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### Column No. 569 DECK FAMILY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Have received several queries on the Deck Family and will combine them in this column so all are together for future reference. I have been interested in the Decks because my mother was Sarah M. Deck before her marriage to Charles E. Brossman.

There have been Decks in Berks County, Pa. as early as 1734. (John) Nicholas Deck came to America on the ship, "Saint Andrew Galley" on, or about, 12 Sept. 1734. His name appears on the ship list along with Anna Deck, probably his wife, and Johan Hend'd Deck, Johannes Deck and Anna Barbara Deck, the last three assumed to be children. Nicholas Deck and wife had at least one other son, Nicholas Deck II, b. ca. 1741, died ca. 1787.

This family appears to have settled in what is now Bethel Township, Berks County, Pa. Nicholas Deck II, 1741-1787, married Maria Magdalena Wendrich-Wenreich-Wenrich-etc. b. 8 Mar. 1740, according to records of the Rev. Johann Casper Stoever who performed the ceremony at Atolhoe (now Rehrrsburg) on 21 Jan 1761. Their children were as follows.

(1) (John) Frederick Deck, 16 Nov. 1763-24 Dec. 1822, married 31 Oct. 1786 to Catharine Seirer; (2) Susannah Deck, b. 31 Jul 1765, married 15 Apr. 1788 to Stephen Lenkert, lived in Upper Paxton Twp., Dauphin County, Pa.; (3) Catharine Deck, birth and death unknown, married 28 Aug. 1781 to Christopher Seirer, lived in Lower Paxton Twp., Dauphin County; Anna Barbara Deck, married twice, first to Leonard Minnig, who was dead by time of her father's death in 1787, and she married second Adam Kerbach, lived in Hamilton Twp., Franklin County, Pa.; Anna Margaret Deck, born 5

April 1769 married 6 Oct. 1789 to John Kobel; Nicholas Deck III, born 20 Mar. 1771, married 18 May 1792 to Maria Louisa Kobel, and died 25 Oct. 1839. He is buried Altalaha Lutheran Church, Rehrrsburg.

Other children of Nicholas Deck II were: (7) Martin Deck, b. 13 Nov. 1773, married on the 10 Nov. 1794 to Elizabeth Riegel, lived in Hamilton Twp., Franklin County, Pa.; (8) Anna Elizabeth Deck, born 9 Jun 1776, no further information; Anna Magdalena Deck, b. 22 Sep. 1778 no more information; Eva Mary Deck, b. 7 June 1781, married 11 Apr. 1800 to George Diewen-Deppen.

Information on residences of these children is from the Orphan's Court Record of Nicholas Deck II found in the Berks County Courthouse and from church, cemetery and other records too lengthy to quote here.

A 13-page history of this family may be seen in the Historical Society of Berks County; the Pennsylvania State Library; the Library of Congress; and other genealogical libraries around the country. The title of the history is "Notes on John Nicholas Deck, also known as Nicholas Deck, b. ca. 1741 d. ca. 1787, and his family of Tulpehocken and Bethel Townships, Berks County, Pennsylvania."

Another branch of the Deck Family is that of Fredericks Deck, 1741-1820. The father of Frederick Deck, also found in records as Johan Frederick Deck, is to have been Mathias Deck who came to America on the Ship "Harle" on 1 Sept. 1736. It is quite likely that Mathias Deck, (also known as Matthew Deck), was the father of Frederick Deck, but no definite proof has been found, so this claim cannot be verified.

It is also quite possible that Nicholas Deck I and Mathias Deck were brothers, or maybe

cousins. Quite likely Nicholas, who came in 1734, sent word to Mathias "Come on over," since Mathias came just two years later, less 11 days. However, Mathias Deck is not to be found in any records in the Tulpehocken-Bethel Area, although Frederick, supposedly his son, is found on numerous occasions in records there.

The Bureau of Land Records in Harrisburg, which has records of land transactions of colonial days, has a record of a Matthias Teck which is most likely the Mathias Deck of the 1736 ship list.

The land office has this to say about the land record: "Warrant No. 59, is dated February 5, 1547 to Matthias Teck for 100 acres in Allemengle, now Albany Township, in Bucks, now Berks County: It was surveyed on Nov. 23, 1749 for 107 acres and allowance. Patented on Sept. 23, 1773 to Catharine Grauer and Mary Ann Fries."

Apparently Matthias Teck, as he was called, did not carry through his land transaction in 1749 as the patent was not issued until 1873 to Catharine Grauer and Mary Ann Fries, whose relationship, if any, are unknown by us to Matthias Teck-Deck.

Quite a bit of information has been accumulated on Johann Frederick Deck from various sources. He was born 2 Feb. 1741 and married on 15 Jul 1764 at Atolhoe (now Rehrrsburg) in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pa. to Maria Veronica Seirer-Soerer, daughter of

Jacob Seirer, born 23 Jan 1713, d. Jan 1785. Jacob being buried at Altalaha Lutheran Church. This Johann Frederick Deck died 9 June 1820, according to records of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, Pa. in which cemetery he is buried. His wife, Maria Veronica Seirer, also known as Feronika-Franny Deck, was born August 1743 and died 28 Mar. 1828. Frederick was in the Berks county Militia during the Revolutionary War in the 1st Company, 6th Battalion, Capt. John Leshar's Company.

Frederick Deck and wife Maria Veronica (Seirer) Deck had at least eight children, possibly nine. They were as follows.

(1) Anna Maria Deck, birth and death unknown, married 24 Nov. 1789 to John Sauter-Sauder, no more information; (2) Catherine Deck, born 17 Mar. 1772, married Conrad Bender, no more information; (3) John Jacob Deck, born 21 Feb. 1775, must have died young as another son, No. 5 below, was given the same name; (4) John George Deck, b. 11 Aug. 1777, married 25 Nov. 1800 Margaret Peiffer, daughter of Johan Jacob Peiffer, and sister of No. 7 below. George, as he was later known, and his wife moved to Berkley Co., Va., now West Va., where he died after 1833, no further information; (5) John Jacob Deck, the fifth child was born 18 Mar. 1779, no further information.

Additional children of Frederick Deck and wife were: (6) Johan Frederick Deck, b. 2 Jul 1780, moved somewhere into western Pennsylvania, no further information; (7) Henry Deck, born 12 Jan 1782, died 17 Jan. 1754. He was married twice, first to Anna Maria Peiffer, 5 Jan 1802. Anna Maria was born 4 Feb. 1780, died 5 July 1839. Her tombstone states she lived in wedlock 37 years and six months, left behind nine children. On the 18th of July 1840, Henry Deck married Barbara Riegel, a widow in Trinity Tul-

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pehocken Church. Henry's first wife, Anna Maria Peiffer, was a sister of Margaret Peiffer of No. 4 above. Henry and Anna Maria Deck have many descendants in Berks and Lebanon Counties and elsewhere, including the writer of this column. They are both buried Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery, Stouchsburg, Pa.

