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INTRODUCTION

I remember an old adage from my history teaching days which went: "You don’t know who you are until you know who you were, and you don’t know where you’re going until you know where you’ve been." Its value as an historical statement is unchallenged; to understand any character in history it is necessary to know all about his family’s genealogy. This has never been more true than for General George Armstrong Custer.

The General has been treated variously in the media as a true folk hero, a self-serving egoist, a military genius, a military fool, an ambitious man, a man satisfied with his station in life and his accomplishments, and a man who was either a womanizer or a faithful husband. Whichever attitude prevailed was the one which was held by the viewer. The General may have been all of those; he may have been none of these. Yet, the inconsistency of public opinion proved one fact: General Custer was a public figure who was destined to become one of the most controversial men in American history. The fact that he had enemies and detractors is incontrovertible. No successful man can achieve what he did in such a short period of time without having created some enemies. That can also account for a bit of egotism in the man. It has been said that a person can determine the pace and degree of fame he has achieved by turning around and counting the number of people shaking their fists at him.

But if Custer, the man, is truly such a complicated and complex individual, then surely there must be some basis for it somewhere in his family tree. What were his families’ origins, their preferences or priorities? All of these questions perhaps can be answered by knowing the family history, for all of these questions and their answers have helped to shape the character of the young man who was destined to die at the Little Big Horn on 25 June 1876.

Apparently Milo Custer, the compiler of this genealogy, was not prompted into doing so because of his admiration for his ancestor, the General; the genealogy was not designed to support a biography of this particular American hero (to many). Rather, Milo Custer was truly proud of his family name and embarked on the task of compiling a genealogy as long ago as 1912. Over the next thirty years he continued to collect family tree information, and in 1943 completed the work which was finally published in 1944. It is this genealogy which is reprinted here. It has become a very scarce book and its addition to any library devoted to Custeriana is a “must.” Unfortunately it does not exist in quantities to satisfy the heavy demands, by researchers, western military historians and collectors; hence this reprint is both justified and desirous.
In December, 1967, Dr. Lawrence Frost published in the Little Big Horn Associates Newsletter, a genealogical chart devoted entirely to that portion of the family tree relating to General Custer. There were some contributions by Miriam Custer. It is reproduced here at the end of Milo Custer’s book so that all who are really devoted to the study of Custeriana may have a ready reference. I am greatly indebted to Larry Frost for his permission to use it. Robert B. MacLaine, Sr., a founder of the Little Big Horn Associates, and at the time of the publication of the Frost genealogy, the editor of the Newsletter, said of the chart:

There are 61 names included in this record. Unquestionably authentic, this Custer Genealogy should settle once and for all any claims you may have heard made by persons insisting they were General Custer’s relatives. Some, in fact, have even said they were his direct descendants—now you know. The wildest claims have been those made by “dreamers” pretending to be descended from Captain Tom Custer—who never married. Dr. Frost cites one Missourian who also claimed to be the only Custer in military service. In his public debunking of this “brainstorm,” the good doctor said: “This man may call himself Tom Custer’s grandson in Missouri, but up here in Michigan we have another name for it.” I might add—so do we Custer buffs in Washington.

Aside from brevet promotions for battle honors, the Custers who have been military men have won many medals. Tom Custer won two Medals of Honor in the Civil War. Colonel Brice C. W. Custer was decorated by the Japanese, French, Korean, and our own government. His son, George Armstrong III, was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service, at Fort Lewis, Washington. And, though unadvised on it, I am certain that these are not the only Custers whom our country has so honored for devotion to duty.

Now, perhaps, there is a greater possibility for Custer enthusiasts to know and understand certain relationships within the Custer Story because of the availability of this reprint, and because of Milo Custer’s and Dr. Frost’s devotion to the family histories.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

a. or abt. - about; b. - born; m. - married; d. - died.
Ch. - Children; Hb. or hb. - Husband; Wf. or wf. - Wife.
Cem. - Cemetery; Co. - County; Co's. - Companies.
Twp. - Township.

ADDENDA NO. 3;


(Data From Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen; See Also P. 85.)
The extensive repetition of certain personal names such as Abraham, Arnold, Benjamin, Conrad, Emanuel, George, Herman, Jacob, John, Joseph, Nicholas, Paul, Peter, Richard, Samuel, and William, etc. among the earlier generations of Custers, suggested the adoption of some system of personal designations for these "common name" individuals, to avoid the resultant confusion.

Therefore the author uses for this purpose, a capital letter, preceded by a number, both enclosed in parenthesis, and following each such individual's name. The letter indicates the line of descent to which he belonged; the number is used to distinguish him definitely from all others in that line who bore identically the same name. The numbers were applied chronologically, so far as seemed practical. There may be a few mis-applications of numbers due to lack of complete information.

Following is a list of the various lines to which these designations have been applied, viz.

The "A" Line; Descendants of Arnold, (1) & Rebecca ( ( ) ) Custer. (Kuster?) May also include the "C", "E", "G", "M", "R", & "W" lines, but proof is lacking.

The "B" Line; Descendants of Richard, (Sr?) & Elizabeth (Brumbach) Koster. (Custer.) No living descendants have been traced.

The "C" Line; Descendants of Conrad & Susannah (Adams?) Custer. May also include the "R" line.

The "D" Line; Descendants of John Dudley & Catharine (Rover) Custer.

The "E" Line; Descendants of Emanuel, Sr. & Maria (Fadley) Custer. Line of Gen. George A. Custer. May belong to the "A" line.

The "G" Line; Descendants of George, "IG & Margaret ( ) Custer, of Va. & Ill. May belong to the "A" line.

The "H" Line; Descendants of Hermanus & Isabella (Conrad) Kuster. (Custer.) May connect with the "A" line.

The "J" Line; Descendants of John, "IJ", & ( ) Custer, of Somerset Co. Pa.

The "K" Line; Descendants of Johannes & Catharine (Gohn?) Kuster. (Custer.) The Custer-Kennamer line.

The "M" Line; Descendants of William, "IM & Anna (Smith) Custer. May belong to the "A" line.

The "R" Line; Descendants of Richard, Sr. & Jane (Humble) Custer. The author's line. May belong to the "A" line.

The "S" Line; Descendants of John, "IS & Mary (Brown) Custer, of Clermont Co. Ohio. May belong to the "H" line.

The "V" Line; Descendants of David, "IV" & Mary (Porlmos) Custer.

The "W" Line; Descendants of Arnold, "1W & Elizabeth (Scholl) Custer. May belong to the "A" line.

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PREFATORY.

This work is not complete, and from its own nature, never can be. It was intended primarily to be an improvement on my humble effort of 1912. In this respect I am glad to know I have succeeded. But this work has been produced under adverse circumstances and with the hindrance of many difficulties. Its compilation however, includes the best and most reliable material collected within the last thirty years.

I do not accept the theory of some genealogists that all Custers of American colonial descent are descended from a common emigrant ancestor. They may or may not have been. The numerous variations in spelling of this family name most likely indicates different origins in extensive areas of western European Teutonic countries, and opposes the probability of relationship among its first users.

Similarity of names and proximity of residence alone, do not prove relationship.

Name repetition so often encountered in genealogical research, has caused some confusion among certain early generations of American Custers, in cases where conclusive information could not be found.

I would be glad to correspond with anyone who has any early Custer family records unknown to me when this work was compiled.

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CUSTER GENEALOGY.

Paul Kuster. (1)


(Will Book C, P. 72, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Arnold Kuster. (1)

Arnold Kuster, (1) son of Paul (1) and Gertrud (Streyper) Kuster, b. probably in the Rheinland, a. 1660?, m. Rebecca .......... and d. Hanover Twp. Pa. 1739. Ch. Conrad Kuster, (1A.) m. Susannah [Adams?]; Paul Custer, (1A.) m. Sarah M. Ball; George Custer, (1A.) m. Mary Roads, 6-28, 1731, and d. 1756; Nicholas Custer, (1A.) m. Susannah [Hoppin?]; Arnold Custer, Jr. (2A.) m. Barbara ..........; Catharine (C.) Jenkins, m. John Jenkins; Dorothy (C.) Tool, m. Daniel Tool, Feb. 8, 1744, and Hannah Custer, (1A.) m.? (Deed Book 32, P. 90, Norristown, Pa. Deed dated 1740, recorded 1815, Arnold Custer's heirs, Grantors; Adm. 12-22, 1739, Conrad and Hermanus, Admrs.)

Johannes Koster.

Johannes Koster, (Kosters) son of Paul (1) and Gertrud (Streyper) Kuster, b. probably in the Rheinland, a. 1665? m. Elizabeth Cassell, dau. of Johannes Cassell, Aug. 31, 1692, and d. at Philadelphia, Pa. a. 1708. Ch. John Kosters, b. at Bristol, Pa. 6 mo. 9, 1693, m. Elizabeth Hood, Aug. 27, 1717; Margaret Custer, (1J.) b. at Germantown, Pa. 8 mo. 13, 1694, (m.) Rynier Custer, b. at Germantown, Pa. 5 mo. 26, 1696, m. Ann Hewitt, Jan. 31, 1718; Hermanus Kester, b. 11 mo. 2, 1703, m. Ann Large, 1735; Paul Kester, b. a. 1706, m. Ruth Kitchin, at Philadelphia, Pa. 9-17, 1730, and Peter Kester, b. a. 1708? m.? [Other ch.?]; (Will Book B, P. 70, Philadelphia, Pa. Elizabeth Custers, admx. estate of Johannes Kosters, Oct. 27, 1708; Records Abington, Pa. Friends Monthly Meeting; Hunt's Pound and Kester Genealogy.)

Hermanus Kuster.

Hermanus Kuster, (Kusters) son of Paul (1) and Gertrud (Streyper) Kuster, b. probably in the Rheinland, a. 1670? m. Isabella Conrad, dau. of Peter Conrad, and d. in Worcester Twp. Montgomery Co. Pa. a. Feb. 1760. (Will dated Jan. 9, 1760, probated Mar. 23, 1760.) Ch. Peter Custer, (IH.) m. Ann Godschalk, dau. of Rev. Jacob Godschalk, and d. 1766; John Custer, (IH.) m. 1st, Esther Johnson, 2nd, Catharine Miller; Paul Custer, (IH.) m. Gertrude Johnson, and d. 1794; Gertrude (C.) Umstadt, m. Henry Umstadt; Margaret (C.) Bohrs, m. Geshert Bohrs; Modlen (C.) Tyson, m. Henry Tyson, son of Matthias Tyson; and Rebecca (C.) Pennebacker, m. Henry Pennebacker, son of Hendrick Pennebacker. (Will Book L, P. 394, Philadelphia, Pa.)
Conrad Kuster. (IC.)

CONRAD KUSTER. [CUSTER]; (IC.) probably son of Arnold (1) and Rebecca (……………….) Kuster, b. a. 1685? m. [1st, Susannah Adams, ? dau. of Richard Adams, 2nd? ……. …….] and d. in Augusta Co. Va. a. 1771. Sons, ARNOLD CUSTAR, (1C.) and PAUL KUSTAR. Other ch.?

Query; Was this the Conrad Kuster who (1) signed a petition to Gov. Gorden of Pa. 5-10, 1706; (2) Owned 100 acres of land in Franconia Twp. Philadelphia Co. Pa. 1732; (3) Was naturalized at Philadelphia, Pa. 1735; (4) Was a son of Arnold Kuster, (1) and with wife, Susannah, in 1740, signed a deed recorded at Norristown, Pa. 1815; (5) To whose children - names not stated - their maternal grandfather, Richard Adams of Philadelphia Co. Pa. bequeathed £10, Feb. 1, 1740, 'to be equally divided between them' their mother, Susannah, being then deceased?

This Conrad Kuster bought of Joseph Dictom, 160 acres of land near Brocks Gap, in what is now Rockingham Co. Va. Nov. 14, 1763. This land was inherited apparently, by Conrad Custer, (2C.) the grantee's grandson, who is described as being the eldest son of Arnold Custer, (1C.) who is also described as eldest son of Conrad Custer. (1C.) This last named Arnold d. a. 1758, before his father's death. The inheritor sold this land to his uncle, Paul Kustar, May 10, 1774, for £100. (Will Book 2, Page 281, Will Book 4, Page 473, and Deed Book 20, Page 317, Staunton, Va.)

Arnold Custer. (IC.)

ARNOLD CUSTER, (IC.) son of Conrad, (IC.) and [Susanna (Adams) Custer?] b. 17., m. Bridget ... and d. in Augusta Co. Va. a. 1758. (His widow, Bridget, was appointed admx. of his estate, Mar. 21, 1759.) Sons, CONRAD CUSTAR, (2C.) b. 1742, (m. Elizabeth ...............); GEORGE CUSTER, (1C.) b. a. 1745, m. .............., and d. "'on Reeds Creek," Grant Co. W. Va. a. 1850, "aged 104 years." [Also? JACOB CUSTER, (1C?) b. Feb. 1750, Prvt. under Capts. John Riddle, Conrad Humble, and John Craven, Va. Militia, 1775, 6,.-7; d. Fairfield Co. Ohio, Aug. 17, 1833; Son, Joseph.]; ARNOLD CUSTAR, (3C.) b. a. 1755, [m. Margaret Lair, dau. of Ferdinand and Barbara (……………….) Lair, Nov. 28, 1781?]; and NOAH CUSTER, b. a. 1758. Other ch.?

Conrad Custer, Sr. (2C.)

Conrad Custer, Sr. (2C.) son of Arnold, (IC.) and Bridget (……………….) Custer, b. 1742, m. Elizabeth ............... a. 1770; Prvt. in Capt. Michael Humble's Co. "Kentucky County" Virginia Militia. (Col. George Rogers Clark.) July 15, 1780 to Aug. 21, 1780. In Expedition against the Shawnees. Entered 1000 acres of land on Clear Creek, in Jefferson County, Ky. 1783, and 278 acres on Nolin's Creek in, same county, 1784; d. a. 1828. Will dated Feb. 10, 1826, Recorded in Will Book H, (See Next Page.) (Section B.)
CONF AD CUSTER, SR. (2C.)

(Continued.)

Page 43, Paris, Ky. - Ch. William Custer, (1C.) m. .......... (Had dau. Jane Custer, & d. before 1826.);
Jacob Custer, (3C. m. ....... Thomas, & d. before 1826. Ch.
John Custer, 1C. Louisa Custer, Joseph Custer, 2C. & Salina
Custer.); George Custer, (3C. m. ............... Ch.
Arnold Custer, 4C. James Robert Custer, & Harriet Custer.);
Elizabeth (C.) (Had dau. Comfort Miller.);
Arnold Custer, (3C.); Conrad Custer, Jr. (3C. b. abt. 1780, m.
Leanna Thomas, at Lair, Ky. July 18, 1800, & d. at Columbia,
Ind. abt. 1872.); Bridget (C.) Wilson; Sally (C.) Clark; Deborah
(C.) Wilson, Clara (C.) Pugh, & Margaret (C.) Sharp, (b. Bour­
bon Co. Ky. May 22, 1796, m. Abraham Sharp, Sr. Feb. 11,
1816, & d. April 25, 1853, or 1855. - Hb. b. Aug. 15, 1796, d.
April 19, 1846.)

Conrad Custer, Jr. (3C.)

Conrad Custer, Jr. (3C.) son of Conrad, Sr. (2C.) &
Elizabeth (..............) Custer, b. probably in Rockingham
Co. Va. abt. 1780, m. Leanna Thomas, at Lair, Ky. July 18,
1800, & d. at Columbia, Ind. abt. 1872. Ch. (all b. in Bourbon
Co. Ky.) viz. John T. Custer, b. abt. 1801; Melvin Custer, b.
abt. 1803; William Custer, Sr. (2C.) b. abt. 1805; Hiram Custer,
b. Dec. 29, 1809. & Joseph Custer, (3C.) b. Oct. 6, 1827. (?)
(Information from Miss Gladys Fowler & Glen Roy Brown.)

John T. Custer.

John T. Custer, son of Conrad, Jr. (3C.) & Leanna (Tho­
mas) Custer, b. Paris, Ky. abt. 1801, m. Eliza A. Berry, 18...
& d. 1873. (Wf. b. Connersville, Ind. 1813, d. 1856.) Ch. Prof.
B. B. Custer. (b. Connersville, Ind. May 7, 1825.;) Elizabeth
Ann (C ) McKendall, (m. John McKendall.); Mahala Ann (C.)
Bell, (m. John W. Beil.;) Mary Custer, (-C.;) Flora Custer,
& 4 others, names unkown to the author's informant.

(Biographical & Genealogical History of Wayne, Fayette,
Union, & Franklin Counties, Ind. 1899, Vol. 1, P. 292, & Infor­
mation from Glen Roy Brown.)

Prof. B. B. Custer.

Prof. B. B. Custer, son of John T. & Eliza A. (Berry)
Custer, b. Connersville, Ind. May 7, 1825, m. 1st, Sarah Samp­
son, dau.of Joseph Sampson, 1851. (1st Wf. d. 1868.) Ch.
Emma Custer; Clara (C ) Baker, (m. F. C. Baker.) Dora (C.)
St. Clair, (m. John St. Clair.); Frank Custer, (d. Feb. 7, 1899.)
& Flenner Custer.

(Biographical & Genealogical History of Wayne, Fayette,
Union, & Franklin Counties, Ind. 1899, Vol. 1, P. 292.)
William Custer, Sr. (2C.)


Hiram Custer.


(Information from Glen Roy Brown; See also Barrows’ History of Fayette Co. Ind. 1917, P. 1098-'99.)

Joseph Custer. (3C.)


(Information from Glen Roy Brown, Jan. 23, 1940.)

Margaret (Custer) Sharp.


(See Next Page.)
MARGARET (CUSTER) SHARP.
(Continued.)
(Compiled from data supplied by Miss Gladys Fowler, dau. of Cyrus Russell & Cora E. (Dawson) Fowler, & grand-dau. of Cyrus & Sarah (Sharp) Fowler. Address, 1940, Veterans Administration Facility, North Little Rock, Ark.)

George Custer, Sr. (1C.)

GEORGE CUSTER, Sr. (1C.) son of Arnold, (1C.) & Bridget 
(.............) Custer, b. abt. 1745, m. ................. & d. 
"on Reed's Creek", Pendleton Co. W. Va. abt. 1850, "aged 
104 years". Ch. (Names probably not in proper order.) GEORGE 
CUSTER, JR. (2C.) b. 1800; GABRIEL CUSTER, (C.); STRAUDER 
CUSTER; JOSEPH CUSTER, (5C.); WILLIAM CUSTER, (4C.); HAR 
VEY CUSTER; WELLS CUSTER, (1C.); LUCINDA (C.) HARMAN 
MOWKY, (m. 1st, Reuben Harman, 2nd, Leonard Mowry.); ELIZABETH (C.) MALLOW, (m. Paul Mallow.); CATHARINE (C.) GRAHAM, (m. Kennison Graham.); DELILAH (C.) REXROAT, (m. Ferdinand Rexroat.), & JOHANNAH (C.) LANDES, (m. Martin Landes.)
(Morton's History of Pendleton Co. W. Va. 1910, P. 320, & Information from Benson S. Custer, Ashville, Ohio, 1939.)

George Custer, Jr. (2C.)

GEORGE CUSTER, JR. (2C.) son of George, Sr. (1C.) & 
(.............) Custer, b. (W.?) Va. 1800, m. Martha 
............. abt. 1835. (Living, 1850; Res. at Mill Creek, 
Pendleton Co. - W. - Va.; Wf. b. Va. 1801.) Ch. all b. in Va. 
viz. Joseph Custer, (6C.) b. 1836; Catharine Custer, b. 1838; 
George Custer, (4C.) b. 1840; Delila Custer, b. 1842; Wells 
Custer, (2C.) b. 1846, & William Custer, (5C.) b. 1850. 
(U. S. Census, Pendleton Co. - W. - Va. 1850, per copy by 
W. C. Kennamer.)

Harvey Custer.

HARVEY CUSTER, son of George, Sr. (1C.) & ......... (..... 
.............) Custer, m. ........ Borer, & d. in Franklin Co. Ohio, 
18. ., aged 85 years. Ch. Angeline (C.) Mouser, (m. John Mouser, 
Washington C. H. Ohio.); Germima (C.) Strader, (m. William 
Jacob Strader, Washington C. H. Ohio.); Martha (C.) Strader, 
(m. Chris Strader, Washington C. H. Ohio.); Rebecca (C.) 
Betts, (m. Henry Betts, Columbus, Ohio.); Jennie (C.) Eckle, 
(m. William Eckle, Grove City, Ohio.), & Benson Strader 
Custer, b. Pendleton Co. - W. - Va. Aug. 22, 1853. (m. Mary 
Jane Frazier, Goodhope, Ohio; Res. R.F.D. 2, Ashville, Ohio, 
1940; Son, Bryan J. Custer, 143 W. Franklin St. Circleville, 
Ohio, 1940.)
(Information from Benson S. Custer, & Bryan J. Custer, 1940.)

4A (See Next Page.)
Wells Custer, (1C.)

WELLS CUSTER, (1C.) son of George, Sr. (1C.) & (1C.) Custer, m. Sarah E. Conner, 18.. & d. 1930. Ch. Leora (Custer) Booco, Jeffersonville, Ohio, Minnie (Custer) Booco, Jeffersonville, Ohio, & Paris Custer, R. F. D. 2, Washington C. H. Ohio, 1940. (Information from Paris Custer, Feb. 6, & June 25, 1940.)

Paul Kustar.

PAUL KUSTAR, son of CONRAD, (1C.) & [Susaannah (Adams) Kuster?] b. Pa.? abt. 1730, m. (1st?) Lucinda Malone, (2nd?) Margaret ............, bought 160 acres of land at Brock's Gap, in what is now Rockingham Co. Va. from his nephew, Conrad Custer, (2C.) May 10, 1774, & d. in Rockingham Co. Va.? abt. 1820, leaving a will of which his son, Richard Custer, Sr. was executor, Jan. 17, 1824*, but this will seems now to be lost. Ch. so far as known;

RICHARD CUSTER, SR. b. in Pa. June 1, 1757;

JACOB CUSTER, (2C.) b. Mar. 15, 1760;

SUSANNAH (C.) LAIR, b. abt. 1762;

[MARGARET (C.) BRYAN? b. abt. 1764.]

SARAH (C.) LAIR, b. 1766; CONRADE CUSTER, b. Oct. 22, 1771;

MARY (C.) BEGGS, b. June 9, 1776; probably also GEORGE CUSTER, Sr. (1G.) b. June 1, 1778; — possibly others.

NOTE:

The name of this Paul Kustar has been traced through the public records of Augusta & Rockingham Counties, Virginia, from about 1750 to 1824. Three specimens of his signature, all nearly identical, are extant, one on his bond as admr, of the estate of his father, Conrad Custer, dated Mar. 17, 1772, at Staunton, Va. the others at Harrisonburg, Va. one on his consent note for the marriage of his dau. Susannah, to Rev. Ferdinand Lair, Oct. 15, 1782, the other on his consent note for the marriage of his dau. Mary, to James Beggs, Aug. 23, 1794. Other than this, very little appears now to be known of him. Even the scant traditional information of him now remaining, is indefinite and unimportant. One of these traditions recited by the author's father, was to the effect that "Old Paul Custer" was one of a party of hunters who once killed a white buffalo somewere in the mountains of Western Virginia during the early pioneer period. But neither he nor his father knew whether this man was our ancestor. The author's father did say, however, that his paternal ancestors formerly spelled their family name with a K.

The author's presumption that this Paul Kustar is the "Uncle Paul Custer" of Mrs. Margaret (Chrisman) Custer's letter of June 13, 1892, also that the son Richard she mentions was really Richard Custer, Sr. the author's great-great-grandfather, is not supported by as much evidence as might be desirable.

Richard Custer, Sr.


Richard Custer, Jr. (2R.)


Sarah (Custer) Riddle.


George Custer, Sr. (2R.)


