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GENEALOGY OF STAPLETONS IN AMERICA

During the Seventeenth and early Eighteenth Centuries religious freedom in many of the countries of Western Europe was much curtailed, particularly in France, Germany, and in that part of Europe known as the Low Countries. This was also true, but to a more limited extent in England where the privilege of worshipping in accordance with one's own convictions was frowned upon, and, in many instances, those who expounded a religion other than that recognized by the Crown were persecuted and dispossessed of their properties. This practice encouraged many members of leading families of England to seek religious freedom and independence in America. Among others who refused to concede their religious freedoms were members of the Stapleton family, prominent land-owners and gentry of England who were required, as was the custom at that time, to declare their religious affiliations and sympathies. As a result of such declarations, additional taxes were levied and tribute was demanded which influenced some of the family to leave the homeland and locate in America.

I. Probably the first member of the Stapleton family to migrate to America was ROBERT P. STAPLETON, born 1690 in England, died 1754 in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, buried Front Royal, Virginia. This Robert P. Stapleton, our ancestor, was the grandson of Henry Stapleton of Carleton Towers. Sir Henry was Head of the House of Beaumont, who, according to English History, was known as Lord Beaumont the Quaker. *Robert as a Quaker was ostracized and so migrated.*

twy. Expounding religious freedom and displaying an independence in thought and actions in early life Robert was ostracized by less liberals among whom were many of his own people and migrated to America locating in the Oley Valley, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1720. Unauthentic 1732 records indicate that Robert was one of three younger brothers who came to America at this same time, one locating in Maryland prior to the founding of Baltimore in 1729, one in Eastern New York State, while Robert moved westward and settled in what was then frontier territory in Pennsylvania. Existing records in the Office of Recorder of Deeds, Reading, County Seat of Berks County, Pennsylvania, disclose that he by 1732 had acquired considerable property including a fine plantation in Oley Valley where he raised a large family and resided until late in life. This property remained in the Stapleton family possession for many years and Robert's son, John, his grandson, John, Jr., great grandson, William, and great, great grandson, William, Jr., were all born on the homeplace at Oley, Pennsylvania. Having acquired additional property and interests in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, Robert P. Stapleton removed a part of his family there in 1750 where he died in 1754, leaving four sons and six daughters all married. 1748

Lobias Stapleton bought land in Albany twp., Berks Co., in 1738 &
John Crutz purchased adjoining property in 1760*

II. Our branch of the family emanates from Robert P. Stapleton's son, John, oldest of Robert's sons, who remained in Pennsylvania and operated the Oley farms when his father moved to Virginia. JOHN STAPLETON, SR., son of Robert P., immigrant of Oley, died on the homestead at Oley in Berks County in 1754, the same year his father, Robert P. Stapleton, died in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. He is buried at Falkner Swamp, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. John, Sr., married Marie Magdalena Henkel Geiger on March 10, 1747, to which union two children were born—Maria Elizabeth, born 1749, accidentally drowned in 1759, and John, Jr., born September 29, 1751.—

JOHN JR. RECEIVED CONFIRMATION AT NEW HANOVER CHURCH 22 MAY 1763 (LUTHERAN)

Marie Magdalena Henkel Geiger, wife of John Sr., was born 1721, died 1794. She was the daughter of Valentine and Frika Henkel Geiger who accompanied Frika's parents, Reverend Gerhart Henkel and wife, into exile (America) in 1717.

d. 1696 Valentine Geiger, father of Marie, was born in Germany in 1685 and died in New Hanover, Pennsylvania, in 1762. Frika Henkel Geiger, mother of Marie, was the oldest daughter of Reverend Gerhart Henkel. He, at the advice of Martin Luther, was made Court Preacher to King Ludwig of Hungary and later Court Preacher to Prince Mauriel of Saxony by whom he was exiled in 1715. Reverend Henkel's exile was due to the Prince's having renounced the Protestant faith and accepted the Catholic faith in order that he might retain his estates during the period of the Huguenot Rebellions and religious turmoil in Western Europe. Reverend Gerhart Henkel was a descendant of Count Henkel Von Poltzweig of Germany, came to America and Pennsylvania in 1717, and settled in Oley Valley, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was ^{one of} the first German preachers in Pennsylvania to expound the teachings and doctrine of Martin Luther and probably the first German Lutheran preacher in America. He contributed much in establishing Lutheranism in Philadelphia and throughout the Colonies, particularly Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. * He died in New Hanover, Pennsylvania, in 1730. (From "Famous Pennsylvania-Germans", by Reverend A. Stapleton, A.M., M.S., D.D., 1903).

at Oley
III. JOHN STAPLETON, JR., grandson of Robert P., immigrant of Oley, was born September 29, 1751, died May 17, 1820, and buried Amityville, Berks County, Pennsylvania. During the American Revolution, John Jr. served as First Lieutenant in Captain George Focht's Company of the First Battalion, Berks County militia, Colonel Daniel Hunter, commanding. He participated in the New Jersey and other campaigns with distinction during 1777-78. (From "The Pennsylvania German", Volume 4, April, 1903, published at Lebanon, Pennsylvania). In 1780, he married Rosina Miller who was a daughter of the immigrant John William Miller of Oley. To this union was born one son, William, Sr.

