his age was about 50. He testified that he had bought "Trucks Discovery" from his brother George Trucks.

John Trucks sued William Trucks of Pennsylvania for a deed to "Williams Hill" in 1798. "Trucks Discovery" and "Williams Hill" were near Middleburg, Md.

There was a George Trucks in Alleghany County, Maryland, in 1800.

As to the religion of the Trucks family, I can only say it seems they had a number of Catholic connections. One married a Boyle girl, if I remember correctly, and certainly the Boyles were all Catholics. Certainly Emmitsburg was a strong Catholic community. There was no Catholic church in Taneytown until the late 1790's, but a number of Catholic families. You mention Spaldings at the Conewago wedding. Henry Spalding lived in the Taneytown area. And you mention an Elder, another

Catholic name, at the wedding. The Elders were mainly around Emmitsburg, at least one between Emmitsburg and Taneytown.

You mention Peter Little as "close to" Peter Orndorff. Peter was my great, great, great, great grandfather, and had a number of children. I do not know of any Orndorff-Little connection, but I have never worked out that line. As to the Smiths, well I have chosen to work on easier topics.

Do keep in touch about your progress. And good luck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Basil L. Crapster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Basil L. Crapster

Trucks - Census - Md.

1776 - none

1790 Truck Patrick 97

Trucks John 63

Trucks Geo. 63

1800 Trucks Henry fr 4 872 43

Trucks John fr 5 900 35

1810 none

1820 Capt John FRED 140 N Twp least

John Trux & wife Barbara to

1805

John Reifsnyder
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Reifschneider his heirs executors admors and assigns that the said John McKaleb his heirs Executors and admors the said tract or parcel of Land and premises unto the said John Reifschneider his heirs Exors and admors as well against the said John McKaleb as against all persons claiming by from or under the said John McKaleb shall and will warrant and forever Defend by these presents, In- witness whereof the John McKaleb hath hereto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written. —

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of John McKaleb
of Tho. Jones James Mark

which was thus endorsed, to-wit,

Frederick County to-wit On the 11th day of May 1805 came John McKaleb the grantor named in the within instrument of writing before the subscribers two of the Justices of the peace for the said County and acknowledged the same to be his act and Deed and the lands and premises therein mentioned to be the right and Estate of the said John Reifschneider his heirs and assigns forever according to the true intent and meaning of the said Deed and the act of assembly in such cases made, at the same time came Mary Ann wife of the said John McKaleb and relinquished her right of Dower in the Lands and premises above mentioned unto the said John Reifschneider his heirs and assigns she being by us examined apart from and out of the hearing of her said husband declared that she made such relinquishment of her own free and voluntary consent and that she was not induced thereto by threats or thro. fear of incurring the displeasure of her said husband. —


Acknowledged before Tho. Jones, James Mark —

Exp^d re sol^d prothono
9th Jan^y. 1806

At the request of John Reifschneider the following
Deed was recorded the 8th August 1805, to-wit

This Indenture made the sixtth day of July Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and five Between John Trucks of the County of Frederick and State of Maryland of the one part, and John Reifsnyder of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, witnesses that the said John Trucks for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred pounds current money to him in hand paid at and before the enisealing and Delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said John Trucks doth hereby acknowledge and himself therewith to be fully satisfied contented and

said Hatti given, granted bargained sold, aliened, released, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant bargain, sell, alien, release, enfeoff and confirm unto the said John Reifschneider, his heirs &c., admors and assigns, all that lott or portion of ground, with buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being in Nancy Town in the said County of Frederick known and distinguished on the plan of the said Town by its number, to wit, Number thirteen provided he the said John Reifschneider his heirs &c. admors or assigns do and shall well and truly pay unto the legal heirs of Jacob Spod late of Frederick County Deceased the sum of three shillings and one penny half penny current money on the first day of May yearly and every year forever. Together with all rights profits benefits and advantages to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the said Lott with the appurtenances unto the said John Reifschneider, his heirs &c. admors and assigns forever, and the said John Trucks for himself his heirs &c. admors doth covenant grant promise and agree to and with the said John Reifschneider his heirs &c. admors and assigns, that the said John Trucks his heirs &c. admors the said lott of ground with the appurtenances unto the said John Reifschneider his heirs &c. admors as well against the said John Trucks, as against all persons claiming by from or under the said John Trucks shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said John Trucks hath hereto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

John Trucks 

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Jos. Sim Smith, Tho. Jones

(which was thus endorsed, to wit)

Frederick County, to wit, On the sixth day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and five came John Trucks the grantor named in the above instrument of writing before us the subscribers two of the Justices of the peace for the said County and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed and the Lott of ground with the appurtenances therein mentioned to be the right and Estate of the said John Reifschneider his heirs and assigns forever, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Deed and the acts of assembly in such case made. At the same time came Barbara the wife of the said John Trucks and relinquished her right of Dower in the lands and premises therein mentioned unto the said John Reifschneider his heirs and assigns she being by us examined apart from and out of the hearing of her said husband, declared that she made such relinquishment of her own free and voluntary consent and that she was not inforced

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thereto by threats or through fear of incurring the displeasure of her said
husband, Certified and Acknowledged before Jos. Sim Smith
Thos. Jones

