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FORERUNNERS
A HISTORY OR GENEALOGY
OF THE
STRICKLER FAMILIES
THEIR KITH AND KIN
INCLUDING
KAUFFMANS, STOVERS, BURNERS, RUFFNERS, BEAVERS, SHAVERS, BRUMBACHS, ZIRKLES, BLOSSERS, GROVES, BRUBAKERS, NEFFS, ROTHEGBS AND MANY OTHER EARLY FAMILIES OF SHENANDOAH ROCKINGHAM, AUGUSTA, FREDERICK AND PAGE COUNTIES OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY
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BEHOLD

“Behold the earth, swung in among the stars—
Fit home for gods, if men were only kind!
Do thou thy part to shape it to those ends
By shaping thine own life to perfectness.
SEEK NOTHING FOR THYSELF OR THINE OWN KIN
THAT ROBS ANOTHER OF ONE HOPE OR JOY.
Let no man toil in poverty and pain
To give thee unearned luxury and ease;
Feed not the hungry servitor with stones,
That idle guests may fatten on thy bread.
Look for the good in stranger and in foe,
Nor save thy praises for the cherished few;
And let the weakest sinner find in thee
An impetus to search receding heights.
Behold the earth swung in among the stars—
Fit home for gods! Wake thou the God within,
And by the broad example of thy love
Communicate Omnipotence to men.
All men are unawakened gods; be thine
The voice to rouse them from unhappy sleep.”

Author Unknown.
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FOREWORD.

I have called these notes "Forerunners," for the reason that they deal with the forerunners or first settlers in the Shenandoah Valley, which is that part of the great Valley of Virginia drained by the waters of the Shenandoah River. These first settlers were also forerunners in the Valley of Virginia which stretches from the Potomac to the Tennessee border and includes the smaller Valley of the Shenandoah.

It was my original intention to give a complete history of the beginning of many of the first settlers under the title of "Forerunners," and, while I have not carried out this intention entirely, much information in regard to most of the first settlers will be found herein.

The map which I have prepared will make it easy for many to locate definitely the original homesteads of their first ancestors in Page County. It locates exactly the Massanutten patent, the location of which has been in some doubt, and those holding title under that patent.

These notes will also aid materially, I believe, any one disposed to trace the family lines of any of the original settlers of Page County.

It is not so much a record of any one family as it is a record of Page families. If you are in the seventh generation in America in all ancestral lines, you have had 126 ancestors in America, and if you are in the eighth generation you have had 254 ancestors here. Thus it will be seen how the families are intertwined, and when we consider that a person may inherit traits thru seven generations, or even further, we can see from what a vast connection each individual is descended and what a conglomeration we are.*

Our ancestors travelled over rough roads and carried heavy loads that you and I might enjoy the blessings of this age. They fled from the Pharoahs of Europe, crossed the Red Sea, and labored in the wilderness that you and I might enjoy this land of Canaan. It is only just that we should appreciate their good qualities and pass them on, not only un tarnished but improved.

You may sit in your Ford or Packard and look back upon your ancestors with a feeling of superiority, but do not be too sure that you are an improvement upon those hardy pioneers, especially when you consider your advantages and theirs. The leaders of this Nation were great men, but their work would have been in vain without the whole-hearted pioneers who followed them. The framers drew up

*You would not have to go back many generations until you would have a million ancestors.
the constitution, but the farmers supported it and made success possible. **Framers and farmers**, a great combination! Probably more than ninety per cent. of the people were farmers when that instrument was adopted. Do we appreciate our ancestors?

Another interesting fact in regard to Page families (which applies to the people of the Valley in general) is that they are practically 100 per cent. pure original stock. I am told that nowhere else in Virginia and in no other part of the United States can you find as pure original stock. These families have lived here now about 200 years, with few new additions from the outside world. Many thousands have gone out from these families to help win the West. You can find descendants of the Shenandoah Valley families in every section in every western state. I do not use the term "original stock" with any feeling of superiority. It is simply an interesting fact. I do not mean by original stock that they are composed of any one race of people, for they are not. A typical American is not English, nor German, nor French, nor Irish. He is a mixture. He is a fabric woven from the best thread drawn from the best of Europe. The best of Europe left during the wars of religious persecution and settled in America. Here in the Shenandoah Valley we have a due admixture of all the best that entered into the warp and woof of the American Nation. The different denominations of churches in this locality indicate as vividly as any other one thing this mixture. We have Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, United Brethren, Brethren, Mennonite, Christian, Lutheran, Reformed, Episcopal, Reformed Brethren, Adventist, and Catholic Churches and a Hebrew Synagogue. The most of the above denominations predominate in certain localities, save probably the four last named.

A mother’s love does not cause her to hate another mother’s child. Race love is kin to family love. It is also kin to National love or patriotism. The possession of it is a good thing, the lack of it is bad. But of course it should not cause us to hate another family, another race, or another nation. We can love our own family and not hate another family; we can love our State and not hate another State, our own Nation and not hate another Nation, our own race and not hate another race. Patriotism has been abused, and we are inclined to think of patriotism as something to inspire us to hate. This should not be. I believe I can say that true patriotism has no hate. Anyway, we should have, besides the above, what I call a world patriotism or love that embraces the entire world, which should inspire some method whereby wars could be eliminated.

Now these notes were written in a spirit of gratitude toward those sturdy pioneers. I would like to see a monument erected to each of them, and, to be definite, I suggest that all those desiring to assist in such a movement—to erect a permanent marker at the grave of Abraham Strickler and his four sons—write me a letter to that effect,
and if sufficient interest is shown we can call a meeting and organize for that purpose.

The information in these notes is gathered from tradition reinforced by court and Bible records and other written evidence. Tradition, however faulty, always has an element of truth in it. There are many mistakes, no doubt, and if any one appears to have been born too early just consider it a typographical error. After all, age is not measured by years so much as it is by condition of mind and body.

I am indebted to many good people for assistance in gathering the information herein contained. I want to mention some of them especially. They deserve worthy mention. Miss Olive Burner, Carthage, Ill.; Mr. P. M. Kaufman, Luray, Va.; Mrs. Virginia S. Milbourne, Charles Town, W. Va.; Rev. H. M. Strickler, Luray, Va.; Mrs. W. T. Eldridge, Denver, Colo.; Mr. William Lee Strickler, Lake Bay, Washington; Miss Selina Strickler (age 96), New Market, Va., Mrs. George W. Wooding, Leesville, Va.; Mrs. Julia Winn, Plattsburg, Mo.; Mrs. Henry Wining, Columbiana, Ohio; Mrs. Abram Renick, Winchester, Ky.; Mrs. Frank Carney, Denver, Colo.; Mr. H. H. Shenk (who married a Strickler), Custodian of Public Records, Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Frances Isabelle Townsend, Glenwood, la.; Mrs. Annie Burdette, Philippi, W. Va.; Mrs. Irene Spitler, Martin, Mich.; Miss Emily Ball, Portsmouth, Ohio; Chas. M. Blosser, largest advance subscriber (8 copies), Soldiers' Home, Quincy, Ill, 78, Jan. 29, 1924; Miss Christina Strickler, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Mrs. J. D. Baker, Plattsburg, Mo., and Mrs. T. J. Day, Alliance, Ohio.

I intended publishing pictures of the old homesteads and pictures of the older members of the family, but when I realized the cost of each picture I gave up the idea. I have decided, however, that I will publish a companion volume to this volume, composed principally of photographs of old homes, of the older members of the family, or younger ones too, and any other pictures of interest, provided there be a sufficient interest shown. I will make this proposition. All those who would be interested in a volume of this nature will please write me, stating that they will furnish one or more photographs and agree, it it is published, to take as many copies as photographs submitted by him and published in the volume, at a price not to exceed $3.00 per copy. You need not send the original picture, but a copy about the size of a post card, or smaller. A copy will not cost much, and then you will have a negative of the original, as well as the original itself. This would be an excellent way to preserve for all time a treasured picture that may at any time be lost or burned. Any new information not contained in this volume and any corrections could be sent in and published in the companion volume. No doubt many doubtful points in Forerunners could be cleared up in this way.
THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

The Pennsylvania Pilgrim was considered by Whittier his best poem. Numerous Shenandoah Valley families are descendants of the Pennsylvania Pilgrim. The Pennsylvania Pilgrim did not come over in the Mayflower, but he played just as important a part in the building of the American Nation as the Pilgrim of Plymouth Rock, or the Cavalier who landed at Jamestown. It can be said to the credit of the Pennsylvania Pilgrim that he never engaged in persecution. William Penn smoked the Pipe of Peace with the Indians, and both sides kept the faith. All religious faiths were welcomed in Pennsylvania, and all lived there in peace. The Pilgrim of Plymouth and the Cavalier were both guilty of persecutions at different times.

Francis Daniel Pastorius was the father of German immigration in America. He was the William Bradford, or the William Penn, or the Capt. John Smith, of Germantown. He was probably the most learned of all the colonizers. He has left productions written in seven languages. He embraced the faith of the Quakers and the Mennonites and became the author of the first protest against slavery in 1688.

(1) I find on an old plat that the Valley Pike was once known as the "Pennsylvania" Road.
HAIL TO POSTERITY!

"Hail to posterity!
Hail, future men of Germanopolis!
Let the young generations yet to be
Look kindly upon this.

Think how your fathers left their native land,—
Dear German-land! O sacred hearths and homes!—
And, where the wild beast roams,
in patience planned
New Forest-homes beyond the mighty sea,
There undisturbed and free
To live as brothers of one family,
What pains and cares befell,
What trials and what fears,
Remember, and wherein we have done well
Follow our footsteps, men of coming years!
Where we have failed to do
Aright, or wisely live,
Be warned by us, the better way pursue,
And, knowing we were human, even as you,
Pity us and forgive!
Farewell, Posterity!
Farewell, dear Germany!
Forevermore farewell!" *

*From the Latin of Francis Daniel Pastorius in the Germantown Records. 1688.
It was about 1905, I think, that I began to collect genealogical notes, expecting to collect a few facts in respect to my immediate family. I started out to trace my own line back as far as I could, and then my grandfather's family and the families of his brothers and sisters down to the present. In doing so, I discovered my great-grandfather's family, and his brothers and sisters. This led me to my great-great-grandfather's family, and lastly to my great-great-great-grandfather, Abraham Strickler, my first ancestor in America, and father of us all.

Thus I was led slowly and certainly into the almost impossible task of tracing his numerous progeny, which are, it seems to me, almost as the sands of the sea.

I have put considerable time on these notes, only devoting to them such time as I could spare from my usual work. So many seemed interested in the work that I was encouraged to continue my investigations. The labor required, however, has been at times very arduous and discouraging, but the words of kindness received from hundreds kept up my spirits, and I here wish to express my sincere gratitude for this appreciation. A great deal of the work has been a genuine pleasure, however. Otherwise, I would not have accomplished what I have.

The results, of necessity, are somewhat imperfect, as I am no expert genealogist, but, imperfect as it may be, I hope that it may stimulate others from time to time to correct any mistakes and add other important facts.

The entire family should feel a deep sense of gratitude toward Adam Strickler, who recorded what he knew of the early family, without which I could not have accomplished anything. It was his short but accurate sketch that formed the nucleus about which my entire labors have revolved, and to him the whole credit should be given, for whatever I have done of value was inspired by him. But for his timely and thoughtful act in connecting the past with the present, I fear that I never should have attempted the difficult task. I believe a work of this kind will be appreciated more and more as the years go by.

I do not believe in ancestor-worship, but certainly there can be no harmful, but only beneficial, results derived from recognizing, admiring, and emulating the good qualities of our forefathers. Let us be grateful, then, to our ancestors for the good they passed on to us, and be thoughtful enough to transmit the same, unsullied and improved, to posterity. Let us not be guilty of ingratitude toward the former, or of that equally heinous sin, selfish neglect, toward the latter. The future can only be improved by a proper perspective of the past.

Haeckel, I believe it was, who said every human being is merely the sum total of a long line of progenitors and Holmes said we are all omnibuses in which our ancestors still ride as passengers.
MOTHERS

I have devoted as much care to tracing the lineal descendants of the daughters as of the sons, but the task in tracing those of the former was much more difficult for obvious reasons: the daughter marries and the name changes and she becomes affiliated with her husband’s family. By carrying out the descendants of the daughters as well as those of the sons, others will be materially aided in tracing their families. And why shouldn’t we be interested in the children of daughters as well as the children of sons? Sometimes, I think we owe more of the good qualities we possess to our mothers than to our fathers. This is certainly true in many instances. I presume, however, according to the law of checks and balances manifest in all nature, that a general average of many families in this respect would favor neither sex. But, somehow or other, it seems to me that we are just what we are because of our mothers more than because of our fathers. Every child is almost exclusively in the care of the mother until he reaches the teen age. She is his first teacher, and her home is his first school house.

Some of the Indian tribes recognized the good mothers to such an extent that the clan consisted of all those descended from a single mother. She was the head of the house, and her name was the name of the clan.

“A mother is a mother still
The holiest thing alive.”

Plutarch relates how a Spartan woman considered motherhood. When a woman of another country said to the wife of Leonidas, “You of Lacedaemon are the only women in the world that rule the men,” she answered, “We are the only women that bring forth men.”

My experience, in compiling these genealogical notes, has been that the women are always the best informed members of the family in the matter of tradition. They take more interest in relationship and are almost without exception only too glad to give what information they have. The common expression of the man is: “Now my mother could tell you more than I can. She is wonderful in her ability to recall the past.” And he is usually correct. Men, as a rule, are too busy making a living, I presume, to become interested. It is the mother, therefore, who keeps the “home fires burning” and provides for a common meeting place to which the children may return, no matter where they may roam. She is the one who keeps in touch with
all the kith and kin. I wish here to express my sincere appreciation to all the good women who have been kind enough to render me assistance. I do not mean to say that I did not get a great deal of information from men, also, for I did.

I have read somewhere how the Indian squaws would sit in the councils of their braves, how they would have nothing to say, and how they would record all that was said and done on the pages of their memories, and so, while Hiawatha was engaged in the chase or on the war-path, Minnehaha was busy weaving blankets and at the same time weaving beautiful stories, rich in tradition, for the sensitive tablets of memory of the little ones who were playing about the quiet tepee in some secluded dell; and her songs to her little papoose were mingled with the songs of the birds and the babbling brook. She was a mother, and her mind, heart and hand were devoted to loving service. Just as their senses of sight and hearing were superior to ours, because sharpened and quickened by necessity, so did their memories surpass ours for like reasons.

"Lo, the poor Indian! whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds, or hears him in the wind;
His soul proud Science never taught to stray
Far as the solar walk or milky way."

Pope.

Someone has said:
"Show me a great man and I will show you a great mother."
"One good mother is worth a hundred school-teachers."

It seems that William Penn’s father was a worldly man, an Admiral. His mother was the pious Margaret Jasper, the daughter of a wealthy Rotterdam merchant.

Caesar was educated by his mother.

Edison was educated by his mother, who encouraged him in his interest in electricity.

Cardinal Gibbons was the son of an Irish widow with a large family.

Napoleon’s Italian father was lazy; his Corsican mother was energetic.

Milton Wright, Bishop of the United Brethren Church in Ohio, had two sons, Wilber and Orville. They had a devout mother, who said: "Let them follow that for which they are best fitted. If mechanics suits them best, let them tinker and experiment," although she had wished for them the ministry.

Bryan had an intelligent mother, who counselled him until her death, which occurred only a few days before he made his great speech, known as the "Cross of Gold" speech, just before his nomination the first time for President.
Lincoln had a fine step-mother, who aided him very much, and his mother also must have been a woman of quality in some way or other, or else he would not have remembered her in the way he did. He said: "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my mother."*  

Henry Ford's father wanted him to stay on the farm, but little Henry wanted to be a machinist. His mother came to his aid and said: "Let him do what he wants to do. If he wants to be a machinist, let him be that." Her name was Mary Litogot.

"The bravest of battles that ever was fought,  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not;  
It was fought by the mothers of men.  
No marshaling troop, no bivouac song,  
No banners that gleam and wave;  
But, oh, its struggles they last so long,  
From babyhood down to the grave."

* Who knows but that words like these filled the ears of the dying Nancy Hanks:  
"Every wife is like the mother of God—she has the hope of bearing a Saviour of mankind. She is the channel for the eternal purpose of Heaven."
GENEALOGY OF THE BIBLE.

The Jews, it seems, were the only people who kept a record of their ancestors in ancient times, with the exception of royal families in other nations, whose records come to us in very incomplete form. The Jews, we might say, were the only genealogists from the beginning. To them alone are we indebted for the information that our first ancestor upon this mundane sphere was Adam, and that he was betrothed to Eve the most attractive, intelligent and accomplished lady in the world, on the sixth day of January, Anno Mundi I. Love at first sight! They did not keep the genealogy of those only who were prominent in the affairs of the nation, but it seems, on the contrary, that they preserved the ancestral records of all families. Our Lord came from humble parentage, and yet his genealogy seems complete. How interesting this genealogy must have been to ancient Israel and how interesting still to their spiritual descendants throughout the world. I understand that certain of the Jews still claim to be descended from one or another of the twelve tribes.

We are accustomed to think of the Jewish race as a pure race. Of course the blood of the masses was more pure than that of the reigning house. The reigning houses of ancient times as well as those of modern times, have always been more or less mixed. Marriages were often contracted for political purposes and this often caused wars. Moses married the daughter of Jethro, the priest of Midian. Joseph's wife was an Egyptian. Solomon married an Egyptian Princess. Absalom, David's favorite son, was the issue of a foreign marriage. However, this can be said of the Jews; that they have remained a separate and distinct race tho scattered to all parts of the world and in all nations. I think it was Zebulon Vance who compared them to the Gulf Stream—a stream of humanity flowing thru the great sea of humanity yet not intermingling with it. Spiritually speaking all Christians are descendants of the Jews. Out of Judah came Christ and Christianity.

We often hear the question asked; which is the more important, inheritance or environment? About all we can say is that both are present in every person, that both are necessary for best results, that one will endeavor to make up for the loss of the other and that when both are bad we have a bad product indeed.

It would seem that every son of Israel could at the time of the Exodus trace his lineage to Abraham, at least, and of course they had a record beyond Abraham to Adam. These genealogies were preserved through the wanderings in the wilderness and carried by the Israelites
into the Land of Canaan. Some, at least, were preserved down to and through the captivity and brought back with them to Jerusalem, at the re-building of the temple. I do not think it is too much to presume that each family had a tradition, whether it was recorded or not, of their ancestors for many generations.

While the Bible record contains the genealogy of the more prominent families, yet when David, the shepherd, suddenly became a hero, his genealogy was known and was recorded. There are many instances like this in the Bible, indicating, it seems to me, that the early Israelitish families could all trace their lineage accurately for many generations. They often, no doubt, would trace their ancestors as far as they could, naming the tribe of the last ancestor mentioned. “And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.” 1 Sam. XVII-58. David did not go very far into his genealogy on this occasion, but he was not recording genealogy then. He was answering Saul’s question: “Whose son art thou?” His full genealogy was recorder later. He doubtless could have given it entirely, even though a shepherd lad, because they considered this a sacred privilege and duty. “Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-Zophim, of Mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.” (I Sam. 1-1.)

“Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite.” (I Sam. IX-1).

In Ruth, the most beautiful love story in all literature, there is an interesting genealogy given, wherein Ruth, the beautiful Moabith maiden, becomes the great-grandmother of King David, the ancestor of our Saviour. This story is typical of many real life stories, being lived every day, over and over again, through all generations, except that social conditions are not the same today as they were in the days of Ruth. Truth is more interesting and more beautiful than fiction, and an author’s popularity depends largely on his ability to portray real life, although few indeed accomplish this object. The story of Ruth proves that the passions of the human heart are the same through all the ages and all peoples. Deep down in the bottom of the life current flows an unchanged stream that connects us with our first ancestor and through him with our Creator. Social conditions are but straws that float upon the surface and are subject to every wind that blows. Sometimes I think the story was put into the Bible for its genealogical value merely to preserve the ancestral record of David and his descendants, but this feature is entirely lost sight of in the sweet and graceful pastoral narrative. After all, isn’t genealogy the natural result of every true love story? Genealogy is genealogy whether it is recorded or not. Life is life, although unwritten. I love to think that this book contains the names of many who have experienced the
love exemplified in the story of Ruth and Boaz.* I feel sure that it
does, when I remember that love is always present where there are
little ones, and that, in the words of Abraham Lincoln; "Gôd loves
the common people, or he would not have made so many of them."
The great or near-great are simply fruits of the common stock, bloss­
soming forth to maturity, having their nourishing roots deep down in
many generations of the past. David, the shepherd lad, becomes King
of Israel, Joseph, the menial servant, becomes Prime Minister to Pha­
raoh; Esther, the captive's daughter, becomes Queen of Babylon; and
Abraham Lincoln, the railsplitter, becomes President of the United
States. And so I could go on and name instance after instance just as
interesting, even down to the present day. A great many of the writ­
ings upon modern education are really and truly an effort to improve
genealogy, or to improve upon the past, by beginning the education
now for generations yet unborn.

The story of Esther is second only to Ruth in beauty and sweetness.
The genealogy given here proves that they did not forget their ances­
tors when carried into captivity by the King of Persia.

Then there is the interesting story of Joseph, one of the few men
in the Bible free from guile. It is interesting to read the lives of each
of Jacob's twelve sons, making distinction between their character­
istics, and to observe how their characteristics worked out in the his­
tory of their descendants,—how one became a family of rulers, another
a family of shepherds, another a family of warriors, and another a
family of priests. The blessings which the father Jacob bestowed upon
his sons before he was gathered to his fathers show clearly that he had
twelve boys each of whom had a character different from the others, and
it also shows that he pretty nearly knew the future of their descend­
ants by their conduct in his life-time. The recorded genealogies of the
Jews often omitted many generations; for instance, a son of Judah
meant a descendant of Judah, or a son of David probably meant a
great-great grandson of David, and all were sons of Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob. There is no doubt, however, that the entire line was known
by the immediate family, as part of the family tradition. Hence we
often find only the principal personages mentioned in the line of des­
cent. Again, if a line became extinct, the person next in inheritance,
no matter how distantly related to the childless one, was named as his
genealogical successor. These peculiarities, unless kept in mind by
the reader, will cause confusion.

Matthew records the genealogy of Christ down from Abraham
(Matthew 1), and Luke, from Christ up to Adam (Luke III).

In the fifth chapter of Genesis is the genealogy from Adam to Noah,
and Gen. X; 21-30: Gen. XI; 10-27: Gen. XXIV; 24; Gen. XXV; 19, re­
cord it from Noah to Abraham. These genealogies are, in part, re­

* We learn too from this narrative that to bind a bargain in Israel a man
plucked off his shoe, and I have heard that the custom of today of throwing shoes
after the bride and groom has its origin in this story.
Frontispiece of the Strickler Bible. The date is plain.
capitulated in Chronicles. So we find Esther: “Are they not written in the book of the Chronicles?” Also we find the descendants of Ham and Japheth and Ishmael, and Esau or Edom. See also Gen. XXXV and XLVI for Jacob’s family, also his twelve sons, principally in Chronicles, but some little information in Ex. VI; 14, 15 and 16; also a small amount of information in Numbers III and XXVI. There are to be found many other genealogies in Chronicles, Nehemiah XII, and other books.

All primitive peoples seem to have remarkable capacity to remember facts, and they hand them down from generation to generation. In this way, they are able to preserve their history. We call it tradition. Being without books or written language, their memories are especially trained to retain the important occurrences of their lives, at least. The mothers, especially, were expert in the art of tradition.

The Jews, while they had very early a written language, yet did not have books in abundance, as they were expensive and only a few were able to own them. So, certainly during tribal life, wanderings in the wilderness, and early days of the judges, they no doubt had a rich tradition. Tradition, to some extent, is always extant, for without it history could not be written. History, in other words, is largely recorded tradition.

There were 14 generations from Abraham to David; there were 14 generations from David to the Captivity and there were 14 generations from the Captivity to Christ Mile posts in Israel are: Abraham—Moses—David—Captivity—Christ, about 500 years between each post aggregates about 2,000, a point just as far on the other side of B. C. as we are on this side.

When a genius dies, immediately his family history is looked up by some one, through admiration or in anticipation of renumeration, or both, although the information concerning his ancestry is often very meagre, which fact would seem to indicate that genius is likely to crop out anywhere; that it is not confined to the great or the near-great. Some one has said that great men are like mountains, with valleys of ancestry on the one side, and depressions of posterity on the other. I think there is a great deal of truth in this, yet, at the same time, I think true greatness usually comes from good, clean, wholesome, average ancestry, at least. Moreover, it is this average family that produces genius, supports genius, and makes products of genius worth while. It is right and proper to honor genius. In fact, genius will command respect and admiration wherever it is found, sooner or later. The pity is that in many cases, especially in the past, genius was not recognized soon enough. How many ills of the human race might have been avoided had this mistake not been made.

“Seven cities claimed Homer dead,
Through which the living Homer begged his bread.”

The same might be said of Columbus, Demosthenes, Socrates,
Plato, Galileo,—and the Saviour of men. They were all saviours of men in a greater or less degree. Sometimes I think that the secret of America's success has been in the fact that America has recognized genius while living. America has respected and encouraged her saviours while walking among men. You ask: "Why is this?" Because of her enlightened citizenship—because her average family, her masses, were of a high order. This is the rock bottom foundation that should not be neglected. For what is genius worth if there are no intelligent humans to appreciate it? So when I refer to Abraham Lincoln's quotation about the common people, I mean the great mass of intelligent American people who form the very backbone of this country, from which soil has sprung all of our great men. Genius, it seems to me, then, is a blossoming of probably generations of cultivation, seasons of drought and apparent failure often intervening, no doubt.

Then, when we see brilliancy suddenly springing forth, apparently from poor soil, and are puzzled, let us look back through the years for evidence which may easily solve the problem. We do know, on the other hand, that genius is more or less an accident, depending largely no doubt upon laws over which we have no control, yet I think we can safely say that it springs from good, wholesome parentage. Thomas A. Edison, I believe, said that genius was ninety-eight per cent. hard work. There is a great deal of truth in this, but I don't believe that if some people would study music a thousand years they would ever be able to produce music.

There was a time when genius was not free to use its talents for human betterment. Then there came a passion for liberty of conscience and the right to speak the truth; in other words, the chains of slavery were struck from the minds of men. Immediately the world went forward with leaps and bounds. There has been more progress made in the last few centuries than was made in the entire history of the world prior thereto. Genius blossomed forth as never before. Martin Luther was one who helped to break asunder the chains of slavery, and no doubt Thomas Jefferson and other great apostles of liberty in America received some of their inspiration from Luther and his contemporaries. And no one through all the centuries ever penned such a document as the Declaration of Independence, or coined such a phrase as "All men are created equal." The declaration is the crown that tires the brow of every American. Its spirit is molded gold, its every word a gem inlaid. And that phrase "All men are created equal" is a tiara of five diamond stars that illumines the crown of gold. Aristocracy of wealth and birth which obtained in every walk of life has now been exchanged for a democracy of talent, service and worth. By a stroke of the pen Jefferson lifted the crown from the Emperor's head and placed it upon the brow of every American. Men had been wielding the sword for centuries, but
when they were thru fighting they were usually just where they started, but Jefferson showed the benighted people a way out of the wilderness,—the way up to the mountain top of liberty. He crystallized the idea and put it in a shape that people could understand it. People no longer fought simply against wrong but at the same time fought for something definite, positive and certain.

Of course we all go back thousands of years just as the Chinese Emperor does. If we did not we would not be here. In the year one B. C. Adam married Eve and here we are. We go back thru millions of ancestors, good, bad and indifferent. We may and doubtless do have the blood of kings in our veins. We may all have the blood of King Thorwald or some other man of might and power, for that was a day of the survival of the fittest. There has been no attempt, in these notes, to connect with any so called Noble family, to go back to any Lord Dolittle or Baron of Nothingham. In fact, I would be disappointed to discover any blood emanating from that source, altho if perchance any one should make such a discovery my advice to you is not to be disturbed for two hundred years in America has, I am sure, purged the strain of any taint of that nature. The proportion of worthless creatures and disreputable characters is higher among royal families than elsewhere. I am more interested in the qualities that go to sustain the average American family in strength of body, mind and character thru the years than I am in idle Counts.

The number of title hunters among American women is appalling and indicates how we are forgetting our ancestors. When an American girl inherits a fortune she straightway proceeds to purchase a Count Needmore. I think the patriotic American men, and women too for that matter, should cause a law to pass limiting the amount of property a woman can inherit. This would stop the miserable spectacle of thousands of American girls going to Europe every year to purchase titles attached to decayed scions of decayed races. Millions of dollars are wrung from the laboring men of the country, these dollars make multi-millionaires, these millionaires leave their millions to daughters or wives and these wives squander it on the whitened sepulchres of Europe.
ADAM STRICKLER’S BIBLE RECORD.

GENEALOGY

"I am the oldest and the only one of the old stock of the Strickler family in this County. I was born on the 5th day of March, 1812, and am in my 74th year. I will try to give a short genealogy of the Strickler family as nearly correct as I can give it at this late date. My great-grand-father, whose name was Abraham and by trade a weaver, came with three other brothers from Switzerland to America and settled in the Colony of Pennsylvania. I cannot give with certainty the date but I think it was about the year 1700. I have in possession a deed from John Daugherty to Abraham Strickler for 160 acres of land situated on the Susquehanna River in Chester County, Pa., bearing date, 1728; also several receipts dated 1732, 1733 and 1734.

"There is an old German Bible at Martin Kauffmans (Mill Creek), whose wife was a Strickler, which has on it the inscription "Zurich Switzerland, 1536." This would make the Bible 349 years old, and it was brought to America by the Stricklers and has remained in the family for more than 300 years. It is quite a curiosity and may be seen at any time.

"My grand-father whose name was Jacob, son of Abraham Strickler, came to this Valley, then Orange County, in the year 1731, and bought 1,000 acres of land in Massanutton, of Jacob Stover (grant land). Also another tract of 640 acres on the South River opposite the mouth of Mill Creek, where he lived and died. He was a Mennonite preacher. He married a Miss Kauffman by whom he had several children, viz: John, Samuel, Joseph and David, the latter being my father. I cannot remember but one daughter, Catherine, by name. She married Brumback and was the mother of Tobias and Jacob Brumback.

"My father was born April 10th, 1771, and died March 30th, 1815, not quite 45 years of age. After grandmothers death, grandfather went to Pennsylvania and married a Miss Moomaw who was the mother of Daniel Strickler (known as Col. Daniel Strickler). He I think was born April 10th. 1777, and died May 24, 1845, I think that he had one or two sisters but I cannot recollect it with certainty.

"Grandfather and both of his wives were buried opposite the mouth of Mill Creek, four miles west of Luray, on the farm now owned

(1) It was Abraham who purchased the 1,000 acres.
(2) The second or third generation of Stricklers became Baptists apparently and now are found in all churches.
by Wm. J. Shenk. When grandfather died, the old English law was still recognized in this Country and that gave to the oldest child all the land. But Uncle John would not have it so. He helped his three brothers to good homes on Smith's Creek, near New Market. He also helped his half-brother Daniel to a good home on the River at New Port, now owned by some of the Koontz family. Daniel traded it to Abraham Heiston for the stone house property near Bixler's ferry and died near there.

"The Strickler family is a numerous one and some of them are to be found in nearly all the states of the Union. The old stock of Stricklers were an intelligent and highly respectable people. Some of them held high offices, both civil and military with credit to themselves and this country and I have never heard of one of the name arraigned for any capital offence.

ADAM STRICKLER."

April 5, 1885.

Sketch written by Adam Strickler shortly before he died. This sketch varies but slightly from the preceding one.

"I here give the genealogy of the Strickler family as near as I can at this late date. My great-grandfather, whose name was Abraham, came to the Colony of Pennsylavnia, with his brother Conrad from the city of Zurick in Switzerland in about the year of 1705, the exact date not now known. He was a weaver by trade and was an adept at the business, it is said. He could weave any figure or draft known to the trade. He wove a table cloth with figures representing a plate, knife and fork and spoon inside the border at each place around the table cloth and it is said that he used as many as 16 treadles in his loom in weaving some figures.

"I cannot give any account of his brother Conrad but I suppose he lived and died in Pennsylvania. I have papers showing that Abraham Strickler had a store and a farm. I have a deed from John Daughery to Abraham Strickler of a hundred and sixty acres of land situated on the Susquehanna River, Chester County, Pennsylvania, the deed being dated 1728. We do not know what my great grandmother's family name was nor how many children they may have had but I know of four sons who came to Virginia and located on the west side of the Shenandoah River, now Page County. Their names were Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin and John. Jacob, the oldest of the brothers, owned the farm now owned by Jacob C. Bowers situated four miles west of Luray and opposite the mouth of Mill Creek. His deed dated 1731. His brother Joseph owned the valuable land in the upper part of the bend of the river now known as Egypt. Benjamin located the land now owned by Martin Shirley in Massanutten. John owned valuable property on the west side of the river between New Port and Grove Hill. Grandfather Jacob Strickler was a Mennonite preacher
and was married twice. His first wife was a Kauffman by whom he had four sons and one daughter. His sons names were, John, Samuel, Joseph and David. His second wife was a Miss Moomaw of Pennsylvania by whom he had two children, a son and a daughter. John the oldest of grandfather's children, who was born under the old English law, inherited all the land estate. He married a Miss Brumback, by whom he had three children. Susan married Henry Shaver and died near Salem, Va. Frances married a Mr. Selvege and Henry died a young man in New Market, not married. Uncle Samuel Strickler married a Miss Meggot and had three children: Jacob married a Miss Kegey and lived and died near Floyd Court House, Va.; Mary married Dr. David Neff and had four children; Abraham married Annie Hottel near Woodstock, Va. Joseph Strickler and David, brothers and sons of Jacob Strickler, lived on and owned the farm now known as the Harper Rice farm near New Market. They married sisters, Misses Groves. Catherine, the only daughter of the first wife of Jacob Strickler, married John Brumback. They had two sons, Tobias and Jacob, and owned the valuable property known as Spring Farm near Luray. Daniel Strickler, also known as Col. Daniel Strickler, was married twice, his first wife being a Miss Buswell, his second a Mrs. Elizabeth Painter (widow). They had no children. He had one sister, Magdalene, and she died a young woman not married.

"I have given the location of grandfather's brothers, Joseph, Benjamin and John, on the South River, but cannot give the details of their families. I am aware that my friend Miley knows more in detail than I do.

"My great grandfather Abraham Strickler was the great patriarch or progenitor of all the Stricklers named, in this section of the country. The old stock of Stricklers were an intelligent and highly respected people and some of them held high offices, both civil and military, with both credit to themselves and to their country.

"I, Adam Strickler, was born the 5th day of March, 1812, and am now in my eighty-second year.

ADAM STRICKLER.

He died March 12, 1894, and hence this sketch was written between March 5, 1893, and March 12, 1894, very probably the early part of 1894.

"All the heart's wild longings ended,
   All life's wearying struggles past,
   And the suffering body resting
   'Neath the sweet spring flowers at last."

Notes of Adam Strickler in the Miley notes state that "Mary Strickler, daughter of Abraham Strickler, and sister of Jacob, Joseph and Benjamin Strickler, married Joseph Rhodes, son of John and Catherine Albright Rhodes." See m842. John Rhodes was killed by
the Indians.

Mrs. Bessie Fry Renick, of Winchester, Ky., sent me a copy of an article which appears to be information written by Adam Strickler to Martin Miley, copied by Miss Selina Strickler, and forwarded to Mrs. Renick or some of her relatives. It appears to be an exact copy of the preceding article by Adam Strickler, with the following information added: "Frances Strickler, daughter of John, married Mr. Salvage of New Market. After his death she married a Mr. Miller of Ohio. Henry Strickler, son of John, was a cabinet maker, lived and died in New Market a young man unmarried."

The article begins: "August 15, 1893
Mr. Martin Miley,
Dear Friend:—

According to promise I here give the genealogy of the Strickler family as near as I can at this date ________________.

And closes as follows:
"Cousin Adam died February 12, 1894. I do wish you had written while he lived, he would have given more information than I can.

SELENA STRICKLER,
New Market, Va.

"I am sorry I could not write this more plainly and I have made some mistakes, left out some words but if you cannot read it I will get someone to copy it more correctly for you.

"Hoping to hear and know more of you sometime, I subscribe myself,

Your Cousin,
SELENA STRICKLER."

From the foregoing sketches of Adam Strickler, it will be noted that they were written at different times and vary in a few particulars but are not contradictory. The second, written in the eighty-second year of his age and shortly before he died, is the fuller of the two. In his first sketch, written April 5, 1885, he said that Abraham Strickler had three brothers who came with him to America, but he does not mention their names. In his second sketch he says that Abraham had a brother Conrad who came with him to America and that he supposes that Conrad lived and died in Pennsylvania. Of course Adam was writing from memory, from information handed down from father to son, and we all know that memory serves us differently at different times, not necessarily inconsistently; we simply remember one part of a tradition at one time and another part at another time. So Adam in his first account recalls the tradition of the four brothers and in his second account he remembers that one of the brothers was
Conrad.

The court records of Pennsylvania and Virginia afford abundance of proof that Adam was correct in his statements, so far as he goes.

Mrs. Kauffman, daughter of Jacob Strickler, who owned the ancient Bible mentioned by Adam, left this memorandum: "The Stricklers came from a German Canton in Switzerland, to Pennsylvania, after the settlement of Philadelphia. Of the four brothers one located in Philadelphia one in Lancaster, one in York, and the fourth Abraham, in Chester, and in 1728 settled on the Susquehanna River. Jacob, son of Abraham, went to the Valley of Virginia about 1731, and bought 1000 acres of land of Jacob Stover, on the Massanutten, and 640 acres on the South River. He was a Mennonite preacher. Later about 1750, another Strickler of the same family settled in what is now Page County, Va. He had a son named Joseph."

Here we notice that Mrs. Kauffman's statement is different from Adam's, but not inconsistent with it. Her statement that Abraham located in Chester and in 1728 settled on the Susquehanna might lead us to believe that he changed his location after coming to Pennsylvania, and he may have; but it may be explained by the fact that Lancaster County was formed from the western part of Chester in 1729. Stricklers are found very early in all the counties (except Chester) mentioned by Mrs. Kauffman. Her statement that Jacob purchased 1,000 acres on the Massanutten evidently refers to the 1,000 acres that Abraham purchased there. The 640 acre tract on the South River which she refers to was, no doubt, the tract on which he lived in Egypt. The branch of the Shenandoah River which flows thru the Page Valley is often referred to as the South River or the South Branch or Fork of the Shenandoah. In fact there is evidence that the river itself was known as Massanutten in Page County.(1)

MT. JOY, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA.

There is nothing to indicate where Abraham Strickler lived in Pennsylvania, except that Adam says that he had a deed from John Daugherty to Abraham Strickler for 160 acres on the Susquehanna River, Chester (now Lancaster) County, Pa., bearing date 1728. David Jay Strickler, one of the Virginia Stricklers, a descendant of Isaac Strickler, named his first born son John W. Mt. Joy Strickler. There is a small place called Mt. Joy in Lancaster County, Pa., about ten miles northwest of Lancaster and about five miles from the Susquehanna River. It is located in Mt. Joy Township. In 1790, when the first census was taken, an Abraham Strickler lived in Mt. Joy Township. This singular circumstance of naming a son Mt. Joy might indicate the location of the family in Pennsylvania before coming to Virginia. There is a very old grave yard at Mt. Joy wherein are some very old Strickler graves, one being that of Abraham Strickler. Jacob Strickler

(1). See Massanutten Country.
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returned to Pennsylvania for a wife and married Magdalena Moomaw. She, it is presumed, was the daughter of George of West Hempfield Township. See (21)

ADAM STRICKLER.

Adam Strickler was the youngest child of David Strickler of New Market and was only about three years old when his father died in 1815. When his mother married Maj. Andrew Keyser, of Page County, in 1820, he became a member of the Keyser household. He grew up, lived, and died (at the ripe old age of 82) in Page County, loved and respected by many. His home was on the east side of the public road in lower Egypt, above the Slusher dam and just above the mouth of Lick Run. Just a little to the south of his home, by the road, stood his schoolhouse where he taught practically all of his life. I think he taught only one session under the so-called free school system.* He was widely known as Cousin Adam, and he was related to many of the best families of Page. Strangers often spoke of him as Cousin Adam. He would visit his relatives far and near, and was always welcomed in their homes. He was a connecting link between the more distant relations, keeping them in touch with each other. As a mere boy, I can remember hearing the older members of the family speak of Cousin Adam. He made it a habit to visit his relatives in and about New Market frequently, telling them, of course, of the goings and comings of their kin on the other side of Massanutten (M. 168).

It is difficult to measure the value to any community of the old school teacher before the free school system was established; in fact, this can be said of all school teachers who devote their lives to the work.

Major Andrew Keyser lived opposite the mouth of the Hawksbill. He was a Revolutionary soldier and was with Green at Guilford Court House, Eutaw Springs, and other places. His son, Col. Andrew Keyser, lived here also. The major's father, Charles Keyser, was with Braddock. Raymond Strickler now owns the Keyser homestead.

I will refer to Adam Strickler hereafter as Adam. In personal appearance he was five feet and eleven inches in height, fair complexioned, with sandy hair and blue eyes, and weighed about 160 pounds.

*He taught 41 years and received $1.00 per month per pupil, I am told.

EARLY DEEDS.

I have located the first deeds of Abraham Strickler and his four sons and find the land of the four sons located just where Adam says they lived.

In 1733 (patent book No. 15, p. 129, Richmond) Jacob Stover obtains a patent for 5,000 acres on both sides of the river between the mouth of the Hawksbill and Stony Run, Page County, Virginia, Massanutten
On Dec. 15-16, 1734 (D. B. No. 1, p. 210, Orange Co.), Jacob Stover sells 1,000 acres to Abraham Strickler, part of this Massanutten patent. Jacob Stover derived his title from the Colony of Virginia, and after the death of Abraham Strickler it was discovered that this land was on the domain of Lord Fairfax who made deeds to the sons of Abraham Strickler, each receiving his share of the 1,000 acres.

On Jan. 4, 1755 (Bk. H, p. 595, Richmond), Fairfax conveys 208 acres to Jacob Strickler in lower Egypt, his share of the 1,000 acres.

On Nov. 9, 1756 (Bk. H, p. 732, Richmond), Fairfax conveys 55 acres to Joseph Strickler in upper Egypt, his share of the 1,000 acres.


On Mar. 2, 1761 (Bk. K, p. 239, Richmond), Fairfax conveys 183 acres, part of the 1,000 acres, just south of Benjamin's 201 acres, to Isaac Strickler, his share, by right of descent, in the lands of Abraham Strickler. The language of Isaac's deed indicates that he was not a son but a grandson of Abraham Strickler. The Miley notes state that Isaac was the son of Abraham Strickler, of Pennsylvania. Tradition in the family states that Isaac was a nephew of the four sons of Abraham Strickler.

In 1776 (Q-27) Joseph Strickler obtains by re-survey 105 acres including his 55-acre tract.

On Feb. 22, 1789 (Bk. T, p. 264), Joseph Strickler obtains 100 acres, part of the 1,000 acres just up the river and around the bend from his former tract, adjoining the Benjamin Strickler tract*.

In 1743 (D. B. 7, p. 347, Orange Co.) Abraham Strickler conveys 100 acres to Jacob Bowman. This deed refers to Abraham’s tract as consisting of 1,033 acres. The 100-acre tract is located at the extreme lower end of Egypt.

The total acreage of these deeds is 897 acres, which leaves about 100 acres not accounted for. No doubt Jacob obtained 100 acres by re-survey as Joseph did.

Abraham Strickler to Jacob Bowman ———— 100
Fairfax to Jacob Strickler ———— 208
Fairfax to Joseph Strickler ———— 205
Fairfax to Benjamin Strickler ———— 201

*This 100 acres was on Stover patent line (c-d) and apparently was not included in deed from Stover to Abraham Strickler. This being true, it makes the total not accounted for 203 acres instead of 103 acres.
Fairfax to Isaac Strickler 183

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I have not found where John Strickler obtained a part of this 1,000 acres, but I find that 1754, Apr. 9 (Bk. 32, p. 361, Richmond, also Rockingham County Clerk's Office), John obtained a patent from the Colony of Virginia for 230 acres in Pitt Spring Bend just where Adam says he lived. It is possible that he made arrangements with his brothers to give him his share in money while he located on other land, up the river in Augusta County.

In 1767 Benjamin Strickler purchased 188 acres from Adam Painter, evidently where the Shirley place is now located, selling his property opposite the White House in 1785 to Abraham Strickler, who, I think, was a son of John Strickler of Pitt Spring Bend.

In 1776 Benjamin obtained a patent for 300 acres adjoining the Painter tract, and in 1768 he obtained 150 acres from Lewis Selser and other lands, all adjoining, amounting to more than 600 acres.

It will be noticed that the four brothers obtained their deeds about the same time, John in 1754, Jacob in 1755, Joseph and Benjamin in 1756.

This circumstance might indicate the date when they arrived at twenty-one years. It would seem, however, that Isaac became twenty-one, probably, before 1761, the date of his deed.1

For location of these deeds, reference is made to the map.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.

The Strickler Bible.

Mrs. S. H. Modisett of Mill Creek, Page County, Virginia, whose mother was Mary Strickler (wife of Martin D. Coffman and daughter of Jacob Strickler) has a very interesting old Bible which was brought by the Strickler family from Switzerland. It was published by Christofel Froschouer at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1536, and hence is now (1919) 383 years old. It is a rare and interesting old book, printed in large German type in the German language, with many engravings throughout, in a good state of preservation and highly prized by the family. It is bound in leather and has brass corners and clasps. Originally the lids were held together with leather straps which are now broken off.

The title page or frontispiece is a beautiful engraving consisting

1. The Fairfax line was established in 1748, the survey of 1746 having been accepted.
of twelve pictures illustrating twelve different scenes in the book of Genesis, from the creation of Heaven and earth to the fall of Adam. In the last picture Adam is delving and Eve is spinning. The engraving is slightly colored with red.

The dimensions of the Book are: 14½ inches long, 10 inches wide and 4½ inches thick.

The centre of the title page, surrounded by the twelve pictures, is occupied by three paragraphs, the first and third being printed in red letters, the third being as follows: "Getruckt zu Zurich bey Christoffel Froschhouer, im Yar als man zalt,"

"M. D. XXXVI."

At the bottom of the title page are two paragraphs in faded German script. The only part that I was able to make out was the date at the end of each, the date at the end of the first being 1692, and at the end of the second 1713.

On what seems to be two fly leaves, detached from the book but of the same size of the book and folded together, are several paragraphs in German script, only part of which I was enabled to translate. The following dates are plain. 1636; 12 September, 1732.

Abraham Strickler's name is written on the margin in the following manner on this fly leaf just below three paragraphs: (two large letters LS).

A
Abraham
Strickler

(a word)
(two words)

Abraham
Strickler

10
60.

There are other pages in the Bible, which were never a part of the book, written in German.

This family has a small Bible published in 1762 in Germany. In this Bible is the record of the births of Jacob Strickler, grandfather of Mrs. Modesitt, and his sisters and brothers, also the death of Jacob's father Abraham. There are two paragraphs, too faded to make out, preceding the record of Abraham's death, evidently the record of the birth or more likely the marriage of Abraham and his wife. The first paragraph has the name Abraham Strickler, the second has the name Anna S———, 17—, 10 November. It is known that Abraham's wife was named Anna. This writing is all in German.

He has another old Bible about the size of the last one mentioned which has an engraving of Johannes Frederick Storch as a frontispiece.
Mrs. Modesitt has two stone jars that have been handed down to her with the tradition that they were brought across the ocean by the Strickler family. The taller jar is 13 inches high, 8 inches wide at the widest point and the mouth 4 inches wide. The companion jar is similar to this one except that it is only 12 inches high. They are plain dark glazed jars, the only decoration being two rings around the shoulder near the top.

In the list of Abraham Strickler's inventory, filed in 1746, I find these articles: "A large Dutch Bible" and "two stone gallon jugs."

At the sale of the property of Benjamin Strickler, dec'd. of Massanutten, his widow purchases a large Bible and stone jugs.

Mr. Modisett's grandmother, Susannah Spitler Hite, b. May 5, 1781, was the daughter of Rev. Abram Spitler and Mary Strickler. So both Mr. and Mrs. Modisett are descended from the Stricklers.

CONRAD STRICKLER'S WILL.

Conrad Strickler's will was probated in York County, Pennsylvania, in 1793. The will is short and devises all his property to his wife Christina. Witnesses were Henry Strickler and John Doll, Jr. Probated 1793.

A few years afterwards his wife's will was probated. Her name is Christina Strickler, widow and relict of Conrad Strickler, late of Heilam Township, in the County of York, Yoeman deceased. The will was signed in 1796 and recorded in book "K," page 9, and is quite lengthy. (For copies of these wills, see p. Post).

She divides her property into 15 shares, to be divided amongst her deceased husband's relations and her own. She mentions the following 15 persons, as legatees:

1. The children of a brother John Bixler, deceased.
2. The children of a brother Christian Bixler, deceased.
3. Veronica (Frances) Ellsberger.
4. Mary Roth (Roods).
5. Magdalena Engel.
7. Catherine Strickler, the wife of John Strickler.
8. Michael Bixler, a brother.
10. Jacob Strickler.
11. Abraham Strickler.
12. Ulrich Strickler.
13. A sister, Barbara Schacky; wife of Valentine Schacky.
14. John Strickler, of York Township, is made executor.

Witnesses to will: George Gutjahr, Veronica (Frances) Ellsberger, and George Lewis Lefler.

I. Daniel Rupp, in his History of York and Lancaster Counties, (1846) states that the Court proceedings of Chester County in 1736 give
the name of Conrad Strickler during the troubles between the colonists under William Penn’s heirs and those under Lord Baltimore. (Pa. Record, p. Post).* Whether this Conrad Strickler and the one whose will was probated in York County, Pennsylvania, in 1793, and the one referred to by Adam Strickler as being the brother of Abraham Strickler of Virginia, were one and the same man, I am not able to say, but the facts thus far discovered point that way. Further investigation might establish the identity.

I here give an account of a Conrad Strickler persecuted in Switzerland for his religious faith, who, in all probability, was a relative of Conrad Strickler later found residing in America in the Colony of Pennsylvania. The Church records in Zurich may disclose the relationship. It is interesting in that it tragically answers the question: “Why did our ancestors come to America?”

CONRAD STRICKLER
Persecuted in the City of Zurich.

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. Oscar Kuhns of the Department of Romance Languages in the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and author of several books touching upon the German and Swiss peoples.

He says that the following description of Conrad Strickler is found in an appendix to the “AUSBUND,” a hymn book of the Quakers, published by Christopher Sauer* at Germantown, Pa., in 1751, in which there is an account of the persecutions of the Quakers in Switzerland, the account of Conrad Strickler of Wadensuyl, or Horgan, being as follows:

“Conrad Strickler

An old man, he was made prisoner in June, 1644, and brought to the City of Zurich and shut up with others of the brethren. His wife was also shut up in the prison of Oetenback, where she remained a long time imprisoned; but now, thanks to God, has become free once more. They handed over his property to his son, but made him pay 500 Gulden (Florin) as a tax to the government.” (Translated from Ein Warbäfiger Bencht, etc.)

Mr. Oscar Kuhns explains the situation in this way: “The Mennonites were Quakers, and are always called so in public documents. The Quakers really came from Holland Taufer or Baptists as they called themselves originally. They are called Mennonites after Menno a Dutch Priest. Hence in stating in English what they were they would naturally call themselves Quakers.*

* See Emerson Strickler’s sketch.

* Adolph Saurer, I understand, is at present (1919) one of Switzerland’s grand old men, a captain of industry of Arbon.

* The names were used interchangeably, and they worshipped in the same meeting houses. This explains the fact that when Joseph Strickler in 1787 made an affidavit before the clerk at Winchester, Va., in Frederick County, this notation is found, “to which, being a Quaker, he affirmed.” See order book No. 13, p. 430.)
Froschouer was the publisher of the Taufer (Baptist) or Men­nonite (Quaker) Bible in Zurich.” This is the name of the publisher of the ancient Strickler Bible. See p. 9.

THE STRICKLER COAT OF ARMS

In the Library of Zurich, Switzerland, is a book entitled “Jacob Kull’s Wappen der loblichen Burgerschaft in Zurich 1844,” which contains the coat of arms in colors of the old families of Zurich and their names, including that of the Strickler family. I wrote to the librarian at Zurich for a copy. I received a free hand drawing in colors which I have given. There is no interpretation in the book of the coat of arms, I understand. I have understood that there was no motto accompanying the coat of arms on the Continent.

Later, thru the kindness of the Secretary of the American Legation at Bern, Mr. Chas. Campbell, and the American Consulate-General, at Zurich, Switzerland, Mr. Francis B. Keene, I was able to obtain this further information. Mr. Keene says in his letter, “I enclose herewith a little sketch which I had taken from the “Siebmachers Wappenbuch, Band V.” at the Library at Zurich. The book says, that the Stricklers originate from Hombrechtikon, in the Canton of Zurich, and that in 1815 they acquired the citizenship of the city of Zurich. There was no direct interpretation of the coat of arms, it simply says that it is in gold, that there is on a green “threemountain” (Dreiberg) a rose plant with green stalks and leaves and three roses in blossom;” “The sketch which he enclosed conformed to the description but is not in colors and is simply a free hand drawing.

The sketch which I received from the librarian at Zurich is more elaborate, but the main feature of it is the three rose stalks in bloom with other features added. I presume these are simply different arrangements found in different books.

Mr. V. O. Strickler was in Switzerland in 1914, and he had promised me to look the matter up. The war broke out, however, and he suddenly left without making any investigation whatsoever.

I understand that a copy in colors can be procured in Zurich at a cost of about francs 50. I had intended to obtain one of these, but, on matter. The one which I have is, doubtless, a very good copy.

In Christian symbolism the rose represents immortality. It is not unlikely, therefore, that the coat of arms has a Christian significance and that the three roses, three stalks, and three mountains—three times three—represent the Trinity. It certainly lacks the bellicose aspect of the crest displayed on so many arms. The figure carries a rose instead of a sword; immortality instead of death; peace instead of war. It is
"THE ARK OF THE COVENANT", with a Swiss guard on either side. This old Bible published in Zurich, Switzerland in 1536, was in company with the jars brought across the waters by Abraham Strickler and it has remained in the possession of the family ever since. (n90 & n113)
a happy interpretation even if it is not the original one.

Mr. Kuhns thinks the Lancaster Stricklers came from Wadensuyl and Horgen, beautiful villages of about 6,000 and 5,000 population, respectively, on the west shore of Lake Zurich. He also thinks that if the church records of these villages were searched the family could be traced back to the 16th century when the records began (1550). He gave me the name of Dr. J. Strickler, of Berne, Archivist. I wrote to him, but he had died. Mr. Kuhns also informed me that in the library at Zurich there is a list of all the old families of the Canton, and that in Leu's Allgemeines Schweizeresches Lexikon the genealogies of Swiss families are given. There are a great many people by the name of Strickler living in Zurich to-day.

A Coat of Arms,—What is it?

What is a coat of arms? Nations have flags, emblems, ensigns, seals, etc. Societies, fraternal organizations, and business houses have signs, emblems, and banners.

So anciently, certain families or clans adopted emblems. These emblems were borne upon their coat of armor, emblazoned upon their shields, and decorated their banners, helms, and trappings of their horses.

During the crusades, which continued for about 150 years,—from 1100 to 1250, speaking in round numbers,—great interest was shown in insignia of this character. These emblems were of practical value during the crusades, since the Christian armies were composed of motley bands gathered from all parts of western Europe.*

Some of these emblems had mottoes, and some did not.

They contained various and sundry figures called charges representing animals, plants, implements, various imaginary monsters, and other objects.

The usual colors are: gold and silver for the background, and blue, red, black, and green.

Eventually, certain rules and regulations in regard to this form of insignia were recognized, which resulted in what is known as the "Science of Heraldry," pertaining to the forms, terms, and laws for the use of armorial bearings or coats of arms.

"A coat of arms consists of the figure of a shield marked and colored in a vast variety of ways so as to be distinctive of an individual, a family, or a community." Winston's Cum. Encyc.

The Jewish High Priest wore an emblem called the ephod and breast plate. The breast plate contained four rows, three in a row, of precious stones, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. This might be called a coat of holy arms. Some claim that each of the twelve tribes carried a banner decorated with a figure taken from Jacob's prophecy.

*A full armored knight was unrecognizable aside from his arms. His features were as much concealed as a Ku Klux.
The cross is the Christian coat of arms. The white cross on a red field is Switzerland's flag and the International Red Cross Society has adopted the Swiss flag with colors reversed as its emblem as a complement to that nation for having given birth to that noble organization.

Strickler—Its Meaning.

The German word Sticker (or Stricker) means to weave or knit. Seidensticker, a familiar name, is composed of two German words seiden (silk) and stick (weaver-knitter), hence when anglicized it would be Silk-knitter. Strickler is probably a variation of the word Sticker (or Stricker) and would mean in the German to weave or to knit. The German word Stricknoodle means a knitting needle. Probably the best interpretation of Strickler would be Knitter. In the war of 1812, General Strickler commanded the American forces at North Point when General Ross made his land attack upon Baltimore, on which occasion Fortress McHenry was bombarded and Francis Scott Key wrote his immortal lines. All these names are derived evidently from the same root. All names mean something in some language. All names in the Bible had a meaning. Many names in America have a German origin but often anglicized. For instance Grove came from the German name Graff or Graf meaning Count. The “f” in German is pronounced like “v” so we have Grove. Kaufman means a merchant in German. Strickler has never changed. The name is found at Zurich Switzerland to this day. German names are often formed by adding mann, inger, ler or er. Strickler is likely Strick(knit) with ler added.

I here print a letter which was given me by my first cousin, G. B. Strickler. It is very interesting and is well written in English, in a legible hand, and, with a few exceptions, grammatically correct. He speaks of Dr. J. Strickler, Archivist, to whom I addressed a letter which was returned with the notation upon it “deceased” in three languages, German, French and Italian, all three being official languages of Switzerland. The words were: Verstorben, Decede and Decesso.

Hogen, Switzerland
January 23d, 1912

ALBERT STRICKLER
HORGEN
Mr. Gratz B. Strickler
27 Yard Avenue
Trenton, N. J.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of June 4th, 1909, reached me in due time, at the office of Joh. Strickler’ Sohne. I laid it aside in order to answer it at
home, but somehow it got in a book and I was not able to find it again in spite of my searches, until a few days ago it dropped out of that book and now I have your address I am able to reply to your favor. You will kindly excuse the delay and also the imperfect knowledge of the English language, which I learnt many years ago, but which I am afraid I have forgotten to a great extent as I scarcely have any opportunity of speaking it.

I had much pleasure in hearing that a branch of the Strickler family are living and thriving beyond the great water more so because the members on this side are not very numerous, and probably never have been so. It is not much I can tell you of the origin, one thing however is nearly certain, that the cradle of the tribe lies within a radius of ten miles of my present place of living. To this day the perhaps 100 souls of the name of Strickler are scattered upon this small area and scarcely anywhere else in Switzerland the name is to be found, or the origin of the persons bearing it can be traced back to this district.

The Stricklers of today are very nearly all living on the shores of the lake of Zurich, Canton Zurich, fewer in the neighboring Canton of Zug. At the time of the Reformation the Canton of Zug remained catholic, while Zurich accepted the new creed preached by Zwingli. The Stricklers living in the Canton of Zug are Catholic, those of the Canton of Zurich are Protestants or more exactly expressed "Zwinglians," there being a small difference between Zwinglians, and Calvinists and Lutherans. Likely on your side these differences have disappeared in the course of the years. Until relatively a short time ago nearly all the Stricklers with a few exceptions were farmers, in the usual respectable but small way customary in eastern Switzerland, where the cultivable area is divided since centuries in small properties.

One or two Stricklers of the 18th century were good painters, some teachers, the most prominent of the 19th century was Dr. Johannes Strickler, who died a few months ago aged 90 years. This gentleman held for many years the charge of "Archivist of the State and Republic of Zurich" and in later years he was appointed by the Swiss Federal Government to make researches in the Swiss Archives and compile a history on the foundation of the New Swiss Confederation. He was a historian of great repute and wrote several books on historical matters. It might be supposed that he in the first place should be interested in the origin of the family, but when I interviewed him in this matter, much to my surprise he said, that although he had spent nearly his whole life reading old papers in historical researches, he knew no more of the origin of the Strickler family than myself, adding that he considered it a matter of little interest as far as he was concerned—

Being somewhat more curious than he, in this respect I made my own inquires, but regret to say they lead to nothing positive except
to the persuasion that it is impossible to trace back the few branches of the family to common ancestors, or to construct anything like a complete history or pedigree.

Until about 1500 it seems, that no parish books were kept at all, afterwards for centuries very irregularly,—and in a great many places the books which once existed got lost and destroyed in the wars of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries or in fires. Even the books still existing of the seventeenth and eighteenth century while likely pretty reliable as regards births, are mostly quite uncomplete as to deaths. Unknown thousands of Swiss men went abroad from 1500 to 1800 and even 1850 for soldiers to the Kings of France, the Pope, the King of Naples, the Venetian republics, to Spain, Holland and England, they perished in the wars without leaving traces in the parish books.—While there can be little doubt, that your ancestor came from this neighbourhood, I am inclined to believe that he must have left Europe at some later time than you presume, unless you know something positive to the contrary. The 30 years war raged more especially in Germany. The Swiss emigration to America set in in the eighteenth century but only reached some importance in the nineteenth century. Still it is possible that your ancestor left earlier, not as a Calvinist Minister however, but perhaps as a Zwinglian one, because at that early time in German Switzerland, (that is to say in the part of Switzerland speaking German) there were only Zwinglians.

I sincerely regret, I am unable to tell you more.—I wonder whether you ever met other Stricklers in the U. S., and how far back your own established family history reaches. If anything interesting you, should come to my knowledge I will gladly communicate with you—

My own father was a timber merchant three of his sons continue his business. We have done some business with the United States in North Carolina Pine and Yellow Pine, for which there is a moderate demand here, but I am afraid it won’t last, as timber seems to get scarcer or more expensive on your side like in old Europe. Perhaps the opening of the Isthmus of Panama will bring cheap Washington and Oregon woods within reach—

I should be very pleased to hear again from you, and hoping this will meet you in good health.

I remain, Dear Sir
Yours very truly,
(Signed) Albert Strickler.

Thinking that the scenery of your old country might interest you, I sent you by book post a few views of Switzerland.

HORGEN THE CRADLE OF THE TRIBE.

It will be noted that this letter strengthens Mr. Kuhns’ supposition that the Stricklers came from Horgen. In fact, this evidence is
almost positive proof that Horgen is the cradle of the tribe. Inasmuch as the family is not numerous and confined to a small area, the possibility of any doubt upon this subject is reduced. The letter also creates more interest in the coat of arms of the family, as there can be no doubt, it would seem, of its origin and ownership. He states that practically all the Stricklers in Switzerland today, consisting possibly of 100 souls, live within a radius of ten miles of Horgen.

