

*Winemiller Family*

# From Rumbach to West Virginia

## ~ The WINEMILLER Story ~

by Joy GILCHRIST STALNAKER



The WINEMILLER Mill at Rumbach as it looks today.

1. Hans Friedrich (WEIN)MUELLER, b. ca 1600. He married Catherine SCHEIB, married ca 1624, b. ca 1602, d. aft 1650. Hans died aft 1659. Information on this family from Doug WINEMILLER.

1.1. Hans Friedrich (WEIN)MUELLER II, b. ca 1625. He married Magaret WEINMANN, married 27-Jan-1650, b. 1623, d. aft 1665. Hans died 1664.

1.1.1. Andreas (WEIN)MUELLER, b. ca 1650. He married Catherine TRAUTMAN, married 14-Mar-1675.

1.1.2. Hans Ludwig (WEIN)MUELLER, b. 25-Feb-1652.

1.1.3. Johannes "Hans" (WEIN)MUELLER, b. ca 1654. He married Susanna, married by 06-Apr-1679, b. ca 1658. Johannes died aft 1724.

1.1.3.1. Conrad WINEMILLER, b. ca 1682. He married Anna Dorothea STOEHR, b. 29-Nov-1684 in Rumbach, Germany, (daughter of Hans STOEHR and Catherine Margaret DITHMAR) d. AFT 1736. Conrad died 1724. Resided in Rumbach, Germany.

The mill that Conrad owned in Rumbach is still there and operating. Joy GILCHRIST-STALNAKER and her son, Jene GILCHRIST, visited there in 2001. It was then owned by Beno HELBLING who was a most gracious



1840 Virginia Census, Lewis County

Isaac [S.] COLLINS

- 1 male under 5 (Who's this?)
- 1 male at least 5, under 10 (Isaac N.)
- 1 male at least 10, under 15 (John D. or Thomas)
- 1 male at least 15, under 20 (Thomas or John D.)
- 1 male at least 20, under 30 (Felix)
- 1 male at least 40, under 50 (Isaac S.)
- 1 female under 5 (Young Rachel? Age is a little off)
- 1 female at least 5, under 10 (Barbara)
- 1 female at least 10, under 15 (Leah? Age seems off a little)
- 1 female at least 20, under 30 (Nancy, age seems OK)
- 1 female at least 40, under 50 (Rachel)

Note: Phebe married in 1835 and Hannah in 1836, so they had left home by 1840.

Although there is some difficulty with the ages of the children in the census records, the number of sons and daughters matches with the names in **LOWTHER'S** book, and **LOWTHER** does not list a Hezekiah **COLLINS**. The census records show that there is no room for an "extra" son named James Hezekiah **COLLINS** (or simply, Hezekiah **COLLINS**, which I believe is his real name). Rather than being the son of Isaac **COLLINS**, I strongly believe that Hezekiah **COLLINS** is the son of George **COLLINS**.

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host. In 2002, **HELBLING** was killed when a farm tractor tire blew up while he was changing it. One of **HELBLING'S** grandfathers, a **WEBER**, purchased the mill from Conrad's widow. Anna Dorothea remarried after Conrad's death. The children split up the money from the mill. One son, David, died. The daughter married and stayed in the region. Christoph also remained in Germany.

One of the cousins, now living in America, has copies of the requests for Johannes and Conrad to be allowed to go to the United States. Conrad was married to a Marie Catherine **SCHMIDT** prior to sailing for America. They had a daughter (Magdalena) just before the ship sailed. The money the boys received from the sale of the mill paid their way here.

1.1.3.1.1. Christoph **WEINMUELLER**, b. ca 1707. He married Maria Magdalena **LYONBERGER**, married 1731 in Germany, b. 11-Jan-1712 in Germany, d. 4-Dec-1756.

1.1.3.1.1.1. Johan Adam **WEINMUELLER**, b. 11-Aug-1756. He married Susanna Elisabet **STUTZMANN**, married 26-Feb-1756, b. 1758, d. 25-Dec-1813.

1.1.3.1.1.1.1. Johann Adam **WEINMUELLER**, b. 7-Jan-1787. He married Margareta **BERNER**, married 1812, b. 6-Mar-1791, d. 9-Mar-1852. Johann died 7-Apr-1862. Emigrated to America 28 July 1832 from Rotterdam

1.1.3.1.2. David **WEINMULLER**.

1.1.3.1.3. Johan Conrad **WEINMULLER**, b. 1712. He married Marie Catherine **SCHMIDT**, married CA 1736.

1.1.3.1.3.1. Maria Magdalena **WINEMILLER**, b. 21-Mar-1738.

1.1.3.1.3.2. Johan (John) Caspar **WINEMILLER**, b. 2-Dec-1739.

1.1.3.1.3.3. Catherine **WEINMILLER**, b. 1741.

1.1.3.1.4. Johannes (John) WEINMILLER, b. Rumbach, the PALATINATE, Germany. He married Kristina<sup>1</sup> REBER, d. ca 1768 in York Co, PA. Johannes died ??-Aug-1784 in Fredericktown, MD.