The two remaining children of Frederick were: (8) Elizabeth Deck, born 25 Jun 1785; and possibly (9) Mathias Deck, dates unknown, who married Dorothy Brendel of Brecknock Twp., Berks Co., Pa..

daughter of Henry Brendel, mentioned in Henry's will of 22 Dec. 1795. No further information.

Information on this family was accumulated from practically the same sources as the family of Nicholas Deck II, listed above. A 66 page history of this family has been compiled and may be seen at any of the above mentioned libraries. The title of this is: "Notes on Frederick Deck, Also Known as Johan Frederick Deck, born 2 Feb. 1741, died 9 June 1820 And His Wife Maria Veronica Seir-

er, August 1743-28 Mar. 1828, of Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania."

Both of these histories were compiled by the writer of this column as a result of years of research on the family. Deck researchers are invited to write to me and I will help them if I can. I also welcome Deck information to add to my records.

Researchers of Frederick Deck, born ca. 1741, d. 26 Dec. 1822, son of Nicholas Deck II, and husband of Catharine Seirer, should be very careful not to

get confused with the Frederick Deck, born 2 Feb. 1741, d. 9 June 1820, husband of Maria Veronica Seirer. Both were born about the same time, died around the same time and had Seirer women as wives. This was one of the reasons I prepared histories of both families so records of one branch could be separated from the other. Both lived in the same general area of Berks Co.

Because this column has gotten longer than I expected, I will hold the Deck Family queries until next week so they may all be published at the same time.

## 6 Lebanon Daily News, Tuesday, August 30, 1977

### Column No. 570 DECK FAMILY OF PENNSYLVANIA Part II

In last week's column I intended to use a few queries people had sent to me on the Deck Family of Berks and Lebanon counties, Pa. While writing a brief history to use as background material, the column got longer than I expected, so decided to hold the queries until this week.

In addition, I received a call from a reader, Harry Sander of Schaefferstown, Pa. who pointed out to me something I should have known, but had forgotten. He pointed out that the first child of Frederick Deck and wife Maria Veronica Seirer Deck, namely Anna Maria Deck, who married 24 Nov 1789 to John Sauter-Sauder, should really have been that she married John Santer-Sauter. Last week I stated "no more information" behind her name.

The reason I should have known this is because in March 1976 I wrote a column on the "Descendants of William Saunders and Catherine Fessler, His Wife", compiled by Charles H. Saunders, 2019 Jefferson St., Anderson, Ind. 46014. In that 30 page history, available for \$4, he discusses the 10 children of William and Catherine Saunders.

The third child, John Sanders, born 1762 married 1789 in Dauphin County, Pa. Anna Maria Dick-Deck. He died in 1818 in Lebanon County. According to his information, Anna Maria Deck Saunders was born 1773, died 1841. The dates

include only the year, not the day or month. The places of birth, death, etc. also are not listed. Readers interested in this family who desire further information should check Column No. 493. That column will give information on the 11 children of John Sanders-Saunders and his wife Anna Maria Deck.

When the records of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, Pa. were translated, it may have been the translator read the name as Souders-Sauter or Sauder, instead of Sanders. It may be too that I, when I copied the information from the translated copy, made the mistake. However, the marriage date of John Sanders and Anna Maria Deck of 24 Nov 1789 is the same as in the Saunders history, so there is no doubt it is the right couple.

Somewhere in Lebanon or surrounding area is the grave stone of Anna Maria Deck Sanders-Saunders 1773-1841 and her husband John-Johannes Sanders 1762-1818. It would mean a great deal to me if anyone should find these stones, to please let me know, so I may go there and take pictures of the stones.

#### DECK MICROFILMS

Over the years I have accumulated material on the Deck Family in various notebooks, folders, etc. These records have been microfilmed from time to time by the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) in Salt Lake City. Researchers on the Deck Family of Pennsylvania may want to check these microfilms which include notes from various places, church and cemetery records, military

records, land records, obituaries, etc. There are at least four films, some have a lot on them, others only a little. The numbers of the films are 44,907, part 4; 527810; 527811 and 563231.

#### Correction

Column No. 569, regarding the land of Matthias Teck-Deck, should read: "Warrant No. 59, dated February 1747 (not 1547) to Matthias Teck for 100 acres in Allemengle, now Albany, in Bucks, now Berks County. It was surveyed on Nov. 23, 1749 for 107 acres and allowance. Patented on Sept. 23, 1873 (not 1973) to Catharine Grauer and Mary Ann Fries". It was only patented 124 years after the survey, for reasons unknown to me.

Also — The Sheiby-Scheiby reunion should have been Sheidy-Scheidy family reunion.

#### QUERIES

Readers are invited to send their genealogical queries to Schuyler C. Brossman, Box 43, Rehrersburg, Pa. 19550 for free publication in this weekly column. All queries must have a Pennsylvania connection, include at least one date and should not be more than 150 words.

1. Mrs. B. D. Gaubi, 10644 West Main Road, Lot 120, North East, Pa. 16428 — Henry Deck was born about 1763, possibly in Pa. married 26 Jul 1792, Canajoharie, N.Y. to Hannah-Anna Yerdon-Jordon. Henry died 20 Sep 1832 at Stark, Herkimer Co., N.Y. Anna Jordon-Yerdon, was born about 1773, possibly N.Y., died after 13 Nov 1832, Stark, N.Y. They had 12 children: (1)