* "There are many of the Krinkle family in early Luth. sett. in America."

BOTH BURIED STAPLETON'S REFORMED, AMITYVILLE, AMITY TWP. BERKS CO PA

IV. WILLIAM STAPLETON, Sr., ^{at Oley} great grandson of Robert P., immigrant of Oley, was born November 12, 1781, died March, 1849, buried Amityville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, married Elizabeth Drumheller who was born 1795 and died 1874. Elizabeth Drumheller was the daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth Fry Drumheller. (She was b. 1775 to Jacob & Maria Fry, emigrants from Germany, & d. 1859)

Daniel Drumheller, father of Elizabeth, was born in 1772, died in 1859. He was the son of John Lenhart Drumheller who migrated from Germany in 1754 at the age of 20. He died in 1809.

John Lenhart Drumheller's father, Dwart Drumheller, great grandfather of Elizabeth, wife of William Stapleton, Sr., followed John to America two years later (1756) but disappeared from the records long before the American Revolution. *Ab. 1848*

To the Union of William Stapleton, Sr. and Elizabeth Drumheller was born William Stapleton, Jr.

V. WILLIAM STAPLETON, JR., ^{in 1812} great great grandson of Robert P., born March, 1816, on the homestead in Oley Valley, Berks County. removed to Buffalo Valley, Union County, in 1853 where he built a rail house. *cf. p. 11, 1850* Ownership of this old home, now 100 years old, located in West Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, is still retained in the family of Daniel, son of William, Jr. William died 1899, buried Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He was married twice, first to Rebecca Moser, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1838. She was born 1819, died 1847, buried at Amityville, Pennsylvania. To this union were born six children, (1) Rebecca (2) Effinger (3) George (4) Harriet (5) Frank (6) William. *p. 11*

V.(1) Rebecca Stapleton, born Oley, Pennsylvania, 1839, died 1845, buried Amityville, Pennsylvania.

V.(2) Effinger Moser Stapleton, born Oley, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1841, died April 26, 1928, buried Kinsley, Kansas. He removed from Pennsylvania to Kinsley, Kansas, 1878. Effinger served with the First Iowa Cavalry throughout the Civil War, being mustered out of the Army 1865.* He married Lydia Mary Anderson of Mercer, Pennsylvania in 1867 who died in 1924, buried Kinsley, Kansas, parents of eight children.

V.(2A) Mary Gertrude, born Sharon, Pennsylvania, 1868, died at birth.

V.(2B) Jennie Francis, born Sharon, Pennsylvania, 1869, died 1936, buried Kinsley, Kansas, married Benjamin Rush Brown of Texas, 1893, parents of three children.

* 3 other sons served in the Civil War: George, Frank & Ammon

a. Ralph Effinger Brown, born 1895, married Hazel Craig, 1920, present residence, Avalon, Catalina Island, California, parents of one son, Lieutenant Commander Galen Craig Brown, born 1920, married Doris Chamberlin in 1946, presently residing Long Beach, California.

b. Marian Imogene Brown, born 1903, married Dr. Guy Cowan in 1922, presently residing 1501 First Avenue, Dodge City, Kansas, parents of two daughters: Alice, born 1927, married Frederick Fromm in 1947, resides Dodge City, Kansas; Janice, born 1930, married Francis G. Hacker in 1947, resides at Ulysses, Kansas.

c. Galen Monroe Brown, born 1905, died age of 10 years, Kinsley, Kansas.

V.(2C) Annie Viletti, born Sharon, Pennsylvania, 1871, married Frederick W. Oheim, 1897, presently resides Kinsley, Kansas, parents of three children.

a. Frances Lucile Oheim, born 1901, unmarried, resides with parents.

b. George Herbert Oheim, born 1902, married Thelma J. Little, 1926, presently resides 1562 South National, Springfield 4, Missouri, parents of three children: Wanda Lee, born 1931; Charles Herbert, born 1932; and Robert William, born 1943.

c. Charles Delmar Oheim, born 1904, married Elizabeth Ruth Howard, 1929, presently resides 2109 Tyler, Amarillo, Texas, parents of two children: Donald Howard, born 1932; and Shirley Claire, born 1935.