* & † See Next Page. (Section C.)
*Uriah Humble, [Jr.] & Charity Kuster were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pa. 6-17, 1735. Who were her parents? He was naturalized at Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 25, 1740. His name appears in the records of Augusta Co. Va. first, Aug. 24, 1751. His name also appears as a Colonial soldier of Virginia, in 1758. (Henning's Statutes.) Uriah Humble & wife, Charity, for £30 conveyed by deed dated June 18, 1770, (Recorded at Staunton, Va.) to their son, Conrad Humble, 220 acres of land at Brock's Gap, (Rockingham Co.) Va. (Chalkley, Vol. III, P. 498.)


† Hannah (Hawes) Cowger-Trumbo, dau. of Henry & Sarah (Dyer) Hawes, grand-dau. of Roger & Hannah (Green) Dyer, b. 1755, m. 1st, George Cowger, abt. 1775?, 2nd, Jacob Trumbo, (2) abt. 1790, & d. after 1850. Ch. by 1st hb. Hannah (Cowger) Shaver, (m. Nicholas Shaver); Henry Cowger, (m. Elizabeth Randall, & John Cowger, (m. Ruth Randall.) Ch. by 2nd hb. Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, b. Aug. 21, 1791, (m. Richard Custer, Jr.) & Jacob Trumbo, (3) b. Mar. 7, 1796. (m. Elizabeth Snyder.) Cowger Data From Miss Annie Cowger, July 7, 1938.

Roger Dyer, & his son, William Dyer, were killed, & his dau. Sarah (Dyer) Hawes-Davis, & son, James Dyer, taken prisoners by Shawnee Indians under the Delaware chief, Gelemend, (Killbuck) at the surrender of Fort Seybert, (Pendleton Co. W. Va.) April 28, 1758.

Richard Custer, (3R.)


Conrad Custer, (2R.)


Solomon Custer, (1R.)

George Custer, Jr. (3R.)


Jacob Custer, (1R.)


Mary S. (Custer) Miller.


Samuel C. Custer, (1R.)

Amanda (Custer) McFee.


Nancy B. (Custer) Steele.


Nettie (Custer) Scogin.


Deborah (Custer) Ween.


Hannah (Custer) Ritchie.

Ann (Ritchie) Turner, (m. Isaac Turner.); Sarah (Ritchie) See, (m. George See.); Lizzie (Ritchie) Smith, (m. Jacob Smith.); Hannah (Ritchie) See, (m. Ezekiel See.); Martha Ritchie; Berry Ritchie, (dec.); Al Ritchie, (m. Sarah Hause.), & Absalom Ritchie, Jr. (m. Mary Moyers.)

Conrad Custer, (1R.)


Lucy (Custer) Ray.


Emma (Custer) Efaw.


Elizabeth (Custer) Efaw.

Amanda (Custer) Hess.


Berryman Custer.


Sarah (Custer) Fulk.


Jacob Custer. (2C.)

Catharine (Custer) Chrisman.


Note; George Chrisman, (1), was appointed Captain of Militia in Rockingham Co. Va. Mar. 26, 1781. (Chalkley, Vol. II, P. 367.)

Paul Custer. (2C.)


Berthier Johnson Custer.

Berthier Johnson Custer, son of Paul, (2C,) & Delilah (Johnson) Custer, b. Rockingham Co. Va. 1821, m. Ellen Tyler, 1858. & d. at Marshalltown, Iowa. 1892. (Wf. b. Genesee, N. Y. 1838, d. Clinton, Mo. 1885.) Ch. who lived to maturity; Denny Custer; Paul Tyler Custer, (d. aged 24 years.); Bertha (C,) French, (m. F. O. French; Res. 5445 Ingleside Av. Chicago, Ill. 1938.), & Zaidee (C,) Price, (m. Charles W. Price; Res. Mt. Vernon, N. Y. 1938.)

Denny Custer, son of Berthier Johnson & Ellen (Tyler) Custer, m. Ellen Donnelly, & d. at Des Moines, Iowa. ……… aged 62 years. Daus. Ellen Custer, & Dorothy Custer; Res. Des Moines, Iowa. 1939.
BENJAMIN TINDER CUSTER.


MISSOURI CATHARINE (CUSTER) JONES.


MARGARET (CUSTER) ASBURY.


ANGELINE (CUSTER) TYLER.

ANGELINE (C.) TYLER, dau. of Paul, (2C.) & Delilah (Johnson) Custer, b. Va. abt. 1829, m. Henry Tyler. Ch. Nellie Tyler, (Never m.); Mary Tyler, (Never m.); Mabel (Tyler) .......... & Fred Tyler.

AGNES (CUSTER) DENNY.

AGNES (C.) DENNY, dau. of Paul, (2C.) & Delilah (Johnson) Custer, b. Va. abt. 1831, m. Nathan Denny. Ch. Margaret (Denny) Thompson, Tink Delano Denny, Nora (Denny) Clarke, Carey Denny, & Grace (Denny) Warner.


Stephen G. R. Custer.

REV. PHILANDER MONTGOMERY CUSTER.

Rev. Philander Montgomery Custer, Presbyterian Minister, son of Stephen G. R. & Nancy (Brafford) Custer, b. 1820, m. Matilda .........., & d. at Birmingham, Ala. 1890. Had 1 dau. now dec. who never m. [See Wayland's History of Rockingham Co. Va. 1912, P. 296.]

SARAH MARGARET (CUSTER) SHELLEN.

Sarah Margaret (C.) Shellen, dau. of Stephen G. R. & Nancy (Brafford) Custer, b. abt. 1822, m. John Shellen. Ch. Philander Custer Shellen, Sally Shellen, John Shellen, Jr. James Shellen, & Meta (Shellen) .............

JAMES BRAFFORD CUSTER, SR.


WALTER SCOTT CUSTER.


CARRIE EUGENIA (CUSTER) COPELAND.

Carrie Eugenia (C) Copeland, dau. of James Brafford, Sr. & Susanna S. (Millan) Custer, b. Chariton, Iowa, June 23, 1858, m. Howard Darlington Copeland, Jan. 25, 1876, & d. at Chariton, Iowa, May 29, 1915. (Wf. b. 1855.) Ch. Sue Darlington (Copeland) Whicher, b. June ., 1878, (m. Dr. Charles M. Whicher.) & Howard Custer Copeland, b. Mar. 28, 1885, (m. Edith Larmier; Dau. Harriett Elizabeth (Copeland) Holman; m. Dr. David Holman.)

STANTON MILLAN CUSTER.


AMANDA JANE (CUSTER) GIBBON.

LAVINIA (Custer) Carpenter-Milligan.

LAVINIA (C.) Carpenter-Milligan, dau. of Stephen G. R. & Nancy (Brafford) Custer, b. abt. 1830, m. 1st, Ambrose Carpenter, 2nd, Milligan. Ch. by 1st Hb. Samuel Carpenter, (d. abt. 1910; Never m.); Charles Carpenter, (m. Cassie ...); Dau. Lavinia.) & George Carpenter, (m. 1st, Julia Scott, 2nd, Belle Ragsdale; Son by 1st Wf. Ward Carpenter.)

JOSEPHINE MARGARET (Custer) Horn.

JOSEPHINE MARGARET (C.) Horn, dau. of Stephen G. R. & Susan (Ornburn) Custer, b. Jan. 14, 1839, m. Martin Horn Sr. Ch. Sue (Horn) Wright, (m. Charles Wright); Fred Horn, (d. abt. 1934); Maude (Horn) Evans, (m. Dan Evans; Son, Vance Evans), & Mary (Horn) ...

VIRGINIA (Custer) Horn.

VIRGINIA (C.) Horn, dau. of Stephen G. R. & Susan (Ornburn) Custer, b. June 28, 1841, m. Martin Horn, Sr. (widower of her sister, Josephine Margaret.) Ch. Lula (Horn) Greenlee, (m. Thomas Greenlee; Dau. Maude Greenlee); Martin Horn, Jr. (Never m.; dec.); Grace (Horn), (Had 2 Ch.); Mable (Horn) Adams, (Had 1 Son); Beryl Horn, & Ella (Horn) ...

LEWIS GIRARD CUSTER.


SUSANNAH (Custer) Lair.


Sarah (Custer) Lair.

Sarah (C.) Lair, dau. of Paul & Lucinda (Malone) Kustar, b. probably in what is now Rockingham Co. Va. 1766, m. John Lair, son of Matthias & Catharine M. (Moyer) Lair, in Rockingham Co. Va. 1787, & d. near Cynthiana, Harrison Co. Ky. 1847. (Hb. b. 1762, d. 1827.) Res. at "Boscobel", Harrison Co. Ky. Buried in Battle Grove Cem. near Cynthiana, Ky. Ch. [Names may not be in proper order.] William G. Lair, b. 1789, (m. 1st, Mary Anderson, 2nd, .... Bradley, & d. 1863.); Catharine (Lair) Young, b. abt. 1792?, (d. 1863.); Jacob Custer Lair, b. abt. 1794?, (m. .... Hall.); Matthias Custer Lair, b. abt. 1796?, (m. Jane Anderson, 1817.); John Wesley Lair, b. 1799, (m. Catharine Smyser, 1835, & d. 1867; Wf. b. 1811, d. 1882.); Paul Custer Lair, b. abt. 1800?, (m. Martha Frazer.); Margaret (Lair) Anderson, b. abt. 1805?; Mary (Lair) Peyton, b. abt. 1808?, & Sally (Lair) Berry, b. 1811, (m. James Berry, & d. 1855; Hb. b. 1808.)

Information from Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, — Maude Ward Lafferty, — dau. of A. H. & Helen (Lair) Ward; grand-dau. of John Wesley & Catharine (Smyser) Lair; Res. 1938, 324 Hampton Court, Lexington, Ky. See also Will of John Lair, dated June 1, 1827, probated Sept. .., 1827, Recorded at Cynthiana, Ky.

Conrado Custer.


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Information from Mrs. W. E. Calvert, Mrs. J. B. Carroll, Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, Marriage Records, Rockingham Co. Va. And Other Sources.

*Note; The author would be very glad to communicate with whoever made inquiry of Mrs. Alice Moss Ferris, then of Laddonia, Mo. about the year 1920, as to the ancestry of Diana (Custer) Hamilton, wife of James Alexander Hamilton.

George W. C. Custer.


Mary Catharine (Custer) Stewart.

Mary Catharine (C.) Stewart, dau. of George W. C. & Elizabeth R. (Hite) Custer, b. Lithopolis, Ohio, Dec. 6, 1830, m. James Stewart, Sr. Ch. Robert Stewart, James Stewart, Jr. & Emma Stewart.

William Hite Custer.


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VICTORIA CORDELIA (CUSTER) CORDER-LESTER-GARRIGAN.

VICTORIA CORDELIA (C.) CORDER-LESTER-GARRIGAN, dau. of George W. C. & Elizabeth Rosanna (Hite) Custer, b. Lithopolis, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1837, m. 1st, ..., Corder, 2nd, ..., Lester, 3rd, ..., Garrigan. Ch. William Lester, Oliver Lester, & "Dolly" [Lester?]

GEORGE TALBOT CUSTER.

GEORGE TALBOT CUSTER, son of George W. C. & Elizabeth Rosanna (Hite) Custer, b. Troy, Mo. Mar. 17, 1840, m. Melvina Johnson, abt. 1860, & d. at Warrenton, Mo. July 24, 1867. Ch. Louise (Custer) Burgess, b. Oct. 6, 1861, (m. Lemuel Burgess; Dau. Maude (Burgess) Rothe.), Hale Custer, [b. abt. 1863?], (m. Fannie Painter; Ch. Grace (C.) ..., & Warren Custer,) & George Custer, (5?C.) [b. abt. 1865?]

LOUISA JAMES (CUSTBR) HILL.


Joseph Custer. (IC.)

Arcelia (Custer) Watkins.


Catharine (Custer) Wells.


Emily Elizabeth (Custer) Burlingame.


Margaret Louisa (Custer) Thomas.

**Margaret Louisa (C.) Thomas**, dau. of Joseph, (IC.) & Margaret (Chrisman) Custer, b. Lincoln Co. Mo. July 16, 1837, m. Dr. John L. Thomas, May 31, 1860, & d. at St. Louis, Mo. (?) Ch. Harry Thomas; Mary Ross Thomas.

Mary Jane (Custer) Salisbury.

**Mary Jane (C.) Salisbury**, dau. of Joseph, (IC.) & Margaret (Chrisman) Custer, b. Lincoln Co. Mo. Jan. 9, 1840, m. William L. Salisbury, Nov. 18, 1856, - Double wedding with her sister Emily; - Had 2 ch. both d. in infancy.

Charles Joseph Custer, 1st.


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WILLIAM VANCE CUSTER.


CHARLES JOSEPH CUSTER, (II).


Hugh Chrisman Custer. (Sr.)


Margaret A. (Custer) Chrisman.

Ann Eliza (Custer) Barclay.

Ann Eliza (C.) Barclay, dau. of Conrade and Elizabeth (Chrisman) Custer, b. Rockingham Co. Va. July 17, 1818, m. Isaac Barclay, 18...., and d. ......... Ch. Elizabeth (Barclay) McDowell, m. (Hugh McDowell; Dau. Susan.); Margaret Barclay; Ann (Barclay) Steele, (m. W. L. Steele; Ch. Elizabeth Burns; Ch. Julia (B.) Jones, Isaac, - 2nd. - Mary, Robert, James.); Mary (Barclay) Doty, (m. ......... Doty; Ch. Jesse, William, Ann, Elizabeth, Susan.); Alice (Barclay) Walker, (m. L. B. Walker; Sons, George, Thomas.); and George Barclay.

Information from Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, Lexington, Ky. abt. 1920.

Mary (Custer) Beggs.


George Custer, Sr. (1G.)


George Custer, Jr. (2G.)

George Custer, Jr. (2G.) Son of George, Sr. (1G.) and Margaret (.........) Custer, b. Va. 1801, m. ............ and d. "about 18 miles west of Danville, Ill." 1881. Ch. Samuel M. Custer, b. 1836, (Res. South Pasadena, Calif. 1912.); George W. Custer, (G.) b. 1838; Vance Custer, (G.) b. 1840, (Police Magistrate, Danville, Ill. 19...); m. Martha E. Noble, dau. of David and Jane (Arnold) Noble, of McLean Co. Ill.); Seaman, W. Custer, b. 1843, (d. 1905.); Jacob W. Custer, b. 1845, and Nannie Custer, b. 1847. (See Next Page.)
George W. Custer, (G.)

GEORGE W. CUSTER, (G.) son of George, Jr. (2G.) & .... (..................) Custer, b. 1838, m. ......................
Ch. Frank C. Custer, (G.) b. 1860, (d. 1894.); Otela Custer, b. 1863; Estella Custer, b. 1865; Ophelia Custer, b. 1868; Vincent E. Custer, b. 1871; Quess Custer, b. 1873, (Res. Homer, Ill. 1938,) & Howard H. Custer, b. 1876. (Res. 5519 Blackstone Ave. Chicago, Ill. 1938.) Information From Howard H. Custer, 1912, & Miss Gertrude Custer, Dau. of John M. Custer, Jr. (2G.) Danville, Ill. 1938.

(Note; Maria Louisa (Noble) Custer, sister of Martha E. (Noble) Custer, m. Custer. See Duis' "The Good Old Times in McLean County, Illinois," 1874, Page 796.)

Mary (Custer) Mantle.


(See Beckwith's History of Vermilion Co. Ill. 1879, Pp. 993-'4.)

John M. Custer, Jr. (2G.)


(See "Past and Present" of Vermilion Co. Ill. 1903, P. 125.)

Jacob M. Custer, (G.?)


(See History of Champaign Co. Ill. 1918, Vol. 2, P. 1039.)
EXPLANATORY NOTE.

After the preceding 21 pages had been printed and the forms broken up and distributed, additional data relating to descendants of Conrad Custer, (2C.) was received, sufficient for two more pages.

The author choose rather than to include this material in "Addenda," to print it as two extra pages numbered "4A" and "4B" respectively, that it might have its proper place in this work, i. e. following Page 4.

M. C.
Paul Custer, Sr. (1A.)


(Data from Sutton’s “The Custer Family”, 1886; Gans’ “A Pennsylvania Pioneer”, 1900; Information from Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, 1938-1940, & Other Sources.)

Jonathan Custer, Sr. (1A.)


(Information from Mrs. Elizabeth (Custer) Morgan, 1910, Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, 1938-1940, & Gans’ “A Pennsylvania Pioneer”, 1900.)

Peter Custer, (1A.)

Peter Custer, (1A.) son of Jonathan, Sr. (1A) & Hannah (Peters) Kendall Custer, b. Berks Co. Pa. Feb. 21, 1760, m. Elizabeth & d. in what is now Berkeley Co. W. Va. abt. 1840. (Will dated Mar. 13, 1835, Probated Mar. 8, 1841; Recorded at Martinsburg, W. Va.) Ch. as named in will, etc.; John Custer, (2A.) b. Berks Co. Pa. Dec. 10, 1781; George Custer, (4A.); Margaret (C.) Baker; Mark Custer; Jacob Custer, (17A.); Reuben Custer, Hannah Hayes, & Catharine (C.) “Hens”. [Henshaw?]

(The legal heirs of this Peter Custer, (1A.) on Mar. 3, 1856, according to a deed recorded in Liber 147, Folio 338, at Washington, D. C. were Jacob Custer; Margaret Baker; David Hayes & wf. Hannah; Jonathan Custer; John M. Grubb & wf. Catharine; Peter Custer & wf. Matilda; Jacob Custer & wf. Catharine; Reuben Custer & wf. Ann E.; John H. Moody & wf. Hannah; Peter Custer & wf. Elizabeth; John Custer & wf. Lucinda; William Lewis & wf. Elizabeth, & James Custer.

Relationships of these heirs to their deceased ancestor are not specifically shown. See Gans’ “A Pennsylvania Pioneer” Pp. 4445.)
Hannah (Custer) Prutzman.


(Data from Mrs. John Irwin Morton, & Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, Descendants of Sarah (Prutzman) Cleaver, 1938. See also Gans' "A Pennsylvania Pioneer" 1900, Pp. 437-445.)

Benjamin Custer. (1A.)

Benjamin Custer, (1A.) son of Jonathan, Sr. (1A.) & Hannah (Peters) Kendall-Custer, b. abt. 1765, m. Margaret Bell, ............. & d. ........... Ch. Hannah (C.) Holloway; Charles Custer, (1A.; m. Caroline M. ............. & res. in Jefferson Co. Ind. 1858.); William Custer, (2A.); Isaiah Custer, (1A.; m. Elizabeth ............. & res. in Ripley Co. Ind. 1858.); & Samuel Custer, (1A.; m. Mary ............. & res. at Summitt Point, Jefferson Co. Va. 1858.)

Hannah (Custer) Holloway, dau. of Benjamin, (1A.) & Margaret (Bell) Custer, m. Holloway. Ch. Margaret A. (Holloway) Cromwell, (m. Andrew J. Cromwell, & res. at Cumberland, Md. 1857.); William W. Holloway, (m. Martha .............), & George Holloway.

(Gans' "A Pennsylvania Pioneer", 1900, P. 443.)

William Custer, (2A.) son of Benjamin, (1A.) & Margaret (Bell) Custer, m. ............. Sons, Henry Custer, (1A.) & Charles Custer, (2A.) Both res. in Jefferson Co. Ind. 1858.

(Gans' "A Pennsylvania Pioneer", 1900, Pp. 443', & 450.)

Jonathan Custer, Jr. (2A.)


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Samuel L. Custer, Sr.


WILLIAM UBIL CUSTER.


LUDWIG TALBOY CUSTER.


(Information from Mrs. Elizabeth Custer Morgan. 1912, & Custer Family Records owned by Miss Valeria L. Custer, Reading, Pa. as per copy of Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, 1938.)

David L. Custer.


ANNA K. (CUSTER) HARBOLD.


MARY R. (CUSTER) EAGLE.

AMELIA M. (CUSTER) BUCKWALTER.

AMELIA M. (C.) BUCKWALTER, dau. of David L. & Catharine (Kline) Custer, b. Dec. 18, 1838, m. Jesse S. Buckwalter, son of Jacob & Rebecca (Shaner) Buckwalter, at Pottstown, Pa. Sept. 29, 1860, & d. at Pottstown, Pa. Ch. William C. Buckwalter, b. abt. 1862; Harry A. Buckwalter, b. May 16, 1864; Mary C. (Buckwalter) Sellers, b. abt. 1865; Berdella (Buckwalter) Sellers, b. abt. 1867, & Emma (Buckwalter) Dalious, b. abt. 1870.

EMMA R. (CUSTER) EDLER.


VIRDILLIA C. (CUSTER) ALBRIGHT.


George L. Custer.


AMELIA (CUSTER) GULDIN.


ELIZABETH (CUSTER) MORGAN.

ANNE (Custer) Worthington.


Michael L. Custer.


Aaron L. Custer.


ANNA M. (CUSTER) KLINE.


Louis Custer.


Solomon L. Custer.

SOLOMON L. CUSTER, son of Jonathan, Jr. (2A.) & Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, b. May 15, 1812, m. Anna Yocom, Feb. 11, 1840, & d. Dec. 11, 1893. (Wf. b. 1819, d. 1852.) Ch. Clement Y. Custer; Morris Von R. Custer; Susannah (C.) Ammon, (m. Ammon, & d. at Reading, Pa. 1913; Ch. ........ Ammon; Custer S. Ammon, Res. 1013 Penn St. Reading, Pa. 1913;) & Emily (C.) Ketchley.
George Custer, Sr. (2A.)


Data From J. E. Sutton's "The Custer Family," 1886, And Other Sources.

John Custer, Sr. (4A.)

JOHN CUSTER, Sr. (4A.) son of George, Sr. (2A.) & Susannah (Long) Custer, b. Dec. 21, 1774, m. & d. in Mercer Co. Ohio, Nov. 8, 1843. Ch. George Custer, (6A.-m. & d. before Mar. 27, 1857; Sons John Custer, Jr. -SA.-; Peter Custer, -3A.-, & Jesse Custer, -IA.); Peter Custer, (2A.); Betsey (C.) Newland, (m. Abraham Newland.); Christiana (C.) Leilbran, (m. John Leilbran.); Susan (C.) Grossmickel, (Or Grossreich?; m. John Grossmickel, - or Grossreich?), & Joseph Custer, (2A.) (See Gans' 'A Pennsylvania Pioneer", 1900, P. 444.)

George Custer, Jr. (5A.)


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GEORGE CUSTER, JR. (5A.)
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John Custer, (6A.)


Susannah (Custer) Kreider.


Hannah (Custer) Horn.

MARY (Custer) Conrad.


Sarah (Custer) Conrad.


George B. Custer, (1A.)


John C. Custer, (2A.)

JOHN C. CUSTER, (2A.) son of George B. (1A.) & Sarah G. (Courtright) Custer, b. July 8, 1832, (m. 1st, Mary Hoy, 2nd, Mary Tilton, Feb. .. 1866, & d. Sept. 24, 1885.) Ch. by 1st Wf. 30 (See Next Page.)
JOHN C. CUSTER, (2A.)
(Continued.)
— George M. Custer; Alva N. Custer; Sarah E. Custer, & Chauncey M. Custer, b. July 9, 1862. Ch. by 2nd Wf. Jane Custer; Frank Custer, (1A.) b. July 9, 1868; John Custer, (—A.) b. July 6, 1871, (?) Mary Custer, (—A.), Eva Custer, & Grace Custer.

LEBBEUS BIGELOW CUSTER.


SAMANTHA J. (CUSTER) GRIFFITH.

SAMANTHA J. (C.) GRIFFITH, dau. of George B. (1A.) & Sarah G. (Courtright) Custer, b. Jan. 21, 1838, m. John Griffith, Sept. 18, 1856, & d. Feb. 17, 1869. Ch. George Dallas Griffith; James Barton Griffith; Sallie (Griffith) Rose; Mary Ellen Griffith; Samantha Jane (Griffith) Zaayer, & Emma May (Griffith) Baruard.

WILLIAM A. CUSTER.


SARAH E. (CUSTER) KEMP.


GEORGE DALLAS CUSTER. (1A)


(All Data On This And The Preceeding Page Supplied By Clarence Courtright Custer, Except As Otherwise Noted.)
Andrew Custer. (1A.)


Elizabeth (Custer) Shuck.