Horgen in 1900 had a population of nearly 7,000, and is located on the west shore of Lake Zurich, about ten miles south-east of the City of Zurich, the capital of the Canton of the same name, with which it communicates by rail and by steamers on the lake. It is the center of the Zurich silk manufactures. Adam Strickler, in his account, says that Abraham Strickler was an expert weaver. He, no doubt, learned his trade, before coming to America, in the mills of Horgen, where probably the cloth industry had been established as early as 1700.

THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY.

The Stricklers lived near the spot where the Swiss patriots in 1307 met to devise means to throw off the yoke of the despot. Representatives of three cantons, Uri, Schwyz, and Unterwalden, met at Rutli on Lake Lucerne and swore to maintain their ancient independence and decided on a rising on the first day of January, 1308. Switzerland has been a Republic for over 600 years and has been an example to the world in many respects. It was a Swiss gentleman who founded the Red Cross, and its emblem is the opposite of the Swiss flag which is a white cross on a red field. Miss Clara Barton was the organizer of the society in America. All interested in the Red Cross should read her history of that noble organization.

The purity of the snow capped mountain peaks of Switzerland is indicative of the purity of the home life of her people. I have been told that Hofmann, when he wanted to paint the boy Christ, went to the mountains of Switzerland where he found the model for his famous painting.

I have been told that a Strickler in Switzerland wrote a short history of the Anabaptists. In this history I am told that he proves beyond a doubt that a great many things written about them were false. It may be that Dr. J. Strickler mentioned in the above letter was the author. I have never seen this book. The history that we read was written by their enemies and doubtless reflected the bitterness of the times.

ABRAHAM STRICKLER

of

"Mesenuttin on Gerundo."

Abraham Strickler, the ancestor of most of the Stricklers in Virginia, was born in the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland, most probably in the town of Horgen, on the west shore of Lake Zurich. He was born
before 1700, probably as early as 1670, and died in Virginia in 1746. The church records at Horgen might disclose the exact date of his birth, as I understand they date back to 1550. Abraham came to the Province of Pennsylvania about 1700, locating in the County of Chester (now Lancaster), near the Susquehanna. Before 1730—probably as early as 1726—he migrated to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia—locating at "MESENUTTIN ON GERUNDO," a place now known as Massanutten, in Page County, about four miles west of Luray. William Penn came to America in 1682 to establish his Holy Experiment. Abraham was one of those kindred spirits who followed him across the Atlantic to assist in establishing that glorious undertaking. He was of a different nationality, he spoke a foreign language, but he was Penn's brother in spirit. Their religion, stripped of the name, was one and the same.2

Adam Strickler says that Abraham was an expert weaver. This fact would indicate that he grew to maturity in the land of his birth and learned his trade there. It is not likely that he learned this trade in America. He was probably thirty years old when he left Switzerland, and he may have resided in Holland for a time as many of the Swiss emigrants did. Perhaps he learned his trade in Holland. The Dutch were great weavers. These Swiss immigrants soon made Germantown, we are told, famous as a center of cloth industry. They, no doubt, were experts along other lines also, as almost all of them were artisans. (3)

The Swiss first settled in 1710 on Pequea Creek in Lancaster County (then Chester), but some had arrived with Daniel Pastorius as early as 1683 and had become a part of the settlement of Germantown, near Philadelphia. Abram Strickler arrived, no doubt, about 1700, as Adam Strickler says, and was one of the first Swiss settlers in America. (4)

Abraham Strickler may have had other children than the four named by Adam; in fact, he says that there may have been others but that he only knew of four, all of whom came to Virginia. I am very much inclined to the opinion that he had a son Abraham, as it was a very favorite name in the family. In 1782, when the first census was taken in Virginia, there was living in the neighborhood of Massanutten an Abraham Strickler, Jr., with six white persons in his household. There were two Abram Stricklers in the same neighborhood, with six

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(1) *Adam Miller's naturalization paper states that he came to Virginia about 1726, Wayland's History Rock Co., p. 35. Strickler and Miller were both interested in the Massanutten Patent and doubtless came to Virginia about the same time.

(2) The Swiss and Dutch were kindred spirits. The Swiss Mennonites were also called Holland Baptists (Holland Taufer), Penn's mother was Dutch. So we see a kinship between Penn, the Quaker, the Holland Baptists and the Swiss Mennonites.

(3) Some one has said that while Queen Elizabeth, of England, was "put to bed" in a state of nature the Dutch were retiring in fine linens. The Swiss and Dutch were pioneer weavers.

(4) Kuhns, p. 47. German and Swiss Settlements of Pa.
and eight white persons, respectively, in their households. Abraham, Jr., I am inclined to think, was the son of Abraham the first. Further investigation might disclose this fact. (1)

There is a tradition in the family that Abraham married Peter Ruffner's only sister. (2) Ruffner was the ancestor of the well known family who located in the Massanutten neighborhood in 1739. Some of the Ruffners became prominent in education. (3) In 1746 Peter Ruffnough (Ruffner) qualified as administrator of the estate of Abraham Strickler, dec'd. This fact strengthens the tradition.

Adam Miller is now conceded to be the first white settler in the Shenandoah Valley. (4) He located near Massanutten in 1726, as shown by his naturalization certificate. Abraham Strickler and other Swiss settlers came with him to the Valley, no doubt, as they purchased land from Jacob Stover, the Swiss land agent, at the same time in the same locality, and joined in the same petition in 1733 to the Governor of Virginia for the purpose of having title to lands purchased from Stover confirmed.

As the name Massanutting Town was so early applied to the place, the supposition is that it was an old Indian trading post long before the first settlers purchased land there. This might explain why Wm. Beverly, on Apr. 30, 1732, wrote to a friend in Williamsburg asking him to secure for him a grant of 15,000 acres "Including a place called Massanutting Town." Beverly also refers to it as an "Old Field," which indicates that there were no trees on the land. Probably the entire river bottoms were devoid of trees. Kercheval, in his history of the Valley, says that great areas of the valley were covered with grass when the first settlers arrived. John Lederer, a German explorer, visited the valley in 1669 and drew a map of it, marking the valley "Savane" meaning prairie. (Wayland's Rock. Co. Hist. p. 33; Wayland's Ger. El., p. 17).

OLD PASSPORT.

Mr. Lee Strickler tells me that his father, Adam Strickler, had in his possession at one time a very old paper known as a passport or a

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(1) In 1747, shortly after Abraham Strickler died, an Abraham Strickler was a land processioner at Massanutten, with Mathias Selser. This was probably a son of Abraham who died in 1746.

(2) I also discovered a tradition in the Benjamin Strickler branch of the family that Benjamin's mother was the daughter or sister of Joist Hite. This Benjamin, from all I can discover, was the brother of Jacob, Joseph, and John, sons of Abraham the first. According to this tradition, Abraham married the daughter or sister of Joist Hite. See (m862). Tradition, if faulty, often contains a grain of truth. There was probably a relationship between the families, at least. I understand that Hite's daughters are all known.

(3) Dr Henry Ruffner, of Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, b. 1790, wrote an interesting pamphlet on slavery in 1847. His son, Dr. William H. Ruffner, has been called the Horace Mann of the South. He was Virginia's first State Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1870-1880. This was the beginning of the free school system in Virginia.

trader's pass that enabled Abraham Strickler to pass from Pennsylvania to Virginia. He thinks that his father gave the old paper to a relative from the West when on a visit in Virginia. I am sorry it was not preserved, as the date on it might disclose when Abraham first came to Virginia. It is quite likely, I think, that the first settlers made many trips to the Massanutten country before deciding to locate there. They doubtless hunted and traded with the Indians. In 1744 Abraham Strickler brought suit against one Garret Pendergrass for twenty-two pounds and ten shillings, the price of three hundred pounds weight of good merchantable deer skins. (Order Book No. 1, p. 76, Winchester). The old paper was called sometimes a "trader's pass," and no doubt Abraham Strickler traded with the Indians at Massanutten many years before he located permanently in Virginia and needed the pass as he traveled from one colony to the other. Some one informed me that he was of the opinion that the old paper had been photographed. If this be true, a negative might be found in Luray. (1)

Mr. Lee Strickler also tells me that his father had quite a number of old deeds and papers; that he remembers the passport especially; that it was a curiosity and enabled Abraham to travel between Pennsylvania and Virginia with a load of fur. He also thinks it was photographed. He says his father was a good marksman and that he thinks Chas. Brubaker has his father's old rifle. He gave his father's powder horn to Frank Strickler and has preserved his father's pocket inkstand and case with the quill pen he made.*

MASSANUTTEN—Its Meaning.

From an article appearing in the Daily News-Record of November 23, 1921, by L. J. Heatwole, of Rockingham County, I learn that Massanutting (now Massanutten) is composed of two Indian words, "Massa," meaning "ground," and "Nutta" or "Nuga," meaning "Potato," the combined word, therefore, meaning Potato ground. This is consistent with the condition in which the early settlers found this land. Mr. Heatwole states that he obtained this information from a special work issued by the United States Government Printing Office entitled "Origin of Some Place Names in the United States," by Henry Garnett. This is the most plausible explanation of the name that I have heard.*

SHENANDOAH—Its Meaning.

In this same article there is an explanation why the Indians called this river the Shenandoah—The Daughter of the Stars. One of the

* I have read that Massanutten was an Indian name meaning "Great Mountain Yonder" or "Great Lookout Mountain." But the mountain was not called Massanutten at first but Peaked Mountain or Buffalo Mountain throughout its length, by the early settlers.

*This pocket inkbottle belonged to Adam's father, David. William Lee has recently (1924) presented me with this heirloom, which I appreciate very much.

(1) Miss Selina Strickler had the old passport and she gave it to Adam Strickler, who found it among her papers on one occasion and expressed great delight over the discovery.
main branches of the Shenandoah heads at Gilmer Spring, the head of Skidmore Fork, high on the Shenandoah Mountain due west of Har­risonburg. Mr. Heatwole states that this is the highest head spring of the Shenandoah. Near this point are the head waters of the North Fork of the Shenandoah, which flows out of Brocks Gap and joins the South Fork at Riverton. The river, as it were, comes down from the stars—hence "The Daughter of the Stars." This name proves that the Indians were a poetic people. But this name expresses more than poetry for all that is beautiful in this valley comes down from above—every lofty and noble sentiment, every beautiful meadow. For what would it be without the sunshine and the rain and the God-fearing people?

THE MASSANUTTEN COUNTRY,
Where the first settlement was made in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Massanutten to which I now refer is not the name of a town or mountain but of a beautiful section of Page County, Virginia, lying between the Massanutten Mountain and the Shenandoah River, a few miles to the north of the Fairfax line and immediately east of a gap in the said mountain known as the New Market Gap. An imaginary line drawn east from New Market across the mountain and thru the gap to the river would very nearly divide Massanutten into two equal parts. In going from New Market to Luray over the highway that passes through the gap, one is afforded a magnificent view from the top of the mountain of the Massanutten Country as well as of a large portion of Page County stretching out toward the Blue Ridge. The view east of the river at this point includes the territory drained by the Hawksbill and Mill Creek, eastern branches of the Shenandoah, and comprises probably half, if not more, of the better lands of Page County. If the above imaginary line were extended to the Blue Ridge, it would approach the well known resort known as Skyland or Stonyman on the top of the mountain.

The Shenandoah River in Page County flows in a north-easterly direction along the eastern base of the Masssanutten Mountain, describing on its way a series of graceful curves. As it approaches the Massanutten Country, it hugs the base of the mountain south of the gap but immediately sweeps out into the valley, only to return again to the mountain to the north of the gap, completing an irregular semicircle embracing a large extent of fertile level river bottom lands,—roughly speaking about 2,500 acres. This bend is easily distinguished from the other bends in the river, as it does not approach a point, as most of them do, but the river flows almost straight northeast for about two miles.
Massanutten Creek

A small clear stream, called Massanutten Creek, rises in the gap and flows east through the Massanutten country to the river, dividing the territory into about two equal parts. It was on the banks of this stream that many of the first settlers built their homes. The homes of at least four, Benjamin and Isaac Strickler, Brubaker and Stone, were built on the stream within a short distance of each other.

Originally the name Massanutten was applied no doubt to a larger scope of territory. Jacob Stover’s lower 5,000 acre patent which reached from Alma to the mouth of the Hawksbill on both sides of the river, a distance of ten miles or more, was referred to in the early days as the Massanutten patent.

On a map published in 1796 I find that the river in Page is designated "Massanutten or South Branch." This map is bound with the Heads of Families. Massanutten was an important name in the early history of the valley. It was probably the first place name. In 1746 the gap at New Market was known as the Massanutten Gap for the reason that Massanutten then was of much more importance than New Market, which was not even in existence. The mountain at this time was known as Peaked Mountain. Afterwards the name became attached to the mountain range that extends from Harrisonburg to Strasburg, a distance of fifty miles.*

Egypt

Just to the north of Massanutten and on the same side of the river is Egypt. Roughly speaking, we might say the north gate is at Lick Branch, while the southern gate may be considered as being where a small stream comes down from the mountain and enters the river where it approaches the mountain. But Mr. Lee Strickler tells me that Egypt extended up into the lower part of Massanutten Bend, that the dividing line was a straight line, leaving the river some distance above the White House and running straight toward the mountain to a place called "Crates Hollow" about a mile north-west of Salem, and that the large body of land located just south of the White House bridge, whereon Abraham Strickler, Sr. lived, was always considered as being in Egypt. (1) He also says that the northern limit of Egypt went beyond Lick Branch to a point south of J. W. Ruffner’s brick mansion. (2) These limits of Egypt are consistent with the lines of Abraham Strickler’s first grant. His line starts four or five hundred rods (320 rods equal

*Thomas Lewis journal kept on the survey of the Fairfax line.

1. The line to Crates Hollow would probably exclude the Isaac Strickler 188-acre tract which was a part of Abraham’s land.

2. Near the Slusher Dam.
one mile) up the river from the White House, then it runs N.30 W. 414 rods, then runs almost due east, N. 80 E. 144 rods, then by a short line to the river, then down the river to a point where the river approaches the mountain, then it runs N.39 E.520 rods to the river, near Lick Branch, then N.60 E.120 rods, then N.82 E.20 rods, then N.17 W. to the river, then up the river to the beginning. These lines take in lower Massanutten Bend and all of Egypt Bend, extending 120 rods beyond Lick Branch. Very early Abraham Strickler called his grant Egypt, and this explains why Egypt was considered as extending up into the Massanutten Bend and beyond Lick Branch.

"Strickler's Knob"

One of the ridges of the Massanutten Mountain ends in a knob just west of Egypt. This knob is known as Strickler's Knob and is so marked on the map of the U. S. Forestry Office.

"Strickler's Short Horse Mountain"

A similar knob south of New Market Gap is called Short Horse Mountain on the same map. I have called it "Strickler's Short Horse Mountain," an appellation taken from an old deed to land in this vicinity.

"An Old Indian Trail"

Mr. Wm. Lee Strickler tells me that there was an old Indian trail leading up the steep right bank of the river above the mouth of Mill Creek, on the P. M. Kaufman lands (1914). He also says that there was a ford across the river in lower Egypt which saved residents in that section many miles in going to Luray. He tells me that his father told him that a member of the family was with Morgan at the battle of the Cowpens and that others were officers in Washington's Army, but he does not remember their names.

He also informs me that there was a warehouse on the left bank of the river near the road in upper Egypt from which point flour and other produce gathered from Rockingham, Page, and Shenandoah were shipped on flat boats to the markets.

Strickler's Deer Lick

Where our ancestors obtained their meat.

After going some distance up Lick Branch or Lick Hollow from the river, we come to a point where the hollow widens into a marshy bottom, probably a hundred yards wide and much longer. At the upper end of this bottom I am told is the old deer lick, a wet marshy spot thirty yards in circumference probably. Here is where our ancestors came and lay in wait for their deer, and a shot from the trusty old
rifle refilled the meat house. It is a very secluded spot between two high ridges. If one follows this hollow on up toward the mountain, he will come to a sulphur spring high on the mountain. The hollow above the bottom is very narrow, dark, and rough. Lick Branch is no doubt the same stream referred to in old deeds as "Elk Lick."

In 1743 Abraham Strickler conveys 100 acres to Jacob Bowman. This tract came off the extreme northern portion of his grant, and lies wholly north of Lick Branch. The lines are identical with the three last named in Abraham's deed. This deed mentions a stony run as the beginning point (evidently Lick Branch). It also recites that Abraham's grant contained 1033 acres instead of 1000 as the grant itself states.

Abraham Strickler's sons, Jacob and Joseph, afterwards owned all Egypt. They also owned lands in Massanutten. Benjamin and Isaac Strickler owned large tracts in Massanutten opposite the White House. Jacob also owned six or seven hundred acres of land on Smith Creek on the opposite side of the mountain from Massanutten.

Gray's Station

High on the mountain side about a mile north of Lick Branch is a small flat surface. This is called Gray's Station. Many years ago a man by the name of Gray, supposed to have been a fugitive from justice, built himself a cabin on this spot, and ever since it has been called Gray's Station. Tradition says that no one knew where the man came from. Probably he fell in love with the beautiful scenery and decided to live in close communion with nature.

The Old Orchard

Not far from Gray's Station, but not so high on the mountain, is an old orchard, eight or ten acres in extent. A few hundred yards north of this orchard, there were a few years ago three or four shafts sunk in the ground to a depth of fifty feet or more. They are very old, and no one seems to know who put them down. They are known as silver mines. On the south-west side of the orchard, near the fence, are the gold diggings. A man by the name of Huffman did quite a bit of work here digging for gold.

Just about a half mile toward the river from this old orchard some iron was mined for the Blackford Furnace, a mile below Luray. This hill is called Iron Hill.

I have been told that it was a general belief among the old settlers that gold and silver existed in the Massanutten Mountain between the gap and Lick Run. I have been told also that some gold has been mined in this vicinity.
When our ancestors located at this spot they found scenery not unlike their own Alps in Switzerland, not so sublime probably, nor so awe-inspiring perhaps, but beautiful scenery nevertheless,—"God-like scenery for God-like men for God-like purposes." The scenery is too beautiful, too awe-inspiring, too grand, too sublime, too wonderful, and too much like Heaven must be to be described. So I will not attempt it. I think sometimes that the people who live amidst this wonderful scenery do not appreciate it. I may be mistaken. I hope I am.

I here give the opening part of the deed from Fairfax to Isaac Strickler. The land conveyed is located on the left bank of the river near the White House and in Massanutten and was a part of the Egypt tract.

Deed from Fairfax to Isaac Strickler
March 2, 1762.

"The Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, to all to whom the present writing may come sends greeting. Whereas Isaac Strickler of the County of Frederick, having represented to my office that he is in possession of a certain parcel of Land being part of a Tract of 5000 Acres granted to Jacob Stover by Patent date the 15th. day of December, 1733, 1000 of which the said Stover sold and conveyed to Abraham Strickler, dec'd. who by his last will and Testament devised the same to be divided among his several Sons as may fully appear by the Record of Orange County Court,* and the said Isaac having moved for my Deed to include his part or Dividend of the said purchase as his property by Discent from the said Abraham," etc. The deed conveys 183 acres, which is about one-fifth of the 1000 acres conveyed to Abraham. The deed was "Registered in the Proprietor’s office in Book K, folio 239."

The original of this deed is in the possession of Mrs. Virginia S. Milbourne, of Charles Town, W. Va., a descendant of Isaac Strickler. This deed is interesting from several standpoints. It states that Abraham Strickler left a will and that it was recorded in Orange County. I have never been able to find this will recorded there. When Peter Ruffnough qualified as Administrator in Augusta County Court, on April 16, 1746, one of the requirements of the Court was that the administrator should ascertain whether or not the deceased left a will. This requirement suggests that there was a belief, at least, that Abraham Strickler left a will.

The fact that Isaac Strickler claims about one-fifth of the acreage of the 1000 acres might indicate that Abraham had five sons. Of course

*The will is not found in Orange. This must have been a mistake.
Abraham may have had other possessions; so nothing definite can be drawn from this fact. A full investigation might disclose who inherited the remainder of the tract. The deed says also that the will divided the 1000 acres among the sons of the testator. This might indicate that Abraham had no daughters, or he may have had other possessions which he devised to other sons and daughters. We do know that he had one daughter, at least, Mary, who married Joseph Roads. The most plausible explanation is that he had five sons, one of them being named Abraham. Isaac Strickler witnesses a deed in Massanutten in 1746. Abraham Strickler appears on the records soon after Abraham Strickler's death in 1746.

When Abraham Strickler located at Massanutten that territory was in Spotsylvania County; in 1734, it was embraced in the new County of Orange, which included, besides territory east of the Blue Ridge, all the territory in Virginia west of that mountain, and extended north-west to the Great Lakes,—"the utmost limits of Virginia."—In 1738 this territory west of the Blue Ridge was divided into two new counties, Frederick and Augusta, the dividing line being identical with the present (1921) line between Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, known as the Fairfax line after 1753. The records were not kept in these counties, Frederick and Augusta, until 1743 and 1745, respectively. In 1772 Shenandoah County (Dunmore until 1777) was carved out of Frederick just north of the Fairfax line, and in 1778 (date of Act, 1777,) Rockingham County was carved out of Augusta County, just to the south of the Fairfax line. Then in 1831, the Massanutten Country was included in the new county of Page. Spotsylvania County was formed from Essex and other counties in 1720.

The name of Abraham Strickler, the pioneer, is found on the records of Orange, Frederick, and Augusta, and the names of his descendants are found on the early records of all the above counties except Spotsylvania and Orange and of course Essex.

In 1744 Abraham Strickler brings suit against Pendergrass at Winchester in Frederick County.* This might be explained from the fact that the records were not begun in Augusta until 1745. In 1746 his estate is administered in Augusta County. The Pendergrass suit was probably instituted in Orange County and transferred to Frederick, as I find the same parties in litigation there between 1743 and 1746.

Abraham Strickler's Estate Administered in Augusta County.

On page 6 of Will Book No. 1 of the Augusta County records, on the 16th day of April, 1746, Peter Ruffnough qualifies as administrator

*The line between Augusta and Frederick was not surveyed at this time. Originally the line between Augusta and Frederick was in the neighborhood of Woodstock but probably not run until 1744 or 1745. Then in 1753 it was made identical with the Fairfax line which was run in 1746. See Massanutten, p. 21.
of Abraham Strickler, dec'd. and gives bond for one thousand pounds, with Mathias Selzer and John Lionberger as sureties, to John Lewis Gent., first Justice for Augusta County. The bond is about the fifth instrument recorded in the first will book for the County. Abraham Strickler's name is the first one to appear in the index under letter "S." One of the requirements mentioned in the bond was that the administrator should ascertain whether or not the deceased left a will. In the order book of the same date, it is recited that Peter Roughnough was appointed administrator of Abraham Strickler, the widow refusing to administer. From this statement, we know that he left a widow. Jeremiah Sutton, Randolph Mauck, John Spitler, and Paul Lung (Long), any three of whom might act, were appointed to make inventory of the estate of Abraham Strickler.

These gentlemen filed their inventory on June 18, 1746. I will here give a copy of the inventory. It was rather difficult to copy, but I have the most of it correct, I think. It was the largest inventory in the book with the exception of one or two. Martin Kaufman's inventory was filed in 1749, valued at 338 pounds, and exceeded Abraham's by over 100 pounds. The values were stated in pounds, shillings, and pence.

I looked for the settlement of the administrator, but could not find it. This, no doubt, would have contained the names of the heirs of Abraham Strickler. The settlement may have been filed in Frederick County, or a will may have been found and the executor may have administered the estate. Frederick County would have been the proper place after 1753 for all these proceedings, provided Abraham lived on his lands in Massanutten. I have never found any record of the estate being administered in any other county.

A COPY OF THE INVENTORY OF
ABRAHAM STRICKLER'S ESTATE

filed June 18, 1746, in Augusta County, in Will Book No. 1, at pages 12 and 34.

A true and perfect Inventory of the estate of Abraham Strickler late of the County dec'd. so far as has been represented (to us) by Peter Rufnough (Ruffner) Adm. Apr. the 19th, 1746, (viz:)

To 20 milk cows at 10 s per piece and calves
" 6 two year olds one bull one heifer at 20 S.
" 7 three year old, one heifer and 6 steers
" 10 year old, heifer and steers at 10 S.
" 11 hogs at 7 S.
" 31 piggs at 1 S 6
" 2 stills and proper implements belonging loth (with)
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<td>a (croper) and Oxchain, 2 wedges, 1 Iron dog 8</td>
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<td>a parcel of old stoves</td>
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<td>1 pc of maul rings one wedge and ads</td>
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<td>3 hammer (astis) and small garden hoe</td>
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<td>2 gray mares 2 bay and one year old colt</td>
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<td>3 saddles &amp; pad, 2 collars and Quillers</td>
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<td>All the implements for rope making</td>
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<td>the rest of the tools belonging to the turners lathe</td>
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" 1 hemp brake 0,, 2,,0
" 60 Galls. of Lickquer at 2s 6p per Gall. and cash 7,,10,,0
" 7 Keelers 2 butter tubs at 6 0,, 4,,6
" more milk vessels 0,,12,,0
" All the (pewter) dishes plates basons a pewter qt.pot 1,,10,,0
" All the iron pots skillets 2 frying pans skimer & 2ad 1,, 0,,0
" 2 pair of cords and (abarill) 0,, 4,,0
" one pair of wool cords 0,, 1,,6
" 1 rifle one smooth gun and molds 5,,10,,0
" 3 stove plates 2,,10,,0
" All Abraham's wearing clothes 2,, 0,,0
" large chest 0,, 5,,0
" safe 0,, 8,,0
" 149tt of linen yarn 7,, 9,,0
" a straw knife and box 0,,15,,0

" April 19, appraised in all 205,, 3,,3

The appraisment of Abraham Strickler's estate ect. on the 21st day of April, 1746.

To 11 tt of old iron at 1 & 1-2 ptt and one old (hov) 0,, 2,,0
" one three year old bay mare & 1 gray not broke 5,, 0,,0
" one bed in stillhouse loft and furniture 1,,15,,0
" one bed and furniture in the old house 2,, 0,,0
" 2 shag rugs and 2 old blankets 1,, 5,,0
" 1 bed in the stove room bed sted and furniture 2,, 0,,0
" the best bed and furniture in the stove room 3,, 0,,0
" 8 small Dutch books a large Dutch Bible & some old books 2,, 2,,0
" pare of new and one pare of old money scales 0,, 5,,0
" a parcel of rye at the mill 0,, 7,,0
" 2 good mill bags and seven old Dos 0,, 8,,0
" 2 stone gallon juggs 0,, 2,,0
" 300 tt of (ropes) at 2ptt 2,,10,,0
" one lifter and two kidles 0,, 4,,0
" 2 linen wheels 0,, 5,,0
" one old brass cock and 2 old razor 0,, 2,,6
" one hone 0,, 1,,6

by mistake in the article in first page 0,, 2,,0
" " in the last sum on first side or page 0,, 1,,0

11,,13,,4

205,, 3,,3
In obedience to an order of Augusta County Court made the 14th day of April, 1746, to appraise the estate of Abraham Strickler late of the said County and we the subscribers being first sworn according to the said order have appraised the same according to the best of our understanding whereof this is a true inventory as witness our hands this 21st day of April, 1746.

Jer. Sutton.
Paul Long.
Rudolph Magg.

At the Court held for Augusta County the 18th day of June, 1746, this appraisement of Abraham Strickler Estate being returned into Court is admitted to record.

See (n90)

INVENTORY OF ABRAHAM STRICKLER

In Will Book No. 1, p. 34, this additional appraisement is found.

A part of the estate of Abraham Strickler, Dec'd.

To 1 yearling heifer 0,,12,,0
" one carpenter's frow 0,, 6,,6
" one gray mare colt 1,, 0,,0
" winter grain 5,, 0,,0
" a parcel of hemp 0,,15,,0

7,, 9,,6

total of first appraisement 216,,16,,7

224,, 1,,1

We learn from this inventory that Abraham had his still-house and made his own liquors, as did most of the first settlers. Some of the articles I could not make out clearly. We find in the list a large Dutch Bible no doubt the one still in existence, spoken of on page 9. And here are the two stone gallon jugs which answer the description of those in the possession of Mrs. S. H. Modisett, said to have been brought across the water with the Bible. A large Bible and stone jugs are mentioned in the inventory of Benj. Strickler's estate (m 796-).*

MARTIN KAUFMAN'S INVENTORY AND WILL

Martin Kaufman's will is recorded in Will Book No. 1, p. 125, as of date May 17, 1749. It is recorded first in German, then in English. David Kaufman, Michael Kaufman, and John Koontz are witnesses.

*There is a tradition that Abraham was a rope maker. Here we have the evidence of that fact, for the inventory contains implements for rope making and 300 pounds of ropes.
David and Michael are brothers, or possibly sons, of Martin. The latter is, no doubt, the one who received land for the orphans of Martin Kaufman in 1755 located on the Fairfax line. The will is short. It mentions a widow and a time when his eldest son shall become of age, and desires that the appraisers shall be out of the brotherhood.

The inventory of the estate of Martin Kaufman, some of the articles of which I here give, would indicate that he was a minister.


Martin Kaufman, who died in 1809, co-laborer with Elder John Koontz, was probably a son of this Martin.

Jacob Strickler of Egypt probably married the daughter of Martin who died in 1749. He had a daughter Ann who married Henry Brumbaugh. A Michael Kaufman went from Page County in an early day and located on Linville Creek. He was a Mennonite preacher. His remains lie in Lindale Church cemetery, I have been told.

See Kauffmans, (8). (m739)-(m489).

A SUITABLE MONUMENT

I would like very much to see a monument erected to the pioneer, Abraham Strickler. I would like to see a plain pyramid built of Massanutten undressed sandstone, great quantities of which could easily be obtained from the mountain hollows near by. It is the most durable of stone. I would like to see this monument placed in Egypt where Abraham is most likely buried. It could also serve as a monument to his son Jacob and grandson John, both of whom we know are buried in Egypt opposite the mouth of Mill Creek.

This is his tomb.

“The hills
Rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun; the vales
Stretching in pensive quietness between;
The venerable woods; rivers that move
In majesty, and the complaining brooks
That make the meadows green.”

Bryant.

*These were choice selections from the Bible printed in German and Entitled “Golden Apples in Silver Shells,”-the German “Golden Apfel in Silbern Schalen.” See Massanutton, p. 26.
We feel confident that he kept the faith, or else he would not have left his home in Switzerland, with no hope of ever seeing it again, to undertake a perilous journey across a hostile sea and to endeavor to build a new home in a strange land with all its attending hardships and dangers—not for gold but for God and his faith in Him. Had he come purely for gold he would not have carried with him that immense Book which I call his “Ark of the Covenant,” now nearly four hundred years old.

We are told that Abraham of old was buried in the cave of Machpelah which Abraham had purchased for a burial place on the death of his wife Sarah. “And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah.” Strange to say the Ishmaelites have had possession of this land for many hundreds of years.

Jacob’s last request of his sons, whom he had just blessed, was to be buried in the cave of Machpelah, his last words being: “There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebecca his wife; and there I buried Leah.”

He could have selected no better tomb than a cave. Our ancestors could have found a cave wherein to lay away their loved ones which in my opinion would have been preferable to burying in the open fields where the tombs are too soon obliterated by the thoughtless thousands that follow. These tombs were very sacred to someone at some time, and we should respect them for that reason.

**THE PETITION OF 1733**

**ABRAHAM STRICKLER AND HIS SEVEN FRIENDS**

In the early part of the year 1733 Abraham Strickler, Adam Mueller (Miller), Mathias Selzer, Philip Lung (Long), Paul Lung (Long), Michael Rhinehart, Hans Rood, and Michael Kaufman joined in a petition to Governor Gooch for a confirmation of title to their lands purchased of Jacob Stover. It seems that Beverley claimed the lands known by the name of Massanutting which Stover sold to them and that he had brought suit to oust Stover from possession of them. The original petition is still in existence, on file in the State Library at Richmond. The petitioners signed their names in German.*

Beverley’s CAVEAT against Stover was dismissed on Dec. 12, 1733. Stover’s grants were confirmed, and three days later deeds were issued to him for 10,000 acres in two tracts. Two years later, to the very day, Beverley’s provisional grant was dated May 5, 1732; another order of the Council dismissed it on Dec. 12, 1733. Stover’s provisional grant was dated July 17, 1730. Some of the copies of the petition which I have seen have the name of Milhart Rangdmann signed to it. This is a mistake. The name is Michael Kaufmann, evidently, from a photographic copy which I have before me.

Massanutten gap- Stand on the White House bridge at sunset and the equnocetal sun will set in this gap.

THE MASSANUTTEN PIPE- This pipe is not unlike a Quaker hat. Probably the Indian who made it attempted to simulate the hat of his friend William Penn. It is made of black stone and has a hole thru one stem. It was found by Reuben Ruffner in 1888, below the mouth of Lick Run on the Ruffner farm. Mr. J. W. Ruffner lives here now and has the pipe. His grandfather, John Ruffner, built the brick mansion wherein he lives.

THE MASSANUTTEN MILL- Pioneer mill and miller. This is probably one of the oldest if not the oldest mills in the Shenandoah Valley, built of solid stone, and in as good a state of preservation as it was when it was built. Abraham Strickler no doubt used this mill as early as 1730 on his Egypt plantation. It is a solid stone bowl about as large as an ordinary washtub, probably not so wide but a little taller. It has a hole drilled from the outside to the bottom of the bowl a passage for the meal to escape as it was ground by the pestle.
on Dec. 15, 1735, Stover executed deeds to five men, Henry Sowter, Abraham Strickler, Ludwick Stone, John Brubaker, and Mathias Selser, for ten tracts of land aggregating 3,400 acres. Strickler received 1,000 acres at “Mesenutting on Gerundo.” His deed is the only one that contained this expression, and this would indicate that his tract was in the heart of the settlement. It will be noted that only two of the above, Abraham Strickler and Mathias Selzer, had signed the petition of 1733. The other petitioners probably became discouraged and gave up their rights or sold out to other parties before deeds had been executed to them. The Court records of Orange County disclose the fact that Abraham Strickler and Stone had litigation with Stover between 1734 and 1739. It may be that the other petitioners anticipated litigation and settled on other lands, probably on the other side of the river, outside of the Massanutten tract of 5,000 acres.

Stone’s first purchase from Stover amounted to 1,100 acres. The greater part of this he sold to Michael Kauffman, Martin Kauffman, and Michael Cryter, in 1736. In 1737 Stone purchases the balance of Stover’s Massanutten patent estimated to be 1,050 acres, all on the east side of the river, his first purchase being on the west side. Strange to say, Stone had deeded the second purchase to Philip Long more than nine months before he obtained his deed from Stover. The number of the deed book, however, would indicate that Stover sold to Stone in 1735 or 1736 and that the date is a mistake. Another peculiar circumstance is that Stover sold 550 acres of this second purchase to Christian Clemon in 1735. This is evident from the boundaries given.

So we see that two more of the petitioners of 1733, Long and Kauffman, obtained part of the 5,000 acre patent from Stone. Another, Hans Rood (John Roads), was living on the patent when he was killed by the Indians, known later as “Hope Farm.”

THE STOVER MASSANUTTEN PATENT DEC. 15, 1733,
BOOK 15, P. 129, RICHMOND.

I here give a list of the deeds whereby Stover conveyed his Massanutten tract of 5,000 acres in Orange County to the various parties. The numbers of the deeds refer to the numbers on the map which I have prepared. All are on the left or west bank of the river except the last three which are on the right bank.*

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*In the early deeds the left bank is referred to as the north side of the river, and the opposite side as the south side.
All of the above deeds give boundaries which are identical with the Stover patent lines, except the deed to Stone for 1050 acres which simply states that it conveys the remainder of the Stover lands. The above deeds call for all the patent lines except as follows: lines (s to v) opposite the mouth of the Hawksbill, left bank of river, the three short lines above the mouth of the Hawksbill on the right bank of the river (A to D) and the straight line across "North Mill Creek Bend" (I to J). Letters in parenthesis refer to map. These lines may contain the 550 acres in doubt.

In 1737 Stone conveys 800 acres in Long Bend and 205 acres in "South-east Bixler's Ferry Bend" to Philip Long, totaling 1005 acres. The deed for 800 acres gives the same boundary lines that are contained in the deed from Stover to Clemon in 1735 for 550 acres. From this it will be seen that Stover conveyed Long Bend (Fort Long tract) to Stone two years after he had conveyed it to Christian Clemon.

There is a chancery cause, Stone et al v. Stover, on record in Orange County which explains this discrepancy. Stone's partners were: Abraham Strickler, Mathias Selzer, Frederick Stone, John Burbaker, and John Stickley.(1) Their petition states that Stover had agreed to convey to them 5,000 acres; that he had conveyed 4,000; that he refused to convey 1,000 acres to Philip Long; that he had given a penal bond for 500 pounds; and that he had persuaded Abraham Strickler, who held it, to give it to him while Stone was absent in Pennsylvania. Stover claimed that the quantity of land was 3,100 acres and the price 250 pounds. It will be noted that the first four deeds above total 3,100 acres. The suit was dismissed June 23, 1737. The deed to Clemon was probably set aside by this suit. Anyhow, the same land shortly thereafter was conveyed to Stone, who in turn conveyed it to Philip Long.*

As the total above contains a duplicate of the 550 acres, this leaves that amount un conveyed by Stover, so far as my records go. It may be that he conveyed this to other parties before he conveyed the remainder to Stone in 1737.(2)

(1) Stone was evidently the agent for the other settlers to receive the deed from Stover.

(2) It may be that there is a mistake in the boundary lines in the deed for 550 acres to Clemon.

Stone conveys the following tracts which contain the same boundaries as found in the deeds to Stone above:

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Some of the parties to the chancery suit are different from those in the petition of 1733. They are:


Names in the Chancery suit—1737: Abraham Strickler, Mathias Selzer, Frederick Stone, John Brubaker, John Stickley, Ludwig Stone.

Strickler, Stone, Selzer, Kaufman, Long, and Brubaker are found on the Massanutten patent before 1740. Rood was living on the patent at the time of the massacre. Mueller, we are told, afterwards located higher up the river. In 1738 Stover conveyed 400 acres to Peter Bowman, the tract whereon Stover then lived. This was evidently on his upper tract, below Port Republic.

"HEADS OF FAMILIES"

In 1790 the first census of the United States was taken. The head of each family was given, the number of persons in the household, etc. These schedules are preserved in bound volumes in the Congressional Library and are known as "Heads of Families."

The Virginia volume does not contain the U. S. Census of 1790 but that taken by Virginia in 1782-83-84-85, the 1790 schedules for Virginia having been lost or destroyed. The Virginia State enumerations are not complete, but those for the Counties of Rockingham and Shenandoah probably are.

The enumerations for these counties seem to have been taken in 1783, 1784, and 1785.

I find the following Stricklers in Virginia at this date, all in the County of Shenandoah and in the same locality except John, who is just across the line in Rockingham County. The colored members were
enumerated in a separate column, but none of the Stricklers had slaves at that date. The number included the head of the family, whose name was given, his wife and children. Of course, it would include any other white person who was a member of the family, but usually it would include father, mother, and children.

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Rockingham County, 1784:

A Samuel Strickler appears in 1785 in a list which must have included the neighborhood of New Market. This may have been the son of Jacob Strickler who lived near New Market. But he could hardly have had a family of five by this date. Benjamin Strickler's name is spelled in 1783 Strickly and in 1785 Stickler. When the name appears in two lists there is a variation of spelling which may account for its appearing twice.

When the first census was taken Stricklers were only found in Pennsylvania and in Virginia and only in Shenandoah County in the latter State, with one exception,—John being found in Rockingham near the Shenandoah line.

THE OLD COUNTY COURT.

John Strickler, son of Jacob, of Egypt, was a member of the county court. Isaac Strickler of Massanutten was a member, and Col. Daniel Strickler was president of the court for many years, and as such pronounced the sentence of death upon the Bell negroes for the murder of Wesley Bell, their master, in 1842. Joseph Strickler II, of Egypt, was president of the court and assessor. Samuel Strickler of Floyd County was a member of the court. Martin Strickler of Pitt Spring was a member.

The old county court was composed of the best men in the community, and their jurisdiction was much larger than the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace today. It was a very important institution, and the members were appointed by the governor.

Many of the early Stricklers were officers of the militia. Capt. David Strickler of Pitt Spring Bend drilled his company regularly in
Harrisonburg. Maj. Benjamin Strickler of White House and Col. Daniel Strickler were members of the militia.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF BURGesses
FROM FREDERICK COUNTY, JULY 24, 1758.

Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin, and John Strickler Vote For Him.

On July 24, 1758, the freeholders of Frederick County met at Winchester for the purpose of choosing two members to the House of Burgesses. Four candidates were voted for, as follows: Washington, 307; Colonel Martin, nephew of Lord Fairfax, 240; who were elected; the other two receiving 119 and 45 votes respectively. On a previous election the defeated candidates were elected with 271 and 270 votes, while Washington received only 40. On that eventful day, prior to taking the poll, the candidates no doubt circulated among the voters, bidding for their support. Maybe they made speeches, Col. James Wood, founder of Winchester, representing Colonel Washington, who was absent at Fort Cumberland with the Virginia troops preparatory to his third and successful campaign against Fort Duquesne. The poll was taken, according to custom, in the Court House, the candidates seated on the Judge’s bench. On that summer’s day Jacob Strickler, in response to the call of his name, or voluntarily, anyhow according to custom, replied, “I vote for Col. Washington,” as did his three brothers and the other Washington supporters. Colonel Wood probably bowed politely, with “I thank you.” Colonel Wood and Washington’s other friends entertained the freeholders, presumably, after the election.

Colonel Boquet had given Washington leave to attend the election at Winchester, but he considered it his duty to remain with the troops at the front.

Washington’s home was in Fairfax County, but he had spent the greater part of the five years preceding this election at Winchester, in Frederick County, when not fighting the French and Indians.

John Strickler, at this time, was either not living on his lands in Augusta County or else he overstepped his jurisdiction in his enthusiasm to vote for Washington. His home was in Pitt Spring Bend.

Washington represented Frederick County seven consecutive years and following that period he represented Fairfax County for seven consecutive years. He would have had stronger opposition in Fairfax County in the first instance than in Frederick County.

The time and place of elections were, at this time, given by the

*Joseph Strickler was Sheriff of Page Co., in 1837, Abraham Strickler in 1836 and D. Strickler in 1834 according to old tax receipts in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Modesitt of Page Co.
sheriff, and the electors met at the Court House and gave their votes **viva voce**. The Strickler brothers traveled upwards of 114 miles to vote for Col. Washington. It is not generally known that the Massanuten settlers lived in the same county with Washington during these stirring days of Indian depredations and that they assisted him to start on that matchless career.


The W. Va. Mag. gives the names of the voters. This list indicates that only a few of the Massanuten settlers voted at this election.

**THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES. 1619.**

The first representative assembly or the first law making body in the western hemisphere was the House of Burgesses which met at Jamestown in the Colony of Virginia in 1619. It was called Burgesses for the reason that its members were elected from burghs (towns or settlements). The Sheriff took the poll of the electors or voters at the county seat, after publishing the time and place by giving notice from house to house. Afterwards the ministers were required to give notice from their pulpits. The qualifications of voters were changed from time to time. First the right of suffrage was given to housekeepers. In 1758 it was extended to all freemen. Afterwards it was abridged from time to time. In 1761 a voter was required to be a freeholder owning at least 50 acres of unsettled land and 25 acres of settled land or town property. In 1736 the requirement for unsettled land was 100 acres. (Henings Statutes Vol. 1, p. 475-1658-Vol. IV. p. 475-1736-Vol. VII, p. 517-1761.)

The year 1619 witnessed two important events—the first representative assembly in America and the introduction of Negro slavery-events destined to have far reaching effect, the one to bless, the other to afflict, the American people.
ABRAHAM STRICKLER
of
“Mesenuttin on Gerundo”
(Massanutten on Shenandoah)
His plantation was known as Egypt.

Abraham Strickler, I, the pioneer, b. in Switzerland, came to America about 1700, first locating in Pennsylvania, near the Susquehanna River, in Lancaster County, and later, about 1729, in Page County, Virginia, where he died in 1746. His deed from Jacob Stover for a thousand acres is dated 1735, but we have evidence that he was on this land five or six years earlier. His plantation has always been known as Egypt. He is probably buried in Egypt where his eldest son, Jacob, is buried, opposite the mouth of Mill Creek.

He had at least four sons and a daughter; Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin, John, and Mary and possibly a fifth son, Abraham. Isaac was also a son or grandson. He may have had other children.

I, Abraham Strickler m., tradition says, Peter Ruffner’s only sister.
1. Jacob located in Egypt. (9)
2. Joseph located in Egypt. (M484)
3. Benjamin located in Massanutten. (M796)
4. John located in Pitt Spring Bend. (M940)
5. Mary m. Joseph Roads, son of John killed by the Indians. (M842)
6. Isaac, a son or grandson, located in Massanutten. (N118)
8. Abraham may have remained in Pennsylvania.

Explanation

The first four books are named for the four sons of Abraham the pioneer. The book of Abraham is named for the head of the family which has been the custodian of the ancient Bible, Abraham was probably a son or grandson of the pioneer. The book of Isaac is named for Isaac who is a son or grandson of the pioneer. The book of Daniel is Daniel of Rockbridge County. His relationship with the pioneer has not been established.

Then there are a few pages devoted to the descendants of Mary, a daughter of the Pioneer, who married Joseph Rhodes, a son of John, the pioneer. See m842.

Each person has a number, but instead of the number 1000 I have used “m” to represent that number, hence 1001 is represented by m1. The letter “n” is used in the same manner to represent 2000. The re-
ference number is usually the number of the first child of the family instead of the number of the head of the family.

The generation of the Head of the family is represented by Roman numerals, followed by the serial number. The serial number points forward to the place where the name first appears. The reference number in parenthesis refers to the place where the name reappears as head of a family. This reference number is only given where the reappearance is far removed, which fact does not happen often. By this method the reader can trace backward and forward.

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations will be used:

- **m.**—married
- **d.**—died
- **s.**—single
- **df.**—died in infancy
- **dy.**—died young
- **da.**—daughter of
- **s or sf**—son of
- **m**—1000
- **n**—2000, for instance the last number
  - n733—2773.
- **M.R.**—marriage records
- **Roman letter**—generation
- **No. in parenthesis**—reference No.
- **ch.**—children born
- **ac.**—according to
- **Months are abbreviated thus:** ja-fe-mr-ap-ma-ju-jl-au-se-oc-no-de, besides the usual abbreviations.

No. in parenthesis indicates where a child re-appears as head of a family; the number being that of the first child given. Dash before a number means ante and the same after a number means post, as: (—12) ante, or (12—) post.
JACOB STRICKLER OF EGYPT

I. Abraham Strickler

II. 1. JACOB STRICKLER, m. (1) NANCY KAUFFMAN, (2) MAGDALENE MOOMAW, (1)

He died in 1784, leaving 13 children: 1st 6 by 1st wife.

(1784—B—90 and 1791—D—67—all ch: mentioned—Woodstock)

9—1. John, 1762-1802 m. Barbara Brumback—7 ch—(22)
10—2. Samuel, d. 1833 m. Mary Marggard (Meggot)—3 ch—

12—4. David, 1772-1815 m. Elizabeth Grove—10 ch—(644)
13—5. Ann Catherine m. Henry (or John Henry) Brumback—8 ch (m 188)

15—7. Col. Daniel, Barbara Buswell, (2) Mrs. Painter. (m 241)
16—8. Magdalene m. Abraham Heaston probably. (2) (?)
17—9. Isaac dy. testate 1805 s (F—327—Woodstock)
18—10. Mary m. Abram Rothgeb ac. M. R.
20—12. Susan m. Henry Cough (?) ac. M. R.
21—13. Eva m. George Smith ac. M. R.

Jacob Strickler lived in lower Egypt on part of the 1000 acre tract his father Abraham purchased of Jacob Stover. In 1755 Fairfax gave him a deed for his part of 1000 acres, his father having derived his title from the Colony of Virginia and it having been discovered that this land was on the Fairfax Dominions. Jacob Strickler's home, combination fort and dwelling, still stands in Egypt. It has been described. Draw a line from the mouth of Mill Creek to Strickler's Knob and this line will pass over Jacob's house and not miss his brother Joseph's house very far. He was buried opposite the mouth of Mill Creek on the brow of the first bench that rises from the lower bottom and on the northern edge of a depression that leads down from the upper to the lower ground. Three lone cedar trees stand here now. It is just north of a line fence between J. C. Burner and J. C. Bowers. Here, it is presumed, they buried Abraham, here they buried Jacob and his two wives,

1. George Mumma, a pioneer settler of West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa., d. 1876, leaving surviving him among other children Magdalena (Strickler). She was no doubt the wife of Jacob Stricker. West Hempfield Township is near Mt. Joy. Adam says he married his second wife in Pennsylvania, and it is reasonable to suppose that he found her among his relatives. Like Jacob of old he went to his own country and his own people and found a wife. This circumstance reinforces the idea that the Virginia branch of the family came from the neighborhood of Mt. Joy (Evans History of Lancaster County).

2. It is more likely that Jacob's widow Magdalena married Abraham Heiston.
and here they buried John, the eldest son of Jacob. Only one headstone remains standing at the foot of the three cedar trees to mark the last resting place of John. (3) John lived in the old home he inherited from his father Jacob. John’s widow married Samuel Coffman, and they moved to Linville Creek, Rockingham County, Virginia. Nancy Kauffman who married Jacob Strickler was likely the daughter of Martin Kauffman who died in 1749. (4)

I have an old note dated March 14, 1750, addressed to Jacob Strickler, Sr., and signed by Sert. Tho. Baker in which the latter promised to the former a sum of money. Cousin Selina Strickler gave me this note. She also gave me one which proves that Jacob had a brother Benjamin. It is dated Feb. 12, 1767.

From the Brumback families I learn that Jacob Heistand married a widow Brumback, that Jacob drowned by the upsetting of a canoe in the Shenandoah River and his family moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, near Baltimore, and that they had the following children: Jacob, Rev. John, m. Barbara Strickler, and had ten children, Rev. Abraham, Rev. Joseph, Elizabeth, m. Jacob Stouder, Maria, m. Jacob Bixler, and Rev. Samuel, Bishop of the U. B. Church, and Barbara, m. Boyer. The Heistands moved from Shenandoah County to Ohio in 1804. A will of Jacob Heistand is recorded in Montgomery Co., Pa., 1769. Barbara is likely the daughter of Jacob or Joseph Strickler. Marriage records of Shenandoah show that Barbara Strickler m. John Heaston, Mar. 25, 1794, and Magdalene Strickler m. Abraham Heaston, June 8, 1789. Magdalene may have been the widow of Jacob Strickler, dec’d.

Here is an early deed that throws additional light on this family. In 1798 Elizabeth Heastant, widow of Jacob, dec’d., Jacob Heastant and Mary his wife, Abraham Heastant and Magdalene, his wife, Jacob Stouter and Mary, his wife, Christian Pilser and Elizabeth, his wife, John Heastant and Barbara, his wife, Frederick Lucas (Ducas) and Magdalene, his wife, Joseph Heastant and Samuel Heastant, of the first part, convey unto John Strickler, Sr., of the second part, a tract of land that was conveyed to Henry Heastant, dec’d. (1798-L.-p. 225-Woodstock).

These are the heirs of Jacob Heastant, dec’d., evidently. My notes do not include this information, but I am satisfied that the deed gave this information. From this deed we can make the following arrangement:

Jacob Heastant m. Elizabeth—their children were: (658)

3. Mr. Wm. Lee Strickler, of Lake Bay, Washington, tells me that he remembers when a fence surrounded this graveyard and ten or twelve sandstones, mossgrown, were within the inclosure. He thinks that some of these stones are probably in J. C. Bower’s barn wall.

4. Jacob, dec’d. (1)-settlement. Jacob Strickler of York County, Pa., is paid 5 pounds. Apr. 19, 1790-c.-145-Woodstock.

Appraisers of Jacob’s estate—David Coffman, Christian Grofe and Joseph Ruffner. May 27, 1784 (13-90).
1. Jacob m. Mary
2. Abraham m. Magdalene (Strickler-ac. M.R. 1789)
3. Mary m. David Stouter
4. Elizabeth m. Christian Pilser
5. Magdalene m. Frederick Lucas (Ducas)
6. John m. Barbara (Strickler-ac. M.R. 1794)
7. Joseph
8. Samuel (m603)

The widow, Brumback above, was the mother of Henry Brumback, the ancestor of the Page County Brumbacks.

John Strickler of Egypt.

I. Abraham
II. Jacob
III. —9. JOHN STRICKLER (1762—1802) m BARBARA BRUMBACK, dau of Henry and 1st wife Ann Kauffman of Spring farm —7 ch ac deed 1806—P—263
dy s about 1823
22—1. Henry m Ephraim Salvage (2) Abram Miller (29)
23—2. Frances m Henry Shaver on fe 6 1812. (61)
24—3. Susan m John Stover—11ch (377). (ac Miss Ball)
25—4. Elizabeth m John Stover—11ch (377). (ac Miss Ball)
26—5. Ann m David Beaver (ac deed)
27—6. Barbara m James Rice (ac Ct R)
28—7. Mary m Abram Coffman (ac deed)

Miss Emily Ball says that one of John Strickler's children was Rebecca Miller Rice, but I find no record of John having a daughter Rebecca. He does have a daughter Barbara who was married to James Rice in 1812 (W. B.-M. p. 45-settlement). Miss Ball states that Mrs. Rice lived at Point Pleasant, W. Va.

It is not known if John's widow had any children after second marriage. There was quite a large family of Coffmans living on Linville Creek, one of whom is at present an Admiral in the Navy. His name is De Witt Coffman, son of Dr. Samuel A. Coffman.

AGREEMENT

Agreement made and concluded on this 23rd day of Feb'y, in the year of our Lord, 1784, between Jno. Strickler of Shenandoah Co., and State of Va., of the one part and Magdalene Strickler, widow of Jacob Strickler, dec'd., of the same place, of the other part WITNESSETH that Whereas said Jacob Strickler died without making a will, and first I the said Jno. Strickler being the oldest son of said Jacob Strickler dec'd., both hereby agree and certify that I being freely willing to give up all such power of claiming all such land as my Father owned as I could by law obtain I do therefore certify and agree as aforesaid that I will not have nor claim any more than my part there-of which shall be my equal part with the rest of all my brothers and
sisters the children of my father, dec'd. and so farther to go equal share in all moveables whatsoever with them and the said Magdalene Stricker, widow, doth agree and herewith certify that she will claim no more than what is herewith agreed as follows: to live in the house she now lives in and to have for her own the full shares of all moveables whatsoever and the full third part of said plantation or land where she now lives to have the full privilege use and possession during her natural life and as for the other lands or plantations belonging to said Jacob Strickler, dec'd., she is to have only the thirds thereof as long until such as of them shall come of age and take possession thereof as are heirs to said lands and there afterwards to have no claim or demand thereto and if so that she should marry at any time before then she is not to have any claim or demand to the thirds of any of the last mentioned lands and plantations, but only that on the aforesaid plantation she now lives on in witness whereof both said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Jno. Strickler
Magdalene Strickler.

(Witnesses, Jacob Neff and two others).

Recorded 1787, approved by Jno. Roads and Isaac Strickler.

Adam says in his account that his uncle John, under the English law which then obtained, inherited all the land estate of his father Jacob, but that, he, John, would not have it so and divided with his brothers and sisters. When we consider the number of children that Jacob had we can see how unselfish his act was. The above instrument proves that Adam was correct.

John Strickler's will was probated Sept. 13, 1802, (W. Bk. F. p. 30). Daniel Strickler and David Beaver witnesses, John Broombaugh, executor, Henry Broombaugh and Christian Forral (Farrer) sureties. He only mentions his half brothers, Daniel and Isaac.* From this will we learn that Egypt was in the Parish of Beckford.

In a deed dated Sept. 6, 1806, (D.B.-P. p. 263) all the children of John are mentioned, viz: Ann, wife of David Beaver, Mary, wife of Abram Coffman, Elizabeth, Barbara, Susannah, Fanny and Henry.

Here are some of the articles found in the inventory of the estate of John Strickler, dec'd. filed by John Roads, Martin Kaufman and Strickler (in German).


Will of Isaac Strickler, son of Jacob, (17) mentions brother, Daniel, and land left by his brother John's last will, sisters: Barbara, Maria, Magdalene, Susan, and Eva. Witnesses: John Roads, John Peyton and David Grof, made 1803, probated 1805 (F-327-Woodstock).
MILL CREEK MEETING HOUSE AT HAMBURG. It was built about 1800, probably earlier. It is a log structure.
The above Confession of Faith was likely the Augsburg Confession drawn by Luther and adopted at Augsburg in 1530, modified and adopted by the Reformed Church. It seems that the chief difference between the Lutheran and Reformed churches is to be found in some of the articles of the original and modified form of the Confession of Faith.

I found the head stone at the grave of John Strickler in Egypt under three lone cedar trees as before stated. It is the only remaining stone.

"The leaves of the oak and the willow shall fade,
Be scattered around and together be laid;
And the young and the old, and the low and the high
Shall moulder to dust and together shall lie.

So the multitude goes, like the flower or the weed
That withers away to let others succeed;
So the multitude comes, even those we behold,
To repeat every tale that has often been told."

Jefferson and The Law of Primogeniture.

It might be interesting here to give a little history of the abolishment of the law of primogeniture.

Jefferson who framed the law abolishing the law of primogeniture said: "The abolition of primogeniture, and equal partition of inheritances, removed the feudal and unnatural distinctions which made one member of every family rich, and all the rest poor, substituting equal partition, the best of all agrarian laws."

Morse, in his "Life of Jefferson," says in regard to this law: "It was an audacious move. From generations lands and slaves—almost the only valuable kind of property in Virginia—had been handed down protected against creditors, even against the very extravagance of spendthrift owners; and it was largely by this means that the quasi-nobility of the colony had succeeded in establishing and maintaining itself. A great groan seemed to go up from all respectable society at the terrible suggestion of Jefferson, a suggestion daringly cast before an Assembly thickly sprinkled with influential delegates strongly bound by family ties and self interest to defend the present system. . . . Thus was a great social revolution wrought in a few months by one man. . . . But his brilliant triumph cost him a price That distinguished class, whose existence as a social cast had been forever destroyed, reviled the destroyer from this time forth with relentless animosity; and, even to the second and third generations, the descendants of many of these patrician families vindictively cursed the statesman who had placed them on a level with the rest of their countrymen."
Jefferson, the author of four important laws, a bill to abolish entail, primogeniture, establishing Religious Freedom and one providing a system of general education, said: "I consider four of these bills (speaking of the four laws mentioned) passed or reported, as forming a system by which every fiber would be eradicated of ancient or future aristocracy; and a foundation for a government truly republican; and all this would be effected without the violation of a single natural right of any one individual citizen." It would be difficult to estimate the value of service Jefferson rendered the people of this State and Nation by having these laws spread upon the statute books.

**SELINA STRICKLER LETTER.**

The following is a copy of a letter sent me by H. S. Trout of Roanoke, Va., written to his sister, Mary Susan Terry, many years ago by Miss Selina Strickler of New Market, Va., her father, Emanuel Strickler, being a first cousin of Mr. Trout's grandmother, Susan Strickler Shaver, (1915)

"Dear Cousin-

After much delay I will try to answer your questions. I was delayed by trying to procure another genealogy in which I have succeeded, but finding so little difference in them will not copy it. In it he speaks of a German Bible in Page County bearing an inscription Zurich, Switzerland, 1536. It was brought to America by the Stricklers, and has been in the family ever since. I am glad to hear that you have a good feeling for Swiss blood. I do wish you had known of them when you were in Zurich. I should like to know if there are any of them there at this time. I am not able to tell much about the offices held by the Stricklers. Some of them were magistrates and must have been for many years. One of my cousins has a deed acknowledged before Martin Strickler, the deed bearing date 1730.¹ My father's brother Christian was an officer in the war of 1812, but I do not know what. My father's uncle Daniel was always called Col., he represented the county several terms. My father's uncle Samuel served several terms in Congress.* You wish to know what became of your grandmother's sister's family:

When she was left a widow she came to her mother-in-law Mrs. Selvage. In a few years she married Mr. Miller and went to Ohio where she raised another family. She left her little daughters, Maria and Catherine, with their grandmother. Both married well, but died young.

Maria married Dr. Neff, died leaving three little daughters, Eliza, Kate, and Amanda. Dr. Neff died during the war. They have been living with two bachelor uncles and two maiden aunts. Their address is Quicksburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

¹ This probably should be 1830.

*She meant the Legislature evidently.
Catherine married Major Calvert, died leaving two little boys and two little girls. They all married and are dead except Edward, the eldest. They were all sprightly and had the best of opportunities. Major Calvert like Dr. Neff never married again, but had a sister to live with him and care for them. Major Calvert represented his county several years in the Legislature, and was State Treasurer for a number of years.

Your grandmother was raised near the white house in Page County, after her father's death her mother moved to New Market and afterwards married a Mr. Kauffman. Come down to see us, and I will show you the old house where your great-grandmother lived, it was built over an old fort, and I will take you around to see all the Strickler relations.

Affectionately,
Selena Strickler.

The letter was probably written about 1880.

IV-23 Frances Strickler m.1814 Ephraim Salvage s. Benjamin and Catherine Kring—Salvage of Linville Creek.

29-1 Maria, b. 1816 m. Dr. Jacob Neff of New Market, Va.
30-2. Catherine m. Maj. John S. Calvert of New Market. Frances m. (2) Abram Miller
31-3. Jno. S. Miller m. Lavinia Flower
32-4. Fanny Miller m. Wm. Wetzel
33-5. Ann Miller m. Wm. McDaniel
34-6. Mary Jane Miller m. Wm. Sterrett
7. Reuben Miller Nothing further known

After the death of her first husband, Ephraim Salvage, Frances m. Abram Miller, s. of Joseph Miller and Ann Moore, dau. of Thomas Moore of Woodstock, Va., and they moved to Point Pleasant, W. Va., about 1838. She died there at the home of her son, John Strickler Miller, about 1875, aged about 80. Her husband d. Nov. 22, 1847.

Ann McDaniel dy. leaving one son, Reuben. Her husband m. again and raised a family.

Mary Jane Sterrett dy. in 1851, leaving an infant daughter that died shortly thereafter. Mr. Sterrett then m. Ellen Miller, daughter of Reuben, brother of Abaham above, and had thee daughters and two sons. The sons own the largest department store in Charleston, W. Va.—firm name "The Sterrett Bros."

The Wetzels lived at Sedalia, Mo., and left sons, John, Will, and Frank.

V-31. John Strickler Miller m. Lavenia Flower (dau. of Orsemus and Sophia Porter-Flower) (1823-1907)
35-1. Mary Olivia, b. Apl. 8, 1862, m. Frank Camey

38-4. Melvin Brown, b. Apr. 4, 1868, m. Loa Miller, Los Angeles


41-7. Sidney Gray, b. July 7, 1876, m. May Clinton, 1049 W. 53rd St., Los Angeles, Cal.

John Strickler Miller m. Lavenia Flower, Feb. 25, 1861. She was b. May 30, 1843.

VI.-35 Mary Olivia Miller m. Oct. 18, 1893, Frank Carney, s. of Francis and Lenora Nancy Anders of Bloomington, Ill.

They reside at 222 S. Washington St., Denver Colo.