V.(2D) William Anderson Stapleton I, born Sharon Pennsylvania, 1874, died 1932 at Shawnee, Oklahoma, married Winifred Anne Mayhew at Kinsley, Kansas, 1900, who died 1914, parents of six children.

a. Nola Mabel Stapleton, born 1901, married Vincent Harri-man, 1922, presently resides Caney, Kansas, parents of three children: Lester William, born 1926, married Marjorie Mills, 1947, parents of one child, Cathy Diane, born 1948; Robert Glenroy, born 1930; and Mary Helen, born 1940, deceased.

b. Edward Mayhew Stapleton, born 1902, Kinsley, Kansas, died 1907.

c. William Anderson Stapleton II, born Bellefont, Kansas, 1905, married Clara Nancy Piowman, 1929, presently resides Selpre, Kansas, parents of three sons: William Anderson III born 1940; Jerry Wayne and Larry Dean (twins) born 1945. Larry Dean deceased.

d. Helen Winnifred Stapleton, born 1907, married John W. Wilson, 1927, presently resides at Caney, Kansas, parents of two children: Jerome Jay, born 1928; and Peggy Anne, born 1930.

e. Anne Lucile Stapleton, born 1910, married Robert McPherson, 1934, presently resides R.D.#2, Box 45, Creswell, Oregon, parents of one adopted son, Robert.

f. Margaret Mayhew Stapleton, born 1914, married Henry Rothganger, 1937, presently resides Fowler, Colorado, parents of three children: Betty Joe, born 1938, deceased; Sara Lynne, born 1940; and Susan Kay, born 1943.

William Anderson Stapleton remarried on the death of Winifred his first wife. He married Margurite Westbrook at Wilmore, Kansas, on August 3, 1916, to which union four children were born.

a. Kathryn Dora Stapleton, born 1918, married Norman Hayes, 1938, at Shawnee, Oklahoma, presently resides 115 East Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma, parents of two children: Donald Eugene, born 1940; and Linda Anna, born 1943.

b. Charles Edward Stapleton, born 1920 is unmarried, presently resides at 115 East Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma.

c. Betty Jean Stapleton, born 1922, married Frank Hood, 1943, have no children, presently resides 3773 Cottonwood Avenue, San Diego, California.

d. Mary Sue Stapleton, born 1928, married William Baugh, 1947, presently resides 812 Park Drive, Norman, Oklahoma, parents of one child, Margaret Anecia, born 1948.

V.(2E) Charles Effinger Stapleton, born 1877, Mercer, Pennsylvania, never married, died 1927 at Kinsley, Kansas.

V.(2F) John Franklin Stapleton, born 1879, Kinsley, Kansas, died in infancy, 1882, at Kinsley, Kansas.

V.(2G) George Glenroy Stapleton, born 1883, Kinsley, Kansas, never married, died 1926 at Kinsley, Kansas.

V.(2H) Dora Lucile Stapleton, born 1889, Kinsley, Kansas, married Theodore H. Rinne, 1920, Dodge City, Kansas, presently resides Kinsley, Kansas, parents of two sons, one of which is an adopted child.

a. Wayne Edward Rinne (adopted), born 1922, Cherryvale, Kansas, married Mildred M. McKaig, 1942, at Gardner, Kansas, presently resides Gardner, Kansas, parents of two children: Larry Wayne, born 1944; and James Lee, born 1948.

b. Frederick Stapleton Rinne, born 1924, Kinsley, Kansas, married Rose Mary Hessman, 1945, at Dodge City, Kansas, presently resides Dodge City, Kansas, parents of one child, Frederick Dale, 1946.

V.(3) George Moser Stapleton, born 1844, died 1863, age 21 years, 2 months, and 26 days, buried Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He was critically wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg, on July 1, 1863, while serving with the Union Armies (Civil War), Company A, 142 Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died at Gettysburg as a result of wounds three days after this battle.

V.(4) Harriet Stapleton, born December 24, 1843, died December 24, 1911, buried at Hiawatha, Kansas, married Andy Sechler of Union County, Pennsylvania, removed to Hiawatha, Kansas. Harriet was the mother of 13 children, two of which died in infancy or early childhood.

V.(4A) Mary Agness Sechler married Jasper Shontz of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, both deceased, were parents of four children.

a. Maud, now deceased, married Jonas Eov, resides Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, parents of two children: Richard S., resides presently at Beaver Springs, Pennsylvania; and Donald F. of Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

b. Harriet married C. Lloyd Sanders of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, presently resides at Queens Village, New York, parents of one child, Charles, who is married and has two children.

c. Mary married Leo Beach, resides at Occoquan, Virginia, parents of one adopted child.

d. Edna married George Rieby, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, parents of one child Harry.

Another child, Carrie, was Jasper's daughter by a previous marriage, married Leonard Lambert, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, both deceased, buried Dallas, Texas, parents of Charles and Alice Lambert.