William Deck, 16 Jun 1793, 10 Apr 1882, mar. Elizabeth — and second Lydia —. He d. Kent Co., Mich; (2) Sophia Deck, ca. 1795, mar. 1st Lewis Fabric, 2nd. Jacob Yule, lived Herk. Co., N.Y.; (3) Catherine Deck, b. 8 Apr 1797, Montgomery Co., N.Y., no more information; (4) Nicholas N. Deck, 16 May 1799, Herk Co., d. 10 Nov 1864, Boonville, N.Y., mar. Margaret Rickard; (5) John Deck, 15 Mar 1802, Mont. Co., N.Y., d. 29 May 1822, Minden, N.Y.; (6) Rebecca Deck, also called Peggy Deck, b. 2 Jul 1804, Minden, d. 26 Sep 1822, Virgil, N.Y., married Jacob Oaks; (7) Daniel Deck, b. 16 Nov 1806, Minden, no more info.; (8) Abraham Deck, b. 20 Feb 1809, Minden, d. 13 Oct 1887, Ripley, N.Y. married 1st Mary Shaul, 2nd Helen Moore; (9) Elizabeth Deck, b. 9 May 1811, Minden, no more info.; (10) Daniel Deck, the second child with this name, so older one, No. 7 above probably died young. Second Daniel was born 24 Aug 1813, Minden, N.Y., married about 1842, probably in Ripley, N.Y., Catherine Osterman, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Shannon) Osterman. Daniel died 28 Feb 1893 at Ripley, N.Y., buried Quincy Cemetery. He was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Gaubi, who sent the query; (11) Henry Deck, b. 20 Oct 1815, Minden, mar. Betsy —; (12) Caty Maria Deck, b. about 1817, Minden, married Isaac Wright. If anyone has any information on any of these Decks, especially No. 10 child, Daniel, and the ancestors of Henry Deck, born 1763, Mrs. Gaubi would be glad to hear from them. It may be

Henry is a descendant of the Berks County Decks.

2. Joanne Deck Cassidy, 1319 Corbin Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612 — Has information from Decks all over the U.S. and Canada, New England, New Zealand and Austria. She seeks contact with anyone having information on the family. She is compiling a notebook on the family of Decks from all over. Anyone with information on the Decks, or questions, may want to contact her. Her ancestor is Jacob Henry Deck, b. 26 Jul 1824, Germany, d. 20 Jan 1893, Ft. Jennings, Ohio. His wife was Lavina Farber, b. 18 Jul 1834, Ohio. Their son, John Franklin Deck, b. 15 Jan 1851 d. 24 Feb 1921, married in Dec 1880 Harrietta

Conley and were Mrs. Cassidy's grandparents.

3. Ruth Deck, c/o Joanne Deck Cassidy, 1319 Corbin Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612 — Ellsworth Irvin Deck, b. about 1868, d. March 1911, Delta, Ohio. Fire destroyed his records, but they know he was married twice, 1st to Effie Vanderpool, 2nd to Olive Meller. Children were Blanche, Agnes, Clarmont by first marriage, and possibly Richard. From 2nd marriage, Daisy B., Searless G., and Carol Ruth. The father of Ellsworth Irvin Deck was Samuel M. Deck, b. 1844, in Pa. married Adelia Draper. They had children, Sarah, who mar-

ried — Bixler-Bicksler. The name Ballup also appears in family records. Samuel's father was Abraham Deck who married Sarah Snyder. According to records of Jonestown, Pa. Abraham Deck had children, Thomas, b. 1846, and possibly Henry, Daniel, David and Joseph. Can anyone tell if these Ohio Decks are descendants of the Decks in the Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa. area? If not, from where?

4. Mrs. Joseph Bloom, Route 6, Box 352, Mountain Home, Ark., 72653 — Would like info on Eliza Deck, b. 9 Jul 1810 in Winchester, Frederick Co., Va. Her father was Jacob Deck. In

the 1840 census of Frederick Co. he was between 20 and 30 years old. There was another male in the family of the same age and a female, also 20-30. The 1880 census of Gurnsey Co., Ohio states that Eliza Deck Douglas's father was born in Penna. In the 1840 census of Frederick County, Va. there is a Frederick D. Deck, aged 40-50 (Born 1790-1800), and a John, 70-80, (born 1760-1770). Could these be the same as the John and Frederick listed in the

1790 census of Berks County, Pa.? In the 1790 census there was also a John Deck in Cumberland Co., Pa. Would like to hear from anyone with Deck information to share, especially the Virginia-Pa. Decks.

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17. Mrs. Marvin Beall, Route 1, Flat Rock, Ind. 47234—Would like information on Jacob Deck, his children were, Elizabeth, b. 7 Dec 1823, Berks Co., Pa., died Shelby Co., Indiana. She was the wife of John Wendel Shutt; Susie Deck, married Philip Light; Katie Deck, married Jonathan Gossert-Gassert; John Deck, married Susanna — and their children were Emma, Elizabeth, Isabella, Maglada, and Jacob. John Wendel Shutt-Shott, b. 10 Apr 1827, Pa., d. 13 Jan 1908, Shelby Co., Ohio, buried Shelbyville, Ind.

and his wife, Elizabeth Deck, 7 Dec 1823, d. 31 Dec 1896, Shelbyville, bur. with husband Forrest Hill Cem., had at least two chn.: (1) Mary Ann Shutt, b. 24 Apr 1850, Berks Co., Pa. d. 10 Apr 1904, bur. Forrest Hill Cem, mar. Thomas Jacklin; (2) Samatha, b. 17 Mar 1862, Berks Co., d. 7 Dec 1937, married Daniel Hey. Buried with family at Forrest Hill Cem. Samatha and Daniel Hey were grandparents of Marvin Beal.

(Comment — I have in my files some information which corresponds to what you seek.

In the above, John Deck who married Susanna —. This may be John Deck who married

Susanna Groff. John was born 25 Aug 1830, died 5 June 1901 and Susanna Groff Deck was born 4 Apr 1834, died 1 Oct 1898, daughter of Jonathan Groff and w. Anna Maria Noll. John and Susanna are buried in Klopp's Cemetery, Hamlin, Lebanon Co., Pa. I don't know about their other children, but they did have a daughter, Maglada Deck, b. 19 Sep 1862, Bethel, Berks Co., Pa. who died 4 Sep 1923, buried at Salem Cemetery, Bethel with her husband, Henry Adam Schneider, 1858-1927. My records show John

Deck, born 25 Aug 1830 was the son of John and Elizabeth Deck and was baptized 26 Sept 1830, Klopp's Lutheran Church. You give his father as Jacob Deck, his name may have been John Jacob Deck, or Jacob John Deck, and he used only part of it. The father of this John Deck of 1830 was John Deck, b. 24 Sep 1798, married 6 Jul 1817 Elizabeth Royer-Reyer who was born 3 Feb 1794, d. 1 Nov 1866. John Deck b. 1798 was son of (John) Nicholas Deck, 1771-1839 and he was son of (Johan) Nicholas, b. ca. 1740, d. ca. 1787, and he was son of (Johan) Nicholas Deck the immigrant. — SCB)

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### THE CHRONICLE, Elizabethtown, Pa.,

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Column No. 577

#### DECK FAMILY OF PENNSYLVANIA Part III

In Columns Nos. 569 and 570 The Deck Family of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, was covered. Partly as a result of those two columns, and partly as a result of correspondence with other Deck researchers, more queries and information have come in which will be used in this column, and possibly another one following.

