

DELLINGER

GEORGE DELLINGER
 of Leepers Creek
 Signer of the Tryon County Resolves
 14 August 1775

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◆ **Dellinger Lineage** ◆

I. George Dellinger, of Leepers Creek - Barbara Stroup

II. John Dellinger - Hannah Sides/Seitz

III. Alfred W. Dellinger - Mary Bynum

IV. John William Dellinger - Mary Finger

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VIII. Robert Lee Dellinger - Virginia Ann Richards

Finger Lineage

The Southern Finger Family, by James Avery Finger, IV

I. Peter Finger - Catharine Barbara Reinhardt

Peter Finger was born in Germany c 1730, and died in June 1792 in Lincoln County, NC, at age 61. He was buried on his own land on Leepers Creek. Peter Finger came to Pennsylvania in 1749 on the *Saint Andrew*. In Pennsylvania, he lived in York County, Mannheim Township where most of his children were born. The family were Reformed.

On 21 September 1777, Peter Finger had a letter of introduction prepared which appears to signal his intention to leave Pennsylvania for North Carolina.

II. Jacob Finger - Maria Christina Schramm

Jacob Finger was born in York County, PA, Manheim Twp, c1754. He died in December 1830 in Lincoln County, NC and was buried in the Finger Cemetery. He married c1778 Maria Christina Schramm. Maria was born 1754 in York County, NC, the daughter of John Nicholas Schramm and Anna Catherine Koener. Maria was christened 22 December 1754 in York County, PA and, died in December 1830 in Lincoln County, NC.s

III. Jacob Finger [Jr.] - Susan Troutman

Jacob Finger, Jr. was born c1790 in Lincoln County, NC and died after 1840 when he was 50 years of age, in Lincoln County, NC.. He married [Lincoln] November 1810 Susan Troutman. Susan was born in 1794 in NC and died after 1860 in Catawba County, NC.

IV. James Franklin "Frank" Finger - Mary "Polly" Ikard

James Frnaklin Finger was born 15 April 1832 in Lincoln County, NC, died 27 May 1903 in Lincolnton, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Frank married [Catawba] 19 September 1852. Polly was born in March 1830 in NC, and died in 1905 in Lincolnton, NC, and was buried with her husband

James Franklin Finger and Mary "Polly" Ikard were the parents of:

1. William Jacob Finger - Mary J. Frye

Charles Edward Finger - Feranna "Texanna" Carpenter
Anna Pearl Finger

2. Mary Finger - John William Dellinger.

V. John William Dellinger - Mary Finger

John William Dellinger, a grandson of James Franklin Finger and Mary Ikard, married Anna Pearl Finger, a great-granddaughter of James Franklin Finger and Mary Ikard.

VI. David Coles Dellinger - Anna Pearl Finger

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VII. Clyde Lee Dellinger - Eloise Bell

VIII. Bobby Lee Dellinger - Donna Yancey

IX. Robert Lee Dellinger - Virginia Ann Richards

**Great men die and are forgotten,
Wise men speak; their words of wisdom
Perish in the ears that hear them,
Do not reach the generations
That, as yet unborn, are waiting
In the great, mysterious darkness
Of the speechless days that shall be!
On the grave posts of our fathers
Are no signs, no figures painted;
Who are in those graves we know not,
Only know they are our fathers.
Longfellow**

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**From George Dellinger on Leepers Creek in Lincoln County
to Robert Lee Dellinger**

Generation I: George Dellinger and Barbara Stroup

George Dellinger was born in 1754 in Germany or Pennsylvania, died in 1803 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. History has called him "Leepers Creek George Dellinger" to distinguish him from the other George Dellingers. He married [Lincoln]¹ 25 October 1782 **Barbara Stroup**, the daughter of **Jacob Stroup, Sr.** Jacob Stroup, Sr. married more than once, so we are unsure of Barbara Stroup's mother. Barbara (Stroup) Dellinger was born c1765 and died c1738 in Lincoln County, NC.

Jacob Stoup, Sr., 1723 - 1805, was granted 400 A on Salers Branch of Hoyles' Creek, including his own improvements, on 19 May 1772.² As he had improved the land, we know that he was already living there on 19 May 1772. He was granted 200 A in Tryon County on Salers Branch of Hoyles Creek of the Catawba River on 2 March 1775 [Patent Book 25:7303, pg. 16]; and 200 A in Tryon County on both sides Threshing Flour Branch on 28 Feb. 1775 [Patent Book 26:8991, pg. 191]. Jacob Stroup made his will in Lincoln County, NC 27 March 1800³ which was probated in 1805. The will mentions his wife Nancy, son Adam Stroup, grandson John Stroup, daughters: Betsy, Fanny, Mary, Barbara, Elizabeth, Hannah, sons: Philip, George, John, Daniel, Michael.