42-1. Lavinia Lenora, b Feb. 20, 1896

43-2. Mary Virginia, b. April 19, 1903

Mr. Carney is connected with the Postoffice at Denver. His children are both musically inclined.

V-29. Maria Salvage, b. Sep. 19, 1816, d. Feb. 13, 1844, m. Dr. Jacob Neff, b. July 28, 1812, d. Jan. 26, 1862, s. of Dr. David Neff and first wife, Barbara Kagey, dau. of Jacob Kagey. Dr David Neff m. again Mary Strickler, dau. of Samuel of New Market.

44-1. Amada Neff

45-2. Mary Katherine

46-3. Eliza dy.

47-4. Martha Jane dy.

Neither of the girls married, and after their mother's death they went to live with their two bachelor uncles and two maiden aunts, Samuel, David, Elizabeth and Annie, who lived all their lives on their farm consisting of 400 acres, about two miles south of Quicksburg, Va. They also owned and operated a mill there.

Dr. David Neff had by his first wife, Barbara Kagey, the following children: Dr. Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, and Christina, b. 1811, d. 1899, m. Joseph Funkhouser. The above Samuel, David, Elizabeth, and Annie are children of Dr. David Neff by his second wife, Mary Strickler.


48-1. Edward m. Maria Hoffman

49-2. Judge Geo. R. m. Ann Clinedinst 6ch

50-3. Frances m. Col. Geo. Murphy, 2ch.


Maj. John S. Calvert was a member of the State Legislature for
a number of years and was State Treasurer at the time of his death. He was killed when the State capitol collapsed at Richmond.

Mr. D. C. Gallaher of Charleston, W. Va., tells me that he remembers Frances Calvert's husband as Lieutenant Geo. Murphy of Harry Gilmore's battalion and that he was a very handsome fellow. He also visited their home in Woodstock in 1864-5 and met his beautiful sisters.

Geo. R. Calvert was Judge of the County Court of Shenandoah County for a number of years.

VI.-49. Judge Calvert's children are:

52-1. John S., Division Supt. Western Union Telegraph Co.
53-2. George, attorney at law
54-3. Frances
55-4. Catherine m. Dr. Foster, a dau. Lucile
56-5. Grace
57-6. Edna

VI.-50 Frances Calvert m. Col. Geo. Murphy

   1. Walter
   2. Calvert
   3. Frances Louise


VI.-51 Katherine Calvert m. Wm, H. Kirker.

60-1. Mary Kirker m. Maj. J. C. Alderson. His widow lives at 1212 Kanawha St., Charleston, W. Va.
      Katharine, John and Charles.
   2. Katharine A. m. Dr. Louis K. Beatty. Washington, D. C.
      Their son Hamilton somewhere in France.

THE SALVAGES

Benjamin Salvage, m. Catherine Kring, da. of John and Catherine Kring of Linville Creek.

1. Benjamin Salvage, adopted by Gov. Holmes of Miss. and d. there of yellow fever.
2. John Salvage, killed in Little Rock, Ark. by his partner in shipping cotton.
3. Gideon Salvage, went to Mo.—1 son at Huntsville, Ala. 1851.
5. Michael Salvage, d. Mar. 1, 1818, age 21 years—buried on Linville Creek.
6. Elizabeth. 1803-1851, m. Dr. Richard Winfield.—1 son at least.
   1. Dr. John Q. Winfield
   1. Chas. R. Winfield, attorney of Broadway Va.
2. Lina Winfield,  
3. T. A. Winfield, Fla.

Dr. John Q. Winfield was Capt. of Letcher's Brock's Gap Rifles, 10th Va., Reg., afterwards of the 7th Va. Cav. Capt. Winfield named his Co. after his friend, Gov. Letcher, the father of Judge S. H. Letcher, once Judge of this court, Rockingham. The Governor was married near Broadway, and Capt. Winfield was his best man. Samuel Yount had married a widow Holt who had several daughters and one became the wife of Gov. Letcher. One married Wm. G. Thompson, one of the first merchants of Timberville.

Catherine Kring had two brothers, Joshua and George, who lived in New Market, Va., one a merchant, the other a silversmith. John Kring is buried on Linville Creek on the old Salvage-Winfield farm, now owned by Joseph Shenk and on the line of the Kline Mill farm. He d. 1802 age 52. His wife, d. 1820, age 74 years. Another Kring is buried here aged 41 years.

Benjamin Salvage is buried here also. His headstone says "To the memory of Benjamin Salvage, a native of Berne, Switzerland, d. Apr. 17, 1825, age 75 years." Benjamin's wife is buried in New Market—her tombstone; b. Jan. 1, 1771-d. Jun. 30, 1845. Another among the Salvages,—d. 1817 age 23 yrs—the name is indistinct. (Information from Miss Lina Winfield of Broadway and her aunt, Mrs. Catherine Yost, widow of Maj. S. M. Yost of Staunton, and daughter of Richard Winfield.)

David Holmes, who represented in Congress the district of which Rockingham was a part, 1789-1809, was appointed by Jefferson as Governor of Miss. Territory, Wayland p. 110.

Samuel Kaufman was guardian for Frances Strickler when she married Ephraim Salvage. Kaufman was her step-father. They had gone to live on Linville Creek.

Marriage records of Rockingham County disclose the following:  
Aug. 6, 1814, Ephraim Salvage and Frances Strickler, da. John, dec'd. Samuel Kaufman is her guardian and his bondsman.

Feb. 5, 1812, Henry Shaver and Susan Strickler, da. John, dec'd. Henry Brumback is Susan's guardian and with the bond is his statement to this effect. Christian Kaufman is bondsman.

The Kaufmans, Krings and Salvages, were neighbors on Linville Creek. Richard Winfield succeeded to the Salvage estate.

From a deed recorded at Harrisonburg I learn that John Kring had two daughters and five sons, viz; Joshua, Henry, Frederick, George, John, Caty, wife of Benj. Salvage, and Elizabeth, wife of Edwin Nicholas. All the sons are married except Frederick. Benjamin was a merchant.

On June 20, 1815, Ephraim Salvage was appointed captain in room
In 1787 John Kring gives written permission for Benjamin Salvage to marry his daughter Catherine.

This letter was written by John Strickler Miller, son of Abraham Miller and Frances Strickler Salvage, daughter of John Strickler of Egypt, Page Co. Va. (31)

Point Pleasant, W. Va. June 18th 1904

Miss Josie Sterrett,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Cousin Josie:

In answer to your letter of Apr. 22, 1904 I will give you a short history of the Moore, Sterrett and Miller families, as I now re-collect it, and have gathered from records in my possession. There were two families in the Shenandoah Valley, near Mount Jackson, Virginia, by the name of Miller and Moore. The Millers were originally from Pennsylvania, I do not know where the Moore's came from, but it is an Irish name. These two families, however, lived there in the Valley of Virginia prior to the year 1799.

My father's name was Abraham Miller. Eliza Noye's father's name was Ruben Miller. Reuben Miller was named after old Reuben Moore, therefore, Reuben Moore was an uncle to the Miller and Moore Boys.

Old Reuben Moore had no children, but his brother, Vinton I think his name was, was the father of three boys, whose names were George Moore, Morgan Moore and Vinson Moore. George and Morgan settled at Mercer's Bottom along in the thirties, and Vinson settled at Lewisburg, Virginia. Vinson Moore was the father of Judge C. P. T. Moore, who is still living at Elwell, W. Va.

My grand father Miller married a sister to Reuben Moore, but who Reuben Moore's brother married I do not know.

Those three boys, George, Morgan and Vinson were nephews of Reuben Moore. Then, when Reuben Moore's sister, my father's mother died, Reuben Moore adopted Reuben Miller and Abraham Miller, my father, and the father of Eliza Noyes. At the death of Reuben Moore Reuben Miller and Abraham Miller, brothers, inherited Reuben Moore's property, instead of the Moore Strand.

My father moved from the Valley of Virginia to Greenbrier County, and from there to Greenbrier Bridge Hotel, three miles the other side of Lewisburg, and from there he moved to Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1835.

Uncle Reuben Miller moved to Mercer's Bottom in about the year 1834, I think. Uncle Reuben Miller was Eliza Noyes father.

Judge C. P. T. Moore was adopted by his uncle George and raised and educated by him. George Moore was married to a lady in Ohio by
the name of Harness. No children were born to them and they adopted one of Morgan Moore's sons and one of Vinson Moore's sons. Morgan Moore lived right below George Moore's on the hill and had thirteen children about an even number of boys and girls. C. W. Naupin of Arbuckle, W. Va., married Elizabeth Moore one of this family of thirteen.

The Moore's moved here to this County before uncle Reuben Miller moved here. Land was very cheap then; even when my father came here you could buy good bottom land at three and four dollars per acre.

Uncle Reuben Miller had, as well as I recollect, only two boys—S. A. Miller and Joseph Miller. S. A. Miller has sons now living in Charleston, W. Va. S. A. Miller married a Quarrier. Joseph Miller married Katherine Moore, the daughter of Morgan Moore. Joseph M. Miller and wife lived with his father until the 8th. day of January, 1848, when he was killed in an explosion just below Gallipolis. They had been married but a short time until they made a visit to Charleston, and on their return home on the same boat on which they went up to Charleston, the boat blew up just a short distance below Gallipolis. The name of the boat was "Blue Ridge." Joseph was killed and his body never found, but his wife was saved from the explosion and taken to her uncle George Moore's. There was the mother of Joseph Miller, a former druggist of Point Pleasant. He married a daughter of Dr. S. G. Shaw. Ruben Miller, I think, had four daughters, named Rebecca, Sarah, Ellen and Eliza. Their mother's maiden name was Atlanta Walton. She was a sister to Jesse Walton, a former prominent steamboat man on the Kanawah River.

Walton married near Peca, W. Va., a widow lady. This man Walton ran the first thrashing machine that was ever run in this part of the country. It was an old McCormick run by horse power. It was not a separator. I saw the machine myself, I think it was in the fall of 1837-8. Eliza married a man by the name of Noyes. Ellen married a gentleman by the name of William Sterrett, the father of the Sterretts in Charleston. I remember that Rebecca married a minister at Mercer's Bottom, but have forgotten his name, although I knew him very well. William Sterrett's first wife was my sister, Mary Jane Miller. She died on the 11th day of May, 1851, and the child that was born to them, Frances Agnes Sterrett died on the 5th day of June, 1851. Afterwards sometime in the fifties, William Sterrett married Ellen Miller. His first wife being a daughter of Abram Miller, his two wives were cousins. William Sterrett was a son of William Sterrett for many years Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mason County, that is the old man Sterrett was the Clerk. William Sterrett (the Clerk) had three boys, one named Benjamin who lived near Buffalo, W. Va. Washington Sterrett who lived five miles above Point Pleasant below the Kanawha, and William Sterrett (your father) who lived for many years on the old homestead after the death of your grandfather William
Sterrett (the Clerk). The old man Sterrett (the Clerk) at the age of at least eighty (80) years, made a trip to Cincinnati some time along in the forties, on a steam boat, to attend to some important business in which he is supposed to have handled considerable money. On his return home the boat landed in front of his home, which is about three hundred yards from the river in the after part of the night, and he was there either drowned or murdered, his body being found afterwards in the river below. His saddle bags were never found. He had one daughter as well as I can recollect. She married George Long, the father of William Long and James Long, who lived on the South side of the Kanawha.

The widow of Joseph Miller married Dr. James H. Hooff, the father of G. W. M. Hooff, now of Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Reuben Moore Miller, my brother, went to Milwaukee in 1836, and I have never seen him but twice since that period; the last time in 1857. I hear from him sometimes, but not lately, not for the last five or six years. I have written, but have not been able to find out whether he is living or not. He was older than myself; so his age would be about eighty three, if still living.

My father moved from Gallipolis to Point Pleasant on the 7th day of March, 1837, which would give me sixty-eight years of residence in Point Pleasant. I am eighty years old and have good eye sight and tolerably fair health. My family consisted of first a girl, and then six boys. At the present time there are five boys living and the girl. Four of the boys living in Denver Colorado, and the girl is also there. She is married, also four of the boys are married, and one single. One of the boys is living in Belpre, Ohio. One of my boys got killed on the K. and M. R. R. His name was Edwin. Their names; the oldest, Charles C., Edwin, Melvin, John, Sidney and George. Mary C. Miller was my daughters name. She is married and has two children, and lives in Denver Colo.

I have not seen any of my children for twenty years except Charlie, who lives at Belpre, he was down to visit me last winter.

I am here all alone, and cannot expect to stay very long.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Imboden, widow of a nephew of Gen. Imboden, Imboden was a Confederate General. She was a daughter of Col. Dickinson. Her home is in Fayetteville. She said she expected to stop in Charleston on her return to Fayetteville.

If there is anything in this letter you do not understand, if you will write me I will try and make it plain to you.

I remain

Sincerely Your Cousin,

J. Miller

This is a copy of the letter which was also type written.
THE MILLERS

Abraham Miller, who married Frances Strickler-Salvage, daughter of John Strickler of Egypt, was the son of Joseph Miller, son of Jacob Miller, Jr., son of Jacob Miller, Sr., founder of Woodstock, Va.

JACOB MILLER, SR.

Jacob Miller, Sr., was born in Zweibrucken, a town in the Palatinate, Germany, about the year 1698; he came to America in about the year 1749; was a soldier in the Continental Army in 1758; donated the lot on which the Lutheran Church stands in Woodstock to the Lutheran congregation of which he was a member; founded Muellerstadt (Millertown in English) which was incorporated in 1761 as Woodstock. He died there in 1766. He has left a large progeny many of whom live in and around Charleston, West Virginia, some members of the family locating near Point Pleasant in the early half of the 19th century.

JACOB MILLER, JR.

Jacob Miller, Jr., son of Jacob, Sr., was born in Zweibrucken, Germany in 1742, died in Woodstock in 1777. He had at least two sons and three daughters; Henry, Joseph, Susanah, Rebecca and Barbara.

JOSEPH MILLER

Joseph Miller, son of Jacob, Jr., married Ann Moore, daughter of Thomas Moore. They had at least three children; Joseph, Reuben and Abraham Miller who married Frances Strickler-Salvage, daughter of John Strickler of Egypt. Abraham Miller located near Point Pleasant about 1835 and died there in 1847.

Reuben Miller located near Point Pleasant and died there in 1852.

THOMAS MOORE

Thomas Moore whose daughter Ann married Joseph Miller was the father of the following children; John, Reuben, Joseph, Lydia, Ann, Elizabeth and Hannah Moore. Thomas Moore died 1785. He lived near Mt. Jackson, Va.

Reuben Moore had no children of his own and he gave most if not all his property to his nephews, sons of Joseph Miller and his sister Ann Moore. Their names were Joseph, Reuben and Abraham. John Strickler Miller says in his letter that Reuben Moore adopted his father (Abraham Miller) and Reuben Miller.

THE STERRETTs

William Sterrett, Jr., son of William Sterrett, Sr., Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mason County for many years, married first Mary Jane Miller, daughter of Abraham Miller. She died leaving no issue except an infant which died shortly after she did. Wm. Sterrett married again Ellen Miller, daughter of Reuben Miller, brother of the said Abraham Miller. There was a large family by the second marriage.
Sterrett Brothers, merchants, of Charleston are of this family.

The above information is taken from my own notes and those of D. C. Gallaher (see "Genealogical Notes" by Gallaher, Charleston, W. Va., 1917.)

THE MILLERS

Jacob Miller, Sr., b. about 1698—d. 1766—founder of Woodstock, Va.

His ch:
1. Ulrich
2. Barbara m. Brubaker
3. Christian, m. Catherine Wiseman founder of large family.—10ch, family.—10ch.
4. Susannah, m.
5. Mary
6. Martin
7. Jacob, Jr., b. 1742—d. 1777

His ch:
1. Henry
2. Susanah
3. Rebecca
4. Barbara
5. Joseph m. Ann Moore, dau. of Thomas

His ch., at least three:
1. Joseph
2. Reuben, b. 1797—d. 1852—9 ch.
3. Abraham, b. ——d. 1847, m. Frances Strickler-Salvage.

The above table shows the direct line from Jacob Miller to Abraham Miller, also brothers and sisters of each ancestor.

THE MOORES.

Thomas Moore, b. ——d. 1790

His ch:
1. John
2. Reuben gave his property to his sister Ann's children
3. Joseph
4. Lydia
5. Ann m. Joseph Miller
6. Elizabeth
7. Hannah

(m188) (n543) (m189)

IV. 24 Susan Strickler m. Henry Shaver, b. Aug. 15, 1776; d. Aug. 19, 1853. They married in 1812 and lived near Salem, Va., where they had a farm of 400 acres.

61-1. Washington, b Oct. 30, 1812, d. 1847, m. Eliza Ann Lincoln, 6
62-2. Wellington, b. June 26, 1814, d.1819,
64-4. Eliza Jane, b. Mar. 25, 1820, d. 1853, m. John Trout -9 (151)
65-5. Berryman, b. Dec. 30, 1822, m. Susan Trout -7 (172)
67-7. Henry S., b. Mar. 6, 1831, d. 1864. m. Lucy Jane Frantz, -5 (214)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaver went to Roanoke County about 1815 and located on a farm about six miles southeast of Salem. They are both buried on the farm which is now (1915) owned by their two grandchildren, Henry S. Shaver and Mrs. Wm. C. Van Stavern.

Wellington was killed by a log rolling on him when he was five years old.

V. 61. Washington Shaver, m. 1834, Eliza Ann Lincoln, 1817-1865 dau. of Abraham Lincoln and Agnes Fleming of Liberty, Mo.

68-1. Henry, b. Mar. 8, 1836, m. Mary F. Arnold -5 (74)

(2) Phoebe Teaney -1

70-3. Albert, b. June, 1839, m. Mollie Morgan -2 (83)
71-4. Berryman, b. Mar., 1841 m. twins

72-5. Susan, b. Mar. 17, 1841 m. Jacob Ryman -5 (89)
73-6. Arch, b. Jul. 28, 1843, m. (1) Martha Whitsett 2 (97)

(2) Ann

Four of the above children of Washington served in the Confederate Army. Washington lived in Clay Co., Mo. I am indebted to Mrs. Jacob Ryman of Grayson, Mo., for information in regard to this family. (1915)

THE LINCOLNS by Mrs. Jacob Ryman

My great-grand-father Lincoln was born in Virginia, but moved to Kentucky in early life. He went to Virginia on business and was returning to Kentucky on horse-back with considerable money with him in his 'saddle pockets'. He never reached his Kentucky home and it was always supposed that he was killed and robbed. I think his name was Abraham, and grandfather's name was Abraham. He moved from Kentucky to Missouri in 1817. He located first in what is now known as Saline County. It was called the Teatsen Bottoms.

In 1818 he moved to what is now Clay County, Missouri, near the present site of Liberty and he had the first blacksmith shop there. He killed a panther going from his shop to his home about a mile. They split logs and built high pens to keep the wolves from getting their stock at night.

"My grand-mother's name was Agnes Fleming (m. Abraham Lincoln). Her mother came from Ireland. They had five children: Albert, Arch, Eliza Ann, Elizabeth and Delila Lincoln. They are all dead but all left descendants."

Her grand-father Abraham Lincoln must have been a brother or first cousin of the President's father.
WASHINGTON SHAVER

“My father, Washington Shaver, came from Virginia to Missouri when quite a young man, came on horse-back and married my mother in 1834 and went back to Virginia on horse-back for their bridal trip, remained several months, came back to Missouri in a wagon drawn by four horses, bought an eighty-acre farm four miles north of Liberty and lived there until my father died and his body was laid away on his own farm in the family burying ground. He left a wife, five sons and myself. My father and mother made a visit to Virginia at one time in an old fashioned ‘carry all’ taking two children with them.

I (Susan Shaver Ryman) was born in Missouri, went to school in Virginia, married Jacob Ryman of Kentucky and raised five children.”

THE NEFFS

Washington Shaver’s widow, Ann Eliza Lincoln-Shaver, married again Isaac Neff, of the same family as Joe Neff who married Georgia Shaver, daughter of Arch, son of Washington. This Neff family is from Virginia.

Unto Isaac Neff and Ann Eliza Neff were born five children:
1. Isaac, b. June 5, 1854, m. Dulcena Crocket, b. Oct. 10, 1856, dau. of Joseph
   1. Raphael Simm Neff
   2. Joseph Isaac Neff
   1. May, b. May 20, 1871 m. Geo. Coleman, Dec. 27, 1899
   2. Roll, b. Sep. 14, 1874, m. Olie Garnsey, Dec. 27, 1898
   3. Bessie, b. Jul. 4, 1880, m. Harry Diffenbacker on Dec. 27, 1898
3. Eliza, m. James Griffith Liberty, Missouri
4. Noah, b. Sep. 25, 1860, m. (1) Addie L. Searcy, d. Feb. 11 (1890) -0 m. (2) Mollie B. Taul -0 Liberty, Missouri
5. Price, b. Mar. 15, 1862, m. Mar. 6, 1880, Bettie Brown Liberty, Missouri 1890,
   1. Elsa Mae, m. N. H. Childress on June 17, 1913
The Colemans live in Kansas City, Mo., one son, Roll.
The Diffenbackers farm extensively in Kansas.

THE LINCOLNS

John Lincoln located on Linville Creek, prior to the Revolution coming from Pennsylvania.
He had five sons:
1. Capt. Jacob Lincoln, the only one who remained in Virginia
and built the handsome brick residence on Linville Creek on the old homestead.

2. John
3. Thomas
4. Isaac
5. Abraham, went to Kentucky in 1781 when Thomas was about four years old.

Thomas Lincoln, 1778-1851

Abraham, b. in Kentucky Feb. 12, 1809. He became the 16th President of the U. S. His ancestors were Quakers.

Ann Eliza Lincoln's line.

Thomas (?) Lincoln, b. in Virginia went to Kentucky.

Abraham Lincoln, m. Agnes Fleming, moved to Mo., 1817.

Ann Eliza, b. 1817, m. Washington Shaver.

History tells us that the President's grandfather was killed by the Indians near his home in Kentucky. It is said that the Lincoln home on Linville Creek was the first brick house built in Rockingham County. The Lincolns and Salvages were neighbors.

VI. 68. Henry Shaver, m. Mary F. Arnold, d. May 9, 1878, age 38

Henry d. oct. 18, 1881.

    d. Nov. 6, 1880

75-2. Charles, b. June 23, 1862, m. Kate McComas, 1 ch. d
    d. June 21, 1888

76-3. Bertha, b. Jan. 14, 1867,
    d. Sep. 17, 1877

77-4. Frank m. Carrie Sweatman, -3 ch.

78-5. Eugene P., Aug. 22, 1876,
    d. Apl. 10, 1877

Frank Shaver was accidentally killed by a train. His ch. are: Earl, U. S. N., Everette, and Carrie, who was adopted by a wealthy farmer; James Clark, Lathrop, Mo., at her father's death.

VI. 69. Abraham Shaver, m. (1) 1872, Hattie Dale, 1844—1875, dau. of Timothy R. and Susan Edwards-Dale, s. df.
    m. (2) Phoebe Teany, 1852-1912, dau. of Gordon and Nancy Wiley-Teany.


82-3. Henry Shaver, b. Apr. 5, 1914

Abraham Shaver is a Confederate soldier and lives with his son Arch on a beautiful farm about five miles south of Plattsburg, Mo.
VI. 70. Albert Shaver m. 1870, Mary Morgan, b. 1852, dau. R. S. and Amanda Trimble-Morgan.

   83-1. Roll, b. 1872, m. 1900 Lina Porter, b. 1872, dau. A. K. and Nancy Trice-Porter. Plattsburg, Missouri

   84-2. Lida, b. 1874, m. 1891, John Scott, s. John W. and Elizabeth Cain-Scott. She d. 1913.

   85-1. Nell Morgan, m. 1913, Harold Leuders, b. 1890, s. of Herman and Emma Wilcox-Leuders

       1. child df.
       2. Carl R., b. 1916.

   86-2. Mary Alma, m. 1913, Leslie Carue, b. 1892, s. Joseph and Mary L. Truan-Carue.

       1. Lida Louise, 1914.


   88-1. Lena m. Dollis and dy.—no ch.

Berryman Shaver was a man of college education and a teacher of much ability, a Confederate soldier and an artist. Some of his pictures are still kept as treasures.

VI. 72. Susan Shaver, twin of Berryman, m. 1858, Jacob Ryman, d. 1912, s. of Robert Ryman of South Elkhorn, Ky.

   89-1. Eliza, Au. 16, 1860, m. James Grimes, 3ch.

   90-2. Katie, Jl. 26, 1863, m. H. B. Duncan, 0ch.

   91-3. William, Fe. 26, 1865, m. Bessie Tracy 1ch.

   92-4. Mattie, Fe. 3, 1867, m. J. D. Baker, 0ch.

   93-5. Jessie, De. 28, 1874, dy.

VII. 89. Eliza Ryman, m. 1878, James Grimes, Plattsburg, Mo.

   94-1. Fred, 1883, m. Hallie Gentry, Magnet, Texas.


   95-2. Georgia, 1885, B. A. graduate, Principal of Armstrong school.


       Katie Ryman, m. 1879, Horace Bruce Duncan, Lathrop, Mo., a prosperous farmer, s of George Duncan.

William Ryman is a merchant in Kansas City—1ch., Tracy.

Mattie Ryman, one of Clinton County school teachers m. J. D. Baker, b. 1867 (s. of I. B. Baker), a prosperous farmer, Grayson, Mo.

Mrs. Susan Shaver Ryman was educated at Hollins Institute, Roanoke, Va. She met and married Jacob Ryman, a young Kentuckian, who was visiting David Lincoln. Mr. Ryman came from the well known Gatewood family of Kentucky. David Lincoln's wife was from the same family.

Miss Georgia Grimes tells me that her grandmother, Mrs. Susan
Ryman, always said her great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution, but she doesn't say who he was.

VI. 73. Arch Shaver, m. Martha Whitsett, 1848-1869, dau. of Emilsy Whitsett and Miss Marsh.
   97-1. Jennie Roxella, b. 1866, m. 1880, Robert Thornton, s. of Kenion Thornton and Miss Boatwright.

98-2. Martin Emilsy, b. 1869, d. 1880, killed by falling tree.

99-3. Georgia Susan, 1874, m. 1889, Joe Neff, b. 1861, s. of John W. and Mandy Burkholder-Neff, Salem, Va.
   1. Cleta Clay Neff, 1890, m. 1915, Denver Basore, b. 1884, s. of Abraham Dephenbaugh and Mary-Studyvan-Basore of Ohio.

100-4. Albert Berry, 1878, s. wealthy young business man of Anahuac, Texas.

Mr. Denver Basore is a miller at Berryville, Ark. His wife, Cleeta Neff Basore, is a graduate of “The Institute of Our Lady of Mercy,” Joplin, Mo. Jennie Roxella’s ch: Arch, Jack, Mattie, Tom, and May Thorton.

DEYERLES

V. 63. Julia Ann Shaver, m. on Oct. 10, 1833, Benj. Deyerle, 1806-1883, s. of Peter Deyerle and Miss Lefler.

101-1. Susan, Mr. 11, 1835, m. H. Clay Chapman, 5ch. (110)
102-2. Charles, Nov. 10, 1837, m. Sarena Taylor, 2ch.
103-3. Eliza, Oc. 7, 1840, m. E. S. Fry, 3ch (138)
104-4. Washington, Ja. 17, 1842, d. in Civil War.
105-5. Jennie, 1845-1870, m. Judge John McCleur, no issue, 0ch. (-144)
106-6. Henry S., Nov. 7, 1847, m. Sallie Price, 3ch. (144)
107-7. James David, Mr. 29, 1850, m. (1) 1878, Ollie Jane Deyerle, 0ch. (147)
   (2) 1893, Marie S. Crawford, 4ch.


Chas. Deyerle served thruout the Civil War as a cavalryman. He has two children Lucy and Benjamin.

WHITE HOUSE, built of stone with a fort cellar. It has been a landmark for more than a century. It was on the land of Rev. Martin Kaufman, who died in 1749. It was likely built by him or one of his sons soon after his death.
110-1. Chas. Wm., b. 1856, m. Laura Hathcher -3ch.
112-3. Ira Deyerle, b. 1867, m. Edna White, -9ch.
113-4. Augusta Ann, b. 1872, m. Wm. Wolfenden, d. 1900 -0ch.

Henry Clay Chapman served in the Civil War. He resided on his farm of 820 acres at Rocky Mount, Va.

Chas. Wm. Chapman and Robert Penn are farmers. Ira D. Chapman is a merchant.

VII. 111. Jennie Lee Chapman, m. 1884, Robert Penn, b. 1853, s. of Jackson Penn and Martha Kennerly-Penn.

119-5. Annie Eliz., b. Mch. 8, '96
120-6. Sidney Sue, b. May 28, '98
121-7. William Lee, b. Feb. 8, 1900

None of the above children are married.

James and Thomas Penn received diplomas from Roanoke business college. Thomas and Sam Penn are in business at Tioga, Texas. James is farming for his father who has 260 acres six miles from Rocky Mount, Va.


124-1. Melva Susan, b. Jan. 8, 1893
127-4. Walter Clay, b. Apl. 3, 1899
128-5. Carroll Shaver, b. Jan. 10, 1901
129-6. Wm. Frank, b. Apl. 12, 1903

Edward C. White served as shipping clerk for the Confederacy at Danville, Va., being too young to enter the service at the beginning of the war.


Ira Dalton is attending Roanoke College, Salem, Va.

VII. 114. Julia Elizabeth Chapman, m. 1898, Benjamin Angel of Rocky Mt., Va., b. 1873, s. of Joseph and Mary Wills-Angle.

Mr. Angel is a merchant at Rocky Mount, Va., their ch:
133-1. Esther Elizabeth, b. Oct. 24, 1899
134-2. Louise Chapman, b. Apl. 4, 1902
135-3. Arthur Cabell, b. Apl. 5, 1905
137-5. B. W., b. Jul. 31, 1912

VI. 103. Anna Eliza Deyerle, m. 1868, Emanuel Shelby Fry, b. 1842-1879
1845, of Plattsburg, Mo., s. of Solomon and Susan Snapp-Fry.

138-1. Julia Virginia Fry, b. 1870, m. Abram Renick -3ch.
139-2. Galen Bishop Fry, b. 1872, Nome, Alaska
140-3. Bessie McGee Fry, b. 1877, m. Abram Renick
Julia Fry Renick d. Nov. 27, 1903, her husband then m. her sister, 1905.

VII. 138. Julia Virginia Fry, m. Abram Renick on Feb, 19, 1890.
142-2. Cornelia, b. Sep. 12, 1892, m. 1915, L. Lindsey Cockrel
All live at Winchester, Ky.
Ann Eliza Fry attended Hollins Institute, Roanoke, Va.
Emanuel S. Fry attended College at Greencastle, Ind.
Julia Fry attended Synodical Female College, Fulton, Mo.
Bessie Fry Renick attended Liberty Female College, Liberty, Mo.
Virginia Fry Renick attended Caldwell College, Danville, Ky., and is a graduate of "Cardome" Convent, Georgetown, Ky.
Cornelia attended Caldwell College, Danville, Ky.
Felix graduated at Central University, Danville, Ky., June 19, 1915, and will graduate at Princeton University, June 19, 1916.
Mrs. Bessie Fry Renick tells me that she owns a pair of sugar tongs that belonged to her great-great-grandmother Strickler. She has been a mother to her deceased sister's children.

VI. 105. Jennie Deyerle, m. on Nov. 2, 1869, John G. McCluer, Apr. 8, 1844, s. of John Steele McCluer and Seges Peice Cameron of Rockbridge Co., Va.

They lived at Locust Grove, near Lexington, Va., until the death of his wife (Aug. 28, 1870). Judge McCluer married again on Sep. 12, 1876, Bettie Cooke, dau. of Col. James Cooke. To them were born eight children; James Steele, John Cameron, John G. Jr., Randolph, Earl H., Lawrence Moss, Mary Cook, and Chas. F. A.

Judge McCluer attended Washington College, studied law under Judge Jno. W. Brockenbrough, was a member of the Rockbridge Artillery at the age of 17, later joining Co. B., 12th Va. Cav., was taken prisoner at Petersburg, in 1864, imprisoned at Point Lookout. Judge
McCluer is a Democrat and has been prominent in politics in W. Va.,
having been prosecuting attorney for Wood County and Judge of the
4th judicial district. He is now a practicing attorney at Parkers-
burg, W. Va.

VI. 106. Henry S. Deyerle, m. 1873, Sallie Price, b. 1855, dau. of Cyrus
and Elizabeth Boone-Price of Franklin Co., Va.

144-1. Dr. James Harry, b. Jan. 11, 1876, m. Mary Byrd Warwick
145-2. George Edgar, b. Feb. 16, 1879, m. (1) Annie L. Johnson
   (2) Sarah Furgeson

Dr. James H. Deyerle is a prominent physician and surgeon at
Harrisonburg, Va. He has two children, Evelyn Byrd and Henry Jr.

George E. Deyerle, m. (1) Apr. 23, 1902, Annie Laurie Johnson of
Danville, Ky. She d. Aug. 6, 1902. He m. again on Sep. 11, 1907,
Sarah Furgeson of Memphis, Tenn., dau. of J. D. Furgeson and his
George Deyerle was stenographer for Gov. Beckham who became
governor after the assassination of Gov. Goebel. Gov. Beckham is
said to have been the youngest man that ever held that office in any
of the states in the Union.

The McClures live in Macon, Ga. Mr. McClure once lived in
Staunton.

Henry S. Deyerle lives on and owns a farm of 800 acres, seven
miles from Rocky Mount, Va.

VI. 107. James David Deyerle, m. (1) 1878, Ollie Jane Deyerle, dau. of
John. She d. 1881—no issue,
m. (2) 1893, Marie Sophia Crawford,
dau. Madison Pitzer Crawford
and wife, Mary Susan Thurman,
niece of Judge Allen G. Thurman.

147-1. Thurman Shaver, b. Sep. 12, 1894.
149-3 Laurance Crawford, b. Nov. 1, 1900.

Madison P. Crawford served thru the Civil War.

VI. 108. John Berryman Deyerle was educated at Roanoke College and
went West, married and has one dau., Bessie, who m. a Mr. Berg,
Ramona, Okla.

VI. 109. Elizabeth Deyerle, m. 1877, George Wooding of Campbell Co.,
Va., b. 1848, s. of Thomas W. Wooding of Pittsylvania Co. and
wife, Mary Crews. They live at Leesville, where Mr. Wooding
farms 450 acres on the Staunton River. One child, Samuel Potter,
b. Feb. 24, 1879, died in infancy.

In a letter Mrs. Geo. Wooding says: "My grand parents moved to
Roanoke Co. from Rockingham Co. in 1819. My mother then was three
years old. When she was sixteen she and her brother Washington
journeyed on horse-back to Rockingham and I have heard her speak
often of her Cousin Jack Shaver who was so nice to her.”

V. 64. Eliza Jane Shaver, m. 1837 John Trout, 1813-1882, s. of George
and Polly Miller-Trout.
151-1. George, b. 1837 dy.
152-2. Mary Susan, b. 1839 dec’d. m. P. L. Terry -5ch.

VI. 152. Mary Susan Trout, m. 1857, Peyton Leftwich Terry of Roa­
noke, 1835-1898, s. Stephen and Lucinda Leftwich-Terry of Camp­
bell Co., Va.
154-1. Mary Eliza (Lila M.), b. Jan. 10, 1859, Orchard Hill, Roanoke
158-5. Lucinda Lee, b. Dec. 5, 1873, s.
Mr. P. L. Terry lived at Roanoke, Va., and was a merchant, banker
and farmer.

VII. 155. Alice Peyton Terry, m. 1879, Samuel Wm. Jamison of Roa­
noke, b. 1850, sf. Henry and Sallie Showalter - Jamison of Franklin
Co., Va.
159-1. Mary Lee, m. Orvis Ainslie Kerns
160-2. Lila Leftwich, s.
161-3. Peyton Terry, m. Kathryn Swanson
162-4. Edith A., s.

VIII. 159. Mary Lee Jamison b. 1880. m. on 1902 O. A. Kerns of
165-3. Peyton Leftwich, b. Aug. 6, 1908,
166-4. Wm. Jamison, b. Nov. 20, 1912
1115 Henry St. S. W. Roanoke, Va.

Peyton Terry Jamison lives at 353 Albemarle, Ave., Roanoke, Va.
He is in the lumber business as well as his father.

VII. 156. Martha Leftwick Terry, m. 1897, Thompson West Goodwin s.
Edmund P. and Lucy Chiles-Goodwin
1010 Orchard Hill Roanoke, Va. with Trust Company.
167-1. Mary Terry, b. Feb. 1, 1900

VI. 153. Henry Shaver Trout, m. 1866, Annie Thomas, 1846, da. John
Thomas and Miss Hall.

169-1. Mary E. b. Mch. 10, 1867, m. J. C. Davenport 2ch.

170-2. John T. b. Feb. 12, 1871, m. Helen Imboden


Helen Imboden is a daughter of Gen. John D. Imboden.

Henry Shaver Trout was born on the 15th day of October, 1841, near Salem, Va. He was raised on a farm. On the first of April, 1861, he volunteered in the Confederate Army, was an officer in Pickett's Division and was in the charge at Gettysburg, was wounded at Gaines Mill and was a prisoner at the time of the surrender. He came home and resumed the occupation of a farmer.

He has been in politics to some extent. He represented his district four years in the House of Delegates and four years in the State Senate. He was Mayor of the City of Roanoke for four years and has been President of the First National Bank of Roanoke, Va. for thirty-three years, and is connected with a number of business enterprises. In religion he is a Lutheran, having been an elder in that church for forty years. He was educated at Roanoke College and at the present time (1915) is President of the Board of Trustees of that institution. Mr. Trout is the only surviving member of his family and is now seventy-four years old and has never used glasses to read or write.

V. 65. Berryman Shaver, m. 1845, Susan Trout, of Roanoke, Co. Va. 1823-1896, dau. George and Anna Marie Miller-Trout.

Plattsburg, Mo.


176-5. John W. b. Feb. 9, '60, m. Alice Boydston-0ch.


1, 4, and 5 Plattsburg, Mo. 3, Liberty, Mo. 2, Lathrop, Mo. and 6 Thibodaux, La.

Extract from a letter written by Berryman Shaver in his 93d year, dated Sept. 29, 1915, probably not in his own hand.

"I first came to Missouri in 1864 to look at the country, went back that fall and was married in April 10, 1845. I moved out to Missouri the fall of 1847 and lived in Clay County for one year and then bought a farm in Clinton County on which I have lived ever since. I was associate county judge six years, 1879-1885, inclusive, have always voted
the Democratic ticket and only held the one office. I have always been a farmer and have given each of my children a home, and still have a thousand acres left." He died Oct. 23, 1915.

Mr. Chas. Price Shaver, Cashier of the Bank at Thibodeaux, La., gives me the following information. He says that he cannot go further back than his great-grandfather Nicholas Shaver, that he had a brother George who settled in Maryland, that one of George's grandsons is Capt. Philip Shaver of Iowa and a great-grandson is Judge Oliver Shaver of Summerset, Pa., both having fought on the Union side.

He says that the name was always spelled Shaver not Schaeffer as some think, that he is related to the Schaeffers thru his grandmother Grant who was Mary Miller, that her mother was the widow Schaeffer (with two children) when she married his great-grandfather Matthias Miller.

Michael Trout received a grant of land in Rockingham County in 1782 and enlisted as ensign in a militia Company to serve two years in the Rev. War. Mr. Shaver tells me that the record is at the Augusta Court House.

Jacob Baer, he says, had only one son, John, who received a grant of 630 acres in Rockingham County in 1770, John was his great-great-grandfather, that his daughter, Elizabeth Baer married his great-grandfather Michael Trout, that all these papers belong to Maj. Henry Neff of Rockingham County, who married a granddaughter of John Baer.

John Baer had 7 children:
1. Anna
2. Barbara
3. Mollie
4. Jacob
5. John
6. Henry
7. Elizabeth
   1. George Trout, m. Jacob Miller
   2. Susan Trout, m. Anders
   3. Chas. P. Shaver, who furnished the above information, m. Mary Karns
   4. Miss Miller
   5. and moved to Tenn.
   6. Michael Trout, m. Michael Trout
   7. Anna Marie Miller.

VI. 172. Caroline Shaver, m. 1866, Granville Heitt, b. 1837, sf.
Plattsburg, Mo.
179-1. Infant b. Feb. 1867, df.
180-2. Wm. B. b. May 4, 1868, m. Cordie Phillips-1

Mr. Heitt is a farmer and owns 400 acres.

VII. 180. Wm. Berryman Heitt, m. 1890, Cordie Phillips, dau. of F. D. Phillips, b. in Ireland, and wife, Mary Sheppard-Phillips.
Mr. Phillips is a merchant in Los Angeles, Calif. He is a Christian. Mrs. Heitt is Methodist.

Mr. Pulliam is a farmer and resides at Trimble, Mo. Mrs. Heitt belongs to the Christian Church.

VII. 182. Susan Gesten Heitt, m. 1891, Thomas M. Culver, 1867, sf. Wm. L. and Augusta V. McMichael-Culver.

Koshkonong, Mo.
184-1. William Heitt b. Feb. 10, 1892
185-2. Thomas M. Jr. b. Apr. 25, 1895
186-3. Mary b. Nov. 8, 1896
All are Methodists. Mr. T. M. Culver d. July 8, 1912.

VI. 173. Jacob H. Shaver, m. Nannie Miller, b. 1856, dau. of Creed and A. Matilda Farly-Miller.

Lathrop, Mo.
190-3. Berry Miller, b. Dec. 11, 1882, m. Rose Ditmars-0ch.
Clay Eberts is the son of John and Nancy Picket-Eberts. He married Cora Shaver in 1896 and they live at Watertown, Fla.
Berry M. Shaver, m. 1912, Rose Ditmars, b. 1880, dau of James and Mary Burkholder-Ditmars. They live at Plattsburg, Mo. Mr. Shaver is a Methodist.


Liberty, Mo.
m. (2) Minnie Moore, b. 1869, dau of Thomason and Sarah Duvall-Moore of Liberty, Mo.

Mrs. Shaver attended Kirksville, Mo. Normal.
Mr. Shaver is a farmer and owns 440 acres in Mo. and 800 acres in Mexico. He belongs to the Christian Church.

VII. 191. Bessie Alice Shaver, m. 1912, Alonza Atchison, b. 1880, sf: Jesse Lewis and Narcissus K. Bowen-Atchison.

Okeemah, Okla.
192-1. Robert Lee, b. 1913.
Mr. Atchison is realtor and County Surveyor. He attended William Jewel College and is a Methodist. His wife is a Baptist.

VI. 175. Julia A. Shaver, m. 1874, James N. Winn, b. 1851, sf: James M. and Malinda Hutsell-Winn of Paris, Ky.

Plattsburg, Mo.
195-2. Martha
198-5. Elizabeth b. Apl. 2 -92
199-6. Mary N. b. Jan. 11 -95
Mrs. Julia A. Winn attended Plattsburg College.

Emma Krumm is a daughter of William and Catherine Krumm of Germany and later of Concordia, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Winn live in Kansas City, Kan., where Mr. Winn is employed by the Santa Fe Ry. as check clerk, they have no children but have adopted Helen Louise, b. June 15, 1906.

VI. 176. John W. Shaver, m. 1883, Alice Boydston, b. 1852, sister of his brother George's wife.

Plattsburg, Mo.
Mr. Shaver has 160 acres in Mo. and 320 in Mexico. He attended the University of Missouri at Columbia.


Thibodaux, La.
200-1. Mary Lucile, b. Jun. 3, -86
201-2. Leo F. b. Jan. 20, -89-d. 1890
m. (2) Leona Gleason, 1880 dau. of Friend W. and Mary E. Heald-
Jacob SHAVER 69

Mr. Shaver is V. P. and Cashier of Bank of Thibodaux and Trust Co.

V.-66  Susan Catherine Shaver, m.  1846, John Boon, 1820-1887, sf

1882-1865

Boon

204-1. Mary Susan, b.  Nov. 3, 1847, dy.

John Boon married again Judia A. Moor, 1871, and to this union were born ten children of whom six are living, the others having died in infancy. He was a Confederate soldier.

Washington S. Boon d. 1911. His widow lives at Boons Mill.

Benjamin D. Boon, d. 1887; a son Grover C. lives in Roanoke, Va.

John Henry lives at Boons Mill. He and his brother Washington attended Roanoke College.


Helms.

209-1. John T. b. 1886, m. 1912 Susan Rives of Ky.-1ch.
210-2. Susan Boon 1888, m. 1912, W. P. Dumas, Austin, Texas.
211-3. Sarah Virginia, 1892
212-4. Paul Madison -95
213-5. Truett Edgar -99
Mrs. Nickie Boon-513 N. Catherine St. Terrell, Tex.

V.-67 Henry Strickler Shaver, m. 1855, Lucy Jane Frantz, 1836-1894. (1831-1864) dau. Jacob and Eliza Petty-Frantz.

Frantz.

214-1. Eliza Petty, b. 1856, df.
215-2. Martha Washington, Mr.18, 1858, m. Elijah L. D. Turner-3ch.
217-4. Lucy Emma Ap.11, 1862, m. Wm. C. Van Stavern-0ch
Henry Strickler Shaver owned 220 acres of land (the old home place), served in Co. D. 5th Va. Cav., was captured May 11, 1864, near Richmond and died Aug. 21, 1864, in prison at Point Lookout, of typhoid fever. He and his wife were buried in the family burying ground on the old farm. It is said that he was of a jovial disposition and was loved by every one.


221-3. Henry Shaver b. Aug. 14, -91
The Turners live on a farm six miles south of Roanoke, R. No. 4.
Stella graduated at the National Business College, Roanoke and attended Depauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

Henry attended the above Business College.

VII.-219 Stella Jeanette Turner, m. 1913, James Samuel Kahle, 1882, s. Chas. Straley and Mary Witten-Kahle.

Kahle.

222-1. Mary Witten, b. May 18, 1915.

Mr. Kahle is an attorney at Law, Bluefield, W. Va. His Great-grandfather Kahle and two of his brothers fought in the war of 1812, having come from Germany prior thereto. The Witten family is an old family that located in Maryland and is connected with the Cecil family of that State. This is the family name of the King of England, I understand, and is derived from the family that occupied the castle of Wettin, near Magdeburg, Germany. Judge David E. Johnson’s history of “The New River Settlements” gives an interesting account of the family.

J. S. Kahle, member Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and Sigma Ro Society, Pres. Society, 1905-06; Debaters medal 1904-05, 2nd prize junior law, 1904-05; V. Pres. class 1905-06-Richmond College. Mr. Kahle has figured in politics of Bluefield.


Mr. Shaver is with the N. W. Railroad, in the Accounting Dept. He is an expert penman. If he is as good with figures as he is with a pen he is an expert indeed.

Mrs. Shaver first married on July 12, 1888, Wm. Robt. Ingram of Roanoke, Va., b. Aug. 23, 1866, d. Nov. 9, 1891, s. Edward Ingram and Elizabeth Ann Beecher, and they had two children; Agnes Elizabeth,

The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Henry Sydney Shaver are:
2. Georgia Ann mr11- 61, dec’d.
3. Ida Frances se22- 64, m. Mack B. Shrewbury, Moneto, Va.
5. Lelia James mr22- 71, m. Thos. M. Sanderson, Roanoke, Va. -1ch:
7. Zelona Olivia ja2 76, dec’d.

End of John Strickler of Egypt, except Elizabeth see (377).
SAMUEL STRICKLER OF NEW MARKET

Abraham

Jacob

III. 10. Samuel Strickler, s. Jacob, b. about 1765-d, 1833, m. Mary Meggot (or Maggard)

226-3. Mary m. Dr. David Neff-4ch see No. 47.

Samuel Strickler lived opposite horseshoe bend on Smith's Creek near New Market, Va. This farm was later known as the J. B. Strayer farm. The old Samuel Strickler house still stands. Samuel Strickler and John Gatewood represented Shenandoah County in the Virginia Legislature in 1807.

THE OLD HOME

Samuel Strickler's old home is still standing (1917) in a good state of preservation about a mile north-east of New Market on the left bank of Smith Creek, opposite Horseshoe Bend, where his brothers Joseph and David lived. The house is built of logs and has eight large rooms, four on the first and four on the second floor, also two large rooms in the attic which has a high steep roof, and two large rooms in the basement where there is a large fireplace. A large chimney, at least eight feet square, occupies the centre of the house. Board partitions, composed of very wide boards, extend from the chimney to the outer walls, thereby affording access to the chimney from every room for the purpose of heating by fireplaces. All partitions have doors making the entire house communicating. The basement is built very strong and has narrow openings or loopholes. There is a peculiar double floor between the basement and the first floor with some sort of material between the two.

The house is built very much like the Jacob Strickler house in Egypt except that it is not quite so large and has no vaulted cellar. It is slightly longer than wide with a porch on the south and east. A little to the north of the house is a spring.

To the east of the house, several hundred yards, in a clump of bushes and trees, where the ground rises from the bottom land, is an old graveyard. Here Samuel was likely buried but I could find no stone. At the barn was a stone, apparently a grave stone, with "C. M. S." and a date which I could not make out upon it.

Dr. J. B. Strayer, a member of the legislature at one time, owned
this home afterwards. The main fighting at the battle of New Market was about a mile west of his home.

   227-1. Mary A., b. Oct. 11, 1818: m. 1844, Matthew Scott-9ch:
   229-3. Catherine b. 1822, s.
   230-4. Elizabeth m. Wm. J. Williams:
   231-5. Henry df.


   235-1. Anna Eliza b. 1845, m. Aken Epperly.
   244-10. Lenora Davis b. 1869, m. John. T. Thurman-5ch.

Squire Samuel Strickler -No. 228.

"I am proud to say to you that Samuel Strickler was a high toned upright gentleman, lived a moral and sober life and had at one time considerable real estate. He like myself and many others lost by being surety for others. And the war hurt him but he had a good home as long as he lived. He was in the Confederate service, was on detached duty hunting up deserters principally in this (Floyd) County, and had a horse killed from under him just a short time before the surrender by the Yankees that raided through here. He was a brave man. Samuel Strickler was a Justice of the Peace of this County for a long time, was at one time under the old regime one of the presiding justices. He was clerk of the Board of School Trustees until he became too feeble to travel."

VI.-235. Eliza Ann Strickler, 1845-1913, m. 1865. John Aken Epperly, 1836-1913 three days after his wife, s. Jacob C. and Eliza Phleger-Epperly.

Mr. Epperly served in the Confederate Army, Co. B. 54th Va. Reg. and surrendered with Gen. Johnston in N. C., who presented to each of his soldiers who were with him at the surrender, a Mexican silver dollar, which according to his request was buried with him. He died about 32 hours after his wife—it was their wish that they go together—and they were laid to rest at Floyd, Va. They were members of the Lutheran church and lived Christian lives.

VI.-236. Sarah R. Strickler, m. 1869, Thomas Keen DeWitt, b. 1846, s. Zachariah Worley and Mary Ann Keen-DeWitt.

245-1. Samuel Zachariah, b. 1875, m. Margaret Frances Vest-8ch.

The DeWitts live at Pizarro, Va. Floyd County.

Mr. DeWitt belonged to Co. B. 4th Va. Reserve Bat. later to the 3d. Va. Reg. Co. B. His Great grandfather, Jeremiah DeWitt, was soldier in the Revolution, his grandfather, James DeWitt, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

THE DE WITTS, BY THOMAS KEEN DE WITT

I, Thomas Keen De Witt, was born and raised in the south-east part of Franklin County, near the Henry and Pittsylvania County line. That was where my mother was born and raised. I was born and raised near Snow Creek, that was our post office. My father, however, went back to Bedford County in 1847, stayed there one year and then moved to Franklin County and remained in Franklin County until 1861 or the first of 1862, when he returned to Bedford, and died on the 14th day of March, 1866. He married the second time the latter part of 1860, Miss Wilkerson, of near Liberty, now Bedford City, who is still living. There were no children by this marriage. My father was not a very strong man, and was discharged from service and died from a complication of troubles at the age of forty-eight years, eight months and sixteen days. He was fairly educated, a good writer and school teacher and I believe he died a Christian.

I will now mention a few things in regard to my uncles. The three oldest, Nelson C., Alanson C. and Elisha D., were ministers of the Gospel of the M. E. Church, South. The two first named moved before my recollection and one of them went to Missouri later. Both had large families, principally boys, and their descendants doubtless are scattered over many States of the Union. The third uncle, Elisha, was a local preacher in Bedford County, and was a good man. He had four brave sons of the Confederacy. My next uncle, William H., had two sons who were brave soldiers. All of these were with General Lee
when he surrendered. Uncle William has only been dead some eight or nine years (1915, present date). He was about ninety-four years of age, and was noted for his democracy and Methodism.

Uncle Bennett M. DeWitt was a newspaper man, was said to have been a brilliant writer. He was the founder of the Richmond Examiner, was with The Inquirer, and founded other papers. At the time and prior to his death, he founded and was editing the Virginia Index. He split off from the Breckinridge Democracy and hoisted the Douglas flag, though he was a true Democrat and a strong Southern man. He was taken sick in Richmond and brought to his home in Nelson County where he passed away on the 14th of March, 1863, just three years to the day before my father, and my father was the next child to him. Children: three sons and some daughters.

In regard to my father's sisters, will say that Catherine married Charles Burnett, and they moved in 1866 to Missouri, where my aunt died. She had three sons.

Aunt Mary F. married William Oney, and I think they both died in Tennessee.

Aunt Pumelia A. married William Hall, and they went to Kentucky, where both passed away.

Will state that John Burnett, oldest son of Aunt Catherine, was killed in the battle of Floyd's Farm. The other children were too young to go to war.

Thomas Keen DeWitt's great-grandfather, by name Jeremiah DeWitt, came to America from France on or about 1750 to 1760, and was a soldier in the American Revolution, grand-father, James DeWitt, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The first ancestor DeWitt was a Huguenot or a soldier who came with the French to assist against the English. He located at Charlemont Bedford County, Virginia.

He had ——-children, viz.

1st Jerre DeWitt Brother of my Grand Father
2nd James DeWitt, my Grand Father born May 19, 1780
Dorcas Worley-DeWitt my Grand Mother born Nov. 23, 1788

Thomas K. DeWitt's grandfather lived at Charlemont or Davis Mill, Bedford County, Va.

He had nine children, viz.
1. Nelson C. DeWitt, b. Feb. 24, 1807
2. Alanson C. DeWitt, b. Feb. 25, 1809
3. Elisha D. DeWitt, b. Mch. 25, 1811
4. William H. DeWitt, b. Feb. 28, 1813
5. Bennett M. DeWitt, b. May 17, 1815
7. Catherine M. DeWitt, b. Apl. 5, 1820
8. Mary F. DeWitt, b. Sept. 21, 1823
9. Pumelia A. b. Mch. 12, 1825
Jacob THE DE WITT

Thomas Keen DeWitt's father, Zachariah Worley DeWitt, lived near Bedford City, where he died. He had five children, viz.

1. Thomas Keen DeWitt, m. Sarah Rosebelle Strickler, 2 ch.
2. James Henry DeWitt, m. Florence Eunice Dodd, living 7 ch.
3. Martha Elizabeth Catharine DeWitt, m. Eldridge G. Smith.
   (She is dead and all her children but one.)
4. Sarah Frances Virginia, m. Dr. John T. Bishop, of Stuart, Va.
   He is dead.

VII.-245. Samuel Zachariah DeWitt, m. 1899, Margaret Frances Vest, dau. Chas. D. and Margaret E. Hoback-Vest.

247-1. Charles Keen b. 1900 oc22
248-2. Samuel Moseby b. 1902 se5
249-3. Annie Muriel b. 1904 julo
250-4. Lewis Calvin b. 1906 jul3
251-5. Fannie Pearl b. 1907 oc16
252-6. Ralph Emerson b. 1909 july
253-7. Daisy Belle b. 1911 ap5
254-8. Katie Clyde b. 1913 oc3


The DeWitts all live at Pizarro, Va.


256-1. William T. au 25,1873, m. 1900 Miss Lancaster -7ch.
257-2. Samuel Aken au 21,1875, m. 1900 Miss Young -4ch.
259-4. Caroline J. de15, -81, m. 1901 P. E. Swinney -6ch.
260-5. Herbert Helms oc24, -84, m. 1907 Miss Hall -3ch.
262-7. Catherine M. mr29, -91, m. 1907 J. E. Howery -1ch.

John B. Strickler owns a farm on which he lives, three miles northeast of Floyd, Va.


264-1. Willie Ethel b. 1902, no3
265-2. Corbin Sowder b. 1904, j19
266-3. Iris Geneva b. 1906, au8
267-4. Aken Wayne b. 1908, de30
268-5. Phillip Ballard b. 1911, ja11
Mr. Strickler owns a farm of 288 acres on which he lives.


271-1. Constance Leome, b. 1901, oc21
272-2. William Blaine b. 1903, ma6
273-3. Mary Celeste b. 1904, de10
274-4. Samuel Ward b. 1911, ap30

VII.-258. Nancy Mary Strickler, m. Dock Frederick Swinny, 1876, s. Samuel and Margaret Thomas-Swinny.

275-1. Lilah 1900, au28
276-2. Lester Earl 1908, jl21


They have six children.


They have three children.

VII.-261. Eliza Belle Strickler, m. Roscoe Leeton Guthrie, s. Cephus W. and Rosabelle Weeks-Guthrie.

Mr. Guthrie was killed May 3, 1913, by the bursting of an engine that was running his saw mill. Mr. Nowlin was killed at the same time.

His widow lives with her father. She has two sons.


Mr. James E. Howery, d. 1913, was a Confederate soldier and a farmer of 242 acres.

VI.-239. Mary Josephine Strickler, m. 1869, Robert Meriwether Thurman, 1846-1893.

278-1. Robert Melvin Thurman. b. 1870, m. Lelia B. Cannady-8ch.

Robert Meriwether Thurman was in the Confederate Army nearly four years in Co. F. 14th Va. Cav. and was buried at Pine Creek Church near the home of John B. Strickler.

Mrs. Thurman lives with her son at Apache, Okla. who has eight children, as follows:

VII.-278. Robert Melvin Thurman m. Lelia Beatrice Cannaday.

279-1. Millard Ivan b. 1899, fe12
280-2. Samuel Robert b. 1901, fe10
281-3. Horace L. b. 1902, de24
282-4. Linwood M. b. 1904, mr25
283-5. Elbert W. b. 1906, ma10

290-2. Jacob Millard W. ja21, -81, Letitia Richardson
294-6. Ida May ju10 90, John Parker -2ch.
295-7. Bessie Mahala jl3 -92,
296-8. Lucy Rosabelle mr10 -95,

S. H. Strickler moved from Floyd Co. to War, W. Va. 1915, where he is engaged in mining.
Lucy graduated at Christiansburg High, 1915.
No. 3-Iaeger, W. Va., 4-Yukon, W. Va., 5 & 6-Twin Branch, W. Va. The others are at home.


298-1. Sallie Ann Celeste, b. fe9, 1886, m. Simon Lawrence-5ch.
299-2. India Hybernia ja20 -88, Wm. H. Blackwell-1ch.
300-3. Lalah Gay ma2 -93, Alvis W. Howrey-1ch.
301-4. Palace Allen fe5 1901
All of Floyd, Va. C. F. Strickler has a fine farm of 237 acres, three miles from Floyd.

VI.-234. Ruth Strickler, 1834-1886 m. 1856, Andrew Rusk Cross, 1836-1915, s. Lewis and Elizabeth Walters-Cross.

304-1. Sarah Jane, au10 1857, m. 1878, B. C. Smith -3ch.
305-2. Samuel Thomas ap12 -59, m. 1886, Jennie Huckstep -5ch.
306-3. Chas. Jacob de28 -63, m. 1916, Emma Dykes
308-5. James Lewis de9 -69, m. 1904, Nellie C. Corner -1ch.
309-6. Andrew C. oc4 -71, d. 1874
310-7. Laura Bell mr31 -74, m. 1897, D. C. Hiller -5ch.
311-8. Lee sel3 -77, d. Jun. 4, 1879
Mr. and Mrs. Cross were buried at Wayne cemetery, Lewis, Kan.

VII.-304. Sarah Jane Cross, m. 1878 B. C. Smith, s. Henry and Martha Owens-Smith of Ky.

312-1. Henry b. se 26-1879-d. mr. 9-1880
313-2. child df.
314-3. Claude B. b. 1892, ma6
Claude B. Smith graduated from Western Dental College, Kansas City, Mo. and practiced in Lewis, Kan. but has moved to Marion, Kan. After Mr. Smith's death in 1904, his widow, Sarah J. Smith, married Mr. Radcliffe, Lewis, Kan.


315-1. Grace
316-2. Andra Bertha
217-3. LeRoy
318-4. Willie Andrew
319-5. Gladys

The Barstows live at Lewis Kans.


1. James Howard, ju5 -17
2. Chas. Rusk, ap23-21

Mr. Cross lives at Lewis, Kan.

VII.-307. Mary Elizabeth Cross, m. 1890, Edgar Craft, b. 1862, s. Artemus and Martha Corey-Craft, West Union, Ia.

Craft.

320-1. Hazel
321-2. Dulcie
322-3. Preston

Mr. Craft is postmaster at Lewis, Kan.


323-1. Clifford


Hiller.

324-1. Golda Malone
325-2. Veda Ellen
326-3. A daughter
328-5. Lucile Adel

lives there now. Unto Abraham and Ann Huddle-Strickler were born eight children as follows:


The Sobriquet, “Schnitts” applied to Jacob Huddle resulted from a habit he had of carrying dried apple cuts (German-Schnitts) in his pockets to chew.

SAMUEL J. STRICKLER OF CHESTNUT GROVE

Samuel Jacob Strickler lives at his father's old home about one and a half miles south of Mt. Zion Christian Church and about three miles south-east of Maurertown, Shenandoah County, Virginia. This old homestead is a part of the lands owned by his grandfather Abraham Strickler who married Ann Huddle who inherited it from her father Jacob Huddle. It was a large tract when owned by Abraham. It is now cut into three farms, Viz: the Bauserman farm, the Headley farm and the Samuel J. Strickler farm.

JACOB HUDDLE

Jacob Huddle was a large land owner. His plantation extended from the river to the Valley Pike, the tract being about two miles in width including three fertile bends of the river. I understand that he did not own any land east of the river or on the right bank of the stream. Only one bend intervened between the Huddle lands and the mouth of Toms Brook which was about a mile from the northern limits of the Huddle estate by a straight line but about two miles by the river. The mouth of the Brook is about two miles below the Samuel J. Strickler home by a straight line but by the river about four miles.

The river makes so many curves as it passes thru this section that it reminds one of a radiator in a heating system or an automobile. The general course of the river is north-east but its waters for three-fourths of the time are flowing east or west.