(Letters of Mrs. M. K. Bliss, Dau. of George & Birdie Millicent (Shuck) Zachritz, & Grand-dau. of Andrew W. & Matilda Ann (McClanahan) Shuck, Jan. 26, 1940, & of Mrs. Leona (Nessley) Ball-Flower, Dau. of James Edward & Rosa Blanche (Hamilton) Nessley, & Grand-dau. of Daniel & Hannah (Shuck) Hamilton, Jan. 12, 1940.)

Samuel A. Custer, (1A.)


DAVID MILTON CUSTER.


(Letter of Mrs. Minnie M. (Custer) Ray, Mar. 18, 1940.)

David Custer, Sr. (1A.)

DAVID CUSTER, Sr. (1A.) son of George, Sr. (2A.) & Susanna (Long) Custer, b. Feb. 17, 1780, m. Elizabeth Fisher, 1802, & d. 1847. Ch. George Custer, (7A.) b. Nov. 22, 1803, (m. Nancy - Philips - Black.); David Custer, Jr. (2A.); Hannah (Custer) French; Elizabeth (Custer) McAnnenev; Catharine Custer, (-A.); Mary Custer, (-A.); Matilda Custer, (-A.) & Ann Custer, (-A.)

Letter of Vita A. Yost, A Descendant of George Custer, (7A.) Quaker City, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1939.
George Custer, (7A.)


David Charles Custer.


§ Maternal Grandmother of Vita A. Yost, Quaker City, O.

Jacob Custer, (1A.)


Samuel Custer. (2A.)


Jacob Custer, (2A.)

Daniel Custer, (1A.)

Daniel Custer, (1A.) son of George, Sr. (2A.) & Catharine (Leatherman) Custer, b. Oct. 18, 1785, m. Nancy ...... & d. at Lima, Ohio, ...... 18. (Living, 1858.) Ch. ? (See Gans' "A Pennsylvania Pioneer," 1900, P. 454.)

Susannah (Custer) Moser.

Susannah (C.) Moser, dau. of George, Sr. (2A.) & Catharine (Leatherman) Custer, b. Oct. 18, 1787, m. Daniel Moser, abt. 1808, & d. ...... 18. Ch. Elizabeth Moser, b. abt. 1810; Lydia (Moser) Stentz, b. May .. 1812, (m. Philip D. Stentz); Joseph Moser, (m. Nancy Longnecker); Mary (Moser) Quinter, (m. Bishop James Quinter.), & Matilda (Moser) Longnecker, (m. Jacob Longnecker.) From Data Supplied By Mrs. L. E. Custer.

Catharine (Custer) Littell.


Letter of Mrs. Sherman A. Kirkbride, Grand-daughter of Matilda (Littell) De Ford, Jan. 20, 1941.

Magdalena (Custer) Gans.

Magdalena (C.) Gans, dau. of George, Sr. (2A.) & Catharine (Leatherman) Custer, b. April 22, 1792, m. William Gans, 1812, & d. ...... 1881. (Hb. b. 1788, d. 1867.) Ch. who lived to maturity; Mary Magdalene (Gans) Morgan, (m. David Morgan, & d. 1842.); George Custer Gans, (m. Agnes Calhoun.); Mary Ann (Gans) Griffin, (m. William P. Griffin, & d. 1898.); Hb. b. 1809, d. 1901; Dau. Magdalena (G.) Smith.; Benjamin Gans; Daniel Leatherman Gans, (m. Margaret Gordon Hanna.); Jonathan Custer Gans, b. 1821, (m. Sarah Philips Eberhart, & d. 1892.; Wf. b. 1830, d. 1910.); Altha Gans, (m. 1st, Rebecca Lyons, 2nd, Mary Lyons.); Lebbeus Bigelow Gans, § (b. Spring Hill Twp. Fayette Co. Pa. Mar. 3. 1825, m. 1st, Elizabeth Ramsey, Jan. 6, 1848, 2nd, Emma Goe, Oct. 15, 1868.,) & Lydia Catharine (Gans) Ramsey, (m. ...... Ramsey.)

Joseph Custer, Sr. (1A.)

JOSEPH CUSTER, Sr. (1A.) son of George, Sr. (2A.) & Catharine (Leatherman) Custer, b. Sept. 16, 1796, m. (1st or 2nd?) Mary Jane ...... & d. in Highland Co. Ohio, June 25, 1881. Ch. by 1st Wf. - all b. in Uniontown, Pa. viz. Isaiah Custer, (2A.) b. 1815; Jacob Custer, (4A.); George W. Custer, (-A.) b. June 17, 1820; William Custer, (4A.); Matilda (Custer) Sanderson; Joseph Custer, Jr. (2A.); Van Buren Custer, b. 1835, (m. 1st, Margaret Faris, 2nd, Catharine A. Malcom; Ch. by 1st Wf. Theophilus B.; & Alexander M. Also 6 ch. by 2nd Wf.) & 1 other, name forgotten. Ch. by 2nd Wf. Catharine, Bertha, Margaret, Maria, Rena, Byron, & Herbert. (Data From Mrs. L. E. Custer, F. C. L. V. Custer, & "Pa. Pioneer" P. 439.)


Jonathan Custer. (3A.)

WILLIAM PINDLE CUSTER.


All Data On Jonathan Custer, (3A.) And His Descendants Supplied By Franklin C. L. V. Custer, R.F.D. Hillsboro, Ohio, & Miss Blanche Custer, (Daughter of John Lebbeus Custer,) Veterans Administration, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1940.

Elizabeth (Custer) Bigelow.


Lydia (Custer) Bigelow.


The Foregoing Custer-Bigelow Data From Howe’s “Bigelow Family of America,” 1890, Pp. 344'5, Copied By Mrs. Philip M. Allen.
Nicholas Custer, (2A.)


Mary (Custer) Swartz.

MARY (CUSTER) SWARTZ, dau. of Nicholas, (2A.) & Catharine (Schracken) Custer, b. 1768, m. Peter Swartz, Sr. 1780, & d. 1847. (Hb. b. 1765, d. 1852.) Ch. John Swartz; Catharine (Swartz) Tollmer, (m. William Tollmer.); Jacob Swartz, (m. Mary ); Sarah (Swartz) Haugendobler, (m. Andrew Haugendobler.); Susan (Swartz) Frymyer, (m. Daniel Frymyer); Margaret (Swartz) Gartner, (m. Gartner, & d. before 1855.); Mary (Swartz) Kessler, (m. William Kessler), & Peter Swartz, Jr. b. 1805, (m. Sarah Bower, 1836, & d. 1892.) Ch. living 1855 res. in Lycoming Co. Pa.


Sarah (Custer) Haffer.


Paul Custer, (4A.)


Sarah ("Koster") Ritter.

William Custer, (1A.)


JOHN CUSTER, (9A.)


AMOS CUSTER, (1A.)


George Custer, Sr. (1A.)

Descendants of Hermanus Kuster in Pennsylvania.

Compiled Chiefly From Data Supplied By Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.

Peter Custer, (IH.)


Herman Custer, (IH.)


Peter Custer, (2H.)


Herman Custer, (2H.)


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Herman Custer, (2H.)
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Abraham Custer, (3H.)


Nathan Custer, Sr. (1H.)


William Custer, (2H.) son of Nathan, Sr. (1H.) & Catharine (Umstadt) Custer, m. [Mary Hartlet?] Ch. Nathan Custer, (3H.); Herman Custer, (3H.) & Barbara (Custer) Weaver.

Henry Custer, (1H.)

Levi Custer, (IH.)


Cornelius Custer.


Matthias Custer, (IH.) son of Cornelius, & Susannah (Stouver) Custer, b. 18.., m. Ellenor Tyson, Dec. 28, 1824, & d. Nov. 17, 1892. Son, Benjamin Tyson Custer, b. abt. 1825, m. Eliza Fry, 18.., & d. Dec. 2, 1893. Ch. Albion F. Custer, (m. Lizzie B. Detwiler. May 19, 1877.); Rev. Marvin M. Custer, (m. Ida V. Truckness, Dec. 19, 1885.); Benjamin F. Custer, (IH.); Harry Custer, (IH.); Webster Custer, (b. 1870; m. Bertha Barton.); Matthias Custer, (2H.); Ellenor T. (Custer) Gouldy, (m. Benjamin Gouldy, Mar. 17, 1883.); Emma (Custer) Detwiler, (m. Theodore Detwiler, Jan. 21, 1888.); Annie Custer, (d. young.)

Marriage Records, Lower Providence, Pa. .............
Church, & Information, Webster Custer, to Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, 1942.

Jacob Custer, Sr. (IH.)

Peter Custer, (3H.)


Jacob Custer, (3H.)


David Y. Custer.


Data From Jacob R. Custer, 1910.

Joseph Warren Custer.


Data From Charles Jay Custer, Aug. 22, 1911.

Peter Y. Custer.

Peter Y. Custer, son of Jacob, (3H.) & Catharine Yörger) Custer, b. July 18, 1818, m. Hannah Albrecht, Sept. 21, 1841, & d. 1868. Ch. Peter A. Custer, b. Sept. 10, 1852; Emanuel Custer, (1H.); Emma Custer, (1H.); David H. Custer; Hannah C. Custer; Rosabelle Custer, & Jacob A. Custer.


Samuel Custer, Sr. (2H.)

Samuel Custer, Sr. (2H) son of Peter, (3H.) & Rebecca (Vanderslice) Custer, b. 1794, m. 1st, Sarah Hallman, June 26, 1820, 2nd, Elizabeth .........., & d. 1858. (1st wf. b. 1800; d. 1828; 2nd wf. b. 1807; d. Feb. 5, 1879.) Ch. by 1st wf. Sarah (C.) Grubb, (m. Charles Grubb.); Elizabeth Custer, (IH.); Catharine Custer, (3H.); Charlotte (C.) Poley, (m. Edward Poley.); Samuel Custer, Jr. (3H) & Mary Custer, (2H.)

Anthony V. Custer.


Jacob Custer, Jr. (2H.)


Data From Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, 1939, -'40.
David G. Custer.


URIAS D. CUSTER, son of David G. & Margaret H. (Detwiler) Custer, b. Dec. 17, 1854, m. Deborah Ann Hallman, Sept. 7, 1880. (Wf. b. Sept. 26, 1857, d. 1941.) Ch. Margaret Mary Custer, b. 1882; Grace Harley Custer, b. 1887; Manon C. (C.) Stritinger, b. 1890, (m. R. K. Stritinger,) & Helen Harley (C.) Cooper, b. 1893, (m. Dr. Lloyd Napier Cooper.)

John Custer, Sr. (2H.)

JOHN CUSTER, Sr. (2H.) son of Peter, (1H.) & Ann Godschalk) Custer, b. abt. 1735, m. Sarah .......... & d. 1794. (Wf. b. 17.., d. April 11, 1819.) Ch. Isaac Custer, (2H. - b. 17.., m. ............... & d. 1832; Son, John Custer, - 3H.); John Custer, Jr. (4H.) b. 17..; d. before 1819.); Paul Custer, (3H.) b. 17..; (d. 1832.); Jacob Custer, (4H. - Soldier from Pa. in War of 1812; b. 17.., d. in service at Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 1814.); Mary Custer, (3H.) b. 17.., (d. before 1819.) & Rebecca (Custer) Lewis, b. 17.., (m. Nathan Lewis.)

Jacob Custer, (4H.)


Paul Custer, (2H.)

JOHN CUSTER, SR. (5H.)


Data Partly From Copy of Family Record Supplied to Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, By W. E. Custer, (Son of Benjamin H. Custer,) 237 Cherry St. Milton, Pa. 1941.

PAUL CUSTER, SR. (4H.)


(From Copy of Family Record Supplied By John T. Lander, Creamery, Pa. to Milo Custer, June 16, 1909, & Data From W. E. Custer, Per Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.)
Anna (Custer) Tyson.


(Data From W. E. Custer, Per Mrs. P. M. Allen, 1941.)

Benjamin H. Custer.


Abraham Custer, Sr. (2H.)


Benjamin Custer, Sr. (1H.)


Peter Custer, (4H.)


(Data from Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, 1942.)
Jonas Custer. (IH.)


John H. Custer, (IH.)


John Custer, Sr. (IH.)


Mary (Custer) Pennebecker.


(Records, Central Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, Pa.)

John Custer, Jr. (7H.)


*Mennonite.
Daniel Custer, (IH.)


Nathan Custer, (4H.)


Mary Jane (Custer) Fell, dau. of Nathan, (4H.) & Maria (Burroughs) Custer, b. Dec. 21, 1840, m. Jacob F. Fell, 18... & d. Jan. 21, 1917. Ch. Frederick N. Fell, b. 187-, M. Bertha Fell, b. 187-, & Percy J. Fell, b. April 7, 1875.

(Data From Percy J. Fell, Per Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.)

Paul Custer, (IH.)


Abraham Custer, (IH.)

John Custer, (-H.?)

JOHN CUSTER, (-H.?) son of .......... & ...........


Information From Mrs. Hester P. Koons, Eagleville, Pa.

Margaret (Custer) Bohrs.


Magdalene (Custer) Tyson.

MAGDALENE (Custer) TYSON, dau. of Hermanus & Isabella (Conrad) Kuster, - Called "Modlen" in her father's will; - b. 17.., m. Henry Tyson, son of Matthias & Barbara (Sellen) Tyson, before 1760. Daus. Isabella & Barbara. Other ch.?

Rebecca (Custer) Pennebecker.

REBECCA (Custer) PENNEBECKER, dau. of Hermanus & Isabella (Conrad) Kuster, b. 17.., m. Henry Pennebecker, son of Hendrick & Eve (Umstadt) Pennebecker, before 1760, & d. 1807. (Hb. b. 1717, d. 1792.) Wills recorded at Norristown, Pa. Ch. Herman, John, Benjamin, Jacob, Henry, Sybilla (P.) Newberry, (m. Israel Newberry,) & Magdalena. (End of Section D.)
EMANUEL CUSTER, SR. (IE.) AND DESCENDANTS.
(Information From Mrs. L. E. Custer, & Miss Myrtle E. Custer.)

EMANUEL CUSTER, SR. (IE.)


EMANUEL CUSTER, JR. (2E.)


ADAM CUSTER, (1E.)


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Solomon Custer, (IE.)

Solomon Custer, (IE.) son of Adam, (IE.) & Sarah (Bowman) Custer, b. Md. 1829, m. Margaret Weyant, abt. 1854, & d. 18... Buried at Ringer's Church, Addison Twp. Somerset Co. Pa. (Wf. m. 2ndly, John Kasler.) Ch. Elizabeth (C.) Meyers, b. Sept. 30, 1855, (m. John Meyers, 18... & d. Nov. 11, 1909.;) Mary Ellen (C.) Johnson-Burkholder, b. Nov. 13, 1858, (m. 1st, Elijah Johnson, 2nd, William Burkholder, & d. April 9, 1934.;) James Louis Custer, (IE.) b. April 17, 1864, (m. Tillie Null.;) Eliza (C.) Spiker, b. 186-, m. Cyrus Spiker.; Urias Custer, (IE.) b. 186-, (m. Mary King,) & Emanuel Custer, (5E.) b. abt. 1870, (m. Martha Larmer.)

Mary Ellen (Custer) Johnson-Burkholder.


James Louis Custer, (IE.)


Mary (Custer) Broadwater.


Elizabeth (Custer) Broadwater.

ELIZABETH (CUSTER) BROADWATER.

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Jacob Custer, (2E.)


Daniel Custer, (1E.)


Elizabeth (Custer) Baker.


John Custer, (2E.)

(Grandfather of Miss Myrtle E. Custer.)


*Res. Somerset, Pa.
Catharine Ann (Custer) Stark.


Lydia (Custer) Stark.


Michael Custer, (IE.)


William Henry Custer. (IE.)


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Anne Mary (Custer) Warnick.


Augustus Pearcy Custer.


David Custer, (1E.)


Susannah (Custer) Potter-Morrell.


Isabel (Custer) Sweitzer.

Jervis Custer.


Sampson Custer.


Emanuel Custer, (3E.)


Maria (Custer) Brenneman.


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MARIA (CUSTER) BRENNEMAN.
(Continued.)


Samuel Custer, (1E.)


JAMES LOUIS CUSTER, (2E.)


RICHARD CUSTER, (1E.)


GEORGIA ANN (CUSTER) DURST.

ELLEN JANE (CUSTBR) WARNICK.


SYDNEY (CUSTBR) DURST.


IDA (CUSTBR) BITTINGER.

IDA (C.) BITTINGER, dau. of Samuel, (IE.) & Lydia (Durst) Custer, b. Grantsville, Md. April 24, 1866, m. David Bittinger, abt. 1896, & d. 1908. Ch. Floyd Bittinger, b. 1897, & Roy Bittinger, b. 1900.

REID OLIVER CUSTER.


LILLIE CATHERINE (CUSTBR) HUMBERTSON.


LINNIE ELIZABETH (CUSTBR) KINSINGER.

John Custer, (IE.)

(Data From Mrs. L. E Custer, & Miss Myrtle E. Custer.)


Ann (Custer) Wagner.


Emanuel Henry Custer.

(First of Gen. George A. Custer.)

Brice Wm. Custer.

Brice Wm. Custer, son of Emanuel H. & Matilda (Viers) Custer, b. New Rumley, Ohio, April 23, 1831, m. Marie Stockon, abt. 1850, & d. at Columbus, Ohio, April 3, 1904. (Wf. b. Sept. 4, 1834, d. May 29, 1904.) Son, Marvin Samuel Custer, b. at Scio, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1856. (d. Buckeye Lake, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1915.)

Marvin Samuel Custer.


Gen. George Armstrong Custer.


Note; Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick-Custer, m. 1st, Israel R. Kirkpatrick, at New Rumley, Ohio, Jan. 8, 1823. (1st hb. d. 1835.) Ch. by 1st hb. David Kirkpatrick, b. 1824; Lydia (Kirkpatrick) Reed, b. 1830, (m. Daniel Reed; - Son, Armstrong "Autie" Reed, also killed at Little Big Horn River, Mont. June 25, 1876,) & John Kirkpatrick, b. 1833.

Nevin J. Custer.


James Calhoun Custer.

Mary (Custer) Isenhart.


George Washington Custer, (IE.)

GEORGE W. CUSTER, (IE.) son of John, (IE.) & Catharine (Valentine) Custer, b. Cresaptown, Md. Nov. 21, 1815, m. Sidney Ann Reed, dau. of George, & Isabel (Jarvis) Reed, "natives of County Fermanagh, Ireland," at Monroe, Mich. ............... & d. in Texas. Ch. James Custer, (2E.) b. abt. 1845 ?, (m. his 1st cousin, Sidney Isenhart, dau. of George, & Mary (Custer) Isenhart.); Samuel Custer, (2E.); Lottie (Custer) Edwards, ("Lived at Fort Wayne, Indiana."") & Isabel (Custer) .......... Information partly from Mrs. Elizabeth (Oliver) Ethell, (cousin of Sidney Ann (Reed) Custer,) formerly of New Rumley, Ohio, later of Bloomington, Ill. – to Milo Custer, about 1912.

James Cresap Custer.


Elizabeth Catharine (Custer) Taylor.

Rebecca L. (Custer) Mills.


George Alexander Custer.


Alexander S. Custer.


Henry Valentine Custer.

HENRY VALENTINE CUSTER.
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Susan Catharine (Custer) Barnes.


Lewis Maxwell Custer.


Martha Ellen (Custer) Wagner.


Josephine Marie (Custer) Waldeck.

Ellen (Custer) Pierce-Vinden.


Susanna (Custer) Hendricks.


Mary (Custer) Cummings.

Jacob Custer, (1E.)

(From Data Supplied by Mrs. L. E. Custer, Dayton, Ohio.)


Dr. William Webster Custer.


Mary E. (Custer) Snyder.


Caroline A. (Custer) McCormick.


Stewart Fadley Custer.

Stewart Fadley Custer, son of Jacob, (1E.) & Sarah (Webster) Custer, b. Feb. 12, 1822, m. 1st, Jerusha Foster, dau. of George, & Jerusha (Wortman) Foster, abt. 1845, 2nd, Hannah Hurless, 18... & d. at Bowerston, Ohio, May 6, 1894. Buried at Perrysville. Ohio. Ch. by 1st wf. John M. Custer, (2E.) b. abt. 1847; George Custer, (-E.) b. abt. 1849, (d. abt. 1882, a. 33 y.); Stewart Derrell Custer, b. Oct. 4, 1851; Sanford Custer, b. abt.

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STEWART FADLEY CUSTER:
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1853, (d. abt. 1874, a. 21 y.) Albert Custer, b. abt. 1855, (Accidentally killed in Iowa.); Melvina Custer, b. abt. 1855, (d. abt. 1876, a. 18 y.) & Madison Custer, b. abt. 1860, ("went to Illinois"). Ch. by 2nd wf. who lived to maturity; Owen Custer, b. 18.., (m. Mollie .......... & res. at Canton, Ohio.); & Ida (Custer) McCarthy, b. 18.., (m. Prof. W. J. McCarthy, & res. at Newton, Mass.)

GEORGE CUSTER. (-E.)


Stewart Derrell Custer.


John Milton Custer, (1E.)


SCOTT CUSTER.

Henry Levitt Custer.


Robert Fulton Custer.


Dr. Isaac Newton Custer.

**DR. ISAAC NEWTON CUSTER, (Dentist;) son of Jacob, (IE.) & Sarah (Webster) Custer, b. New Rumley, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1832, m. Mary Arbina Fisher, dau. of John & Mary (Fowler) Fisher, Jan. 8, 1860, & d. at Westerville, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1908. Buried in Westerville Cem. (Wf. b. May 20, 1837, d. Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1918.) Ch. who lived to maturity; Dr. Levitt Ellsworth Custer, b. Lamartine, Ohio, June 18, 1862, (m. Effie J. Zimmerman, June 28, 1887, & d. Jan. 3, 1924.;) Harry James Custer, b. Feb. 4, 1865; Dacia May (C.) Shoemaker, b. May 21, 1873, (m. John A. Shoemaker.;) Dale Darius Custer, (Twin of Dacia May,) b. also May 21, 1873,) & Mary Leota Custer, b. Nov. 25, 1879, (d. Mar. 28, 1892.)**

Dr. Levitt Ellsworth Custer.


Note: The author has mss. copy of considerable genealogical data collected by Mrs. L. E. Custer, & Miss Myrtle E. Custer, relating to later descendants of Emanuel Custer, Sr. (IE.) & for which space could not be provided within the limits of this work, but it is hoped may yet be also put into print.
Charlotte (Custer) Cummings.


Nicolaus Köster.

Nicolaus Köster, b. abt. 1710,? (Lutheran; Baptised at New Providence, Pa. 2, 12, 1745,) m. Susannah Margaretha Hoppin, dau. of ....... & Anna Elizabeth (Sprögelin) Hoppin,* abt. 1732,? & d. [When & Where?] Ch. Christian Köster, b. 8, 21, 1734; Johannes Köster, b. 7, 18, 1736; Elisabeth (Köster) Marsteller, b. 8, 20, 1739, (m. Johan Georg Marsteller, 6, 25, 1761.); George Köster, b. 8, 21, 1841; Samuel Köster, b. 11, 27, 1744, (d. 8, 26, 1745.); Paulus Köster, b. 9, 7, 1746; Susannah Köster, b. 12, 2, 1749, & Emanuel Köster, b. 9, 29, 1754. (From Records of Augustus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trappe, Montgomery Co. Pa. Copied by W. T. Kepler.)

Elizabeth (Köster) Marsteller, dau. of Nicolaus, & Susannah M. (Hoppin) Köster, b. Pa. 8, 20, 1739, m. Johan Georg Marsteller, son of Friedrich Ludwig Marsteller, in Pa. 6, 25, 1761, & d. in Washington Co. Md. 18...; (Hb. b. 5, 24, 1736, d. Washington Co. Md. abt. 1800.) Buried in Old Lutheran Cem. at Sharpsburg, Md. Ch. George, b. abt. 1762; Sarah; Nicholas; Anna Elizabeth, b. 1, 24, 1768; Rebecca; John, b. 2, 16, 1773; Benjamin; Magdalena; Catherine; Hannah; Margaretta; Mary, & Dennis, [Daniel?] b. 1788, (d. 1856.) See Marsteller Genealogy, by J. A. T. Marsteller.