An "improvement" to land was a valuable addition, or betterment, as a building, clearing, drain, fence etc. [Webster's]

George Dellinger bought 200 A of land on a branch of Leepers Creek on 19 January 1773 by a Tryon County Land Grant. George Dellinger bought 200 A of land in Tryon County on Leepers Creek, joining Phillip Dellinger 28 February 1775 [Patent Book 26:8971, pg. 186].

¹ All marriage bonds priot to the Civil War were taken from Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina, by Curtis Bynum.

² All land grants may be found in the North Carolina Secretary of State's Office in Raleigh, NC. Many of the land grants of Jacob Stroup and George Dellinger may be found in the Colony of North Carolina 1765-1775, Abstracts of Land Patents, Volume II, by Margaret M. Hofmann.

³ Lincoln County, North Carolina Will Abstracts 1779 - 1910, by Grace Turner and Miles S. Philbeck, Jr.

Tryon County Resolves, 14 August 1775⁴

George Dellinger was a Patriot of the highest order. He was one of the signers of the Tryon County Resolves, at the meeting of the Committee of Safety in Tryon County on 14 August 1775. The Tryon County Committee of Safety was composed of the leading citizens of the county, who met together to decide the fate of this county after “the unprecedented, barbarous and bloody actions committed by the British Troops on our American Brethren near Boston on the 19th and 20th of May last together with the Hostile operations & Traitorous Designs now Carrying on by the Tools of Ministerial Vengeance & Despotism for the Subjugating all British America, suggest to us the painful necessity of having recourse to Arms for the preservation of those Rights & Liberties which the principles of our Constitution and the Laws of God, Nature, and Nations have made it our duty to defend. . .”

George Dellinger followed up this brave action by serving with the Militia of his County in the defense of Charleston, South Carolina. In South Carolina, George Dellinger, along with the North Carolina Continental Line and other members of the Militia were captured by the British.

[Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, or the Sons of the American Revolution, may be established under descent from George Dellinger.]

October Court 1804 of the Lincoln County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions⁵ **John, Philip, and David Dellinger**, sons of George Dellinger, deceased, under age 21 years and over the age of 14 years; also **Betsy Dellinger & Caty Dellinger**, daughter of George Dellinger, deceased, under the age of 21 years and over the age of 12 years, came into Open Court and chose **Michael Dellinger** as their guardian.

[same Court] Also ordered by Court that Michael Dellinger be appointed Guardian of **Nancy Dellinger, Andrew Dellinger, Daniel Dellinger, Mary Dellinger, Samuel Dellinger, and Solomon Dellinger**, sons and daughters of George Dellinger, deceased, [the children] all under the age of 12 years until they arrive to the years of discretion to choose their Guardians according to law, who entered into Bond for the same in the sum of L1,5000 with **Peter Forney & John Derr**, Securities.

[same Court] And whereas it appears that the said George Dellinger departed this life without making a last Will and Testament and was possessed at the time of his

⁴ The Colonial Records of North Carolina, Volume X:101-104

⁵All Court records for the estate of George Dellinger may be found in the Lincoln County, North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, July 1796-January 1805, by Anne Williams McAllister and Kathy Gunter Sullivan

decease of four separate tracts of land as follows: one tract of 250 acres lying in Lincoln County on the waters of Killians Creek with an improvement, one other tract of 186 acres on the waters of Leopards [Leepers] creek with an improvement; one other tract of 150 acres on Leopard Creek without any improvements; and one other tract on same waters of three quarters of an acre with an improvement. Upon the petition and prayer of Barbara (Stroup) Dellinger, the widow and relict of the said George Dellinger, deceased, ordered by Court that a Writ issue to the Sheriff of Lincoln County to summon twelve good & lawful men to lay off the dower of the said Barbara in the said four tracts of land according to Act of Assembly in such case made & provided & make their return to the next Court.

January 1805 Lincoln County, NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
The Sheriff returned that he had proceeded by a Jury to lay off to Barbara (Stroup) Dellinger, widow of George Dellinger, deceased, 180-3/4 acres of land her dower of the land of the said George Dellinger. [Lincoln County, NC DB 22:342]

“Dower” was that portion of a man’s Real property which was set aside by law for the support of his widow and the nurture of any minor children born of the marriage. [North Carolina Research, by Helen F. M. Learn and Maurice R. Stirewalt]

Generation II, John Dellinger and Hannah Sides/Seitz

John Dellinger was born c1785 in Lincoln County, NC where he died before 1860. John Dellinger married [Lincoln] 4 October 1804 **Hannah Sides**, who may have been the daughter of **Philip Seitz**. Hannah could have been the daughter of **Peter and Mary Seitz**, who moved to Missouri and were buried in Moores Cemetery, Madison County, Missouri. Hannah (Sides) Dellinger was born in Lincoln County c1780 and died there before 1870. John and Hannah were buried in Lincoln County, NC, where they lived all their life.