V.(4B) William Sechler married Mary Snyder, both deceased, buried Hiawatha, Kansas, parents of eight children.

a. Andrew, deceased, buried Hiawatha, Kansas.

b. Paul Edward, deceased, buried Hiawatha, Kansas.

c. Etta married James Camblin, parents of three children: Gerald married Alma Shannon, parents of two children, Geraldyn and Barbara Camblin; Eleanor married Willard Martinson; Evelyn married Dale Hook, parents of one child, Dale Edward.

d. George married Gladys Marford, parents of six children: Warren, George, Norma Gene, Lavina May, Charles and Bonnie.

e. Hugh married Mary Playman, parents of four children: Betty, Perry, Donald and Alice.

f. Samuel married Marguerite Noll, parents of one adopted child, Rea May.

g. Clarence married Kathryn Richards, parents of one son, Eugene.

h. Earl married Alberta Holt.

V.(4C) John Sechler, married Dora Neff, deceased, buried California.

V.(4D) Abram Sechler, married Ida Baxter, deceased, parents of three children:

1. Bertha married Lerby Curtis, deceased, parents of two adopted children.

b. Dorothy married Al Kellogg, parents of Henry and Dorothy May.

c. Dean Sechler.

V.(4E) Thomas Sechler married Emma Sumiller, both deceased, parents of one daughter.

a. Margaret married Henry Turner, parents of five children; Ruth married William Brown, one child; Joyce, married, one child; Homer married Marie Higgins, one child; Herman, married, one son; and Lorraine.

V.(4F) James Sechler married Olive Bogue, both deceased, buried Pottawatomie, Kansas, parents of two children.

a. Francis married Buford McGuidy, parents of three children: Buford, Jr.; Ruth Ann; and Jane who married Charles Carpenter.

b. Wilma married Paul Alexander, one child, Mary Lou, deceased.

V.(4G) Margaret Sechler married Frank Daeschner, deceased, buried Pottawatomie, Kansas.

V.(4H) Ammon Sechler married Jennie Miller, both deceased, buried Highland, Kansas, parents of four children.

a. Samuel, deceased, married Hazel Ware, parents of Franklin, Charles, Aivona, and Aloha.

b. Mary married Howard Stout, parents of Billy Gene, deceased, buried in Germany.

c. Harriet married Charles Dunn, parents of Charles, Floyd, Samay, and James.

d. Lauren married James Overfield, no children.

V.(4I) Leoti Belle Sechler married Ellery Steely, deceased, buried Orange, California.

V.(4J) Theora Sechler married Arthur Wilson, deceased, buried Orange, California, parents of two children.

a. Pearl, married, residing in Orange, California.

b. Ralph, married, residing in Grange, California.

V.(4K) Grace Sechler married Roy Tryon, deceased, buried Belvue, Kansas, parents of two children.

a. Blanch, deceased.

b. Harry

V.(4L) Edith Sechler married Jake Koelliker, parents of two children.

a. Eunice married Ed Van Veghten

b. Charles, deceased.

V.(4M) Harry Sechler married Julia Randolph, parents of two children.

a. Randolph married Josephine Smith.

b. Ruth Ann married Lewis Lundgren.

V.(5) Frank Stapleton, born October 4, 1844, died July 6, 1913, married Hannah Fisher who was born September 27, 1848, died September 17, 1918, both buried at Shamokin Dam, Pennsylvania. Frank was a veteran of the Civil War, 151 Pennsylvania Volunteers and Company D, 52 Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers. He followed barging on the old Pennsylvania Boat Canal on the Susquehanna River and resided in the vicinity of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, until his death. To this marriage were born four children, all girls.

V.(5A) Sarah Ella, deceased, mother of one child.

a. Ethel (Kessler) who presently resides at Shamokin Dam, is mother of two children: Ellen Jane (Steiber), mother of two children. James Alfred and Donna Sue, resides Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania; Nancy Ann, unmarried, resides with parents.

V.(5B) Lulu Ann, deceased, mother of three children.

a. Harvey Harp, Jr., deceased.

b. Mae Harp (Edmundson) resides Danville, Pennsylvania, has one adopted child, George.

c. Edward Harn resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, is the father of three children: Betty Lou, Shirley, and Charles Edward, Jr.

V.(5C) Alice Alberta resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, the mother of six children.

a. Arbella, deceased.

b. Theodore Geist resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, is the father of four children, two boys and two girls.

c. Henry Geist, resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, no children.

d. Louella Geist (Reitz) resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, is the mother of three children.

e. Ethel Mae Geist (Hockenberry) resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, has one child.

V.5(D) Jennie Terossa, resides in Shamokin Dam, Pennsylvania, is the mother of three children.

a. Leota Beatrice Snyder (Inkrote) resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, mother of four children: Mollie, John, Charles, and Dorothy.

b. Hanna Elizabeth Snyder (Simcox) resides in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, mother of five children.

c. Daisy Hazel Snyder, unmarried, resides with parents at Shamokin Dam, Pennsylvania.

V.(6) William Moser Stanleton, born 1847, died 1900, buried Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, was crippled and unable to walk for more than 35 years, was unmarried, and resided with parents in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM STAPLETON, JR., after the death of his wife Rebecca Moser in Berks County, Pennsylvania, married Elizabeth Specht, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Keller Specht, of Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1849.