According to Ernest THODE, German expert, Johannes WINEMILLER emigrated from Rumbach, Germany, in 1738. Sources: *Emmigrants of Western Palatinate*; Berner Hacker's *Emmigrants from Palatinate & Czarlan: Emigrants from the Palatinate to the American Colonies in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century*, compiled by Dr. Friedrich Krebs, Speyer, Germany.

Johannes WYMULLER (sic) arrived in the United States with his brother Conradt WYMULLER (sic) on 19 September 1738 aboard the ship *Thistle* from Rotterdam by way of Plymouth, England.

On the day of their arrival in Philadelphia, both men, along with all other males over the age of sixteen, took their oath on September 19, 1738, in what must have been a very short ceremony. The ship's manifest served as the roster for the swearing in. Since the whole boatload were German immigrants who were swearing an oath of allegiance to a British King, there was probably very little pomp and ceremony.

In those days, ship's passenger manifests did not list female passengers at all and only those male passengers who were over sixteen years of age were counted. Records kept by the Zweibrucken Manumissions Protocol say Johannes emigrated as a single man and that Conrad immigrated as a married man.

Just where and when Johannes married Kristina has not been proven, but their first child John (Johannes) WEINMILLER, was baptized 1742 at the Christ Reformed Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania, followed by a daughter, Magdalena, in 1745. Baptismal records for sons

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<sup>1</sup> Sometimes spelled Christina.

Christopher, born ca 1744, and Johannes Heinrich (Henry), born 1746, are not in the York church records.

Johannes had a land warrant in Lancaster County, PA, for 100 acres dated 25 May 1749. York County was founded from Lancaster County on 19 August 1749. This tract of land was along the Codorus Creek between Glen Rock and Seven Valley, being part in Shrewsbury Township and part in Codorus Township, now Springfield Township.

Then, in 1753, a fifth child, Johannes Frantz (John Francis) was baptized in the York church.

The senior Johannes does not surface in the records again until 1762 when he is listed on the York County tax records. No later tax records for him have been found, but it is known that he owned 260 acres of farm land in what was then York County (now Adams County.).

Probably by 1768 Christina was no longer living. John and son Heinrich moved on to Fredericktown, MD where Johannes bought another farm. Christopher was farming the home place in Adams County, probably buying it on contract, and finally assumed total ownership in 1775.

On 1 September 1775 Johannes sold his land to his son Francis for 25 pounds. It included the original land grant called "Gooseberry Hill," and another one dated 3 Jun 1768. According to the deed (DB G/18) his wife had died. He moved to Fredrick County, Maryland. In the early 1780's, he sold an additional 322 acres to Francis.

Johannes/John died Frederick County in 1784. According to an old Frederick County history, his son, Heinrich (Henry) was later interred in an old German Reformed Church Graveyard where is now the city park that holds the Baker Carillon. Perhaps that is where Johannes was also buried.

His will was written 21 Aug 1784 and probated 30 August of the same year copied from

Will Book G M2, page 96, 97, 98, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, MD, as follows:

In the Name of God Amen I John **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town Frederick County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of Sound Disposing mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and know that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament and first of all I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life and Dispose of the same in manner and form following Viz't.

Imprimis it is my Will and desire that in the first place that all my just Debts and funeral charges be paid off and Satisfied

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Magdalane **RAVER** wife of Abraham **RAVER** of York County and State of Pennsylvania the sume of Fifty two pounds specie to be paid by my Executor hereafter named of the money which he shall receive on the Bonds payable to me and as they become due

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Christopher **WINEMILLER** of York County and State of Pennsylvania the sume of One hundred pounds like money as aforesaid to be paid as aforesaid

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Henry **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town Frederick County and State of Maryland the sume (sic) of Two hundred pounds like money as aforesaid to be paid as aforesaid

Item it is my Will and Desire that my Executive aforesaid cancel an Deliver up unto my Son in Law Christopher **HIVEL** a Bond which said