* B. 1686; D. Dec. 20, 1760; Buried in Augustus Evangelical Lutheran Cem. at Trappe, Pa.

Peter Fedele.

Peter Fedele, b. abt. 1730,? m. Susanna ............... & d. [When & Where?] Ch. Anna Maria, b. Aug. 6, 1759; Maria Elizabeth, b. Mar. 28, 1761, & John Adam, b. Mar. 5, 1765. Others? (From Records of New Hanover, Pa. Lutheran Church, as per Letter of Rev. J. J. Kline, Pastor, Jan. 26, 1942.)

Note; U. S. Census, Sandy Creek Hundred, Allegany Co. Md. 1800, shows name of Peter Fedley.

Queries; Was this Nicolaus Köster identical with Nicholas Custer, son of Arnold Kuster, (1.) ? Also; Was this Emanuel Köster, b. Sept. 9, 1754, identical with Emanuel Custer, Sr. (1E.) ? - And was Anna Maria Fedele, b. Aug. 6, 1759, identical with Maria (Fadley) Custer, wife of Emanuel Custer, Sr. (1E.) ? - And were these variations in name spellings due to the orthographic ideas of the pastors who recorded them? Or were they really correct and legitimate spellings, - possibly long used by the families who bore them? M. C.


Elbert W. Custer, Sr. son of Michael, (1K.) & Rebecca (Jones) Custer, b. in Tenn. abt. 1817, m. Elizabeth . . . . abt. 1840, & d. in Texas, after 1850. (Wf. b. 1823, d. after 1850.) Ch. Elizabeth Custer, (1K.) b. 1842; Sarah F. Custer, b. 1843; Ellen Custer, (1K.) b. 1845; Michael Custer, (2K.) b. 1846, & Elbert W. Custer, Jr. b. 1849.


† Records of First Reformed Church, York, Pa. show marriage of John Kuster & Catharine Gohn, June 4, 1780.

(Letter of W. T. Kepler, Coopersburg, Pa. July 16, 1940.)
M I C H A E L  T. M I T C H E L L ;  ( C o n t i n u e d . ) ;

— ( d. L i t t l e R o c k , A r k . J a n . 2 4 , 1 9 4 3 . ) ;  T h o m a s V . M i t c h e l l ,
 b. F e b . 1 6 , 1 8 7 6 ;  ( L i v i n g , 1 9 4 3 ;  R e s . P i n e B l u f f , A r k . ) ;
 M a r y J a n e ( M i t c h e l l ) B r a d f o r d , b . D e c . 1 0 , 1 8 7 2 ,  ( d . L o n o k e , A r k .
 S e p t . 2 0 , 1 8 9 6 . ) ;  M a r t h a L . ( M i t c h e l l ) S h r i v e r s , b . N o v . 2 0 ,
 1 8 7 7 , ( d . S e p t . 1 7 , 1 9 0 5 . ) ;  S u s a n ( M i t c h e l l ) B a i r d , b . A u g . 1 6 ,
 1 8 8 1 , ( d . P a r i s , T e x a s , J u n e 1 5 , 1 9 0 6 . ) ;  S e a b o r n M i t c h e l l , b .
 J a n . 2 1 , 1 8 8 4 ,  ( d . L i t t l e R o c k , A r k . M a r . 3 0 , 1 9 0 3 . ) ;

J O N A T H A N W O O T O N M I T C H E L L , s o n o f T h o m a s J e f f e r s o n ,
 & M a r y J a n e ( C u s t e r ) M i t c h e l l , b . W a r r e n C o . T e n n . J a n . 1 1 ,
 1 8 4 5 , m . 1 s t , E v a l y n E . B r e w e r , d a u . o f R o b e r t & M a r t h a ,
 J a n . 1 1 , 1 8 6 6 , 2 n d , S a r a h L . B i s h o p , J a n . 7 , 1 8 6 9 , 3 r d , M a r y
 A n n M e l t o n , a b t . 1 8 7 4 , & d . i n J a c k s o n C o . A l a . M a r . 2 3 , 1 9 2 6 .
 ( 1 s t W f . b . . . . . . 1 8 . , d . M a y 1 9 , 1 8 6 7 ;  2 n d W f . b . . . . . . 1 8 . ,
 d . J u n e 2 3 , 1 8 7 3 ;  3 r d W f . b . M a y 1 1 , 1 8 5 6 , d . S e p t . 1 0 , 1 9 1 6 . )
 C h . b y 1 s t W f . T h o m a s S t o n e M i t c h e l l , b . N o v . 2 1 , 1 8 6 9 , &
 W i l l i a m M i t c h e l l , b . D e c . 6 , 1 8 7 1 , ( d . S e p t . 1 8 , 1 9 2 3 , ) ;
 N o c h .
 b y 2 n d W f . C h . b y 3 r d W f . S a r a h L o v i s a ( M . ) C o n n , b . S e p t .
 2 , 1 8 7 5 ;  E v a l y n E l i z a b e t h ( M . ) K e l l e y , b . N o v . 2 6 , 1 8 7 6 ;
 M a r t h a J a n e ( M . ) K i r b y , b . A p r i l 2 2 , 1 8 7 8 ;  T o b i t h i a ( M . ) D a h n e ,
 b . M a r . 1 2 , 1 8 8 0 ;  R e b e c c a ( M . ) P e t t y , b . J u l y 7 , 1 8 8 1 ;  M a r y
 J a n e ( M . ) C l o w e r , b . D e c . 2 5 , 1 8 8 3 ;  M a r g a r e t D e l l a ( M . ) A s h-
 m o r e , b . J u n e 2 5 , 1 8 8 5 ;  H u n e C l i e M i t c h e l l , b . M a y 2 8 , 1 8 8 6 ;
 F l o r e n c e C o r e n i a K e n n a m e r , b . N o v . 2 7 , 1 8 8 8 ;  F i l e x T u r n e r
 M i t c h e l l , b . S e p t . 1 0 , 1 8 9 1 , ( d . J u l y 2 6 , 1 9 1 8 . ) ;  E s s i e ( M . ) A n-
 d e r s o n , b . A u g . 1 7 , 1 8 9 3 , & N a n c y L i l y M i t c h e l l , b . O c t . 2 , 1 8 9 4 .

N A N C Y E L I Z A B E T H ( M I T C H E L L ) K E N N A M E R , d a u . o f T h o-
 m a s J e f f e r s o n , & M a r y J a n e ( C u s t e r ) M i t c h e l l , b . i n T e n n .
 N o v . 2 0 , 1 8 4 8 , m . S e a b o r n F . K e n n a m e r , s o n o f J a c o b , & K e z-
 z i a h ( B u s b y ) K e n n a m e r , A p r i l 8 , 1 8 6 9 , & d . i n M a r s h a l l C o .
 A l a . O c t . 3 1 , 1 8 9 8 .  ( H b . b . A p r i l 2 , 1 8 3 0 , d . J u n e 1 6 , 1 9 1 5 . )
 C h . w h o l i v e d t o m a t u r i t y ;  — a l l b . i n M a r s h a l l C o . A l a . v i z .
 T h o m a s J a c o b K e n n a m e r , b . J u l y 1 9 , 1 8 7 0 , ( d . S e p t . 2 8 , 1 9 3 8 . ) ;
 M a r y E l i z a b e t h K e n n a m e r , b . A p r i l 2 4 , 1 8 7 2 ;  C h a r l e s B r e n t s
 K e n n a m e r , b . N o v . 2 5 , 1 8 7 4 ;  D a m a r i s B a r t o n ( K . ) N o e l , b . O c t .
 7 , 1 8 7 6 ;  F r a n k l i n E l m o r e K e n n a m e r , b . J a n . 1 2 , 1 8 7 9 ;  M a r t h a
 K e z z i a h ( K . ) S m i t h , b . N o v . 1 , 1 8 8 3 ;  J o h n S h e p h a r d K e n n a m e r ,
 b . D e c . 2 5 , 1 8 8 5 , ( d . N o v . 4 , 1 9 2 3 . ) ;  D a v i d W e n d e l l K e n n a m e r ,
 b . M a y 1 6 , 1 8 8 8 , & S a m u e l R e x f o r d K e n n a m e r , b . A u g . 3 , 1 8 9 0 ,
 ( d . M a r . 1 0 , 1 9 1 8 . )

S A L L I E W E S T ( M I T C H E L L ) K E N N A M E R , d a u . o f T h o-
 m a s J e f f e r s o n , & M a r y J a n e ( C u s t e r ) M i t c h e l l , b . i n T e n n . A p r i l 5 ,
 1 8 5 5 , m . J a c o b L . K e n n a m e r , s o n o f J a c o b & K e z z i a h ( B u s b y )
 K e n n a m e r , D e c . 2 5 , 1 8 8 3 , & d . a t W o o d v i l l e , A l a . D e c . 1 7 , 1 9 4 0 ,
 ( H b . b . D e c . 2 5 , 1 8 3 6 , d . O c t . 1 , 1 9 2 1 . ) C h . w h o l i v e d t o m a t u r i t y ;
 — a l l b . i n M a r s h a l l C o . A l a . v i z . W i l l a r d C l i f t o n K e n n a m e r , b .
 M a r . 1 6 , 1 8 8 2 ;  O m e r A d r u m K e n n a m e r , b . J a n . 1 , 1 8 8 4 ;  L o t a
 L a r i m o r e K e n n a m e r , b . M a y 1 1 , 1 8 8 5 , ( d . A u g . 1 1 , 1 9 0 6 . ) ;  G r a n-
 v i l l e D e n t o n K e n n a m e r , b . F e b . 1 7 , 1 8 8 7 , & C a r r i e M a y K e n-
 n a m e r , b . O c t . 2 8 , 1 8 9 2 , ( d . M a r . 2 6 , 1 9 0 8 . )

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John W. Custer, (1K.) son of Michael, (1K.) & Rebecca (Jones) Custer, b. in Tenn. ... 1824, m. Helen ... abt. 1845, & d. in Tenn. after 1860. (Wf. b. 1828, d. after 1860.) Ch. Michael Custer, (3K.) b. 1847; Calloway Custer, b. 1851; Harriet Custer, b. 1853; Nathan F. Custer, b. 1857; Hugh Custer, (2K.) b. 1859; Cora (C.) Edwards, b. abt. 1861, & Fannie (C.) Brookover, b. abt. 1863.


REICHERT KOSTER.


Data From Records of Brownback's Church, East Coventry Twp. Chester Co. Pa. Copied By Prof. W. J. Hinke, & Gravestone Inscriptions at Brownback's Church, & Records of E. Vincent Church, Chester Co. Pa. Copied By Mrs. P. M. Allen.

Note; This Reichert Koster; his wife, Elizabeth (Brumbach) Koster, & their dau. Anna Maria, & Susanna, were baptized at Brownback's Church, East Coventry Twp. Chester Co. Pa. Mar. 15, 1753, by Rev. Friedrich Casimir Müller, as per records copied by Prof. W. J. Hinke, about 1900. The original of these records seems now to be lost. (Letter of Prof. W. J. Hinke, Auburn, N. Y. Sept. 22, 1938.) M. C.

MARY (Custer) Trumbo.


(Morton's Centennial History of Allegheny Co. Va. 1923.)

NICHOLAS CUSTER, (--A?):


(Data From Mrs. P. M. Allen, & W. C. Kennamer.) 72
Section G.

ARNOLD CUSTER, Sr. (1W.);

Data From Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, Miss Jessie E. Humphrey, & Mrs. Mabel (Hill) Troyer.


Query; Was this Arnold Custer, Sr. (1W.) identical with the Arnold Custer who married 2ndly, Mary (Cozad) Coons, widow of J. Coons, and had by her the following children, viz. Benjamin, Mercy, Martha, Jacob, & John???

Note; -, Elizabeth (Scholl) Custer was a sister-in-law to Levina (Boone) Scholl, daughter of Daniel Boone, the noted pioneer frontiersman of Kentucky and Missouri. Her (i.e. this Elizabeth's) brother, Joseph Scholl, married Levina Boone, daughter of Daniel Boone. Also, Peter Scholl, brother of this Elizabeth (Scholl) Custer, married Mary Boone, daughter of Edward Boone, who was a brother of Daniel Boone. (See Boone Family History, by Mrs. Hazel A. Spraker, Page 546.)


WILLIAM CUSTER, Sr. (1M.)

Data From Mrs. J. E. Crafton, & W. C. Kennamer.

William Custer, Sr. (1M.) son of . . . . . . . & . . . . . . . . . . ( ) Custer, b. abt. 1765, (?) m. Anna Smith, in Mason Co. Ky, . . . . 1785, & d. in Miami Co. Ohio, Feb. 28, 1828.
(Wf. b. ..... 1769, d. after 1851.); Ch. William Custer, Jr. (2M.); Arnold Custer, (1M.); Abraham Custer, (1M.) b. 1787, (m. 3 times; D. in Washington Co. Iowa, Sept. 5, 1852); Susan (Custer) Batteral, & Mary (Custer) Kite.

Note; See Will of this William Custer, Sr. (1M.) dated


Probated April 12, 1828; Recorded at Troy, Miami Co. Ohio.

Query; Was this William Custer, Sr. (1M.) a brother of Arnold Custer, Sr. (1W.) and were both sons of Arnold Custer, (1C.) who d. in Augusta Co. Va. before 1759?

M. C.

ABRAHAM CUSTER, (1M.)

(Ancestor of Mrs. J. E. Crafton.)

Data From Mrs. J. E. Crafton, & W. C. Kennamer.

Hester Ann (Custer) McClintic, dau. of Abraham, (IM.) & Susanna (Antrim) Custer, b. Washington Co. Iowa, Dec. 25, 1840, m. Louis Mitchell McClintic, abt. 1855, & d. at Wayland, (? Iowa, 1929. Ch. Harriet L. (McClintic) Reel, b. abt. 1856, (m. Francis Marion Reel, Feb. 25, 1880; Living, 1939); William McClintic, b. abt. 1858, (m. Belle Goodman, 18...; Living, 1939; Res. Brighton, Iowa; Son, Charles McClintic); John McClintic, b. abt. 1860, (m. ? Living, 1939; Res. Wayland, Iowa); Thomas McClintic, b. abt. 1865, (m. Viola Bidwell, 18... & d. 1917; Ch. Ray, & Gladys); Samantha Jane (McClintic) Sanders, b. abt. 1870, (m. Eddy Sanders; Living, 1939; Res. Wayland, Iowa; Dau. Annowa, --- Mrs. Harry McGuire; Res. Wayland, Iowa, 1939.); Nellie (McClintic) Van Sant, b. abt. 1872, (m. William Van Sant, 18...; Living, 1939; Res. Wayland, Iowa; Ch. Earl, Arthur, Clifford, & Ruth) & Eva (McClintic) Wenger, b. Feb. 25, 1874. (m. Daniel Wenger, Oct. 29, 1890; Living, 1939; Res. Winfield, Iowa; --- Daus. Harriet Ruth (Wenger) Crafton, --- Mrs. J. E. Crafton; Res. Atlanta, Ga. 1940; & Vere D. Wenger.)

John Custer, (IS.) #

Data From Miss Anna Lesh; Mrs. Jessie Custer Sayers; Mrs. Helen Johnson Rhoads, & Harry E. Custer.


Emanuel Custer, (IS.) son of John, (IS.) & Mary (Brown) Custer, b. Botetourt Co. Va. ......... 1770, m. Elizabeth Miller, dau. of Henry Miller, "Of N. C." 18... & d. nr. Goshen, Ohio, 1840. (Wf. b. 17...; d. 18...); Ch. John Custer, Sr. (2S.) b. Bertie Co. N. C. Oct. 25, 1805; Henry Custer, Sr. (IS.) b. Asheville, N. C. April 22, 1807; Elizabeth (Custer) Short, b. abt. 1810; (?) --- (m. Ephraim Short.) &


Foot Note: # His name was Paul Custer, Jr. according to his grandson, Samuel A. Caster, son of Paul & Mary (Garver) Custer, --- b. July 22, 1819, --- writing in May, 1902.

Foot Note: * & Grand.-dau. of Thomas & Mary (Ball) Brown. Letter of Forrest E. Runyan, 26 E. Cassily St. Springfield, Ohio. 2-12-1940.


PAUL CUSTER, (1 or 2? S.)

Paul Custer, (1 or 2? S.) son of John, Sr. (IS.) & Mary (Brown) Custer, b. Bertie Co. N. C. Feb. 1778, m. Mary Garver, dau. of Rev. Garver, Dunkard Minister, abt. 1800, & d. at Dublin, Indiana, 1864. (Wf. b. N. C. 17..; d. nr. Lexington, Ky. 18..) Ch. Molly (Custer) McGreer, b. nr. Cincinnati, Ohio, abt. 1802, (m. McGreer, 18..; & d. at Dundeville, Ind. 18..; --- Ch. Washington McGreer, Mary McGreer, & Others.); John Custer, (4 or 5 S?) b. June 4, 1804, (m. 1st, Rebecca Rippey, Feb. 19, 1824, 2nd, Polly ........., & d. ......... 1886; --- Had 18 ch.1); Christopher Custer, (IS.) b. abt. 1806, (m. Elizabeth Clark, ? 18..,
& at Kokomo, Ind. 18..); William Custer, (1S.) b. abt. 1808, (m. & d. at Tipton, Ind. 18..; No ch.); Elizabeth (Custer) Crull, b. Montgomery Co. Ohio, abt. 1810, (m. Benjamin Crull, 18..); Jacob Custer, Sr. (1S.) b. Jan. 2, 1813, (m. Elizabeth Harper, 1837.); Solomon Custer, (1S.) b. abt. 1815, (m. Fannie Alger, 18..); Samuel A. Caster; b. July 22, 1819, (m. & d. after May .., 1902); Paul Caster, b. abt. 1822, (m. Minerva Widdons, 18.., & d. in Mahaska Co. Iowa, 1897.); & Dr. Lewis A. Caster, b. 1825, (D. of Asiatic Cholera in Bloomington, Illinois, Aug. 1, 1855. Buried in Old City Cem. Bloomington, Ill. Never m.?)

John Custer, (4 or 5? S.) son of Paul, (1 or 2? S.) & Mary (Garver) Custer, b. nr. Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4, 1804, m. 1st, Rebecca Rippey, Feb. 19, 1824; 2nd, Polly ....... & d. nr Hagerst...n, Ind. ....... 1886. (1st Wf. b. Sept. 8, 1805, d. Sept. 20, 1841.) Ch. by 1st Wf. Joseph Custer, (1S.) b. Jan. 9, 1825, (m. twice; d. in Linn Co. Iowa; --- Ch. by 1st Wf. William Custer, (2S.); Deskin E. Custer, & Edward Custer, --- 1S.); Paul Custer, (3?S.), b. April 27, 1827, (m. Nancy Hatfield; --- Ch. John Caster; Mary Ann (Caster) Gilbert; Samuel Caster, (2S.); Sallie (Caster) Rutter; Jacob Caster; William Caster; Ella (Caster) Cornell, & Nettie Caster.); Mary Ann (Caster) McIntire, b. Aug. 13, 1829, (m. Joseph McIntire, 18..; Lived in Huntington, Ind. --- Ch. Elizabeth (McIntire) Thomas; Rebecca (McIntire) Fisher; Samuel McIntire; Caroline (McIntire) Gordon; Ella (McIntire) Bailey, & John McIntire.); Elizabeth Jane (Custer) Warwick-McVay-Strawn, b. April 25, 1831, (m. 1st, John Warwick, 2nd, Harvey McVay, 3rd, ...... Strawn, & d. at Barnes City, Iowa; ...... Ch. by 1st lb. William Warwick; Elnora (Warwick) Williams; & Mary (Warwick) Holder; --- Ch. by 2nd lb. Abram McVay; Sarah (McVay) Wright; Melissa (McVay) Ausberger; Frank McVay, & John McVay.); Samuel Caster, (3S.) b. Mar. 1, 1833, (m. Sarah Parsons, 18.., & d. at Leon, Iowa; --- Ch. J. A. Caster, & Monroe Caster.); Matthew Custer, b. Oct. 18, 1834, (m. Martha Siling, 18.., & d. at Jefferson, Iowa, Jan. 19, 1927; --- Ch. John T. Custer, (1S.), m. Bertha Hamilton; & Jessie E. (Custer) Sayers, m. S. J. Sayers, Attorney, & Res. Jefferson, Iowa, 1940.); Jacob Caster, b. April 4, 1836, (m. Kate Abbott, 18.., & d. at Leon, Iowa; --- Ch. Lawrence Caster; John Caster, (1S.); Mattie (Caster) Johnson; Nora Caster, & Evaline (Caster) .......); Thomas Caster, b. Mar. 7, 1838, (m. Linda Miller, 18.., & d. in Montezuma, Iowa; --- Son, William Caster, (-S.), & Matilda Caroline (Caster) Klinker, b. Jan. 27, 1840, (m. Henry Klinker, 18..; --- Ch. L. W. Klinker; Ella (Klinker) Simmons; Laura (Klinker) Gardner; John Klinker; Lucy (Klinker) Morrison; Charles Klinker, & Elza Klinker.) Ch. by 2nd Wf. Louisa (Custer) Mudgett, b. Nov. 11, 1842; Lewis Custer, b. Feb. 20, 1844; Sarah Jane (Custer) Bickel, b. June 7, 1846, (m. William Bickel; --- Son, Edward

Joseph Custer, (1S.) son of John, (4 or 5? S.) & Rebecca (Rippey) Custer, b. Jan. 9, 1825, m. 1st, ..........; 2nd, Nellie Brown, 18., & d. in Linn Co. Iowa, after abt. 1898, (?) Ch. by 1st Wf. William Custer, (2S.) b. 18., (m. Viola Tiffany, 18., & d. in Green Co. Iowa; -- Ch. Robert Custer, (-S.), & Eva (Custer) Brown; Res. Jefferson, Iowa, 1940); Deskin E. Custer, b. 18., (m. Candace Wray; -- Ch. Mary (Custer) Stroud, Wray J. Custer, William E. Custer, Katherine (Custer) Morris, & Dorothy (Custer) Wolf.); & Edward Custer, (1?S.) b. 18., (m. Mary Stream, 18., & d. nr. Jefferson, Iowa, abt. 1889; -- Son & only child, Harry Custer, (-S.) b. abt. 1887, .. Living, ? 1940.) No ch. by 2nd Wf.

Christopher Custer, son of Paul, (1 or 2? S.) & Mary (Garver) Custer, b. nr. Cincinnati, Ohio, abt. 1806, m. Elizabeth Clark, (?) 18., & d. at Kokomo, Ind. after 1883. (?) Ch. Melvin Custer, Charles Custer, (1S), & Sarah (Custer) Ek, (m. Hans Ek, Nov. 21, 1839.) Others? (Blanchard's History of Howard Co. Ind. 1883, Page 487.)

Elizabeth (Custer) Crull, dau. of Paul, (1 or 2? S.) & Mary (Garver) Custer, b. nr. Dayton, Ohio, abt. 1810, m. Benjamin Crull, 18., & d. at Dublin, Ind. .......... Ch. Solomon Crull; Abner Crull; Alfred Crull; Marion Crull; Sanford Crull; Mary Ann (Crull) Ream, & Ella (Crull) Shover.

Jacob Custer, Sr. (1S.) son of Paul, (1 or 2? S.) & Mary (Garver) Custer, b. nr. Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1813, m. Elizabeth Harper, dau. of John & Keziah (......) Harper, ...... 1837, & d. (in Dublin, Wayne Co. Ind.) after 1884. Ch. Manford Custer; William H. Custer, (1?S.); Emmett Custer; Kate (Custer) Van Nevis, (Or Van Nuys?); Mary (Custer) Piper; Jacob Custer, Jr. (2S.), & Ella Custer. (See History of Wayne Co. Ind. 1884, Vol. 2, Page 555.)

Solomon Custer, (1S.) son of Paul, (1 or 2? S.) & Mary (Garver) Custer, b. abt. 1815, m. Fannie Alger, 18., & d. at Dublin, Ind. ........ Sons, Frank Custer, (-S.) & Lafayette Custer. (Other ch.?)