Exam^d and doc^d granted
26 July 1805

At the request of Simon Crumbaugh the following
Deed was recorded the 9th August 1805, to wit;

This Indenture made this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and five between Conrad Crumbaugh of
Frederick County and State of Maryland, of the one part, and Simon
Crumbaugh of the same County and State aforesaid, of the other part
Witnesseth that the said Conrad Crumbaugh for and in considera-
tion of the sum of two hundred pounds current money to him in hand
paid by the said Simon Crumbaugh at and before the enrolling and
delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he the said Conrad
Crumbaugh doth hereby acknowledge and himself therewith to be
fully satisfied and paid, hath granted bargained and sold, and by
these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Simon
Crumbaugh his heirs and assigns all the following described lands
situate lying and being in Frederick County aforesaid; to wit; a l^l that
tract of Land called Crumbaugh's Chance, Beginning at a bounded
White Oak standing on the South side of Cabbage Run, it being the
beginning tree of a tract of Land called "Addition to Sydeman's Delight"
and running with said Land North twenty five Deg^s West forty eight
perches, North Eighty four Deg^s West sixteen perches, North twenty three
Deg^s West Eighty four perches then South seventy six Deg^s West forty eight
perches to a Stone on a line of Monococy Manor and with said line
as run and fixed some years back South one half Degree West one
hundred and sixteen perches to a stone at the end of ninety seven
perches on the given line of a tract of Land called "Sydeman's Delight"
and with said Land reversed North seventy three Deg^s East ninety
seven perches, South thirty three Deg^s East fifty three perches, South
fifty Eight and a half Deg^s West sixteen perches South seventy five
and a half Deg^s West twenty six perches South fifty four Deg^s West
Eighteen and three quarters perches to the end of fifty six and a half per:
on the given line of a tract of Land called "Margaret Sydeman's Delight"
and with said Land reversed North Eighty four and a half Deg^s East
fifty six and a half perches to the end of the third line of a tract of Land
called Lochs Chance and with said Land North three Deg^s West
forty two perches to a stone then by a straight line to the first
beginning containing sixty acres of Land more or less. And

John West + wife Catherine to
Valentine Nuel 1812

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208) When disburse according to the true intent and
meaning thereof and the fact of approval by in such
case made and provided Mr. Livermore
acknowledged before Aid: Smith

At the request of Valentine. See the following
Deed is recorded 25th April 1812, to wit:
Office Certificate made fourth day of June in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
thirteen by and between John Nuel of the County of
Frederick and State of Maryland of the one part and
Robertine Nuel of the aforesaid County and State
of the other part Witness that the said John Nuel
for and in consideration of the sum of eight hundred
dollars current money of the United States
of America to him in hand paid at and before the
signing and executing of these presents the receipt
whereof he the said John Nuel doth hereby acknowledge
and himself the said Robertine Nuel fully satisfied and
satisfied hath granted bargained sold aliened, conveyed
and conveyed and by these presents doth give
grant bargain sell release and convey unto the
said Robertine Nuel his heirs and assigns forever
a certain lot or piece of ground in Washington
Frederick County aforesaid lying and being on the North
side of the Baltimore street and known and distin-
guished in the plat of said town by number one
hundred and sixteen (116) together with a two
story house thereon to have and to hold the said lot
of ground with the appurtenances thereto belonging
or in anywise appertaining unto her the said
Robertine. Nuel his heirs and assigns forever and
to her only person use and behoof of her the said
Robertine Nuel his heirs and assigns forever and
to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever
executors administrators doth consent grant
knows and agree with the said Robertine
Nuel his heirs or assigns that in the said John
Nuel and his heirs executors and administrators
shall have and will warrant and forever defend
the aforesaid lot of ground with the appurtenances
thereunto belonging unto her the

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said Valentine Null his heirs and assigns from (209)
and against all persons claiming or to claim and right
or title thereto by from or under him the said John Trux
and his heirs. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this day and date
first above written
Signed sealed acknowledged — John Trux (Deed)
and delivered in presence of
Jm^o Austin Henry Williams.

Which is thus endorsed, to wit;
Frederick County ft. On the fourth day of April in the
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twelve came
John Trux the grantor within mentioned party to
the within deed before us two of the Justices of the peace
for said County and acknowledged the within instru-
ment of writing to be his act and deed and the house
and lot therein mentioned to be the right and estate
of the within named Valentine Null according to an
act of Assembly in such case made and provided.
And at the same time came before us Catharine
Trux wife of him the said John Trux and acknow-
ledged the within deed to be her act and deed and
the property therein mentioned to be the right
and estate of the within named Valentine Null
his heirs and assigns forever and being by us
privately examined apart and out of the hearing
of her said husband and relinquished her right and
title of dower and said she did the same freely and
of her own accord without being induced thereto by
threats or for fear of her said husband or for fear of
his displeasure
Acknowledged before Jm^o Austin
Henry Williams

Sp. R. granted
on 8 June 1813 } At the request of Zachariah Leaser the follow-
ing Deed is recorded 25th April 1812, to wit;
This Indenture made this 18th day of November
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eleven, Between Daniel Leaser of Monongahaly
County in the State of Virginia of the one part, and
Zachariah Leaser of Frederick County in the State
of Maryland of the other part Witnesseth - Whereas
Jost Leaser of Frederick County in the State