**HIVEL** gave me for Fifty two pounds like money as aforesaid with interest upon paid

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Francis **WINEMILLER** of York County and State of Pennsylvania the sume (sic) of five Shillings like money as aforeward to be paid as aforesaid

Item I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Henry all the remaining part of my Estate both real and personal and lastly I do constitute and Appoint my son Christopher **WINEMILLER** Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and Disannulling all other former Wills and Testament by men in any wise before this time made Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this Twenty first day of August  
Seventeen hundred and Eighty four

Signed and Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the said John **WINEMILLER** to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us

his  
John x **WINEMILLER**  
Mark

**Rich. BUTLER**  
**Nicholas TICE**  
**Michael ALLEN**

For his part, we could say old John, the German progenitor of the West Virginia **WINEMILLERS**, left his mark. To have owned 580 acres of farmland in Pennsylvania and a farm in Maryland marks him as a fairly successful man and, at the very least, an industrious one.

Heinrich, who was now Henry, inherited the Maryland farm from his father. He was also a

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tinsmith and worked at this trade and farmed until his death in 1808.

The West Virginia **WINEMILLER** family descended from Henry through his son Henry who married Eleanor **NORRIS**. More on that family and their descendants in the next issue.

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A date above the door in the building in the middle is believed to have been built by the **WINEMILLER** family shortly before they emigrated to America. Jene **GILCHRIST**, son of the author, is standing on the right in the picture. The photos with this story were taken with Gilchrist and the author visited Rumbach in 2001.

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In the last issue, the story concluded with a biography of 1.3.1.4. **Johannes (John) WEINMILLER**, b. in Palitinate, Germany. He married Kristina **REBER**, d. ca 1768 in York Co, PA. Johannes died ??-Aug-1784 in Fredericktown, MD. Johannes and Christina were the parents of:

1.3.1.4.1. **John WINEMILLER**, b. 9-Nov-1742 in York Co, PA. His baptism was sponsored by John **HECKENDORM** and wife.

1.3.1.4.2. **Christopher (Stophel) WINEMILLER**. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Christopher died 1813.

1.3.1.4.3. **Johannes "Henry" WINEMILLER**, b. 24-Nov-1746 in Pennsylvania. He married Catherina Magdalena \_\_\_\_\_, b. in Maryland, d. July 1793 in Frederick Co, MD, buried: 30 Jul 1793 in Frederick Co, MD. Johannes died 26-Dec-1808 in Frederick, MD, buried: in German Reformed Church Grave Yard. In the German records, Henry is called "Heinrich **WEINMILLER**." It is from the Henry that the West Virginia **WINEMILLER'S** descend. Their story continues below.

1.3.1.4.4. **Dorothea WINEMILLER**, b. in Pennsylvania. She married Christopher (Heibele) **HIVELY**, b. 30-May-1753 in York Co, PA, (son of Jacob (Heibele) **HIVELY** and Sophia \_\_\_\_\_) d. 1798 in York Co, PA.

1.3.1.4.5. **Frantz (Francis) John WEINMILLER**, b. 05- PA, buried: in Saddlers Luth. Ch. Cemetery, York Co, PA.

1.3.1.4.6. **Magdalena WEINMILLER (Weymuller)**. She married Abraham **RABER**.

1.3.1.5. **Catherina Margaretha WEINMULLER**, b. 1717.

1.3.2. **Johanna Elisabeth WEINMUELLER**, b. 4-Apr-1700. She married Johann Nicolaus **STOEHR**, married 28-Nov-1724, b. 6-Dec-1693 in Rumbach, Germany, (son of Hans **STOEHR** and Catherine Margaret **DITHMAR**) d. 20-Sep-1749 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace. Johanna died 16-May-1753.

**Johannes "Henry" WINEMILLER & Catherina Magdalena  
Progenitors of the W. Va. WINEMILLERS**

This Henry appears in the first census of 1790 in Frederick County, Maryland. He had two males over 16, three males under 16, 3 females and 1 slave.

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of their jackets have this same date (September 4, 1833) as well. It appears that a good many pension certificates were issued in the summer of 1833 and Congress has stipulated that the first payment would include payments in arrears from March 4, 1831. Therefore, when the first payments were made, one line included the amount in arrears to the pensioner (from March 4, 1831 to March 4, 1833) as well as payment for the current period (summer 1833) which ended on September 4, 1833.