Joseph Specht, father of Elizabeth, wife of William, Jr., born 1790, died 1854, was the son of Christian Specht and Barbara Sensunderfer. Christian Specht, grandfather of Elizabeth, born 1758, died 1837, was the son of Conrad and Barbara Specht. Conrad, born 1722 in Germany,

1a(reverse side)

Barbara Kussendorfer L. was dau. of Martin Hermann Binder Kussendorfer.
She was b. 1763, in Christian Specht 1786 & d. 1821. Martin was b. in
Kreischach, Prussia, 1739, came to Va. when 14, in 1753 & d.
Oct. 1764. He was son of John Martin Kussendorfer, b. 1716 & the dau. of Joes
Kinding L, b. b. 1693, Hannah Binder, dau. of Morris & Anna B. who came
to Va. from Germany 1740 and to 1743 & d. 1807.

was wounded while a soldier of the American Revolution and died 1777 as a result of his wounds. Conrad was the son of John Peter Specht of Wertenburg, Germany, who came to America and to Pennsylvania in 1738. Susanna Keller Specht, mother of Elizabeth, wife of William, Jr., was the daughter of Christopher Keller who came from Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1764. Christopher died in 1834 at the age of 89.

Barbara Sensendorfer Specht, grandmother of Elizabeth, wife of William Stapleton, Jr., was the daughter of Martin and Hanna Sensendorfer. She (Barbara) was born in 1763, married Christian Specht in 1786 and died in 1827.

Martin Sensendorfer was born in Bretlach, Wertenburg, Germany, in 1739, came to Pennsylvania at the age of 14, married Hanna Binder in 1762, and died in October, 1784. He was the son of John Martin Sensendorfer, born 1716, who was the son of John Ludwig Sensendorfer, born August 26, 1690. Hanna Binder was the daughter of Moris and Anna Binder who came to Pennsylvania from Germany in 1742. Hanna Binder was born in 1743 and died in 1809.

To this second marriage, William Stapleton, Jr., and Elizabeth Specht,^{W of Berks Co., p 3} were born eleven children: (7) Ammon (8) Gardner (9) Elizabeth (10) Daniel (11) Sara Ann (12) Irvin (13) Elmer (14) Anna (15) Norman (16) Joseph (17) Susan.

V.(7) Reverend Ammon Stapleton, A.M., M.S., D.D., born 1850, died 1916, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, buried Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Ammon was married to Sade Crandell of Grover, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, to which union five children were born.

V.(7A) Francis, deceased, located in Valpariso, Illinois, married Lena Miller of Altoona, Pennsylvania, was the father of two children.

a. Margaret, now residing in Gary, Indiana.

b. Sally, with whom Lena, wife of Francis, reside at Oak Park, Illinois.

V.(7B) Alberta, deceased, married Frank Catherman of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, was the mother of one boy.

a. Phillip Catherman, residing in Richmond, Virginia.

V.(7C) Velma married Dr. Miller of Chicago, Illinois, died in childbirth, no surviving children.

* dau. of Joseph S. (b. 1740; d. 1854). He was son of Christian S. & Barbara Sensendorfer. He was b. 1758, was a Rev. War soldier & d. 1837. Christian was son of Conrad & Barbara S. He was b. 1722 & d. 1777. He was son of John Peter S. of Wertenburg who came to Pa. in 1738 -- Joseph's wife was Rusca Keller S., dau. of Christopher K. who came from Hesse Darmstadt in 1764. He d. 1834 @ 69. He m. in Pa. in 1765 Cath. Belle dau. of Dr. Michael S. who came to Germany 1749.

Benjamin Noll's sister was mother of Mrs. Earl Boop
11 (reverse side)

V.(7D) Robert married Mattie (?), deceased, resided in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, later removed to Atlanta, Georgia, where he presently resides. He was the father of two children, both girls.

a. Georgia (Hartzel) resides in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, mother of one child, Olga.

b. Velma (Masters) resides in Williamsturg, Virginia, mother of two boys

V.(7E) DeEtta married Dr. Miller of Chicago where she presently resides, is the mother of one child.

a. Jerry Miller.

Amason Stapleton acquired national recognition as a preacher and leader in the Evangelical Church as well as a scholar, historian, and author. He was the author of a number of religious and historical books, among which were Natural History of the Bible, Compend of Church History, Evangelical Annals, Memorials of the Huguenots, Solim, the Algerine Cast-away, and Flashlights on Evangelical history. Amason was a recognized authority on early Pennsylvania and colonial history, his books depicting the persecution of the Protestants in France, Germany, Holland and England, during and subsequent to the Reformation in the Sixteenth Century, their migration to America, and the establishment of their various religious and churches in this country are among the most authoritative of their kind. Amason served in the Civil War with the 195th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a life member of the Pennsylvania and National Historical Society and as a result of his writings and outstanding religious activities received on several occasions recognition in the National Publication of "Who is Who in America".