1850 Lincoln County, North Carolina Census, family #470.482

John Dellinger 65, farmer; Hannah 55 [sic 69/70]; **Elisa 45, Elizabeth 28, Harriet 25, Pinkney (m) 8, Belsa 12.** [Their son, **Alfred W. Dellinger**, with his sister, **Isabella** is living two households away in 1850. **Franklin Dellinger** and his wife **Sarah** are. also, living in the same county.]

1860 Lincoln County, North Carolina Census, Spring Hill Twp.

303 Hannah Dellinger 80, Elizabeth 38, Margaret 4, Harriet 35, Isabella 26, Mary R. Eliza 3 [Franklin Dellinger 41 lives in the next household with his wife, Sarah, and children; Alfred W. Dellinger is living nearby.]

Generation III. Alfred W. Dellinger and 1) Mary Bynum, and 2) Mary Jane Bynum
Alfred W. Dellinger was born c1814 and died 28 February 1886 in Iron Station,

Lincoln County, NC. Alfred W. Dellinger married twice. He married 1) **Mary Bynum**,⁶ 1820-1874; Alfred married 2) [Lincoln] 8 February 1877 **Mary Jane Bynum**. At the time of his marriage, Alfred W. Dellinger was 62 years of age with both parents dead; while Mary Jane Bynum was 35 years of age. Mary Jane Bynum, the daughter of **James Bynum** and **Elizabeth Myers**, was born c1847, died 7 August 1921, and was buried in Macedonia Church Cemetery, Lincoln County, North Carolina.

1850 Lincoln County, NC Census

473.485 Alfred W. Dellinger 35, carpenter; Polly 29, Isabella 16 [Alfred's sister]

1860 Lincoln County, NC Census, Spring Hill Township

514. Alfred Dellinger 45, Mary 40

1870 Lincoln County, NC Census, Ironton Township

Alfred Dellinger 55, Mary 50, **John William Dellinger** 6

1880 Lincoln County, NC Census, Ironton Township

113. Alfred Dellinger 65, born NC; Mary Jane (Bynum) Dellinger 35, born NC; John 16, born NC

Generation IV. John William Dellinger and Mary Finger

John William Dellinger was born 2 July 1863 in Lincoln County, NC, died 26 Sept. 1943 in Gastonia, NC, and was buried in Dellingers Cemetery, Iron Station, Lincoln County, NC. John William Dellinger, age 21, married [Lincoln] 4 June 1882 **Mary Finger**, age 21, the daughter of **James Franklin "Frank" Finger** and **Mary "Polly" Ikard**. **Mary (Finger) Dellinger** was born in June 1862 in Catawba County, NC, and was still living in 1943 when her husband died. She was, probably, buried with her husband..

The Southern Finger Family., by James Avery Finger, IV

James Franklin Finger was born in Lincoln County, NC 15 April 1832, died 27 May 1903, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Lincolnton, NC. Frank Finger was the son of **Jacob Finger, Jr.** and **Susan Troutman**, and was a farmer.

James Franklin Finger married [Catawba] 19 September 1852 **Mary "Polly"**

Ikard. Polly was born in March 1830 in Lincoln County, NC, and died in 1905 in Lincolnton, NC. Polly Ikard was the daughter of **Catharine Ikard** and **William Cline, Jr.** Polly was the granddaughter of **William** and **Susanna (Blackburn) Cline** and of **Henry Ikard**, born 16 March 1761 [son of the patriarch **Peter Eicker**]..

⁶ The last name of Mary, the first wife of Alfred Dellinger, was taken from the Gaston County, NC Death Certificate of her son, John William Dellinger. 1943, page 322. The informant, Lee A. Dellinger may have confused the name of his grandmother with his step-grandmother.