Although Mrs. **TATTERSON** took issue with the dates on the deeds (viz., 1835 and 1838), it makes sense when all the pieces of the puzzle are put together. Here's how I see it happening. **SINGLETON** is successful in prosecuting his case against George **COLLINS** in the fall of 1834. Hence, payments are to stop effective with the next accounting period (March 4, 1835). Not only do the current payments stop, but George must now re-pay the government (since he has been found guilty of fraud). Not having the cash on hand, George obtains a loan and uses his land on Ellis Run as collateral. This is why in the Lewis County deeds, I have found where on April 24, 1835, George and Manley **COLLINS** become indebted to Weeden **HUFFMAN** (or **HOFFMAN**), and Thomas **BLAND** was made trustee of the land on which George **COLLINS** was living. He may have struggled to re-pay the money, and in an attempt to save the family farm, George sold the 100-acre tract to his son Manley on January 1, 1838, even though he still owed \$67.00 on it, thus not having clear title to the land. Manley **COLLINS** then sold the tract to satisfy the debt on September 11, 1839.

There is one more reason (although it is not watertight) to believe that George **COLLINS** lived beyond 1833 and 1835. In Hardesty's History of Ritchie County, it mentions that a George **COLLINS** moved into the Union District of Ritchie County in 1838. This matches the year that George sold his land to Manley, and it may mean that he moved from the Leading Creek area to Slab Creek in Ritchie County where Manley and George's widow, Mary/Polly, are found living in the 1850 census. The one reason we must be careful identifying this George **COLLINS** as our George **COLLINS** is that there was a different George **COLLINS** known as the Reverend George **COLLINS** who also was an early settler in the Union District but in a different locale than Slab Creek.

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Frederick County, Land Record WR 14/219

At the request of Henry WINEMILLER the following deed was recorded 3rd May 1796 to wit:

This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six Between Peter GEBHART of Allegany County and State of Maryland of the first part and Henry WINEMILLER of Frederick Town, Frederick County and State aforesaid of the other part

Whereas Henry GEBHART by deed bearing date the twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two did convey and make over unto the said Peter GEBHART his Heirs and assigns forever one \_\_\_\_\_ or half of that Lot or portion of Ground lying and being in Fredericktown aforesaid known and distinguished by Number One hundred and two reference being had to same deed recorded in one of the land record Books of Frederick County will more fully and at large appear. Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Peter GEBHART for and in consideration of the sume of seventy five pounds current money to him in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged Hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sale alien transfer and make over unto him the said Henry WINEMILLER, his Heirs and assigns forever one half of the above recited \_\_\_\_ it being one fourth of the aforesaid Lot Number one hundred and two Beginning for the part hereby conveyed at the Northwest corner of said Lot and running East within the Street to the center or middle of said Lot Number one hundred and two then running Southwardly till it intersect Joseph Doles part of said Lot, then running westward with said Doles part till it intereseects the alley then with said Alley northwardly to the Beginning, the same to include and contain one fourth part of said Lot Number one hundred and two aforesaid together with all and singular the Buildings improvements advantage and appurtanances whatsoever on the same part being or thereunto in any wise appertaining . . . .

Note: Deed was witnessed by Jacob YOUNG and George MURDOCK, two justices of the peace.

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Frederick County, Land Record WR 16/321

\*At the request of Henry WINEMILLER the following Deed was Recorded the 2nd

day of March 1799 towit: This Indenture made the twentieth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight Between Nicholas TICE of Frederick Town in Frederick County of the one part and Henry WINEMILLER of the same place of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Nicholas Tice for

and in consideration of the sum of five shillings current money to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Hatch granted and released and to these presents Doth grand and release unto the said Henry **WINEMILLER** and his heirs the ground rent on such part of the Lott of Ground in Frederick Town

aforesaid Number forty whereof the said Henry **WINEMILLER** is seized in fee and

possessed To have and to hold the same granted premises to the said Henry Winemiller his heirs and assigns and to his and their only proper use and \_\_\_\_\_ in as full and ample a manner on the same is held by the said Nicholas Tice under a conveyance from the Honorable the Chancellor of Maryland.

In Witness whereof the said Nicholas **TICE** hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first aforesaid.

Wm. Luckell Samuel **THOMAS** which was thus endorsed to wit Frederick County towit Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of March in the year Seventeen Hundred and ninety eight Before us two Justices of the peace of the said County personally appeared Nicholas **TICE** party to the above instrument of writing and did acknowledge the same to be his act and Deed and the granted rent therein mentioned to be the right Title and Estate of the therein named Henry **WINEMILLER** his Heirs and assigns forever.

**NOTE:** Nicholas **TICE** had witness John **WINEMILLER'S** will in 1784.

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In 1798, Henry purchased Lot 40, at the corner of Bentz Street and Fourth Street in Frederick from Nicholas **TICE**. The "lot" is not a lot as we know it today, but rather it was a whole city block. When I photographed the site in 1993, I did not realize how big the lot was and only took a picture of the corner.