#### DECK FAMILY QUERIES

1. Lester T. Deck, 207 N. Vanburen, Mt. Pleasant, Ia. 52641 — Seeks info on Elisah Deck, b. 1824 in Pennsylvania, raised by a grandfather. Elisah Deck married Jane McCormick in 1860 in Henry County, Iowa and had two sons, George and Martin. Jane McCormick Deck died in 1865 and in 1866 Elisah mar. Ellen Kelly, also in Henry County and they had six children: Hiram S.; Charley; John Franklin; Mary Eugene; Phairby;

Jane; and Emma. Who were Elisah Deck's ancestors in Pa., what was grandfather's name who raised him, date and place of birth, etc.

2. Mrs. Joseph W. Bloom, Route 6, Box 352, Mountain Home, Ark. 72653 — Would like to contact anyone working on the Frederick County, Va. Decks. She seeks especially proof of the parents of Eliza Deck, b. 9 Jul 1810, in Va., died 24 Mar 1899 in Ohio, the wife of James Douglas. Eliza Deck Douglas was most likely the daughter of Jacob Deck, born in Pa., died in Va. The wife of Jacob Deck, name unknown, was born in Pa. Does anyone have any info on this family to exchange? James and Eliza (Deck) Douglas had at least one son, John Abraham Douglas, b. 9 Aug 1842 in Va., died 2 Jan 1929 in Illinois.

3. Mrs. Dorothea D. White, 417 N. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90004 — is interested in the Deck family, although not a descendant, as Magdalena Wenrich, daughter of Mathias Wenrich was a sister of her Mathias Jr. Among children of Mathias Wenrich and wife Judith was "Maria Magdalena Wenrich, b. 8 Mar 1740, d. 14 Sep 1812, buried Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., married Nicholas Deck Jr. 21 Jun 1761." Information is from "Wenrich Family Revisited," by Capt. Oby J. Bonawit. Does anyone have information on the family of Wenrichs to share?

4. Harold W. Rollins, 2506 Cherokee Lane, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103 — Has sent quite a bit of information on the Decks who are descendants of Heinrich-Henry Deck, also spelled, Dick-Teck-Tick, who arrived in Philadelphia on ship "Christian" on 15 Aug 1750.

Heinrich Deck, known also as Henry Deck, settled for awhile in Lancaster County, Pa. where he met and married Catherina Null-Noll, daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Pence) Null. The Nulls were an old Pa. German family who had moved to Augusta (Rockingham) County, Va. but returned to Pa. during the French and Indian War.

With lulls in the fighting, Henry Deck acquired land on Boone's Run in Rockingham Co., near Nicholas Null and near Nicholas' two brothers-in-law, Valentine and Jacob Pence. Henry Deck remained in Rockingham County after the war and his will was written there on 17 Feb. 1774, probated 16 Aug 1774. Children were: John; Euronymous (Hyronimus-Hironimus?) married Margaret —; Henry Deck, a Rev. War soldier, b. 1756, mar. Christina Painter; Jacob, Mr. Rollins' ancestor, a Rev. War soldier, b. 1755, married Elizabeth Painter and moved to Rutherford County, N.C.; Michael, a Rev. War soldier, b. 1758, mar. Christina Monger and died in Madison County, Ill.; Charles Deck, no more info; Christian Deck, mar. Elizabeth —; and Catharina Deck. Most of these children remained in the Shenandoah Valley for many years.

Jacob Deck, the ancestor of Mr. Rollins, was born in Augusta (Rockingham) County, Va. in 1755. He grew up there and served in the Virginia Militia in the Rev. War. His military record is in National Archives under file "S-7677, Jacob Tack". He saw service along the Indian Boundary and during the Yorktown Campaign. He mar. Elizabeth-Betsy, daughter of Leonard and Catrina Painter (Bender) of Augusta County and later moved to Rutherford County, N.C. where he died after 1840. Children of Jacob Deck and wife were:

Mary-Polly, mar. John Yelton; Col. Leonard Deck (ancestor of Mr. Rollins), b. 1786, mar. Drucilla —, died 1871, Rutherford County; Jacob Deck, b. 1790, mar. Eva Painter, alive in 1860, Walker County, Ga.; Catherina, never married; Charon Deck, mar. Polly Mullins in 1814; and Elizabeth Deck.

A daughter of Col. Leonard Deck and wife Drucilla was Lourana Deck, b. 1811, mar. John M. Melton in 1829 and died in Rutherford County, N.C. in 1898.

Rollins will exchange information with anyone interested in the descendants of Henry Deck, who came to America on the "Christian" on 15 Aug 1750.

5. Mrs. Nell D. Ring, 2376 Philips, Berkley, Mich. 48072 — Wants the parents of Peter Deck, b. about 1787 in Pa., d. 1863 in Williams County, Ohio. First wife unknown, and second wife was Ann Oaks, b. 1801 in Pa., died about 1842-47 in Ohio. His 3rd wife was Mary M. —. His known children were: George Deck, b. 1810 in Pa.; Isaac, 1820, Pa.; Peter, 1824, Pa.; female, name unknown, b. 1825-30, Pa. John Frederick, 1828, Pa.; Adam, born 1829, Pa.; Jacob, 1832, Pa.;

Daniel, 1834, Pa.; Mary, 1835, Pa.; Lavina, 1840, Ohio; and William N., 1842, Ohio. Have found information on Runamus-Erronemus in Virginia which is Tulpehocken, Berks County, Pa. is Hieronymus with same named father and same brothers and sisters and age. (I have heard Hieronimus is translation of the name Jerome, so do not be surprised to see his name as Jerome Deck—SCB). Also Mrs. Ring has information on the Deck families of Northampton Co., Pa. who spelled name Dech; some of Washington County, N.Y.; Hanover Twp., York County, Pa.; Schoharie County, N.Y.; and other places as well.

6. Mrs. Marvin Beall, Route 1, Box 5, Flat Rock, Ind. 47234 — In the 1850 Census of Bethel Twp., Berks County, Pa., Page 320 is the household of Wendel Shott, age 53; Anna M. Shott, 52; Jonathan, 21; Mary Ann, 14 (who married — Potteiger and had son Serenus); and Maria Shott, 12. In the same census, page 324 is: John Wendel Shott, age 23, (son of the above); Elizabeth Shott (nee Deck), age 26; and Mary Ann Shott, age ½ year. How far away from John and Elizabeth Deck did these Shott Families live.

7. Becky Visser, 121 E. Sixth St., Maumee, Ohio — Is looking for ancestors of John Michael Deck-Dech, b. 3 Dec 1836, Bucks County, Pa. mar. Elvira-Ella Davis. Children were: Edgar, Charles Cloyd; Harry, Chester; Bessie Mae; and two infant sons. Does anyone know anything on any of these people?