V.(8) Gardner Stapleton died in infancy.

V.(9) Elizabeth Stapleton died in infancy.
(7 ch.) in Union Co.

V.(10) Daniel P. Stapleton, born 1854, died October 1927, buried Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. As a young man attended Central Pennsylvania College, Mansfield College, and Bucknell University. He acquired a Degree in Science and later in life an Honorary Master's Degree conferred by Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. Daniel P. Stapleton married Annabelle (Belle) Noll, - in 1880 daughter of Benjamin and Mary Gundy Noll. The Nolls (Noels) came to America with the French Huguenots in the early part of the

D.P.S. maintained himself from early boyhood. At 12 he worked on a farm & moved to Del. with a party of immigrants. On his return he became a brickmaker off-beer & soon learned the brickmaking business. He again worked on the farm & earned small money to start him on his educational career. He tended cattle in the winter & in 1874 entered Central Pa. College. By teaching during the winter making bricks during the summer, he completed his academic course & in 1879 grad. fr. Mansfield State Normal College where he was chosen an honor speaker on Graduation Day.

Eighteenth Century and settled in York and Berks County, Pennsylvania. The York County line retained the French version of the family name Noel while those in Berks County, Pennsylvania, changed the name to Noll.

Captain John Noll, great grandfather of Belle, wife of Daniel P., born 1780, served in the War of 1812, died 1858. John's parents located in Union County (West Buffalo Township) prior to 1770. Henry, son of John, was the grandfather of Belle, born December 12, 1811, died 1874. Ben Noll, son of Henry, married Mary Gundy to which union three children were born, Kate, Annabelle (Belle) and William. (The Noll and Gundy (Mary Gundy, mother of Belle) families located in Buffalo Valley, Union County, Pennsylvania well in advance of the Revolution of 1776, in which war both the Nolls and Gundy families participated). "Lynn's Annals of Buffalo Valley" by John P. Lynn, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, depicting the settlement of Buffalo Valley, Dry Valley, and Penns Valley in Pennsylvania from 1755 to 1855, makes reference to members of the Noll and Gundy families as soldiers of the Continental Army and as early settlers defending themselves and others from Indian raids prior to the great run-away in Buffalo, Dry, and Penns Valleys and the Wyoming Massacre on the North Branch of the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania in 1778.

Daniel, early in life, became a teacher and made education his life's work. Following the adoption of compulsory public school education in Union County, Pennsylvania, he organized the first co-educational public school in Union County (and in the Western part of Pennsylvania) at Lewisburg. He served as Principal for many (10) years, succeeding to County Superintendent of Public Schools and serving as such for more than two decades. During this period he 1894-1906 held an Assistant Professorship in Chemistry at Bucknell University and did considerable tutoring of individual students, some of whom attained national prominence. By appointment of the Governor of Pennsylvania (Brumbaugh), Daniel was for many years a member and chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission. He was an authority on Pennsylvania and early Buffalo Valley history and throughout his active life was much sought as a chautauqua, institute lecturer and educator. Daniel and Belle Stapleton, now in her 90th year, resided throughout their lives in or near Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania. They were parents of three children.

V. (10A) Mary Alta married Aaron B. Lenhart deceased, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, no children. Mary and her mother, Belle, live to ether in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

"For a few years he taught in the grades in Lewisburg, Pa. his home town, then the Grammar School & finally organized L's High School with co-education, against great odds. The venture was very successful. One of his instructors at Bucknell was the stepfather of Gov. J. A. Beaver, Dr. S. H. McDonald. Susquehanna Univ. gave him a M.A. with merit & voted him 13 - an alumnus. "He was the spirit of the Union Co. Hist. Soc., was frequently elected to local office (was a councilman for 10 yrs). Taught H.S. in Lenoir (34), Hickoryburg (2), Millheim (6), Herndon (5). After 53, retired in 1923

V.(10B) C. Warren Stapleton married Lois Ritter, Kilton, Pennsylvania, presently located in Denver, Colorado, parents of two boys.

a. Raymond P. Stapleton married Virginia Cramer, Altoona, Pennsylvania, presently residing Washington, D.C., are parents of two children, a boy, William Terry, and a girl, Sally Ann.

b. Paul V. Stapleton married Delores Eichelberger, Altoona, Pennsylvania, presently residing in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, no children.

V.(10C) Raymond B. Stapleton married Edna Boyer, Piffelinburg, Pennsylvania, presently located Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, parents of two children.

a. Warren B. married Josephine Wagner, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, presently residing Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, parents of one girl, Carol Ann.

b. Helen Marie, unmarried, resides with parents in Tamaqua.

V.(11) Sara Ann, born November 21, 1856, died in infancy 1858, buried Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

V.(12) Irvin Stapleton, born January 14, 1859, died 1921, buried Augusta, Kansas. Immediately following the Civil War, Irvin accompanied his father to Kansas where they homesteaded, locating in the southwestern part of the state near Jetmore and Dodge City. He married Elizabeth Hoehn, born 1868, died 1914, buried near Hartner, Kansas. Irvin and wife Elizabeth were parents of five children.