I have been unable to ascertain if Henry was a member of the German Reformed Church which was nearby, but I do know that he was buried in its graveyard on Bentz Street which was less than a block and a half away from his home. See map for references. In the same graveyard is "Barbara **FRITCHIE**", immortalized in \_\_\_\_\_. The tombstones in this cemetery have since been buried; some say that those interred were moved to Mt. Olivet, a large cemetery in Frederick Town. I don't know if the graves were moved or not, but the cemetery is now known as Memorial Park and has several large monuments in it.

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1800 Maryland Census, Henry is living in Frederick County. In his household are 2 males 16-26 years of age; 1 male over 45 (himself); 1 female under 10; 1 female 10-16; 1 female over 45; and 3 slaves.

29 Oct 2001: According to the late Jerrald **WINEMILLER**, there is an advertisement in the Fredericktown newspaper in 1809 advertising for the return of a slave Isaac **DORSEY**. \_\_\_\_ year old Dorsey, twenty-year-old Mary, and fifteen-year-old David were inventoried as part of Henry's estate in 1809.

### York County Deed Book 2G page 107

To George Lewis **LEFLER** of the Borough of York in the County of York and State of Pennsylvania Conveyance.<sup>1</sup> Henry **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town in the county of Frederick and State of Maryland, Tinplate worker send greetings whereas Jacob **HENRY** of Codorus Township in the County of York and State of Pennsylvania Yeoman in and by a certain Indenture of mortgage bearing the eighteenth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five Recorded in the office for Recording of deeds in and for the County of York in Book G page 9 did grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the said Henry **WINEMILLER** two described Tract of Land, Situated in Shrewsbury and Codorus Township in the County of York.

Aforesaid one of which Tract contains one hundred and eighty nine acres and sixty perched &

Allowance of land and the other called Gooseberry Hill contains sixty nine acres and three quarters and Allowance of land. Together with the appurtenance thereunto belonging to hold to the said Henry **WINEMILLER** his heirs and assigns forever in which Indenture is contained a proviso that the same should become void on payment of sixteen obligations for the sum of nine hundred and sixty five pounds and fourteen shillings conditioned for the payment of four hundred and eighty two pounds and seventeen Shillings of the real gold and silver lawful money of Pennsylvania and whereas the said Jacob Henry hath paid unto me the said Henry **WINEMILLER** the said several Sums of money of four hundred and eighty two pounds and seventeen shillings and all the interest thereon due in full satisfaction and discharged of the said recited Indenture now therefore I do hereby nominate and appoint you the said George Lewis **LEFLER** to be my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to acknowledge and enter Satisfaction in the margin of the record of the said mortgage before the Recorded of Deeds for the County of York or his Deputy and to acquit release and discharge the premises by the said recited Indenture granted and every part thereof of and from the payment of the mortgage monies and interest aforesaid and for you so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant in witness whereof have hereunto let my Hand and Seal this twenty

eight day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Heinrich **WINEMILLER**

Christ **STOPHR**

John **DOLL Jr**

In a deed recorded in Deed Book WR-24/683-683 on 23 Aug 1803 but written on 20 August 1803 between Henry **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town and John **MCDONALD** of the same town, the quarter of the Lot 102 which Henry purchased from Peter **GEBHART** in 1796 was sold to John **MCDONALD** for the sum of one hundred pounds current money.

1.3.1.4.3.1. **Henrich WINEMILLER**, b. 11 Jul 1777 in Frederick Co, MD. Witnesses for Henrich's baptism were Johannes **SCHENCKMEYER** and wf. I believe that Henrich died because they later named another child by the same name.

1.3.1.4.3.2. **John Henrich WINEMILLER**, b. 7 Jun 1779 in Frederick Co, MD. This child is listed in his father's household in 1800 in Frederick County, MD

1.3.1.4.3.3. **Henry WINEMILLER**, b. 16 Apr 1782 in Frederick Co, MD. He married (1) Eleanor "Nelly" **NORRIS**, married 1 Mar 1806 in Montgomery Co, MD, b. CA 1794 in MD, d. 31-Jul-1860 in Upshur Co, (W)V. He married (2) Martha Permelia **FURY**, married 5-Mar-1861 in Upshur Co, (W)V, b. CA 1826 in Bath Co, VA, (daughter of John **FURY** and Permelia \_\_\_\_\_).

It is through this Henry **WINEMILLER** that the West Virginia **WINEMILLERS** descend.

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