On the death of Jacob Huddle the plantation was divided into five shares, I am told. Ann (Mrs. Abraham Strickler) received the land in the middle bend, another daughter received her share in the upper bend and another in the lower bend. Catherine Huddle married Mr. Hockman and became the mother of Henry Hockman who first married Carrie Maphis. Catherine inherited the lower bend.
A GRANDFATHER’S CLOCK

Col. E. E. Stickley of Woodstock told me on one occasion a story of a “Grandfather’s Clock” which once belonged to Abraham Strickler who married Ann Huddle. The story, as I recall it, is as follows; Abraham Strickler during his lifetime purchased a slave and for some reason did not pay cash. After Abraham's death the old clock was sold and found its way to Boston. In the mean time a claim was presented to the administrator of the estate of Abraham Strickler for the purchase price of the slave. Col. Stickley represented the Strickler estate and was very much surprised that the debt was unpaid as it was made some years before Abraham's death and he had the reputation of paying all his debts promptly. No evidence of the payment of the debt could be found and the debt was paid. I think Col. Stickley told me the amount was about $500.00. Years afterwards the heirs of Abraham Strickler received information from the owner of the clock in Boston that he had discovered a secret drawer in the old clock which contained old papers of Abraham Strickler. The papers were forwarded to the heirs and among them was a receipt for the purchase price of the slave which was positive proof that the claim had been paid during Abraham's life time. If I am not mistaken Col. Stickley told me that proceedings were instituted to recover the money erroneously paid but that he was never able to recover same. No doubt this could be verified by the records of the Circuit Court of Shenandoah County.

V.-329. Mary Strickler, da. Abraham, m. Mr. Headley and had at least one son.

337-1. Wm. A. Headley m. Virginia Painter -4ch.
338-1. Chas. F. m. Mary Windle-2ch. Wm. & Richard-age 17 & 11.
1. Mary m. Crabill, Strasburg, Va.
2. Carrie
3. Edgar

1. Earl
2. Marvin

Chas. F. Headley was for eight years treasurer of Shenandoah County, retiring from office about 1920, refusing to be a candidate for a third term. Mr. Headley is a Democratic leader in his County and a popular and influential citizen. He is now Supervisor of Game and Fisheries for the Western District of Virginia.

Edgar Headley lives seven miles east of Woodstock on the old family homestead, part of the old “Snitz” Huddle homestead.
Capt. Martin Strickler, of Chestnut Grove.


342-1. Winifred Magdalene Strickler

Martin Strickler married again, after the death of his first wife in 1875, Nancy Brubeck. She died in 1917 nearly eighty-no issue.

Widow Hockman had four children when Martin married her; Edward and Preston, both dec'd, Frank and Henrietta Hockman.

Henry Hockman's mother was Catherine Huddle, dau. of “Snitz” Huddle and therefore S. J. Strickler is not only a halfbrother of the Hockman children but also second cousin to them.

Capt. Martin Strickler was an officer in the service of the Confederacy, being Captain of light infantry, in the 136th Reg. of the 7th Brigade, 3d. Division.

Samuel J. Strickler lives on the old homestead in the middle bend of the Huddle estate which they call “Chestnut Grove.”

V.-331. Jacob Strickler, s. Abraham, never married. He went to Omaha and became a commission merchant with much success. At the age of about 76 he returned to his old home and divided his property among his nieces and nephews and went to Florida to spend the remainder of his life. He died there on Jan. 19, 1911, at the age of 82, and was buried on the old homestead where his father, Abraham, brothers Abram and Samuel, Martin and his second wife, sisters Elizabeth, Barbara Ann, and the Huddles, were buried.


343-1 Samuel Jacob b. May 9, 1868, u. Nannie F. Spiker-4ch.


349-1. Elva Anna b. May 13, 1901
351-3. Harold Spiker b. Dec. 29, 1908


Manzanola, Colo.

353-1. Elizabeth May b. Apr. 18, 1910.


Coffman.


Maurertown, Va.


Copp.


Maurertown, Va.


Hottel.


Maurertown, Va.

V.-335. Rebecca Strickler, m. John H. Bauserman of Maurertown, s. Abram.

366-1. Nina
367-2. Roger
368-3. Lelia
369-4. Alberta, dec'd.


370-1. Dr. Chas. M. Strickler, b. 1868, m. Nora Burtner-Ich.


Mrs. Strickler is postmistress at Hinton, Va. She is a member of a large family, and has four brothers who are ministers.

In 1892 Dr. Strickler graduated from the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond. In 1893 he located at Hinton, Va. where he soon had a fine practice and was a successful physician. He was a man of
high moral worth and stability of character. At the time of his death he was President of the Board of Trustees of Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, Dayton, Va. and chairman of the Executive Committee having under construction the new Memorial Building for that institution. In personal appearance he was of light complexion, rather tall, and weighed about 200 pounds.

In 1902 at the very threshold of life which held out a promising future, this good man and beloved physician was taken ill with fever and died in a short time. He had been very busy, going day and night, and his constitution could not withstand the attack.

"God's plan, like lilies pure and white, unfold;  
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart;  
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.  
And if, by faith and patient toil we reach the land  
Where tired feet with sandals loose may rest,  
Where we shall know and understand,  
I think that we shall say, 'God knew the best'."

**ABRAM STRICKLER OF FOUR MILE HOUSE.**

Abram Strickler, father of Dr. Chas. M. Strickler, lived just below Toms Brook on the Valley Pike at the Four Mile House. His widow still lives there (1922).

Abram Strickler entered the Confederate service as a private in Co. E. 12th Va. Cav. in 1862, and toward the close of the war was detailed as courier for Gen. Rosser and was captured at one of the Cedar Creek battles in the winter of 1863 or 1864 (most likely the later date) and was a prisoner at Point Lookout for six months or more. This information was obtained from a letter written by Abram’s brother, Capt. Martin Strickler, dated Dec. 5, 1890, at Maurertown, Va.

**VI.-371. Annie Elizabeth Strickler,** m. 1888, **Luther A. Swartz** of Maurertown, Va. b. 1866, s. Joseph and Susan E. Beydler-Swartz.

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End of Samuel Strickler of New Market.


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¹Elizabeth should have been recorded under John.
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382-6. John m. Martha Hankins, sister of John
383-7. Joel m. not known, left a s. Richard father of Lottie.
384-8. Samuel s. supposed to have been killed by Indians.
   Elizabeth Strickler, m. (2) Oct. 18, 1827, John Ball, a widower
   with four sons and seven daughters b. May 16, 1777, d. Mch. 28,
   1838.
386-10. Lucy Ann Ball
387-11. Henry Ball
   John Ball's first wife was Elizabeth McDougal, 1780-1822.
   Emily Ball, (dau. of Henry above,) of Portsmouth, Ohio, sent the
   above information thru Mrs. Emil Arnold, Ironton, Ohio.
   Miss Ball has a letter written by Frances Miller of Point Pleasant,
   W. Va. to her grandmother, Elizabeth Strickler Stover Ball, telling of
   the death of her husband on Nov. 22, 1847. She says that Mrs. Miller
   was a sister of her grandmother.

V.-385. Elizabeth Stover, m. Wm. Lambert at least one son.
VI.-388-1. Wm. G. Lambert, b 1842, m. 1868, Margaret Ann Talbot,
   1. Grace Baily b. 1869, ju23
   2. Wm. G. -72, mrl14
   3. Richard -73, de31
   4. Elizabeth -75, no28
   5. Esther -81, ma20
   6. James -84, de31
   7. George -87, ma26
   Wm. G. Lambert was a soldier in the Civil War, ran away at 16,
   served thru the war, and was mustered out as Capt. of 6th Ohio Vol. 
   Cav.

VII. Grace Baily Lambert m. Dr. Emil Arnold druggist of Ironton,
   s. of Emil Arnold, M. D.
   1. Emerson Victor b. 1895, ma26
   2. Dean Moxley b. 1897, no5
   Richard Lambert was the first soldier from Lawrence Co. killed
   in the war.

JOSEPH STOVER OF ST. PARIS, O.

The following is a letter from Mr. J. H. Biddle, Postmaster at St.
Paris, O.


Mr. Harry M. Strickler
Harrisonburg, Va.

Dear Sir:—
   Your letter in regard to descendants of Joseph Stover received
   this A. M. and I happen to be acquainted with the family. I now own
the house that Joseph Stover lived in. Joseph Stover's wife was a Strickler. He had two sons, William and Frank. William once lived in Urbana (Ohio). He is dead but left three sons, Joseph, Albert and Thomas. I think the three sons are in Chicago now. Frank Stover died here. He had two children, Elmus and Ida. Elmus Stover lives here in St. Paris. Ida I think married a man by the name Boyer and I think lives near Urbana, Ohio. If anything further write again.

Resp.

J. H. Biddle
P. M. at St. Paris.

In another letter Mr. Biddle states that Joseph Stover lived to be quite old, probably eighty; that Joseph built the house above referred to for a hotel, about 1850, or at least he used it for that purpose about the time of the war; that he has remodeled the building and made a double house of it; and that Elmus Stover, grandson of Joseph, about 60 years of age and living in the neighborhood, could no doubt give further information.

According to information from Mr. J. H. Biddle, St. Paris, Ohio.


1. Wm. Stover, probably lived at Urbana, Ohio.
   2. Albert, lived probably in Chicago.
   3. Thomas, lived probably in Chicago.

2. Frank Stover
   2. Ida Stover, m. Boyer -ch. at Urbana, O.

A Wm. Stover lives at Mansfield, Ill. and a Wm. Stover lives at Sandorus, Ill. Information from Chas. M. Webber, Postmaster, Urbana, Ill. Mr. Webber says his family (Webber), his mother's family (Waller), and his father-in-law's family (Gulick) came from Virginia.

Mr. M. O. Stover, Mohomet, Ill. says he had a great-uncle, Joseph Stover, who lived and died near West Alexandria, Ohio, who emigrated with his father, David Stover, from Shenandoah Co. Va., near Strasburg, in about the year 1825. He does not know who David or Joseph married. He has a copy of the Stover (Stauffer) Family published in Pa. The Virginia branch of the family was prepared by J. M. Stover of Fruitdale, Ala. Mr. M. O. Stover is not included in the Virginia branch. From this book I learn that a Daniel Stover b. 1780, lived in Preble Co. Ohio. A Rev. Wm. Stover immigrated to America in 1754 (p. 289 Stover Family), b. in Switzerland, 1725. There is an account of a wonderful stone house, combination fort and dwelling, built by him near Shady Grove, Cumberland Co. Pa. He was a Revolutionary soldier and m. Miss Shaeffer and had eleven children. His son, Dr. Stover, b. 1748 in Switzerland, m. Hannah Price (Preiss), located near
Amsterdam, Botetourt Co. Va. His ch; were; John, Elizabeth, Jacob, Susan, Mary, Daniel, George, Catherine, Hannah, and Abraham. Dr. Stover's son George m. Margaret Beaver about 1793, of the Virginia family of Beavers and an aunt of Gov. Beaver of Pa., and had ch; Ann, Rebecca, William, Sarah, Nancy, Joseph, Emanuel, and Joel. Dr. Stover's son John settled near South Bend, Ind. and had a large family. (m603).

Miss Emily Ball says that John Stover who m. Elizabeth Strickler lived in Botetourt Co., Va. Susan Strickler who m. Henry Shaver located in Roanoke Co. which adjoins Botetourt, in 1815. This circumstance indicates that this may have been the John Stover of the Stover record.

See (14) Elizabeth Strickler m. David Stover

JOSEPH STRICKLER OF HORSESHOE BEND
NEW MARKET, VA.

Joseph Strickler, b. May 17, 1766, d. May 1, 1841, m. on Mar. 15, 1785

393-5. Twin brother Jan. 8, 1792-df.

Two sons were named Joseph, the first having died in infancy.
Christian (392) was an officer in the war of 1812. He was engaged to marry a Miss Henkel when he died. She married Mr. Rupert.

Joseph (394) went to Iroquois Co. Ill. where he raised a family of seven children and lived to be 77 years old. The family afterwards moved to Terre Haute, Ind. (573)
Henry and Jacob (395 & 396) and Nancy (398) went to Iroquois Co. in 1835 and raised large families there. Many of their descendants live there yet.

Emanuel lived and died on Smith’s Creek near the old homestead. Joseph, (11) the father of the 14 children, and his wife Barbara are buried on the old homestead in horseshoe bend. His home, built about 1787, still stands near the burying ground.

Mary Eversole, wife of Joseph, was the aunt of John and Peter Eversole of Rockingham County who made wills in each other’s favor.

Jacob first married Delitha Rosenberger, dau. of George, Sr. of Rosendale. No issue by this marriage.

George Rosenberger, Sr. m. Margaret Zirkle, da. Lewis of Cave Farm (ac. M. R. 1802 by Rev. A. Moffett). Mr. Russell Rosenberger of Harrisonburg, Va. s. George, Jr. of Rosendale, has a picture of Jacob Strickler and Delitha Rosenberger, his first wife, taken when they were young. (573-)

Mary Eversole, wife of Joseph Strickler, was a great-aunt of Mrs. Henry Forrer who lives on the old Eversole place a few miles west of Harrisonburg. (1914).

John Strickler, s. Joseph, m. Mrs. Crawford and had no children. At one time he was in the meat business in Fredericksburg, Va. His father had some land near Fredericksburg, Va. at one time. James Evans conveys lot No. 45 in New Market to John, Bk. Aa, p. 22. Joseph’s will mentions land in Spotsylvania County.

Emanuel is the only one of the sons of Joseph who remained in Virginia and left children. All of his family who are deceased are buried in the Emanuel Lutheran Church cemetery in New Market, Va. John, his brother, is buried there too, and probably others.

Joseph Strickler is buried in Horseshoe Bend near where his house still stands in a good state of preservation. It has the appearance of being very old. Harper Rice owned this farm in 1864. A map of the battlefield of New Market shows Imboden’s Cavalry located near this home on May 13, 1864. The map, however, is not exactly correct, the house not bearing the proper relation to the bend of the creek. (Henkel and Co. Publishers, New Merket, Va. have these maps for sale). Louis Zirkle, a descendant of Lewis of Cave Farm (Endless Caverns Farm), he being about the seventh Lewis in direct line, owns this farm now.

The old house is rather large, with a double porch, or rather triple porch, along one entire side. The first floor of the porch is on a level with the basement floor, and is on a level with the front yard. High steps lead up to the second porch floor. It is located in a quiet secluded spot on an elevation overlooking the bottoms embraced by the arms of the winding Smith. Just to the north of the house is a very high steep bluff on the right bank of the creek.
John Sevier conveys land to Joseph Strickler in 1772 (A-142-Woodstock). This was evidently Gen. John Sevier who left Virginia about this time and became the founder of East Tenn.

Will of Joseph Strickler of Horseshoe Bend mentions Joseph, Henry, Jacob, Emanuel, Barbara, Nancy and John, his wife Barbara, lands; Mill and lands sold to Isaac Spitler, also land in Spotsylvania Co. Va., and slaves. Made Apr. 1841 probated May 10, 1841, (V-448-Woodstock.)

David Kagey m. Barbara Strickler Mar. 14, 1844 (M. R.-R. Co.)

Henry D. Strickler of Iroquois Co., Ill.


408-6. Peter B. b. Apr. 6, 1827-m. (1) Mary A. Cline -5ch. (508) living 1922 (2) Martha Thrap -3ch.
415-13. Catherine b. Nov. 14, 1844-m. John W. Whiteman -5ch. (568) living, 1914. (The death dates above are those of the children of Henry D. and not of their consorts.)

Two children died in infancy, making 15 in all.

It will noted that all of the above thirteen children grew to maturity, most of them to an old age, married and left children. This is one of the most remarkable families I have ever heard of.

In 1914 Peter Brubaker-Strickler, Jacob Brubaker-Strickler and Catherine Strickler Whiteman were living. Peter died in 1923 aged 96.
The two children of Henry D. who died in infancy were:

An infant was b. Feb. 11, 1843, df.

Mrs. Edna Josephine Kelly of Quinault, Wash., da. Jacob Brubaker Strickler, has the Henry D. Strickler Bible, and she was kind enough to copy the record for me.

A great many of the descendants of Henry D. Strickler live in Iroquois County, Ill. and they have a reunion each year, Mrs. Edwin Strickler, Secy., Donovan, Ill.

Abraham,
Jacob,
Joseph,
Henry D.

Henry D. Strickler, his wife and children, arrived in Iroquois County, Ill., Oct. 23, 1835, near Iroquois, a small town in said County. He lived on a farm of 480 acres of as good land as there was on the river, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. Until the country was settled, they had a frontiersman's life, hauling their grain to Chicago, seventy miles to the north, by wagon, as that was their nearest market. It took a team about a week to make the trip to Chicago and return. The livestock, of course, was driven to the same market. Such things as were needed were brought back home from the stores in Chicago. In 1832, Chicago was a mere village in the wilderness and on the outskirts of civilization, where Indians were plentiful. There was what was called a trading post within two miles from this home where the Indians would trade with the whites. Catherine Strickler Whiteman (Mrs. Jno. W. Whiteman), youngest child of Henry D. Strickler, who is still living (1914) says: "They (the Indians) would often come to our house. The Chief was White Pigeon. He took quite a liking to my brother John and wanted him to go home with him to count his money. He said he had a half bushel of money. The Indian then wanted to trade my mother so many ponies, I forget just the number, for my brother. She told him no!! She had no child to trade for anything. She would often give them something to eat when they came to our home but always felt a little timid when they were around, but the chief would say 'No hurt pale face.'"

From 1830 to 1840 was a period of great progress in the United States. At the beginning of this period there were only a few miles of railroad in use, at the end almost 3,000 miles. The railroads have made possible great inland cities. During this period steamships were developed and improved and began making regular trips across the Atlantic. This was a period of many useful and valuable inventions. In 1831, McCormick invented the reaping machine, the greatest labor-saving device ever invented.

With Henry D. Strickler and his family went also his two brothers,
Jacob and Joseph, and his sister, Nancy (Mrs. Marcus Thomas) with their families, all of whom located in the same neighborhood.

In appearance, Henry D. Strickler was rather tall and weighed two hundred pounds. All of this family seem to have been large. All the sons of Henry D. Strickler were tall, large and broad-shouldered men, above the average; he himself stood six feet in his stocking feet. Jonas was the only one of the thirteen who was not tall, and he was 5 feet, 8 inches. They were all of light complexion with blue eyes.

The Brubakers, and the family of Catherine Brubaker Strickler.

Catherine Brubaker Strickler, wife of Henry D. Strickler, was the daughter of John and Barbara Mauck Brubaker, the said John being the son of Abraham and Barbara Miller Brubaker, and the said Abraham being the son of John and Anna Brubaker. The last mentioned John came to New York from Berne, Switzerland, June 16, 1710, with three brothers, Jacob, Henry and Abraham.

Also Henry D. Strickler's wife, Catherine Brubaker, was a sister of Mrs. John (Major) Strickler, of Iroquois, Ill., who was Barbara Brubaker. John was the son of Col. Daniel Strickler, and hence a first cousin of Henry D., the son of Joseph, therefore these families are very nearly related.

Furthermore, these families earlier intermarried, since Susan Brubaker married Isaac Strickler, and they became the parents of a large family. Then Christina Brubaker, her sister, married Abram Strickler. Their sister, Barbara, married a Mr. Miley, and their daughter married Joseph Strickler of Egypt. Peter Brubaker, their brother, married Barbara Coffman, who became the mother of Gideon Brubaker, grandfather of Elder Rueben T. Strickler of Egypt.

From deed records, John Brubaker purchased land in Massanutten in 1735. This makes John one of the early settlers of Massanutten. He never came to Virginia, but his son, Abraham, located on the Massanutten plantation.

The French and Indian war began in 1754; Braddock was defeated, 1755. The war continued until 1763 during which time the valley settlements were harassed by the Indians, sometimes led by French officers.

Kercheval, in referring to an Indian raid in Massanutten in 1758, says that they plundered old man Brewbecker's home. He was referring no doubt to Abraham (the first) Brubaker. Abraham was not an old man in 1758. Kercheval probably knew Abraham or knew of him in his old age and was referring to him at that time. A neighbor, Mr. Stone, was killed at this time. He says John Brewbecker was then (1830) living on the farm.
FORT LONG- the home of Philip Long, one of the first settlers. It has an interesting fort, and fort cellar, with a tunnel to the bottom of the well, built about 1756, now the home of Mrs. C. D. Price.
John Brubacher (Brubaker) emigrated from Switzerland and came to America about 1710. On the 27th of September, 1717, he (in company with Christian Hershey) took out a warrant for 1,000 acres of land, lying on the Little Conestoga in West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Tradition says that he was accompanied by three brothers.

The four Emigrants were:
1. Jacob
2. Henry
3. Abraham
4. John m. Anna. He came to New York from Berne, Switzerland, with his three brothers, Jacob, Henry and Abraham, landing in America June 16, 1710.

Unto John and Anna Brubaker were born nine sons and one daughter, viz:
1. John b. 1719-d. 1804
2. Jacob
3. Abraham, b. 1723-1814, came to Virginia about 1735, located on his Massanutten plantation purchased by his father John.
5. Daniel
6. Henry
7. Joseph
8. David
9. Christian
10. Anna m. Abraham Buckwalter

John and Daniel settled on 300 acres of land on Hammer Creek Warwick Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Christian, David, Henry, Jacob, and Joseph married and lived in West Hempfield Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Abraham came to Virginia, located in Massanutten, m. Barbara Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, founder of Muellerstadt (Woodstock now), and by this marriage came into possession of much of the landed estate of his father-in-law. He gave the land whereon the Court House of Shenandoah County now stands. His son, Abraham, lived at Woodstock.

Unto Abraham Brubaker and Barbara Miller-Brubaker were born
1. Susannah, b. ju 17-1759-m. Isaac Strickler, Massanutten
2. Abraham, b. ju 14-1761-m. Mary Stover, Woodstock
3. Barbara, b. de 18-1763-m. Tobias Miley
4. Catherine, b. mr 31-1765-m. John Roads
5. John b. au 22-1766-m. Barbara Mauck
6. Christina b. au 31-1767-m. Abraham Strickler
7. Elizabeth b. m. Abraham Reid
8. Anna b. fe 7-1773-m. John Kauffman
9. Mary b. fe 22-1776-m. David Lionberger
10. Peter b. no 1-1777-m. Barbara Kauffman

Mary, daughter of Tobias and Barbara Brubaker-Miley m. Joseph Strickler of Egypt.

Some of the above information was given to me by Mrs. Irene Spitler of Constantine, Mich., daughter of Jonas Strickler, son of Henry D. and Catherine Brubaker Strickler. She obtained her information from Mrs. Sallie Brubaker of Massanutten who lives on the old Brubaker homestead. She had the tradition of the four emigrant brothers. Her list did not contain Anna and Catherine Brubaker, daughters of Abraham of Massanutten, neither did it contain the list of the nine sons and the daughter of John of Pennsylvania. Mr. Joseph A. Brubaker and his sister, Miss Mary Brubaker, of White House, gave me a very complete list including the Pennsylvania branch, but their list did not contain the tradition of the four emigrant brothers.

Mrs. Spitler's information was that Abraham Brubaker married Susan Long. The Miley Notes state that he married Barbara Long. It seems, however, that he married Barbara Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, Sr. of Woodstock. Mrs. Spitler's list also contained the name of David Brubaker who married Miss Stover. This was evidently Abraham of the Miley Notes. His name was probably David Abraham.

D. C. Gallaher's book (Genealogical Notes on the Miller and other families) published in 1917, 104 pages, contains an interesting account of Jacob Miller, Sr., the founder of Woodstock, and his family. He states that Jacob's daughter, Barbara, married a Brubaker. For the Miller family, see John Strickler family about (50).

Below I give an extract from the Miley Notes verbatim. It is worthy of careful consideration. If he made a mistake in the wife of Abraham Brubaker, this mistake can probably be verified.

Chas. J. Brubacher (notice the spelling) is the present head (1918) of one of the great private banks of Zurich, Switzerland. The Swiss are said to be thorough bankers. The bank building of this firm is said to be a veritable marble palace.

I here give the family of John Brubaker, son of Abraham and Barbara Miller. The date of the birth of John varies from that given in the tabulation above.

**John Brubaker**, b. Ja 22-1768-d. de 17-1844, m. **Barbara Mauck**, se 9-1774, d. no 10,-1841, da. Daniel Mauck. Their children were:

1. John b. 1798, m. Elizabeth Koontz
2. Peter b. 1800, m. Martha Aleshire
3. Catherine b. 1802, m. Henry D. Strickler
4. Jacob b. 1803, m. Elizabeth Bear
5. Abram b. 1806, m. 1850, Bushwell, b. 1812
6. Barbara b. 1808, m. Major John Strickler
7. Mary b. 1810, m. Col. Andrew Keyser
8. Daniel b. 1813, m. Emma

"Abraham Brubaker, pioneer came to the Valley from Pennsylvania in 1733 married Barbara Long, daughter of Paul Long, b. 1711, d. 1759. He was a son of Philip Long b. 1678, d. 1753. Philip lived on a farm now owned by the heirs of C. D. Price, dec'd. 7 miles S. W. of Luray. At this home is an old fort built by the first Long." (This is opposite Massanutten).

"Susanna Brubaker, b. July 15, 17—was the child that her mother took with her into the field to inform her father of the Indians' approach in 1758."

"Susan married Isaac Strickler, son of Abraham Strickler who lived in Pennsylvania."

"Abraham Brubaker, son of Abraham and Barbara Brubaker, was born June 14, 1761, married Mary Stover, daughter of Samuel Stover and Barbara Lionberger."

"Barbara Brubaker 2nd. daughter of Abraham and Barbara Brubaker, b. Dec. 18, 1763, m. Tobias Miley."

"Catherine m. John Roads, grandson of John and Catherine Albright Rhodes."

"John Brubaker m. Barbara Mauck, daughter of Daniel. Her mother was Harnsberger. They, John and his wife, lived on Massanutten Creek."

"Christina Brubaker, dau. of Abraham and Barbara Brubaker, b. 31, 1766, m. Abraham Strickler, son of Joseph Strickler, whose mother was a Stickley and lived opposite the White House in Pa. Co. on the west side of the Shenandoah River, where Geo. A. Strickler now lives."

"Ann, seventh child of Abraham and Barbara Brubaker, b. Feb. 7, 1773, m. John Kauffman and lived in the old White House, that was recently occupied by John H. Brubaker, son of John, which house was built for an Indian fort. It is now standing in a good state of preservation."

"Mary, eighth child of Abraham Brubaker and Barbara, his wife, b. Jan. 22, 1776, m. David Lionberger, son of John, Senr. The said David Lionberger was the father of Mrs. Belle Broaddus wife of Rev. Andrew Broaddus and of Isaac and John Lionberger, Mrs. Almond and Mrs. Rhodes who afterwards m. Abraham Lincoln."

"Peter Brubaker, b. Nov. 1, 1778, m. Barbara Kauffman, dau. of David and Dorothy Kauffman."

"Elizabeth, dau. of Abraham and Barbara Brubaker, b. 1786 m. Abraham Reid."

"By deed dated Apr. 20, 1772, Abraham Brubaker conveyed to Burr Harrison and others justices of Shenandoah County, lots 80 and 81 in
the town of Woodstock for the purpose of erecting a Court House, Jail and other public buildings thereon. D. B.-B. p. 119."

"The will of Abraham Brubaker, Senr. is dated Nov. 24, 1804, and recorded in W. B. F. p. 265."

His children are:
Abraham
John
Peter
Susan
Barbara
Catherine
Christina
Anna
Maria
Elizabeth

"Philip Long, founder of the family, b. in Germany, 1678, d. in Virginia May 4, 1755."

(On the monument near fort Long.)
"Paul Long b. 1711, d. 1758."

m. (2) May 6, 1865, Mary Shank of O. b. Jul. 1, 1843 d. Oct. 21, 1907, da. John and Frances Everett Shank of Carroll, O.
421-6. Grace C. b. Oct. 8, 1869, m. Lee Whiteman-
Iroquois, Ill.

426-2. Minnie J. b. Mar. 13, 1878, m. W. L. Purkey-
Wm. E. Strickler married again in 1901 Mrs. S. E. Sanders and he lives at Empire, Ga., where he owns 180 acres of improved land.

503 East Court St. Kankakee, Ill.
After spending seven years in New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Purkey have, since 1914, been living in Kankakee where Mr. Purkey is a merchant conducting a very considerable business.

Mr. Purkey is a Mason, 32d degree, an Elk and Modern Woodman. He served three years in Co. L, 311 N. G. as Commissary Sergeant. His father was in the civil war.


Herbert Wm. Strickler is Supt. of the Kroehler Davenport Co., one of the largest manufacturing establishments in the Middle West. He is also a furniture designer. The Company makes the famous Davenport Couch. It is located at Kankakee, Ill.


435-1. Mildred b. Aug. 3, 1895
436-2. Nellie b. Apr. 16, -97
438-5. Helen b. Dec. 10 -03

Col. George A. Clark.

Geo. A. Clark was born in Rochester, N. Y., July 24, 1840, moved to Warren County, Pa., in 1848, to Illinois in 1855, and to Nebraska in 1871. He was an officer in the Federal Army, commander of his brigade, 29th Ill, Co. E., from 1861 to 1865; served in the first part of the war in the Shenandoah and Page Valleys (Page is a part of the Shenandoah), at the siege of Holly and Morris Island, S. C., then returned to Virginia and was at the siege of Petersburg and was at Lee's surrender at Appomattox; returned to Richmond where he remained during the summer of 1865. He was a farmer, grocer and hardware man. His wife, Florence A. known as Anna in the family, died in March, 1913, and
was buried on the day of the tornado in Omaha. Mr. Clark lives at his home in Central City, Neb.


441-1. Minnie Belle, m. Frederick B. Morton, 1 s. Frederick,
442-2. Ernest Clair, s.
443-3. Viola Vivian, m. 1913, Ira Lloyd Rose
444-4. Edna Josephine, m. 1911, Frederick Harrison Dunfee
445-5. Pearl Grace, m. 1914, Wm. Cecil Cassady
All of Hammond, Ind, Nos. 1 & 3 graduated at Hammond High.


V. 404. Caroline Strickler, 1821-1908, m. Robert Karr, 1815-1883, s. Adam. (Iroquois, Ill.)

446-1. Rebecca Katerine, b. Aug. 4, 1840-d. Nov. 2, 1898, m. twice -Sch.
447-2. John Harvey, b. Apr. 5, 1843, m. (1) Britton, (2) Daggeret -6ch.

VI. 446. Rebecca Kath. Karr, m. (1) Daniel Jacobs- one child. m.(2) Jarret Duzenberry -7ch.

450-1. George m. -2ch.
451-2. Frank m. -5ch.
452-3. Dona m. Fry -2ch.
453-4. Leona m. Markley -5ch.
454-5. Ella m. Clark -4ch.
455-6. Alma m. Hill -2ch.


461-1. Irene b. Oct. 2, 1851, m. Dr. Daniel Spitler -2ch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Strickler died in October, 1860, a few days apart,
of a disease known in the western country in that day as Milk Sickness. Jonas at the time of his death owned 474 acres of land. He had taken up 240 acres and had purchased two shares, besides receiving his own share of his mother's estate, of 78 acres per share. He was a very ardent Christian, a "Shouting Methodist." He weighed 196 pounds, the exact weight of a barrel of flour, but was not so tall as his brothers, all of whom were six feet or more. He was buried at Liberty Cemetery near Iroquois, III.

VI. 461. Irene Strickler, m. Mar. 21, 1877, Daniel Spitler, M. D. of Newton C. Ind., 1843-1884, s. Zachariah and Sallie Rider-Spitler. Zachariah was of Page Co. Va.

466-1. Ellen Elizabeth, b. May 24, 1879, m. J. P. King -2ch.

VII. 466. Ellen Elizabeth Spitler, m. Dec. 25, 1904, J. P. King of Ohio, s. Joseph and Lydia Bontrager of Fairfield, Co. O.

Martin, Mich.

VII. 467. Daniel Kerr Spitler, D. D. S., m. Dec. 23, 1910, Margaret Kessler b. 1887, da. Elbert and Emma Hogan- Kessler of Morocco, Ind. (m500) (n84) (n132)
South Bend, Ind.

Dr. Daniel Spitler, who married Irene Strickler, graduated at Rush Medical College in 1868 and practiced in Iroquois, Co. Ill.

J. P. King is Supt. of High Schools and has been for seventeen years. He was educated at Valparaiso, Ind. and at Ada, Ohio, and is a pupil of Byron King of Pittsburg, Pa. in elocution.

Zachariah Spitler, Geo. W. Spitler, and Col. Mann Spitler of Page County, Va. were brothers, sons of Abraham Spitler who I have been told married a Strickler. George W. Spitler was the father of T. J. Spitler, attorney, who married Nannie C. Strickler, daughter of John Strickler of Locust Grove, Massanutten, Page Co.

VI. 465. Isadora Strickler, m. Sep. 1, 1878, Geo. M. Spitler, b. Mar. 23, 1857, s. Zachariah, Geo. M. and Dr. Daniel were brothers. (461)

473-4. Frank Leslie b. Mar. 25, 1885, m. Carrie Unger, 1911
474-5. Fred Eugene b. Aug. 7, 1887, m. Minnie Nosker, 1912
100 FORERUNNERS

Kentland, Ind. Nos 5 & 6 Brook, Ind.

Mr. Spitler is a farmer and owns 320 acres of land. His father located near Kentland in 1837.


VII. 470. William George Spitler, m. Aug. 29, 1900, Dora Fred, 1878, da. Peter and Clara Lindgren-Fred.

V. 406. Joseph Strickler, s. Henry D. m. (1) Elizabeth J. Murry -2ch. m. (2) Charlotte Romine-3ch.

Jacob PETER BREUBAKER STRICKLER 101

   Iroquois, Ill.

VI. 498. Luna Fry m. Marion S. Swarts.


For thirty years Mr. M. S. Swartz was a school teacher but is not now engaged in this vocation. Iroquois, Ill.

V. 408. Peter Brubaker Strickler, s. Henry D., m. (1) 1856, Mary A.
   Cline da. George and Nancy Grimsley-Cline.
   508-1. Laura E. b. Feb. 14, 1858, m. Harvey McFarland 7ch.
   509-2. Laron B. b. May 21, -60, d. 1862.
   m. (2) 1871 Martha Tharp, da. Abel
   Sec'y. Strickler reunion.

Peter Brubaker Strickler was born Apr. 6, 1827, in Shenandoah County, Virginia, near New Market. At the age of eight years he went with his father, Henry D. Strickler, whose family consisted of nine children (one, Abraham, being dead), to Iroquois, County, Ill. This was in 1835 when a great many were going into the western territories and taking up land. Henry D. purchased 320 acres for $1,400. He entered 160 acres for $1.25 per acre. Land in this same section (1914) is worth $150 per acre. They made the trip in the common prairie wagon used in that day for the purpose. The company had three wagons and one carriage. Henry D. had the misfortune to break his shoulder on the way.

Peter B. Strickler has been in California and dug gold, a forty-niner, and walked across the Isthmus of Panama. He is still living (1914) and remembers the journey to Illinois. He is 87 years old. (He died in 1923, aged 96.

VI. 508. Laura Strickler, da. of Peter B. m. 1876, Harvey McFarland, 1859 of Golden, Ill, s. William and Mariah Bishop-McFarland.

519-4. E. Pearl b. Mar. 7, -83 m. Grant McCarty-2ch.
Nos. 7 & 4 Brook, Ind. -1 Kentland, Ind., 3 Walnut, Kan.
5-Emerado, N. D.


VII. 519. E. Pearl McFarland, m. Sept. 4, 1904, Grant McCarty, 1883, s. Wm. and Ellen Fleming-McCarty.


529-1. Lloyd McFarland, b. Apr. 13, 1913.

VI. 511. Mary Ellen Strickler, m. Mar. 15, 1894, August Klanska, 1867, at Dransnitz, Germany, s. Frederick and Louisa Elizabeth Kuyoth-Klanska.
Chebanse, III.

VI. 512. Alice Grace Strickler, m. Feb. 26, 1891, Wm. Porter of Ind. b. 1868, s. John and Mary Milem-Porter. Owen Co. Ind. (Clifton, Ill.)

538-1. John
539-2. Ida
540-3. Theodore
541-4. Eva m. Wm. Howery, Iroquois, Ill. (573)

542-1. Henry
Jacob

543-2. Carrie
544-3. Bert
545-4. Flora m. Allen Yeagle.
546-5. Mina

V. 411. Michael Strickler, s. Henry D. m. (1) Sarah Hoagland, (2) Laura Haren, at least one son.

547-1. George, Sheldon, Ill.


VI. 549. Effie Bennett, m. Nov. 5, 1885, Chas. Ames, b. 1864, s. Chas.
553-3. Anna b. Apr. 16, -99, m.


VII. 552. Edna Ames, m. May 24, 1911, Frank Bossong, 1888 s. Constant and Mary Price-Bosssong.
All of Donovan, Ill.

V. 413. Henry Strickler, s. Henry D., m. (1) Mrs. Ellen Wright.
558-1. Mattie, b. 1868 d. 1870. Mrs. Strickler d. Mar. 11, 1868: m:
(2) 1870, Lavenia Stephens, 1848, da. of W. G. Stephens and Mary Strickler-Stephens. Mary was the da. of Joseph Strickler brother Henry D. -1ch.
559-1. Maude C. single. (See 573)

Henry Strickler was a soldier in the Union Army. He enlisted in Co. A. 76 Ill. Vol. Inf., Aug. 22, 1862, a company organized at Kankakee, Ill. by Adjutant John F. Hunton, and mustered out May 23, 1865. He was a farmer near Iroquois. On Aug. 23, 1870, while cleaning out a well on the farm, he was injured by the fall of a load of earth that was being raised out of the well above his head. He never regained consciousness and died Aug. 30, 1870, a young man. His daughter Maude lives with her mother at Marshall, Ill,
V. 414. Jacob Brubaker Strickler, m. (1) Josephine McKinstry -4ch.  
(2) Frances McKinstry -5ch. (3) Lois Whiteman.  
560-1. Henry Elmer, au-10-1873 d. ma-11-1923 m. Maud Felton.  
  1. Marvin  
  2. Robert  
  3. Catherine  

  1. Genevieve  
  2. Josephine  
  3. Lois Margaret  

562-3. Edna Josephine, 1877 Ja5m. M. M. Kelly  

563-4. Arthur Leon, 1878, Jl28m. Minnie Hobbs  
  1. Leon 810 E. Main, Enid, Okla.  
  2. Gordon  

(second wife)  
564-5. Roy J. mr2-1882, s. Jovita Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.  
  1. Earl  
566-7. Tracey Earl, ja2 1891, m. Beatrice Mead.  
  1. Lyle  
567-8. An Infant daughter dec'd.  
568-9. Jacob Hardy, fe12 1897, m. Margaret Douthett.  
  1. Jakita  

All live at Enid, Okla. except  
M. M. Kelly, Quinault, Wash. "Queets Valley Hereford Ranch."  
No 6-Griggs, Okla. No. 5 California.  

Jacob Strickler's first two wives were sisters, daughters of Joseph  
McKinstry, Morosco, Ind. He is a farmer and lives at Waukomis, Okla.,  
where in 1922, in his 81st year, he plowed, planted, anl harvested 100  
acres of wheat unassisted.  

Whiteman, b. 1838, s. Joshua and Matilda McFarland-Whiteman.  
568-1. Effie L. se. 30, 1867, m. 1900 James McLenan, b. 1869, s. Al-  
exander.  
  1. Helen Catherine, b. 1902, dc7.  
569-2. Florence M. b. 1870-ap14s.  
570-3. Nellie Mary, se. 11, 1872, m. 1894, Perry Owens, b. 1862, s.  
John and Sarah Howery-Owens.  
  1. Emma Sarah, b. 1895, ma16.  
571-4. Harry Orth, au. 31, 1877, m. 1907, Cora Rader, da. Milton,  
Martinsville.  
  1. Margaret, 1908 jl2.  
572-5. Clara Elva, no. 12, 1879, m. 1900, Geo. E. Shannon, 1875, s. A. J. Shannon and Phoebe E. Mansfield-Shannon.

John W. Whiteman enlisted in 39th Reg. Ill. Inf. Co. E. at the beginning of the war and served three years. He was born near Xenia, O. He engaged in farming and stock raising in Newton Co. until 1891 when he located in Indianapolis, 640 Tibbs Ave.

No. 1-California.

Joseph Strickler, son of Joseph of Horseshoe Bend.

IV. 394. Joseph Strickler, 1795-1872, (s. Joseph of Horseshoe Bend), m. 1815 Mary Eversole- They lived at Livingston, Ill. -7ch.
1. Delphia, m. William Chadwick, lived in Terre Haute, Ind.-left five children.
2. Almira, m. Alexander Baldwin, Winona, Minn. -3ch.
3. La Venia, m. John N. Hutchison, Marshall, Ill-3ch. all dec'd.

573-4. Mary E. m. W. G. Stephens-5ch. (559) three daughters-all school teachers-two sons who are farmers.
2. Maude C. Strickler (559)

Miss Maude Strickler tells me that she has three half-brothers. She lives with her mother on the farm, the old home place near Marshall, Ill.

The other three children of Joseph not reported.

A Martin Strickler purchased 320 acres of land in Vigo Co., Ind. (Terre Haute County seat,) June 13, 1827-war deed-sold same to John Hay 1829. Martin received a tax deed in same Co., 1827, 320 acres. This may have been a member of the family.

Jacob Strickler, son of Joseph of Horseshoe Bend.

IV. 396. Jacob Strickler, 1798-1872, (s. Joseph of Horseshoe Bend), m. (1) Delitha Rosenberger, da. George Rosenberger, Sr. of Rosendale. m. (2) Sarah Gotts and lived at Iroquois, Ill. At least four ch; See (538)
1. Elizabeth, m. Daniel Strickler, s. Henry D.-4ch. (538)
2. Alice m. Amos Whiteman- 3ch. 2 sons and a daughter all liveon old home near Iroquois, Ill.
3. Mrs. Mary Yagley, dec'd.
4. Mrs. Margaret Shields, dec'd.

Miss Selina Strickler thinks that Jacob spent a short time in Tenn. Miss Christina Strickler says that a cousin Jacob Strickler from Virginia spent a year at their home in Tenn.

Mar. 17, 1819, Jacob Strickler to Delitha Rosenberger, da. George, Marcus Thomas, bondsman, Rock Co. M. R.
Emanuel Strickler.

All deceased members of Emanuel Strickler's family are buried in Emanuel Lutheran Church cemetery, New Market, Va.

John Adam Shenk died at his home near Waynesboro, Va. Mar. 11, 1916, aged 86 yrs. 5mo. 12das. He first married Miss Hershberger by whom he had two children; Mrs. David Hershberger and Rev. J. E. Shenk who lived at his home in N. C. in 1914.

Elizabeth was Emanuel Rhodes' second wife and they had no children. Emanuel was the father of J. B. D. Rhodes, who lived on Linville Creek and Emanuel's father was George Rhodes of Harrisonburg.

Elizabeth Strickler m. Emanuel Rhodes May 19, 1881. After his death she returned to her home on Smith Creek and lived with her sisters Selina and Nancy. In their latter days their nephew, Milton Strickler, lived with them.

Cousin Betty Rhodes kept house for us a while after our mother died. She was an estimable Christian lady with a cheerful disposition, and I remember her especially for her pleasant smiles, her mirthful laughter, and her kind and symphathetic heart. She was rather stout, and I can still see her face wreathed in smiles as she would tell us younger boys some wonderful story.

Emanuel lived and died on his farm on the east side of Smith Creek, in the brick house located about a mile south of the bridge across the creek on the road leading from New Market to Luray. After his death his daughters continued to live there. This was a very hospitable home, especially in the early days. It was located near where the road leading to Luray entered the New Market gap, and relatives and friends were continually passing from one valley to the other through this gap, and they were always welcomed at this home. I have had many of the older inhabitants to mention this fact in conversation. For a long time the nearest railroad station for Page County was at New Market, and naturally the road across the New Market Gap was a much used one.

Emanuel must have been a very exemplary man. It was said of him when he died that he had not an enemy living. From all sources there is this same report.

Cousin Selina tells me that the brick house in which she lives (1922) was built in 1826 by Daniel Glick; that the wooden part is probably 25 years older; that he sold it to her father in 1841; that it was originally built for religious purposes with a movable partition.

She also states that her grandfather had a son John named for his oldest brother John; that when John was old enough his father set him up in the butchering business in Fredericksburg; that her grandfather would furnish him with the stock; that he married a widow Crawford in Fredericksburg; and that after being there several years he failed in business.
Miss Selina Strickler of New Market.

Miss Selina Strickler, the daughter of Emanuel Strickler of New Market, is in many respects a remarkable woman for her age.

She was born October 31, 1828, and is therefore now (1922) in her ninety-fourth year, has a remarkable memory, and moves about the house freely, attending to household duties, reads, writes and eats heartily. She has always lived on Smith's Creek, with her sisters, on the farm owned by her father near New Market. In 1921, when she was over ninety-two, she attended the funeral of a relative six or seven miles distant,—the widow of Lewis Strickler, also over ninety-two at the time of her death.

In 1916, she wrote me several letters. She was then in her eighty-eighth year, and I had no difficulty in reading them. At the time, she was active in mind and body, talked freely, was possessed of a splendid memory, and was apparently in possession of all her mental faculties. It can truly be said of her that she has "grown old gracefully."

When my father, Benjamin F. Strickler, was wounded in the war in November, 1863, she went to Richmond and nursed him back to health and brought him home to his mother. When my mother died, several years after my father's death, she gladly offered her services and remained with us boys for a time. Later, her sister, Cousin Betty, then widow of Emanuel Rhodes, kept house for us a while. She was also a most estimable lady, and what is said here of Cousin Selina's nobleness of life can also be said of her sisters, but Cousin Selina, it seems to me, deserves especially honorable mention for obvious reasons.

On one occasion, Madison, Amanda and Annie Thomas, whose parents were both dead, were all ill with small-pox, and Cousin Selina volunteered to nurse them. Dr. Jennings is said to have stated that it was through her good nursing that they recovered. They were the children of Isaac Thomas. This was some time after the war. I have been told that Madison and Amanda married Bradys and Annie married Reuben Koontz.

On October 1, 1918, there appeared in the Harrisonburg Record an account of the death of a Confederate soldier, Morgan Blizzard of Mt. Solon, Virginia, who was wounded at the battle of New Market, and the account states that he was nursed by a Miss Strickler. This was no doubt Cousin Selina. If there were any nursing to be done during or after those eventful days, and from all accounts there was plenty of it, I am sure Cousin Selina did her part.

Cousin Selina's home was only a few miles from the main battlefield at New Market, and the Imboden-Boyd cavalry skirmish took place in Horseshoe Bend May 13, 1864, only a short distance down the creek from her home. The main battle was on May 15, 1864. Her relative,
Mrs. Bushong, who was Miss Strickler before her marriage, lived in and owned the famous Bushong house which was located in the midst of the main battlefield, and performed heroic services on that occasion. (See No. m727). Her house and barn became a hospital filled with wounded and dying soldiers. Imboden's cavalry was located May 13, 1864, on both sides of the creek on lands once owned by the three brothers, Joseph, David, and Samuel Strickler. Joseph was her grandfather. See map of the New Market Battlefield by B. Allison Colonna, 1914, published by Elon O. Henkel, New Market, Va. On this map the place marked "J. B. Strayer House" was once the Samuel Strickler home, and the place marked "Harper Rice House" was once the home of Joseph Strickler. On the map, however, these homes are down the river about half a mile too far.

She has many old papers, some over 150 years old. One old paper is a receipt given February 12, 1767, to Benjamin Strickler for his brother Jacob, signed by John Sexton, who was evidently Clerk of the Court, and it is apparently a receipt for taxes. For copy of receipt, see No. (m796). She once had the old passport (see Page 21) which she gave to Adam Strickler. When I asked her about this particular paper, she said she remembered giving Uncle Adam several of the old papers but did not remember what they were. Some were written in German, she thought. One of these was no doubt the old passport of Abraham Strickler. She has several Confederate swords, with scabbards, relics of the Civil War, in excellent condition. The blades are bright and shining as if just from the factory.

She wrote an interesting letter, about 1880, to her relative, Mrs. Mary Susan Terry (nee Trout), of Roanoke, sister of Henry S. Trout of same place. In this letter, she tells of John Strickler's family and mentions many interesting facts. See copy of letter, p. 15.

To Bessie Fry Renick (Mrs. Abram) of Winchester, Kentucky, a relative, she sent what appears to be a copy of a letter written by Adam Strickler to Martin Miley on August 15, 1893. It is Adam's account almost word for word as given on p. 2.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" and I would add all other attainments. Cousin Selina is certainly entitled to all the comfort expressed in these words and it is a comfort that transcends all other joys. I know there are names of many noble Christian women contained in this volume, but I doubt if any excel Cousin Selina in sweetness of character and nobility of life.

"What care the dead of the gentle token,
The gift, the praise, the floral offerings,
When living, palpitating hearts are broken
For want of just these things?"
MISS SELINA STRICKLER, only surviving member of the Smith Creek Baptist Church, Ebenezer Association, b. Oct. 31, 1828, and hence is now (1925) over 96 years old. (577)
On June 24th, 1922, I verified my supposition that she was the Miss Strickler referred to in the newspaper report who nursed Mr. Blizzard after the battle of New Market, when I called to see her. She said that the report was true, and that Mr. Blizzard had called to see her some years before his death; that he was shot entirely through the lungs near the heart; that he stayed about a week in their house; that a Yankee searched the house from top to bottom but did not find Blizzard who was in a back room; that she was very brave on that occasion and that she carried an ax with her and followed him through the house, warning him at the same time that if he touched anything she would kill him regardless of what happened to her; that she told him that the Confederate soldiers, (bushwhackers she called them) were in the mountains near by; that he had hardly departed when the bushwhackers made their appearance. This incident, however, frightened Blizzard, so that he was very anxious to leave as soon as possible and join his comrades. In about a week's time he did leave, and she told me that she and her sister threw a blanket over him in order to make him look like a woman, as the Yankees were only a mile away at New Market, and led him some distance along his road toward the south where he joined his comrades. She also told of having another wounded man for six months or more, also of sending provisions to the wounded at other points after the battle. She told me how she watched the battle from a hill back of her house and how her sister clapped her hands and shouted when they observed the Yankees retreating. She said the stray shells that passed their way sounded like a crow in distress. On this occasion she told me a story of a large tree in her front yard. She said that Barbara Kagey found a bean in some green coffee and that she planted the bean and that her tree was a sprout from the tree that grew from the bean. The tree is a very large one now. She planted it when she was a young woman in the thirties while her mother was living. She has a very large pecan tree also in the yard which is much older than the other one which she called a mahogany tree. She said her grandfather brought some pecans from his farm near Fredericksburg and this tree was the result of planting some of those pecans. This tree never bore good nuts, but she said that one of the trees did bear good ones but that it had long since died. She called the farm near Fredericksburg the Passapatanzy farm, at least her pronunciation of the word sounded very much like that word and there is a place near Fredericksburg by that name.

Cousin Selina tells me that she is the only surviving member of the Baptist Church at New Market where she attended church when she was a girl. She says that the present church at New Market claims to be a descendant of the old church but she maintains that it is not, that the present congregation broke away from the old church and joined another association, that her membership was held in the old
church until there was no one left but herself and she transferred her membership to the Mill Creek Church in Page County which belongs to the same association as the old church at New Market, the Ebenezer Association.

In 1923 she celebrated her 95th birthday on which occasion she was arrayed in a dress with a train that she wore when she was a girl twenty years old, also an apron that was worn by her great-grandmother.

She tells me that her father had a first cousin living in the locality of Rockbridge County, (n724).

IV. 397. Emanuel Strickler, 1799-1848, m. Jan. 10, 1822, Mary Beaver, 1795-1859, da. of Christian Beaver.
574-1 Barbara b. no. 14, 1822 d. fe. 19, 1893—S. R. Hoover-3ch.
576-3. Mark b. ju. 27, ’26, d. au. 5, 1908 m. 3 times-5ch.
577-4. Selina b. oc. 31, 28 living 1923 age 95 s.
278-5. Elizabeth, b. de. 23, 30-d. oc. 10, ’05 m. Emanuel Rhodes.
579-6. Mary E. b. se. 22, 32-d. se. 19, 1904 s.
580-7. Emanuel b. no. 12, 34-d.se. 6, 1838.
581-8. Nancy b. fe. 26, 37-d. se. 21, 1911, m. John Adam Shenk.

Emanuel lived and died near the old homestead on Smiths Creek.

V. 574. Barbara Strickler, da. Emanuel, m. 1842, Samuel R. Hoover, s. Henry. Laconia, la.
582-1. Mary Elizabeth, b. 1843-d. 1904, m. Henry Theis-10ch.
583-2. Julia Ann, 1852-1893, s.

1. Harry H.
3. Alberta Eliz. m. Fred Bates, Murphysboro, Ill.

John Booten Hoover m. again 1896, Irene E. Reynolds, da. John and Maria Parks Reynolds.

VI. 582. Mary Elizabeth Hoover Feb. 12, 1843 m. 1866, Henry Theis, s. Conrad of Germany. (986-864)
585-1. Arthur, July 2, 1867-d. 3 years old.
587-3. Martha, Aug. 17, 70-m. Harvey Faust-1ch.
591-7. Charles, Feb. 8, 77-d. 13 years old.
594-10 Anna Cath. July 14, 84-m. Chas. Benton Faust.
Edgar Theis lived near New Market, d. 1918-ch. Eva, Mary and Henry.

Otis Theis, New Market, ch. Ida, Viola, Pauline and Otis, Jr.
Anna and Martha Theis m. brothers, sons of Isaac and Jane Andrews-Faust of Berryton, Kan.

Martha lives at Berryton, Kan., one son Nelson.
Anna lives at 312 E. 7th St. Topeka, Kan.
Lelia lives at Mound City, Mo. 3 ch. Mary, Edna and Dale
Wm. Theis, Timberville, Va.
Samuel Robert Hoover has two ch. Willard Raymond and Velma Lorain.


595-1. Emanuel S. Mr. 20, 1851-1901, m. Amanda Thomas-10ch.
596-2. Charles S. Ja. 18, 1853-1914, m. Margaret A. Sibert-1ch.
597-3. Mary J. s.
598-4. Bettie E. Oc. 9, 1857- m. Wm. Moyer-7ch.
599-5. Martha A. s.
601-7. Louisa Lee s.
602-8. William E., Lexington, Ky. m. Harriet Gibbons

The three single daughters live on Smith Creek opposite the Emanuel Strickler homestead, near New Market.


603-1. Albert F. (Twin) m. Ida Hill-1ch.
605-3. William m.
606-4. Frank m. Bertha Shultz-ch. Elizabeth
607-5. Henry m. Mattie Shaffer-1ch. Helen
608-6. Grace
609-7. Walter
610-8. John
611-9. Lennie (Twin)
612-10. Leonard (Twin)

The Zeilers live at Bluefield, W. Va.-3 ch. Mildred, Charles and Mary Frances.


613-1. Maude Margaret Jan. 4, 84, m. 1907, Julius Miller of San Angelo, Tex. b. 1884, s. Julius and Camilla Matthews-Miller of Moberly, Mo.
1. Margaret Camilla, Feb. 8, 1910.
2. Loraine Estella, Sep. 2, 1915, weight at birth 8 pounds
Julius Miller is a retired banker and was born in Germany. Julius, Jr. is a merchant at San Angelo, Tex.

614-1. Annie Mary Ju. 19, 1884 Latimer Bowman-4ch. Edinburg.
616-3. Edwin Chas. Mr. 13, '88 Carman Gilmore
617-4. Cecil Elmer Fe. 14, '90
618-5. Merlin Wm. Ma. 3, '92
619-6. Granville G. Ma. 11, '95 Lucy Burke-1ch.
620-7. Chesleigh M. Ma. 3, '98
Wm. Moyer's sister m. John M. Strickier. (m 659)

VII. 614. Annie Mary Moyer, m. 1905, Latimer Bowman, b. 1880, s. Chas and—Painter-Bowman.
Bowmans, Va.

V. 576. Mark Strickler, 1826-1908, m (1) 1850 Milta Derrow, d. 1853, da. Peter.
   5. Mattie, Sept. 27,—00—d. Mar. 8, 1913.
   8. Willie Alice, June 17,—08.
576. Mark m. (2) 1860, Esther Troy Beishline, b. 1835, d. 1863, da. Tyce Troy and Martha Hause-Beishline.
626-2. Richard L. Strickler, May 20, 1861, m. Lydia Willey—1ch. Earl. 3909 E. 34th St., Kansas City, Mo.
627-3. Mattie A. Mr. 20. 1863, m. 1883, John M. Anderson, Golden, Colo. b. 1862, s. Sylvanus and Mary Carleton-Anderson, of Owego, N. Y.
  1. Dr. Leslie Carlton, No. 25, 1885, m. 1911, Helen Marquis Park of Denver, b. 1887, da. Wm. T. and —— Henderson-Park, of Tarkio, Mo.
     2. Evelyn Marguerite, b. Apr. 1, 1915.

576- Mark m. (3) 1866, Mrs Catherine Jones, of Luray, Va., widow of Wm. Jones, da. Peter Price and wife McCoy. She d. May 1, 1902. They lived at Mound City, Mo.

Bert Strickler was a W. W. V. mechanic with Northern Bombing Aviation Group, and on one occasion flew across the Alps.

IV. 398. Nancy Strickler, da. Joseph, 1800-1838, m. 1816, Mark Thomas 1795-1840, s. Richard or Isaac brother of Thornton who was the father of John and Mike, cattle dealers of New Market. Isaac was known for a long time as Squire Isaac.


632-5. Isaac b. Sep. 10, 26 living. m. 3 times-7ch.


Isaac Thomas is the only surviving child of the above family. He is in his 88th year (1914) and resides on his farm near Donovan, Ill., where he has lived since 1871 or 72. His wife who is 81 lives with him as well as two of his children. She is his third wife.

Mark Thomas, with his wife and eight children, went from Virginia to Illinois in 1835 and located near Iroquois where he had a farm of 400 acres. He went to this section of the State with his wife's brothers, Henry D., Jacob, and Joseph. George Mark Thomas, son of Isaac, tells me. “A tribe of Iroquois Indians had a village about 60-rods from his grandfather's house. After the Indians moved west the hill whereon stood the Indian village was converted into Liberty Cemetery where most of the family are buried. The Indian Chief 'WHITE PIGEON' was very friendly to grandfather, and in his old age, often slept in his house in inclement weather, and would often have his squaws prepare some Indian remedies when they were sick.”

V-632. Isaac Thomas, m. (1) 1866 Mrs. Fannie Kinney Beedle, d. 1870.

637-1. Bernard M. b. 1867-d. 1868.

638-2. Cora F. b. 1869-m. Smart, Morocco, Ind.

Isaac Thomas m. (2) 1872 Sarah Ella Bushwell b. 1840 d. 1881.


Isaac Thomas m. 1883 (3) Mrs. Fanny Boyd Peebles. No Issue. (Other Children of Mark Thomas.)

1. Sabria T. Hunter, dec'd.
2. Emma T. Clark, Bentonville, Ark.-3ch.
3. Lydia Ann, dec'd.

V. 630. Lydia Thomas Whiteman, wife of Amos Whiteman. (421)
2. Electa W. McFarland, dec'd.
3. Lee Whiteman, Donovan, Ill. m. Grace Strickler.
4. Ora.

V. 631. Mary Thomas m. Rider.
1. Sarah Ann Homard, Brook, Ind.

1. Joseph, dec'd.
2. Eva G. Perrigo, Donovan, Ill.-3ch.
3. Blanch G. Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn.-1ch.
4. I. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.
5. Laura Ann, dec'd.
6. Katie, dec'd.
7. Helen G. Downer, N. Y. City.

V. 635. Elizabeth Amanda Thomas, m Perrigo.
1. DeWitt Perrigo, dec'd.
2. Anna Perrigo, m. Baysinger, Colorado.
3. Jessie Perrigo, dec'd.

End of Joseph Strickler of Horseshoe Bend.

David Strickler of Horseshoe Bend


645-2. Mary b. Apr. 17, '95-d. m. Abraham Heiston-3ch.
651-8. Isaac b. Apr. 28, '07-d. '35 m. Anna Neff-3ch.

See (654), (658), (662), (788), (993), (m69), (m100), (m161).

David Strickler's land is located in Horseshoe Bend and adjoined
his brother Joseph's land. David's home was located on the public road near the Creek at the left heel of the horse-shoe, and was of brick. It burned down some years ago. David had a mill near by, probably on the same spot where Snapp's mill is now located (1917).

David's eldest brother John of Egypt inherited all the land owned by their father Jacob, but John agreed to divide with his brothers, and we find John conveying land to each of his brothers as they become twenty-one years of age. In 1786 he conveys 253 acres to Samuel; 215 acres to Joseph in 1787; 223 acres to David in 1794. These three tracts adjoined and lay on both sides of Smith Creek about a mile east of New Market. Joseph and his wife, and David, are buried in Horseshoe Bend, near the former's home which still stands. The head-stones are still there. I think that David was accidently killed by the falling of a horse.

David's widow married again,—Major Andrew Keyser of Revolutionary fame. After the Major's death she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Abraham Heiston, on Dry Run, Page Co. and is buried there. She died July 13, 1845.

All the descendants of Joseph and David Strickler are also descendants of John Rhodes, the pioneer, who was massacred by the Indians.

Under a clump of trees just to the south of the Joseph Strickler home in Horseshoe Bend is the grave of David Strickler. Here are buried also Joseph and his wife. The stones were there in 1914. The spot should be marked, for soon no one will know where they were buried. Christian Strickler, officer in the war of 1812, is buried here also. But I found no stone for him. No fence surrounds the old burying ground. The spot is unprotected except for the trees that stand guard day and night and thru all kinds of weather.

The Old Burying Ground

By E. C. Dolson

"The sunken graves are marked with names unknown,
And tangled grass and bindweed festoons grow
About each quaint, old-fashioned, slanting stone
Set here long ago.
Yet, dreamily, warm summer airs float by,
Where human footsteps now but seldom press:
And here the unremembered sleepers lie
In sweet forgetfulness."

From Farm Journal.

According to Adam Strickler's Bible record David's full name was Harvey David Strickler.

Division deed among the heirs of David Strickler mentions all his
children—saw mill and chop mill mentioned.

The Grove (Groff) Family


"Christian Grove had a family of 11 in 1783 and 12 in 1785. Mark had a family of 10 on each date."

There were only two Grove families in this neighborhood when the first census was taken, Christian and Mark Grove. Their enumerations were taken in 1783 and 1785. Early deeds are as follows:


1765, D. B. 10-p. 529, Joseph Rodes (Rhodes) to Christian Groves 116 acres on the North Branch of the Shenandoah River.


Mr. P. S. Rhodes tells me that Susan Rhodes daughter of John killed by the Indians, married Mark Groves, and that her sister Anna Rhodes married Christian Grove, brother of Mark. It seems that they both married twice. Mr. Rhodes states that Anna Rhodes was the mother of Elizabeth and Barbara Grove, sisters who married David and Joseph Strickler. He says that this can be verified by the will. The Miley notes give the same information.

Some one told me that Mark Grove married for his second wife Mary Strickler, but the Brumback Families state that he married Mary Grove.

Mr. J. W. Grove of Luray gives me the following
Christian Grove (he is not sure of this being his first ancestor)
Christian Grove, m. Gochenour
1. Emanuel Grove, m. Brumback
   J. W. Grove, Luray, above
2. Joseph Grove (3mi. S. of Luray on Hawksbill)
   John C. Grove (owns the home and mill of his father)
3. Jacob Grove went to Ill. 1835-2 sons, LaCross, Ill.
4. Isaac Grove lived and died in Page Co.
5. Noah Grove went to Missouri before the Civil War.
6. m. Coffman
   B. F. Coffman, Elkton, Va.