V.(12A) Ida May married Albert Von Kampff, parents of one boy now deceased, presently residing Yucca, Arizona.

V.(12B) Laura Theresa married Harry G. Harding, parent of one child, Eleanor. Was later separated by divorce and married Roy Edwin Thornberry, presently residing Alva, Oklahoma. Four children were born to this union.

a. Roy Edwin, Jr.

b. Lester Raymond

c. Mary Emma

d. John William

V.(12C) Alvin Raymond married Iva McKettrick, presently reside Hanston, Kansas, parents of five children, two of which are deceased.

- a. Edward, deceased.
- b. Donald, deceased.
- c. Lorene Gail married Alex Kalbiski, parents of one child, Kenneth.
- d. Doris Caroline married Clifford Griffin, parents of two sons, William and Thomas.
- e. Patty Louise.

V.(12D) Lester Irvin married Ann Davis presently reside Alta Vista, Kansas, parents of seven children.

- a. Lester Raymond
- b. Harley Edward
- c. John Irvin
- d. Lonnie Allen
- e. Evelyn Joyce
- f. Ida May
- g. Ruby

V.(12E) Maudie Sylvia married Ambrose Childers presently reside Alva, Oklahoma, parents of five children.

- a. James Irvin
- b. Francis Aaron married Judy Wilmore, parents of one child, Sherlinda Kay.
- c. Marion Wayne married Georgia Sanders.
- d. Kathleen Elizabeth
- e. Hope Myronne

V.(13) Elmer Stapleton, born April 9, 1861, died November 24, 1941, buried Dodge City, Kansas. As a young man Elmer left Pennsylvania and located in Kansas, then a frontier state of our nation. He settled near Dodge City where he married Elizabeth Merk on August 30, 1885. Elmer was early employed by the railroads which were just then stretching across the continent, Dodge City being the Western Terminus at that time. Elmer followed railroad work and ranching throughout his life. Six children were born to this union.

V.(13A) Fannie, born December 3, 1886, married Arthur Potterff, presently located Stratton, Colorado, parents of five children.

V.(13B) Mathilda, born March 19, 1899, married M. H. Schoen, presently located in Dodge City, Kansas, are parents of four children.

V.(13C) Edward W., born November 14, 1892, married Mary Schlerth, presently located Dodge City, Kansas, parents of seven children.

V.(13D) Walter, born 1898, married Mae Hutton on March 7, 1921, presently located near Elizabeth, Colorado, parents of four children.

a. Eugene, killed in Italy in World War II.

b. Wayne, married, father of one boy, Dale, makes home with parents.

c. Margine Helon, married, mother of one child, resides in Los Angeles, California.

d. Doris Mae, married, resides near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

V.(13E) Elsie, born August 5, 1902, married Howard F. Neyens, presently located Benton City, Washington, parents of nine children.

V.(13F) Lavona, born August 9, 1905, married James R. Handley, presently located Lawton, Oklahoma, parents of one child.

V.(14) Anna Mary Stapleton, born May 4, 1863, died 1936, buried Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, married William Campbell, a stationary engineer of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, where they resided throughout the greater part of their lives. They were parents of three children.

V.(14A) Thora, deceased, married Earl Kitter, resided in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, were parents of one daughter.

a. Helen married Ward Pensyl of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are parents of one child, Ward Earl Pensyl, reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

V.(14B) George, deceased, married Grace Arnold of Milton, Pennsylvania, in which city they resided until their untimely death due to an accidental explosion. They were parents of three children.

a. John Campbell, married, parent of two children, resides in Dundalk, Maryland.

b. Evelyn married Dr. B. Chenelli, mother of three children, resides in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

c. Richard was a victim of the accident in which his parents perished.

V.(14C) Florence married Joseph Brichbill of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was widowed after several years, is the mother of two daughters.

a. Leah married Forest Catherman, resides in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, parents of one child.

b. Ellie Mae resides with her mother in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

V.(15) Norman Stapleton, born September 6, 1865, was critically injured in the wreck of an electric streetcar at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and died as a result of injuries on October 14, 1896, buried Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Norman was survived by his widow Regina Wartz Stapleton, now deceased, and three children.

V.(15A) Waynard, married, no children, presently located at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

V.(15B) Josephine married Gregg Johnson, residing at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, parents of one boy.

V.(15C) Norman, married, of Scuykill County, Pennsylvania, no children.

V.(16) Joseph Stapleton, born September 23, 1877, died November, 1946, buried Milton, Pennsylvania, married Anna Keiser of Milton, Pennsylvania, who died in 1948. To this union were no children. Joe followed butchering for a livelihood and operated shops in Watsonstown and Milton, Pennsylvania. The latter years of their lives were spent in Milton, Pennsylvania.