8 Mrs. L. Shaud, 4308 N. Haven, Toledo, Ohio — Seeks info on Henry Isaac Deck, b. 1 Mar 1853, son of Isaac Deck, born in Pa. He had brothers Will, Ralph and possibly Frank Deck. Henry had a son Clayton Deck whose children were Pearl, Altha, Robert and Gaylord. Where does this Deck Family fit in?

9. Robert Deck, 2560 Briarwood, Toledo, Ohio — Would like info. on Francis R. Deck, b. 12 Aug 1838, mar. Magdalene J. Guerrther. They came from area around Phila., Pa., and his parents were Bernard Deck and Affra Dissinger.

10. Ruth Sullivan, 2054 Kennison, Toledo, Ohio — Abraham Deck mar. Sara Snyder. He was born 1802 in Pa. Does anyone know where? He

settled in Stark County, Ohio and had children, Joseph, Sara, David, Daniel, Henry, Samuel M., and Thomas P.

11. Mrs. Ivan Wagner, 2002 N. Monroe, Enid, Okla. 73701 — Seeks info on his ggg-grandparents, Adam Deck and wife Susannah, born in Saxony, Germany, 1737 and 1739. They came to America and settled in Pa., possibly Berks County, Pa. Need information on when they came to America and where, where settled and married. They later moved to Shenandoah Valley, Rockingham County, Va. along with the John Henrich Deck Family. In 1795 Adam purchased land in Washington County, Va. where he is buried in the Deck Cemetery which is located on his farm. Would like to share information with the Deck and allied families.

(Comment — On 12 Sep 1734, on the ship, "St. Andrew Galley" there were passengers who came to Philadelphia, among whom were, Johann Nicholas Deck, Anna Deck, Hend'k (Hend'k-Heinrich-Henry) Deck, Johannes Deck, Anna Barbara Deck". From the records of the Rev. Johan Casper Stoever, "marriages, 29 Mar 1748, John Henrich Deck and Catarina Barabra Froelich of Tulpehocken". — Tulpehocken is in Berks County, Pa. but was at that time Lancaster County, Pa. — Another source, in a letter from Helen Hall, ca. 1963, she said Henrich Deck was in Virginia by 1759. Their first two children were Johannes, called John in his father's will, was b. 1 Apr 1749 and Hieronymus, was b. 9 Mar 1751, according to Rev. Stoever's records. Another son was born in 1759 in Rockingham County, Va. according to Mrs. Hall.

12. Mrs. B. D. Gubi, 10644 W. Main Road, Lot

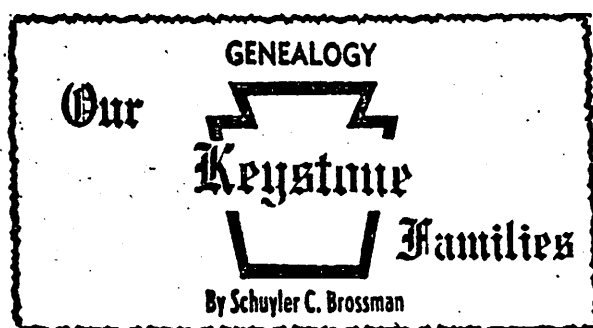
120, North East, Pa. 16428 — In 1722 Gov. Kieth of Pa. attended a conference of Colonial affairs in Albany, N.Y. He became aware of the land title trouble of the Palatines in the Schoharie Valley, N.Y. and invited the Palatines to come to Pennsylvania. In April 1723 this exodus began with about 35 families who settled in the Tulpehocken Valley of Penna. (now Berks and Lebanon Counties). Among the names of families who went there was Nicholas Deck. Who was this Nicholas Deck?

(Comment — Over the years many errors have been made of those early settlers and names have been added I believe were not among the Schoharie immigrants. Some of these mistakes were made, I am sure, because newcomers settled among the Schoharie Valley settlers in Pa. and someone "assumed" these came with the 1723 immigrants from N.Y. As you will see in Query No. 11 above, Nicholas Deck came through Philadelphia in 1734 and he did settle in Tulpehocken. I believe someone thought he came with the Schoharie settlers by mistake. The same claim is made for my ancestor, Frantz Brossman, who came through Philadelphia in 1739. Still, people keep saying he was in Schoharie, but can offer no proof of him being there, such as ration lists, land records, tax lists, or church records. Unless someone can prove, without a doubt, that he was among the Schoharie settlers, I cannot accept it as I know he came through Philadelphia in 1739. Just because someone has had it published in a book does not make it true. — SCB).

(There will be more on the Deck Family next week)

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Column No. 578

# DECK FAMILY OF PENNSYLVANIA PART IV

The following queries and comments are from additional Deck Family researchers.

1. Mrs. Norma P. Krom, Route 1, Box 12, Roann, Indiana 46974 — She is a great-granddaughter of Jonathan Zerbe Deck, one of the widely-known "Seven Deck Brothers of Berks County, Pa."

Jonathan Z. Deck was born 1 June 1831, Tulpehocken Twp., Berks County, Pa., died 23 Oct 1893, son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Deck. He married 25 June 1852, at Stouchsburg, Pa. to Anna Maria/Polly Haag, daughter of Jonathan Haag. Their six children were: Sarah, married — Dietrich; James Madison Deck, b. 18 Feb 1855, d. 15 Jan 1917, mar. Alice E. Hurst; Amelia Deck, mar. — Rubright, Philadelphia; Lyman Deck; Monroe Deck, mar. Emma —, Hamburg, Pa.; Franklin Deck, mar.

Lottie —, Lebanon, Pa. Does anyone know dates of birth of any of the above, death, places, full names of spouses, etc.? (More on Jonathan Z. Deck will appear in Col. 579. — SCB)

One of the above, James Madison Deck, b. 1855, married twice, James M. was born 18 Feb 1855, Berks County, Pa. died 15 Jan 1917, Wabash County, Ind. and is buried IOOF Cem., Roann, Ind. His first wife was Alice Elizabeth Hurst, b. 23 Aug 1865, Richland Twp., Miami County, Ind., d. 6 June 1932, Chili, Ind. They had two sons, Clarence Deck, b. about 1882, d. about 1887; and James Hurst Deck, b. 1884, d. 1952. The second wife of James M. Deck was Mary Hoffman by whom he had two children: Gordon W. Deck, b. 1901; and Esther Deck, b. 1904, d. 1955. A son of Mary Hoffman, before her marriage to James Deck, took the name of Jesse Deck.