In will book B. p. 257, Woodstock, is recorded the will of Christian Grove, made June, 1786, probated July, 1786. The will begins "I Christian Gros etc." He mentions 13 children, land in Penn. and on the Hawksbill in Va. wife Esther and a former wife.

In D. B. 7, p. 373, Woodstock, about 1810, all his children join in a deed. Below I have a list of the children as given in the will, the deed.
and in the Brumback families.

I make the following arrangements from the above records the better to show the comparison of the various records:

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IN BRUMBACK FAMILIES


From the above facts and comparisons we know that there were two Christian Groves, father and son: that Christian Grove, Sr., had 13 children.

That David had died prior to 1810, the date of the deed.

That ten of the names in the deed are identical with those given in will, although these notes from the records were taken hastily and there might be a mistake.

That Anna and Ester did not unite in deed. Other records indicate that Anna m. Samuel Hershberger, D. B.-G, P. 171-1807.

That Christina is mentioned in the deed but not in the will. She is probably the one referred to as unborn in the will.

Christian Grove, Sr.

Christian Grove Sr. m. (1) Anna Rhodes (2) Musselman, (Esther ac. to will)

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6. Barbara, m. Joseph Strickler
7. Anna, did not join in the deed 1810.
8. Mary, m. Jacob Hershberger
9. Elizabeth, m. David Strickler
10. Esther, m. did not join in the deed 1810.
11. Susannah, m. Jacob Gochenour
12. Caty, s. joined in deed.
13. Christina, m. Christian Coffman

Eve in the deed may have been the same as Esther in the will.
Anna and Catherine were probably dec'd. in 1810.
The Brumback families adds a son Peter who m. Catherine Frank.

Christian Grove, Jr. m. Mary Gochenour, lived near Luray.
(the following are given in the Brumback families)
1. Barbara m. Marshall Yowell
4. Benjamin F. m. Martha W. Brumback
5. Mary Susan m. Frank Yowell, Newark, O.
7. Rebecca m. Daniel Hite
8. Jacob m. Rebecca Lionberger, La Cross, Ill. -2 sons.
9. Elizabeth d. age 18
10. Emanuel b. Sep. 12, 1812-d. Jan. 29, 1890 m. Frances Brumback
11. Catherine m. Samuel Brumback, (2) Daniel Grove
12. Isaac m. Elizabeth Price
13. Noah m. Isabelle Kiblinger, went to Mo.

Samuel Grove, s. Christian, Sr. m. Mary Lionberger
1. John, b. 1810, m. Mary Brumback, b.1812.
2. Nancy b. 1814, m. Jacob Brumback, b.1809.
3. Mary, b. 1823, m. Henry Brumback, b.1816.

The name was originally spelled Groff, Graff, Grof, Graf, Graaf, Gros and probably means Count in German, the proper spelling probably being Graff, the German “f” being pronounced like the “v” in English, hence we have Grove. Hans Groff located in Lancaster County, Pa. in 1717, having come from Switzerland, and secured a large tract of land. This was probably the ancestor of the Virginia Groves. Ex-Governor Martin Grove Brumbaugh's mother was a Grove, probably related to this family. (Brumback Families).

Marcus Grove, brother of Christian, Sr., according to Brumback Families m. (1) Rhodes, (Susan according to the Rhodes tradition) (2) Mary Grove from Penn.-7ch.
1. David m. and lived near the old home.
2. Barbara, b. 1767, m. Christian Bumgardner, b. 1766-d. 1855, s.
   John who is said to have come from near Basel, Switzerland.
      1. David b. 1790, m. Virginia
      2. Joseph b. 1797, m. Nancy Stover
      3. Mary b. 1799, m. Abraham Stover
      4. Elizabeth b. 1802, m. Thomas Crawford ch. by 2nd.
         than 6.
3. Martin
4. Samuel
5. John, Nos. 3, 4, & 5 went to Ohio.
6. Mary, b. 1772, m. Henry Brumback
7. Nancy m. James Bumgardner

Will of Peter Ruffner, son of Peter the pioneer.
wife Mary, son Joseph, and friend Benjamin Strickler, witnesses, Edwin Young Selby Foley, Jacob Strickler, Jacob Burner and Christian Groves.

Mrs. Nehemiah Abbott (nee Fannie Grove) gives me the following information. She was born about 1835 and lives in Page County- Ad. Luray. She says Mark had a son Christian, father of Peter.

Marcus Grove m. Elizabeth Rhodes.
   1. Barbara m. Chris Bumgardner
   2. David m. Ann Musselman
   3. Christian, m. Mary Clem-1 son Peter

Marcus m. again Mary Strickler
   1. Daniel
   2. Mary m. Henry Brumback
   3. John
   4. Annie
   5. Fannie
   6. Susie
   7. Another daughter

Christian Grove (3) m. Mary Clem
   1. son Peter m. Mary C. Frank-5ch.

Fannie, the youngest, m. Nehemiah Abbott, son of Rev. Abbott and his wife, Wood.

Mrs. Abbott says she is the only surviving child of Peter Grove, that all of Peter's children accumulated wealth, one reported as a millionaire, another as a gold miner.

She tells me that her aunt Mary Grove, who married Henry Brumback, told her that her mother was Mary Strickler. I do not vouch for the correctness of this information but it could probably be verified.

In 1818 Lewis Byrd m. Catherine Grove, da. David Grof, (M. R. R. C.)
Clipping from the Page Paper July 1911, which appeared in the Page Paper of an earlier date.

"Genealogy of the Keyser family
(from the files of the Page News)

We have seen nothing more interesting for a long time than the following letter written a few years ago by the late Adam Strickler to our old friend E. A. Keyser, Oct. 28, 1892.

Dear Ephraim:- After my respects to yourself and family, etc., according to promise I here try to give you a genealogy of the Keyser family as near as I can at this late date.

Your great grandfather, whose name was Charles came to America from Germany as a hired soldier in the service of Great Britain to fight against the French and Indians. After the disastrous battle near Pittsburg, July 9, 1755, he was butcherer in Braddock's army. He married a Miss Shelly, in Philadelphia, and came to our Valley and lived on Mill Creek. Here your grandfather was born in 1758. Your great grandfather bought property near the mouth of the Hawksbill, built the old Keyser house, lived and died in it. The house was built in about the year 1765. His age and death I cannot give any account of, but he was an old man and died about the year 1777.

His children were as follows: Charles, Andrew and John—the girls were Anna Kountz, Mary Kelley, Mrs. Austin and Kate—she was never married.

Charles lived and died opposite the mouth of the Hawksbill and was buried at the old Keyser graveyard. He had two sons, David and Joseph. They sold out and went west many years ago.

In February 1781, your grandfather went in the army (Southern department under Gen. Green), was at the battle of Guilford Court House, Eutaw Springs, and many others. Came home and married Sarah Rhinehart. She died in April, 1820. John married her sister Katie. She was the mother of Alexandria and Christopher Keyser. Your grandfather's family were as follows: Noah married Anna Rhodes, George married Esther Hershberger, Peter's first wife was Miss Ortz, his second wife was Miss Fray, Andrew's first wife was Miss Brubaker, his second was Julia Cox, Charles married Amanda Haun, she is still living, is 81 years old. Polly married John Cullers, Sallie married Henry Cullers, Margaret married John Reedy, Susan married Ephraim Trumbo, Lydia married Isaac Austin, her cousin, Esther married Isaac Dovel. Your grandfather died in November 1833. He died of dropsy. He was 75 years old. A year or two before his death he was baptized and received into the Big Spring Church—lived an exemplary member until his death. He was a strong Democrat of the Jefferson and Jackson stamp, and from him I imbibe my
Democratic principles without wavering. I have never given any other vote in my life except a Democratic vote. Your grandfather was a great provider for his family, and abundance of all the necessaries of life for both white and colored. He was handy with tools, coopering and shoemaking. He was a splendid marksman and fond of a gun as long as he lived. He learned to read and write and keep his accounts without a teacher. He was a kind stepfather* to me and all the Keysers treat me with marked respect wherever I see them. Show this to cousin Sudie Brumback with my love to her, please write to me as soon as you get this. I am more poorly to-day than usual, bad cough and trouble in my lungs. I was 80 years old the 5th day of last March. Goodbye.

Adam Strickler.

---Jacob---

THE KEYSERS

Chas. Keyser, b. in Germany, came to America, fought against the French and Indians, afterwards m. Miss Shelly of Phila. built a home near the mouth of the Hawksbill.

His children:
1. Charles m. and built a home opposite the mouth of the Hawks­­bill, had two sons David and Joseph who went west.
2. John m. Katie Rhinehart sister of Sarah. Had two sons, Alex­­ander and Christopher.
3. Anna m. Koontz
4. Mary m. Kelly
5. Mrs. Austin
6. Katie, single
7. Andrew (Maj), b. 1758, m. twice, soldier in the Revolution (1) Sarah Rhinehart, sister of Katie, she d. in Apr. 1820. (2) Eliz­­abeth Grove-Strickler, widow of David Strickler of New Market.

His children by his 1st wife,
1. Noah m. Anna Rhodes
2. George m. Esther Hershberger
3. Peter m. (1) Ortz (2) Fray
4. Andrew, Col. m. (1) Brubaker (2) Julia Cox
5. Chas. m. Amanda Haun (81 yrs. in 1892)
6. Polly m. John Cullers
7. Margaret m. John Reedy
8. Susan m. Ephraim Trumbo

*Maj. Andrew Keyser referred to in the above as "your grandfather" married Adam's widowed mother and became his stepfather.

"Sudie Brumback" was Miss Keyser m. (1) Abram Rothgeb (2) Thomas Brumback. The above article appeared again in Page News may 23, 1922, and was taken from same paper of date Oct. 20, 1905.
9. Lydia m. Isaac Austin, her cousin
10. Esther m. Isaac Dovel
11. Sallie m. Henry Cullers

The old Keyser house, built of logs, the one Adam speaks of no doubt, still stands (1923) slightly above a point opposite the mouth of the Hawksbill, near the mansion house on the old Keyser farm, now owned by Raymond Strickler, son of McKendra Strickler. The old house is used for an out-house. Some one told me that there was a large staple driven into one of the logs on the inside to which two prisoners were chained until they could be conveyed to Woodstock. This was before Page County was formed. Here Charles Keyser lived, according to Adam, and I understand that Major Andrew Keyser, of Revolutionary fame, lived here, as well as his son, Col. Andrew Keyser, of the Civil War. Chas. Keyser, brother of Col. Keyser, lived several hundred yards south of the Major's home. The old graveyard is south of the latter home and about midway between the two.

IV. 644. Anna Strickler, 1815, Henry Kagey, III. s. Henry, II, s. Henry, I. the pioneer and ancestor of most of those by that name in this section.

654-1. Benjamin b. 1816-d. 1872, m. Catherine Trout -3ch.
656-3. Elizabeth b. 1820-df.
657-4. Susan b. 1833 m. Perry Robinson -8ch.

Henry Kagey, III, was a brother of Mary Kagey who m. Jacob Strickler and moved to Floyd Co. Va. (226)

Henry Kagey, III, and his wife located in Floyd Co. and left numerous descendants. These are recorded in the Kagey Genealogy.

Susan Kagey Robinson left the greater number of descendants and the Robinsons located in Kansas at an early day.

IV. 645. Mary Strickler m. Abraham Heiston, (1) Kimball, Va. about 1827 (21-)

660-3. Frances Ellen, m. John Albert Racer-7ch.

1. John Abram m. three times -4ch.
3. Martha Jane m. Perry C. Finter, Luray -1ch.
4. Joseph Henry m. Laura B. Rowe, Luray -8ch.
7. Sallie Eliz. m. Noah F. Kline, Broadway, Va.

(1) Abraham Heiston (Heistond-Heastand) m. 1st. Musselman by whom he had 3 sons and 3 daughters, one Joseph Heiston, Kimball, Va. (1914). He says that Mary Strickler became his stepmother when he was about six years old. (21)
V. 661. Sylvanus Strickler was the son of Mary Strickler before she married Abraham Heiston, I understand, b. Dec. 31, 1816, d. Jan. 16.
5. Lucy Ann Apr. 15, 1855-m. 1881, Martin V. Alther -6ch.
6. John Abram Feb. 27, 1857 -m. 1880, Margaret F. Judd-3ch.
7. Benjamin Franklin May 29, 1859 -m. 1896, Annie V. Varner-4ch.
Nos. 2, 3, & 6, Luray, Va. the others Kimball, Va. Page County.

IV. 646. Barbara Strickler, m. 1819, Joseph C. Hern, b. 1787-d. 1865.
665-4. Elizabeth Grove b. May 28, 1829 d. Mar. 27, 1887, m. (779)

In about 1830 Joseph Hern and family removed to Greenbrier County, Va. (now W. Va.), locating two miles south of Frankford. He was a millwright by trade and followed it practically all his life. He and his sons who followed the same trade built many fine mills in Greenbrier and adjoining counties. They have about 75 living descendents. The sons owned a farm not far from Frankford, and each owned a flouring mill. David owned a mill and store four miles east of Frankford on the Greenbrier River. This mill was burned during the Civil War. The four children are all dead. Samuel’s wife lived to be 96 years old, and David’s second wife is still living and is nearly 100 years old (1918).

Joseph C. Hern was in the U. S. service for a short time during the war of 1812. In the early days the name Hern was spelled Horn.

V. 662. David Strickler Hern, m. (1) Nancy Jane Henkel, 1834-1868, da. of Dr. Philip Henkel of New Market. She died at Williamsburg, W. Va.
666-1. Millard Fillmore, b. —- , m. Hutsonpiller-3ch.
677-2. Benj. F. Strickler, b. Nov. 18, 1855, m. 3times-8ch.
   m. (2) Mrs. Harrison Fleshman (nee Sallie Hoke), da. Henry.
675-10. Sarah Agnes, b. 1837-d. single.

Rosetta has 10 grandchildren. Her mother is nearly 100, and resides with her at Dennis, W. Va. She had two sons by her first marriage; Henry Harrison and P. Addison Fleshman.

VI. 666. Millard F. Hern, m. Mary Jane Hutsonpiller.
   676-1. Katherine, df. named for Katherine Blosser.
677-2. William Franklin.
678-3. David Boon.
Lewisburg, W. Va.—own a farm. This is a most beautiful country.

   679-1. Chas. Franklin, b. Sep. 12, 1879, m. Anna Ethel Miller-4ch. (782).
   680-2. Lula Pearl b. Dec. 26, 1880, m. Wm. Pardee Saxton-2ch. (786)
   m. (2) 1887, Bettie G. Kirtly-2ch. both died in infancy.
   m. (3) 1903, Victoria Reckner, widow James Reckner and da. of Lewis C. and Calista Snow-Smith-1ch.

Mr. B. F. S. Hern was for a number of years a lumber dealer, owned and operated sawmills. At the time of his death he was contractor for constructing the tipple at the Rothwell mines, Fayette County, W. Va., at which place he was accidentally killed on Aug. 29, 1910, by being struck with a piece of timber.

   685-1. Lottie Florence, b. May 6, 1876, m. W. F. Newman-7ch.
   686-2. Wm. Franklin, b. Aug. 26, 1878, m. (1) Fawver, (2) Thomas 1ch.
   m. (2) S. M. Hudson, 109 Marion St., Covington, Va., no ch.

Mrs. Hudson (nee Eliz. Hester Hern) tells me that her grandmother, Barbara Strickler Hern, was beautiful in her old age, with
HOPE FARM, OR FORT ROADS. The old Roads home. Kennedy's Peak in the background. The house has a fort cellar. It is just west of the house that was burned when John Roads was killed in 1764. When David J. Strickler lived here he called it Hope Farm.Inset—Roads Memorial unveiled August 31, 1924. Mr. Philip M. Kaufman, in his 78th year, made the memorial from native limestone, and deserves the gratitude of all the Roads' descendants. This piece of work is all the more remarkable inasmuch as Mr. Kaufman is not a stonemason by trade, but a miller.

FORT ROADS. Interior of Vaulted Fort. Loopholes on side and at end. There is a spring in this vault.
THE BLOODY FORD. Where one of the Roads family was killed by the Indians. Kennedy's Peak in the background, which is opposite the mouth of the Hawksbill.

EGYPT HOUSE, THE HOME OF JACOB STRICKLER, No. 1. P. 41. This log house is built over a vaulted cellar or fort. This Fort, the Roads Fort and Stover Fort are all well preserved. This Fort cellar has an outer and inner cellar, both fortified and well preserved. Here I find a stone mill used probably by Abraham Strickler, the pioneer, as early at 1726.
dark eyes and rosy cheeks, that she wore a white cap and collar, and that she (Hester) was her grandmother's favorite child.

She also tells me that her brother, B. F. S. Hern, was named for my father and that all bearing the name Franklin were also named for my father.

She tells me that Permellia Horn was the daughter of Jonathan Horn, brother of Joseph C. Hern who married Barbara Strickler; that her family changed the spelling when they located in West Virginia; that she was raised by her aunt Elizabeth Hern Leivsay who had no children. Mrs. Hudson, while a widow, was matron at Sweet Brier, Southern Seminary at Beuna Vista and at Virginia College at Roanoke. John Horn of Harrisonburg, Va., is a descendant of Jonathan Horn, I am advised. (n72)*

Tradition in the Perry family says that it is related to Commodore Perry. Andrew's father was Geo. Perry, d. 1880, at Churchville, Augusta Co., Va.


1. Herman G., Jan 12, 1900.
5. Anna Lee, Oct. 16, 1908.
7. Wm. Ponder, Nov. 17, 1911.

Mr. Newman's father was in the Civil War, 14th Virginia Cavalry. His grandfather was born in Pennsylvania, but he settled at New Market where he learned his trade as a cabinet maker, serving 4 years as an apprentice; then he located at Franklin and afterwards at Crabbottom, Highland Co., Va., and died there at the age of 90. His wife was Malinda Trumbo of Pendleton County. The Newmans live at 215 Richardson St., Staunton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kyle Loving have no children of their own but have adopted a little girl named Catherine. Roanoke, Va.

Wm. Perry, m. (1) Elizabeth Fawver-lch, both died1911.
He m. again 1914, Masuria Thomas of North Carolina.

Mr. J. W. Ponder who married Bonnie C. Perry is a step-grandson of President Johnson. Bonnie Perry was a trained nurse and nursed Mr. Ponder thru a severe illness. He fell in love with her and married her. They lived at 1330 Pine St., Phila., Pa.

VI. 669. **Samuel Hern** m. **Dell Odell**-one son Burton W. Hern now with

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*In 1819 Johnathan Horn m. Catherine Vance (M. R. R. C.)
the American forces in France. Renall, W. Va.


690-1. Jesse Lee, Sep. 28, 1883, m. Jenne Pare-4ch.
692-3. Ernest Cecil mr 4-1887 m. Mary Reynolds-2ch.
693-4. Victor Guy '89-au. 24 m.
694-5. Frank Onal '91-Jl. 18
695-6. Eva May '93-ma. 15
696-7. Walter '96-mr. 4
698-9. Anna Kath. '03-au. 16
699-10. Ruth Strickler '05-fe. 2
700-11. Dorothy Madge, '07-ap. 2

Victor is in the aviation corps in Texas (1918).


701-1. Jesse Bright '09 -oc 1
702-2. Jennie Eudora '10-de. 2
703-3. Kath. Launna '12-ap. 9
704-4. Joseph C. '13-jl. 15

Jesse Lee Hern, Lewisburg, W. Va. -connected with the "Greenbrier Independent."

Thomas Hall Pare, b. 1813, at Bowling Green, Ky. m. Elizabeth Warren (da. Nathaniel and Nancy Calbreth-Warren) b. 1818, Brownsburg, Rockbridge, Co. Va.

Thomas Hunter Pare (s. Thos. Hall Pare), b. 1859, at Lewisburg, m. 1880, Kath. Locket Bright (da. Jesse and Margaret Pennell-Bright). Jesse Bright, b. 1818, Frankford, W. Va., m. Margaret Pennell, b. 1829.


705-1. Ruth Aline B. no. 16-08 at Spencer, W. Va.
3. Francis Asbury Strickler

Levi B. and J. P. Atkins, father and son, are ministers of the M. E. Church. J. P. Atkins, Williamsburg, W. Va. (1914).

Rev. J. P. Atkins b. Air Point, Va. His pastorates were: Spencer 2 yrs.—Reedy 2 yrs.— Pleasant Co. in the flood there mar. & apr. 1912 and lost all their household property—Williamsburg nov. (1914).

A. da. Samuel and Mary Pollock-Bright.

707-1. Virginia Cecil 1910-de. 15
708-2. Frances Elizabeth, 1914-fe. 5

Ernest C. Hern lives at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

VI. 671. Mary Annie Hern, 1862-1887, m. 1879, John Pennington, 1862, s. Nathaniel and Susan Carr-Pennington of May Wood, W. Va.

712-4. Infant-twin, df.
713-5. Infant-twin, df.

Mary Annie Hern was raised by her Ucule Samuel Strickler Hern and was married at the age of 17. She has eleven grandchildren.

VI. 672. Ellen Morton Hern, m. Mar. 10, 1879, Chas. E. Sanford, 1853-1918, s. Walker G. L. and Mary Sims-Sanford.

714-1. Samuel Franklin ja. 5 '80, m. 1905, Ada Gillespie-5ch.
715-2. John Henry fe. 7 '81, m. 1902, Victoria Sevy-9ch.
716-3. Walter Preston au. 29 '83, m. 1910, Ella Ames-4ch.
717-4. Matt Foster au. 29 '85, m. 1905, -6ch.
718-5. Hettie Jane de. 12 '87, s.
719-6. Bettie Alice de. 12 '89, m. 1908, Grover Ames-5ch.
720-7. Tobie David ap. 1 '91, m. 1915, Delcie Helen Clay.
721-8. Leslie William ju. 5 '95, d. 1910.
723-10. Nannie Agnes se. 4 '97, m. 1917, Festus Tincher, Tincher, W. Va. -1ch.
725-12. Ethel Mamie fe. 23 '05, s.

Walker Sanford was a soldier in the War between the States and died in the second year of the struggle.

Mrs. Ellen Hern Sanford is the mother of 12 children, all of whom are living except one son who d. of pneumonia at Clifftop, 1910, aged 17 years. (1918). She is also the grandmother of 30, all of whom are living except 4.

Chas. E. Sanford was a member of the Baptist Church for fifty years. He was a devoted Christian and one of the staunchest members of his church. All of his children are members of the same church. Rev. William Adams married him and five of his children and also baptized them all.


726-1. Grace L.
727-2. Rosie Eunice
728-3. Chas. Everett
729-4. Hamer Elmer
730-5. William Dennis
   age 9-7-5-and 2 yrs. 1918.

   731-1. Tilitha Cuma ap. 15-1904.
   732-2. G. Earl ju. 10-'05.
   733-3. Claude Johnson oc. 27-'06.
   734-4. Robert Jewell se. 15-'08.
   735-5. Chas. Mattison ap. 13-'10 Twin.
   737-7. David B. ja. 28-'12.

   740-1. Grover David
   741-2. Cecil Connard
   742-3. Marvel ap. 29-1916
   743-4. Howard ju. 5-1918

VII. 717. Matt Foster Sanford, m.
   744-1. Clattie A.
   745-2. Pearl T.
   746-3. Gordon
   747-4. Grady L.
   748-5. Goldie M.
   749-6. Clarence E.

   750-1. Maggie May
   751-2. Susie Jane
   752-3. Ernest
   753-4. Loyd
   754-5. Clarence

   756-1. Jewel m. Huston Hinkle (Henkel)
   757-2. Florence m. Icen Dilly
   758-3. Ballenge
   759-4. Linda
   760-5. Goldie
   761-6. Grace
   762-7. Lamer
   763-8. Nealia
   Ballenge is at Camp Lee (Aug. 1918)
Jewel-Chanute, Kan.
Florence-trained nurse, graduate McKinley Hospital, Hinton, W. Va.

764-1. Pearl Agnes se. 7 1890, m. Geo. Harvey Thomton-4ch.
765-2. Leo ju. 1 '92, m. Viola Susan Pennington-1ch.
766-3. Lydia de. 20 '94, m. Jasper Lee Pennington-1ch.
767-4. Edgar M. mr. 19 '97 (Glen Alvin-ap. 25-1917)
768-5. Lualzo ma. 10 '99.
769-6. Anna Golda ja. 15 '02.
770-7. Georgia Nita au. 12 '04.
771-8. David Franklin '07 de. 5.

Mrs. Rosetta Pucket's mother, Mrs. David S. Hern, lives with her and is nearly 100 years old. Leo's ch. Gladys Opal b. no. 25-1916.

VII. 764. Pearl Agnes m. Geo. Harvey Thomton
775-1. Wilber Addison fe. 21-1910
776-2. Anas Cyrus oc. 4- '11
777-3. Vernon Elbert fe. 23- '14
778-4. Mary Rosetta mr. 6- '16

End of David Strickler Hern's family

779-1. Eliza Jane b. Aug. 7, 1857

Eliza Jane Hern lives at the well known Hern Mill, four miles west of Lewisburg, W. Va.


They had no children of their own but raised their niece, Mary Annie Hern, da. of David S. Hern. (671)

They lived all their lives in Greenbrier County, W. Va., where Mr. Hern was a millwright, miller, and farmer. Samuel died at the well known Hern mill, which he owned and operated, together with his brother David.

Mrs. Samuel S. Hern lived under all the administrations of all the Presidents except four-Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison. Until about five months before her death she was active in mind and body. Throuout her long life she enjoyed the blessings of good health,
and her mind to the last was clear and active. David S. Hern’s widow is still living and is nearing the century mark.

V. 665. Elizabeth Grove Hern, 1829–1887, m. 1864, Wm. R. Livesay, b. about 1815-d. about 1889, two years after his wife’s George Livesay.

Wm. R. Livesay had one son, Wm. Crawford Livesay, when he married Elizabeth Grove Hern. Elizabeth had no children of her own, but she raised her niece Elizabeth Hester Hern. (668)

Mr. W. R. Livesay was a well-to-do farmer, Democrat, Elder in the Presbyterian Church and a good man. He owned and operated the mill property known as Livesay’s mill. This is known as Richlands now.


782-1. Thalma fe. 12 ’05 at Keeny’s Creek, W. Va.
782-2. Chas. Flurnoy oc. 28 ’06 at Charleston, W. Va.
785-4. Elizabeth Cleo mr. 17 ’12 at Corydon, Pa.


786-1. Waive Hern, b. ’05 Tunesassa, N. Y. Indian Reservation.

Elizabeth Grove Hern Livesay.

“I cannot avoid giving expression to the feelings of sadness and sorrow on account of the announcement of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Livesay, wife of Mr. Wm. R. Livesay, of the Richlands, in this county, on the 26th ult. I regarded her a particular friend. For three years and a-half I boarded at the elegant home of her and her kind and generous husband, and had opportunity of knowing her intimately, and of sharing the large-hearted hospitality which she dispensed with more than common profusion and courtesy. Truly, kindness was a prominent characteristic of her nature; and she extended it unrelentingly to all who were fortunate enough to belong in any way to her own household: and she did not stop there, but to all over whom she had any care, whether neighbor, friend or stranger, all shared her sympathy and kindness when any sort of necessity required assistance. Truly, she was a good woman. Peace to her slumbering dust.” (Greenbrier Co. paper clipping)

May I be permitted to add this beautiful sentiment to the above tribute.
“Somewhere the sun is shining,  
Somewhere the angels wait,  
Somewhere the clouds are drifting  
Close to an open gate.”

Benjamin Strickler of Sapling Hill.

IV. 647. Benjamin Strickler, 1799-1856, m. Sep. 12, 1822, Margaret Zirkle, b. Dec. 19, 1802-d. Jan. 29, 1876, da. Lewis and Nancy Caldwell-Zirkle,

788-1. Lewis, b. Dec. 5, 1823, m. Mary Lichliter-11ch. (797)
789-2. Philip, b. Oct. 27, 1825, m. Mary Crist-10ch, (897)
792-5. Nancy, b. Feb. 15, 1832, m. Jacob Petefish-9ch. (947)
793-6. Margaret Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1834, m. John L. Wise-3ch. (970)
794-7. Benj. Franklin, b. Oct. 21, 1836, m. Susie V. Cline-7 sons, (973)
795-8. Samuel Godfrey Henkel, b. Apr. 8, 1839, m. Corrilla Staley-5ch, (980)

Benjamin Strickler was born on his father’s homestead on Smith Creek in Horseshoe Bend. About 1835 he located on the same creek about four miles further south, near a mill which he built. Here he died in 1856 and was buried on the Wise farm, adjoining his on the north. His son, John W., has placed an iron fence around this burying ground.

Benjamin Strickler was a millwright and a farmer and dealt largely in stock. At the time of his death he owned about 2,225 acres, all in one body on Smith Creek except 200 acres on the Shenandoah River (North Branch) in a great bend just south of Timberville. A considerable part of the town is located on this tract now. He also owned three mills, one on the Timberville tract and two on Smith Creek. I have called his home “Sapling Hill” for the reason that a very prominent hill by that name is located at the back side of the farm, near the mountain from which a wonderful view of the valley can be had. This hill has two caves in it and is about a mile south of the famous Endless Caverns of New Market which were discovered in 1879 Oct. 1, on the Lewis Zirkle farm then owned by his son, Reuben, brother of Margaret above. This tract was patented by Lewis Zirkle, the pioneer, and it always has been and still is in the possession of his descendants. Tradition says that the first Lewis Zirkle was a Revolutionary soldier and that he deeded a lot in New Market to the Lutheran Church.

Besides the caves on Sapling Hill there was another cave about a mile to the south-east in the woods, at the foot of a hill near the foot
of the mountain.* This cave at one time had a wooden door frame in its entrance. One cave on Sapling Hill had a flight of steps leading into it, and a short distance from this cave, in a westerly direction near a line fence between J. D. Driver and my father, was another cave but we never entered it. There was also a very deep hole on this hill called a plaster mine. There is another cave on bald hill which was a part of Sapling Hill at one time. To the east of these caves at the extreme back side of the Sapling Hill farm and at the foot of the mountain is a sulphur spring, known in early days as the Medical Spring. There is on record at Harrisonburg a survey of a public road to this Medical Spring over the lands of Benjamin Strickler (Road Bk. p. 69). It must have been a spring of some note at one time. I remember seeing the remains of a log cabin there. There is a division deed of all lands of Benjamin Strickler, dec’d. on record at Harrisonburg, consisting of 2,225 acres, (D. B. 29-p 472, Aug. 4, 1856-Burnt Records), together with a flat of most of the Sapling Hill land. The Sapling Hill tract is included in the dower and is called “Sapling Hill.”

Benjamin Strickler built many of the mills in this part of the Valley and I have been told that he made a horse power threshing machine which he used to thresh wheat. There was much work about the old time mill that required great skill. All those wooden cog wheels, I am told, were made on the ground, and set up, as was most of the work. There is carved on his tombstone the picture of a mill, with the old mill wheel, a fitting emblem of his industry and genius. There are no more picturesque sights in all the country than the old mills, few of which remain. On the old home place of his grandfather, Jacob Strickler, in Egypt, I discovered what I believe to be the oldest mill extant in the Shenandoah Valley. It is of solid stone and about the size of an ordinary wash tub, a little taller and not so wide, with a small hole leading from the bottom of the bowl to the outside, thru which I presume the meal descended as it was crushed by the pestle.

In personal appearance, Benjamin Strickler was a rather large man, standing six feet and weighing two hundred pounds, of light hair and complexion and a genial countenance. His good wife, Margaret, known by every one as “Aunt Peggy” was a most hospitable lady, and her home was a common rendezvous for relatives and friends from far and wide.

But for the lack of space I would tell of his faithful servants, eleven in all, I only knew one, “Uncle” Dan. A better soul never resided in a black man. He was my father’s right hand man. After his death he remained with my mother, practically taking charge of the farm. After her death he remained with the boys. He was a diamond in the rough. He was my grandfather’s slave and was sold for $1500

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*This is known as the Sugarnut cave.
to a neighbor at grandfather’s death. It was a large price for a slave.*


797-1. Amanda, b. Mar. 12, 1848, m. I. P. Martz-13ch.
802-6. Selina, b. Feb. 3, 1857, m. Luther West-1ch,
806-10. Nellie C., b. Jan. 2, 1867, d Mar. 4, 1874,

Lewis Strickler was a miller and farmer. His mill was about one mile east of Tenth Legion on Smith Creek, Rockingham Co., Va., which was a part of his father’s possessions. He was buried in the Strickler burying ground near the mill. His widow survived him many years. She left surviving her five sons, 28 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Lewis Strickler was in the Confederate service for a short while but was relieved on the ground that he was a miller.


808-1. John, b. Apr. 17, 1870, m. Ida Miller-3ch,
812-5. Chas., b. Jul. 17, 1877; d, Feb. 16, 1897, kicked by a horse.
819-12. Fannie, b. Mar. 12, 1892, m. Herman Graf.

They lived near Arkton on part of the Benjamin Strickler lands.

* Traders appeared at the sale after grandfather’s death to purchase the slaves, but father and his brothers would not let them bid on them. They were all bought by the family or neighbors. “Uncle” Dan weighed 240 pounds and was a very strong negro.
   820-1. Lucy Virginia, m. S. J. Stucky, Zurick, Mont.
   821-2. Vernia May.

VII. 809. Mary Martz, m. Jan. 30, 1895, Frank Mills, 1867, s, John, Timberville, Va.
   834-2. Emma Lucile, b. Apr. 26, 1898.

VII. 810. Elizabeth Martz, m. Nov. 21, 1894, David W. Whitmer, b. 1867, s. Benjamin, Timberville.

   851-5. Herman P., b. May 1, 1901.


   857-1. Chas. Wilson, b. May 26, 1902, d. Jan. 1, 1903,
Mr. Martz lives an part of the old Benjamin Strickler land. His home is on Sapling Hill.

VII. 815. Emma Martz, m. 1900, Wm. R. Theis, b. 1875, s. Henry and Mary Hoover-Theis. (see 582). Timberville, Va.

VII. 816. Maggie Martz, m. 1906, Peter Michael Armentrout, d. Feb. 15, 1915, s. John and Hannah Zirkle-Armentrout. Minot, N. D.
869-1. Philip Zirkle.
870-2, Minnie Florence.
Mr. Armentrout had taken up a homestead of 160 acres and had purchased 160 for $700.

VII. 817. David Martz, m. 1907, Katie Bell Fawcett.
872-2, Margaret Luella, b. Feb. 28, 1909.


VI. 798. Reuben Strickler, m, 1879, Virginia Derrow, b. 1853, Mediapolis, Ia.
873-1. Virginia.
874-2. Ella.
875-3 Mary.
876-4. Fannie.
877-5. Jessie.

VI. 800. Chas. L. Strickler, s. Lewis, m. 1880, Mary Ellen Price, b. 1852, da. Adam Price, a cousin of the late Capt. Berryman Price of New Market. Adam Price lives at Virginia, Ill. He is a retired farmer. He is 80 years old, but he drives an automobile and looks about 60. I saw him husking corn in the fall of 1923. Sibley, Ia.
880-3, Flauda Mae, b. Feb. 28, 1886.
881-4. Mabel Louise, b. Aug. 6, 1887.
Mrs. Strickler was educated at Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Ill. Chas. L. Strickler left Virginia for Illinois in 1878, locating near Virginia. Here he met and married Mary Ellen Price, and they went
to Sibley, Iowa, in 1892, where they now live. All are Methodists.

All of the above children graduated from the Sibley High School and all pursued their studies in other institutions.

Wm. Lloyd attended Iowa State College, was prominent in athletics, and graduated in 1908. He is a Mason.

Flora Belle attended the Art Institute in Chicago three years and at present is teaching drawing in Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

Flauda Mae attended the Art Institute in Chicago three years.

Mabel entered Cornell College in 1906 where she studied Liberal Arts for three years and the following year she took up Kindergarten work at the Iowa State Teachers College, from which college she received the degree of "Teacher of Kindergarten" and is at present (1914) teaching at Mason, Ia.

Carl studied Science one semester at Iowa State College and in 1909 entered the University of Iowa where he studied Liberal Arts and Law, graduating from the former department in 1913. He engaged in athletics, was a member of the Class's honorary society and of the Kappa Sigma. He was in the A. E. F., was commissioned 2nd. Lieut., in service 21 months, 18 of which he spent over seas.

VII. 878. Wm. Lloyd Strickler, m. 1912, Helen Margaret Perry, b. 1888, da. Wm. W. Perry of Milwaukee, Wis.

VI. 801. Elizabeth Emily Strickler, b. 1852, d. Apr. 29, 1879, m. John Magoon.

Anna Mary Magoon, b. Apr. 22, 1879, m. Oct. 16, 1895, Wilbert O'Roark,


Mr. O'Roark is a miller at Covington, Ohio. Until May 1, 1908, he operated the old Lewis Strickler mill on Smith Creek. Then he went to Ohio and purchased the Covington Flour Mills which he has been operating ever since. He was damaged considerably by the flood of 1913.

VI, 802. Selena Strickler, m. Luther West. She died about a year after her marriage and left one child.

1. Charles F. West of Missouri.

VI. 803. John Benjamin, m. Apr. 9, 1883, Ella Amanda Derrow, b. 1859, da. Harrison and Cynthia Ann Sheffer-Derrow, She is a sister
of his brother Reuben's wife. Monmouth, Ill.


887-4. Lester Reuben, b. Aug. 1, 1890.


891-3. Henry Lee, b. 1899, d. 1900.

Mrs. Strickler married again and lives with her husband Newton Ward, Lenox, Mo. Her son, Lewis Strickler, is in Oklahoma.

VI. 807. Wm. D. Strickler, m. 1895, Mary E. Armentrout da. Geo. D.

892-1. Ina Glide.

893-2. Chas. Raymond.

894-3. Lawrence Merle.

895-4. Verna May.

896-5. Iola.

Wm. D. located in Mediapolis, Ia., in 1895, and a few years ago moved to Monmouth, Ill.

V. 789. Philip Strickler, b. 1825, d. Sep. 2, 1907, m. 1854, Mary Crist, b. 1832, d. 1888, youngest ch. of Joseph Crist of Timberville, Va.

897-1. Benjamin Franklin Hardy, s.


901-5. Jacob Morgan, b. May 5, 1864, m. Lucy H. Mauck-1ch.


906-10. Sophie Summers, Mar. 19, 1876, m. Kilgore, several ch.

Philip Strickler was a farmer and miller and lived about a mile south of Timberville, Va., on a part of his father's possessions. He was an expert mechanic and machinist and built his own mill after it was burned by Sheridan. He was also possessed of an inventive mind. In his old age he became very much interested in religious and political subjects, and I remember an article appearing in the Shenandoah Valley shortly before his death in regard to Cuba and the Philippines. Recently a corporation, the Mutual Storage Company, purchased the old mill and about ten acres, and erected a cold storage plant thereon.
Philip's eldest son Benjamin has an inventive turn and has made many articles but so far as I know he has never had any patented. He made a very small engine that he could place in a teacup and had it on exhibition at the World's Fair at Chicago. He can make anything apparently. Some one told me his father made a bicycle and rode it into Harrisonburg. This was the first bicycle this man ever saw.


907-1. Effie Florence, b., Dec. 6, 1883, m. Thomas Melvin Weaver -1ch.


No. 1—Nokesville, Va., 2—Covesville, Va., 3—North Garden, Va.

4—Midland, Va, and 5 and 6 200 Page St., Lynchburg, Va.

—Archibald Berry at the outbreak of the Civil War was a member of the State Militia, and he answered the first call and served thru the entire struggle. He was the father of W. R. Berry, U. B. Minister, Mt. Clinton, Va., about 1900.


914-1. Elizabeth, b. Jul. 1, 1885, m. T. E, Lee, Shiloh, Va.-1ch, s. Ira Franklin Lee and Mary King-Lee.

915-2. Verna, b. Sep. 21, 1887,


917-4. Edith, b. Apr. 17, 1902.


Mr. and Mrs. Garber after their marriage went to Barton County, Kansas and remained 11 years when they returned to Virginia. They now (1914) live at 510 2nd St., Washington, D. C.

T. E. Lee has 1 da. Christine Lucille, b. Mar. 6, 1914,

Both of Mr. Lee's grandfathers were in the Civil War.

Mr. Taylor's father is an extensive farmer at Faison, N. C., 2ch.—Ernest Ashly, Jr., b. Mar. 14, 1913 and Maline Merle, b. Dec. 9, 1914.

VI. 900, Thomas Jefferson B. Strickler, m. Jun. 5, 1888, Fannie Woods,
Jacob JACOB STRICKLER 139

925-5. Everett, b. 1898.
926-6. Carl, b. 1900.
928-8. Ralph, d. 8 months old.
Mr. Thos. J. B. Strickler lives in Washington, D. C. His wife died 1911.

929-1. Mary Inez, b. Sep. 9, 1896.

930-1. Lura Eva, b. Jun. 14, 1894, m. Lester M. Garber-2ch. She d. about 1918.
931-2. Martha Virginia, Mar. 29, 1896,
933-4. Earl Emanuel, b. May 21, 1901.
934-5. Carson Philip, b. May 3, 1904,
Joseph lives on his father's old homestead, a mile south of Timberville, Va.

VI. 903. Dorothy Ellen Strickler, m. Feb. 26, 1882, Richard James Hawkins, b. 1856, d. 1888, s. William,
935-1. Lottie Virginia m. Fred H. Kelly-3ch.
Wm. Hawkins, father of Richard, was a brave Confederate soldier. Mrs. Richard Hawkins lives with her daughters, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs, Frazer at Outlook, Sas. Canada.
Mrs. Kelly has three ch.; Dorothy, Rena, and John Hawkins, 7, 5 and 3 years respectively in 1914.
Mrs. Lawler lives in Richmond, Va.

VI. 904. Paul Strickler was a soldier in the Spanish-American War and served on the signal corps and was in the Philippines for some time. He took fever there and has never entirely recovered from it, I am told. He has never married.

VI. 905. Linnie Margaret Strickler, m. Mar. 6, 1895, Benj. Franklin Zirkle b. 1868, s. Monroe Zirkle.
938-1. Margaret, b. Jan. 6, 1896.

They live at Timberville, Va., where Mr. Zirkle is engaged in business, being a member of the firm Zirkle, Garber & Co., Ltd.

VI. 906. Sophie Strickler m. Mr. Kilgore and lives at Calensburg, Pa., and has several children.

V. 792. Nancy Strickler, 1832-1918, m. May 17, 1855, Jacob Petefish, of Rockingham County, Va., b. Jan. 1, 1832, d. Apr. 19, 1902, s. Jacob H. and Elizabeth Price-Petefish.

947-1. Benjamin Strickler, b. Feb. 27, 1856, m. Mollie Deardorf-3ch.
950-4. Jacob Henry, b. May 22, 1862, m. Mary Shank-3ch.
951-5. Andrew Jackson, b. Jan. 28, 1864, m. 4ch.
954-8. Samuel Franklin, b. Feb. 5, 1872, s.

All the above live at or near Virginia, Ill, except No. 1—Mena, Ark, No. 5—Spokane, Wash., No. 8—Somewhere in California.

A. J. and S. F. Petefish went to Klondike about 1896 when the gold fever was on.

Jacob Petefish went with his father, Jacob H. Petefish, to Cass County, Ill., in 1835, and became one of the pioneers of that country. Along with Jacob went his ten brothers and sisters, viz.: William, Sarah, Dana, Samuel, John, Tom, Andrew J., Helen, Elizabeth and Mary; all of whom left large families except William and Andrew J. The latter was killed in the Federal Army at Lookout Mountain.

Jacob Petefish who married Nancy Strickler was an extensive farmer and owned 800 acres of land in Cass County at the time of his death. He was fifty years an Odd Fellow. This family descended from Conrad Biedefish (Petefish), an early inhabitant of the Valley of Virginia, having migrated from Switzerland. Conrad was in the French and Indian Wars, and tradition has it that he was in the Revolution, but this has not been verified. (1914). This family is also descended from Henry Miller son of Adam, the pioneer, who I understand was a soldier in the Revolution.

VI. 947. Benj. S. Petefish, m. 1884, Mattie Deardorf, b. 1858. Acorn,
SHENANDOAH RIVER AND STRICKLER’S KNOB, NEAR LURAY, VA. This view of the Shenandoah and Strickler’s Knob, Massanutten’s highest peak, was taken from White House bridge, four miles north of Luray on Lee Highway. Before the bridge was built, the road crossed just above the island, and here also was operated the White House ferry. This name was taken from an old landmark, a stone plastered house, built about 1760, which still stands near the bridge. Under it was a fortified cellar, used for defense against raiding Indians. Strickler’s Knob was named for Abraham Strickler, a pioneer settler in the neighborhood.

MASSANUTTEN GAP ROAD ON THE LEE HIGHWAY. The oldest road of record west of the Blue Ridge, date 1740. The peak in the center is known as Waterfall Mountain. (See Massanutten, p. 9.)
LEE HIGHWAY, NEAR LURAY, VA. This long stretch of macadam road is a link in the Southern transcontinental highway, dedicated to the illustrious Southern military chieftain, Robert E. Lee. It is the counterpart of the famous Lincoln memorial highway which connects the Atlantic with the Pacific over the northern route. In picture above Lee Highway approaches Thornton's Gap in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, thru which it passes on route to the National Capital, but ninety-two miles away. This section of the highway was originally laid out in 1740 and for years was known as the New Market-Sperryville pike.

NEW MARKET GAP, NEW MARKET, VIRGINIA. This gap in the Massanutten Mountain opposite New Market presents a natural highway route to the Luray Valley beyond. Stonewall Jackson followed this road in May, 1862, when he turned aside from the Valley Pike to execute a flank movement on the unsuspecting General Banks, who was fortified at Strasburg. Jackson's famous "foot cavalry" was driving in the Union outpost at Front Royal, when Banks supposed the enemy at Harrisonburg. The Massanutten at New Market is a single and not a triple ridge, as is the case at Front Royal, Strasburg and Woodstock.
Jacob PETEFISH

Ark.
He is in real estate business.


B. S. Petefish is president of the "Possum Club," a social club, which he organized.


Mr. Heaslet is a merchant, De Queen, Ark.

VI. 948. Berryman Price Petefish lives on and owns the old Petefish homestead. He is a prosperous farmer. He has never married.


959-1. Roena Petefish, b. Dec. 4, 1892.
Roena graduated from Jacksonville College for Women. Mr. Petefish is a prosperous farmer, near Virginia, Ill.

VI. 950. Jacob Henry Petefish, m. Sep. 15, 1885 Mary Shank, 1865, da. John and Sarah Gans-Shank of Stratton, Neb.


Marcellus Petefish attended Whipple Academy and Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill. He has been a very successful farmer. In 1908 he purchased a 400-acre farm for $60,000. It is said that this was the largest real estate deal consummated in Cass County up to that time. He now owns 700 acres and controls 200 acres more. He resides in Virginia, Ill., where he has taken an active part in the affairs of the
town. In 1911 he was one of a committee of three whose duty it was to pave with brick two miles of streets. This town was settled by Virginians, the town site being given by Dr. H. H. Hall from Accomac County, Va., who was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Marcellus Petefish. Dr. Hall's wife's name was Ann Hack Pitt Beard and traced her ancestry to Yoma Pitt, Governor of Madras, the grandfather of Wm. Pitt, First Earl of Chatham.

He has the baptismal certificate of John Petefish in German.

Copy of Baptismal Record, with interpretation.

Wir Christliche Eltern
We Christian Parents

Johannes Biedefisch und mein weib Anna Maria Biedefischen
John Petefish and my wife Anna Maria Petefish

In Rockingham County, haben ein Sohnlein zur Welt Geboren
In Rockingham County, have a little son into the world born

In Jahre Christi 1784 den 16ten November und sein Gross Vater
In year of Christ, 1784 the 16th November and his grand father

und Gross Mutter Nahmens Conrath Biedefisch und Katharina Biede-
and grand mother named Conrad Petefish and Katherine Petefish

ischen haben ihm zur Heiligen Tauff Gebrecht Den 17ten April 1785
have him unto Holy Baptism brought the 17th of April, 1785

und haben ihm den Nahmen mit Getheilt Christean od Johan
and have him the name imparted Christian or John

Christean Der Herr verleie ihm Langes Leben und ein Seleges Ende.
Christian The Lord grant him a long life and a glorious end,

VI. 953. Nellie Virginia Petefish, m. Nov. 3, 1887, Geo. W. Rexroad, 1861, s, John W. and Sarah Roberts-Rexroad. All the children have graduated from High School, none of them were ever absent or tardy.

969-4. Mary Strickler, b. Apr. 9, 1896.

V. 793. Margaret Mary Strickler, b. 1834, d. Aug. 11, 1909, m. Sep. 2, 1857, John Lewis Wise, b. 1834, d. about 1905, s. Peter and Elizabeth Zirkle-Wise. Elizabeth was a sister of Margaret who m. Benj. Strickler.

970-1. Emily Eliz. b. ma. 6-1861 m. T. C. Anderson -0ch.
971-2. John A. Wise, b. Sep. 27, 1864, s.

The Peter Wise homestead adjoined the Benj. Strickler homestead on the north. Emma Wise (brother of Lewis) m. Bennick, a son Chas. Bennick, lawyer at New Market, Va.
Benjamin F. Strickler of Sapling Hill.


973-1. David Cline, m. Belle Jessie Shealy-3 sons and 1 da.
977-5. Frederick Wm, m. Claudia D. Robertson-1 son.
978-6. Harry Miller, s. B. A., LL. B, Commonwealth's Attorney, Rockingham County, 1916-20, the author of this work.
979-7. Suel Vernon m. Beatrice Elliott-1 son.

Bettie Cline m, Abram Neff-13 ch. She was a sister of Susie—see Neffs—(648).

Benjamin Franklin Strickler, b. near New Market, Va., in Horseshoe Bend. While yet a baby his father moved about four miles further south on Smith Creek where he grew up. He attended for a while the Polytechnic Institute at New Market. He and four of his brothers entered the service of the Confederate Army, but Philip and Lewis were relieved on account of being millers, and his brother, John, did not serve until toward the end of the war. B. F. Strickler entered the service as first Lieutenant but soon joined the cavalry, taking his own horse. He was in Company H, 12th Virginia Cavalry, which was Ashby's command, and after his death Rosser was in command. He was wounded November, 1863, near Orange, Va., was taken prisoner, was exchanged, re-entered the service, and was with Lee at Appomattox. His company, commanded by Capt. Emanuel Sipe, was especially honored and praised as "The best in the Cavalry Corps" in a communication to Capt. Sipe, by Maj. J. E. B. Stuart on Dec. 16, 1863. After the war he returned to the peaceful pursuits of the farm, and on the banks of the Shenandoah River he built himself a home, the brick house that stands on the opposite side of the river from the railroad station at Timberville, Va., now (1914) owned by C. Driver. Here all his children were born. Later he sold this farm and purchased the farm (High View) which his brother John W. Strickler now owns, about three miles south of New Market. The road from the Valley Pike to the Endless Caverns goes thru this farm. When he purchased this farm his brother owned the old home place (Sapling Hill) on Smith Creek where they were both reared. They traded places and several years afterwards B. F. Strickler died. He and his wife are buried at Fairview Church Cemetery.

THE CLINES.

Susie Virginia Cline's first ancestor in America was Elder Georg Klein, b. in Zweibrucken, Rheinish Bavaria, South Germany, Oct. 9, 1715,
emigrated to America, 1738 ship Glasglow from Rotterdam last from Cowes, England, landed at Philadelphia, located at Amwell, N. J., later at Bernville, Bucks, Co., Pa., minister at little Northkill Meeting house, (Brethren). Here he died and was buried on his farm where a slanting stone among the tangled weeds marks his last resting place.

He has left many descendants. On May 2, 1904, the Elder Georg Klein Association was formed to preserve the last resting place of Elder Georg Klein, Newton Kline, Cashier of the National Bank of Pottstown, Pa., Treasurer.

His son, George Klein, came to Virginia, d. 1799, and is buried on the Daniel Hays farm near Broadway, Va. He had sons: Joseph, John, Frederick, Samuel, Christian and David, father of Susie Virginia Cline who married B. F. Strickler.

We hear a great deal today about intensive farming. My father was a believer in that and practiced it in his day. (He died in 1887). He was a great believer in soil improvement crops, especially clover. He kept books and did many other things that are being urged by better farming associations today.

"WAR STORIES,"

Mr. T. J. Perry of Centerburg, Ohio, was a mess mate with my father during the war, and they were captured at the same time and were in prison together.

After the war he located in Ohio. He visited Virginia in 1915, and on Lee's birthday was at the banquet given to the old soldiers, in Harrisonburg, Va.

I was asked to get the names of all there and to take down all their commands. Mr. Perry gave me his name and command as Co. H, 12th Va. Cav, I told him that my father belonged to that command. He immediately said that he remembered him very well and that they were in prison together. I asked him to call at my office some day and he did accordingly on the 17th day of Feb. 1915.

He related the following facts, He said that his brigade consisting of about 3,000 men, made up of the 7th, 11th, and 12th regiments had made a raid into West Virginia and had gone as far as Fairmoint, W. Va., and were returning when about 30 including himself and my father were detained to guard the rear. They allowed the main body to get too far ahead of them, and a body of Federal Cavalry cut them off or at least attempted to cut them off but only succeeded in getting about a half dozen men including himself and my father. This was the Spring of ’63. He said that he had gotten off of his horse and was proceeding on foot expecting to get away when he saw that they had him and he surrendered, but, although he had no arms and had his hands in the air, they kept shooting at him, and one soldier cut him three or four times across the head with the sabre, the marks from
which are still plainly to be seen on the top of his head which is bald. He said they captured my father a little farther on and that a soldier hit him across the head with a pistol after he had given up and cut a gash in the forehead above the eye. My father died when I was quite small but I can remember this scar.

They were then taken to Camp Chase near Columbus, Ohio, where they were imprisoned about three weeks and were sent home on a furlough for three months (this custom, I understand, was not followed thru the entire war). At the end of the three months they were exchanged, and they both reported for duty with their old command.

Afterwards Mr. Perry was severely wounded in the head near Warrenton. The ball entered near or at the left eye, passed around inside the skull bone, and lodged on the opposite side of the head above the ear and inside the skull bone. The ball was never removed. The one eye ball was entirely lost and hearing of the left ear was impaired. He was left by his comrades on the field for dead. The Federal soldiers, taking possession, carried him to Washington and brought him back to life. For days and days there was hardly any life detected in him, but after all he is still here to relate the fact. He never again was able to return to his old command, having been kept in prison at various places.

Peter B. Holsinger was in the same Company with my father. He says their Company and White's Battalion were surrounded at Brandy Station, one of the hottest cavalry fights of the war, and that they cut their way out. They first charged with fire arms and then drew their swords and charged again and went thru.

They were divided up into what they called in the army messes, groups of ten or twelve, who prepared and ate their meals together. My father, the said Perry, John D. and Peter B. Holsinger were in one mess. They told this joke on my father. He and John D. fell out about something, and it ended in a fist fight. Finally Father got John D. down and sat upon him when he said to the others who were standing by enjoying the scrimmage: "Boys, take me off, I don't want to hurt John D."

They got a joke off on a man by the name of Baer who was in the same Company. It seems that a man by the name of Fox was shot, or wounded anyway, and one by the name of Painter (the word panther is often pronounced Painter) was captured and this man Baer had been sabred this day. Some one said for the benefit of Baer: "Well the Yankees have played H—— today." Someone spoke up: "Well, they have shot a Fox, captured a Painter (panther) and sabred a Baer." This was more than Baer could stand, being of hot temper anyway, and he picked up a hugh stump and threw it at the whole crowd, and the stump went rolling like a ball thru the camp and all wondered what
had broken loose, when they discovered that a Baer was on a rampage. It was a great joke with the boys for a long time, and they still remember it.

Another soldier, Mr. Zirkle I think, told another joke on my father. He said that Father had been on picket duty one dark rainy night and that he came riding into camp and he couldn’t see the temporary brush tents that they had improvised and his horse walked into one of them and became tangled up in the brush. The soldiers began to make great protests when father drolled out, “Well, can’t you wait a little bit?” This seemed to remain in this fellow’s memory as vividly as if it had happened only a few days before he told it. This incident seemed to be a great joke among the boys also.

A Mr. Wise told another joke on my father. He said that they were charging the Yankees to beat the band when one man’s horse was shot under him. Another fellow offered him his horse saying that he would take the saddle and bridle to the rear. They had not gone but a little way when they found it necessary to retreat, and in doing so they overtook the poor fellow with the saddle and bridle, and it happened that my father came near him on the retreat, and the fellow asked father to let him get on behind. Father answered as he sped by: “No time for stopping now” and galloped on.

Mr. Altaffer, who resides in Kansas but was in the same Company with my father, told this incident in 1915 when he was visiting in Harrisonburg, Va., in practically the same language. Mr. Altaffer was immediately reminded of this story when upon meeting him I told him who my father was.

Some one told me that my father was carrying a message to Ashby when he was killed near Harrisonburg, June 6, 1862, on the eve of the battle of Cross Keys, fought Sunday, June 8, 1862. Gen. Jackson paid this tribute to the gallant Ashby: “As a partisan officer, I never knew his superior; his power of endurance almost incredible; his tone of character heroic, and his sagacity almost intuitive in divining the purpose and movements of the enemy.” (Jackson's official report of the battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic in Wayland's H. R. Co.)

I have an old book, army regulations, purchased at Winchester, Va., Jan. 28, 1862, by my father, on the fly leaf of which is written a leave of absence: “Thomas J. Perry a private in my company is granted leave of absence for ten days from this date when he will return to his Com. or be considered a deserter. Feb. 10th 1862.

Lt. B. F. Strickler,”

This Thomas J. Perry is evidently the same Perry who gave me the above information.
The following information is from Hardesty’s Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. Company H, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry, Ashby's Brigade.

“This company first collected at Kites Barn, near Conrads Store (now Elkton), in the spring of 1862, where it joined the Twelfth Regiment Cavalry. From there it went by way of Luray to Front Royal, charged the town, when the first Maryland Infantry captured the second Maryland Infantry. Leaving Front Royal the next morning, it took the road leading to Winchester. Arriving there, it was held on Jackson’s left at the battle at that place. From there it fell back upon the Valley by way of Harrisonburg to Port Republic. When near Cross Keys, and in command of Jackson’s rear guard, Ashby was killed in a skirmish with Fremont’s advance. It took part in the battle of Port Republic. Afterward it spent some time on special service in the Luray Valley having buried the dead at Port Republic. In April, 1863, it joined the force of Gen. J. E. Jones (afterward killed at New Hope), and was with him in his West Virginia raid; was at Fairmont. Came out by way of White Sulpher. When at Lewisburg the company remained for some time, then came on to the valley and rejoined the command at Harrisonburg. After the battle of Malvern Hill a part of Lee’s army started to Cedar Mountain, and on the way was joined by the Twelfth Regiment at Orange C. H.; thence it went to second Manassas, and then on with Lee to Sharpsburg and Antietam. Then came back and did picket service in the valley in the winter of 1862, and in the spring of 1863 went with Gen. Jones to West Virginia; then went to Harpers Ferry where it remained while Lee was at Gettysburg. Then it went east and was in the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania C. H.; after this it came back to the valley and took position at Swoops Depot. Captain Sipe was captured at Mt. Crawford in 1865. The company was with Rosser at Romney, at High Bridge and at Appomattox.”

The following letter complimentary to Company H. is worthy of record:

“Headquarters Cavalry Corps,
“Army of Northern Virginia,
“December 16, 1863.

“Captain.—The very favorable report which Major Venable, A. and I. G. Cavalry Corps, has made of your company induces me to offer you and your officers my sincere congratulations, and I desire to express my high appreciation of that ability and devotion to duty which has enabled you to raise your company to such a degree of efficiency. Major Venable and Captain Kennon, inspectors, both concur in reporting your company to be the best in the Cavalry Corps,
"The very valuable services which it rendered during the late active operations, and its gallant conduct on many a hard fought field, together with the good discipline and soldierly conduct which it has invariably manifested, have won for it an undying fame, and I feel confident that the continued exertions of yourself and officers will preserve that reputation untarnished.

"Very respectfully your obedient servant,

"J. E. B. STUART,
"Major-General."

Ashby was killed just south of Harrisonburg on the evening of June 6, 1862,

Battle of Cross Keys fought (Jackson vs. John C. Fremont of California fame) Sunday, June 8, 1862.

Battle of Port Republic (Jackson vs. Shields) fought June 9, 1862. This was the successful culmination of Gen. Jackson's Valley campaign, unparalleled in military annals.


1. John Cline, b. Apr. 12, 1904, 2nd year U. S. M. A., West Point (1923),
2. Edgar Dale, b. Apr. 14, 1905, U. of La,
3. George Marion, b. Sep. 21, 1907, Vidalia H. S.
4. Virginia Bell, b. Nov. 18, 1914.

All born at Vidalia, La.

George graduated 1924—now student Ruston State College.

David Cline Strickler attended the public schools of his county, New Market Polytechnic Institute, West Central Academy, Mt. Clinton, Va., one session and a spring term, taught school in his native county one session, attended George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tenn., 1895-99, graduating with A. B. degree, principal of Milton Seminary, Milton, Tenn., 1899-01, Principal Denham Springs Collegiate Institute, Denham Springs, La., 1901-03, principal Vidalia High School, Vidalia, La., 1903-06, on Feb. 27, 1906, elected Superintendent of Parish schools which position he is still holding (1923).


* Capt. Emanuel Sipe became Colonel in 1864. His home was at or near Edom Rockingham Co., Va. The Company had about 150 men.
way, Va.-3ch.
1. Harry, b. May 7, 1905.
3. Cleo, b. Mar. 4, 1909, the day Taft was inaugurated; d. Jul. 9, 1910 age 1yr-4m-3d.

After their father's death, Harry and Ben went to live with their uncle Fred, Taft, California.

B. F. Strickler and his wife died in Washington, and they were buried in Glenwood cemetery, Wash. D. C. lot No. 27, Sec. T. B. F. Strickler owned the old homestead. He sold out about 1903 and went to Alexandria and from there to Washington, where he engaged in real estate.

Samuel Early m. 3 times, his first and second wife being sisters. Sallie and Annie Garber, daughters of Samuel Garber.

ch. first wife;
1. Elizabeth (Mrs. J. F. Crist)
2. Martha (Mrs. J. S. Kline)
3. Simon W. Early

ch. of 2nd. wife
1. Bertie (Mrs. B. F. Strickler)
2. Emma (Mrs. Chas. Shutters.)
3. Robert A. Early

ch. 3rd wife, who was Susan V. Racer, da. J. A. and Frances Heiston-Racer of Page Co.
1. L. Ruth
2. Frank J.

VI. 975. John Neff Strickler, (s. B. F.), b: May 6, 1875, 8 P. M., m. May 22, 1901, Martha Ellen Yates, b. Jul. 7, 1876, da. S. J., and Rebecca Beaver. Her mother d. when she was young and she was reared by her aunt Mrs. Reuben Moore (nee Annis Beaver) -2ch.

John N. Strickler went to North Dakota in 1897 where he took up a homestead. Here he remained for twenty years. He now lives at Virginia, III.