Samuel A. Caster, son of Paul, (1 or 2? S.) & Mary (Garver) Custer, b. nr. Dayton, Ohio, July 22, 1819, m. .......... 18., & d. after May .., 1902. Ch. Kate (Caster) Kindig, (m. William Kindig, of Mahaska Co. Iowa.); Scott Caster; Sallie (Caster) Taylor; Clay Caster; Eva Caster; George Caster; Lincoln Caster, & Minnie (Caster) Cochran.

Paul Caster, son of Paul, (1 or 2? S.) & Mary (Garver) Custer, b. at Dublin, Wayne Co. Ind. abt. 1822, m. Minerva
Widdons, 18_, & d. at Union Mills, Mahaska Co. Iowa, ...... 1897. Ch. Nora (Caster) Cleveland; Wessie (Caster) James; Mary (Caster) Fry; Horace Greeley Caster, (Living, 1940.); John Caster, (-S.), & Dora (Caster) Briggs.

Note: -, It will be observed that some of these people spelled their family name Caster. Was it originally Köster, and was this variation really another attempt to Anglicize the German umlaut ë?

M. C.

Christian Custer, (1S.) son of John, Sr. (1S.) & Mary (Brown) Custer, b. N. C. (?) abt. 1785, (?) m. Hannah ...... & d. in Clermont Co. Ohio, ...... 1852. Will dated Mar. 24, 1852, Probated Aug. 7, 1852. (See Copy.) Recorded at Batavia, Clermont Co. Ohio; Will Record G, Page 47. Ch. — as named in will; — Samuel Custer, (-S.); Paul Custer, (-S.); Christiana; Maryann; Eliza; Margaret; Mahalea, & Delila Catharine.

HENRY CUSTER, Sr. (1S.);

DAVID CUSTER; Sr. (IV.);

David Custer, Sr. (IV.) son of Nicholas? (What Nicholas?) & ... (....) Custer, b. Pa. (?) abt. 1767, m. Mary Portmus, (Barthmes?) abt. 1790, & d. (When & Where?) 1803. (Wf. b. 17...; d. 18...); Ch. Eleanor (Custer) Bruner, b. abt. 1792, (m. Daniel Bruner, "Of Frederick Co. Md." who was b. Mar. 16, 1790.); David Custer, Jr. (2V.); George Custer, (IV.); Martha Custer, (IV.); Priscilla Custer; Catharine (Custer) Gipson; Margaret Custer, (IV.); Mary (Custer) Bentley; Ann Custer, (IV.); (Custer) Humphrey, & Susannah (Custer) McVicker, b. Hampshire? Co. Va. April 8, 1806. (m. Archibald McVicker, July 2, 1822, & d. in Marshall Co. Illinois, Aug. 20, 1878; -- Hb. b. Hampshire Co. Va. June 3, 1803, d. in Marshall Co. Illinois, Aug. 12, 1871.)


Data From Vinal O. McVicker, Mrs. Mabel McVicker Warner, & Mrs. Frank C. Cross, Descendant of Daniel & Eleanor (Custer) Bruner.

JESSE EZEKIEL CUSTER.


JOHN DUDLEY CUSTER (ID.)

Data From Miss Myrtle E. Custer, Mrs. Tom A. Martin — per Mrs. L. E. Custer, --- & Dr. Jack W. Witten.


George A. Custer (ID.), son of John Dudley, & Catherine (Rover) Custer, b. June 15, 1834, m. 1st. Cynthia Montgomery, 2nd, Mary Miller, & d. Dec. 30, 1917; (1st Wf. b. May 14, 1842, d. Montgomery, W. Va. May 30, 1887.) Ch. by 1st. Wf. Edgar Custer (ID.); Mary (Custer) Evans; Annie (Custer) Evans; Bettie Custer, William Custer (2D.); Charles Custer (ID.); Ludwell Custer; Nelle (Custer) White; & Bertha Custer.


John Custer, (1J.)


Jacob Custer, (1J.)

Adams Twp. Cambria Co. Pa.; Samuel Custer, (1J.) ... (m. 1st, Elizabeth Riblet; 2nd, Barbara Moose; -- Living, 1907; -- Res. Adams Twp. Cambria Co. Pa.); John Custer, (2J.) ... (m. Lucy Fisher); -- Pvt. Co. F, 198th Pa. Vol. Inf. Civil War.); Sarah (Custer) Strayer, (m. David Strayer, & d. in Johnstown, Pa.); Jacob P. Custer, b. July 2, 1844, & George Custer (1J.), (m. Elizabeth Varner.)

JACOB P. CUSTER.


ABRAHAM CUSTER, (1J.)

Abraham Custer, —Lutheran— (1J.) son of John, (1J.) & ...... (......) Custer, b. Somerset Co. Pa. 1796, m. Angeline Berket, 18.., & d. 1881. Ch. Richard Custer, (1J.); Jacob Custer, (2J.); John Custer, (?J.); Daniel Custer, (1J.); Adeline Custer; Eliza Custer; Catharine Custer, (1J.), & William Custer, (1J.) b. 1843. (See Blackburn & Welfley's History of Bedford & Somerset Co.'s Pa. 1906, Vol. III, P. 507.)

WILLIAM CUSTER, (1J.)


JOHN CUSTER, (4?J.);


JACOB CUSTER, Sr. (.....J.)

Jacob Custer, Sr. (-J.?) son of ........... & ...........

(Somerset Co. Pa. “before the Revolution”, & d. (Somerset Co.?) Pa. 1819. Ch. John Custer, (-J.?) ; Mary Custer, (-J.?) ; Jacob Custer, Jr. (-J.?) & Catharine Custer, (-J.?)

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JACOB CUSTER, JR. (.... J.?)

JACOB CUSTER, JR. (.... J.?) son of Jacob, Sr. (.... J?) & .......

(........... ) Custer, b. 17.., Settled at Stoystown, Pa. 1826;
(Living, 1884, Res. Stoystown, Pa.) m. 1st, Sarah Kimmel, 2nd,
Jane Thomson. Ch. Samuel Custer, (.... J.?) ; George Custer,
(.... J.?) ; John Custer, (.... J.?) ; Jacob Custer, (? J?) ; Matilda
Custer, (.... J.?; - d. 1884.); Catharine Custer, (.... J.?) ; Eliza
Custer; Laura Custer; & Elizabeth Custer, (.... J.?) ;

(Welfley's History of Bedford & Somerset Co's. Pa. 1884,
Vol. III, P. 500.)

ABRAHAM CUSTER, SR. (.... J.?)

ABRAHAM CUSTER, SR. (.... J.?) son of &

( ) Custer, b. Franklin Co. Pa. 17..,
Settled in Conemaugh Twp. Somerset Co. Pa. 1810, m
& d. in Quemahoning Twp. Somerset Co. Pa.
18.. "aged 74 years." Ch. Jacob Custer, (.... J.?) ; Abraham Cus­
ter, (.... J.?) ; Henry Custer, ( 3J.? ) ; Emanuel Custer, (.... J.?)
Elizabeth (Custer) Ray, & Barbara (Custer) Bowers.

HENRY CUSTER, (3 J.?) son of the above named Abraham
Custer, Sr. b. in Shade Twp. Somerset Co. Pa. 18.. , m. Eliza­
beth Shaffer, 18.. Res. in Quemahoning Twp. Somerset Co. Pa.
"since 1833." Had 9 ch. including Franklin P. Custer.

(Welfley's History of Bedford & Somerset Co's. Pa. 1884,
Vol. III, P. 518.)

JOHN CUSTER, SR. (.... J.?)

JOHN CUSTER, (.... J.? ) son of .......... &

(........... ) Custer, b. 17.., m.
17.. ; "Came from Franklin Co. Pa. to Conemaugh Twp. Som­
1828. Ch. (All d. before 1884.) viz. John, Jr. Jacob, Henry, (b.
1790,) Frederick, Abram, Philip, Catharine, Susan, & Elizabeth.

HENRY CUSTER, (.... J.?) son of the above named John Cus­
ter, Sr. b. 1790, m. Elizabeth Holsapple, 18.. , & d. in Paint Twp.
.......... Co. Pa. 1870. Ch. Josiah, David, Henry P. J.,
Daniel, & Priscilla (Custer) Whisler.


HENRY CUSTER, (2J.?)

HENRY CUSTER, (2J.?) son of .......... &

(........... ) Custer, b. in Maryland, 17.., Settled in Cone­
maugh Twp. Somerset Co. Pa. abt. 1795, m.
& d. 1838. Ch. Elizabeth, Jacob, Mary, Frederick, William,
John, Michael, Catharine, Margaret, Nancy, Sarah, & Hannah.

grandson of this Henry Custer, res. in Conemaugh Twp. Som­
erst Co. Pa. 1884.

(Ibid?)

CONRAD CUSTER, (1T.)

CONRAD CUSTER, (1T.) son of .......... &

(........... ) Custer, b. Pa.? 1757, Prvt. in Capt. John Erwins
Arch. 5th Ser. Vol. V, Pp. 418 & 439.) [m.? ch.?]
ADDENDA.

Page 1; The name (Custers) should follow that of Arnold Kuster, (1)


John T. Custer, (1C.) was b. abt. 1799. Son, Prof. Benjamin Burton Custer. (Data from Indiana State Library.)


Charles Fremont Custer, b. Fayette Co. Ind. Aug. 9, 1856, m. 1st, Winnifred Lavin, 18.., 2nd, Theresa Schonert, Feb. 27, 1900, (1st w/f. d. 1896.) Ch. by 2nd w/f. Mary (C.) Johnson, b. April . . 1901, (m. John Johnson.); Theodore, Bertha, Thomas, (-C.) & Joseph, (-C.)

(Garry & Thomas's History of Rush Co. Ind. Vol. 2, Pp. 492'3, as per Data from Indiana State Library.)

Page 10; Deborah (Custer) Cochran settled in Fountain Co. Ind. 1822, & d. there 1852. (Hb. b. 1776.) Had 7 ch. including William L. D. Cochran, who m. Sarah J. Walker, dau. of James & Jane (..........) Walker, 1854; - Ch. Edward, & Mary. (Beckwith's History of Fountain Co. Ind. 1881, P. 300, 301, as per Data from Indiana State Library.)

Page 11; Delilah (Custer) Johnson d. at Marshalltown, Iowa, April 5, 1855. (Data From Mrs. Lynn R. Brodick.)


Page 20; JOHN M. CUSTER, SR. (1G.) son of George, Sr. (1G.) & Margaret (..............) Custer, b. Va. abt. 1805, m. Mary Brown, 18.. (Wf. d. abt. 1841.) Ch. John M. Custer, Jr. (2G.) b. Putnam Co. W. Va. April 3, 1831; M. B. Custer; Edward Custer, (-G.) & 3 others, names not shown.

("Past and Present" of Vermillion Co. Ill. 1903, P. 125.)

Page 24; ISAIAH CUSTER, (1A.) son of Benjamin, (1A.) & Margaret (Bell) Custer, b. 18.., m. Sally Seilhamer, 18.. Ch. John William Custer, (-A.); Charles Custer, (3A.) - b. 1826, m. Mary Jane Custer, dau. of James, (1W.) & Catharine (Ross) Custer, 1851, & d. 1903; - Levi Custer, (-A.); George Custer, (-A.); Ellen (Custer) Eccles, & Mary (Custer) McCarty.

(Letter of Mrs. Mabel G. Bard, Dau. of John William Custer, (-A.), 906 W. Woodruff Pl. Indianapolis, Ind. Nov. 9, 1940.
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Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick-Custer.
Second Wife of Emanuel H. Custer.
(Mother of Gen. George A. Custer, And Others.)

Emanuel H. Custer.
Son of John, (IE.) and Catharine (Valentine) Custer.
(Father of Gen. George A. Custer, And Others.)
B. Dec. 10, 1806, D. Nov. 17, 1892.

(Cuts Supplied By Mrs. L. E. Custer.)
MARGARET E. (C.) CALHOUN-VAUGHN.
Daughter of Emanuel H. And Maria (W.) Kirkpatrick-Custer.

ELIZABETH (B.) CUSTER.
B. 1842, D. 1933.
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Son of Emanuel H. and Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick-Custer.
B. New Rumley, Ohio, July 29, 1842,

Boston Custer.
Son of Emanuel H. and Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick-Custer.
Oct. 31, 1848, - June 25, 1876.

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Son of Emanuel H. and Matilda (Viers) Custer.
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D. Columbus, Ohio, April 3, 1904.

(Cuts Supplied By Mrs. L. E. Custer.)
FAMILY OF JOSEPH (IC.) AND MARGARET (CHRISMAN) CUSTER, ABOUT 1865.
Excepting Their Daughters, Catharine (C.) Wells, and Emily E. (C.) Burlingame.
Hugh C. Custer, Mary J. (C.) Salisbury, Charles J. Custer, I.
JOSEPH CUSTER. (IC.) MARGARET (CHRISMAN) CUSTER.
(Cut Supplied By Charles J. Custer, II.)
John Wesley Lair.
Son of John & Sarah (Custer) Lair.
B. Harrison Co. Ky. 1799,
D. Harrison Co. Ky. 1867.

Margaret A. (Custer) Chrisman.
Daughter of Conrad &
Elizabeth (Chrisman) Custer.
B. Rockingham Co. Va. 1807,

Son of James & Mary (Custer) Beggs.
B. Rockingham Co. Va. 1801,
D. Plainfield, Ill. 1895.

Three Grand-children of Paul Kustar, of Rockingham County, Virginia.
See Also Joseph Custer, (1C.)
Dr. William Webster Custer.
Physician.
B. New Rumley, Ohio, July 1, 1816.
D. Scio, Ohio, June 13, 1892.

Stewart Fadley Custer.
Blacksmith and Farmer.
B. New Rumley, O. Feb. 12, 1822.
D. Conotton, O. May 6, 1894.

John Milton Custer.
Merchant.
D. Pana, Illinois, April 2, 1901.

The Three Oldest Sons of Jacob (I.E.) and Sarah (Webster) Custer.
(Cuts Supplied By Mrs. L. E. Custer.)
Henry Levitt Custer.
Banker and Merchant.

Robert Fulton Custer.
Merchant.

Dr. Isaac Newton Custer.
Dentist.

The Three Youngest Sons of Jacob (I.E.) and Sarah (Webster) Custer.

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Daniel Moser. Born 1787, Died 18—

Susannah (Custer) Kreider. Born 1802, Died 1887.

Sarah (Custer) Conrad. Born 1808, Died 1895.

Mary (Custer) Moser. Born 1801, Died 1881.

Hannah (Custer) Horn. Born 1804, Died 1878.


Elizabeth (Custer) Shuck. Born 1816, Died 1858.

Lebbens B. Custer, Mrs. Lebbens B. Custer. Clarence Courtright Custer.


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Magdalena (Custer) Gans.
Born 1792, Died 1881.
Photo Supplied
By her Great-granddaughter,
Miss Sara Jeannette Davenport.

Michael Custer. (1E.)
Born 1839, Died 1912.
Cut Supplied By His Daughter
Miss Myrtle E. Custer.

Frederick Shuck.
Born 1816, Died ----.
Cut Supplied By His Great-
Great-granddaughter,
Mrs. M. K. Bliss.
David G. Custer.
Born April 21, 1820, Died April 8, 1897.
Engraving Made About 1884;
Loaned By His Grand-Daughter,
Miss Margaret M. Custer,
1942.
Emmett William Gans.
Author Of
"A Pennsylvania Pioneer."
Born, Hagerstown, Maryland, 1860,
Died, Pasadena, California, 1938.
Photo Supplied By His Widow, Mrs. Anna McWilliams Gans.
Dr. Samuel Coster.
17th Century Dutch Dramatist and Physician.

Born 1579, Died 1662.

(From copy of a Portrait by I. Sandrart.)


Query: Did this Dr. Samuel Coster have descendants? If so, did any of them settle in America? M. C.
Rebecca (Jones) Custer.
Wife of Michael Custer, (K.)
B. About 1800, D. May 18, 1868.

Elbert Custer.
Son of Michael, (K.) And Rebecca (Jones) Custer.
B. 1817, D. After 1850.

Dau. of Michael, (K.) And Rebecca (Jones) Custer.

(Cuts Supplied By W. C. Kennamer.)
ELIZABETH (CUSTER) HILL.
Dau. of Michael, (K.) And Rebecca (Jones) Custer.

JOHN W. CUSTER. (K.) HUGH CUSTER. (K.)
Son of Michael, (K.) And Rebecca (Jones) Custer.
B. 1824, D. After 1860.

HUGH CUSTER. (K.)
Son of Michael, (K.) And Rebecca (Jones) Custer.
B. 1826, D. 18....

(Cuts Supplied By W. C. Kennamer.)
Rachel (Coombs) Custer.
1st Wf. of Jonathan Custer, (3A.)
Born 1799, Died 1859.
From Photo Supplied By
Her Grand-daughter,

Elizabeth (Cailey) Faris-Custer.
2nd Wf. of Jonathan Custer, (3A.)
Born 1829, Died 1916.
From Photo Supplied By Their Son, Franklin C. L. V. Custer.
All Engravings For This Page Supplied By Miss Blanche Custer,
Great-granddaughter of Jonathan, (3A.) & Rachel (Coombs) Custer.
Dr. Levitt E. Custer.
1862,-1924.

James P. Cummings.
Son of Robert & Charlotte
(Custer) Cummings.
1820, -1912.

Dau. of John & Susanna
(Custer) Hendricks.
1826, - 189--.

(Cuts Supplied By Mrs. L. E. Custer.)
Dr. Levitt Ellsworth Custer.
June 18, 1862, - Jan. 3, 1924.

(Cut Loaned By Mrs. L. E. Custer.)
Contributors

Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.
Marie (Dobbins) Fueller-Allen.
Descendant of Hannah (Custer) Prutzman.

Effie (Zimmerman) Custer.
Mrs. E. C. Custer.

Miss Myrtle E. Custer.
Dau. of Michael Custer. (1E.)
Contributors.

Maude (Ward) Lafferty.
Mrs. W. T. Lafferty.
Descendant of Sarah (Custer) Lair.

W. C. Kennamer.
Descendant of Johannes Kuster. (K.)

Charles Joseph Custer, 2nd.
GREAT-GRANDSON of CONRADE CUSTER.
Jacob Custer, (1R.)
Grand-father of Milo Custer.
Jan. 24, 1817, - Sept. 10, 1892.
(From Photo Taken 1860.)

 Contributor.

Contributor.

Miss Blanche Custer.
Dau. of John Lebbeus Custer.

Miss Gladys Fowler.
Descendant of Margaret (Custer) Sharp.
Paul Custer, (---S.)
B. Bertie Co. N. C. 1778,
D. Dublin, Ind. 1864,
And
Mary (Garver) Custer,
His Wife.
(Photo Supplied By Miss Anna Lesh.)
Emanuel H. Custer Mounted on the Horse Called Dandy.
(This horse was given by Gen. George A. Custer to his wife, who, after the General's death, gave him to the General's father.)
(Cut Loaned By J. T. Harrison, Author of "The Dining Fork." )

(Cut Loaned By Milton Ronsheim.)
APPENDIX.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.


(Copied from original record in Will Book C, Page 72, - No. 58, - Philadelphia, Pa. by Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.)

"Germantown in the Co. of Phila. the 28th day of the 11th Month called January, Anno Dom. 1707-8, Paul Kuster, Mason,* being sick in Body, but of perfect Memory and disposing Mind, declares before us, the hereto Subscribers, Witnesses, that his last Will and Testament was as follows. Viz. That all his just debts shall be paid and that after his decease his loving wife, Gertrud Kuster, shall have all and Singular his Estate, real and personal, during the Term of her Life, and yt after ye Death of ye sd. wife, the sd. his Estate, real and Personal, shall, nothing at all Excepted, be devided and shared among his children Equally, share and share alike.

In Witnesses whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Marks. Arnold Gustur. Dennis Cunders. Harmanus Kusters. Johannes Kusters. the mark of K, Cornelis Dewees."

Endorsed, "Philad. Feb. 23rd, 1707-8."

*Referring to the testators occupation, not his fraternal affiliation. It will also be here observed that although it is generally understood this Arnold, Hermanus, and Johannes, were sons of this Paul, there is nothing in his will to indicate such relationship, nor the total number of his children.

RENUNCIATION
OF RIGHT TO ADMINISTER;
ESTATE OF ARNOLD KUSTER. [1]
Dec. 22, 1739.

(File No. 35, Orphan's Court, Philadelphia, Pa. Copied by Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.)

"Know all Men by these presents that I Conrad Custers of the County of Philad. yeoman, for diverse good Causes and Considerations thereunto have renounced and disclaimed and by these presents Do as well for myself and the rest of the children of Arnold Custer, Father, who dyd [i. e. died.] Intestate, and by their Order and Consent Renounce mine and their Right of Administration of the Estate of the said Dec'd. Willing and Desiring that the Administration thereof be Committed to Harman Custer Broth[er] of the sd. Deced. In Witness whereof I the said Conrad Custer have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 22 December 1739."

"Conrad Kuster."

Note; An inventory and appraisement dated Dec. 18, 1739, signed by Robert May and Henry Coulston, on file along with the preceeding renunciation and the following bond, lists with other assets belonging to the estate of this Arnold Kuster, a debt of £100. 7s. then owing by James "Broks" "for the Plantation."

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(Section X.)
ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND;


(File No. 35, Orphan's Court, Philadelphia, Pa. Copied by Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.)

"Know all Men by these presents that We Herman Kusters of the County of Philadelphia, yeoman, Conrad Kuster of the same County, and Isaac Vaael of Philadelphia County, Stocking weaver, are held and firmly bound unto Peter Evans, Register General for Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the Province of Pennsylvania, in the sum of two hundred Pounds lawful Money of the said Province, to be paid to the said Register General, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and severally for and in the whole, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals Dated the twenty second Day of December In the Year of our Lord One Thousand and seven hundred and thirty nine."

"The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounded Hermanus Kusters, Administrator of all and singular the Goods, Rights and Credits of Arnold Kusters Dec'd. do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Rights and Credits which were of the said Dec'd. which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of the said Hermanus or unto the Hands or Possession of any other Person or Persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited unto the Register General's Office at Philada, at or before the two and twentieth Day of January next, and the same Goods and Chattels which were of the said Deceased at the time of his Death or which at any time after shall come to the Hands or Possession of any other Person or Persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law And further do make or cause to be made a true and just Account, Calculation or Reckoning of the said Administration at or before the twenty third Day of December, Anno Dom. 1740, And all the rest and Residue of the said Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the Administrator's Accot. the same being first examined and Allowed by the Orphan's Court of the County of Philadelphia, [and] shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respectively as the said Court by its Decree or Sentence shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear that any Last Will or Testament was made by the said Dec'd. and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same to the said Office making request to have it Allowed and approved of Accordingly if the said Hermanus, being thereunto requested do render and deliver up the said Letters of Administration, Approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said Office, Then this Obligation to be void Or else to be and remain in full Force and Virtue in Law."

"Signed and Delivered
In the presence of
Peter Hoogson"

"Herman Küster"
"Conrad Kuster"
"Isaac Vial"

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DEED,
ARNOLD KUSTER'S HEIRS TO JAMES BROOKE,
1740.

From officially certified copy supplied by W. C. Kennamer.
(Deed Book 32, Page 90, Norristown, Pa.)

"This Indenture made the .. day of ...... in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and forty.
Between Conrad Custer and Susanna, his wife, Paul Custer and Sarah, his wife, George Custer and Mary, his wife, Nicholas Custer and Susanna, his wife, Arnold Custer and Barbara, his wife, (they the said Conrad, Paul, George, Nicholas and Arnold being the sons of Arnold Custer, late of Hanover Township, in the County of Philadelphia. Bricklayer, deceased), John Jenkins and Katharine, his wife, one of the daughters of said Arnold the father, and Dorothy Custer and Hannah Custer, the other daughter[s] of the said deceased Arnold Custer, of the one part, and James Brooke of Hanover Township aforesaid, Yeoman, of the other part."