[Ikard research of Peter J. Rzeminski]

Civil War Service

On 13 March 1862, Franklin enlisted in Co. K, 46th NC Infantry, CSA, at Newton, NC. His service record listed him as being 28 years old, occupation: farmer, Height: 5'11". He was present with his unit from March 1862 until June 1863. On 22 June 1863, he was sent to Winder Hospital, Richmond, Virginia. On July/August 1863, he was sent to Lynchburg, Virginia and then on sick furlough to Newton, NC. On 11 November, Franklin rejoined his command. On 19 April 1865, he was paroled at Newton, NC. The date of his capture by Union forces is not given on the record.⁷

North Carolina Troops, Volume XI:231

Franklin Finger, private, born in Catawba County where he resided as a farmer before enlisting in Catawba County at age 28, 13 March 1862. Present or accounted for until wounded at Bristoe Station, Virginia, 14 October 1863. Returned to active duty prior to 1 Nov. 1863. Present or accounted for until wounded at Wilderness, Virginia, on or about 5 May 1864. Returned to duty prior to 22 June 1864 when he was sent to hospital with an unspecified complaint. Reported absent, sick, or absent on furlough until 11 Nov. 1864 when he returned to duty. Present or accounted for through Dec. 1864. Paroled at Newton, NC on or about 19 April 1865.

A Civil War Roster for Lincoln County, North Carolina. Lest we forget!, printed by the Beattie's Ford Rifles Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mary (Ikard) Finger, widow of Frank Finger, Co. K, 46th Regt., Lincoln was awarded a Confederate Pension, dated 1903.

[Membership in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, or the Sons of Confederate Veterans, may be established through James Franklin Finger.]

1900 Lincoln County, NC Census, Iron Station Twp.

269.370/366.362 **John Dellinger**, born July 1863, age 36, married 18 years; **Mary (Finger)**, wife, born June 1862, age 37, married 18 years, eleven children born, eight living. **Minnie**, age 16, born Jan. 1884; **Ed**, age 14, born Oct. 1885; **Dora**, age 12, born Jan. 1888; **John**, age 10, born Dec. 1889; **Frank**, age 8, born Sept. 1891; **Addy (f)**, age 7, born May 1893; **Zettie**, age 5, born March 1875; **David Coles Dellinger**, age 3, born Sept. 1896; and **Evelyn**, age 1, born Dec. 1888.

⁷ The Civil War papers of James Franklin Finger may be found in the Confederate Records, National Archives, Washington, DC.

[Research with Eloise Bell Finger]

Generation V. David Coles Dellinger and Anna Pearl Finger

David Coles Dellinger was born 11 September 1896 in Lincoln County, NC, died 2 July 1971, in Gaston County, and buried in Gaston Memorial Park, Gastonia, N. C. David Coles Dellinger married his cousin Anna Pearl Finger, who was born 21 December 1899, died 1 August 1991 in Gaston County, NC, and was buried in Gaston Memorial Park with her husband.

Anna Pearl Finger was the daughter of **Charles Edward Finger and Feranna "Texanna" Carpenter**. Charles Edward Finger was born 3 January 1875 in Lincoln County, and married 16 September 1897 in Lincoln County, NC Feranna "Texanna" Carpenter, the daughter of **Marcus Carpenter and Eliza S. Wise**. Texanna was born 27 July 1879 in Lincoln County, North Carolina, and died in February 1970. Charles Finger was a farmer.

Charles Edward Finger was the son of **William Jacob Finger and Mary J. Fry**. William Jacob Finger was the son of **James Franklin Finger and Mary "Polly" Ikerd**. William Jacob Fry was born in Catawba County 16 August 1853, died 11 September 1932 in Lincoln County, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Lincolnton, NC.

William Jacob Finger married [Catawba] 20 August 1874 Mary J. Fry, the daughter of **Davidson Fry and Ruanna Cline**. Mary J was born 20 August 1874 in Catawba County, died 29 April 1941 in Lincolnton, and was buried with her husband. [Source: Carpenters A Plenty, by Robert C. Carpenter, page 207.]

Generation VI. Clyde Lee Dellinger and Mary Eloise Bell

Clyde Lee Dellinger was born 4 February 1920 in Gaston County, NC. He married [SC] 18 Oct. 1938 Eloise Bell, who was born 31 July 1920 in Gaston County, the daughter of **Dennis F. Bell and Mary E. Loftin**.

Generation VII: Bobby Lee Dellinger and Donna Louise Yancey

Bobby Lee Dellinger was born 24 November 1939 in Gaston County, NC. He married Donna Louise Yancey [Gaston] 22 December 1962. They were married by the Rev. Clyde E. Murray, Methodist Minister. Witnesses: Patricia Ann Rains, Clyde Lee Dellinger, and Howard Buren Yancey, Jr. They had two children: **Robert Lee Dellinger**, born 25 September 1966 and **Donna Maria Dellinger**, born 1 June 1972.

Generation VIII. Robert Lee Dellinger and Virginia Ann Richards

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