1. Frank Andes b. Jul. 12, 1908
2. Stanley Stover Oct 18, 1910

*Harry graduated at the head of a class of about 50, in 1924. He received a large silver cup for the best grades. He was also president of his class and editor of the annual, "The Derrick."
3. Robert Lee Dec. 21, 1915

Dr. R. E. L. Strickler, attended West Central Academy, taught one session, 1895-96, entered Bridgewater College 1897, remained three years, entered the U. of Md: Dental Dept., graduated with degree D. D. S. 1903, Receiving Honorable Mention for special plate work. He practiced one year in Bridgewater, Va. and then opened an office in North Fork, W. Va., where he remained three years. He returned to Bridgewater, where he has been following his profession. His eldest son is in the 4th year High. (1923). He graduated at the head of a class of about 45 in 1924, he being the youngest in the class. Jno. W. Andes was a Confederate soldier.


1. Frederick Robertson, b. about 1916.

In 1915 Harry and Ben Strickler, his nephews, went to make their home with him, in Fayette, Mo. In 1921 the entire family went to Taft, California. Ben expects to graduate 1925.

Harry graduated at the head of his class (Taft H. S.) composed of 50 members, 1924. He also received a large silver cup for the best grades. He was president of his class and editor of the annual—The Derrick.

F. W. Strickler attended West Central Academy, graduating in 1901, studied law in Cincinnati, Y. M. C. A. night school, 1904-5, entered the Naval Service as Yeoman at Brooklyn, N. Y., remained only a short while, went to Columbia, Mo. and entered the State University, and remained parts of two years, went to Edmonton, Canada, 1906, returned to Mo. and located at Fayette, where he remained until 1921 when he went to Taft, California.


1. LeRoy Elliott, b. Sunday, Jan. 9, 1916, 9:48 P. M.

He is a dentist at Charlottesville, Va. He graduated at the U. of Md. in 1910, and located at Shenandoah, Va. later, 1916, locating at Charlottesville, Va. He attended West Central Academy and Bridgewater College.


984-5. Ruby Margaret b. Nov. 29, 1881 m. Clarence E. Alford -1ch.

Mrs. S. H. Strickler was b. in Wyandotte Co. Ohio.
S. G. H. Strickler was a Confederate soldier, Co. H. 10th Va. Cav. muster ed in at Staunton, Va. May 12, 1861, John P. Brock, Capt. He is a prosperous farmer in Mo. and now lives at Columbia.
All his children attended the University of Missouri.

1. Mary Augusta, b. Jun. 21, 1912.


Katherine m. again and now lives in Washington. She was at one time, 1914, in the Panama Canal Zone.


During the World War he was Major of Engineers, and supervised the construction of Camp Hancock, Ga. He graduated at Wentworth Military Academy, 1888.

S. G. H. Strickler went to Missouri soon after the Civil War and purchased 140 acres in Cass County near Freeman where he remained until 1892 when he purchased a farm near Columbia, Mo., where the University of Missouri is located. I think he lived in Columbia for a year or so.

He told me that his company was organized before the war and that it was well uniformed when it went to the front, that they received
their first meal at the home of Mr. Roller, father of the late Gen. John E. Roller, south of Harrisonburg on the Valley Pike, that he received a double-barreled shotgun, when he was mustered in at Staunton in 1861, which gun served him until he captured another, that his horse was shot from under him a few days before the surrender at Appomattox, that after the surrender he threw his gun into a brush pile and walked home. He went thru the entire war, was not captured or wounded, and was with Lee at Appomattox. Captains of his company were: John P. Brock, George Poage, Thos. J. Pennybacker, Joseph M. Dovel and Samuel K. Newman. S. G. H. Strickler was a handsome soldier, I have been told, tall and straight, with coal black beard.

**John W. Strickler of High View Farm**

**V. 796. John W. Strickler,** m. Aug. 22, 1876, Mary E. Allen, b. 1854,  
985-1. Braxton M. b. Nov. 4, 1877,-d. Apr. 8, 1878  
987-3. Lucy Ellen b. Apr. 12, 1881, m. Frank B. Helm-1ch.  
988-4. Nina Bruce b. Feb. 13, 1883, m. J. C. Bechtel  
989-5. Pearl b. Dec. 14, 1884, s. at home  
991-7. G. Gordon b.Dec. 16, 1894, s. at home  
992-8. Dorothy Margaret b. Jun. 19, 1897, s. at home  

John W. Strickler owned one of the best farms in Rockingham County, three miles south of New Market. He was a Confederate soldier, Co. II. 10th Va. Cav. “Valley Rangers.” He went in service the last year of the war. He died Feb. 15, 1923, and was buried in Emmanuel Lutheran Church cemetery, New Market, Va.

**VI. 986. Sudie Jane Strickler,** m. Jan. 21, 1903, Ernest Christian Theis,  
(Washington, D. C.) s. Christian Theis, b. in Germany brother of Henry Theis. They both lived on Smith Creek. (864 & 582) -3ch.  
1. Ethel Jane Apr. 8, 1906  
2. John Christian Nov. 7, 1907  
3. Eleanor Elizabeth Oc. 6, 1913

**VI. 987. Lucy Ellen,** m. Frank B. Helm, b. Mar. 18, 1882, of Balto. Md.  
s. Joseph Henry Helm-1ch. Wash. D. C.  
1. Francis Winfield, b. Jan. 5, 1908  

Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel live in Alexandria, Va.  
Marshall is married and has several children.
Abraham
Jacob
David

THE NEFFS


993-1. Isaac Sep. 28, 1823-d. Oct. 29, 1893, m. Hester A Darnell-3ch. (m2)
994-2. Mary May 16, 1825 m. Adam Neff (m6)
997-5. Abram Nov. 11, 1829-d. 1861, m. Nancy Ellen Gill -2ch. (m39)
998-6. John Feb. 1, 1832 m. Mary Cath. Bloomer -8ch. (m43)
999-7. Henry May 21, 1834 m. Nancy Arney - (m68)
m-8. Joseph May 12, 1836 s.
m1-9. Jacob Oct. 11, 1838 m. 3ch.

In 1914 four of the above children were living. Viz. Peter, John and Joseph of La Fountaine, Ind. and Henry, Albion, Ia.

Elizabeth and her husband, Samuel Neff, went to Ohio, in September, 1830, to live, stopping for awhile in Gallia Co., Ohio, where her brother Isaac Strickler was then living. He afterwards married Anna Neff, sister of Samuel. The Blossers accompanied the Neffs to Ohio, and settled in Gallia Co. Catherine Blosser was a sister of Elizabeth Neff. The Neffs did not tarry long in Gallia Co. but went further on and settled in the south-western part of Champaign Co. near Terre Haute. In about 1833 Isaac Strickler and his wife located in Campaign County near their relatives. Elizabeth Neff and her brother Isaac Strickler are buried in the Terre Haute cemetery.

The above Samuel Neff was the son of John, the son of Jacob, the son of John Henry. John was the brother of Dr. David Neff of New Market. Peter Neff tells me that the son of Dr. David told him that the Neffs came from Switzerland to William Penn's Colony and later scattered to different parts of the country, and their ancestors came to the Valley about 1730 and settled about three miles below New Market, Va.

Samuel Neff lived and died on a farm about one mile east of Terre
Haute, Ohio, that he purchased when he first settled there. A disease called milk sickness was prevalent in some parts of the West in the early days, I am told.

In a letter dated April 17, 1914, Peter Neff of La Fontaine, Ind. has the following to say: He was then 88 years old and was the son of Samuel Neff who married Elizabeth Strickler, sister of my grandfather.*

He says: “In 1883 Uncle Adam Strickler and Dr. David Neff’s sons told us of our ancestors. I think they said they were formerly from Switzerland and settled in William Penn’s Colony, Chester County, Pennsylvania but did not learn the date. In the course of time they scattered to different parts of the country, some of them remaining in Penn. In 1728 our people moved to the Shenandoah Valley, Va., about three miles below New Market. My great great grandfather’s name was John Henry Neff, my great grandfather’s name was Jacob, my grandfather’s name was John Neff and my father’s name was Samuel Neff. I think some of the Stricklers settled on the other side of the Massanutten mountains (in Page Co. now). Some time afterwards it became sickly over there and they moved to this side of the mountain (i.e. the west side near New Market)“.

He also states that Dr. David Neff of New Market was a brother of his grandfather John Neff; that his Uncle David Neff (a brother of Samuel Neff) left a large family and that he thinks that he, David, married a Pennywit; that his Aunt Anna Neff married Isaac Strickler; and that Isaac Strickler and his mother (the wife of Samuel Neff) are buried near Terre Haute, Ohio, a small town about a mile west of where father lived.

From the above information I make the following arrangement.

I. John Henry Neff came to America from Switzerland.

II. Jacob Neff

III. Dr. David Neff of New Market m. (1) Kagey, (2) Mary Strickler.

IV. Dr. Jacob Neff m. Maria Selvage, da. of Frances Strickler-Selvage.

III. John Neff

IV. Samuel Neff m. Anna Strickler, da. of David.

V. Peter Neff, author of the letter of Apr. 17, 1914, La Fontaine, Ind.

IV. David Neff m. Pennywit.

IV. Anna Neff m. Isaac Strickler who located west of Mad River, about 8 miles from Urbana Champaign Co. O. in 1833.

This is a copy of a letter written by Henry Neff of Buchannon, W. Va. to Harry M. Strickler of Harrisonburg, Va. Mr Neff was in his

*See (648)
97th year when he wrote it on a typewriter. Owing to poor eyesight Mr. Neff often hit the wrong letter and in this respect the original has been corrected in the copy. He is unable to read or write with a pen.

"Buchannon, W. Va.
November 17, 1921.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of inquiry was received and contents noted. It would be an act of injustice to you if I did not answer it. This is the only way that I can write. My eyesight has so failed me that I cannot see to read or write. I am now an old man and nearly ninety seven years old. Otherwise my health is reasonably good. I do not suffer any chronic disease, aches or pains; but somewhat feeble in my steps. I am and should be very thankful for my present condition at my age. I find, from your letter, that you are, as well as myself, interested in the history of our ancestors and the early settlers of this country. If you will consult Gen. John E. Roller of your town, if he is yet living, he can give you something of the history of my ancestors as well as of others. Old as I am my memory is very good yet, especially of far back events of the past. Nineteen years ago I visited Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties. While there I had two first cousins and three second cousins yet living at the same place where my great grandfather first located, lived and died there. My cousin was older than I was; and could give much information of our ancestors. From him I took notes, from them I wrote a brief history of the family. These papers I have not at hand nor could I read them if I had. I deposited them with one of my sons for safe keeping. I also have my father's and grandfather's family record; they are also deposited as the others. A friend of mine living near here has a deed of conveyance, dated in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-four or five that has the names of my great grandfather and my grandfather as witnesses in the deed, the first writing his name in the German language and characters; "Johannes Heinrick Neff," the English John Henry Neff; the other Jacob Neff was my grandfather, also his brother Francis Neff's name was in the deed. While I was there Dr. John H. Neff was living in Harrisonburg. He was a descendant of my great Uncle Francis Neff.

I have a niece, Mrs Sallie Lineweaver living there. She has several sons there, one of them a Dentist. Also a Mr. Bertram, a lawyer of your town; he was a son of Mrs. Amelia Bertram of Keezletown, a daughter of my sister Barbara Bowman, wife of Daniel Bowman. My fingers are becoming cramped and I. (to say) that Jacob Neff was my grandfather. His name appears on that deed I wrote of. He had three sons, names, John, David and Jacob; the latter my father. David succeeded his father and his grandfather as a doctor. He was the father of the late Dr. Jacob Neff of New Market, and three other sons, Abram, David and Samuel; also there were
two sisters. The two sisters and two brothers, David and Samuel, never married, died in old age, leaving no posterity.

My mother was a daughter of Jacob Burkholder. Martin, one of her brothers, has some descendants in Rockingham County, Viz: J. C. Byers and two sisters of your town; and perhaps others. Mrs Sallie Lineweaver of Harrisonburg and Mrs. Amelia Bertram of Keezletown, the mother of the lawyer in your town. These are daughters of nieces of mine. You may get some information from them.

I have now written a long letter in the only way that I can write. I make many mistakes and blunders, but I cannot see to make corrections. Perhaps you can read most of it and guess at the balance. Please let me know if you receive this. If I can be of any service to you I will gladly do so. Will still remain yours in due respect.

Henry Neff"

Mr. Neff was the youngest of twelve children, the son of Henry Neff and Barbara Burkholder of Rockingham, Co. Va. He was born Feb. 2, 1825, taught school in Knox Co. Ohio, in 1844, about three miles from Danville. The school-house was built of logs, with clapboard roof and door. The seats were of split poles, and the only light in the place was admitted by leaving out one log on each side, over which openings greased paper was pasted. There were no school books, except boards on which the alphabet was pasted.

On May 16, 1848 he m. Mary Katherine Reynolds. Unto them nine children were born, six of whom were living in 1921:

Robert K. Neff
Henry W. Neff
Mrs. Estella Price
Mrs. Emma Rollis Cannon of Buckhannon, W. Va.
John W. Neff, Morgantown, W. Va.

(News-Record, Harrisonburg, Va., Oct. 21, 1921.)

Another letter written by Henry Neff, on a typewriter, in the 97th year of his age.

"November 30, 1921.

Mr. Harry M. Strickler
Dear Sir:

I will try and answer your questions:

First: Doctor Jacob Neff was my grandfather, his son Henry was my father.

Second: Dr. David Neff lived with his first and second Wife. He with my father and their brother John were born in the same house that my great grandfather built when he first came to Virginia and on the land he had from Lord Fairfax. I was there about the year eigh-
teen hundred forty six. I was there then on a visit. I remember it well. Aunt Mary, her two sons and two daughters, were living in it yet. They then spoke the German language in the family. After this Samuel and David built a new house near by the old house. I was never there again until the year 1902. They were living in their new house. So this was certainly the same place where my great grandfather first lived. You know the place without further description.*

Now as to Miss Barbara Kagy! She was the daughter of my first cousin Henry Kagy. He lived only a short distance from the Neff place—north of it. He has a grand son living there yet. Some years ago there was a history of the Kagy family published. You may have a copy of it, if not you may find one with some one of the Kagy family. In it you will find some interesting (things) you would like to know.

I will remain your humble servant and friend with due respect.

Henry Neff*.

Arranged from information furnished by Henry Neff and Peter Neff

I. Dr. John Henry Neff, the first, who came to America from Switzerland, settled near Mt. Jackson Va. on a 1200 acre tract. He had at least two sons.

II. Francis, who was probably the ancestor of Dr. John H. Neff of Harrisonburg and Col. John Francis Neff.

II. Dr. Jacob, he had at least three sons.

III. Dr. David Neff of New Market m. (1) Barbara Kagey, dau. Jacob 3rd s. Henry of Pa.

IV. 1. Abraham, merchant in New Market. m. Mrs. Rinker

IV. 2. Dr. Jacob m. Maria Salvage
   Amanda (s), Kate (s), Ann Eliza (df.), lived with their bachelor Uncles and Maiden Aunts, at old Neff home

IV. 3. Christina m. Rev. Joseph Funkhouser and left a large family. (m604-)

Dr. David m. (2) Mary Strickler, dau. of Samuel (226) (47)

IV. 4. David (s)

IV. 5. Samuel (s)

IV. 6. Elizabeth (s)

IV. 7. Annie or Mary (s)

Neither married and lived together on a farm near Quicksburg, Shenandoah, Co., Va.—Old Neff home.

*There is a well known landmark on this old homestead in the shape of a cave, known as the Neff Cave, located between the River and the rail-road, about a mile south of Quicksburg. This cave is being opened and improved by Mr. Manor, 1922, under the name of Shenandoah Caverns.

It is to be called The Shenandoah Caverns and is said to be equally as beautiful as Luray Caverns, Weyers Cave, or the New Market Endless Caverns. The road to the caverns leaves the Valley Pike at the foot of Rood's Hill just south of Mt. Jackson and leads west across the river about a mile to the caverns.
III. John

IV. Samuel m. Elizabeth Strickler. They left a large family in Indiana. Peter Neff of La Fontaine, Ind. was 88 years old in 1914 (993).

IV. Anna m. Isaac Strickler, brother of Elizabeth above. (m161)

IV. David, (Peter thinks he had an uncle David)

III. Henry m. Barbara Burkholder, dau. of Jacob of Rockingham County, Va. -12 ch. Eleven of whom grew up.

IV. Henry, b. Feb. 2, 1825, still living in 1921 and writing letters in his 97th year. Address Buchannon, W. Va. m. Mary Katherine Reynolds -9ch.

Henry Neff of Buchannon informed me that John Henry Neff, his son, his grandson, Dr. David Neff, and great-grandson, Jacob, were all physicians.


Maj. Henry Neff, grandfather of Benjamin Neff of Timberville, and George A. Neff, Justice of the Peace of Rockingham Co. about 1915, had twelve brothers, that is, Maj. Henry had twelve brothers. The Major was the youngest and died in 1896. All lived to be over 80 years old. I think that Geo. A. Neff gave me this information, or probably a brother of his.

Maj. Henry Neff m. a granddaughter of Jno. Baer. He furnished Mary S. Terry considerable information in regard to revolutionary service of the Trouts, Baers, and Millers. See Shavers. (152)

Henry Kagey, of Pa. 1728-1783, settled near New Market, Va.

1. John, "The Good" lived near New Market, Brethren minister -6ch.
   1. Mary, m. Jacob Strickler, da, Samuel (226), Floyd Co.
3. Jacob m. Christina Breneman, Mennonite minister-7ch.
   1. Barbara m. Dr. David Neff
4. Anna, m. John Roof -8ch.
5. Abraham, m. Anna Neff, da. Dr. Jacob and left probably the largest Kagey progeny in Va. -9ch.
6. Christian m. Catherine Neff-10ch.
7. Rudolph, m. (1) Eve Roof, (2) Barbara Burkholder -13ch.
8. Barbara, m. Daniel Berry, lived on Linville Creek -10ch.
9. Isaac, s. operated his father's mill—freed his slaves.
10. Martin dy.
11. Elizabeth, m. Martin Miley
(Kagey Family—pp. 208-44-52 et seq.)
Joseph Salyards, poet of the Shenandoah, wrote a beautiful elegy on John Kagey, "The Good." A great many of the olden citizens of New Market and vicinity sat at the feet of Joseph Salyards who was not only a poet but a scholar of rare attainments.

Chas. L. Kagey, a member of this family, b. at New Market, resident of Kansas, was appointed United States Minister to Finland in 1921.

David Kagey m. Barbara Strickler, s. Joseph (400)

Descendants of Francis or John Francis Neff.

I. Dr. John Henry Neff, the pioneer.*

II. Francis, or John Francis Neff, brother of Dr. Jacob Neff.

1. Daniel Neff
   A. Dr. John Neff of Harrisonburg, Va.
      a. Dr. John Neff of Charlottesville, Va.
      b. Mitchell
      c. Douglass
      d. Harold
      e. Brownie
      f. Mary
   B. Capt. J. G. Neff of Mt: Jackson
   C. Milton L. Neff
   D. Mrs. S. R. Hoover
   E. Mrs. B. W. McKeaver
   F. Kate, Mrs. Noah Berry
   G. Sallie m. Funkhouser
   H. Annie

2. John Neff m. Wine
   B. Rev. Benj. Neff
   C. Col. John Francis Neff, killed at the 2nd. battle of Bull Run.
   D. Rev. A. C. Neff m. Myers, sister of Mr. Isaac Neff's wife.
   E. Sue m. Cox
   F. Bettie m. Samuel F. Miller of Bridgewater.
   G. Annie

3. Abram Neff m. Bettie Cline, dau. of David Cline and sister of Susie V. Cline m. B. F. Strickler (794)
   A. David m.
   B. John m.
   C. Saylor m.
   D. Ed m.

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*Hans Heinrich Neff, Daniel Holdman and John Ruddell appraisers of the Estate of John Woodley of Smith Creek —1750. (Chalkley III, p. 19)
E. Isaac M. (Bud) m. Myers
F. Elizabeth
G. Minnie m. Harvey Flory
H. Ida m. Samuel Garber
I. Maggie m. Joseph Flory
J. Susan m. Varner
K. Kate m. Varner
L. Jennie
M. Annie

4. Rebecca m. Cline
5. Lydia m. Cline
6. Lizzie? m. Wine
7. Kate m. Wine
8. Magdaline m. Kagey
9. Barbara m. Kagey
10. Mary m. Pence
11. Sallie
12. Another m. Funkhouser

The above information in regard to the descendants of Francis Neff was given to me by Ed Neff who obtained some of the information from his father-in-law, Benj. Neff, both of Quicksburg, Va. Ed Neff is the son of Abram Neff and one of thirteen children. His mother and my mother were sisters.

This family was not able to give me the name of the father of Francis but from information obtained from other sources there seems no doubt that he was the son of the Pioneer, John Henry.

The lists of the first census of Virginia contain the names of John Neff who had twelve members in his family and Francis Neff who had seven members in his family. The list was taken by Abram Bird, 1783-85, and contains names of persons in Shenandoah County in the neighborhood of Mt. Jackson. See Heads of Families.

The Francis Neff was evidently the son of the pioneer, and John Neff was either the pioneer or another son of the pioneer.

**Col. John Francis Neff**

Col. Neff was born Sept. 5, 1834, near Mt. Jackson, Va., the oldest son of Eld. John Neff, of the Brethren Church. He graduated at V. M. I. and afterwards studied law. When the war broke out he entered the service of the Confederate army as Adjutant of the 33d Regiment of Jackson's Stonewall Brigade. In the spring of 1862 he succeeded Col. Cummings in command of the regiment. He was killed at the second battle of Manassas while leading his men. He is said to have been the youngest regimental commander in the Stonewall Brigade. Wayland's G. E. p. 150.
V. 993. Isaac Neff, m. Hester A. Darnell
m4. -3. Samuel S. m. and has 5ch.
VI. m2. Emma Neff, 1851-1905, m. 1877, John G. Ward, 1850, s. Joseph
   and Sarah Wyant-Ward.
m5. 1. Elizabeth au 19-82 m. 1905, Edward A. Kunkle, s: Columbus C.
      1. Laurance no 6-1909
      2. Howard W. ma 1-1912
Elizabeth (m5) had two sisters who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs.
   Knukle. R—7 Springfield, Ohio.
VI. m3. John J. Neff, m. 1884, Elsie M. Bell, 1859, da. Rheuna D. and
   Mary Overhuls-Bell
m6. -1. Edna B. oc 12 1885. 653 W. Mulberry St. Springfield, O.
V. 994. Mary Neff, 1825-1882, m. 1884, Adam Neff a distant relative and
   lived at Tremont City, 0. had no children but raised two step
   children.
V. 995. Peter Neff, 1826-1922, m. Feb. 24, 1861, Mary Whiteneck, b.
   La Fountaine, Ind.
m7-1. Roseltha 1861, m. Dawson, Grant Co. Ind.
m8-2. Minnie 1864 s.
m9-3. Lucy 1867 m. Bond Marion, Ind.
m10-4. Jennie 1869 m. Oyler Grant Co. Ind.
m11-5. Alice 1872
m12-6. Chauncey 1875 m. Wabash Co. Ind,
Mr. Neff is 88 years old and has been a successful farmer. On
March 11, 1854, he joined a company en route to California going from
New York via Isthmus of Panama. His western experience covered a
period of six years. In 1860 he purchased his farm whereon he re­
mained the remainder of his days.
He died in 1922, leaving surviving him six children, nine grand-
children, one great grand-child, two brothers, John and Joseph, two
half-brothers Daniel and Aaron, and a wife.
V. 996. David Neff, 1828-1875, m. 1851, Martha J. Wynant, 1833-1914,
m14-2. Mary E. 1852, m. Henry C. Goshert -3ch.
m15-3. Annie L. 1856 m. William Ward -1ch.
m17-5. Carrie D. 1870 m. Cha,. H. Beroth
VI. m13. Chas. E. Neff, m. 1875 Caren M. Dresser, 1856 2100 Ervay St. Dallas, Texas
   m19-1. Mary C. Neff mr 20-77 s
   m20-2. Irma E. Neff jl 5-88, m. Louis Mann of Tiffin, O.

VI. m14. Mary E. Neff, m. 1877, Henry C. Goshert, 1849, s: George and Susan Dilsauer-Goshert.
   m21-1. Edna, au 7-78 m. David Zolman -7ch. Center St. Warsaw, Ind.
   m22-2. Chas. Neff ap 18-83 m. Perry St. Warsaw, Ind.
   m24-1. Winifred B. ap 3-1896 m. 1914, C. F. Buellin
   m25-2. Chas. D. fe 19-1898-
   m26-3. Harry L. no 19-1900
   m27-4. Mary L. ap 20-1902
   m28-5. Dwight L. de 1-1904
   m29-6. Mark H. se 3-1906
   m30-7. Carrie E. se 27-1909

VI. m15. Annie Neff, 1856-1878, m. 1876, Wm. Ward, 1853-1881
   m31-1. George Ward, no 27-77 517 N. Lake St. Warsaw, Ind.

VI. m16. Jennie Neff, m. 1883, John L. Goshert, brother Henry C.
   m32-1. Mamie E. Ja 30-86 m. Wesley W. Saatkamp
   m33-2. Melvin R. ma 25-89
   m34-3. Merlin J. se 4-91 2713 S. Harrison St. Ft. Wayne, Ind:
   m35-4. Martha S. Ja 12-94
   m36-5. Mildred E. ma 11-04
   No. 1- 1239 Park Ave. Chicago Heights, Ill.

VI. m17. Carrie D. Neff, m. 1889, Chas. H. Beroth, 1866, s. James H. and Charity Pully-Beroth.
   No issue, 1227 Rutledge St. Toleston, Ind.

   m37-1. Margaret L. oc 26-1904
   m38-2. Virginia ju 6-1913
   Toleston, Ind.

V. 997. Abram Neff, s- Samuel, m. 1854, Nancy Ellen Gill, da. James of Circleville, O.
   m39-1. Hamor 1856
   m40-2. Lillian, 1860-1864

VI. m39. Hamor Neff, m. Feb. 27, 1882, Rose B. Berkey, da: Irwin:
   m41-1. Elosia 1883, m. H. A. Gerst, St. Paul, Minn
m42-2. H. Erba, 1891
H. Erba and his father live at E. Joseph St., Mishawaka, Ind.

V. 998. John Neff, m. 1863, Mary Catherine Bloomer, 1841-1895, da.
Joseph and Phoebe Elizabeth Van Dyke-Bloomer
m43-1. Joseph Edgar 1864 m. Daisy Mikels -1ch.
m44-2. Frank Bloomer 1866 m. Cora Minnick -7ch.
m45-3. Isaac Elijah 1867 m. Elizabeth Price -3ch.
m46-4. Elizabeth N. 1869, m. Edwin H. Ford -5ch.
m47-5. Laura N. 1871 m. Owen J. Simmons.
m48-6. John Peter 1874 m. Ada Boyce Hobby -2ch.
m50-8. Laurence Samuel 1883 m. Zoe Pratt -1ch.
The last two children are twins and are married and live on the
home farm in Wabash Co. La Fontaine, Ind. The others all live in
Grant County. Mr. Neff is now living with his daughter, Mrs. O. J.
Simmons, 1302 W. 4th St., Marion, Ind.

VI. m43. Joseph Edgar, m. (1) 1896, Daisy Mikels, 1870-1899, da. W. B.
m51-1. Raymond M., b. Nov. 7, 1899,
m. (2) 1901, Florence Young, d. 1905, da. John-no-issue.
m. (3) 1910, Alice Vaughn
Joseph Edgar Neff was a student at De Pauw University for seven
years, graduating in the year 1901, also graduating in law the same
year. At present he is located at South Bend, Ind. where he is Secy.
of the Union Trust Company.

VI. m44. Frank Bloomer Neff, m. 1893, Cora Minnick, 1868, da. John
and Mary Hook-Minnick of Sommerset, Ind.
m52-1. John Minnick jul 27-94
m53-2. Helen se 7-95
m54-3. Joe ap 18-97
m55-4. Sarah ap 7-99 R—4- 70 Marion, Ind.
m56-5. Phoebe no 29. 1900
m57-6. Fred. Power ju 20-02
m58-7. Jessie fe 25-04

VI. m45. Isaac Elijah Neff, m. 1893 Elizabeth Price, 1869, at Troy, N.
m59-1. Clarence Cameron ma 13 1898 at Portland, Ind.
m60-2. Jerome Price mr 7, 1900 at Kankakee, Ind.
m61-3. Leland Isaac fe 9, 1906, at South Bend, Ind,
Mr. Neff resides at 1462 N. Alabama St, Indianapolis, Ind.

At present he is the Indiana representative for D. Appleton Co.,
publishers. Mr. Neff has been Supt. of High Schools at Portland, Kan-
kakee, and South Bend, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Neff both have an M. A:
degree, both having graduated from De Pauw University in 1891, re-
ceiving the Master's Degree in 1892: After graduating here Mr. Neff
spent one year at Johns Hopkins University. He was principal Crawfordsville, Ind. High 1892-3; Vice President of New Ebenezer College, Georgia, 1893-4; principal Richmond High, 1910-13.

He was a Phi Delta Theta in College. This was the fraternity of his brothers, Joseph E: and John P-, as well as that of his brother-in-law, E. H. Ford.

He is an Elk and an Odd Fellow. The entire family are Methodists.

VI. m46. Elizabeth N. Neff, m. 1891, Edwin H. Ford, 1861, s. Dr. James and America Holton-Ford.
   m62-1. Holten Neff no 28-93
   m63-2. Wilber Edwin oc 6-95 Wabash, Ind.
   m64-3. John Lawrence au 4-97
   m65-4. Richard Van Dyke jl 6-00
   m66-5. Frederick no 16 1904-d. 1910, jl 30.

Mr. E. H. Ford is President of the “Ford Meter Box Co. Inc.” manufacturers of the Ford system of meter settings and accessories, factory and office in Wabash, Ind. The two older sons are High School graduates and actively engaged in the factory, the older one being stenographer in his father’s office. The two younger sons are in High School.

VI. m47. Laura N. Neff, m. 1896, Owen J. Simmons, 1864, s. J. W. They live at 1302 W. 4th St. Marion, Ind, no children.

VI. m48. John Peter Neff, m. 1900, Ada Boyce Hobby, 1874, da. Lewis H, and Lydia Conklin-Hobby of Brooklyn, N. Y.
   m67-1. Mary Elizabeth ma 8-1902
   m68-2. Catherine au 19-1912

In 1895 J. P. Neff graduated from the Department of Mechanical Engineering of Purdue University. He is now Vice President of the American Arch Company with offices at 30 Church St. N. Y. City. He lives at 234 Renslaw Ave, East Orange, N. J.

V. 999. Henry Neff, m. 1861, Nancy Arney, 1840, da. John and Polly Boyles-Arney. They have no children. Mr. Neff was born and raised in the State of Ohio, and at the age of 22 he went to the State of Iowa and bought 80 acres of land at $6.00 per acre. He lived on it for 35 years and sold it at $51.00 per acre. Mr. and Mrs. Neff are now living a retired life in Albion, Iowa, spending their winters in California some years.

   m69-1. Sophia b. Jan. 8, 1827, m. Dr. R. T. Summers:
   m70-2. Jeremiah b. Jan. 8, 1827, m. Mary Cox -6ch.
David Strickler was born on his father's farm near New Market, Va. He was a millwright by trade in Virginia. In the autumn of 1835 he went to Indiana, locating on a farm in Salem Township, Delaware County, about five miles north of Middletown, Henry County, Ind. He lived here about three years and then moved to a farm about three miles north of Middletown where he lived the remainder of his life. During his life he held the office of Township Trustee for Salem Township two terms. He was a successful farmer, and owned about 800 acres of land at the time of his death.

The Strickler family of Delaware County has always been one of the leading families in the community. They have been men and women of refinement and have wielded an influence for good and advancement.

It is rather interesting to note that David had born unto him two pairs of twins and that one of the twins, Jeremiah, had a pair of twins born unto him as his first born.

In personal appearance David Strickler was rather large, with light hair and beard. His sons and daughters also were rather large people.

The Crims.

Mary Crim who married David Strickler of Middletown, Ind., was the daughter of Peter Crim of New Market, Va. His son Michael Crim married Catherine Strickler, daughter of Joseph of Egypt. (m513).

The children of Peter Crim were:
1. Mary (Polly) Ann Crim, 1808-1870, m. David Strickler, Middletown, Ind.
2. Sophia Crim, m. Joe Yount, d. at Middletown, Ind.
3. Catherine Crim, m. Dr. Woodward, d. Middletown, Ind.
4. Elenorah Crim, m. John Moore, d. Middletown, Ind.
5. Elizabeth Ann Crim, m. Sibert, d. in Va., 1866, age 43 yrs.
6. William Crim d. at Anderson, Ind.

Peter Crim was named as one of the nine trustees of Rockingham...
Academy on Feb. 18, 1826, located at The Plains, in Rockingham County, on the Shenandoah River, several miles west of New Market, known as Plains Mill now. These were the first trustees of the Academy (Wayland's Hist. R. C.)

Early Crim marriage bonds in Rockingham County.
1792- Adam Crim to Elizabeth Gray, da. John (Henry Gray Surety)
1805- Peter Crim to Elizabeth Shaver, da. William
1798- John Lunghart to Sophia Krim, da. Peter Grim
1808- Abram Heed to Polly Crim, da. Peter
1820- Henry Stall to Sally Crim, da. Peter
1829- Joseph Yount, to Sophia Crim, da. Peter
1826- David Strickler to Polly Crim, da. Peter (Peter Crim Surety)
1799- Jacob Grove to Catherine Krim

V. m69. Sophia Strickler, 1827 d. 1882, twin sister to Jeremiah, m. 1848, Dr. R. T. Summers.

They had no children.

Dr. R. T. Summers was born near Hillborough, Ohio, July 16, 1825, and died April 26, 1875. He practiced his profession in Middletown, Ind.

V. m70. Jeremiah Strickler located in Labette County, Kansas. His wife died there. He had at least one son and several daughters.

V. m71. David Monroe Strickler, 1828-1898, m. Julia A. Thompson:

m80-1. Elizabeth T. 1851-1857
m81-2. Elenora J. 1856-1867
m82-3. Sophia A. 1858-1862
m83-4. Wyatt David 1867-1891
m84-5. Otis C.

Otis C. Strickler is publisher of “The Middletown News,” a newspaper established in 1885, Middletown, Ind. He has two sons, Wyatt and Dudley Strickler. I am told that Middletown is a very beautiful place.

V. m72. Peter Crim Strickler, m. Nov. 5, 1854, Margaret Maywell.

m85-1. Elizabeth, m. Painter, Springport, Henry Co. Ind.

Peter Crim Strickler was a soldier in the Federal Army and was accidently killed while being transported down the Mississippi by falling into the engine in some way.

V. m73. Sarah Catherine Strickler, twin to Ann Elizabeth, b. 1833 d. Feb. 9, 1892, m. Aug. 25, 1852, A. N. Fink, d. Sep. 25; 1912:

m86-1. William Jasper, 1858 no 13
m87-2. John A. 1860 se 23

A. N. Fink located in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, about 1868. He died at Westmoreland, Kansas, 1912.

William Jasper Fink lives at Manhattan Kan. (1918) He has five
children, as follows:

1. Marion Ray 1883 mr 28
2. Homer 1888 de 11
3. Guy about 1899
4. Ethel Maude about 1901
5. Florence Opal about 1902

John A. Fink lives at Hotel Frontenac, 1435 Laremer St. Denver, Colo. He has two sons;
1. Ora Fink lives in Calif. b. about 1880
2. Loyal Fink b. about 1884

V. m75. Mary Ann Strickler, m. May 15, 1855, James A. Tomlinson, b: 1827 d. 1906, s. Enoch and Ariminta Bishop-Tomlinson both of N. C.

m88-1. David Enoch, 1857 df.
m89-2. Levi Perry, 1858-1867
m90-3. Otis M. 1865
m91-4. Thomas Wüber 1871-1913 s.

Mary Ann Tomlinson is still living and enjoys good health. She lives in Muncie, Ind.


1. Marie Jennett, b. De. 22, 1897.

Mr. Otis M. Tomlinson, is a broker in Muncie. He is also a farmer. He owns the farm patented by his grandfather Tomlinson in 1833.

V. m76. Levina Strickler, 1838-1893, m. 1865 Jacob Shirey.

m92-1. Alice dy.
m93-2. David d. at age of 28 - adau. Maude;
m94-3. John living in San Francisco, Calif. 1. dau. at least.

V. m77. Samuel Jackson Strickler, 1840-1890, m. 1870, Sophia Miller, d. 1904 age 62.

m95-1. Bertha - traveling sales-lady.
m96-2. Mattie Sophia m. Graves.
m98-4. Edith Mary, m. Henshaw lives in Indianapolis.
m99-5. Joseph, Middletown, Ind.

Mrs. Edith Henshaw has at least one son, Frederick Henshaw, living in Indianapolis.

Ruth Graves age 19 and Fred Graves age 16, ch. of Mattie Sophia Graves, dec'd live on and own the old Strickler homestead. Jeremiah Strickler has several children living. (1914).
THE BLOSSERS


m100-1. Samuel b. Nov. 1, 1823, d. Mar. 5, 1912, m. twice -10ch.
m102-3. John William b. Apr. 11, 1831-d. Dec. 17, 1864, m. (m154) -4ch.
m104-4. A daughter dy. s.

The Blossers lived near Porter, Gallia Co., Ohio. He was a farmer and a wagon maker. Blosser wagons never broke down.

V. m100. Samuel Blosser, 1823-1912, m. (1) Louisa Jane Fridley.
m105-1. Charles M. b. Jan. 29, 1846, m. Mrs. Ella Campbell.
m. (2) Rebecca M. Bowman, Liverpool, Ohio.
m107-3. Sarah Cath. au 24, 1857-d. 1907, m. J. C. Walker-9ch.(m116)
m108-4. John S. fe 23, 1861 m. Jessie C. Finch (m133)
m109-5. Mary E. ma 23, 1863 m. Chas. E. Ralph -1ch.
m110-6. Eliza Ellsworth oc 22, 1865 m. Cora Lee Strum-3ch.

(134)
m112-7. Homer Moses ap 14, 1868 m. Augusta Rupe -5ch. (m140)
m113-8. Fannie L. no 14, 1870 m. (1) Grubb (2) Davies -1ch.(m145)
m114-9. Luvezia Eliz. m. Emanuel Eno -8ch, (m146)
m115-10 Carrie May no 22, 1874 m. James Wilson Clark 1ch.

Samuel Blosser lived near Porter, Gallia Co. O.

Chas. M. and Adam Blosser enlisted in the Federal Army at the age of about 16. Mr. D. M. Blosser, a grandson of John and Catherine-Strickler-Blosser has a note in German script; “Anno 1802 den 20 ten Tag January Johannes Blosser Gebohren, ein Sohn des Tobias and Elizabeth Blosser,” which is the birth record of John Blosser.

Charles M. Blosser


They resided near Pyatt Station in Perry Co. Ill. where Mr. Blosser was engaged in farming. He owned about 120 acres of timber land and had 70 acres under cultivation.

No children were born unto them.
War record of C. M. Blosser in his own words. (about 1914)

"I enlisted Oct. 17, 1861, in Gallia Co. Ohio, in my 16th year. Our regiment, the 56 Vol. Inf. was organized at Portsmouth, Ohio. During the early portion of 1862, I was separated from my regiment with a severe spell of sickness and was sent on detached duty later on with a number of other invalid soldiers guarding rail bridges at certain points in central Tenn. and I rejoined my regiment at Memphis about the first of July, 1862, and was with my company and regiment during all other expeditions and campaigns in portions of central Miss. and in Arkansas. In 1863 our regiment was in the Vicksburg campaign and was engaged in two severe battles, at Port Gibson May 1, and at Champion Hills, Miss. May 16; was severely wounded here and laid off of active service for several months and was finally mustered out at New Orleans, La., Oct. 27, 1864, at the end of my three years enlistment. I was never captured or taken prisoner. My rank was private soldier in Company "A" 56 Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf."

"During the summer of 1861 there was a regiment of three months soldiers (21st O. V. I.) that camped for a short time at Gallipolis, our county seat, and after seeing them a few times brother Adam and I talked it over and finally concluded that we would volunteer later on."

"Early in the fall of '61 President Lincoln made a call for 500,000 volunteers to serve three years and as my brother Adam was then living with his grandparents he took a notion to go and ran away from home and was enlisted as a soldier in an adjoining county and of course that put me in the notion to go soon. As I was living with father then I told him that I wanted to be a soldier and if he did not give his consent I would go any way. It was not long until I had a chance with a number of acquaintances to enlist to be a soldier."

"During '62 and '63 our regiment served in the 13th army corps and the 15th and 16th corps, known as the army of the Tennessee. I have seen frequently all of our various brigade, division and corps commanders. During the summer of '64 we served under Gen. Banks in the Red River campaign in La. He was not considered much of a commander of a large army. I saw Gen. Grant on several occasions."

My father, B. F. Strickler, served throughout the war in the Confederate army. The above C. M. Blosser was his second cousin fighting on the other side. This happened in many instances with the family. Mr. C. M. Blosser's address is:

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Ill. This is a beautiful home for the veterans.

Cornstalk and Shawnees

Mr. Blosser tells me that he attended the one hundredth anniversary of the battle of Point Pleasant on Oct. 10, 1874. He then lived in
Gallia Co., Ohio, about eight miles from Point Pleasant. He tells me that the State of West Virginia has erected a monument about eighty feet in height at this place at a cost of $16,000. It is located in a small park, and some of the graves of the heroes are within the area. Cornstalk, the Shawnee chief, is buried on the south side of the Court-house yard. A small monument marks the spot.

This was the bloodiest of the Indian battles. Gen. Andrew Lewis of Augusta County led the patriots and Cornstalk led the Indians. The Shawnees were the Shenandoah Valley Indians. The history of Cornstalk and the Shawnees form a part of the history of the Shenandoah Valley. One man who had heard Patrick Henry and Richard Henry Lee said that Cornstalk surpassed all whom he had heard in eloquence and power of delivery. About two years after the battle of Point Pleasant Cornstalk while on a peaceful mission at the Point Fort, was murdered by the Patriots; at least they killed Cornstalk who was unarmed. The reader can call it by another name if he chooses.

VI. m107. Sarah Catherine Blosser, m. 1874, James C. Walter, 1854, s. Ansel and Sarah Colwell-Walter.
   m116-1. Arthur Wellington ap 3, 1876-d. 1894.
   m117-2. Ansel Blosser se 19, 1877-d. 1879.
   m118-3. Edith Ellen ja 2, 1880-m. Wm. Colwell -3ch.
   m120-5. Chas. Edgar de 14, 1885-m. Blanche White -5ch.
   m121-6. Harry Kyle ap 19, 1888-m. Neva Tuckerman -4ch.
   m122-7. Nellie Rebecca j19, 1891 -s.
   m123-8. Hazel Kath. ja 2, 1895 -s.

All the above reside at home, Bidwell R. 1, Ohio, except No. 3-463 E. Rich St., Columbus, O., 4-8115 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, O., 5-Vinton, O. 8-teacher Vinton, O.

Mr. James C. Walter is a farmer. His father was a Federal soldier, Co. B. 36 O. Reg.

VII. m118. Edith E. Walter, m. 1902, Wm. Colwell of Eno, O. s. James and Hannah Rupe-Colwell.
   m125-1. Louise Maude ja 27, 1903
   m126-2. James Walter au 21, 1905
   m127-3. William Kyle jI 6, 1907

VII. m119. John S. Walter, m. 1909, Nannie Byron, da. Jacob and Nancy Givens-Byron.

VII. m120. Chas. Edgar, m. 1906, Blanche White, 1884, da. Samuel and Eliz. Young-White.
   m128-1. Thomas Franklin, ma 25-1909.
and Jessie Eastlich-Finch.
No children.
They reside at Huron, Kansas, where Mr. Blosser is Supt. of Public Schools.

Mr. Blosser graduated from the Freemont Normal College, Freemont, Neb., in 1912, at the age of 51. He began teaching in 1884, and has been teaching ever since, first in Ohio 2 years, then he went to Kansas and taught ten years in Montgomery, 17 years in Brown and one year in Atchison County. He was Supt. at Padonia, two years, at Hamlin three years, and at Reserve two years.

VI. m110. Elza Ellsworth Blosser, m. 1886, Cora Lee Strum, of Milton, W. Va. b. 1862, da. of Rev. F. M. and Mary Martin-Strum:
m136-3. Ethel Alda ju 3-1894 s.
523 31st St. Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. E. E. Blosser lived for ten years at Milton, W. Va. where he was engaged in the livery business. He started life with very little means, and he now owns a farm at Milton and several homes in Huntington. His wife and daughters are active workers in all phases of church endeavor. He educated his children at Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va., from which institution they graduated.

VII. m134. Mattie Pansy Blosser, m. 1901, Geo. L. Baber, 1879, s. of Dr. Geo. P. and Amanda A. Rogers-Baber.
m137-1. Elwyn Harold jl 2-1903
m138-2. Elma Naneth mr 29-1905
m139-3. Ralph Leon fe 11-1907

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T Roach live at New Straitsville, O. He is an Oil operator.

VI. m112. Homer Moses Blosser, m. 1895, Augusta Rupe, 1876, da. Wm. and Caroline Halfhill-Rupe. Augusta d. Apr. 8, 1910.
m140-1. Geo. Elise ja 28-1896
m141-2. John Raymond se 24-1897
m142-3. Grace Ellen se 26-1899
m143-4. Stanley Arthur se 28-1901
m144-5. Harold Don au 12-1905
H. M. Blosser, Pataskala, Ohio, R. 1.

The children are all at home except, John, Marion, Ohio, Geo. E., Station C. R No. 4, Columbus, Ohio.

VI. m113. Fannie L. Blosser, m. 1889, John Grubb of Edinburg, Scotland, s. John and Margaret Howden-Grubb of Edinburg, Scotland.
CHAS. M. BLOSSER (m105), largest advanced subscriber-9 copies.
VII. m121. Harry Kyle, m. 1908, Neva Tuckerman, 1887, da. Frederick
and Mattie McNight-Tuckerman.
m130-1. James Frederick mr 10-1910
m131-2. Mattie Kath. ja 18-1911
m132-3. Helen Eliz. au 26-1912
m133-4. Ruth Lenore oc 8-1914
VI. m108. John S. Blosser, m. 1910, Jessie C. Finch, 1880, da. W. M.
John Grubb d. 1899, and his widow m. 1902 Isaac R, Davies b. 1876
at Rhymny, Wales, s. Reese Davies. Homestead, Pa.
VI. m114. Lucevia Eliz. Blosser, m. 1880, Emanuel Eno, Pinegrove, O,
b. 1851 d. 1911, s. Joel and Lucretia Dyer-Eno.
m146-1. Maude Blanche oc 8-1880, m. Wm. F, Haun-4ch.
m147-2. John Luther de 31-1882.
m149-4. Ernest no 18-1887.
m150-5. Elza de 5-1891, m. Rose Hennesy.
m151-6. Ella Marie de 13-1894, m, Harry L. Falk.
m152-7. Arlah Anise jl 12-1897.
m153-8. Harry Dudley au 8-1903.
The widow resides at Fostoria, Ohio.
No. 1- 10209 Columbia Ave, Cleveland, O.
No. 3- 30 Alendale Ave. Detroit, Mich.
No. 4- 3821 Carnegie Ave, Cleveland, O.
No. 5- 755 E. 96th St., Cleveland, O.
No. 6- 10609 Mt. View Ave., Cleveland, O.
The others are at home,
Carrie Blosser (Mrs. J. W. Clark) (m115) Jefferson, Pa. She has
one son, Floyd Leroy Clark.
V. m102. John Wm. Blosser, 1831-1864, m. 1857, Louisa George of Gal-
m154-1. David Monroe no 16-1857, m. Laura V. Mauck-3ch.
m155-2. Julia Rosella ja 9-1858, d. 1862
m156-3. George Lawrence de 12-1860, d. 1862
m157-4. Margaret Jane ju 11-1863, m, G. B. Sawyers.
VI. m154. David Monroe Blosser, m. 1881, Laura Victoria Mauck, 1858,
da. James and Barbara Rothgeb-Mauck.
m158-1. Margaret May ma 9-1882 m. Wm. E, Walker.
m159-2. Blanche Cath. 1887-1907.
m160-3. Elsie Lorena fe 5-1890 m. Maurice H. Towne,
David M. Blosser moved from the old homestead in 1902 to Galli-
polis, O., and in 1901 to Kansas City, Mo., where Mrs. Blosser died in
1902. Mr. Blosser resides at 1907 Linwood Blvd, He has been in the
employ of Armour & Co., as a clerk in the construction department,
since Oct., 1901.
VI. m157. Margaret Jane Blosser, m. 1906, Geo. Barlow Sawyers of Bid-
well, O,, s. Keiser and Sarah Morehouse-Sawyers.

They live at 327 3rd. Ave. Mr. Sawyers is engaged in the making of violins. They have no children, but Mr. Sawyers has three children to whom Mrs. Sawyers is a mother. Mrs. Sawyers gives the following pen picture of her grandmother Catherine Strickler Blosser;

"Ever since I can remember her she always wore a lace cap, plain waisted dress with full skirt and must have weighed 215 pounds for she was a large woman but a beautiful one. She and grandfather were devoted to one another. I have pictures of them taken in 1859."

Mr. David M. Blosser, of Kansas City, Kansas, says in speaking of his grandmother, in whose care she was during her last years; "She was a lovable woman, devoted to the welfare and happiness of her family. I loved her and cherish her memory."

The newspaper account of the death of John Blosser states that he was born in Albemarle Co. Va. and while very young his parents moved to Shenandoah Co. Va. He was a zealous Christian, member of the Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Firebaugh.

John and Catherine Strickler Blosser

Letter written to the author by David Monroe Blosser of Kansas City, Mo. in regard to his grand-parents, John and Catherine Strickler-Blosser.

"March 19, 1915

Mr. Harry M. Strickler, Harrisonburg, Va.

Dear Kinsman:

"I enclose herewith a correct history of my father's family, and of my own, but I am unable to add but little as to dates and facts in the early history of my grandparents, John and Catherine Strickler Blosser. You have the dates of their birth, marriage and death correct. I have always understood that grandfather was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, but now, after looking over all the papers and letters in my possession, I am unable to find anything to verify this belief. From a statement written after grandmother's death, I learn that he lived four years on the land of J. B. Stenberge (name probably incorrectly spelled) (1) and worked at his trade, a wagon maker. This seems to be six miles from New Market, and he also speaks of being one mile west of Mount Jackson, which is in Shenandoah County, Va. This statement also shows that he moved to Ohio in 1830, and that Isaac Strickler had moved some time before. He purchased 80 acres of land from John Moler Oct. 29, 1830; July 1st, 1831 he purchased an adjoining 80 acres from the Government, the deed bearing the bold signature

(1) The Steenbergen home still stands, known as Mt. Airey, near Mt. Jackson, Va., and overlooks Meems Bottoms, probably the widest extent of perfectly level land in the Shenandoah.
of Andrew Jackson. His taxes for the year 1831 amounted to eighty-one cents. Later he bought 160 acres and gave it to Uncle Samuel.

After my father's death he (grandfather), gave my mother cash to equal the cost of the land given Samuel. In addition to farming he followed his trade of making and repairing wagons and probably made the first wagon in the county. This business was given over to my father, who continued it until the time of his final sickness. A Blosser wagon never broke down under reasonable conditions and seldom wore out. The industry and integrity of the builders went into every wagon and it stood the test in years of service.

My grandmother was a woman whose whole ambition and object in life centered in the welfare of her family. Our little home was about an ordinary city block from her home, but I can hardly remember the time when she visited us. She and my mother were good friends, but she made it a rule of her life to remain at home—keen eyed and industriously guarding the interests of a well appointed home. She always kept one regular servant and grandfather, of course, had extra help, but she was the last one to bed and the first one to arise in the morning—five o' clock winter and summer. She was a large handsome woman, possessed of an even temperament, never angry or disposed to scold the members of her household. While she never left her own fireside, she was interested in the happenings of the neighborhood. The sick and distressed were always remembered in a substantial manner.

From my earliest recollection my grand-parents lived a quiet, safe, frugal and harmonious life, so when it came time for them to be called hence, they had no remorse for the past and a joyful expectation of the future.

I was named David for my uncle David Blosser, who went to California some time before May 1861, and according to a letter from Sugar Pine Mill, Butte Co., signed by one Chas, B. Clark, uncle David died on the 16th. day of June 1861. We never thought that Clark was truthful in any of his statements except that Uncle David was dead. My Uncle David was no doubt named for his Uncle, and I was named for both Uncle and Great Uncle.

Yours truly,
David Monroe Blosser.

May I be permitted to add this sentiment to the above beautiful sketch.

"Domestic Happiness, thou only bliss
Of Paradise that has survived the fall!"
Cowper.

The Blossers of Blosserville

About three miles up the Little Hawksbill from Luray is the little hamlet of Blosserville. Near here is an old brick residence built by the
Blosser family. Once a very old mill, the Blosser mill, stood here. A new canning factory now (1924) occupies the mill site. A Peter Blosser served as minister of an Early Church in this locality. Very early members of this family located in Rockingham County, near Dayton. The substantial stone mansion near Pleasant Hill school house, now occupied by Jonas Blosser, was built by the Blossers. Many of the early members of the family are buried on the Emanuel Ralston farm near by. The stone mansion was within the burned district and was burned by Sheridan in 1864 by order No. 89. I am told the walls of the present home went thru that fire.

I am informed that the original Blosser was named Peter, that he emigrated from Switzerland, that he sailed on the good ship, "SNOW BETSY," that he was the father of twelve children, and that some of them came to Virginia, locating near Massanutten at Blosserville.

The Anderson family of Bainbridge, Ohio, trace back to Blosserville and into Albemarle County. Evidently one member of the family must have located in that county in an early day. (See Massanutten p. 54). (Mrs. L. C. Anderson, Bainbridge, O.)

"Obituary"

John Blosser was born in Albermarle County, Va., Feb. 20th, 1802, died at his home in Springfield Township, Gallia County, Ohio, on Sunday, May 1, 1887, aged 85 years, two months and eleven days. Funeral services conducted on Monday by Rev. Robert Firebaugh.

While very young his parents moved to Shenandoah County, Va., where he lived a number of years, during which time he served an apprenticeship of two years with a wagon maker, who was married to Catherine Strickler, Dec. 10, 1822, who died Dec. 27, 1882; three sons and one daughter was given them, the latter dying in childhood; one son was accidentally killed in California, and one dying at home in 1864; the oldest son is still living.

Grandfather Blosser emigrated by wagon to Gallia County, Ohio, Oct., 1830, settling upon the land which has been his home every since.

He joined the Baptist church many years ago and his habits of life have been that of a zealous Christian. His old and well worn Bible attest his love for the sacred pages, and many must have been the comforts enjoyed by his daily reading; about two years before his death his eyesight began to fail, and at the time of his death he was totally blind; this misfortune did not deprive him of his daily practice of seeking strength from the blessed Bible, as years of research had imprinted many favorite passages upon his memory, and he would spend hours repeating them. To him the Bible was "The Pilgrim's chart of glory."

The messenger who bore his spirit away found him with the Lord's prayer warm upon his lips.

One son, twelve grand-children, and seven great-grand-children
are left to mourn his departure. May we all adopt the grand lessons to be learned from his correct life."

They laid him away beneath the green turf but not without hope.

"Yet love will dream, and faith will trust
(Since He who knows our need is just),
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must,
Alas, for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees,
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play,
Who hath not learned in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own."

"Obituary
Springfield Tp. Gallia Co. O.

Catherine Blosser was born in Shenandoah County, Va., Feb. 19, 1805, was united in marriage Dec. 10, 1822, with John Blosser, to whom she proved to be a most faithful wife, who still survives her. Three sons and one daughter were the result of this union, the latter dying in childhood, before they moved to Ohio. The oldest is still living, the others dying in 1861 and 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Blosser moved to Ohio in Oct., 1830, settling on the farm where the family still resides. Mrs. Blosser was baptized and joined the Baptist church in 1864, ever remaining a constant, sincere Christian. She passed calmly to the Master she served so faithfully, Dec. 27, 1882, aged 77 years, 10 months and 8 days. On the 29th a large number of friends assembled together to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. Besides her aged husband, and the son, she leaves 12 grand-children, and six great-grand-children, and a host of friends to mourn her departure. In viewing the casket containing the remains we could not but say: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labor, and their works do follow them.' The funeral services were conducted by E. J. Rees, of Rio Grande."

(Thes original of these obituaries are in the hands of D. M. Blosser in the shape of clippings from the newspapers of that time.)

"Thou sleepest not, for now thy love has wings
To soar where hence thy hope could hardly fly."

"And often, from that other world, on this
Some gleams from great souls gone before may shine,
To shed on struggling hearts a clearer bliss
And clothe the right with luster more divine."

Mr. David Blosser sent me the following extracts from the Kite
Family History.

(JACOB KITE, son of Martin Kite, born 1792. Died 1870.
(Married Catherine Slagle in 1817. Her grandmother, who was a Koin-
er, was a niece of the illustrious Henry Clay
(WM, KITE, eldest son of Jacob Kite, born 1820. Married Rebecca
(Blosser of Blosserville, Va. Moved to Liberty Mills, Va. in 1848. He
was the owner of a large estate; was Postmaster of Liberty Mills for
33 years. Rebecca Blosser was from Blosserville, Va. named after her
father.

Children of Jacob Kite & Rebecca Blosser:
(Emma, Married Siram Kite, Syria, Va.
(Jane, Married David Coffman of Texas
(Lizzie, Married Melton Varner of Missouri
(Millard, Married Mary Gist of Loudon Co, Va.
(Walter, Married Miss Croner in 1906 (Surgeon U. S. N.)
(John, Married Mary Beale, Somerssett, Va.
(James, Married Mary Lester, Newman, Va. (Live at Liberty
Mills)

Abraham
Jacob
David

IV. 651. Isaac Strickler, 1807-1835, m, about 1830, Anna Neff sister of
Samuel Neff who married Isaac Strickler's sister, Elizabeth (993)
m161-1. child df.
m162-2. child df.
m163-3. James b. Mar, 10, 1834-d. Jan, 12, 1914, m. 2ch.
Isaac Strickler went to Ohio and settled in Champaign Co. about
1830. See (993).

V. m163. James Strickler, m. 1863, Harriet Hesselgesser, b, 1844, da.
Wm. and Hannah Rochel-Hesselgesser.
m164-1. Rosa Anna, 1865-1895, m. Frank Dean-1ch.
m165-2, Charles, 1867-1894.

VI. m164. Rosa Anna Strickler, m. 1892, Frank Dean, 1860, s. Henry
and Abigail-Johnson-Dean.
m167-1. Edna Harriet, b. 1895.
Tremont City, Clark Co., Ohio. She lives with her father,
Frank Dean.

James Strickler lived to be 79 years old and lived all his life on the
farm his father Isaac purchased, in Champaign Co. near Urbana, Ohio.

IV. 652. Samuel Strickler, s. David of New Market, was drowned while
a student at Roanoke, Va.

Note:-Miss Croner, wife of Walter Kite, was a descendant of one of the old Spanish
Families of Florida.
Adam Strickler of Egypt

IV, 653. **Adam Strickler**, 1812-1894, m. 1850, **Julia Thomas**, 1817, da. of John.

m168-1. Annie Eliz. jl 20-1851, m. James F. Alger -9ch.
m170-3. Solomon Hiram fe 8-1856, d. young of fever.
m172-5. Letitia Virginia oc 6-1866, m. -2ch.

Adam Strickler lived all his life in Page County in lower Egypt and was a school teacher. He is the author of the sketch of the lives of his early ancestors, which see at the beginning of this volume.

I am informed that C. D. Kibler has Adam's old spinning jenny. His home was located between the river and the public road just south of the mouth of Lick Run. Recently Mr. Wm. Lee Strickler presented a pocket inkbottle, once the property of Adam's father, David, to the author which he gratefully acknowledges. It is an heirloom which he will ever cherish.

V. m168. **Annie E. Strickler**, m. 1873, **James F. Alger**.

m173-1. Lee Franklin ap 29-1880,
m174-2. Maggie May ja 12-1882
m175-3. Daisy Belle oc 12-1883
m176-4. Lizzie Dean ju 10-1884
m177-5. Mamie Letitia ap 22-1886
m179-7. Julia Florence ju 5-1894, m. Leslie Burner -3ch.
m180-8. Nettie Pearl se 29-1897

VI. m178. **Emma Strickler Alger**, m. 1913, **Robert Franklin Huffman**, 1886, (b. fe. 22-1888) s. Jacob W. and Susan Zirkle-Huffman.

Susan was the dau. of John Zirkle, father of Crawford Zirkle, dec'd. Broadway, Va.

Robert Huffman died in 1919, and his widow married a minister Mr. Willard, and both are attending Bethany Bible School, Chicago, Ill. (1924)

Leslie Burner is the son of J. C. Burner of Luray who owns the Jacob Strickler home in Egypt. Leslie lives in lower Egypt. Julia is his second wife, his first wife being Daisy Strickler, da. Isaac.

Several ch. by each marriage.

Most of the eight children above are married, but I do not have the names of their husbands.

V. m169. **Mary Margaret Strickler**, m. 1888, **Martin V. Dadisman**, 1851, s. Reuben and Christina Rothgeb-Dadisman.

m181-1. David I., oc 5-1889.
m182-2. Eva May, ma 23-1891 -m. 1911, Peder G. Pederson, 1888, s. Antone Pederson of Denmark, Europe.

V. m171. William Lee Strickler, m. 1888, Annie O. Kibler, 1865, da. P. D. and Dorothy A. Strickler-Kibler.
m184-2. Etha May jl 6, 1893 s.
Lake Bay, Washington.

VI. m183. Beulah L. Strickler, m. 1913, George W. Long, s. David and Susan Harris-Long of Richmond, Va.
Tacoma, Washington.

m185-1. Luida se 3, 1890, m. 1ch.
m186-2. Edwin Strickler, 1892, no. 26 s.

VI. m185. Luida Moyer, m. 1909, Chas. Oscar Andersen, 1887, in Christiana, Norway, s. Andrew and Ellen Neilson-Andersen.
End of David Strickler of Horseshoe Bend.
The following should have appeared at top of page 172.

Also Harry Kyle Blosser (m121) p. 173 is out of regular order.
ADAM STRICKLER (m168) b. Mar. 5, 1812-d. Mar. 12, 1894.
III. 13. **Anna Catherine Strickler**, b. about 1760 d. about 1817, m. April 17, 1779, **Henry Brumback** of “Spring Farm,” near Luray, b: 1739 d. 1799 estate in Rockingham Co. on “New Glasgow” near Mole Hill about 4 miles west of Harrisonburg. The widow lived on “New Glasgow” until her death. She was the daughter of Jacob Strickler of Egypt.

- m188-1. Joseph b. Feb. 11, 1780
- m189-2. Maria b. Dec. 19, 1782, m. Samuel Miller 1801
- m191-4. Samuel b. Dec. 17, 1786, m. Elizabeth prior to 1818
- m192-5. Daniel b. Jan. 1789, m. Sarah prior to 1818
- m193-6. Christian m. Elizabeth prior to 1818
- m194-7. Matthew
- m195-8. Tobias

The above information is from court records, “The Brumback Families”, a genealogy of the Brumback family, and tradition.