Mrs. Krom would like to know the origin of the Deck Family in Germany, or wherever they came from as she plans a trip to Europe next year and would like to visit the old homestead of the Deck Family.

In 1881 James M. Deck came from Hamburg, Pa. to Stockdale, Ind. and operated a mill in the Eel River. A mill has been at the same location since 1839, at first a swamill, later a flour mill. In 1856 it was washed away and a new one built. The mill, known as the Stockdale Mill, as well as Deck Mill, was operated until 1964. It is now operated weekends as a tourist attraction and has been in the Deck Family for five generations. The trade name of the flour was, "White Loaf Flour," and the trademark was a loaf of Vienna Style bread.

A picture postcard of the mill is available from Mrs. Krom. 2. Mrs. B. D. Gaubi, 10644 W. Main Road, Lot 120, North East, Pa. 16428 — Seeks info on Henry Deck, born before the Revolutio-



nary War. When Henry's son, Abram Deck, died in 1887, the town clerk of Ripley, N.Y., listed his father's birthplace as Pa. which is one of the clues leading the family to believe that Henry was actually born in Pa. Henry Deck married 26 Jul 1792 in Canajoharie, Montgomery County, N.Y. to Anna/Hannah/Nancy Yerdon-Jordon, and he died 20 Sep 1832, in Herkimer County, N.Y. His wife also died in 1832.

They had 12 children: (1) Wilhelm-William Deck, baptized 16 June 1793, d. 10 Apr 1882 mar. Elizabeth, and 2nd Lydia, and he is buried in Cannon, Mich.; (2) Sophia Deck, b. 1795, mar. Lewis Fabric, 2nd Jacob Yule, lived in 1870, Boonville, N.Y.; (3) Catharine Deck, b. 8 Apr 1797, Winden, Montgomery County, N.Y., no more information; (4) Nicholas Deck, 16 May 1799, Winden, d. 10 Nov 1864, Boonville, N.Y., married Margaret Rickard; (5) Johannes-John Deck, 15 Mar 1802, Minden, 29 May 1822, bur. Ft. Plains, N.Y.; (6) Rebecca/Peggy Deck, 2 Jul 1804, Minden, d. 26 Sep 1882, mar. Jacob Oaks; (7) Daniel Deck, 16 Nov 1806, probably died young; (8) Abraham-Abram Deck, 20 Feb 1809, Minden, d. 13 Oct 1887, mar. Mary Shaul, 2nd Helen Moore, d. Ripley, N.Y.; (9) Elizabeth Deck, 9 May 1811, still living in 1832, no more info.; (10) Daniel Deck, great-grandfather of Mrs. Gaubi, b. 24 Aug 1813, Minden, Montgomery Co., N.Y., mar. about 1841 to Catherine Osterman, and died 28 Feb 1893 Ripley, N.Y.; (11) Henry Deck, b. 20 Oct 1815, mar. Betsy —, was living in Stark Co., N.Y. in 1855; (12) Catharina Maria Deck, b. about 1817, mar. Isaac Wright, lived Newville, N.Y. in 1897, no more info.

Anyone with any information on any of the above is asked to write to Mrs. Gaubi.

3. Joanne Cassidy, 1319 Corbin Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612 — Has been helping other researchers in their search for information on the Deck Family. Below are some of the requests she has received for information on the Deck Family of Pennsylvania. Anyone with information on any of these, please write to Mrs. Cassidy.

(A) Frank Ulysses Deck was born about 1880 in Indiana. He mar. Edith Heubler and had children, George, Anna, Jenny Mary, and Effie. Frank's parents were of Penna. and the family later moved to Michigan. (Irene Deck)

(B) Who were ancestors of John Wendolm Deck who mar. Elizabeth Klammer and had son Martin Thompson Deck, b. 21 May 1829. He mar. Margaret J. Harper and had chn. Ulyses Grant, Ira, William, Albert, Cora Margaret Etta, and two infant daughters. (Warren Deck).

(C) Dominic Deck, b. 1873, Germany, mar. Rachael/Regina — and had children, Albert, William, Cecilia, Teresa, and a child which died enroute to America. Seek descendants and ancestors.

(D) Frank Deck, b. 12 May 1853, mar. Emily Hihenstein. Family of Phila., Pa. and his pts. were of Germany. Had children,

Harry H., Charles F., and Mary.

(E) Thomas Adam Deck, b. late 1800, m. Martha Virginia Kemper, settled in Missouri, had chn. Osias, Elizabeth, Mary, Jessie. Thomas had brothers John and George and this family is scattered in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, but ancestors were from Pa.

(F) About 1850 Jonathan Deck married Sarah Calvin. This family may have originally spelled the name Doecher.

(G) Julius Deck, b. 1851 in Germany, mar. Elizabeth Stephan, b. Baden, Germany. His father was in Prussian Army. Julius had children Andrew and Florence.

(H) Mose, Harve and Ezra Deck were brothers, b. early 1800s, went from Ky. to Ill. and settled in Idaho.

(I) Seek information on family of William Meade Deck and wife Anna Hendricks, who married about 1880.

(J) Seek info on John Deck of Union Co., Pa. of about 1840 who mar. Sarah Klingman.

(K) Does anyone have any information on Charles Ormond Deck who mar. Sallie Lillian, or Charles Ormond Deck the 2nd or the 3rd?

(L) George Henry Deck, b. about 1890, had children George Henry and Mary Margaret, but who are his parents?

(M) Does anyone know of William Dyche/Deck who mar. Christina Keller, about 1859, probably in Tennessee? Also, Jacob Staunton Deck, who mar. Martha Beeman, about 1850, Tenn.

(N) Marion Deck settled in Deck's Cove, Tenn., and had children, Joe, Rendie, Edna, Johnnie, Grover, and Lee. Does anyone have information on any of these?

(O) John Deck, b. vicinity of Nurnburg, Germany, about 1720, landed Bucks Co., Pa. later went to Bethlehem, Pa. mar. Betsy — and had chn. Jacob, John, Anne, Elizabeth, Beth and Andrew. Jacob was one of George Washington's drummer boys.

(P) Fred Dech/Deck, b. Germany, died 11 Oct 1960 in Phila., Pa. mar. Mary Gerber, also born in Germany. Who were the parents of these two?

(Q) Seeking info on John Deck, adopted by Frank Deck of Indiana, whose father was also named John. He owned a country store in Ind. which burned and about 1895 moved to Ohio.

(R) Adam Dech/Deck mar. Magdalena Wageshales, about 1900, family may have been from Germany.

(S) Who are the parents of Shaw A. Deck, settled Swanton, Ohio, 1845?