"Whereas by a certain Indenture of the first day of February, 1714, made between John Henry Sprogell, of the said County, Merchant, and Dorothy his wife, of the one part, and said Arnold Custer the father, of the other part, they the said John Henry Sprogell & wife, for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and confirm unto said Arnold Custer the father, a certain tract or piece of land situate in the said County of Philadelphia, by metes and bounds in the same Indenture specified, containing Three hundred and sixteen Acres part of certain twenty two thousand three hundred seventy seven Acres, together with the appurtenances, to hold to him the said Arnold Custer the father, his heirs and assigns forever, under the proportionable part of the yearly quit rent thereafter accruing for the same, to the chief Lord of the fee thereof, and paying unto the said John Henry Sprogell and Dorothy, his wife, their heirs and assigns forever, the rent or sum of twelve pence, lawful silver money of the [kingdom of] Great Britain, on the first day of March, yearly forever, as in & by the said recited Indenture, relation being had thereunto at large [as] appears."

"Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Conrad Custer & Susanna, his wife, Paul Custer and Sarah, his wife, George Custer and Mary, his wife, Nicholas Custer and Susanna, his wife, Arnold Custer and Barbara, his wife, John Jenkins and Katharine, his wife, Dorothy Custer, and Hannah Custer, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and seventy pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, to them well and truly paid by the said James Brooke, at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof they the said Conrad Custer and Susanna, his wife, Paul Custer and Sarah, his wife, George Custer and Mary, his wife, Nicholas Custer and Susanna, his wife, Arnold Custer and Barbara, his wife, John Jenkins, & Katharine, his wife, Dorothy Custer, and Hannah Custer, do hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge the said

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James Brooke, his heirs and assigns [and] by these presents have granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto the said James Brooke and his heirs —

A certain messuage or tenement, plantation and tract of land thereunto belonging, now found to be situate in sd. Hanover Township, part of the first described tract

"Beginning at an ash tree in Schuylkill River and running thence along the side of John Linderman's land to a post in Jacob Orner's land, being other part of the said first described tract, five hundred sixty eight perches, from thence along said Orner's land to a post in the line of George Miller's land, sixty perches from thence along part of the side of George Miller's land and Matthias Cressman's land, to a Mulberry tree standing by the said River, Southwest five hundred and sixty eight perches, from thence along the several courses thereof, to the first mentioned Ash tree, the place of beginning. Containing Two Hundred Acres or thereabouts, be it more or less."

"Together also with all and singular the ways, woods, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging and the reversions and remainders thereof."

"To have and to hold the said messuage, plantation & last described tract of land, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances, unto the said James Brooke, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said James Brooke, his heirs and assigns forever. Under the proportionable part of aforesaid [quit] rents as hereafter to grow due and payable for or in respect of the hereby granted premises."

"And the said Conrad Custer, Paul Custer, George Custer, Nicholas Custer, Arnold Custer, the son, Dorothy Custer, and Hannah Custer, doth covenant for them and their heirs respectively, and the said John Jenkins doth covenant for him & his heirs and for the said Katharine, his wife, and her heirs, that they the said Conrad Custer, Paul Custer, George Custer, Nicholas Custer, Arnold Custer, the son, Dorothy Custer, and Hannah Custer, and their heirs, and John Jenkins and Katharine, his wife, and her heirs, the said messuage, plantation and Two hundred Acres of land more or less, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted, with their appurtenances, unto the said James Brooke, his heirs and assigns, against them the said Conrad Custer, Paul Custer, George Custer, Nicholas Custer, Arnold Custer, the son, Dorothy Custer, and Hannah Custer, and their heirs respectively, and against the said John Jenkins and Katharine, his wife, and her heirs, and against all other person and persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. And the said Conrad Custer for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, the said Paul Custer for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, the said
George Custer for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, the said Nicholas Custer for himself, [his heirs,] executors and administrators, the said Arnold Custer, the son, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, the said Dorothy Custer, for herself, [her] heirs, executors and administrators, the said Hannah Custer, for herself, her heirs, executors and administrators, and the said John Jenkins for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, and for the said Katherine, his wife, do and each of them do covenant, promise and grant to and with the said James Brooke, his heirs and assigns, by these presents in manner following, that is to say, that they the said Conrad Custer & wife, Paul Custer & wife, George Custer & wife, Nicholas Custer & wife, Arnold Custer the son, & wife, John Jenkins & wife, Dorothy Custer and Hannah Custer, or some of them now at the time of the sealing & delivery of this present Indenture, are or is the true sole and lawful owners or owner, proprietors or proprietor of the said messuage, plantation and tract of land thereunto belonging and all other the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted, with the appurtenances, and are or is lawfully, rightfully and absolutely seized thereof, and every part and parcel thereof, as of a good pure absolute and indefeasable estate of inheritance in fee simple, without condition contingent, limitation or other cause whatsoever to alter, change, defeat, make void or determine the same, and that they, [the] said Conrad Custer and wife, Paul Custer and wife, George Custer and wife, Nicholas Custer and wife, Arnold Custer, the son, and wife, John Jenkins and Katherine, his wife, Dorothy Custer and Hannah Custer, and their heirs, respectively, shall continue so seized of the premises and of every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances, until a like good estate of inheritance in fee simple shall be thereof vested in the said James Brooke and his heirs according to the purport and true meaning of these presents, and that free and clear acquitted and discharged of and from all manner of bargains, sales, gifts, grants, leases, mortgages, wills, entailts, annuities, rents, arrearages of rents, title troubles, claims and demands and all other encumbrances whatsoever, the proportionable part of the [quit] rents hereinbefore recited and under which the premises are hereby granted as aforesaid, only excepted and foreprized.

"In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto, dated the day and year above written."

"Sealed and delivered in the presence of us"

"John Gordon"

"Owen Evans."
"Conrad Custer (Seal) Susanna X Custer (Seal)
mark her

"Paul Custer (Seal) Sarah X Custer (Seal)
mark

"George Custer (Seal) Mary Custer (Seal)

"Nicholas Custer (Seal) Susanna Custer (Seal)
mark her

"Arnold X Custer (Seal) Barbara X Custer (Seal)
mark

"John Jenkins (Seal) Katharine C. Jenkins (Seal)
mark her

"Dorothy X Custer (Seal) Hannah X Custer (Seal)
mark

"Be it remembered that on the 28th day of June, Anno Do.
1740, before me, Owen Evans, one of the Justices of the Peace
for the County of Philada. came the above named Conrad Custer
and Paul Custer, and George Custer, and Nicholas Custer, and
Arnold Custer, and their above said wives, and John Jenkins
and his wife, and Dorothy Custer and Hannah Custer, and ack­
nowledged the above written Indenture to be their deed, and
desired that the same shall be recorded as their deed.
Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written"

"Owen Evans. (Seal)

"Received the day of the date of the within written In­
denture of the within named James Brooke, the sum of One
hundred & Seventy pounds, being the consideration money
within mentioned. We say received by us. Witness present at
signing."

"Recorded April 20, 1815."

ADMINISTRATION,

ESTATE OF ARNOLD CUSTER. [1C.]

1759.

Administratrix’s Bond.

(Will Book 2, Page 291, Staunton, Virginia.)

Certified Copy Supplied By W. C. Kennamer.

"KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Bridget Cus­
tard, Thomas Bryan & Michael Warren, are held and firmly bound
unto Robert Breckenridge, Pat Martin, John Christian, Alexr.
Sayers & Jas. Buchanan, Justices in the Commission of the Peace
for Augusta County for and in behalf and to the sole use and be­
hoof of the Justices of the said County and their successors in the
sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid to the said Justices,
their Executors, Administrators and Assigns to the which pay­
ment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and every of
us, jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our
seals dated this 21st day of March, 1759."

VI (See Next Page.)
"The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Bridget Custard, Adminx. of the Goods, Chattels and Credits of Arnold Custard, deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and credits of the sd. Deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of her, the said Bridget, or unto the hands or possession of any other person or persons for her, and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited unto the County Court of Augusta at such time as she shall be thereunto required by the said Court and the same Goods and Chattels and Credits, and all other the goods & Chattels and Credits, of the said deceased, at the time of his death, which at any time [there] after shall come to the hands or possession of any other person or persons for her, [and] do well truly administer according to Law, and further do make a just and true account of her actings and doings therein when thereto required by the said Court and all the rest and residue of the said Goods, Chattels and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the sd. Adminxs. account, the same being first examined and allowed by the Justices of the Court for the time being [and] shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons, respectively, as the said Justices, by their Order or Judgement shall direct pursuant to laws in that case made and provided, and if it shall hereafter appear that any Last Will and Testament was made by the said deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do Exhibit the same unto the said Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, [and] if the said Bridget, being thereunto required, do render and deliver up his [her] letters of Administration, approbation of such Testament being for it had and made in the sd. Court, [and] this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue."

"Sealed and Delivered in the presence of"

"Bridget C Custard"

mark

"Thomas Bryan"

"Michael Warren"

"At a Court held for Augusta County, March the 21st, 1759."

"Bridget Custard with Thomas Bryan and Michael Warren, her securities acknowledged this their Bond, which is ordered to be recorded."

WILL OF HERMANUS KUSTER.

Jan. 9, 1760.

(Complete copy from the original record; Will Book L, Page 391, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.; Copied and copy supplied by Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.)

"Be it known unto all whom it may concern that I, Hermanus Kuster of ye Township of Perkiomie & Skepack in ye Co. of Phila. in ye Province of Pa. yeoman, being of weak body but of perfect sound memory & understanding VII (See Next Page.)
thanks to God therefore, Do make and ordain this last will & Testament this 9th day of Jan. in ye year of our Lord 1760, here disposing of all my Estate both real & Personal (The which I am now by —— the proper owner of, Enjoy,) in manner & form following, Imprimis, I will & devise that all my just debts & funeral charges be duly & faithfully Discharged by my Exors. herein named, out of my personal estate, 2nd, I give & bequeath unto my well beloved Wife, Isabella Kustar, all my Plate, Household goods and Moveables, which I own at ye time of my decease in possession, & after ye death of my sd. wife, I give the same (except what my wife useth for herself) to my four daughters, Vizt. Gertrude, ye 1st. or eldest, Margaret, ye 2nd, Modlenye third, and Rebecca ye 4th or youngest & to each of them a like share forever. But after ye death of my sd. daughter Modlen, I give her share of ye sd. Moveables unto her two daughters, Isabella and Barbara, to each of them a like share forever. I give also to my sd. Wife Isabella, the annuity of ten pounds, payable to her yearly & every year from my Decease, for and during her natural life, by my son, John Kustar, his being Exor. and Admins. I give also another annuity to my sd. Wife, One third of all ye winter & summer corn that will be raised on my Dwelling Place, to be delivered to her, cleansed, yearly & every year from ye Day of my Decease during her natural Life and also ¼ of an acre with place for her own use, as also as much of ye apples that will grow on ye sd. place as she will want for her own use, As also ¼ of ye Garden for her own use on her sd. place. All which Rights, Privileges & Annuities next beforeforesaid shall be performed, kept & done by my son, Paul Kustar, his Heirs, Executors, Adminrs., who shall also keep, feed & pasture one cow along with his own for ye use of sd. Wife. And I give her also last [ly] liberty to live and dwell in my dwelling house, with free Egress and regress [?] during the time aforesaid, and my three sons, Peter, Paul, and John, shall jointly find and provide sufficient firewood for my said Wife, and keep my said Dwelling House in good repair for her during ye Time aforesaid. All which annuities, rights, and Legacies aforementioned I give and bequeath unto my said Wife in Lieu of her Third or Dower out of my estate, both real and personal, or any other whatsoever. THIRDLY: I give and bequeath to my eldest son Peter Kustar ye sum of fifty pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania payable to him by my said son John Kustar, his heirs, executors or administrators, within eighteen months next after my day of decease. FOURTHLY: I give and devise unto my said son John Kustar, a certain messuage Tenement, Plantation, Tract or Parcel of Land (whereupon there is now a fluffling mill erected) situate being in township of Perkjomie and Skepack, in ye County of Philadelphia, beginning at a stone sett for a corner in ye middle of Skepack Creek, Thence up ye same North 70° East 18 perches, North 250° East 16 perches, North 510° East 28 Perches, South 400° East 12 Perches, North 800° East 7 Perches, North 350° East 9 Perches, South 640° East 40 Perches to a Stone, thence South 170° West 43 Perches to a stone, thence South 360° West 43 Perches
to ye place of Beginning, containing 32 Acres, 140 Perches of land. (Part of a larger tract of land which John Kry granted to me in fee.) to have and to hold ye above described tract of Land, fulling mill, dams, races, water rights, liberties, privileges and improvements thereunto belonging, and I will and devise that my said son John shall have always hereafter ye same privileges of ye water that runs through my other Land and drives ye said fulling mill as he had afore and now hath, and whosoever shall live afterward or shall come to live on my said dwelling place, shall not and never stop, hinder or move ye said Run or Water, that drives ye said fulling mill off or from ye course it runs now at this present time (except for watering his own meadows in reasonable times or in ye same manner as is done now.) All which Rights, Liberties and Privileges belonging to ye said land I give unto my son John Kustar and to his heirs and assigns from ye day of my decease thenceforward and forever, He or they paying ye annuity of Ten Pounds before bequeathed unto my said wife and all ye other Legacies hereby enjoined him. FIFTHLY: I give and devise unto my said son John, his assigns and heirs forever, another tract or parcel of land in Worcester Township in ye County aforesaid, beginning at a stone set for a corner, thence Northwest to land now belonging to Herman Umstad, 150 Perches to a stone set for a corner, thence Northeast by Jacob Umstad's Land, 21 perches and 7 foot to a stone for a corner, thence Southeast 150 perches to a stone, thenceforth West by Herman Kustar's Land 21 perches and 7 foot to ye place of Beginning, containing 20 acres. (Part of a tract of land which John Ruloff granted to me in fee) to have and to hold the last described tract of Land by ye Metes and Bounds aforesaid, with all and singular ye rights and privileges whatsoever thereunto belonging, from ye day of my decease thenceforward and forever. SIXTH: I give and devise unto my son, Paul Kustar, his heirs and assigns, all ye residue and remaining part of my land, messuage and tenements whereunto I now dwell, to have and to hold the same, together with all and singular Rights, Privileges, and Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in any way appertaining, from the day of my decease, thenceforward and forever, always excepting and reserving ye privileges thereupon bequeathed to my said wife in manner before mentioned, as also excepting and reserving ye rights and privileges of ye run or water that drives ye aforesaid fulling mill, to my son John and his aforesaid, in manner before described, as also his or his aforesaid, giving and delivering the third of all ye corn above mentioned and bequeathed to my said wife, and all ye other legacies hereby enjoined him. SEVENTH: I give and bequeath unto my eldest dau., Gertrude Umstad, now wife of Henry Umstad, the sum of 35 pounds lawful money afo. payable to her by my son Paul Kustar, his Heirs, Ex'ors, or Ad'mst. within 18 Months next from ye Day of my Decease. .......... 8th, I give and bequeath unto my second Daughter Margaret Bohrs, now wife of Gesbert Bohrs, the sum of 35 pounds lawful money [as] above, payable to her by my son Paul Kuster, his Heirs,
Ex'ors. Adm'sts. within 18 Months after the day of My Decease. — 9th. — I give in[to] the hands, Trust and Care of my sd. son, Peter Kuster, his Heirs, Ex'ors. or Adm'sts. the sum of 30 pounds, lawful money afsd. to be paid by my sd. son, John Kuster, his Heirs, Ex'ors. or Adm'sts. into ye sd. Hands, Trust and Care of my sd. son Peter or his afsd. within 18 months next after the Day of my Decease, and my sd. son Peter Kuster or his afsd. shall pay ye sd. sum of 30 pounds unto my 3rd dau. Modlen Tyson, now wife of Henry Tyson, which I give and Bequeath for ye necessary use of her, to be paid at such time or Times as he, ye sd. Peter Kuster or his afsd. will find or know her to be in want of some or all of it. But if Modlen should die before she should want ye sd. money, or any part therof, I give the same or ye remaining part thereof unto her two daughters, Isabella and Barbara, to each of them a like share forever. I also give and bequeath unto my sd. dau. Modlen, free liberty to Dwell with her Mother in my afsd. Dwelling House, with full and free Egress and Regress during her natural life, except my son Paul would sell his place, then she shall go away and leave the sd. House peaceably. — 10th. — I give and Bequeath unto my 4th dau. Rebecca Pennebaker, the sum of 30 pounds, lawful money of Penna, payable to her by my sd. son Paul Kuster, his Heirs, Ex'ors., or Adm'sts. within 18 months next after my Decease. — 11th. — I give and bequeath unto Gertrude Sibzer the sum of 3 pounds, lawful money afsd. payable by my Ex'ors. out of my personal Estate, within 18 months next after my Decease, and lastly I do Nominate, Depute and Appoint my sd. Wife, Isabella Kuster with my Son Peter Kuster, and with my Son-in-law Henry Pennebaker, to be my Sole and True Execut's. of my Last Will and Testament, to act jointly or Severally as ye Case shall Require, [and] whom I also Hereby Impower to make Good Titles for ye lands of my two Sons Paul and John Kuster, and their Heirs and Assigns forever, at ye payment of [the] herein mentioned Legacies, and I do hereby Utterly disallow, revoke and disannul [sic] all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies and Exors. by me in any wise before this named, Willed [or] Bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal ye Day and year first above written. — "Signed, Hermanus Kuster." "Witnesses, Peter Johnson, Dirrick Keyser, Malchior Waggoner."

CODICIL.

"I, Hermanus Kuster, of ye Twp. of Perkiomie and Skepack in ye County of Phila. Do this first Day of Feb. in ye year of our Lord 1760, make and publish this, my Codicil to my last Will and Testament, dated ye 9th day of Jan. in ye year afsd. in Manner following, that is to say, I give to my Dau. Modlen Tyson (so named in ye Will) the sum of 5 Shillings to be paid within 18 months next after the Day of my Decease, out of my Personal Estate, and wherein and by my last Will I have given to my Dau. Modlen Tyson, an Even X (See Next Page.)
and like share of Moveables that will remain after my Wife's Decease, in ye Hands, Trust and Care of my son Peter Kuster, his Heirs, Ex'ors. and Adm'sts. to be applied by him, or them, or either of them for the necessary use of my sd. Dau. Modlen, and after her death I give ye same or ye remainder thereof unto her two Daughters, Isabella and Barbara, and to each of them a like share forever, and whereas in my last [Will] I have given to my Wife an annuity of ye one third of all ye Winter and Summer Corn raised on my now Dwelling place, to my sd. Wife, payable to her by my son Paul, I do hereby order and I Will that my son Paul shall pay or give unto my sd. Wife yearly and Every year during her Natural Life, 12 Bushels of Rhy, [Rye] 4 Bushels of Wheat, and 4 Bushels of Bockwheat, (Instead of ye third afsd.) to be delivered Clean'd to her, whereas in my last Will I had ordered that all Legacies payable to [by?] my 2 sons to my three Daughters, Viz't. Gertrude, Margaret, and Rebecca, and my son Peter concerning my Dau. Modlen, shall [should] all be paid within 18 months next after my Decease, Now I do hereby Order and it is my Will that all ye sd. Legacies shall be paid no sooner than within 18 months next after ye Day of my sd. Wife's Decease (beginning at ye Eldest [and continuing] to ye Youngest), and whereas in my last Will I have given to my sd. Dau. Modlen, free Liberty to Live and Dwell in my Dwelling House During her Life, or as long as my son Paul keeps ye place, I do hereby Order and I do Declare that my will is, that she ye sd. Modlen, shall have Liberty to Dwell and Live in my sd. House no longer than one Week after ye Day of my Decease, then she shall Quietly and peaceably give up and leave ye same, with all her Household Goods and Moveables, and lastly it is my Desire that this present Codicil be annexed to and made part of my last Will and Testament, to all intents and Purposes. In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written. (Signed.)"

his
"Harmanus X Kuster."

mark.

"Witnesses — Derrick Keyser. Malchior Waggoner."

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND,
ESTATE OF CONRAD CUSTER. (KUSTER.) [1C.]
March 17, 1772.
Will Book 4, Page 473. Staunton, Virginia.
Copy Supplied By W. C. Kennamer.

"Know All Men By These Presents, That we, Paul Custard, [and] Jacob Miller, are held and firmly bound unto Alexr. McClenachau, Alexander Robertson, James Lockhart, & John Hays, Justices in the Commission of the Peace for Augusta County, for and in behalf of the Justices of the said County, and their successors, in the sum of five hundred Pounds to be paid to the said Justices and their successors, which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each XI (See Next Page.)
of us, our and every of our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated the 17th day of March, 1772.

"The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Conrad Custard, [sic] Admr. of the nuncupative Will annexed of Conrad Custard, Deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of him the said Conrad, [sic] or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited unto the County Court of Augusta at such time as he shall be thereunto required by the said Court, & the same Goods, Chattels and Credits and all other the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, which at any time [there] after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Conrad, [sic] or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make a just and true account of his actings and doings therein when thereunto required by the said Court, and also do well and truly pay and deliver all Legacies contained and specified in the said Testament as far as the said Goods, Chattels and Credits will thereupon extend according to the value thereof, as the Law shall charge, then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue."

"Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of:"

"Paul Kustar"

"Jacob Miller"

"At a Court held for Augusta County, March the 17th, 1772, Paul Custard with Jacob Miller, his security, acknowledged this their Bond & [which is] Ordered to be Recorded."

DEED,

CONRAD CUSTARD, [2C.] To His UNCLE, PAUL KUSTAR.

April 10, 1774.

(Deed Book 20, Page 317, Staunton, Virginia.)
Copy Supplied By W. C. Kennamer.

"This Indenture made the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy four between Conrad Custard, eldest son and heir at law of Arnold Custard deceased, all of the County of Augusta & Colony of Virginia, and Elizabeth, his wife, of the one part, & Paul Custard, of the same County & Colony, of the other part."

"Whereas Conrad Custard the elder in his life time & at the time of his death, was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in one certain tract of land situate lying & being on the North Branch of Shenandoe beyond the Gap of the Mountain called Brock's Gap, in the said County of Augusta, & being so thereof seised, died intestate, whereby the inheritance of the sd. land descended to Conrad Custard the younger, as heir at law to his Grand Father, Conrad Custard the elder, [he] being XII (See Next Page.)
eldest son of Arnold Custard, who was the eldest son and heir at law of the said Conrad the elder, who also died intestate in the life time of his father, Conrad Custard the elder, and the said Conrad Custard the elder, having by words expressed a desire on his death bed that his land above mentioned should be sold and the money arising by the sale [thereof] should be divided among his children or their representatives, [and] the said Conrad the younger being willing to fulfill the intentions of his said Grand Father, [but] the same was not reduced unto writing [n]or proved by the testimony of witnesses as the law directs for the Establishment of nuncupative wills, hath freely and voluntarily consented to the sale of said land for the purpose aforesaid."

"Now THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that the said Conrad Custard and Elizabeth, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and ... pounds, current money of Virginia, to him in hand paid by the said Paul Custard, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said Paul Custard, all the said tract or parcel of land above mentioned, to him, his heirs or assigns, [it] being more particularly described and bounded as followeth, to-wit;"

"BEGINNING at a forked maple near a white oak, thence north sixty-four degrees west, eighty poles to four white oaks, [thence] south, eighteen degrees west, two hundred and sixty poles to a Spanish oak, a hickory and a black oak on a ridge near the Clover Lick, [thence] south, sixty-four degrees east, one hundred and twenty-one poles to a poplar, [thence] north, fifty-eight degrees east, twelve poles [to a point] near a white oak on the river, thence up the river to the BEGINNING, containing one hundred & sixty acres, conveyed from Joseph Dic-tam to the said Conrad Custard the elder, by deed of lease and release dated the XII and XIII day of November, MDCCLIII, [?] duly recorded in the County Court of Augusta, and all houses, buildings, Orchards, Ways. Woods, Waters, Water Courses, Profits, Commodities, Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever, to the said premises hereby bargained and sold, or to any part or parcel of them belonging, or in any wise appertaining, [and] the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders rents, Issues and Profits thereof, & also all the estate, right, title, Interest, use, trust property, claim and demand whatsoever, of them the said Conrad Custard and Elizabeth, his wife, of in and to the said premises & all deeds, evidences and writings, touching or in anywise concerning the same."