Adam Strickler says, in one account, that Catherine Strickler, daughter of Jacob, married Brumback and was the mother of Tobias and Jacob and in another account that she married John Brumback and had two sons, Tobias and Jacob, and owned the valuable property known as Spring Farm.

The Brumback genealogy, according to “Brumback Families”, states that Anna Strickler married Henry Brumback of Spring Farm and had eight children, among them Jacob and Tobias.

In court records she is called both Ann and Nancy. All sources of information agree that she was the mother of Jacob and Tobias Brumback and that she lived on Spring Farm, and Adam says she was the daughter of Jacob Strickler. Her full name may have been Ann Catherine and her husband’s full name may have been John Henry. She was the right age to have been the wife of John Brumback, son of Henry, but his wife was Elizabeth Rothgeb and he had no sons named Tobias and Jacob.

Henry Brumback had first married Ann Kauffman in 1761, daughter of Martin Kauffman, the pioneer, and had seven children:

1. Barbara b. 1762
2. Johannes b. 1764
3. Anna b. 1766
Henry Brumback, the pioneer, had 15 children. They all went to Fairfield County, Ohio, except Henry, who remained in Virginia and left six sons and six daughters. Henry Jr. is therefore ancestor of all by that name in Virginia. He married Mary Grove, daughter of Mark. I understand that Mary's mother was a Strickler, 2nd. wife of Mark. Jacob Strickler's first wife was a Kauffman and likely a sister of Henry Brumback's first wife. All of the early Brumbacks and Stricklers were nearly related, one way or the other.

The "Brumback Families" contains a complete record of the first family of Henry Brumback, the first, but does not extend to the second family. The first family left numerous descendants in Ohio, some of them becoming prominent. The family in Pennsylvania spells the name Brumbaugh. Ex-Gov. Martin Grove Brumbaugh is connected. John Strickler, son of Jacob of Egypt, married Barbara Brumback, eldest child of Henry. She afterwards married Samuel Kauffman. John Strickler makes John "Broombaugh" executor of his will, probated in 1802.

The second family of Henry Brumback, whose mother was Ann Strickler, consisted of seven sons and one daughter, Maria or Mary. I have been unable to locate the descendants of any except those of Mary. They all went to Ohio. Jacob and Tobias returned to Virginia and probably never married. From a deed dated 1818 we know that Samuel, Daniel and Christian were married at that time and living in Fairfield Co. O. Joseph and Matthew do not appear in the deed and therefore probably died young.

I here give a short sketch of the children of Henry Brumback as gained from several sources.

1. Barbara m. (1) John Strickler, son of Jacob of Egypt (2) Samuel Kauffman (see 22) and located on Linville Creek. See Kauffmans.
2. Johannes m. Elizabeth Rothgeb, about 1820 located in Licking Co. 0. and raised a large family there.
3. Anna m. David Ruffner, a member of the well known Ruffner family of Page Co., a pioneer and prominent citizen of Kanawha Co., Va. He established the Kanawha Saltworks and the first coal mines of the district, and was a member of the legislature.
4. Henry, Jr. m. Mary Graff (Grove) relative of Barbara and Elizabeth Grove, sisters, who married Joseph and David Strickler, brothers, of New Market. Henry Jr. was the father of 12 children and was the only child of Henry, Sr. who raised a family in Va.
5. Elizabeth m. Abram Miller, and raised a large family in Fairfield County, Ohio.
6. David m. Rebecca Ruffner and located in Fairfield Co., O., where they raised a large family.
7. Susan m. Samuel Stover, located in Fairfield Co., Ohio, but nothing further is known.

Second Family
8. Joseph probably died young.
9. Mary m, Samuel Miller, located in Fairfield Co., O., where they raised a large family. I have located this family.
10. Jacob, probably went to Ohio but afterwards returned to Virginia where he died unmarried.
11. Samuel m. Elizabeth, Licking Co., O.
12. Daniel m. Sarah, Fairfield Co., O.
13. Christian m. Elizabeth, Fairfield Co., O.
14. Matthew probably died young.
15. Tobias grew up and lived in Virginia but likely never married.

THE MILLERS
by
C. H. Miller of 72 Gainor Ave.*
Newark, Ohio.

Samuel Miller m. Magdalena Wiley about 1758, York Co., Pa., his fifth son was:
Abraham Miller m. Elizabeth Brumback, b. July 18, 1766, came to Ohio from Virginia in spring of 1805. His son,
David Miller m. Frances Geil, and was the fifth child of Abraham, b. Feb. 2, 1803. His son was:
Amos Miller m. Harriet Ann Hizey, b. Jan, 25, 1840, living.
Charles Hizey Miller of Newark, Ohio, son of Amos.

IV. m189. Mary Brumback, b, Dec. 19, 1782, da. of Henry Brumback and Anna Strickler-Brumback, m. Aug. 4, 1801, Samuel Mil-
ler, s. Samuel: Elizabeth Brumback half-sister of Mary, m. Abram Miller, brother of Samuel, Jr.
m196-1. Benjamin dy.
m197-2. Frances dy.
m199-4. Ann m. Rev. Wm. Hanby-10ch:
m200-5. Susan m. Geo. W. Haynie -5ch.
m201-6. Jerusha m. Rev. John Randolph Hibbard:
m202-7. Elizabeth m. -13ch., nothing further.
m203-8. Mary m. David Thomas-9ch.
m204-9. David S. s.

Rev. Hibbard was the noted Universalist preacher and brother of Harriet Hibbard.

Rev. John Miller was a U. B. preacher. He married a second time,-Susan Biggsteff.

Rev. William Hanby was born in Virginia, in 1807. He was bound out to a sadler and suffered many cruelties, on account of which he ran away from home going to Ohio where he found shelter in the home of Samuel Miller and his good wife, Mary, whose daughter he afterward married. He united with the United Brethren Church, entered the ministry, traveled the circuit one year, was elected presiding Elder and afterwards editor of the church paper, the Religious Telescope; After serving two four-year terms he was elected Bishop. He died at the age of seventy-two and was buried in Otterbein Cemetery at Westerville, Ohio.

m205-1. Mary, df.
m206-2. Benjamin R. b. Jul: 22, 1862, m: M: Kate Winter-2ch:
m207-3. Amanda m: Rev. J. K. Billheimer-5ch:
m208-4. Elinor F. df.
m211-7. Dr. Wm. O. Mar. 30, 1847-d. 1879, m Rachel J. Chambers -1ch:
m214-10. Sarah Jane, Sep. 10, 1843, m. (1) C: A. Bedill-0ch. (2) C. C. Hewitt-1ch.

Author of “Darling Nellie Gray”

VI. m206. Benjamin Russell Hanby, m. M. Kate Winter, da: Isaac m215-1. Brainard, O.
m216-2. Minnehaha m. Fred Jones-2ch.
1. Margaret Jones
2. Philip Hanby Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Hanby lived in Chicago where Mr. Hanby was connected with the Root & Cady Music Publishers. Benjamin Hanby wrote the well-known song "Darling Nellie Gray."

Brainard O. Hanby is editor of the "Unafraid Republican" published at Mt. Vernon, Posey County, Ind. I have often heard this expression: "Where are you going?" (addressed to one going west in the early days). The reply being: "I am going to Mudville, Hooppole Township, Posey County, Ind." I may have the expression twisted a little but anyhow it was something like it.*


m217-1. Cyrus Markwood
m218-2. Lula m. Rev. H. F. Shupe, D: D.
m219-3. Ellwyn m. Renchlin Wright, brother of the aviators.
m220-4. Fred Burton.
m221-5. Daisie m. Dr. Porter King Tait, Dora, Ala.

Rev. Shoupe is editor of the young people's paper of the U. B. Church, the "Watchword."

Fred Burton is a successful business man in Philadelphia, Pa.

Cyrus M. Billheimer was born in Sierra Leone Colony on the west coast of Africa.

Lula Billheimer's husband, Renchlin Wright, is the eldest brother of the famous aviators, Orville and Wilber Wright, the first to fly the heavier-than-air machine capable of bearing the weight of a man in the air. I saw them make their first public long distance flight in 1908 at Ft. Meyer, Va., near Washington. I shall never forget the occasion. A great crowd, probably 25,000 people, were out from Washington to see it. They flew from Ft. Meyer to Alexandria, Va., and back, a distance of about 14 miles, there and back, remaining in the air over an hour. I think they were flying as early as 1902, at Kitty Hawk, N. C., and made long distance flights at Dayton, Ohio, as early as 1905, but not publicly.

Rev. J. K. Billheimer.

Rev. J. K. Billheimer was born in Rockingham County, near Cootes Store, Va., on June the 14th, 1831, a grandson of Samuel Cootes a member of the Virginia Legislature, his mother being a Cootes. He

*I read of a man who lived in Missouri and who emigrated to Kansas in those early days. He failed and loaded all his possessions, including his wife and children, on a wagon and started for Missouri. Becoming vexed by answering the oft repeated question. "Where are you going?" he decided to paint this sign on his wagon: "Busted, by golly, going home to live with my wife's people."
was converted and walked four hundred miles to College, went to Africa as a missionary from the U. B Church in 1856, returned for a second term in 1859, was married to Amanda Hanby, daughter of Rev. Wm. Hanby, Bishop of the U. B. Church June 11, 1862, and returned with her to Africa in the fall of the same year. He spent three terms in Africa for the U. B. Church and two terms under the auspices of the American Missionary Association in the territory, which was afterwards ceded to and now is in the territory of the U. B. Church. He died in Birmingham, Ala., in his 69th year. He made in all fourteen sea voyages.

The family treasures a little hand-painted box which has been handed down from generation to generation, it having been once the property of Mary Brumback-Miller and was made in Germany. It is now in the possession of B. O. Hanby, Mt. Vernon, Ind., son of Benjamin Hanby.

VI. m209. Ann Hanby, 1840, m. June 12, 1873, Rev. Frank A. Ramsey -ch.

Rev. Ramsey graduated at Otterbein University at Westerville, O., in 1873, and preached for some years in the U. B Church. He then took a theological course at Union Biblical Seminary, Alleghany, Pa., and accepted the position of pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Homestead, Pa. His ministry there was short, and he died March 20, 1887.

His widow lives with her sister, Mrs. S. C. Collier, at Ravenna, O. (1919).

VI. m210. Cyrus Hanby, 1837-1886, m. Frederica Shutte. They lived at Chillicothe, O., where Mr. Hanby was a banker-1ch.
m221-1. Bertha m. Frank Harrper-2ch.
1. Donald Hanby, now in France (1919).
2. Kenneth, Mt. Vernon, O.

VI. m211. Dr. William O. Hanby, 1847-Oct. 17, 1879, m. Rachael J. Chambers, living (1919).
m223-1. Willo m. Dr. Grant.
1. James Grant.
2. Helen Hanby Grant.


Rev. Collier was born in England and came to the United States in 1872. He preached at Chardon, Burton, Pleasant City, and other points. He received his D. D. from Franklin College, Athens, Ohio. He is seventy-six years old, a minister of the M. E. Church (1918).

VI. m213. Samuel Miller Hanby, Sep. 6, 1852, m. Mrs. Hattie Hudson -2ch.
Jacob

VI. m214. Sarah Jane Hanby, 1843, m. Cecil C. Hewitt-1ch.
m226-1. Wm. C. Hewitt, newspaper man in Springfield, Ohio. 
   m, again C. A. Bedill and they live at Dayton, Ohio-0ch.

V. m200. Susan Miller, m. Geo. W. Haynie-5ch.
m227-1. J. Wesley.
m229-3. Mary m. Andrew J. White-2ch, both dec'd.
m230-4. Newton s. in Nevada, dec'd.
m231-5. Ella, dv.

Geo. W. Haynie was a soldier in the Civil War, Union Army.

J Wesley Haynie went to Nevada. and became prominent in railroad construction. He was also a member of the State Legislature. His brother, Newton, went to Nevada also. All the family are dead (1918).

V. m203. Mary Miller, m. David Thomas.
m232-1. Aaron m. Jane Eversole.
m234-3. Martha m. William Smith.
m235-4. Simon m. Lina Walker.
m236-5. Jerusha m.
m238-7. Caroline.
m239-8. Harvey.
m240-9. Laura.

Aaron Thomas above was killed by a stray bullet during the Civil War. A son, Chas. A. Thomas, Realtor, Columbus, Ohio, died 1918.

David Thomas, who m. Mary Miller, settled in Perry County, O., about six miles from Rushville, and in old age returned to Rushville and occupied the old Miller homestead.

Simon Thomas, Lawyer, Lenox, Tenn., is the only living member of the family (1918).

End of Catherine Strickler, da. of Jacob of Egypt.
Col. Daniel Strickler of "Stone House"

m. (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Painter-0ch.
m241-1. Harrison, 1812-1866, m. Louisa Sedwick-10ch. (m249)
m242-2. John’Buswell (Major) m. Barbara Brubaker-10ch (M-315).
m243-3. Isaac, 1814-1889, m. Mary Ruffner-9ch. (M-440)
m244-4. Hiram
m245-5. Mary, 1805-1845, m. Joel Solomon-5ch. (M-398)
m246-6. Nancy m. Stover
m247-7. Sally m. David Huffman.

Col. Daniel Strickler died in 1845, leaving a will which mentions the following children: Mary Solomon, Nancy Stover, Sally Huffman, dec’d; Phoebe Shanks, John B., Harrison, Isaac, and Hiram. He makes Harrison executor. He mentions Philo Shank and Daniel Huffman, presumably grandchildren. He gives each child 325 acres and $2,000 in cash, and his widow is bountifully supplied. I have not seen this will, but the substance of it was given to me.

I have not been able to locate the descendants of Nancy, Sally, Phoebe, or Hiram.

According to marriage records in Shenandoah County, Ann Strickler married Joseph Stover in 1813, Sarah Strickler married David Huffman about 1820, and Phoebe Strickler married Abraham Shenk in 1827. These were no doubt the daughters of Col. Daniel.

Adam Strickler in his account says: "He (John Strickler eldest brother of Col. Daniel) also helped his half brother Daniel to a good home on the river at Newport now (1885) owned by some of the Koontz family. Daniel traded it to Abraham Heiston for the stone house property near Bixler’s Ferry and died near there.” In 1787, Abraham Heiston married Magdalene Strickler. This was either the daughter or the widow of Jacob Strickler and therefore the mother or sister of Col. Daniel. In some of the older deeds, Col. Daniel is referred to as “Stone House Daniel” to distinguish him, no doubt, from other Daniel Stricklers.

Phoebe was probably the daughter of Col. Daniel’s sister, Magdalene who died a young woman leaving an infant which Col Daniel raised.

Col. Daniel was an officer in the War of 1812. He was a justice of the Shenandoah County Court for a long time, twenty-five years
or more probably, for I recall seeing that he took acknowledgments to deeds as early as 1818, and he was the presiding justice in 1842 when he sentenced the Bell negroes to be hanged in Page County. He was a man of influence in his County in his day, being a jurist, soldier, patriot, and large land owner. He was in the State Legislature several terms.

His stone house is in a good state of preservation and occupied by his grandson, McKendra Strickler. The house is a beautiful old mansion, strongly built, probably as a protection against the Indians, but it has no fort cellar. His son Harrison, an honored citizen of Page County, lived here during his life, and hence it has been in continuous possession of Col. Daniel's descendants until the present day.

Col. Daniel married again, after the death of his first wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Painter, 1802-1863, widow of Jacob Painter, 1800-1829. No children were born to them. Mrs. Painter had two children by her first marriage:

   1. Wm. Preston Painter, 1886-1889.

Mr. J. M. Strickler of Denver informs me that Cornelius Painter's family lived in St. Louis and that their daughter married a Mr. Kauffman of Page County and that their son developed into an able business man of St. Louis. (See m604-b7-c3).


m249-1. James Montgomery, 1836, m. Amanda C. Clark-1ch (m259)
m250-2. Dr. Wm. Maberry, 1838, m. Virginia Lipscomb-0ch (m259-)
m251-3. Sabina Jane, 1840, m. J. W., Carder-5ch (m261)
m252-4. Melvina Ann, 1842, m. J. S. Hershberger -5ch (m266)
m253-5. Rev. Harrison Mj., m. Sarah M. Soule-6ch (m271)
m254-6. Louisa Minerva b. 1846. s.
m255-7. Montcalm Buswell, Apr. 6, 1848-Oct. 18, 1850.
m256-8. Luretta Corinne, 1850, m. Isaac Huffman-9ch (m286)
m257-9. Lezette Electa, 1853, m. Dallas Brumback-9ch. (m297)
m258-10. McKendra Watson, 1855, m. Rosaline V. Murry-10ch (m306)

Harrison Strickler

Harrison Strickler was an honored and prominent citizen of Page County. He lived and died in the old stone house near Bixler's Ferry owned and occupied by his father. He was a great church worker
in the M. E. Church and was known the county over as a great singer, and for many years taught music. His reputation seems to have been that of a really true, good man in the highest sense of the term, with a smile for everybody. He aged rapidly during the war, turning almost white with grey hairs, over worry about his sons who were in the Confederate Army and over troubles caused by raiding parties, etc, which no doubt caused his rather early death. His memory, to his older children especially, is precious. His wife was one of those noble women noted for hospitality and amiability. I do not suppose that there was ever a happier home than this one until the war disturbed its tranquillity, a fact which was doubtless true of many a happy home in the sunny Southland in the days of sixty-one.

m259-1. William Harrison, b. Mar: 16, 1866-d. Dec: 27, 1897, s. 
m260-2. Ida C., b. Jan. 9, 1878, m. July 17, 1911. Wm. T. Eldridge. They have three children (1923).

James Montgomery Strickler had two children who died in infancy.

I am indebted to Mrs. W. T. Eldridge for considerable information which she gathered from old Bibles and tombstones while visiting in Virginia some years ago. She had prepared a family tree which she sent me. She has the original appointment of Col. Daniel Strickler, commissioning him as Captain of Virginia State Militia, dated Dec. 11, 1807, signed by Wm. E. Cabell, Governor of Virginia. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has done a great deal of work for Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. She sent me the biography of her uncle, Dr. Wm. Maberry Strickler, which I here submit below.

James M. Strickler died in 1920, aged 84 years. He went to Colorado in 1862 and engaged in mining at Georgetown and other camps in the Clear Creek district. From 1874 to 1878 he served as Democratic Treasurer of Arapahoe County. In his latter days he made his home in Denver. He was an active member of Union Lodge No. 7 A. F. & A. M. of Denver and was also a member of the Royal Arch and Commandary bodies of Masons.

Dr. Wm. Maberry Strickler
by
Ida Strickler Eldridge.

"William M. Strickler, son of Harrison and Louisa Strickler, was born near Luray, Page County, Va., September 28th, 1838. His early life was spent on a farm and in acquiring an education, completing the same at Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Penna. He then determined
to adopt the medical profession, and with that view pursued the study of medicine at the University Charlottesville, Va., one year.

At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion of 1861, he entered the Confederate Army as Assistant Surgeon, in which capacity he served until peace was declared, having participated in thirty-five regular battles. He then returned home, and taught school for a year, he then entered the Medical College at Richmond, Va., from which he graduated and received the degree of M. D. He was married in September, 1865, to Miss Virginia Lipscomb, with whom he first became acquainted while caring for the wounded on the field at the second battle of Manassas. In 1869 they moved to Colorado, and located in Colorado City. He soon established himself in an extensive practice of Medicine (at that time there was not another Physician within forty miles). He bought eighty acres of land adjoining Manitou and discovered thereon the Iron Springs, which he opened and improved, he built the Strickler House and made his home on the hillside for about three years. In 1874, at the time Colorado Springs began to grow, he sold the land and the Iron Springs, and purchased stock ranch of about seven-thousand acres, which he stocked with cattle, he also purchased lots in Colorado Springs on which he subsequently built the "Elk Hotel" and his residence.

He applied himself studiously to the Medical profession, gaining an excellent reputation as a general practitioner, and as a skillful surgeon. He was the City and County Physician many years, and President of the State Medical Society for one term. He gave attention to the management of the City government, and in 1884 was an Alderman and chairman of the Finance Committee, in 1885 he was President of the City Council, and he was elected Mayor in 1888, also in 1893, during the time he was Mayor, the most interesting, and the most important proposition, that of acquiring water rights for the City, had to be met and planned, after experimenting for years with the system of storing water in reservoirs, it was found that the supply of water from all the Creeks draining the east side of Pikes Peak were far too small for a growing City. On the West side of the Peak, Lake Moraine is located, this lake is 10,258 feet above tide water, and the capacity was estimated at 492,168,000 gallons. The lawful right to carry water across a mountain range and utilize it for an entirely different water shed was raised, and a friendly suit was brought against Wm. M. Strickler to decide this question. The Supreme Court decided the case in the affirmative. A contract was let to drive a tunnel through this mighty granite Peak at an elevation eight thousand feet above the level of the City, to run due East and West six thousand feet, its inside measurement to be four feet by six and one-half, with a six per cent grade, to connect with Lake Moraine for the sum of about one hundred thousand dollars, which in due time was com-
completed, and was named the “Strickler Tunnel” by the City Council, giving him credit for services in securing water rights, and in the construction of the Tunnel thereby leaving to his name, a monument as durable as this most noted Peak.

About the time of his term as Mayor, he was stricken with paralysis, and discontinued the practice of Medicine, and after a few years of rest and recuperating he occupied himself with writing some for Medical Journals, he wrote a book of essays on the Philosophy of Life, which he distributed gratuitously to the Public Libraries of the County.

During the latter part of 1905 and the early part of 1906 he sold all the real estate he owned at Colorado Springs, and moved to Denver in April, 1906. He had taken great interest in Masonry, having served his Lodge several years as Worshipful Master. He sold his residence to the Lodge, and they subsequently erected a Masonic Temple on the ground. He died in Denver, October 26th, 1908, and was buried by the Masons in Colorado Springs. His widow is still living.” (1914).

There is a book in the Congressional Library written by Dr. Strickler on some medical aspect of dreams. I have forgotten the title.


m261-1. Lelia Anetta, May 3, 1869, dec’d.
m263-3. Harrison Lawrence, Feb. 23, 1873, dec’d.
m264-4. Maude Eleise, Sep. 5, 1876, m.
m265-5. Edith Lorene, Mar. 12, 1878, m. Aug. 6, 1902, Thomas Parish-6ch.
1. Martin Wilson.
2. Melvin Q.
3. Walter Vanzant.
5. Horice Gilbert.
6. Ofal May.

Mrs. J. W. Carder was a devoted Christian mother and wife. Her husband lives in Los Angeles.


h266-1. Louisa Elizabeth, Dec. 4, 1866.
m267-2, Ella Lurene, Nov. 13, 1867.
m268-3. Annie Minerva, Sep. 25, 1871.
m269-4. Emma Lunetta, Feb. 18, 1881.
m270-5. Henry Harrison, Jul. 22, 1884.
Melvina Hershberger was an excellent Christian woman and did what she could to raise her family in the right way and succeeded well. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church for many years and died in the faith. Her husband was brought up in the Old School Baptist faith, but because of her exemplary life he connected himself with her church and is still a member. All their children are married.


m271-1. Howard Montgomery, b. Apr. 18, 1869, m. Lucy Augustine -3ch.


m274-4. Bessie, Jan. 17, 1872, m. Dr. R. E. L., Miller-3ch.

m275-5. Hallie Coe, Oct. 27, 1877-d. June 18, 1883. m. (2) Oct. 7, 1897, Maggie A. Thomas, 1861, da. Joseph:

m276-6. Monroe, Dec. 15 1899.

Rev. H. M. Strickler was a soldier in the Civil War and began preaching in the army. I will let him give his life work in his own words. His life has been full and rich.

Rev. H. M. Strickler
Relates his war experiences in his own words.

I was born on July 6, 1843, in the old Col. Daniel Strickler's home about one-fourth of a mile from Bixler's Ferry on the east side of the Shenandoah River and three miles from Luray. My father, Harrison Strickler, lived there for many years until he died. My brother Mc-Kendra Strickler and Louisa M., his sister, still live at the old homestead. The house was built of stone in 1796. The walls are very thick as a protection against marauding Indians it is said.

I was raised up on the farm for the most part until the war. I entered the army before it was necessary because of my age. I was in a quarter master's department and a courier the first year. In 1862 I connected myself with a movement to raise a company from Page, Warren and Shenandoah Counties.

I was elected as orderly sergeant in the organization, and on the 8th of June, 1863, I was elected Lieutenant. It was at Brandy Station, the day before the great cavalry fight. We were now connected with the 35th Battalion of Rosser's Brigade. That was the great cavalry fight of the war. We were surrounded early in the day and had to fight our way out. We lost heavily. Our Captain, Jno. H. Graybill of Woodstock, Va., was captured and never got back to us during the war. Soon after that our 1st Lieutenant was badly wounded and the sole command of the company devolved upon me
during the remainder of the war.

We were in so many battles that after about twenty I ceased to count them. In the afternoon of the fight at Trevilian Station where the enemy again got in our rear, (and we whipped them more easily for that reason) my Colonel sent me out on picket duty on the right flank with a squadron and while I was reconnoitering to find out whether or not any of the enemy were lurking around, a boy about 17 years of age came riding in from the country on a bay colt carrying a double-barreled shot gun. He said that he had nine buckshot in each barrel and that he wanted to get a splatter at them. I told him to ride along with me and we hadn't gone far when we spied six Yankees. They didn't see us.

I told him to go back and tell my orderly to send me four picked men, and soon as I saw them, I knew they were all right. I told the boy to ride with me, and the four men in the rear. We had gone about a half-mile when we saw them, presumably the same six men. We called to halt and charged them, but as we were in the act of disarming them I looked in the undergrowth of brush near the road, and the place seemed to be alive with the enemy. They did not know how many we were and we kicked up a good deal of dust and I roared out "SURRENDER! ALL OF YOU, AND COME OUT OF THERE!" They said we'll surrender and as they came out I formed them up in a company and put my four men in the rear and sent my boy to tell the pickets not to fire on the blue-coats. We ran them into camp and when we counted them there were 24 men and horses. I gave the boy one of the horses, a fine big gray and a pistol and he went on on his way. That boy would have splattered them but not a gun was fired. I must say that they had been cut off that morning and they did not know where they were and they had no officer or it might have been very different. I selected a fine Blooded horse for myself.

We were now on our way into Pennsylvania. Our Battalion was selected as advance guard for the infantry. Gen. Stuart went thru Maryland between Meads army and Washington and just before we got to Gettysburg my company was put in advance of our Battalion. I was given ten or twelve men to charge the town and we did it not slow. It was said that several hundred militia were in the town. We charged clear through the town and such running on horseback and on foot was hard to equal. They were mostly on foot. One fellow dropped his coat which had in it a combination knife which I carried with me thru the war. It was said that about 175 prisoners were taken.

I will call the names of as many as I can who were in the charge, some of whom are living and can verify my statements: John
W. Grove, Warfield Yates, Dallas Slusher, and Albert Bowers, who still survive, John H. Flinn, John Shenk and John P. Mauck (General), have passed away. They all acquitted themselves nobly. Now was it not remarkable and were we not highly honored—we Page boys? that our Battalion was called upon to act as rear guard on our way back from Gettysburg, and I have often wondered why the enemy did not press us with greater energy on our march to the Potomac. I reckon they did not feel like it. We were the last to cross the Potomac. The river was swollen right much and we had to climb up on our saddles, sometimes our horses’ feet would touch the bottom and sometimes they would not. We did not know the ford and some of the wagons had to be abandoned in the river. Gen. Lee had taken the precaution of placing a few cannon on the Virginia side of the river, which held the enemy in check until we had safely passed over and then they lined the opposite bank when we told them good bye.

During September, 1864, Lee’s army was resting in front of Richmond and Petersburg after his great conflicts, and in some way he gained the information that Grant had gotten together a large drove of fat beeves, and were herded at a point in his rear. He communicated this to Gen. Wade Hampton who called for 3,000 cavalrymen, and our command was selected among them. We took a very wide circle and traveled a part of one day and the entire night, and about daylight we came up to the cattle. They were heavily guarded. We took the enemy by surprise and made the charge. The Yankees broke ranks, the cattle became stampeded, and now the Rebels charging the whole mass across a very large acreage, we managed to get the cattle turned in the right direction. Some were sent on with the cattle to keep them moving, and some of us had to remain to keep the enemy in check. We had a right hard time of it for they brought up a right considerable force, but we brought the cattle out all right, and took them around and presented them to Gen. Lee’s army, and we didn’t even get as much as a beefsteak. Neither did Gen. Grant’s army get their beefsteak for breakfast. They numbered about 500 head.

On the second day of April, 1865, I was badly wounded in the knee, as we were falling back from Richmond, and had to be hauled off the field. I managed to get out into the country where I was unmolested till my brother, Dr. Maberry Strickler, who had been a surgeon in the army and had gone home and found out about me being left behind came for me after about one month when I was able to travel. Glad was I to get home again even tho the war closed differently to my expectations and I was on crutches. My brother Dr. Strickler of whom I spoke was connected with Hay’s Louisiana Brigade most of the time and became a great expert in his profession which has served him in good stead since the war, especially
in surgery. He had a state-wide reputation in Colorado. Patients were brought to him from all parts of the state for his skill in operations.

His Ministerial Life

My ministry began in the army. I preached to the soldiers at every opportunity for about three years, and we had some grand meetings. At the close of the war after serving one year on Rockingham Mission, in 1867, I joined the Baltimore conference, M. E. Church, South, and was sent to New Castle circuit for one year to Floyd circuit for two years; to La Fayette circuit for two years; to Prince William circuit for three years; to Green Bank circuit, W. Va., for four years; to Highland circuit one year; to Frankford circuit three years; to East Rockingham circuit four years; to Wesly Grove circuit, Md., for four years; Freedom circuit, Md., for three years; to Marshall circuit, Va., for four years; to Capon Bridge circuit, W. Va., for one year; to Springfield circuit, W. Va. for four years; to Church Hill circuit on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, for one year; to White Post circuit for four years; to Page circuit for four years. I answered to roll call 45 years consecutively in the Conference.

A great many people joined the church under my ministry, during some years more than a hundred. Some of the fields were very large. In all that time my health was good, scarcely ever failing to eat from sickness.

I am now (1914) in my 71st year and I still preach and sing as occasion comes, and greatly enjoy it. I have had a wonderful voice and perhaps have done as much good by singing as by preaching."

Rev. Strickler is now on the retired list and lives in Luray, Va. He is a large man, six feet at least in height and weighing not less than 180 or 200, with slightly gray hair and beard which was originally of reddish color. He has blue eyes and a florid complexion and is well preserved.

He might be called the singing parson for his reputation as a singer is known far and wide. What a pity more of us do not sing. The world would be a sad place indeed if it were not for music. Who can measure the influence of a good man?

A good deed is a pebble dropped into the ocean of humanity. Its waves beat upon eternity's shore.

VI. m271. Howard M. Strickler, m. ja 17 1899, Lucy Augustine, 1878, da. Jacob L. and Mahala Jane Broadwaters-Augustine.
m277-1. Eleanor no 27-1901
m278-2. Lucile mr 27-1904
m279-3. Madrienne de 18-1909
666 3d Ave, San Francisco.

H. M. Strickler is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, A. B.
1890, also took post-graduate work in Johns Hopkins University one year. In the Autumn of 1890 he became principal of Vienna Academy, Dorchester, Md., - one year post graduate work U. of Md. - in Sep. 1893 became Asst. instructor and physical director of Maryland Agricultural College, remained six years- retired and went into the mercantile business Washington, D. C., - in April 1899, joined his brother Henry Wirt in Chicago in the mail order business,- took up physical directorship in Y. M. C. A. at Troy N. Y 1900,- in June 1903, accepted similar position with the Y. M. C. A. in San Francisco, Calif: where he is at this, date (1914). He has been here ten years and has been instrumental in helping thousands of young men and boys into a better physical and perhaps mental and spiritual life. He has a great following in San Francisco. He graduated from the McGaheysville Academy, Rockingham County, Va., 1886.

VI. m273. Edith Hunter Strickler, m. ma 19, 1897, Rev. John R. Jacobs, b. oc 27, 1876, of the M. E. Church. -3ch:

m280-1. Harrison C. mr 15 -1898
m281-2. Bessie Louisa, ap 30 1901
m282-3. John R., Jr., de 7 1907.

Rev. John Roszell Jacobs has served in the following charges: Marshall circuit, junior preacher 2yrs, Sterling circuit, junior 1 yr.; Listonburg Circuit, 4 yrs.; Harford Circuit (Jarrettsville, Md.) 4 yrs.; Wesley Grove circuit, Md. 4 yrs. and Fredericksburg, Va. 4 yrs.; He attended school at Randolph Macon Academy, but for the most part he is a graduate of the school of experience.


m283-1. Ethel Alice, se 29 -1903 at Chicago, Ill.
m284-2. Wirt Wilson, ma 19 -1907 at Lake Bluff, Ill.

He is now President of the Midland Insurance Co., located at St. Paul, Minn., with offices in the Endicott Bldg. He entered West Point from McGaheysville, High School. He afterwards studied law at the U. of Md., graduating May 29, 1889.


m285-1. Robert E. L. au 29 1907
m286-2. Margaret Soule de 12 1910
m287-3. Edith Louise oc 11 1912

Dr. Miller graduated at the Uni. College of Medicine, Richmond, Va. in dentistry, May 14, 1903. He was born at Bardane, Jefferson Co., W. Va. He has an extensive practice at Front Royal, Va.

V. m255. Luretta Corinne Strickler (da. Harrison), b. fe 8, 1850, m:
Jacob McKENDRA WATSON STRICKLER 199

se 8, 1870 Isaac Huffman, b. de 27, 1845, s. Ambrose and Christina Strole-Huffman, Shenandoah, Va. -9ch.

m288-1. Herbert Lester jl 15 1871, m.
289-2. James Wilmer ju 4 1873, m.
290-3. Millard Malon ja 22 1875, m.
291-4. Lula Corinne mr 21 1881, m.
292-5. Nettie May ap 27 1883, m.
293-6. Nina Eliza oc 17 1884, m.
294-7. Bertie Melvina ap 25 1886, m.
295-8. Eunice Fay ja 11 1888, m.

Isaac Huffman died Aug. 5, 1889, leaving his widow with a large family and limited means, and necessarily she has had difficulties that a great many never know, but yet she is a ministering angel in her neighborhood. When any of the neighbors are sick or in trouble she is looked to for comfort. She is one of those lovely characters who are not only mothers to their children but to all whom they can help. Her life has been one of loving service, and this has developed a character that can not be developed in any other way. Without these sweet, gracious, and noble characters this world would be a cold place in which to live. This record contains the names of many of such noble characters, I am sure. Her brother, Dr. Strickler, of Denver, Colo., helped her to a home in Luray, and she is now in better circumstances.


m297-1. Allie Montgomery au 7 1872, m.
298-2. Laura Lourine au 20 1874 s.
299-3. Virginia May jl 28 1876, m.
300-4. Bertha Lee ja 1 1879, m.
1-5. Winnie Ethel fe 21 1881, m.
2-6. George Strickler de 26 1883, m.
3-7. Vestana Yoland fe 26 1886, m.
4-8. Frank Strickler fe 1 1894, s.
5-9. Lloyd Strickler ju 27 1896, s.

George Strickler Brumback lives in Minneapolis, Minn. All the rest of the family live in Seattle, Washington.

Christian Grove is a brother of Elizabeth and Barbara Grove who married David and Joseph Strickler of New Market.

George M. Dallas Brumback is a son of Samuel, s. Henry, s. Henry, s. widow Brumback (Brumback Families).

V. m258. McKendra Watson (Bishop) Strickler (s. Harrison) au. 20, 1855 m. au. 15, 1883 Rosaline V. Murray, b. ma 27-1859 da.
Joseph and Elizabeth Ann Murray of Luray, Va. 10ch.

m306-1. Nellie May ma 19 1884, m.
307-2. Carey M. mr 16 1886
308-3. Walter ja 5 1888-d. fe 21, 1888
309-4. Chas. Ashby ja 1889-d. ja 4 1889
310-5. Raymond L. mr 9 1890, m.
311-6. Hubert Monroe ja 8 1893
312-7. Marion Rufus jI 8 1895
313-8. Elmer Harrison mr 22 1898
315-10. John Oscar no 19 1902.

McKendra Strickler first married Mary A. Rickard, da. Ashby Rickard, sep. 6, 1877. She d. sep. 9, 1881: One child Mamie was born Sep: 9, 1881. She lives with her brother Raymond, who lives on the old Maj. Andrew Keyser homestead opposite the mouth of the Hawksbill.

McKendra Strickler is a successful farmer, an estimable gentleman, and a popular and useful citizen. He has been Supt. of Sunday Schools of his, the M. E. Church for forty years. He has trained a great many young people in the church of his faith. He lives on the old Col. Daniel Strickler homestead near Bixler's Ferry, which was also the home of his father, Harrison Strickler. He lives in the stone house that Col. Daniel lived in. It has a large cellar under it, and the walls of the house are about three feet thick. It has eight rooms four above and four below. A girder runs the entire length of the house. It was probably built as a protection against the Indians. It is a beautiful old home, and it was a more substantial home than Washington had on the Potomac.

His son, Carey M. Strickler, -student at Randolph-Macon Academy, law student at the U. of Va., realtor in Washington, D. C., elected Secy: and Treas. Mars Adding Machine Co.


m316-2. Jennie au 1846 m. Morris 3ch.
m317-3. Phoebe 1826-d. 1840 age 14
318-4. Caroline -d. age of 8
319-5. Martin fe 1835-d. 1835 se 15
321-7. Jackson 1829 -d. 1879, m. -3ch.
322-8. Mary Eliz. de 19, 1833 -d. 1887, m. Dr: Albert L: Merriam -3ch.
323-9. James 1839 -d. 1862
324-10. Isaac Newton 1848 -d. 1914, m. Minnie Misch 6ch:
Major John B. Strickler went to Illinois about 1835 when his first cousins, Joseph, Jacob and Henry D. Strickler and their sister, Mrs. Mark Thomas, went, and located in the same County, Iroquois. The above ten children are all dead, except John at Milford, Ill. and Mrs. Morris, Mich. Ave, Chicago, Ill. (1914)

Mrs. Townsend, daughter of Mary Solomon, tells me that he once lived at Carthage and that her mother visited him there. This town is noted for the killing of Joseph Smith, the Mormon Elder.

V. m316. Jennie Strickler, m. Mr. Morris: -3ch:
m325-1. Effie 1869 m. 6ch.
326-2. Mamie 1876 m.

V. m320. Washington Strickler, 1827-1899, m. (1) 1851 Miss Tibbits-1ch.
She d. 1852.
m328-1. child df.
m. 1853 (2) Arminilla Wilson- d. 1877 -10ch.
m329-2. William, b. fe 27 1855 m. Sarah Wakely -4ch.
331-4. John W. mr 19 1859, m. Ida L. Gifford -12ch:
332-5. Chas. 1862, m. -3ch
333-6. Eliza 1864, m. Spoon -4ch.
334-7. Mary 1867, m. Walter -1ch.
335-8. Frances jl 27 1870 m. Chas. Schroeder -9ch
337-10. child df.
338-11. child df.
(3) 1878. Jane Snyder -3ch.
339-12. Newton 1880, m. -4ch.
341-14. James 1885, m. -1ch.


Washington's widow, who was his third wife, is Mrs. Jane McGuire, Chicago, Ill. Her three sons have the same address

VI. m329. William Strickler, m. au 16 1878 Sarah E. Wakeley of Mil-
m342-1. Lee A. b. 1879, se 8
343-2. Clarence C. 1884, no 8
345-4. Ina M. jl 21 1894
Shell Lake, Wis.
VI. m330. **Anna Strickler**, m. oc 26 1885, **Joe Burt**, of Wellington, Ill.,
   b. ju 6 1862, s. Wm. and Sarah Kirkwood-Burt.
   m346-1. Flora Mae oc 25 1886, m. Joseph Brenner on ma 14 -1911
   347-2 Ellis Fred 1899, se 25
   Both live at Cisna Park, Ill.

VI. m331. **John Wesley Strickler**, m. fe 17 1885, **Ida Louise Gifford**, ju
   m348-1. Loyd Chas. oc 4 1887, m. Viola Rhodes -3ch.
   349-2. Hubbert se 4 1889 m. Susie Martin -3ch.
   350-3. Ethel Ida se 6 1890 m. Fred J. Jackson -4ch.
   351-4. David Wesley mr 20 1892 m. Grace Stanfield -4ch.
   352-5. Mary A. no 10 1893 m. Merrill Stanfield -3ch.
   353-6. Merlan Boise ap 21 1895 m. Evelyn Hawkins
   354-7. Sherman Wm. jl 22 1896
   355-8. Grant Dewey ju 20 1899
   356-9. Effie Irene fe 28 1901
   357-10. Mabel Mattie jl 5 1904
   358-11. Faye Stella jl 18 1907
   359-12. Edna Lucile de 7 1911

Esmond, S. D.

Merlin Boise and Grant Dewey saw service at Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Washington in 1918.

Grant D. Strickler, tho a mere youth, is operating a farm of 800 acres, "Rosedale Farm," owned by B. A. Goyke, four miles east of St. Lawrence, S. D. He farms on shares, getting two-thirds of the crop and furnishes all machinery.

   m360-1. Meriam Mildred jl 12 1912.
   m361-2. Ida Louise fe 18 1916.

Iroquois, S. D. farmer of 160 acres.

VII. m349. **Hubert Strickler**, (s. J. W.), m: Dec. 14, 1912, **Susie Martin**
   m363-1. John Walter oc 28 1913.

Iroquois, S. D.

m370-1. Pearl Isabelle de 10 1914
371-2. Margaret Mary au 16 1916
372-3. Floyd Cassen se 18 1917
373-4. Infant jl 2 1919.
Iroquois, S. D. farming 480 acres.

Merrill farms 320 acres, Iroquois, S. D.
m374-1. Cora fe 16, 1915
375-2. Harold mr 1, 1916

Mrs. Strickler has a State Teachers Certificate and is accomplished in Music. Mr. Strickler farms 320 acres, Esmond, S. D.

VI. m335. Frances Strickler, m. Chas. Schroeder s. Christal.
m377-1. Ida May m. Williams-ch
378-2. Lillie Cath. m. Thomas -1ch
380-4. Anna Pamly
381-5. Sarah Eliz.
382-6. Addie Florence m. Kincade
383-7. Ora Otto
384-8. Velam Ruth
385-9. Chas. Agwested
All Milford, Ill. except Addie Kincade, S. Water St., Champaign.

V. m322. Mary Elizabeth Strickler, (da. John), b: De 19, 1833-d. mr 4, 1887, m, se 12, 1855, Dr. Albert L. Merriam, b. fe 21, 1810, -d. ap. 4. 1871, -3ch.
m386-1. John William se 14, 1856, m. Louise Hanner. 1887, m. se 12, 1855, Dr. Albert L. Merriam, b. fe 21, 1810,-d. ap 388-3. Henry Ward Beecher fe 12, 1864 -d. se 20, 1882 s.
VI. m386. John William Merriam, (s. Dr. Albert), m: jun: 7, 1898, Louise J. Hanner of Toledo, Ohio, da. Louis and Caroline Overby-Hanner.

Mr. John W. Merriam, is a manufacturer of cigars at 139 Maiden Lane, N. Y. City. His sign is the bulldog “John W. Merriam & Co.; Habana Segar Makers and Importers, 139 Maiden Lane, N. Y.”

A beautiful picture of Merriam’s Corner, showing the old home, and rock fence, wherein is the tablet, commemorating the spot where the first blood was shed in the Revolution, is carried in each box of cigars.

Mr. Merriam was born at Sandwich, III., but he has been in N. Y. since 1898. He says; “My father Dr. Albert L. Merriam, b, Feb: 1, 1810, at Merriam’s Corner near Concord, Mass., the farm where the first blood was shed in the Revolution. He graduated as a Physician and Surgeon at Bellevue College and Hospital in 1833. He went to California in 1849, and was one of the founders of Marysville, California. He returned to Chicago in 1854, and married my mother, Mary Elizabeth Strickler, (who was born at Luray Va., Dec. 19, 1833, daughter of John B. and Barbara Brubaker Strickler) on Sep. 12, 1855.”

“My grandfather was Major John Buswell Strickler, am not sure about the Major coming from the Militia or the Mexican war.”


m389-I. Carrie Julia, oc 17 1890
Mr. Bovie is in the clothing business in Milford, Ill.

m391-1. Cora, b. 1876, m. P. B. Weeks -1ch
m392-2. Willie 1878, m. -2ch
m393-3. Winnie 1878, m. Porter -1ch twin of Willie
m394-4. Henry 1881, m. Clara Moore-1ch.
m395-5. Frank b. 1884. m. -2ch:
m396-6. Homer b. 1886, m.
Cora and Henry, Sheldon, Ill., all the rest Hunter, Ark.

Isaac Newton Strickler moved to Arkansas in 1900, locating near Hunter where he owned 250 acres of land. He was a soldier in the Civil War, Co. D. 113th Ill. Vol. Inf He d. in Sheldon, Ill. Apr. 8, 1914, aged 67 years-8mo.-2 days and was buried in Sheldon cemetery.

VI. m391. Cora Strickler se 8, 1875 (da. Isaac), m. au 1, 1895, Pashal B. Weeks, of Sheldon, Ill., b. de 13, 1863, s. W. A. and Anna Weeks.
FORT STOVER—this solid stone mansion was built by Daniel Stover about 1756. It is the only combination fort and dwelling in Page County not on the Massanutten patent. It is only a short distance from the patent, however. It has a well preserved fort cellar.
Mr. Weeks is a retired merchant and land owner.

m397. Lester La Verne b. oc 21, 1904.

VI. m394. Henry Strickler, m. 1, 1881 (s. Isaac), m. de 21, 1902, Clara Moore, of Kentland, Ind. youngest da. of Wm. and Alice Nicholas-Moore. He has a garage at Sheldon.

SOLOMONS

IV. m345. Mary Strickler, (da. Col, Daniel) b. au 27, 1805-d. oc 25, 1845, m. Joel Solomon, b. 1800-d. 1880, s. Aaron and Susan Rader-Solomon. Aaron came from Germany and was a Baptist.  
m398-1. Daniel Hiram, ja 4, 1827-1903, m. Elizabeth H. Chinn -9ch.  
m399-2. Mary Jane d. age five, buried in Luray, Va.  
m400-3. Susan Emily au 27-1831- m. Chas, Shutters -2ch.  
m401-4. Frances Isabelle 1832 -mr 3, m. R. B. Townsend -6ch:  
m402-5. Ann Eliza mr 29, d. 1850, oc 15. s.  
Joel Solomon married again, Harriet Rogers of Rockport, N. Y.- one daughter;  
1. Harriet b. ju 1, 1847, m. John Y. Stone s. Wm. and Miss Young.  
1 son John C.  
Harriet Rogers was a first cousin to Cyrus W. Field who laid the first ocean cable. John Y. Stone was a farmer and practiced law in Glenwood, Ia., -seventy years old in 1914. His son, John C. Stone m. se 12-1894 Jessie Delashmut au. 7, 1875 4ch: John Ernest, jl 4 1895; Wm. Lawrence, se 7-1897: Harriet Louise ma 2 1903; and John Young Stone, Jr. ma 5-1910.  
Joel Solomon was born in Harrisonburg, Va., and had two sisters there, Jerusha Smith and Betsy Wright. His wife, Mary Strickler, was born in Page Co. Va. and all their children were born there, moving to Ill. in 1835. He married a third time Margaret Eaken, d. 1882, aged 54. -no issue.  

Marriages of Solomons in Rockingham County.  
1792-Aug. 31- Aaron Solomon to Susannah Rader, da. Mathias, dec'd.  
1833-Oct. 22- Isaac Wright to Elizabeth Solomon, da. Aaron, dec'd.  
1832-Mar. 11- Jacob Whetmore to Rachael Solomon, da. Aaron, dec'd.  
Benjamin Solomon certifies that Elizabeth Solomon is over 21.  
Joel Solomon is surety on Jacob Whetmore's marriage bond.  

m403-1. Mary Strickler no 16 1863, m. C. W. Colby -1ch.  
m404-2. Benjamin Logan, dec'd.  
m405-3. Lucy ja 13,-1866, m. A. H. Kayton -1ch:  
m406-4. Daniel Hiram, Jr. s.  
m407-5. Effie jl 24 -1873, m. A. L. Parish -3ch:
m408-6. Eliz. Hardin de 23 -1875, m. Hugh Bey Philips -4ch:
m409-7. Lewis s.
m410-8. Vanderbilt dec'd.
m411-9. Nettie m. Chas. Law -1ch.
Daniel Hiram Solomon, Sr. was an attorney at law and represented
the Wabash Railroad for quite a while. He was also a large land own­
er, owning the largest tract in the county at one time. Solomon, Iowa,
was named for him. He was educated at Illinois College at Jackson­
ville, Ill. He was a rather large man of fine appearance.
Lewis Solomon was last heard of in Milwaukee, Wis.
Benjamin Logan Solomon left his home, Glenwood Ia., about 1880
for California, and he has not been heard from since.
Mrs. Chas. Law resides at 3105 Calumet Ave. Chicago, I11. She
had first married James McHenry Crieg who died in Lexington, Ky. A
son was born about 1900.
I also have information that Lewis Solomon changed his name to
Schwan and married a lady in St. Louis and had two sons.
VI. m405. Mary Strickler Solomon (da. Daniel) b. 1863, m. au 6 - 1892,
  Clyde Winslow Colby of San Francisco, Cal. au 6, 1862, s. Gil­
  bert A. and Mary Ann Gibson-Colby. -one son.
m412-1. Clinton Hardin Colby, b. Aug. 1, 1897.
  370 Frederick St. San Francisco, Cal.
Clyde Winslow Colby was born Aug. 6, 1862, in Marshall, Mich.
He is Manager of the Pacific Coast Traffic of the Erie Railroad with
which line he has been connected since 1896. His son Clinton will
graduate from "Trinity School" in May, 1915, and he expects to be
accredited to Stanford University.
VI. m405. Lucy Solomon, (da. Daniel) 1866, m. de. 26 1889, Abraham
  Harold Kayton, of N. Y. City, de 3, 1866, s. Henry and Caroline
  Hertzberg-Kayton of Glenhausen, Germany. One daughter.
  Henry Kayton was a native of Va.
m413-1. Carolyn Jean, oc 4 1890, m. 1915.
  Mr. Kayton is a piano manufacturer,- Milton Piano Co. 772 12th St.
  N. Y. City. Carolyn attended Miss Mason's school, "The Castle," Tarry­
town, N. Y. When the European War broke out she went to Canada
to become a trained nurse, with the idea of later going to the front,
but she soon gave up the work and married.
  Mr. Kayton made quite a success in the piano business and has re­
cently sold out at a good figure.
VI. m407. Effie Solomon, (da. Daniel), 1873, m. oc 4, 1892, Arthur Lee
  Parrish of Owensboro, Ky. fe 19, 1866, s. Isaac N. and Elizabeth
  Givens-Parrish. Three daughters.
m414-1. Helen Lucile ap 2, 1894 m. Foster
m415-2. Elizabeth Hardin oc 19, 1896 m. Edward Newall
m416-3. Sue Junior no 26 1901
The two eldest daughters attended Virginia College, Roanoke, Va.

Mr. A. L. Parrish was with the Owensboro Savings Bank for 22 years, having filled every position from bank runner to cashier. He resigned in 1905 to accept the position of traveling representative of the Alsop Process Co. of St. Louis. In 1909 when a Canadian branch was established in Toronto he was made managing director, and retains said position at the present time, (Feb. 1915). Home address—541 Jarvis St., Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Parrish belongs to Gen. Evan Shelby Chap. D. A. R. Mrs. Foster's address is 210 Bloor East Apt. 9 Toronto. Ont, Canada.

m417-1. Josephine Maxwell. 1896, de 17
m418-2. Elizabeth Hardin 1898 Jul 16 m. Russell A. Adams
m419-3. Marion Dorothy 1900 Nov 16 m. Russell A. Adams
m420-4. Annie Fontaine 1904 Oct 24

No. 2-43 Heath St. East, Ont. Can.
No. 3—in care of Roosevelt Hospital N. Y. City.
No. 4—Boston, Mass.—taking training course in Physical culture School.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Philips moved to Canada. Hugh Bey Philips had married first Elizabeth Seymour who was the mother of seven children; Mrs. John McChord, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. Owen Thomas, Mrs. John Polk, living, and Mrs. Fred Hale, Hugh B. Philips, Jr., and Austin Seymour Philips, dec'd.

Mr. Hugh Bey Philips was one of the most successful business men of Owensboro, Ky., being a man of extraordinary executive ability. He was a wholesale and retail merchant, but had other interests. There were three Philips brothers, H. B., J. G., and J. H. Philips all of whom were successful in business, J. H. having amassed a fortune of over a million.

V. m400. Susan Emily Solomon, (da. Joel), b. Aug. 27, 1831, m. Jan. 11, 1852, Chas. Shutter of St. Louis.
m421-1. Charles, Brooklyn N. Y. m, has 5 ch: & 1 grandch:
m422-2. Evelyn S. m. Belmont -2ch; Grace and Helen
Eldest da. of Evelyn m. Coles Prise ju 19-1914

Mr. Belmont died Aug. 7, 1914, aged 68 years. Widow's address—510 W. 140 St. N. Y. City.

Chas. Shutter was born in Calcutta, India, his father being minister
to India at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Shutter were buried in N.Y. Col. Shutter ran away from his London home when he was twelve years old, after having a "fuss" with his stepmother; took passage for America, blacking boots on the steamer for his passage, and landed in New Orleans. He received the title of Col. in the Mexican War. After he landed in New Orleans his father and sister came to him, and they speculated in cotton and lost. Mr. Shutter left St. Louis in 1856 and entered the dry goods firm of L. Egerton & Co., but afterwards went into the Grand Trunk Railroad line with Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., with headquarters in Boston.


m423-1. William 1858, m. Caroline Dietchter -5ch.
425-3. John ja 18-1863-d. 1864 au 12
426-4. Richard mr 15 1865 m. 3 times
427-5. Phineas fe 18 1869 m. Lillie Mary Garnsey -2ch.
428-6. Trases se 22 1872-1872-oc 27

James Adam Swope and his wife live at Glenwood, Ia. He is a brother of Judge Swope of Gettysburg, Pa., and Mrs. Swope's mother lives with them. I am indebted to her for most of the information in regard to the Solomons. She has been kind enough to write me many interesting facts, but I find I do not have space to record them all. She is 82 years old and the last member of her family of eight.


VI. m423. William Townsend, ma 30 1858, m. ja 6 1885, Caroline Dietchter, mr 17 1868, da. John and Charlotta Frankie-Dietchter, both born in Hanover, Germany, came to America at about the age of 25, locating at Dayton, O, later in Mills Co., Ia.

m429-1. Ormand Glen de 4 -1886, m. Mabel Mumford
430-2. Charlotta Isabelle no 5 -1888, s. St. Claire Apt. Omaha,
431-3. Oliver Wm. de 22 -1893, 1319 G. St. Lincoln, Neb.
432-4. Evelyn Estella ma 28 -1898
433-5. Harold Frances oc 16 -1902

Wm. Townsend owns 500 acres of land near Scott and Tako, Sask. Canada.

VII. m429. Ormand Glen Townsend, m. 1913, Mabel Eleanor Mumford, Neb.
da. Chas. and Martha Dearborn-Mumford.
m434-1. Ormand Glen, b. 1914-d. 1914.
Tako, Sask. Canada.
Jacob Solomon graduated from the Normal Dept. of the Neb. Wesleyan University and also from a three years course at Methodist Hospital at Omaha, Neb.

**VI. m426. Richard Townsend m. three ch:**
- m436-2. Raymond
- m437-3. Edward

Ralph Townsend is a licensed embalmer, Odd Fellow, and member of Company I., Glenwood, Ia.

Ella, wife of Richard Townsend, is related on her father's side, to John L. Webster, one of the 1st Governors of Connecticut.

**VI. m427. Phineas Townsend, 1869, m. 1897, Lillie Mary Gernsey, 1872, da. Edwin F. and Josephine Rector-Gernsey.**
- m438-1. Mary Irene 1899 ja 23
- m439-2. Gwendolen 1901 de. 15

Valparaiso, Neb. He is a hardware merchant.

R. B. Townsend (b1827) was at one time an extensive land and mill owner in Talbot Co., Md. His father was a member of Congress at one time.

John Young Stone (m402) was a federal soldier in the Civil war.

R. B. Townsend had a brother, Rev. Sylvanus Townsend, of the M. E. Church who located in Luray, 1885.

William Townsend had a great uncle in the Revolution, Gen. Joseph Benson. The Townsends are also related to Governor Joseph Benson Foraker of Ohio. Some of their ancestors came over in the Mayflower.

Susan Solomon Shutter was educated in the Presbyterian Seminary at Jacksonville, Ill., and in Mount Holyoke Seminary, South Hadley, Mass. Mrs. Frances Solomon Townsend attended the same school at Jacksonville and the Methodist College for ladies at the same place. Jacksonville has long been noted for its Colleges. It boasts of having the oldest school west of the Ohio.

Other facts mentioned by Mrs. Frances Townsend in letters at different times—She says:

That the great-great-grandfather of R. B. Townsend (Townsend by name) had 32 children, 16 by his first wife and 16 by his second wife; that the Solomons were all good singers; that in 1855 the country around Glenwood, Ia., was full of Mormons; that when the Missourians drove off the Indians they came over in large numbers and camped on Kegg Creek near her husband's mill; that the first she saw of them four came and opened her kitchen door, all dressed up in war paint and feathers, that she was very much frightened, that she soon became used to
them and had a squaw wash for her; that after crossing the river into Nebraska there was nothing but wild buffaloes, Indians, antelopes, and wild game of every sort; that they used only wild game for meat until 1857.

She also states that Harriet Solomon Stone, wife of John Y. Stone, spent a year in a Seminary at Bloomington, Ill. and one year in Paskel Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

From these letters I have arranged a short sketch of her husband, her husband's father, her father, and her brother, Daniel H. Solomon. The Solomons by Frances Isabelle (Solomon) Townsend, written in 1914, when she was in her 83d year).

Joel Solomon, husband of Mary Strickler, moved to Illinois in 1834 or '5, stopped in Canton, Ill., for a short while and moved to Centreville, 15 miles distant, where he had a store. He was elected to the legislature when Vandalia was the Capitol but afterwards moved to Springfield, Ill. Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglass and many other noted persons were members at the same time. In 1840 he was candidate for County Clerk on the Democratic ticket but was beaten by the Whig candidate who died before taking office. He had gone into the store to purchase some tea and dropped dead as he was paying for it. The office then went to father. In the summer of 1840 we moved to Lewistown, County seat of Fulton County. He held this office for eight years. Stephen A. Douglass was then Judge. He and father were fast friends during Douglass's life time which was for many years after coming to Glenwood, Iowa. Abe Lincoln always attended court in Lewiston. In 1850, we moved to Peoria, Ill., father going into the dry-goods business. After sister Susan's marriage to Mr. Shutters he obtained a lucrative position for father which he held until coming to Glenwood in the Spring of 1856. An eastern capitalist furnished the money for father to buy up Iowa lands on commissions which business he continued until three months before his death. "The handsome blackeyed Joel Solomon who never wrinkled and looked to be only sixty years old at eighty years." My niece says the Solomons never grow old.

Wm. Townsend, father Richard B. Townsend, gave me a pretty good history of the Townsend and Benson families who are slightly related. He married Maria Benson Richards. His people came over in the Mayflower, 200 years before, and located in Talbot County, Md. The house was built of brick brought from England. William Townsend was born in this house, and they had 13 children, all born in the same house, and he owned it until his death. He owned a plantation on Miles River, three miles from St. Michael. During the Revolution a cannon ball was shot for St. Michael which lodged in an oak tree which was supported by a chain. Then they started a little town and they called it Royal Oak, just a half mile from father
Townsend's farm. Mrs. William Townsend had a brother Joseph Benson who moved to Steubenville, Ohio. He had a daughter Margaret who married a Mr. Foraker. She had a son, and she named him Joseph Benson Foraker. He became Governor of Ohio and was for a long while U. S. Senator. (He was b. 1846, Governor 1885-89, U. S. Senator, 1897-1909.)

Daniel H. Solomon taught a County school at the age of sixteen years. In 1844, he entered Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill., After graduating he entered Yale and took a four years course and graduated. After returning from Yale he taught one term in Lewistown public school. At the end of the term he went to Quincy, Ill. and studied law with Browning and Bushell's law school. In 1852 he came to Glenwood, Iowa, and taught the first school in town. Then he began the practice of law and was quite successful in his practice. He possessed a fine law library. In 1835 he was elected to the legislature, Iowa City then being the capitol. In 1857 he helped to revise the constitution of Iowa, all the other members being old and gray headed while he was only 29 years old. He had a six hundred acre tract of land all hedged with thirteen miles of osage orange growth dividing and subdividing the whole into different tracts. He had on the tract a fine apple orchard. He laid out the town of Solomon, Iowa, and built the Wabash Railroad. He took the contract from B. W. Lewes of St. Louis and was cheated out of the most of his dues. Two of his younger daughters went to Owensboro, Ky. to visit an Aunt, their mother's sister, and afterwards married there in 1902, at which time there was a family reunion of brother, his wife and all their children at his youngest daughter's marriage to H. B. Philips. It was in July and a very sad day. He walked to the depot to see one of his daughters and child off to their home in St. Louis when he had a sun stroke, fell and broke his collar bone and died at the depot. John A. Noble of St. Louis, who was a student with him at Yale wrote a beautiful obituary of his life as a student. Mr. Noble died two years ago in St. Louis.

Richard Benson Townsend.

My Husband, R. B. Townsend, was educated in an Episcopal School in St. Michaels. He was a good Greek and Latin scholar and was a fine writer. He did not graduate, I think. In 1847 he entered into a partnership with a relative, Joseph Robson and took a stock of goods to Romney, Virginia. At the end of two years he sold out, went to St. Louis and entered a bank. There he formed a partnership with T. B. Gordon in the drygoods business, moved to Muskatine, Iowa, and from there they came to Glenwood, Iowa, in 1852, and continued in the mercantile business and bought up three mills, one a grist mill in Glenwood, one a grist and lumber mill at Clarinda, Iowa, and one lumber mill ten miles south of Glenwood. R. B. Townsend invested heavily in lands in Iowa and in Nebraska at $1.25 per acre. At the time of
our marriage in 1857, he was reputed to be the wealthiest man in Mills County. He was a heavy freighter in the early 60's to Denver, Colo., but lost heavily. He invested largely in hogs and they died of cholera. Mortgages came along with twenty years of infirmities in the shape of inflammatory rheumatism and at the time of his death was reduced to our home, one lot and dwelling, which too was heavily mortgaged. Two years ago the house was burned. I will have no will to leave to be contested.

   m440-1. Daniel Harrison 1844, m. (1) Williams (2) Rickard -5ch.
   441-2. John Robert m. Willie Grant -2ch.
   443-4. Philip m. Mary Ruffner -2ch.
   444-5. Benjamin s.
   445-6. Isaac m. Sallie CcCullough -8ch.
   446-7. Barbara m. William Shenk -12ch.
   447-8. Mollie s.
   448-9. Lena m. Peter Brubaker -1ch.