V.(17) Susan, born October 21, 1869, presently resides in Indiana, p. 21, 1950 Pennsylvania, with her youngest daughter and family, married Dr. Frank Brubaker of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania. In early life, Susan attained recognition as a chautauqua speaker, lecturer, and entertainer of note. Prior to making chautauqua appearances, Susan held a professorship in elocution in Boston, Massachusetts. After marriage, she located in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, where her husband, Dr. Frank Brubaker, practiced medicine and conducted a drug store, long a landmark in Union County, having been operated by his father and grandfather before him. Susan's husband died in middle life, leaving the wife and three children.

V.(17A) Marian married Myron Stevens, resides in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, no children.

V.(17B) David married Helen Fisher, resides in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, no children.

V.(17C) Evelyn married William Stevens, resides in Indiana, Pennsylvania, parent of one daughter, Marian.

PLACES OF INTEREST OF OUR EARLY ANCESTORS

Geigers, Binders, and Sensesdorfers.....Falkner Swamp Church in
Montgomery County, Pa.

Conrad and Christian Specht.....Reformed Church,
Falkner Swamp.

Robert P. Stapleton.....Front Royal, Shenandoah
Valley, Virginia.

John Stapleton, Sr.Falkner Swamp Church in
Montgomery County, Pa.

John Stapleton, Jr. andAmityville, Berks County,
son, William Stapleton, Sr.....Pennsylvania.

Drumhellers, Frys and ~~Millers~~.....*Mill Church, Berks Co.*
Amityville, Berks County,
Pennsylvania.

Wm. P. S. *Olney*
William Stapleton, Jr., and sons Ammon and
son, Daniel P. Stapleton.....Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Delps and Kellers.....Martz Church, Pennsylvania

Grandfather Specht - - - - - Lobachville
Grandmother Specht.....Lobachville, Pennsylvania

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P.S. Barbara Boyer, wife of Conrad Specht is supposed to have been the daughter of John Phillip Boyer who located in Frederick Tp., now Montgomery county, 1731, died 1753. See "Memorials of the Huguenots in America", pp. 54-55.

Joan Lenhart Drumheller, grandmother's grandfather, married in Pennsylvania. Her family is the only immigrant family of ancestry I have not found. I think she was a Ridenour. His family were Alsatian refugees. See "Memorials", p. 76.

--Rev. A. Stapleton, D. D.

*"Genealogy mostly given by Bro. Ammon Stapleton, D.D.
July 4, 1902" (D.P.S.)*

COMMENTS BY THE AUTHOR

Research on the early ancestry of the Stapleton family was done almost entirely by Reverend Ammon Stapleton, A.M., M.S., D.D., who devoted a great deal of time, effort and expense in the procurement of this authentic recording of the family ancestry. In order to secure information on Robert P. Stapleton prior to his migration to America, Ammon established contacts with a number of the English descendants of the Stapleton family from whence Robert P. Stapleton came.

After his death, this contact was continued by Susan, his sister, both of whom retain in their possession or in the possession of their families indisputable and conclusive evidence substantiating the line of our early ancestry recited herein.

It was necessary for Ammon to search old and almost forgotten records in many cities and counties in Pennsylvania and Virginia to procure information concerning Robert's activities and movements after his migration and his locating in Oley Valley, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and old recordings of early Berks County at Reading, Pennsylvania, were two of his principal sources of information. However, even these records were often insufficient to establish a continuing line of ancestry and Ammon, often assisted by his brother Daniel, visited and searched through hundreds of old and overgrown cemeteries in the eastern counties of Pennsylvania where he procured birth and death data impossible to secure in any other manner. Much of the data thus secured, and covering the period to the death of Ammon in 1916, was used in his books and articles and were thus made a matter of record.

Prior to Ammon's death, much of the data which he had assembled was given to his brother Daniel P. Stapleton, father of the author of this article, who has in his possession diaries, notes and memoranda made by Ammon and Daniel on the occasions of their many visits to cemeteries and burial plots throughout Pennsylvania. This material is now assembled and recorded that it may be preserved for our children and their children. Every effort has been made by the author to procure and record the more recent information on the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren of William Stapleton, Jr., in order that each of us might have knowledge not only of our ancestry but also of our kin wherever they might be located.

It will be noted that for some families the line of descendants is more complete than that of another. This is due to the more extensive data provided by some of the families. The writer has tried to reproduce the material just as it was transmitted and for the cooperation of those providing this material we are most appreciative, particularly to

Mrs. Mary Alta Stapleton Lennert, daughter of Daniel P., who has been most helpful and cooperative in procuring information on the families descended from William Stapleton, Jr. for this recording.

Through Ammon's efforts in securing the continuing line of our early ancestry, this historical data is now available to us. It is most fitting, therefore, that this Genealogy of the Stapleton Family in America be dedicated to Reverend Ammon Stapleton.

C. Warren Stapleton

Denver, Colorado.
January 1, 1950.