(T) Louis Deck mar. Catherine Getsy and came to Cleveland, Ohio from Pa. about 1890. Where does he fit into Deck Family?

(U) Arthur Deck was prominent in politics in Williams Co., Ohio. He was born 1852 and had children Clay and Earl. Who were his ancestors?

This concludes the queries received from researchers on the Deck Family of Pennsylvania as of this date.

## THE SEVEN - DECK BROTHERS

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Years ago it was the practice of small country newspapers to publish brief family histories. These family histories were clipped and preserved and some have survived to this day. On 21 March 1903, 74 years ago, an article appeared in the "Reading Eagle" published at Reading, Pa. on the Deck Family. Since there are so many descendants of these Deck brothers in Berks and Lebanon counties, and elsewhere, it will be reprinted in this column. The article must have appeared on Page One of the paper beneath a picture of the seven brothers and is entitled:

"The Seven Deck Brothers Who Were Widely Known In Berks" below the caption appears, "Identified With Various Interests In This County — Sketches of Their Careers as Farmers, School

Teachers, Businessmen, Etc. — Leave Many Descendants — Confirmed in One Church And Were All Democrats"

The article goes on to say:

"The Seven Deck Brothers" were known over a large section of Berks County years ago.

"They were the sons of the late Mathias Deck and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Zerbe, of Bethel, two miles below Mt. Aetna.

"After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Deck moved to Tulpehocken, on the place at one time owned by Isaac Kilmer. Here their sons, Henry and Jonathan were born. Next the family moved to a place near Jonestown, where the sons Israel, Isaac and Samuel were born. They then moved to the old Deck Farm in Tulpehocken, which Matthias bought of his father, Henry Deck. It is located three miles south of Rehrersburg and at present (1903) owned by Paul

Webber. Matthias Deck and family lived there for 25 years, until in 1864 his wife died. The sons, John and Willoughby were born here.

"The father of the 'Seven Deck Brothers' now has bought the Gottfried Bordner farm, in Tulpehocken Township, near Gassert's Tavern (now Four Point Hotel), and he and his son John moved to that place. The father died there 21 years ago (11 Apr 1882) in his 78th year. His father, Henry, grandfather of the 'Seven Deck Brothers' at one time lived on the farm in Tulpehocken, later owned by Jacob Ernst. He was an excellent gunsmith and was drafted during the War of 1812. He also operated a grist mill a part of his life.

The son Matthias learned blacksmithing of his father and was quite proficient in his trade.)

(Comment — I have never been able to find any records anywhere, from the Pa. State Archives, or National Archives that Henry Deck was in the War of 1812, nor have I found any guns, or reference to any gunsmithing work by Henry Deck. Should be glad to know of any proof to either of these claims if anyone learns of them. — SCB)

(The article on the "Seven Deck Brothers" will be continued next week.)

Column No. 579  
Deck Family Of  
Pennsylvania  
Part V

The article which appeared first in the "Reading Eagle" in 1903 was begun in last week's column. This article on the "Seven Deck Brothers," is about the sons of Mathias and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Deck, is continued below. The brothers were:

"(1) Henry Z. Deck, the oldest of the seven brothers, assisted his father on the farm and in winter attended parochial school at Host Church. At the age of 18 he learned the blacksmith trade with Samuel Rollman, of Bethel, and afterward worked for a Mr. Sando in Round Top Valley. Later he was employed by George Wagner of Marion, grandfather of the present District Attorney Wagner. Subsequently he worked on a farm for several years and later moved to the Webber farm, where he remained for 5 years, farming for the half.

In August 1862 he enlisted in the 55th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. They went to Beauford, SC, and thence to Petersburg and took part in the fighting there. He took sick and died at City Point, Va. October 19, 1864. He was buried at Christ Lutheran Church above Stouchsburg. He was for 18 years a member of the Millersburg Militia Bethel Township, under Captains William Bechtold and William Kline. He carried the medal which was annually awarded the best sharpshooter. His daughter Mary survives. She is married to Thomas Yiengst of Jackson Township, Lebanon County. Mr. Deck's wife was Lovina, daughter of Peter Noll of Jackson, Lebanon County.

(2) Jonathan Z. Deck) was born in 1831. He worked on the farm until his 18th year, when

he became a shoemaker's apprentice with Jacob Peiffer, of near Rehrersburg. He served there two years, receiving no compensation except board and the privilege to work at haying and harvesting. Afterwards he again worked on the farm and in 1855 went on his father's place. Here he remained two years and then moved to Harper's farm in East Hanover, Lebanon County, near Indiantown Gap. Two years later he began keeping a hotel at Tremont and remained there until 1862, when he moved to Bernville. Next he went to Bern Church and learned tombstone cutting with his brother Isaac, who was carrying on the business in Bern at that time. Jonathan remained there about four years and then moved to Hamburg where he conducted the marble and granite business for about 20 years, up to the time of his death.

His sons; Monroe and Lyman, conduct the business there to this day. He is survived by two daughters and four sons. Sarah is the wife of Reuben Dietrich, lumber dealer of Hamburg; Miss Amelia lives at home with her mother, whose maiden name was Polly Haag, a daughter of the long-deceased Jonathan Haag of Bernville, and a sister of Auctioneer J. G. Haag of Shartlesville. The other two sons of Jonathan Deck reside as follows: Frank, Myerstown; and James, a successful miller of Wabash County, Indiana. (See Query No. 1, Column 578). Jonathan Deck was for 15 years sexton of the Hamburg Lutheran and Reformed Church. He is buried at Hamburg.

(3) Israel Z. Deck, the third of the Seven Deck Brothers, was born in 1834. In his boyhood he worked on the farm and attended day school. Later he attended the Stouchsburg Academy, taught by William

Seivert, and afterwards conducted by Thomas Earl. During the winter of 1954-55 he taught at Peiffer's School in Tulpehocken, at \$20 a month. In those days, the length of the school term was but four months.

Subsequently he made up his mind to enter the ministry and he attended the private school of Prof. William Good of Reading. Between school periods he came home and worked in the stone quarry. He contracted typhoid fever and died at the age of 21 years, 4 months and 23 days. He is buried at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg.

(4) Isaac Z. Deck was born April 28, 1827 near Jonestown. He attended school at Host Church and Peiffer's School House and the Stouchsburg Academy. In 1854-55 he taught school at Wagner's Schoolhouse in Upper Bern. He made up his mind late in the season to teach, and consequently had to ride 18 miles to Prof. Good to be graduated. The distance between his house and Wagner's School he nearly always walked. The second season he taught at Naftzinger's School, Upper Bern. His third was at Shaffner's Schoolhouse. By this time he was married to Isabella, daughter of Daniel Wagner of Jefferson Township. In the fall of 1819 he began taking lessons on the organ, being instructed by William Saltzer of Host Church. The following spring he moved to Womelsdorf and played at that church. There he learned tombstone curring with John Johnson of Womelsdorf. After remaining at Womelsdorf for two years he moved to Muhlenberg and taught school, played at the Alsace Church and cut tombstones for five years until his wife died when he began living at Bern Church with his

brothers, Jonathan and Willoughby.