"To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said one hundred and sixty acres of land, with all and singular the premises hereby bargained and sold, and every part and parcel thereof, with their and every of their appurtenances, unto the said Paul Custard, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use & behoof of him the sd. Paul Custard, and of his heirs and assigns forever, & XIII (See Next Page.)"
the sd. Conrad Custard, for himself, his heirs, Executors, and Administrators, doth covenant, grant & agree to & with the said Paul Custard, his heirs and assigns, by these presents, that the said Conrad Custard, now at the time of sealing and delivering of these presents, is seized of a good, sure, perfect, and indefensible estate of Inheritance in fee simple, of and in the premises hereby bargained and sold, and that the said Conrad Custard hath good power and absolute authority to grant & convey the same to the said Paul Custard, in manner and form aforesaid, and that the said premises now are & so forever hereafter, shall remain and be free & clear of and from all former and other Gifts, grants, bargains, sales, dower right & title of dower, Judgements, Executions, title troubles, Charges & Incumbrances whatsoever, made, done, committed or suffered, by the said Conrad Custard and Elizabeth, his wife, (the Quit rents hereafter to grow due and payable to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, for and in respect of the said premises, only excepted & foreprized.)"

"AND LASTLY that the said Conrad Custard & his heirs, all and singular the premises hereby bargained & sold with their appurtenances unto the said Paul Custard & his heirs and assigns against them, the said Conrad Custard & Elizabeth, his wife, and theirs & against all & every other person or persons whatsoever, shall & will warrant & forever defend by these presents, and further that he, the said Conrad Custard & his heirs, shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter, on the reasonable request and at the proper costs & charges in the law, of him, the said Paul Custard, his heirs & assigns, make, do and execute, or cause or procure to be made, done & executed, all and every such further and other lawful & reasonable Grants, Acts, Conveyances and Assurances in the law whatsoever, for the further, better, and more perfect granting, assuring, and conveying all & singular, the said tract of land and premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said Paul Custard, his heirs or assigns, as by the said Paul Custard, his heirs or assigns, or their Council [i.e. counsel.] learned in the law, shall be reasonably devised, advised or required."

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Conrad Custard and Elizabeth, his wife, hath hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year first above written."

"Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of"

"Conrad Custer" (Seal) her mark

"Elizabeth X Custer" (Seal) mark

"At a Court held for Augusta County, August 16, 1774, Conrad Custer and Elizabeth, his wife, (she being first privately examined) acknowledged this their deed of bargain & sale to Paul Custer, which is ordered to be recorded."

Teste, R. Madison, D. C."
MARRIAGE BOND,
RICHARD CUSTER, SR. AND JANE HUMBLE.
March 14, 1788.
(From Photograph of the Original at Harrisonburg, Virginia.)
(Copy Supplied By Milo Custer.)

"Know all men by these presents that we Richard Kester
and Coonrad Humble of the county of Rockingham, are held and
firmly bound to Edmond Randolph, Esq. Governor of Virginia
and his Successors in the sum of fifty pounds current money.
To the payment whereof well and truly to be made we do bind
ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and administrators, jointly and
severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals this
Fourteenth day of March, 1788, and in the Twelfth year of the
commonwealth."

"The Condition of this obligation is such that whereas a
marriage is shortly intended to be solemnized between the above
bound Richard Koster and Jinet Humble, Daughter of Conrad
Humble, of the County of Rockingham, for which he hath this
day obtained a license; if therefore there shall be no lawful cause
to obstruct the said marriage, then this obligation to be void,
otherwise to remain in full force."

"Sealed and delivered ") "Richard Custer"
in the presence of" ) "Conrad Humble."
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CONRAD HUMBLE’S WILL;
Jan. 5, 1791.
(Will Book A, Page 52, Paris, Kentucky.)
Officially Certified Copy Supplied By D. W. Garber.

"In the Name of God, Amen! I, Conrad Humble, of the
County of Bourbon and District of Kentucky, Gunsmith, being
[sick?] and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory,
thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my
body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do
make and ordain this my last will and testament touching such
worldly estate as herewith it hath pleased God to bless me with
in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following
manner and form."

"First. I give and bequeath to Hannah, my dearly beloved
wife, and Uriah, my son, all my household goods and money
and moveable effects. I further bequeath to my said son, Uriah
Humble, my two hundred acres of land on Licking Creek, and
one hundred acres of land that I am now living on, after the de­
cease of my wife, Hannah, she having full profit and possession
till her decease. Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Noah Hum­
ble, one hundred acres of land that he is now living on. Likewise
I give and bequeath to John Fitzwater, my son-in-law, One hun­
dred acres of land that he is now living on, also I give and be­
queath to Richard Custer, my son-in-law, two hundred and fifty
acres of land situated on Clear Creek, Jefferson County, District
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CONRAD HUMBLE’S WILL.
(Continued.)
of Kentucky. I do also hereby give and bequeath to my daugh­
ter, Rachel, two hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining said
Richd. Custer on Clear Creek, County & District aforesaid. I
do also empower my brother, Michael Humble, my true attor­
eey to make a deed of conveyance for eight hundred and twen­
ty-five acres of land lying about fourteen miles below the
mouth of [the] Kentucky [River,] within the banks of the
Ohio, to James Johnston, my brother-in-law, for and in my
name, the entry being for twelve hundred and twenty-five
acres between said Johnston and myself, the above mentioned
part falling to his share. I also give and bequeath all the re­
mainder of my lands to the above Legatees, viz. Noah, Uriah
& Rachel Humble, my wife Hannah, John Fitzwater, and
Richard Custer, each of them being [at] an equal share of ex­
 pense of clearing it out of the [land] office, and each legatee
receiving an equal share thereof. I also constitute, make and
ordain Hannah, my dearly beloved wife, the whole and sole
executrix of this, my last will and testament, and I do utterly
disallow, revoke and disannul [sic] all and every other former
testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and exors. by me in any
manner before named, willed or bequeathed, ratifying and
confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament."
"
"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this fifth day of January, one thousand seven hundred
and ninety-one."

"Conrad Humble."

"Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the
said Conrad Humble as his last will and testament in the pre­
sence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each
other have hereunto subscribed our names."

"David Wilson."
"John Wright."
his
"Moses X Hicks."
mark

"The last will and testament of Conrad Humble, deceased,
was produced in court and read and proved by the oaths of
John Wright and Moses Hicks, witnesses thereto and ordered
to be recorded."

"Hannah Humble, Executrix therein named came into
Court and qualified, agreeable to law, and with William An­
derson, her surety, gave bond under penalty of Eight hun­
dred pounds, conditioned as the law requires. Certificate of
probate thereof is granted her in due form."

"Teste: John Edwards, C. B. C."

XVI
WILL OF CONRAD CUSTER, (2C.)
Feb. 10, 1826.
(Will Book H, Page 43; Paris, Kentucky.)
Copy Supplied By Miss Gladys Fowler, A Descendant.

"In the Name of God, Amen; I, Conrad Custer, of the
County of Bourbon, being of sound mind and disposing mem­
ory [as] usual, do hereby constitute, make and ordain this my
last [will and testament, hereby revoking all and every other]
will or wills by me made. And

First: I wish and command that all my just debts be paid,
and when life is with me no more, I desire that my body be
buried without pomp.

Secondly: To Jane Custer, the daughter of my son,
William Custer, deceased, I give [out] of my estate when sold,
twenty dollars.

Thirdly: To Arnold Custer, Jam[e]s Robert Custer, and
Harriet [Custer?] Heirs of George Custer, deceased, I give
each ten dollars.

Fourthly: To my daughter, Clary Custer, beside the equal
share, I give and bequeath the following articles, Viz. My
clock and case, a cow and a loom.

Fifthy: The beds and bedding heretofore given to my
Daughters by my well beloved wife, I desire to remain as she
appointed.

Sixthly: To Comfort Miller, the daughter of my daughter
Elizabeth [Miller?] I give one bed and bedding and one cow.

Seventh: To my daughter Elizabeth, I give my dining
table, and to those who may nurse and take care of me now,
while in my helpless state, I desire my executors to pay some
reasonable sum.

Eighth: I desire further that each of my Heirs hereafter
named, shall bear an equal proportion of any costs which may
hereafter arise on my land; and my Executors are hereby
(Ninth): directed to make the reduction equally.

Tenth: After preceeding bequests I desire and direct that
all the remaining property of which I may die possessed, shall
be sold at a reasonable credit by my Executors to the highest
bidder, and all the proceeds thereof to be equally divided
between my following named children, Viz. Arnold Custer,
Conrad Custer, Elizabeth Custer, Bridget Wilson, Sally Clark,
Deborah Wilson, Clara Pugh, [and] Margaret Sharp; and to
John Custer, Louisa Custer, Joseph Custer, and Salina Custer,
the four children of my son, Jacob Custer, together, I make one
heir with the others, that is, they [who] are the heirs of Jacob
Custer, deceased, shall receive together, one equal share of my
estate; and lastly, I appoint my son-in-law, William Wilson,
and Joseph Shawhan, Srs. Executors of this my last will and
testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this tenth day of February, 1826 "

(Signed.) "Conrad Custer" (Seal.)

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WILL OF CONRAD CUSTER, (2C.)
(Continued.)

"Signed and sealed in presence of"
"Henry David."
"Jacob David."
"S. W. B. Carnegy."
"Charles Lair."

"Bourbon County Court, March Term, 1828."

"This last will and testament of Conrad Custer, deceased, being proved by the oath[s] of Henry [David] and Jacob David, witnesses thereto, is ordered to be recorded."


WILL OF WILLIAM CUSTER, SR. (1M.)
Feb. 9, 1828.
(Recorded at Troy, Miami County, Ohio.)

Copy Supplied By Mrs. J. E. Crafton, A Descendant.

"In the name of God, Amen, I, William Custer, of the County of Miami and State of Ohio, being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the same), do make, ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, viz. First it is my Will that after the payments of my just debts, funeral expenses and any other bequeaths [sic] herein after mentioned, 2nd. It is my will that my beloved wife Anne Custer, [is] to retain in her hands all the housen furniture, one horse and two cows during her life, for her comfortable support and maintenance. 3rdly. It is my Will and I herein bequeath unto my beloved son William Custer, my landed and personal property which may remain on hand not otherwise bequeathed by me, and further, it is my will that after my decease, my beloved wife do live on the place with my beloved sou William Custer during her life. And further, it is my will that my son, William Custer shall get a saddle apiece for each of my beloved daughters, Susan Batterall and Mary Kite; all the rest of my children, I have given them all that I can give them. And further it is my will that my beloved wife and my son William pay unto my beloved granddaughter Elmina Custer if she continues to live with them till marriage or coming of age, one cow, one feather bed and bedding. It is my will and I hereby appoint my three sons, Arnold Custer, Abraham Custer and William Custer the joint and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, and ordaining and constituting this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight."

"William X Custer."

mark.

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WILL OF WILLIAM CUSTER, SR. (IM.)

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"The last Will and Testament of William Custer, deceased, on this day was offered for Probate by William Custer, Jun. one of the Executors therein named, and was duly proven by Adam Thomas and John Gregory, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the Court ordered that the will and proof be recorded." [No date of probate; Verbatim copy as supplied by Mrs. Crafton.]

WILL OF WILLIAM CUSTER, (IA.)

(Dated May 6, 1828; Probated Sept. 29, 1828.)

Recorded at Norristown, Pennsylvania.

(Copy Supplied By Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen.)

"Be it remembered that I, William Custer, of Upper Merion Twp. in Montgomery Co. State of Penna., yeoman, considering the uncertainty of this Mortal Life and being of sound mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, Do make and publish this my last will and testament in name and form following, (that is to say) First I bequeath my Soul unto God who gave it, hoping for Mercy through the merits of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My body I desire, if I should die at any place convenient, to be buried at the Swedes Church, near the body of my beloved wife, hoping in all humility that as we lived in perfect harmony together, we may together have part in the resurrection of the Just. Item 1. I give and bequeath to my son John Custer, my wearing apparel. If I should decease before the existing partnership between me and my son-in-law, Bethel Moore, expire, I desire my executors hereinafter named and I hereby empower them to make sale of what personal Estate I may possess of my own, and that my funeral expenses be fully paid with the proceeds thereof, the overplus (if any) to be divided equally among my lawful heirs. Item 2. I desire that my Real Estate be sold by my executors herein after named, and I hereby authorize them to make a public sale thereof, as soon as is convenient after my decease, and that all my just debts be fully paid out of the proceeds thereof, the remainder, after defraying the aforesaid debts, to be divided among my lawful heirs as follows. Viz. – To my daughter, Ann Ramsey, the interest of 1-5 for and during her natural life, and the Principal of her 1-5 to remain in my Real Estate during her said life, and after her decease to be paid equally among the Lawful heirs of the said Ann Ramsey, share and share alike. To my son, John Custer, I bequeath in like manner 1-5 part of the proceeds in the said Estate, which 1-5 part is to remain in the said Estate, the lawful Interest to be paid to him for and during his natural life; after his decease, the said 1-5 part to be equally divided amongst his lawful heirs, share and share alike. To the heirs of my son, Amos Custer, 1-5 part of the proceeds of said Estate, to be equally divided among them (the heirs of the said Amos Custer,) share and share alike. To my daughter, Mary Vandike, her heirs and assigns, 1-5 part of the proceeds of said Estate, to be paid to her as soon as convenient after the sale of said Estate.” (See Next Page.)
WILL OF WILLIAM CUSTER, (IA.)  
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"And to my daughter, Margaret Moore, her heirs and assigns, 1-5 part of the proceeds of the sale of my Real Estate, to be paid to her as soon as convenient after the sale of my said Real Estate. Item. If any dispute or disagreement should arise between my aforesaid heirs, my will and wish is that such dispute or disagreement be referred to some 2 or 3 of my honest neighbors, and that their decision be considered binding upon each and all of them so disputing or disagreeing.—Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my son-in-law, Bethel Moore, and my friend, John Supplee, Esq. executors of this, my last will and testament."

"Signed, William Custer."

"Witnesses, Joseph Crawford, Isaac Priest."

WILL OF PETER CUSTER, (IA.)  
March 13, 1835.  
(Will Book 13, Page 395, Martinsburg, West Virginia.)
Copy Supplied By Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen, & The Author.

"I, Peter Custer, of Berkeley County, in the State of Virginia, make this, my last will and testament, in manner and form following;

First, I will that my perishable part of my property be sold, immediately after my decease, be sold by my executor, for to be applied to the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses.

2ndly, I give to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Custer, one bed and bedding, two chairs, delf plates, and set of cups and saucers. I further give her my house and lot whereon I now live, to occupy or rent out during her natural life.

Third, I will that my executors hereinafter mentioned after the death of my wife, advertize in some newspaper printed in Berkeley County, for two weeks, and sell upon the premises, my house and lot, to the highest bidder, at one-third of the purchase money in hand, the balance in two payments of nine and eighteen months. And after the payment of my just debts, the balance whatever it may be, I will to be equally divided amongst my children, to-wit; John Custer, George Custer, Margaret Baker, Mark Custer, Jacob Custer, Reuben Custer, Hannah Hayes, and Catharine Hens, [Henshaw?] to them and their heirs; Whatever sum of money [is] obtained from Joseph Ball's deed, - formerly a Citizen of Philadelphia, - estate, I will it to be equally divided amongst the aforesaid heirs.

Fourth, I will my large iron kettle to Margaret Baker, to her and her heirs, and lastly, I appoint my trusty friend, Levi Henshaw, my executor to this my last will and testament, with full powers to sell and convey to the purchaser, my house and lot, and hereby revoking all other and former wills and testaments, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th day of March, 1835."

"Peter Custer." (Seal.)

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WILL OF PETER CUSTER, (IA.)
(Continued.)

"Signed, sealed, published and declared by Peter Custer as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, & who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses."

"George J. Baltz."
his mark
"Anthony X Seckmans."

"Colbert Holliday."

"At a Court held for the County of Berkeley, at the Court House, on the 8th day of March, 1841."

"This last will and testament of Peter Custer, deceased, was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of George J. Baltz and Colbert Holliday, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and upon the motion of Levi Henshaw, the executor therein named, who made oath thereto according to law, and executed bond with security conditioned as the law directs; certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form."

"Teste; Harrison Waite, C. [clerk.] B. [Berkeley] Co.[unty.]"

WILL OF EMANUEL CUSTER, II.
June 13, 1829.

Recorded At Cumberland, Maryland; Certified Copy Dated May 11, 1847, Loaned By Miss Myrtle E. Custer, A Descendant.

"In the Name of God, Amen. I, Emanuel Custer, of Alleghany County, and State of Maryland, being weak in body but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make this, my last will and testament, in manner and form following: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Catherina Custer, all the land and property that I now possess in this world, as long as she continues in my name, and if the said Catharina Custer get married [again] she must give up all to the Children, and it is my wish for her to keep the Children with her until they become of age, and give them schooling, so they can keep their own [account] Books, and give them [each?] one hundred and fifty dollars, when they become of age, if she can do so without injuring herself, and if not, [then] to do what she can for them, and if [it] so be that David Custer should wish to buy fifty-five acres more of of the tract of land that he has already taken part of, [he is] to have it at eight dollars and twenty-five cents pr. acre, or if any of those that are yet under age should wish to take that [tract] which contains fifty-five acres, [he or she] is to have it at the same [price,] and if none of them do want it, then the said Catharina Custer is to hold the same until the youngest child becomes of age, then to make sale of that fifty-five acres of land, and all the property left, except what she does want to support herself as long as she continues in my name, if that be as long as she lives, but it is to be understood that when

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this sale is made, the value or money is to be divided among all the heirs that are [heirs] of the estate, so that they all become [possessed of] an equal share with what they already have received, that is, them that are of age, namely, Adam, John, David, and Daniel Custer, these four has each of them received one hundred and fifty dollars, and there are four children at home, and one grand child, namely, Samuel, Peter, Catharine, and Jeremias, and the grandson, Joseph Custer, that has not yet received any part of their estate, which are then at or after the sale, to have a share in proportion with those that are now of age, and I give and bequeath all that is stated above here, to my said beloved wife, Catharina Custer, whom I hereby appoint sole Executrix of this, my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of June, Eighteen hundred and twenty nine."

"Emanuel Custer." (Seal.)

"Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Emanuel Custer, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator."

"John Lebaugh. (M. D.)"  "Christian X Durst."

"Peter Miller." (mark.)

WILL OF JOHANNES KUSTER.
(Ancient of W. C. Kennnamer.)

Jan. 17, 1837.

Certified Copy Loaned By W. C. Kennnamer.

"In the Name of God, Amen. I, John Custer, of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia, being in a weak state of body, but of sound mind & memory, for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say:

1st. I desire that all the perishable part of my estate be immediately sold after my decease, with the exception of what my wife Catherine, may think proper to keep for her own use, and out of the money arising therefrom, all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2nd. After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I leave my plantation to my wife during her natural life, for the purpose of maintaining her.

3rd. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Gross, one full share, or one twelfth part of my estate.

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WILL OF JOHANNES KUSTER.
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4th. I give to my daughter Catherine Gurtner, one full share, or one twelfth part of my estate.
5th. I give to my son John Custer, one full share as above stated.
6th. I give my son George Custer, one full share, of which he has received thirty dollars.
7th. I give to my son Adam Custer, one full share as above stated.
8th. I give to my son Jacob Custer, one full share, and he is to have ten dollars more than his share.
9th. [10th.] I give to my son Abraham Custer, one full share.
10th. [11th.] I give to my daughter Rosanna Rinehart, one full share.
11th. [12th.] I give to my son Daniel Custer, twenty three acres of land, none [?] by the school house entry, and also one full share.
12th. [13th.] I give to my daughter Sarah Asten, one full share with the exception of Ten Dollars.
13th. [14th.] I give to my daughter Margaret Brookman, one full share.

Now it is my desire that my Executor hereafter named, do sell the plantation I now live on, after the decease of my wife Catherine, and make the divisions as before named to each of the Legatees as they are named.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons John Custer, and Daniel Custer, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 17th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1837."

"Signed sealed and declared the last will and testament of the above named "Johannes Kuster."* (SEAL.)

"Samuel Deel."
"Jonothan Beckner."
"Sol. Simpson, Sr."

"At Botetourt May Court, 1837. This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Custer, deceased, was exhibited in court and proven by the oath[s] of Samuel Deel and Jonothan Beckner, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded."

* [German Signature.]

WILL OF CHRISTIAN CUSTER, (IS.)
Dated March 24, 1852; Probated Aug. 7, 1852.
Recorded at Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio.
Will Record G, Page 47; Administrator's Docket A, Page 334.
Copy Supplied By S. J. Sayers.
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"I, Christain Custer, of the County of Clermont and State of Ohio, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, viz."

"First. My will is that the expenses of my last sickness and funeral be first paid.
Second. I give to my son, Samuel Custer, Nine Hundred Dollars.
Third. I give to my son, Paul Custer, Eleven Hundred Dollars.
Fourth. I give to my daughter, Christianna, Three Hundred and Forty-two Dollars.
Fifth. I give to my daughter, Maryan, Two Hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars and Fifty cents.
Sixth. I give to my daughter, Eliza, Three Hundred and Forty-two Dollars.
Seventh. I give to my daughter, Margaret, One Hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars and Seventy-five cents.
Eighth. I give to my daughter, Mahalea, One Hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars and Seventy-five cents. Also one bed and bedding.
Ninth. I give to my daughter, Delila Catherine, Three Hundred and Forty-two Dollars, and the bed and bedding I now use, after my decease. (N. B.) The amount of money named in the above will, is the principal and interest included on the notes held by me, which becomes due about the year 1857. I shall make use of so much of the above interest as I shall require for my support until my decease, which shall be proportioned and deducted from each amount, aforesaid bequeathed.
Tenth and Lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons, Samuel Custer and Paul Custer, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.
I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made.
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this 24th day of March in the year 1852."

"Christain X Custer." (Seal.)

"Signed and acknowledged by said Christain Custer, as his Last Will and Testament, in our presence, and signed by us in his presence."

"Henry Rust."
"James Emery."

XXIV
LETTER OF MARGARET (CHRisman) Custer,
June 13, 1892.
(Re-copy Supplied By Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, Lexington, Ky.)

[Mrs. Lafferty's copy of this letter, apparently incomplete, was given her by Mrs. Elijah B. Muir, Sr. The author has made several unsuccessful efforts to discover the original.]

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"John Wesley Lair was first cousin to Margaret (Custer) Chrisman, of Nicholasville, Ky."

"Margaret (Custer) Chrisman was daughter of Conrade Custer and his wife, Elizabeth Chrisman."

Conrade Custer was son of 'Uncle' Paul Custer and his wife, who was born in Germany, who married there an English lady, Lucinda Malone, and came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, and afterward moved to a section of country called South Branch, in the State of Virginia. His children's names were Jacob Custer, Richard Custer, Conrade Custer, Lucy Custer, and Mary Custer, [and others.] I do not know where the marriage was recorded."

"The family Bible that contained Conrade Custer's family record, in 1858 [evidently part of letter missing here.] about 7 miles west of Warrenton, Mo. I had a near relative by the name of Charles Ball. I was married to Joseph Custer in October, 18[27.] in Rockingham Co. Va. by Rev Wm. Ryan, [Bryan?] a Methodist preacher. My oldest daughter, Arcelia Custer, was born in Rockingham Co. The remainder of my heirs, Catharine E. Custer, Emelie E. Custer, Charles [C.] Custer, (now dead,) Margaret Louisa Custer, Mary Jane Custer, Charles J. Custer, [and] Hugh C. Custer, were born in near?] Troy, [Lincoln] County, Mo."

"Elizabeth [Chrisman] Custer, born April 25, 1780; Diana Custer, [Hamilton.] born March 19, 1802; George Chrisman Custer, [born] March 29, 1800; Joseph Custer, my husband, born [Oct. 6, 1805; Margaret (Custer) Chrisman, born] July 20, 1807; Hugh Henry Custer, born Nov. 9, 1809; John Custer, born April 28, 1812; Evaline Custer, born June 14, 1814; Aun Eliza Custer, [Barclay.] born July 17, 1818."