Subsequently he married Emma, a sister of his first wife, and then moved to Tremont and taught high school. Here the term was six months and the salary was \$40. He remained here two years, and played the church organ and made tombstones. He later moved to Rehrersburg where he lived 21 years. During 10 years of this time he was organist of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, going a distance of six miles for \$1 per trip. In 1882 he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature and served two terms. After returning from the legislature he again taught school at Rehrersburg. In 1891 he moved to Dengler's Lower Alsace and remained there two years teaching school and conducting a tinsmith shop. In 1893 he moved to Easton, having become a member of the firm Liess, Schwoyer and Deck, marble dealers. He served as a clerk for the firm.

While still employed in this capacity he died August 27, 1897, aged 60 years, 3 months and 20 days. He had taught school for 38 terms. By his first wife he had one child, Prof. Orson D. Deck of Reading. The children of the second wife were: Delas, employed by the Easton Marble Works; Blanche, wife of George Snyder, a railway postal clerk between Allentown and Harrisburg; Eva, wife of Simon Wilhelm of Strausstown; Dephana, single, residing with her mother in Reading.

(5) John Z. Deck was born 3 Dec. 1842 in Tulpehocken. During his youth and boyhood he worked on the farm and attended the day schools. In 1862 he served 8 months in the Co. H 55 Pennsylvania Volunteer Re-



giment. He is married to Clarissa, daughter of Zebulon Moser of North Heidelberg. They have the following children, Lizzie (Clara Elizabeth), single, at home; Ida Rebecca, wife of Al-

bert Reimert of Eagle Point; Matthias, working for the Pennsylvania Railroad, (married to Esther Gerhart); George Calvin, who works on a farm in Tulpehocken (married Minnie Etter); Sallie (Sarah, who married Charles E. Brossman); and William Luther Deck, at home. (John Z. Eck had three other children, Catherine Ellen, Howard Israel and Bertha Naomi, who died within three days in 1877 of diptheria).

John Z. Deck is widely known in western and northern Berks County and has for some years been a successful solicitor for several papers. He deals in patent medicines and various other articles. His Civil War experiences in the army are of more than ordinary interest and will be published in the "Eagle" within the near future.

(John Z. Deck died 8 Jan. 1921, and his wife, Clarissa Moser Deck, b. 14 Oct. 1844, died 13 Apr. 1926, both are buried in Altalaha Lutheran Cemetery, Rehrersburg, Pa., with six of their nine children. Information in parentheses by Schuyler C. Brossman, grandson of John Z. and Clarissa Moser Deck).

(6) Willoughby Deck, born on the Webber Farm March 8, 1847 attended Peiffer's School. When a boy at the age of 14 he was hired out to his brother Isaac of Bern. When 18 years old he

began teaching at Mt. Pleasant, Berks County. Next he attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. Afterwards he taught the Meyers School in Marion for 5 years in succession. He also attended the Millersville State Normal School. He married Maria, daughter of John Moyer, of near Stouchsburg. Next he began farming on the Moyer farm and continued until David Becker purchased the Moyer Farm and Mr. Deck moved to Stouchsburg and became the teacher in the high school. While residing there he was elected Justice of the Peace three times. But before he finished his last term he moved to Reading. He had been the organist of Christ Lutheran Church for more than a dozen years and was also in the tombstone business at Stouchsburg. He still resides in Reading and is doing a large real estate business and is a notary public.

His son Elmer Deck is the principal of the Reading College of Shorthand and Typewriting. One daughter, Annie, is the wife of the Rev. Oscar Deppen, Reading. The other daughter, Cora is married to Richard W. Kaucher.

(7) Samuel Z. Deck was born August 23, 1840. He spent his boyhood on the farm, attending day school in winter. At the age of 14 he was hired out to Henry Peiffer of Wintersville, receiving the sum of \$4.50 per month. Later he worked on the farm of David Dundore and for his brother Henry, on the Webber Farm. He worked for his father until the age of 18 years. At the

time he began working for himself he received \$7 per month for farm work and was paid 8 months of the year. The first year he saved \$40 and although he had no increase in salary, he had saved \$50 by the end of the

second year. Being of a frugal disposition, he prospered.

On Feb. 2, 1861, he married Sarah, daughter of Jacob Wilhelm, of Host. She died April 18, 1863, leaving a son, William Franklin, who died later on in his 11th year. On June 11 1864 Samuel Z. Deck married Rebecca, daughter of David Himmelberger of Jefferson Twp. In 1865 he sold out his farm stock and moved to Marion on the place of Daniel Belleman. He remained here one year and then moved to the farm of Jacob Reoser in Marion where he remained 16 years. In 1883 he moved to Bern on a farm of Jacob Reeser. He farmed this place 4 years on shares, when Jonathan Rieser became the owner. Mr. Deck farmed for the latter for 5 years. Altogether, he farmed for 28 years on 3 farms.

In 1889 he was elected director of the poor of Berks County, receiving 137 votes on the first ballot. His present residence is in West Leesport and he has announced himself as a candidate for jury commissioner. He has been road supervisor in Marion for 4 years, in Bern for 9 years, and in West Leesport borough since the incorporation of the place. He has been a delegate to the county convention four times. The first time he served as a delegate was when Judge Bruckman and Sheriff Mishler

were nominated. He has attended 34 conventions and has never missed an election since he began voting. His first vote, which was cast in 1861, went for Judge Woodward.

He moved to West Leesport 12 years ago and has his own property on Neversink Street. While a director of the poor he did his work conscientiously. He was instrumental in introducing skylights in the hospital, establishing a creamery on the county farm, and succeeded in having both Lutheran and Reformed services held. He was progressive and yet economical. His only son, Samuel M. Deck is employed in Reading by the Atlantic Refining Company. He was a clerk at the Berks County Home for 5 years.

"The Seven Deck Brothers" and their father, were all Democrats. All were confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg.

These seven Deck brothers have many descendants in Berks and Lebanon Counties, Pa., in Indiana, and elsewhere. For more detailed information on this Deck Family see, "Notes on Frederick Deck, 1741-1820, and His Wife Maria Vernoica Seirer." Copies are to be found in Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg; Berks County Historical Society, Reading; Library of Congress.