"Margaret C. Custer."

"State of Tenn." "June 13, 1892."

LETTER OF NEVIN J. Custer.
(Brother of Gen. George A. Custer.)
July 29, 1907.


"Mr. Milo Custer."

"Dear Sir."

"When I came home from Ohio & W. Va. I found your letter waiting me. Mrs. General Custer sent it on for me to XXV (See Next Page.)
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answer if I could. Will say my fathers name was Emanuel Custer. His fathers name was John. He [i.e. this John Custer.] had seven children; Emanuel Custer, great grand father; Paul Custer, great great grand father."

"Father's brothers & sisters, James, Alexander, George, Mary, Ellen, & Ann. Ann born 1804. Emanuel, 1806, - this is the Gen'l's father, also my father. Father was born in Cresaptown, § Md. Mary, born 1811, Geo. 1815, James, '17, Alex. '19, Ellen, '25."

"Yours Truly. N. J. Custer."

§ Cresaptown.

DR. SAMUEL COSTER.

(Excerpt From International Encyclopaedia.)

"KOSTER, or COSTER, Samuel, (1579-1662), A Dutch dramatist. He was born at Amsterdam, studied at Leyden, and subsequently became physician at the infirmary in his native city. His excellent plays and his establishment of the Nederduitsche Academie (1617), a society which gave great encouragement to the earlier dramatic authors of Holland, earned for him the title "Founder of the theaters of Amsterdam."

His comedies include; Spel vande Ricjke man (1615), and Boerklucht van Teeuwis de Boer en Mejuffer van Grevelinkhuysen (1612).

His tragedies include Isabella, which was performed at the Castle of Muiden in 1618; Irys (1616), Iphigenia (1617), and Polyxena (1630).

They have been frequently reprinted. Consult the monograph on Koster by Rossing (Leyden, 1875)."

(Query; Did this Dr. Samuel Coster have any descendants? If so, did any of them ever emigrate to America? See the following;)

EARLY COSTER WILLS IN MARYLAND.

WILL OF WILLIAM COSTER, 1723.

(Will Book 18, Page 255, - Calvert Co. - Annapolis, Md.)
Copied & Copy Supplied By Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins Custer.

"October the 17 day 1723."

"This I acknowledge to be my last Will and Testament in this World. I give and resign my Soul to God that gave it acknowledging of his many Mercies here bestowed on me, and my Body to the earth from whence it came. I make my dear and loving Wife my whole and sole executor of my personal Estate, and I leave my two friends Thos and Daniel Talbot, Trustees over my two sons."

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WILL OF WILLIAM COSTER.
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"I give and bequeath to my sons, John and William Coster, each of them a cow and calf, likewise to my two daughters Mary and Anne Coster, each of them one cow and calf.

I give and bequeath to my wife’s daughter Rebecka, one cow and calf, and after my personal debts are paid, the remaining part to my dear and loving Wife, as witness my hand and seal this 17 day of October, 1723."

his

"Testes"  "William w Coster." (Seal)
"Thomas Talbot." mark
"Wm. Skinner."
"Daniel Talbot."

"4th April, 1724."

"Came Daniel Talbott and Tho. Talbott, two of [the] subscribing evidences, being Quakers, and testifies that they saw William Coster sign, seal and deliver this to be his last Will and Testament, and at the time of his so doing, he was sound in mind and of perfect Memory, - before"

"W. Smith, Dep.[uty] Comy. Ca.[ler] County."

"8 April, 1724."

"Came William Skinner, one of the Subscribing Evidences, and made oath that he saw William Coster sign, seal and Deliver this to be his last Will and Testament, and at the time of his so doing, he was sound in Mind and in perfect Memory, - before"

"W. Smith, Dep.[uty] Commy. of Ca.[lvert] County."

WILL OF RICHARD COSTER, 1758.
(Will Book 30, Page 773, - Kent Co. - Annapolis, Md.)
Copied & Copy Supplied By Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins Custer.

"In the Name of God, Amen: I, Richard Coster, shoemaker, of Kent County, being very weak in Body, but of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory, Do make and constitute this my Last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, I commend my Soul to God in hopes of Mercy in and thro Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and my Body to the Earth according to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as to my temporal Estate wherewith it has pleased God to help me, I dispose thereof as follows: Imprimis: I give to my son Thomas, the Dwelling House and two Lotts whereon I now live after the death of my wife Ann, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Item: I give to my daughter Mary, the lott whereon my tanyard now is, with all the improvements thereon, after the decease of my wife Ann, aforesaid, with this Proviso, that in Case my Executors shall think it more for the benefit of my said daughter to sell it, then it shall be sold for the use of my Wife Ann, and my Daughter aforesaid. Item: It is my Will that in Case my two Children, Thomas and Mary, aforesaid, XXVII (See Next Page.)
should die before they are of age, and without heirs, that then my Dwelling House and lotts aforesaid, shall go to Archibald Wright, the son of my Wife Ann, to him and his heirs forever. Item: It is my will that in Case my Daughter Mary, shall die before she is of age, or without heirs, then the Tanyard Lott willed to her shall go to my son Thomas, if living, after my Wife Ann's decease, but in case of his decease also under age, or without issue, then the said Tanyard Lott shall go to David Hutcheson, the son of my wife Ann, to him, his heirs or assigns forever. Item: I give all my Personal Estate of every kind to my wife Ann, during her life, after my Lawful Debts are paid, and after her decease, to be divided between my two children aforesaid, or to the survivor of them. Item: I do appoint my wife to be the Executor of this, my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke and make void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made or appointed, and I do Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, given under my hand and Seal this seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight."

"Rich Coster." (Seal.)

"Signed sealed and declared in the presence of us, underwritten," *

"Collin Ferguson."
"William Taylor."
"Peter Bowum."

"22 August, 1759: Thence came Collin Ferguson, William Taylor, and Peter Bowum, the three subscribing witnesses to the afs. will, before me, the subscriber, and made oath on the Holy Evangel of the Almighty God that they saw the testator, Richd Coster, in his life time sign and Seal the afs. Will, and at the same time heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that they subscribed their names to the said Will as Witnesses, in the Testator's presence and at his request."

"Taken before me"
"J. Nicholson, Jr."
"Dep.[uty] Comty. of Kent Co."

A DE CUSTER "COAT-OF-ARMS."

"Custer, (de) P.[hilips] d'Overyssel, Rotterdam. De gueules à la croix de deux traverses d'or, tous les bras touchant les bords de l'écu. Casque couronné. Cimier: un pélican d'or, avec sa piété de gueules."


XXVIII
ORIGIN AND MEANING OF THE FAMILY NAME.

VARIATIONS IN SPELLING, ETC.

The family name Custer with several others of similar spelling and pronunciation, is Teutonic, originating in Western Europe in medieval times, and still more or less common in Western Germany, Holland, and Alsace-Lorraine.

The English meaning, according to the best authorities, is "Sacristan," derived from the ecclesiastical office of that name, from the Latin Custos, of which Custis is most likely an Angliscization. An English-German dictionary adds the definition Sexton to that of Sacristan. In some cases these two offices may have been held by one person, and thus the meaning was not invariable.

When of original European derivation, the forms Custer, Custor, Coster, Köster, Kuster, and Küster, etc. are doubtless all perfectly legitimate, the differences in spelling and pronunciation being probably due to local variations of dialect. Such forms as Custar and Kustar are only minor variations with no difference in meaning.

The forms Caster, Castor, Kaster, Kastor, Keester, Keister, Kiester, Koester, and Kuester, etc. probably all represent attempts to Anglicize or Latinize the German umlaut vowels above noted.

With likely not more than one exception, that of Custard, which in some cases may have had an English source, such forms as Custard, Custerd, Custord, Costerd, Kustard, Kus-terd, Kustord, Custart, Custert, Custort, etc. are probably all American corruptions of spelling. It is possible, however, that some of these forms with the terminal d or t, might be variations of the German Kusthardt and Kisthard, etc.

Here in America in some cases we find different generations of the same lineage using different spellings, as for example, in my own line where — allowing for some incomplete records and, possibly, erroneous conclusions based thereon, — it appears a change was made from Kuster to Custer, then to Kustar, then back to Custer, for what reasons we know not. The latest of these changes was made prior to 1790. Illiteracy might account for some of them.

Without any specific data from which a definite statement could be made, the author has often wondered whether the English name Chester may not at some time have been equivalent in meaning to the Teutonic Coster and Custer, etc.

For further information on this subject, see the following extracts from works on German and Hollandish family names.

M. C.

GERMAN DEFINITION OF THE NAME.

KÜSTER. III. alt hoch deutsch, custor, mittel hoch deutsch, kuster, aus lateinisch custos, (templi), ursprung Hüter des Kirchenschatzes und der heiligen Geräte, dann der bekannte Kirchendiener, hauptsächlich im protestantischen Norden noch in Geltung.

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ORIGIN AND MEANING OF THE FAMILY NAME.

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"Famiiliename, Küster, Genetiv, Küsters, (Heinsberg).
Zusammensetzung, Küsternann, Küsterjans, Küsterstoffen,
Hesse-Küster, Ohne Umlaut: Küster, (Kustermann) Guster.
Patronymische Ableitung, Küsterer,* (schwäbisch), einer, der
kleinlich und naseweis untersucht, von mittelhochdeutsch
Kust, Prüfung; dazu Küsthardt, wenn nicht mit Kisthard zu
Christ I.
Verkleinerungsform, Küsterle, (Gottschee). Lateinisch,
Custor, (Mayen). Genetiv, Custodis.
Niederdeutsch, Köster, Cöster, Coster, (Jeverland.) Gene-
tiv, Kösters, (Borken). Zusammensetzung, Köstermann; Alte-
köster, Lehmköster, (Westfälisch). Patronymische Ableitung,
Köstering, (Lippe.)
Mit dem n der schwachen Bildung Küstner."

(Heintze's "Die Deutschen Familiennamen," By Cascorbi,

TRANSLATION.

KUSTER; (Group III.) Old High German, Custor, Middle
High German, Kuster. From the Latin Custos. (Templi.)
Source; Keeper of the church treasures and of the sacred
utensils, then this familiar church servant, chiefly in the
Protestant North; still in use.
Family name; Küster, Genitive, Küsters. (Heinsberg.)
Composites; Küsternann, Küsterjans, Küsterstoffen, Hesse-
küster. Without umlaut, Küster, (Kustermann.) Guster.
Patronymic derivation; Küsterer.* (Suabian.) One who
pettily and malapertly investigates; From the Middle High
German Kust; [i.e. to choose.] Examination; Moreover, Küst-
hardt, if not with Kisthard, along with Christ. (Group I.)
Diminutive form; Küsterle, (Gottschee.) Latin, Custor,
(Mayen.) Genitiv, Custodis.
Low German, Köster, Cöster, Coster, (Jeverland.) Geni-
tive, Kösters, (Borken.) Composites; Köstermann, Alteköster,
Lehmköster, (Westphalian.) Patronymic derivation, Köster-
ing, (Lippe.)
With the n, the diminished formation Küstner.
*[Koesteraar in Hollandish means to cherish, to nurse.]

HOLLANDISH DEFINITION OF THE NAME.

"Tot de geslachtsnamen van lagere kerkelijke bedieningen
afkomstig, reken ik de namen Kerkmeester, Koster, Coster,
De Koster, De Coster, De Custer, De Costere, De Keuster, De
Ceuster, met het verlatynschte Costerus, en de patronymika
Kosters, Custers, Ceusters, ook als Custodis, in goed Latyn
overgezet."

Winkler's "De Nederlandsche Geslachtsnamen", Haarlem,
Holland, 1885, Page 331.

XXX (See Next Page.)
TRANSLATION.

"With the family names derived from lower ecclesiastical offices, I reckon the names Kerkmeester, Koster, Coster, De Koster, De Coster, De Custer, De Costere, De Keuster, De Custer, with the Latinization Costerus, and the patronymics Koster, Custers, Ceusters, [etc.] as also Custodis, translated into good Latin."

THE DE CUSTER FAMILY, OF OVERYSSSEL, HOLLAND.

The Algemeen Nederlandsche Familieblad, a Hollandish publication, copies of which are in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. contain references to Hartman De Custer, 1573, (No. 49, P. 1a, and Vol. 16, 1903, P. 316.); Michiel Harmus De Custer, 1636, (Vol. 10, 1893, P. 17.); and Philips De Custer, 1688, 1695. (No. 3, P. 3a, and No. 134, P. 2a.)

Philips De Custer had four sons, Hartman, the oldest, who died childless; Philippus, Johannes, and Dirk, according to a letter of Dr. E. Wiersum, City Archivist, Rotterdam, Holland, Jan. 4, 1914.


Alois Nieszner, "Krefeld in Amerika." Article III.


TRANSLATION.

THE MARTYRDOM OF PIETER KOSTER.

"Pieter Koster. Anno 1535."

"H't Jaer 1535, is'er geweest een vroom Broeder, genaemt Pieter Koster, welke tot Sardam, in Noort-Holland, een Kos­
ter in de Kerk geweest was, maer alsoo hy tot de kennis der
Waerheyd gekomen is, werd hy tot een Leerarer der Gemeente
gestelt, en overmits de Vervolging, is hy tot Amsterdam gaen
woonen, alwaer hy van den Schout gevangen wierd, door aan-
melding van een vrouw, in sijn buert woonende, die door dwa-
sen yver de plaets openbaerde daer hy verborgen hadde.
En alsoo het in den tijd was van eenige boose oproeringen, en
conspiratie, die in de werelt geschieden, soo wierd dese vriend
Gods daer in verdacht gehouden: maer het is gebleken door
sijn eygen geschriften, als ook in sijn belydenis, dat hy hier
van onschuldig was, en verscheydgen geloof weerdige getuygen
weten te seggen, dat hy hem van herten daer altijd seer tegen
gestelt hadde; niettemin, vermits hy hem op zijn geloove hadde
laden doopen, na Christ bevel en ordening, en daerenboven het
Leer-ampt hadde bedient, wierd hy ter dood veroordeelt, en tot
Amsterdam met het sweerd gericht, verwachtende den Loon
met alle vrome, die Christus belooft heeft, seggende: [Mat. 5,
11-12.] Salig zijt gy als u de menschen smaden en vervolgen,
en seggen alderley quaed tegen u, om mijnent wille, is't dat sy
daer aen liegen, zijt vrolijk en verblijd u, want u Loon is groot
in dan Hemel." [Original 17th Century Hollandish Text.]

("Het Bloedig Toeneel," or " Martelaer's Spiegel," by
T. J. Van Braght, 1685. Copy owned by the Zaanlandsche
Oudheidkundige Vereeniging, of Zaan, Holland, 1912.)

LITERAL TRANSLATION.

[In] The year 1535; There was formerly a pious Brother,
named Pieter Koster, who, at Sardam, in North Holland, a
Sacristan in the Church formerly was; Moreover, [when] he to
the knowledge of the Truth arrived, was he as a Teacher of
the Community established, and because of the Persecution, is
he to Amsterdam went-to, to-reside; There he, of the Bailiff
arrested was, on information of a woman in his neighborhood
residing, who by foolish zeal the place revealed there [where]
he himself hidden had. And also it in the time was of only evil
rebellions and conspiracies, that in the world occurred, so was
this Friend [of] God's there[of] in suspect held. But it is ap-
parent from his own writings, as also from his profession, that
he hereof not-guilty was, and several trust worthy witnesses
knew to say that he, himself, of sincerity there[to] always
exceedingly against established had. [been.] Nevertheless,
whereas he, himself, on his faith, had allowed baptism after
Christ's command and ordinance, and moreover, [in] the
"Leer-ampt" [i. e. ministry] had served, was he to death con-
demned, and at Amsterdam with the sword executed, expect-
ing the Reward with all [the] faithful, which Christ promise
gave, saying; [Mat. 5, 11-12.] Blessed, said he, [are you] when
the people revile and persecute, and say all-manner-of evil
against you for my sake; It is that they thereon lie. [i. e.
falsify.] Said [he; Be] cheerful and rejoice you, for you[r]
Reward is great in the Heaven.

XXXII
A persistent tradition, old and often repeated, but quite erroneous and incorrect nevertheless, asserts that Sarah (Ball) Custer, wife of Paul Custer, (Ia.) was a sister of Mary (Ball) Washington, mother of President George Washington.

Careful investigation discloses that Mary (Ball) Washington had no sister named Sarah, nor any who married a Custer.

Further research reveals that Sarah (Ball) Custer did have a sister named Mary, but that this Mary Ball married a man named George Smith, and not Augustine Washington. (See E. W. Gans' "A Pennsylvania Pioneer," 1900, Pp. 34, 232, 434, 440, 448, 452, 456, 458, 460, 463, and 468.)

Mary (Ball) Washington's father was named Joseph Ball, Sr. She was an only child of her father's second marriage to Mrs. Mary (Montague) Johnson. She had one half-brother, Joseph Ball, Jr. and four half-sisters, viz. Hannah (Ball) Travers, wife of Raleigh Travers; Elizabeth (Ball) Carnegie, wife of Joseph Carnegie; Esther (Ball) Chinn, wife of Raleigh Chinn, and Anne (Ball) Conway, wife of Edwin Conway. This half-brother and the four half-sisters were children of her father's first marriage to a Miss Rogers. ("Seldens of Virginia, and Allied Families" by Mary Selden Kennedy, 1910, Vol. 1, P. 158, and "Ball Family Records," by Rev. William Ball Wright, 1908, P. 178.)

Sarah (Ball) Custer's father was named John Ball, Sr.* and her mother's maiden name was probably Sarah Roads.† Her brothers and sisters were John Ball, Jr. William Ball, Sr. Abigail (Ball) Gilbert,† wife of Peter Gilbert; Mary (Ball) Smith, wife of George Smith; Anna (Ball) Campbell, wife of John Campbell; Hannah (Ball) Holloway, wife of Joseph Holloway, and Elizabeth (Ball) Hibbard, wife of Aaron Hibbard. The children of Mary (Ball) Smith were Abigail (Smith) Johnson, William Smith, Hannah (Smith) Kirk, Elizabeth (Smith) Shaw, and Abraham Smith. (See Gans' "A Pennsylvania Pioneer," Pp. 440, 448, 452, 458, 460, and 463.)

It should also be observed that the descendants of Mary (Ball) Smith were included with other legal heirs of her nephew, the wealthy Joseph Ball, of Philadelphia, Pa. whereas the heirs of Mary (Ball) Washington were not so recognized.

†Early New Jersey marriage license records show that of John Ball and Sarah Roads, Feb. 12, 1711. Records of Gwynedd Friends Meeting, Lower Gwynedd Twp. Montgomery Co. Pa. show birth dates of Sarah Ball, daughter of John and Sarah Ball, "10 mo. 30, 1712," and of Hannah Ball, daughter of John and Sarah Ball, "4 mo. 23, 1715." Inventory dated Aug. 9, 1741, and administrators bond dated Sept. 30, 1741, Estate of John Ball, Sr. of Douglass Twp. Philadelphia Co. (now in Berks Co.) Pa. show the names of his widow, Sarah Ball, and son, John Ball, Jr. as administrators, and Paul Custer as owing the estate a bond for fourteen pounds. (Administration File No. 15, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.) Data From Mrs. Philip Meredith Allen. †M. 2ndly, John Tomkins, 1764.
EXTRACT FROM

"A tax list made by order of the Assembly in 1693, names the following additional residents [of Germantown, Pa.] viz. Johannes Pettinger, John Van de Woestyne, and Paulus Kuster. Kuster, a Mennonite, came from Crefeld, with his sons, Arnold, Johannes, and Hermannus, and his wife, Gertrude. She was a sister of Wilhelm Streypers. He [Kuster] was by trade a mason, and he died in 1707."


Note; Gov. Pennypacker quotes no other source of information for this statement. Thus far, it is my sole "original" authority for certain relationships shown on Page 1, of this work.

M. C.

Margaret (Koster) Dewees.

MARGARET (KOSTER) DEWEES, dau. of &

--------------- (.............) KOSTER, b. abt. 1690, m. Cornelius
deweEs, Sr. abt. 1708, & d. 17.. Ch. John Dewees, b. May 29,
1710; Garret Dewees, (m. Mary .............); William Dewees,
(m. Rachel Huste, 11-3, 1743.); Cornelius Dewees, Jr. (m. Marg­
garet Richards.); & Samuel Dewees, (m. Elizabeth .............
& d. 1777.) See Roberts’ Dewees Family History.

ADDENDA No. 2.

P. 24; MISSOURI CATHARINE (CUSTER) JONES, dau. of Paul,
25, 1817, m. Job Key Jones, son of William & Elizabeth (.....
......) Jones, April 5, 1837, & d. at London, Ohio, Jan. 5,
1873. (Hb. b. Sept. 30, 1811, d. April 4, 1877.) Ch. Marion Cus­
Aug. 14, 1840, (d. Mar. 6, 1865.); Bruce Paul Jones, b. May 9,
1843; Berthier Wells Jones, b. April 21, 1845, (d. May 1, 1863.);
Winfield Scott Jones, b. Feb. 18, 1848, (m. Minerva Gregg, at
London, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1879.); Harry Jones, b. Mar. 9, 1850,
(m. Martha Jane Bell, at London, Ohio, Feb. 27, 1879, & d. at
Beattie, Kansas, Dec. 6. 1919.); Julia Maria (Jones) Warner,
b. Sept. 2, 1853, (m. Francis M Warner, Oct. 19, 1876.); Marian
(Jones) Sifrit, b. May 11, 1856, (m. Alphius C. Sifrit, Nov. 23,
1881.); & Lee Jones, b. May 24, 1859, (m. Ida Neil, Nov. 24,
1881. & d. Feb. 9, 1884.)

Data From Mrs. Lynn R. Brodrick, - Elizabeth (Jones)
Brodrick, dau. of Harry Jones, - Marysville, Kansas, Jan. 10,
1942.

P. 32; ANDREW CUSTER, (1A.) son of George, Jr. (5A.) &
Mary (Wise) Custer, b. Dec. 10, 1812, m. Mary Ann Myers, 18.
& d. Sept. .. 1851. Ch. Mary Ann (C.) Hill, & Matthias H.
Custer, (b. Ind. 1850, m. 1st, Eve Woodhouse, 2nd, Ann Eliza
Dyer, & d. at St. George, Kansas, 1892. Dau. by 1st wf. Effie
V. Custer; Ch. by 2nd wf. Sylvia P. (C.) Heartwell, George
Andrew Custer, J. O. Custer, Clarence C. Custer, (2A.) Edwin
A. Custer, & Maud B. (C.) Walker.)

Data From Mrs. Sylvia P. Heartwell, Olive View, Cal. 1942.

XXXIV
THE GENEALOGY OF MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER

Compiled by Dr. Lawrence A. Frost, with contributions by Miriam Custer

PAULUS KU(E)STER
1630? - 1707 +
GERTRUDE STREYPER

Arnold Custer
1660? - 1739 +
Rebecca

Nicholas Custer +
Susanna Hoppin

Emanuel Custer
1754? - +
Anna Maria Fadley

Charlotte Custer
1796 - ? +
Robert Cummin

John Custer
1782 - 1830 +
Katherine Valentine
1783 - 1877

Mary Custer
1788 - ? +
Joseph Cummin

Emanuel Henry Custer
1806 - 1892 +
Maria Ward Kirkpatrick
1807 - 1881

Israel R. Kirkpatrick
1835 - (died)

David
1824

Lydia Ann
1825 - 1906 +
David Reed
1824 - 1913

John
1833

Ann
1825

Brice William
1831 - 1904 +
Marie Stockton
1834 - 1904

Hanna
1821 -

John A.
1833-1836

Marvin S.
1856 - 1915 +
May Lennington

Harry Armstrong
1858 - 1876

Emma &
Frederic Calhoun

May Lennington

George Armstrong III
1881 - 1921 +
Josephine Kenney

Maria
1848-1931

Harry Duvall
1831 - 1904 +
Marie
1855 +
Harry Duvall

George Armstrong III
1881 - 1921 +
Josephine Kenney
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