Three of the above sons were in the Confederate Army; Daniel John R., and Philip, all in the same command, Co. D. 7th Va. Cav. Rosser's Brigade. Two sons and one daughter are living; Daniel and Reuben T. and Mollie, all Luray, Va.

Mary m. Peter Brubaker and moved to Ohio, one son, at least, Vernon Brubaker.

   m449-1. Mary Blanche 1868, m. Wm. Benton Rickard -6ch.
   450-2. Isaac Russell 1870, m. -2ch.
   452-4. Lillie Lorine 1886, m. Amos Dofflemyer -1ch.
   m. (2) Mary Cornelia Rickard -1ch.

VI. m449. Mary Blanche Strickler, oc 28-68 m. 1890, Wm. Benton Rickard, 1864, s. John and Susan Kibler-Rickard. (Luray)
   m454-1. Oswald Clifton au 11 1891, m.
   455-2. Reba Ray no 24 1892, m.
   456-3. Eldon Virgil ju 29 1895 s.
   457-4. Kathleen Una se 24 1896 s.
   458-5. Clynden Oliver ap 30 1899 s.
   459-6. Ordway Willis ju 10 1901 s.

VI. m452. Lillie Lorine Strickler ma 5-1886 m. 1903 Amos Dofflemyer, 1892, s. George and Susan Strickler-Dofflemyer. (Luray)
Jacob ISAAC STRICKLER

m460-1. Harold Vincent, 1904. de 9.

m461-1. William m. Mattie Baxter
462-2. Constance m. Frank Buckner

William Strickler is proprietor of the Strickler House, Front Royal, Va.

Mr. Frank Buckner is proprietor of a Hotel at Winchester, Va. -2ch.

V. m445. Isaac Strickler (s. Isaac) m. Sallie McCullough -9ch.
m463-1. Lena m. Bert Kibler
m464-2. Thomas m. Barham, Strasburg, Va.
m465-3. Daisy m. Leslie Burner, Luray -2ch-(m179)
m466-4. Ollie m. Estus Broyles, Luray
m467-5. Lizzie m. Herman Barham, Luray
m468-6. Dollie s. Hagerstown
m469-7. Elva s. Hagerstown
m470-8. Roy s. Hagerstown
m471-9. Robt. Leedy s. Hagerstown

Daisy died, leaving several children, and her husband married again,—Julia Florence Alger, and has three children. J. C. Burner, Leslie’s father, owns the old Jacob Strickler home in Egypt. Leslie’s second wife is a granddaughter of Adam Strickler. (m179)

V. m446. Barbara Strickler (da. Isaac) m. Wm. Shenk -12ch.
m472-1. Susan m. Henry Compton, Browntown, Va.
m475-4. Isaac. dec’d. m.
m476-5. Charles m. Berryville, Va.
m477-6. Perry m. Macieman, Browntown, Va.
m478-7. Frank m. Strasburg, Va.
m481-10. Ida, dec’d. m. Robert Grant
m482-11. Mary, dec’d. m.
m483-12. Minnie m.

1. Vernon Thaddeus, m. Elsie Cox -1 son.
4. Lillian M.
5. Liddie C.
6. Caral K.
7. Mahlon

The four last children died young.

Mr. Reuben T. Strickler lives at Rileyville, Page Co. Va. His wife, Martha Fristo, was the granddaughter of Capt. John Shenk, who was a Confederate soldier and who was killed at Petersburg about the time of the evacuation of Richmond. Mary Ruffner, mother of Reuben T., was a sister of Reuben Ruffner of Page County.

Vernon T. Strickler, b. May 17, 1882, in Page Co. Va. educated in the public schools of his native County, and Luray Academy clerked in several stores in Page Co. and in Charles Town, W. Va. also in Woodstock, Va., graduated at Dunsmore Business College, Staunton, Va., 1906, with the Manufacturers & Merchants Bank, Buena Vista, Va., bookkeeper and teller with the First National Bank of Lexington, Va. until 1909 when he accepted the position of Cashier of the First National Bank of Buena Vista, Va. which position he now holds, 1924. He is also President of the City Council. On October 9, 1915, he married Elsie Cox, daughter of J. B. Cox Sr., of Bedford Co. Va. They have one son, Vernon T. Strickler, Jr., age 6 years, 1924. Mrs. Strickler has a daughter, Dorothy Riding, by a former marriage. She is attending the Harrisonburg State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.

V. m443. Philip Strickler, (s. Isaac), m. Mary Ruffner
  1. Lee Strickler
  2. Elvin Strickler, Hagerstown, Md.

End of Col. Daniel Strickler
Joseph Strickler, I, of Egypt.

II. 2. Joseph Strickler, (s. Abraham, the pioneer), b. 1731-1795 m. (1) Barbara m-(2) (according to the Miley Notes) a Miss Stickley.
The ch. without dates of birth are 1st. set of children probably.

m484-1. Abraham (m605) lived opposite the White House.
m485-2. Daniel b. Apr. 10, 1783-d. Aug. 17, 1807 testate s.
m486-3. Joseph b. Sep. 29, 1786 m. Mary Miley (m494).
m487-4. Mary m. Abram Roadcap (Rothgeb).
m488-5. Turah
m489-6. Elizabeth m. David Kauffman (m604)
m492-9. Margaret b. Apr. 18, 1781, m. Thomas Jones.

The Miley notes state that Abraham's mother was a Miss Stickley.

Marriage records of Shenandoah County disclose the following:
Barbara Strickler m. John Heaston, 1795
Barbara Strickler m. John Snider, 1793
Ann Strickler m. George Roadcap 1797
Ann Strickler m. Wm. Grimsley 1791
Ann Strickler m. David Beaver 1795

It is likely that Barbara Strickler, daughter of the above Joseph, married either John Heaston or John Snider, and that Ann married one of the three above. Her age would favor Geo. Roadcap. Daniel Strickler died young, leaving a will in which he mentions his sister Margaret, wife of Thomas Jones. One of the witnesses is a Beaver. This circumstance favors David Beaver as the wife of his sister, Ann Strickler.

Joseph Strickler left a will, and he mentions all his ten children, none of whom seem to have been married at this time, April, 1795, and his wife Barbara. This circumstance would eliminate John Snider, who married a Barbara Strickler in 1793, from being a son-in-law of Joseph Strickler. The same reasoning would eliminate Wm. Grimsley and David Beaver as he was married in March 1795. I have found no record of Turah's marriage. He calls her Torothe. He also provides for Christina Swygers if she should ever be in need. A party by this

*A Mrs. Patsy Ward d. in Page about 1900 aged 109 years. She had a daughter, Catherine Ward who m. Wm. Wood. She was receiving a pension, her husband being in the war of 1812. See Wood family.
name owned land adjoining Joseph.

Joseph Strickler lived in upper Egypt on part of the thousand acre tract purchased in 1735 by his father Abraham from Jacob Stover. In 1754 Fairfax conveys this same land to Joseph Strickler, evidently his share in his father’s estate, it having been discovered that the land was on Fairfax’s Domain and title had been derived by his father thru Jacob Stover from the Colony of Virginia, and hence this deed from Fairfax was evidently made to clear the cloud from the title. Elder R. T. Strickler, a great-grandson of Joseph, still lives on a part of the tract, and his brick residence is located near the site of the old Joseph Strickler home hard by a cool spring near the public road. The Elder has possession of the old Fairfax deed. The owners of this tract to the present day are as follows:

Abraham Strickler, 1735, date of deed, but was there earlier.
Joseph Strickler, 1731-1795
Joseph Strickler, 1786-1856
Joseph Thomas, 1828-1889
Reuben Thomas (Elder) 1854, present owner.

The burying ground of this family is some distance south of the house in the field, and it is supposed that Joseph, the first, is buried here.

The Virginia Census of 1783 gives Joseph Strickler a family of ten, presumably himself, his wife, and eight children. Two of his children had not been born at this time. The children whose birth dates are not given were probably born between 1750 and 1770, being children by his first wife.

Joseph Strickler’s will was made April 23, 1795, signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of John Strickler, John Roads, and George Koontz, and was probated in September, 1795. Abraham Strickler qualified as executor, with Isaac Strickler and David Kauffman as sureties. Joseph signed in German. The will mentions all children—Margaret and Catherine as youngest,—and wife Barbara.

Mrs. E. Lee Bell tells me that Catherine, daughter of Joseph I, married a Mr. Ward and lived in Ohio, that she with her parents visited the Wards in Ohio in 1854 just before her sixth birthday, that Mrs. Ward was quite an old lady, but she does not know where the place was in Ohio, neither does she know of any of the sisters of Catherine Ward. She says that she grew up under the impression that Joseph brother of Catherine was a soldier in some war and that he was called Capt. This has not been verified.

The Rothgebs.

It seems that Joseph Strickler redeemed one Jacob Rothgeb; that is, paid for his passage across the ocean, and a girl, Jacob’s fellow passenger, whom he (Rothgeb) afterwards married. They had two chil-
George and Peter, and became the ancestors of most of the Rothgebs of Page County. George Rothgeb married three times and had 19 children; first wife Biedler, 4 ch; Isaac, Abram, Jacob, and Elizabeth, b. 1766; second wife Graybill, 4 ch; David, Barbara, George, Christian; third wife Barbara Bear, 11 ch; Samuel, Joseph, John, Michael, Reuben, Henry, Anna, Esther, Mary, a daughter d. young, and Daniel, by first or second wife, d. young.

(Brumback Families p. 273).

Anne Rothgeb, relick of John Jacob Rothgeb, now wife of Geo. Hollyback, 1753. (Chalkley - p. 58 Vol. I)

Will of Daniel (m485), s. Joseph I, mentions mother Barbara, sisters Margaret Jones, wife of Thomas Jones, and Caty, brother Joseph Strickler, Exor.—Witnesses: Abraham Strickler and—Beaver—made Aug. 16, 1807—probated Oct. 1807. Caty, therefore, was not married in 1807.

Joseph Strickler, II of Egypt.


m494-1. Catherine 1812-1897, m. Michael Crim -7 ch. (m513)
m495-2. Abraham 1814-1836 at the Uni. of Va. (-m526)
m496-3. Isaac H. 1816-1885, m. Margaret J. Jarvis -9 ch, (m526)
m497-4. Rebecca 1819 m. Julius Rider -1 ch.
m498-5. Jacob P. 1822 m. -5 ch. (m541)
m500-7. Mary Ellen 1826-1893, m. Col. Mann Spitler -8 ch. (m546)
m501-8. Joseph T. 1829-1899, m. Sarah J. Brubaker -9 ch. (m502)

Joseph Strickler, II, lived on the old homestead in upper Egypt. He was President of Page County Court, Assessor (or High Sheriff), and, tradition says, an officer in the war of 1812. It seems he was called Captain but for what service I do not know. His military record has not been verified. He was a man of prominence in his day. Mr. Miley, in his notes, has this to say in speaking of him: "He was an assessor for many years. I recall a medium sized man, slender of figure, quiet and gentlemanly in manner and seemingly past the meridian of life." Among other beautiful things he says this about his wife, Mary Miley; "She had deep blue eyes, dark hair, a graceful figure and a well modulated voice. She was generous to a fault."

Mr. Miley says that William Strickler left a landed estate to his brothers and sisters near Seattle, Washington. (Miley Notes)

Rebecca Strickler married Julius Rider and had at least one son, William, who died in early manhood, and probably a daughter. They lived in Washington. William was probably married. Rebecca may have had a son Evert, also.
Joseph Thomas Strickler of Egypt.


m502-1. Reuben Thomas 1854, m. Pallitha Cornwell-2ch. (m511)

m503-2. Joseph Gideon 1855 m. Edith E. Kines -2ch. (m582)

m504-3. William Isaac 1857, s.

m505-4. Barbara Eliz. 1859, m. Chas. J. Mauck -5ch. (m584)

m506-5. Mary Cath. 1861, m. dec’d.

m507-6. Laura Jane 1864, m. Chas. Fultz -5ch. (m589)

m508-7. David Benton 1869, m. Addie C. Amon -4ch. (m598)

m509-8. Jacob Perry 1871, m. Emma Amon -3ch. (m602)

m510-9. Sarah Ann 1871, m. Luther Kite -3ch. (m603)

Joseph Thomas Strickler lived on the old homestead in Egypt, and is buried several hundred yards south of the old home where it is presumed his ancestors are buried. He was a Mason. His apron, beautifully hand painted with many emblems, is in the possession of his son, Elder Reuben T. There is a Masonic emblem on his tombstone.


m511-1. Mary b. Mar. 8, 1895, m. ja 25, -23 S. Beery Hoover, s. S. L.

m512-2. Martha b. Sep. 18, 1899

The Hoovers live on a farm at Timberville. Mr. Hoover is a High School graduate and was a student at V. P. I. and U. Va. Both of Mr. Strickler’s daughters are High School graduates. His wife is related to Gov. Cornwell of West Virginia.

Reuben Thomas, known as Elder R. T. Strickler, lives on the old homestead in Egypt, being the fifth generation to occupy this land. The old home has been torn down, and he lives in a handsome brick residence located near the site of the old home.

Elder Strickler is a minister of the Old School Baptist Church and travels many miles to outlying congregations in the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains in his ministerial work. He has many old books and papers, hundreds of arrow heads, and some Indian hatchets which he picked up on the river bottoms in Egypt. The books of Joseph Strickler the assessor, are written in a beautiful hand. He has the parchment deed to the land on which he lives, from Lord Fairfax, dated 1756, to Joseph Strickler I, a part of the same land which his father Abraham, derived from Jacob Stover in 1735.

of Michael (m69).
m513-1. Thomas Isaac dy.
m514-2. William dy.
m515-3. Algernon T. m. Catherine Smith -1ch.
m516-4. Mary m. Samuel Marteny
m517-5. Joseph N. B. m. Almira J. Hall -2ch.
m518-6. Ella m. Joseph L. Johnson -6ch.
m519-7. Emma m. Elmer S. Daniels, Lawyer, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The two eldest children died young, one of croup, the other was drowned.

No. 7. -Mrs. Emma Daniels, 106 Park Ave, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Michael Crim moved from New Market, Va. to Barbour Co. Va. (now W. Va.) in the late 40's and settled on Laurel Creek, where he engaged in farming and other business pursuits. He took no active part in the war, having been shot down, without provocation and without justification, in his own yard, by home guards and Yankees, in 1861, who at the same time burned his house to the ground, leaving the widow and orphans to care for themselves. This section of Virginia was located near the dividing line between the North and South where families sometimes divided on the momentous issues of sixty-one, and where barbarous cruelties were frequent, during the first period of the war. In 1869, the widow, Catherine Strickler Crim, married Col. Wm. Johnson, a widower, the father of seven children, four sons and three daughters, three of whom are still living (1914).

"Man's imagination has conceived all
Numbers and letters, all tools, vessels,
And shelter, every art and trade, all
Philosophy and poetry and politics."

"But he has not conceived how to abolish war."

Col. Johnson was a staunch Democrat and a warm Southerner. All four of his sons were in the Confederate army, two of whom, (one a Captain), were killed. He was born in Randolph Co., Va., in Feb. 1810, and married Miss Lydia Wells in 1833, in same County. He died in Feb. 1893. He was a farmer and tanner and held various local offices in the County. He was a member of the House of Delegates of Virginia from 1858 to 1865. I thank Col. I. V. Johnson, of Shepherdstown, W. Va. for this sketch of his father. Col. I. V. Johnson was a student at Emory & Henry College from Feb. 1851 to June 1852.


m520-1. Virginia, b. Nov. 20, 1861, m. Apr. 16, 1882, Adolphus Hudkins b. 1855, s. Jacob and Catherine Statnaker-Hudkins-no issue.
Mr. Crim lives at the old homestead of Michael Crim, about six miles east of Philippi, W. Va. with his daughter Mrs. Hudkins and her husband. This farm originally had only 106 acres, but it now has 233 acres under laid with coal and is supposed to have oil also. Mr. Crim has lived an honest, upright, and industrious life. Altho a natural genius in woodcraft, he always preferred farming. In politics he is a Democrat. He is 76 (1914).


m521-1. Cora May 1859, m. Melville Peck -3ch.
m522-2. Edmund Hall 1864, m. Virginia Talbot -1ch. Philippi.

1. Lucile Crim

m523-1. M. Wood Crim Peck b. 1879-1903

J. N. B. Crim was a merchant and a successful business man in all his undertakings, becoming very wealthy.

Melville Peck.

Melville Peck, b. Barbour Co. Va. (now W. Va.) Jan. 3, 1855, educated in the common schools and at West Virginia College, taught eight terms admitted to the bar 1881, LL. B. W. Va. University, 1883, practiced law in Philippi, W. Va. twenty-five years, several times mayor of the city, prosecuting attorney of Barbour County, 1892-1896, received Democratic nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals 1908, but was defeated at the election. At present he is senior member of the law firm, Peck & Peck, Richmond, Va., composed of himself and his son, H. Crim Peck. Residence, 1008 W. Franklin St., Richmond.


I understand that Melville Peck has retired, and H. Crim Peck has located in Lexington, Va., where he has been candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney of Rockbridge County.

Edna Gay Peck, b. Ju 9, 1882 was educated at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, m. no 12, 1902 Allen Lee Hawse, educated at W. Va. University,—his business, investments.

V. m516. Mary Crim, d. 1865, m. Samuel Marteny -1ch.

1. William Marteny, m. Miss Talbot of Barbour Co. He lives on a ranch in Arizona—Ad. probably, Arivaca, Pima Co.

5. Warren, b. Apr. 18, 1881, s. Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Joseph L. Johnson was the son of Col. Wm. Johnson who in 1869 m. Catherine Strickler-Crim, the mother of Ella Crim, who in the same year m. the said Joseph L. Johnson. Joseph L. was at one time a tanner, but for the past twenty years he has been in the mercantile business.

Michael Johnson,
son of Joseph L. m. 1906, Laura Hearne Roth of Wheeling, W. Va. He had literary inclinations from a child and when about eighteen years old went to Wheeling, where, until his death in 1909, he was employed by the various newspapers there, having been on the staff of the “Register,” “Intelligencer” and “News”. He was considered a very successful newspaper man. His widow lives in Wheeling, employed by the News, having just returned from South Dakota, where she has been for three years, proving a claim of homestead of 160 acres. She has one son, Clifford V. Johnson. Her Ad. 722 N. Main St., Wheeling, W. Va.

V. m519. Emma Crim, (da. Michael), m. Elmer S. Daniels, a lawyer of Chattanooga, Tenn. -2 daughters. He d. about 1912.
1. Alba m. and lives in Boston
2. Katherine

Mrs. Emma Daniels, 106 Park Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

IV. m495. Abraham Strickler, b. May 21, 1814, -d. Feb. 2, 1836 s. Joseph II of Egypt, entered the University of Virginia in September, 1835, the date of his matriculation being Sep. 1, 1835, medical department. He took up three subjects, “Anatomy and Surgery,” “Chemistry and Materia Medica,” and “Medicine.” Death brought this promising life to a close on Feb. 2, 1836, on the eve of his graduation. I think the course then was one year. From all that I can learn he was a brilliant youth and his untimely death must have been a shock to his friends and relatives.
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"He that goes soonest
Has the least to pay."

His fellow students erected a memorial at his grave in the University cemetery. It is a thick marble slab, supported by brick walls about two feet above ground, with this inscription:

"THIS IS ERECTED
in memory of
ABRAHAM STRICKLER
of Page County, Virginia
who died
at the University of Virginia
Feb'y 2nd. 1836
Aged 21 years, 4 months,
by his Fellow Students."


m526-1. Robert Mann 1851, m. Laura R. Spitler -5ch.
m527-2. Joseph Thomas 1853, d. age three.
m528-3. Arthur DeWitt 1855, m. Kate R. McClaskey -1ch.
m529-4. Mary Alice 1858, m. Hon. S. V. Woods -1ch.
m530-5. Sarah Belle 1860, d. age 10 mo.
m531-6. Annie Elizabeth 1862, m. Wm. A. Burdette
m532-7. Catherine Crim jl 11 1865, m. E. F. Irvin -1ch.
m533-8. Ettal Jane de 17, 1867, m. R. E. Talbot -5ch.
m534-8. Clara Antonia ma 8, 1870, m. C. W. Boling -2ch.

Isaac Harrison Strickler went to Philippi, Va. (now W. Va.) in 1843, where he remained the rest of his life, except a period during the Civil War, and engaged in the mercantile business, his store being the first in Philippi. He joined the Baptist Church in 1850, and was there­after a deacon until his death. He went south during the war and served as a Confederate soldier, and officer, and later was detailed a collector of tax in kind. He was an I. O. O. F., and at the time of his death he was the oldest member of the I. O. G. T. in the State. At the time of the session of the Grand Lodge held in Philippi in 1885, he was admitted as P. C. T. He was the first Post Master in Philippi and held the office seventeen years. He was a staunch Democrat all his life, a man of sterling worth and integrity, and a never failing friend to the poor. He was a very successful business man. He was merchant, soldier, Mason, Odd Fellow, Democrat, Baptist, and first Post Master at Philippi. His family has and does play an important part in the religious, political, and business activities in the State of West Virginia.
His wife is related to Miss Anna Jarvis of Phila., Pa., the founder of "Mother's Day."


m535-1. Laura se 22 -1882.
m536-2. Arthur Preston ja 25 -1885 -d. 1887-jl 17
m537-3. Margaret ju 7 -1887
m538-4. Robert Mann de 6 -1889
m539-5. Mary ap 28 -1894

Rev. Robert Mann Strickler was a student at the U. of W. Va., 1869-70, and at the U. of Va. 1871-72. He was admitted to the bar at Philippi, W. Va., in May 1878, and graduated from the Yale Theological Seminary with the degree of B. D. in May 1883. He has served the church of his faith, the Baptist, in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Alabama, Arkansas, and the District of Columbia. For several years he was engaged in Prohibition work and was twice a candidate for Congress in the second District of W. Va. on the prohibition ticket.

Robert Mann Strickler, Jr. attended the U. of W. Va. for four years, and now has a position on the Daily Herald at New Castle, Pa.


m540-1. Robert Parvin, b. Apr. 11, 1885. m. ju 27 -1912, Mary Gertrude LaRue.
   1. Mary Rosalie, 1913. ma 7.

Mr. Strickler is Cashier of the Tucker County Bank, Parsons, W. Va. He is a Baptist, Democrat, and Mason (Royal Arch and Knight Templar), and was elected Grand Master of Masons of West Virginia in November, 1900.

His son, Robert Parvin Strickler, graduated from the U. of W. Va. with the degree of A. B. in 1907, and, having won the Rhodes scholarship, he went to England in September following and took a three years' course at the University of Oxford. He is professor of Latin and Greek at Davis-Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va. He is a Mason and a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity of the U. of W. Va.

V. m529. Mary Alice Strickler, m. Hon. Samuel V. Woods. They have a daughter, Ruth, who married in June, 1916, Arthur Dayton, son of Federal Judge Alston G. Dayton.

Mr. Woods has been prominent in politics of West Virginia. He was the Democratic candidate for Congress in 1916 against Geo. M. Bowers, Republican, who was the successful candidate. In 1913 he was President of the State Senate. He is president of the Citizens Nation-
al Bank of Philippi, and his brother-in-law, R. E. Talbot, is Cashier. He married Ettal Jane Strickler.


Mr. Burdette is instructor in Latin and Mathematics in Broadus Institute. His wife has been a teacher also.

V. 532. Catherine Crim Strickler m. E. F. Irvin -1ch. d. in infancy.

V. m533. Etta Jane m. R. E. Talbott -5ch.

1. d. at Birth
2. Margaret N.
3. Edward Strickler
4. Frances Weber
5. Richard Kenneth

Mr. Talbert is cashier of the Philippi Bank.

V. m529. Clara A. Strickler m. C. W. Boling -2ch.

1. Clarence Willis, Jr.
2. Rosalynd.

IV. m498. Jacob P. Strickler d. 1895 m. and had at least five children

1. William A.
2. Thomas G.
3. Alice
4. Perry
5. Blanche

Jacob P. Strickler was a merchant at Ellenboro, W. Va. and at one time lived at Monterey.

I understand that William A. was active in temperance causes in his state and clerk either of the House or Senate at one time and secretary of various organizations at different times. Thomas G. Strickler lives at Ellenboro, W. Va.

I am informed that Jacob P. Strickler m. Miss Gilmer, daughter of Alexander Gilmer of Rockingham County, Virginia.


1. Barbara Catherine, 1848, m. E. Lee Bell -6ch.
3. William Mann 1853 m. Mary Eliz. Long. -7ch.
4. Laura Rebecca 1857. m. Rev. R. M. Strickler (m526)
5. Joseph Thomas 1859 -d. 1859
Joseph

552-7. Alice Bell 1867, m. A. Lee Shenk -4ch.
553-8. Elizabeth 1870, s.

Mary Rosenberger lived to be 85 years old, active to the last.

Col. Mann Spitler was born on his father's homestead about four miles south of Luray, known as "White Hall," which has been in the family many generations, Jacob Spitler, a relative owning it at the present, (1914). For the greater part of his life he lived at White Hall, but in later years he lived in Luray. Col. Spitler was an officer in the militia before and during the war between the States. He was in the State Senate when the war closed. He served five terms in the Legislature—two terms in the Senate, and three in the House. He and his wife were members of Main Street Baptist Church. He was one of Page County's worthy citizens.

I have been told that Abraham Spitler, grandfather of Col. Mann, married Mary Strickler. In 1749 Abraham Spitler and his wife Mary join Isaac Strickler and Susannah, his wife, in conveying land to Jacob Strickler. I understand that they are buried on the old homestead on Mill Creek, about three miles from the White House. (466) (n84) (n132)

V. m546. Barbara Catherine Spitler, b. July 28, 1848, m. Sep. 14, 1871, Erasmus Lee Bell, b. Mar. 19, 1843, s. Reuben Pendleton and Sarah Catherine Jones-Bell. Sarah was da. Wharton Jones and Nancy Wood-Jones.

m554-1. Carrie Lee au 5-1872 at White Hall -s.
555-2. Mary Sarah no 13-1874 at Salem, Va. -m. 3ch.
556-3. Wm. Solon jl 7-1877 at Salem, Va. -s.
557-4. Daisie Vir. ap 22-1879 at Salem, Va. m. 2ch.
558-5. George Mann se 6-1881 at Salem, Va. m. 1ch.
559-6. Edward Reuben ma 11-1886 at Lynchburg, Va. m. -1ch.

One of the "Immortal 600"

Mr. E. Lee Bell entered the service of the Confederate Army, June 1861; was captured at Spotsylvania C. H. May 12, 1864; was a prisoner thirteen months and three days, being confined most of the time at Fort Delaware but one of the "immortal 600" who were under the fire of the Confederate guns at Charleston, S. C. He has been in the hardware business since the war. Sarah Catherine Jones, his grandmother, was a sister of Mary Ann Jones, the wife of Ambrose Booten Shenk and mother of Ambrose Lee Shenk. The Bells live in Lynchburg, Va.

VI. m555. Mary Sarah Bell m. Wm. Robertson Perkins, Mt. Clair, N. J. -3ch.
m560-1. Wm. Robertson, Jr.
m561-2. Thomas Lee
m562-3. Mary Clough

Mr. Perkins graduated in law at Washington & Lee University
and is practicing in New York City.

VI. **m557. Daisie Virginia Bell** m. Rev. L. C. Shearer of the M. E. Ch. -2ch.

m563-1. Louis Cabe, Jr.
m564-2. Virginia Bell

VI. **m558. George Mann Bell** m. Shirley Brightwell -1 son. Geo. M. Jr. Mr. Bell is lst. Lieut. of the Home Guards of Lynchburg.

VI. **m559. Edward Reuben Bell** m. Bessie Tyree—one son. Edward is with the J. R. Miller Company of Lynchburg, Va.

VI. **m556. William Bell** is a hardware merchant in Lynchburg, Va.


m565-1. Carroll Lee ma 30 -1879. m. Sallie E. Hite.

567-2. Bertha Lillian no 26 1881 -d. 1888.


569-4. Mary Elizabeth au 12 1889 -d. 1891.


571-6. William Mann oc 14 -1895, s.

572-7. Nellie Strickler ma 11 1900 s.

Wm. Mann, Jr. is an apprentice in Roanoke Machine shops, Roanoke, Va.

Nellie is attending school in Luray, Va.


Mr. Spitler attended West Central Academy three years, graduating in 1900, and afterwards attended Washington & Lee University, 1900-01. At present he has an important position with the Luray Supply Company.


They live on a farm near Luray.


m573-1. Virginia Pearl ju 7 -1883 -d. 1884

574-2. Clarence William se 4 1886

575-3. Robert Francis ma 26 1889

576-4. Mamie Spitler mr 23 1891

577-5. Edwin Mann ja 20 1894

578-6. Marion Lycurgus ju 4 1897
Prior to 1884 Mr. Tharp was a farmer, but he has been for thirty consecutive years with the Express Company at Luray, Va.


m583-2. Samuel Perry, b. Mar. 16, 1901


m584-1. Sarah Elizabeth 1883 jl 17
m585-2. William Robert 1884 no 30
m586-3. Lester Chas. 1886 jl 6
m587-4. Virgie Susan 1888 oc 11
m588-5. Cora Belle 1890 au 18

Mr. Mauck lives near Luray, Va.


m589-1. Chas. W. Ju. 23, 1892, d. 2y. -7m.-21d.
m590-2. Cora J. Mr. 19, 1896 d. 4y. -10m.-28d.
m591-3. Mary I. se 14 1898
m592-4. Isaac F. ju 22 1900
m593-5. Ora L. oc 30 1902


m594-1. Alice Lee no 6 1889
m595-2. Marguerite Spitler de 10, 1893
m596-3. Ellen no 28 1904
m597-4. E. Lee oc 27 1899-d. ap 15, 1901

Mr. Shenk is President and Treasurer of the Kinckle Shoe Company. His father was a Confederate soldier and was killed in the Spring of 1862.


m598-1. William Joseph de 3, -94
m599-2. Mabel Ella mr 25 -95 -d. ma 14 -95
m600-3. Ruth Elizabeth fe 29 -96 -d. ap. 30 -11
m601-4. Hazel Lelia au 17 -97
At the age of 21, in April, 1890, David Benton Strickler landed in Sprague, Washington, on the Northern Pacific Railroad, and engaged in the lumber business. In 1892 he sold out to his partner and started in business for himself at Harrington, and in 1894 he sold this business to his brother, J. Perry Strickler, and purchased a general merchandise store. He was also interested in farming, and had his career not been shortened by death at the age of 29 he would doubtless have made a remarkable success. His widow lives with her children at 611 S. Maple St. Spokane, Wash.

   m602-1. Myrtle au 4 -1896
   -2. Nellie de 9 -1897
   -3. William se 18 -1899

J. P. Strickler m. again on Nov. 18, 1911, Florence Fay Hammond, da. J. R. Hammond.

2514 Grand Bouv., Spokane, Wash.

V. 510. Sarah Ann Strickler, (da. Joseph III of Egypt), b. no 24, 1871, m. no 19, (Shenandoah, Va.) 1890, Luther Kite. -3ch.
   m603-1. Gertrude se 2 1892, m. Shuler -2ch.
   -2. Anna May ma 13, -96 m. Comer
   -3. Martin Luther oc 22 -00

Sarah is a twin sister to Jacob Perry Strickler of Spokane, Wash.

William Isaac Strickler.
   Elko, Nev. (m504)

W. I. Strickler, son of Joseph III of Egypt, b. Feb. 5, 1857, in Virginia, left his native State, at the age of twenty-one, launching upon the sea of life paddling his own canoe, and landed in the State of Ohio, in Columbiana County, where he hired to a farmer by the name of Rogers for six months. About two weeks after the expiration of this period he went to Pleasant Green, Mo., and spent five months with his uncle, D. R. Brubaker. On March 18, 1879, he arrived in Elko, Nev., which was then a very small town of about 600 inhabitants. After spending a few days here he went to Burner District, about 100 miles north of Elko, where he was engaged in mining and prospecting for several years without any great success. He followed "Buckarooring" (riding the ranch, rounding up cattle, etc.) for about two months but found that kind of life was too much of a harum-scarum one for him. He then went to Tuscarora, Nev., where he was head carpenter for the Grand Prize mine for about two years. After the mine closed down he built two new houses and remodeled several others to rent and at about this time he disposed of some mining ground for several thousand dollars. He made a visit to Virginia in 1890. He is now (1914) a contractor and builder in Elko and Tuscarora, Nev. He says that
any young man with a little enterprise can do well in that country. (1914). When in Ohio he visited Reuben Strickler of Columbiana. He tells me that he has kept a diary since living in Nevada, which has been used to settle many questions in dispute.

**Jacob Perry Strickler**


Mr. J. P. Strickler left Virginia September 2, 1891, and went to Spokane, Washington. In the Autumn of 1892, he engaged in the lumber business at Harrington, Washington, investing $300 and selling out at $26,000.

In 1895 he purchased a 42,000 acre ranch in Lincoln County, and leased 5000 acres, and farmed all of this land. This was one of the largest farms in the North West at this time.

In 1901 he went to Waitsburg, Wash., and engaged in the hardware & implement business, and later extended this business to Dayton, Hatton, and Pasco, Washington.

In the mean time he bought and sold thousands of acres of land, having speculated successfully for the past ten years, and owns at the present time (1914) over 2,000 acres, part of which is irrigated, and also owns property in various cities throughout the State. He is also a director and stock holder in the town site of Laidlaw, Oregon, and is interested in a Spokane bank.

In 1910 he established his headquarters in Spokane, and now devotes all of his time to his property interests, buying, selling, etc. (1914).

**The Kauffmans.**

Mr. Philip M. Kauffman, who with his son, H. M. Kauffman, owns and operates the mill below the White House, in White House Bend, (known as the Mauck mill) tells me that his great-grandfather, David Kauffman, married Elizabeth Strickler, daughter of Joseph Strickler of Egypt. His letter is dated April, 20, 1914. He showed me David Kauffman's grave in the cemetery near his home, marked with a stone bearing the date, Jul. 15, 1804, indicating the date of his death. He had gathered considerable information which he kindly presented to me, which I here submit in condensed form.

Mr. Kauffman thinks that Nancy Kauffman who married John Strickler of Locust Grove, son of Isaac, was first cousin to his grandfather Daniel Kauffman, and, if his supposition is correct, she was a daughter of John Kauffman who lived at the White House farm. He further states that Daniel's father David lived at the Mill, where he lives now, and that another brother lived above the White House bridge now owned by A. J. Brubaker. He thinks that the other brother was named Martin and that Benj. F. Coffman, of East Rockingham is a descendant.

m604a-l. Peter Kauffman, went to Licking Co. Ohio.
a-3. Rachel Kauffman m. a Mr. Young and went to Ohio.
a-4. Barbara Kauffman m. Peter Brubaker, became the mother of Gideon Brubaker, grandfather of Reuben T. Strickler of Egypt.
a-5. Another daughter went to Ohio.
b-1. Sarah d. aged 24 yrs.
b-2. Anna d. aged 4 yrs.
b-8. Christina b. Feb. 27, 1822, m. Benj. Ruffner -
b-9. Lewis b. Oct. 13, 1823, -d. m. Isabelle Slusher -3ch.
b-10. Marian d. age 6

The Kauffmans.

b3. Enoch Kauffman, (s. Daniel), m. May 4, 1837, Delilah N. Kibler-1 son.
   1. Daniel A. m. Miss Fristo -1da.
      1. Ida, m. S. M. Cullers, Woodstock, Va.

c2. Enoch Van Buren, b. Nov. 6, 1840, m. Luema (Harter) Slusher -5ch.
Joseph THE KAUFFMANS

Joseph Franklin Kauffman, m. Dec. 20, 1860, Nancy Sealta Beasley -1ch.
1. Wm. Barney, b. 1861 -d. Mar. 6, 1873.
Joseph was killed in the battle of Manassas.

c2. Enoch Van Buren Kauffman, m. Feb. 2, 1869, Mrs. Luema (Harter) Slusher. -5ch.
d1. Henry Philip b. Nov. 6, 1869 m. 1899, Alice Gingery -1ch. dec'd.
d5. Susie R. b. Apr. 23, 1880 at home

Enoch Van B. Kauffman, at the age of 20 entered the service of the Confederate Army and served thru the entire war, from Apr. 1861 to Apr. 1865, most of the time in the 10th Va. Inf., was taken prisoner twice and participated in 27 battles. Soon after the war he went West and lived in various places in Ill., Mo., and Kan. His present address is Sycamore Mineral Springs, Kan. His son Henry was b. in Cass Co. Mo.

Mr. Kauffman says that after the war wheat was $2.00 per bushel, corn $.75, flour $10.00 per barrel, and wages $8.00 to $10.00 per month.

He went to Bentley, Hancock Co. Ill., where his cousin, Frederick Slusher, formerly from Page Co., Va. lived and a host of other relatives.

d1. Joseph W. may 12, 1863, m. Philipsburg, Kan. contractor

d2. Gilbert Trenton aug. 21, 1865, m. Bern Kan.
d3. Ann Elizabeth sep. 21, 1867, m. William Ott -5ch.
d4. David I. N. oct. 4, 1869, m. with R. R. Company

d5. Mary Susan sep. 18, 1871, m. Frederick G. Minger -3ch.
1. Ruth Inez 1892
2. Frederick Floyd, 1894
3. Thelma Loraine 1907


1. Infant da. buried with mother.

**c5. Philip Marion Kauffman, (s. Barney), m. Sep. 11, 1877, Sarah Jane Gander -3ch.**


1. Sarah Elizabeth, Mar. 8, 1907
2. Frederick Elon Aug. 20, 1908.

Henry C. Kauffman's ch.

1. Floyd Davidson b. jun. 6, 1906
2. Harold Lee aug. 10, 1907
3. Raymond Franklin dec. 26, 1908
4. Vernon Ashby dec. 26, 1910
5. Reba Louise sep. 1912
6. Philip Marion jul. 1, 1914.

Philip M. Kauffman, (c5) furnished these notes -Ad. Luray, Va.

**c8. John Wm. Kauffman, (s. Barney), m. Dec. 24, 1874, Johanna R. Rickard -4ch.**


d4. Essie May May 28, 1884, m. oct. 16, 1907, Clifford Long.

D. L. Kauffman (d1) is a jeweler, Luray Va.

Marion Barney Kauffman was accidently shot and killed by his brother Dorfie, while playing with an old revolver.

Joseph A. Kauffman (d3) was interested with his brother in the jewelry business, and in 1903 he received an optician's degree in a Chicago school. He was a very popular young man, and his untimely death caused much sorrow among his many relatives and friends.

**Rothgeb.**

**b5. Rachel Kauffman, (da. Daniel), b. 1817 -d. 1898 in Paonia Colo. m. Nov. 30, 1837, John Rothgeb -10ch.**

c1. Barney b. aug. 29, 1838 -d. mar. 30, 1877, m. 1860, Mary Ann Horan -6ch.

c2. Daniel S. jul. 18, 1840, m. 1862. Barbara A. Smith -9ch. Ola­the, Colo.

c3. Mary Ann aug. 15, 1842 -d. dec. 14, 1843.

c5. George jan. 22, 1847 -d. dec. 12, 1847.
c7. Elizabeth mar. 2, 1852, m. 1869, Jno. F. Thomas -9ch.
c8. Noah jul. 23, 1854 -d. same day
c10. John sep. 15, 1858 s. Paonia, Colo.
Barney Rothgeb died near Fredoria, Kan. where he had lived.

d1. Twins not named b. Jul. 27, 1870.
d2.
d3. Leuerette, twins, jul. 26, 1871, m. 1899, Dora Bidstrup -4ch. Lind, Wash.
d5. Geo. H. sep. 11, 1875, m. 1903, Lillian May Bidstrup -3ch. Lind, Wash.
d6. Lura E. oct. 4, 1877, m. 1897, Bloom E. Stahl -6ch. Otterville, Mo.
d7. Cora F. may 10, 1881, m. 1905, Geo. C. Monroe -1ch. Louisville, Ky.
d8. Millard F. feb. 23, 1883, m. 1907, Maude Alice Cook.

c1. Joseph Thomas df.
c2. Isaac Daniel b. aug. 11, 1840, m. 1867, Hannah Hahn -3ch.
c3. Mary Catherine jan. 8, 1843, m. 1870, Benj. Barham -7ch.
c4. Annie Elizabeth mar. 26, 1849, m. 1885, Wm. S. Barham -2ch.
  1. Mary Marand, b. dec. 10, 1885 -d. oct. 19, 1898.
  2. Wm. Stanley, b. dec. 14, 1887

  1. Minnie Stockton, b. jan. 21, 1892 -d. feb. 1, 1897
  3. Albert Berkeley b. jan. 28, 1900.
d2. Opal Laud, b. sep. 3, 1872, in O., m. dec. 18-89, John W. Tate -6ch.
  1. Walter Delwyn, b. sep. 20, 1890 -d. nov. 6, 1894.
  2. Earl Ruffner nov. 7, 1891
  3. Alma Juliet feb. 23, 1893.
  4. Henry Arnold oct. 6, 1895.
5. Vena jun. 11, 1898.

d3. R. Ethelyn, b. aug. 29, 1875, at Pataskala, O. m. mar. 12, 1902, Frank E. Stover of Luray, Va.

c3. Mary Catherine Ruffner, b. 1843 -d. nov. 3, 1892, m. 1870, in O., Benj. Barham -7ch.


Joseph Kauffman, (s. Daniel), 1820-1900, m. oct. 2, 1843, Odaline Ruffner, d. dec. 31, 1899 -11ch.

cl. Mary E. may 20, 1845
c2. John Robert aug. 5, 1846, dec’d.
c3. Barney jun. 27, 1848, m. Sudie Painter -3ch. (See m241).
c4. Peter dec. 28, 1849, m. Susan Fristoe -7ch.
c5. Sarah Louisa oct. 24, 1851, m. James Bumgardner -7ch.
c6. Julia Margaret mar. 15, 1854, m. Elijah B. Shenk -7ch.
c7. Susannah dec. 11, 1855, m. Lee Kibler -5ch.
c8. Willis oct. 11, 1857, m. Sarah Batemen -11ch.
c10. Thomas Jackson aug. 28, 1862, m. Hattie Roberts -4ch.
c11. Ambrose Booton sep .22, 1867, m. Dora E. Werner -d. mar. 24, 1894.


d1. Anna d. young.
d2. Elston dy.
d3. Lester, b. nov. 6, 1874, m. sep. 8, 1897, Ida Dahmer.
This family lives in St. Louis, Mo.

c4. Peter Kauffman, (s. Joseph), m. Aug. 21, 1872, Susan Fristo -7ch.

d1. Egbert, b. nov. 13, 1873, m. apr. 9, 1904, Mrs. Carrie McVea.
d2. Emma, b. apr. 1, 1875, m. oct. 19, 1895, Geo. W. Heiston -2ch.
1. Mamie, b. may 27, 1896 -d. sep. 27, 1905.
d3. John Clark, b. jun. 6, 1877, m. apr. 24, 1900, E. Blanche Gochenour -2ch.
1. Hazel, b. jun. 1903.

d4. Mamie L. b. nov. 9, 1879 -d. feb. 25, 1891.

d5. Loyd, dec. 22, 1883, m. nov. 20, 1907, Ella J. Brown.


d1. Rebecca Ann, b. jul. 15, 1873, m. aug. 2, 1906, Philip N. Kibler.

d2. Roads Lawrence, b. jul. 15, 1876, m. jan. 29, 1903, Maggie Slater -2ch. James, Robert and Roy Roads served 3 yrs in U. S. Army, 15 mo. in Philipines.

d3. John Robert, b. aug. 31, 1877 -d. may 24, 1878

d4. Peter Monroe, b. jun. 29, 1879 -d. may 30, 1880.

d5. Isaac Victor, b. feb. 25, 1883 -d. mar. 14, 1883.

d6. Oliver Thomas, b. feb. 17, 1885.


2. Elsie Virginia, b. nov. 16, 1895 (W. Va. 1914.)

3. Leoto, feb. 16, 1897.

d2. Joseph Samuel, b. dec. 9, 1872, m. aug. 27, 1896, Fannie Rowe -4ch.

1. Virgie May jul. 9, 1897 -d. jun. 19, 1898.

2. Wm. Ray aug. 11, 1898

3. Martha E. aug. 17, 1900


d3. Clarence Lee, b. feb. 9, 1875, m. Nannie Smelser -3ch.

1. Lindsay oct. 19, 1900

2. Clyde apr. 22, 1904

3. Earl jul. 30, 1907

d4. Cora Stella, b. jan. 19, 1877, -d. feb. 2, 1877.

d5. Barney Kauffman, b. feb. 13, 1878, m. Annie Smelser.

d6. Luther Newton, b. oct. 15, 1879

d7. Wilmer Read, b. may 9, 1883, m. aug. 16, 1905, Mrs. Cora Cusinger.


d1. Booten m. Lena Hammers

d2. Raymond m. Nettie Hershberger

d3. Joseph m. Alme Heiston
d4. Annie m. Roland Kibler  
d5. Lizzie  

c8. Willis Kauffman, (s. Joseph), m. Sarah Bateman -11ch.  
   Joseph, Ethel, Conrad, Sudie, Peter, Arthur, Mattie, Stella, Bergie,  
   Thomas and Essie.  

c9. Cornelia Kauffman, (da. Joseph), b. 1860-d. sep. 8, 1897, m. Eli-  
   jah Fleming -2ch. Adaline and Cletno.  

c10. Thomas Jackson Kauffman, (s. Joseph), m. 1885, Hattie Roberts,  
   -4ch.  
   Pearl S., Raymond S., Addie E., and John P. Kauffman.  
   m. again 1898, Mary S. Comer -2ch  
   Comer G. and Myrtle S. Kauffman.  

b8. Christina Kauffman, m. Benj. Ruffner, located in E. St. Louis in  
    1876, where they remained until their death, m. Aug, 14, 1844,  
    no further record.  

b9. Lewis Kauffman, (s. Daniel), m. Isabelle Slusher, b. May 8, 1825,  
    -d. Apr. 12, 1853. -3ch.  
   c1. Lewis Daniel, b. oct. 24, 1846-d. feb. 1892, s. in Durango,  
      Colo.  
   c2. William b. feb. 27, 1848 -d. jan. 5, 1892  
   c3. Mary Isabelle, b. nov. 21, 1850, m. jan. 9, 1867, Wm. E. Van  
      Dyke -6ch. (Memphis, Mo.)  
   d1. Wm. Lee dec. 15, 1867  
   d2. Elbert Malcolm dec. 5, 1869  
   d3. Effie Alta jul. 12, 1872  
   d4. Rezin Vernon mar. 8, 1874  
   d5. Margaret Sophia, feb. 7, 1877  
   d6. Leroy feb. 1, 1880  
   Lewis m. again 1854, Elizabeth Rickard -1 son Isaac Newton.  

c4. Isaac Newton Kauffman, (s. Lewis and 2nd. wife), b. aug. 19,  
    1855, m. sep. 28, 1877, Elizabeth S. Burner -5ch.  
   d1. John Newton jan. 3, 1879  
   d2. Chas. Thomas aug. 6, 1880  
   d3. Wm. Lester sep. 9, 1882  
   d4. Elon Boone feb. 5, 1884  
   d5. Edward Homer feb. 21, 1886.  
   Isaac m. again, Belle S. Sours -2ch.  
   d6. Isaac Lewis apr. 11, 1891  
   d7. David B. aug. 12, 1893.  

David Coffman of Dayton.  

David Coffman came from Page County, tradition in this family  
says, and located near Dayton, Rockingham County, early in his life,  
where he built the brick house, said to have been the second brick
house built in the county, the first having been the Samuel M. Bowman home, the old Lincoln home, on Linville Creek. David and his wife and two daughters probably are buried on this farm near Dayton. The house is still standing and occupied by the widow of the late Dee Long.

Their earliest record is as follows:

"David Coffman, Sr. departed this life April, 18, A. D. 1830."
"Elizabeth Coffman, departed this life Oct. 26, 1843."

Tradition says that David married Elizabeth Strickler of Page County, but it does not state who her father was, except that a grandson was named Joseph Strickler Coffman, for her father or grandfather or relative. I thot for a time that Elizabeth Strickler was the daughter of Joseph Strickler of Egypt, but after discovering the David Kauffman family above I am now uncertain who her father was. Their descendants are:

  a1. Joseph m. Abigail Lincoln
  a2. Catherine, m. Abram Funkhouser
  a3. Mary, m. Wm. Stephens
  a4. Susie, m. Samuel Coffman of Page Co.
  a5. Anna, m. Benj. Ruffner
  a6. Dorothy, m. Carbon or Mahoy
  a7. Easter d. s.
  a8. Elizabeth d. s.

According to marriage bonds of Rockingham County; dates given are dates of bonds—marriage usually followed shortly thereafter.


Lincoln Genealogy:
1. "Virginia" John Lincoln, located on Linville Creek -5 sons; Abraham, John, Jacob, Thomas, and Isaac. Jacob alone remained in Virginia. (1751-1822).
2. Abraham went to Ky. when his son Thomas was aged four.
3. Thomas, father of the President b. in Rockingham Co., Va.
4. Abraham, b. in Ky. 1809, later President.

The Coffman Home saved from order No. 89.
The killing of Major Meigs.
Oct. 4, -1864

In the fall of 1864 Sheridan's army was encamped about Harrison-
burg and Dayton while General Jubal Early and the Confederate forces were encamped on the Pike in the neighborhood of Burketown. On one rainy evening, (Oct.) 1864, Major John R. Meigs of Sheridan's staff and two Federal soldiers suddenly came upon three Confederate scouts on the Swift Run Gap Road* about a mile from the Warm Springs Pike and several miles south-west of Dayton. Major Meigs was killed, one of his companions was captured, and the other escaped. The Major's horse was also captured. One of the Confederate scouts was wounded. It was reported to Sheridan that Meigs was killed by citizens or bushwhackers. He immediately issued an order (No. 89) that all the homes within five miles of the spot should be burned. This order included Dayton. The torch was put to many of the homes within the burned district that same evening. The citizens of Dayton were given notice to move out and accordingly they moved into the adjoining fields with their belongings, where they spent the chill night. The next day before the torch was put to Dayton the order was rescinded. There have been several reasons advanced why Dayton was not burned, the most plausible, probably, being that Sheridan in the meantime had discovered that the first report that came to him was false and that Meigs was killed by Confederate soldiers and not by bushwhackers. It was a most natural thing for Sheridan to believe that first report, since Meigs was killed so near the Federal camp and far within the picket lines. The three Confederate scouts were; B. Frank Shaver, whose home was near Dayton, Campbell from North Carolina, and Martain from Virginia. These scouts were sent by Gen. Early to find out all the information they could about Sheridan's army. While on this duty they were charged by Meigs and his men; hence the combat, the very thing that the scouts were endeavouring to avoid. Shaver claimed that he killed Meigs.

It has been advanced that the town was not burned because a Masonic apron was found in a home near the town. This explanation may have been the result of the following story.

**The Story of the Coffman Home.**

Joseph Coffman (Kaufman) married Abigail Lincoln, daughter of Jacob Lincoln and was living in the brick house a short distance down the creek from Dayton where Mrs. Long now resides. Abigail Lincoln Coffman, an elderly lady, was a first cousin (once removed) to the President of the United States, the President's grandfather and her father being brothers. Mrs. Coffman had a very devoted slave, a woman, whom she sent to headquarters to tell the officer that her mistress was a first cousin to President Lincoln, and she pleaded with the officer to save the home of her aged mistress and also to save Dayton. It is a

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*Few persons know that the old "Swift Run Gap Road" crossed the Valley Pike near Stone Spring south of Harrisonburg and entered the Warm Springs Pike near Dayton.*
fact that the Coffman mansion was not burned while many all around were going up in flames. This home is marked, "Wm. Herring Residence" on map of Rockingham Co., 1885.

I have heard also that General Custer had his headquarters at this home. I have heard that the officers who came to burn the house discovered a Masonic apron and for that reason did not burn the home. Mr. Alberta Coffman of Dayton, a grandson, told me the story of the colored servant. He tells me that Frank Smith, the husband of the colored servant, but who did not belong to the Coffmans, related the fact to his brother. It is a very plausible story.

Mr. John Herring's fine home further down the creek was burned. His tenant house occupied by Valentine Bolton, then in the Confederate service, was not burned and the reason given is that a Masonic manual was found in the house. "Waverley," the fine brick mansion with mahogany doors, known as the Judge Smith home, about a mile south-west of Dayton, a hundred yards or so from the south side of the Warm Springs pike, and just about the same distance south-west of the brick-yard, was burned. It was occupied by Nevin Rogers at the time. I am told that the brick house that stands there now is on the site of the elegant home of Judge Smith, and that the walls, some of them at least, are the very same walls that sheltered the Smith family. About twenty-five homes and as many barns were burned. Mr. Coffman had a fine brick barn. This was burned, I am advised.

There is also a tradition in the Coffman family that the Federal troops who came to burn the Coffman home discovered a picture of the President in the home and upon inquiry learned that Mrs. Coffman was his cousin. Miss Lucy Coffman of Harrisonburg, granddaughter of Mrs. Coffman and daughter of Joseph Strickler Coffman, related this incident to me.

A few days after the burning in and around Dayton, Sheridan began his retreat down the Shenandoah Valley, burning all the barns and mills and driving off or killing all the live stock. Of course this was not in retaliation for the killing of Meigs but to destroy the granary of the South.

But why was Dayton not burned? All of the above incidents no doubt happened as well as many others. It is reasonable to suppose that no stone was left unturned in search for a plea to have the homes saved. Mrs. Coffman's plea likely had weight in saving her own home from the flames as well as others. The apron incident may also have played a part. But certainly General Sheridan would not have issued the order to burn the homes if he had known that Meigs was killed by a Confederate soldier in a fair fight, as was the case. The captured Federal soldier was released by General Early with strong injunctions to report immediately to General Sheridan the truth about the fight,
and it is assumed that he did report and thereupon Sheridan rescinded the order and saved Dayton.

Col. S. Tschappat of the 116 (O. V. I.), the regiment which was ordered to burn Dayton, says that Gen. Thomas F. Wildes, once Col. of the 116 (O. V. I.), prevailed upon Sheridan to rescind the order. The Colonel states that he received the rescinding order five minutes before they were to apply the torch to Dayton, and that upon receipt of this order there was greater cheering than was ever heard when making a charge. (Hist. Rock. Co. p. 149).

Mr. P. C. Kaylor has written an interesting sketch in regard to this affair. He is the first person to advance the fact that the returned prisoner's report was responsible for the rescinding order. Mr. Kaylor gives a detailed description of the killing of Meigs.

It is likely that the returned prisoner's report and the attitude of Gen. Wildes both played a part in rescinding the order. It is likely also that other circumstances saved certain homes and probably had a bearing on the rescinding order. The unpopularity of the order, if such was the case as Col. Tschappat says, may also have had its effect.

These things we do know. We know that Mrs. Coffman was a cousin of the President; that her husband was a Mason; that her home was not burned, and that Dayton was saved. All the above incidents happened, no doubt, as did many others, told and untold. Sheridan may have been the only man who ever did know exactly why Dayton was not burned, and he may never have divulged the real reason. In war "There's not to reason why, there's but to do and die." It is just what Sherman said it was. He spelled it with four letters.

**Jacob Lincoln's Will.**

Jacob Lincoln's will is recorded in Rockingham County burnt records. It was made on the 7th day of February, 1822, and was probated in the same year, evidently, altho this date is destroyed. He mentions his widow and the following children: David, Jacob, Dorcas Strayer, a son-in-law Mathew Dyer, Rebecca, Hannah Evans, Polly Hinton of Kentucky, Abigail Coffman and Elizabeth Chrisman. He makes his three sons-in-law, John Strayer, Joseph Coffman and Joseph Chrisman executors. He mentions land which he purchased of Thomas Lincoln which was willed to Thomas by his father. Among other things he gives to his daughter, Abigail, a negro boy called Sam and a negro girl named Emily which she now has. Witnesses to the will were; Joseph Bywaters, John Rader and John Moor (?)..

**The Lincoln Home built in 1800.**

Jacob Lincoln lived on Linville Creek in an elegant brick mansion said to have been the first brick home built in Rockingham County. It was built about 1800. It is still standing in an excellent state of
preservation and is owned by Mr. W. S. Miller (1924). It is located about seven miles north of Harrisonburg and about a mile down stream from Wenger's mill, just east of the public road on an elevation separated from the east bank of the creek by a beautiful meadow. The President's father was likely born near this spot but of course not in this house. It has a beautifully carved mantelpiece, and a front door of Colonial design. Jacob Lincoln was Captain of Militia Company No. 6. The personal tax books for the year 1792 credit Jacob Lincoln with four slaves and John Lincoln with no slaves. No other Lincolns were taxed with personal taxes. In 1787 the following Lincolns were taxed with lands, all in Company No. 6, John Lincoln, Sr. with 200 acres, Capt. Jacob Lincoln with 225 acres and 200 acres, and John Lincoln, Jr. (same purchased from Thomas) with 15 acres. By 1800 Jacob Lincoln has about 1000 acres. John Lincoln appears in 1800 also with large holdings, about 700 acres. Only one John appears, but it is not known whether this is John, Sr. of John, Jr.

**Abraham Lincoln-a Pennsylvania Pilgrim.**

The name, Pennsylvania Pilgrim, is a name I choose to give to that host of pioneers who landed at Philadelphia and settled the woods of William Penn. By 1730 Pennsylvania was pretty well filled up, and new emigrants were continually arriving. A great emigrant army now began to move westward from Pennsylvania. The right wing of that army pushed west across the Alleghanies into Ohio. The left wing spread over northern Maryland and poured across the Potomac and on down thru the Shenandoah Valley. The drift was south-west, into Kentucky and Tennessee. From here some of these emigrants crossed the Mississippi into Missouri, and others crossed the Ohio into Indiana and Illinois. Abraham Lincoln's family belonged to the left wing of this emigrant army. His family drifted from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Rockingham County, Virginia. Only one member of this family remained in Rockingham, while the other members followed the south-west drift into Kentucky. Some members of the family remained in that State, others moved on into Missouri, while still others turned north into Indiana and Illinois. The history of the Lincoln family is the history of every Shenandoah Valley family, for there is not a Shenandoah Valley family but that has left foot prints along this south-west drift. There was also a north-west drift form the Shenandoah Valley, bursting thru the water gaps, crossing the Ohio and spreading out over the north-west. Abraham Lincoln was a direct product of the Pennsylvania Pilgrim. He, as well as his ancestors all along the line, whether they lived north or whether they lived south of the Mason and Dixon line, lived among people who were more or less averse to slavery. Lincoln himself was descended from Quaker ancestry.
The Typical American.

Who is the typical American? He is not found at Plymouth. He is not found at Jamestown. He is more in evidence from New York to Baltimore. The Pennsylvania Pilgrim is very typical, for from the very beginning he represented all creeds, all faiths, all sects, and all the best races that entered into the warp and woof of the American fabric. The stream of Pennsylvania Pilgrims moving into the great open west, there, met and mingled with the converging streams from Plymouth and Jamestown, and by and by there grew up the typical American on the wide open spaces, on the plains and prairies, personified in that towering giant of the Sangamon River, Abraham Lincoln. He is of a new type found nowhere else in the world. Behind him we find several hundred years of sojourn in the wilderness with all its attending hardships and dangers.

Some one has said: "Show me a great man and I will show you a great mother." It is more than likely that Nancy Hanks was a Rockingham County product. Hanks are found on the early records of Rockingham County and we find some of these Hanks afterwards living in Kentucky. They, with the Lincolns, followed the south-west drift into Kentucky.

I find a marriage bond in Rockingham County, wherein John Hank entered into a bond to marry Anny Runnon in 1800. These people lived in the same section of Rockingham County where the Lincolns lived. I am wondering if Anny is not Nancy Hanks. Probably her husband died and she married Thomas Lincoln and became the mother of the President. John Hank signed the bond in German. The clerk wrote his name in the bond "Hawk."

David Coffman of Dayton.

a1. Joseph Coffman (s. David), b. Jan. 23, 1793, -d. 1872, m. 1818, Abigail Lincoln, da. Jacob, s. John of Linville Creek. (This was evidently Capt. Jacob Lincoln, 1751-1822). They lived at Dayton on the old homestead. -5ch. b1-b5.*

   c1. Elizabeth m. Frank Ruffner ,Ill.
   c2. Rebecca s.
   c3. Abigail Caroline s. Rockland Mills.
   c5. Joseph Augustus m. Fleisher -2ch., Kansas.
   c6. Chas. Robert s.

*Abigail Lincoln Coffman's home was in the burned district, but was saved from the torch of Sheridan's order No. 89.
Joseph COFFMANS OF DAYTON

All the above children remained in Virginia except the two who married, Elizabeth locating in Illinois, and Joseph in Kansas-Vera Coffman, Lost Springs, Kan.

Mr. Evans Coffman (c4), who with his sister Abigail gave me considerable information, told me that the David Coffman that lived on the Hawksbill, son of Samuel, was a relative of his father, first cousin he thought, that a daughter of David of the Hawksbill married a Mr. McKim, a druggist of Luray. He also states that David Coffman who married Elizabeth Strickler was a Baptist preacher.


c1. Wm. Henry, b. Jan. 3, 1853, m. -4ch. all d. young.
c2. Infant.
c4. Alice, b. 1867, d. Dec. 1876, age 9 yrs.
c7. Samuel Shacklet, 1873, m. Millie Koontz-3ch.

Hiram Coffman was a Confederate soldier.

d2. Hiram Lewis, Aug. 9, 1895.
d5. Isis May, Sep. 15, 1901.
d8. Wm. Wilson, Sep. 18, 1908.

b3. Jacob Coffman, bachelor.
b4. Joseph d. in infancy.
Showalter, m. 1833.)
c1. Franklin S.
c2. Nancy S., m. Houston Boyers.
c3. Elizabeth V., m. R. M. Derrer.
c4. Abigail L., dec'd.
c5. Lucy M., Harrisonburg, Va.
c6. Mary J.
c7. Frances S., m. G. W. Tutwiler.
c8. Sophia B., m. W. D. Miller.
c9. Clara B.
c10. Samuel H.

All Keezletown or Penn Laird, Rock. Co., Va.
a2. Catherine Coffman . da. David), m. Jan., 1806, Abraham Funkhouser, Jr., 1778-1855, s. Abraham, s. John, the immigrant, who settled on Tumbling Run, Shen. Co., Va.-12ch. 8 sons and 4 das. (d. Dec. 27, 1870) They are given below.

Mr. Wm. J. Funkhouser of Winchester, Va., a grandson of Catherine Coffman, who m. Abraham Funkhouser, tells me that he has often heard his grandmother speak of having six sisters and that her mother was a Strickler from Page County. Catherine Coffman became the mother of a large branch of the Funkhouser family. These are all given in the Funkhouser family by Jacob Funkhouser.

I here give the list of the descendants as found in the Funkhouser family.

a2. Catherine Coffman m. Abraham Funkhouser -12ch.

Funkhousers.

c1. Martha Jane, 1833-1889, m. Wm. H. Edmonson.
c3. Morgan, 1838-1850.
Four ch. d. in infancy.

b2. David, 1810-1887, m. Rebecca Pitman, 1817-1880-12ch.
c2. Sarah Eliz., 1838, m. Allen Mays.
c3. Emanuel, 1841-1871, m. Sarah Hayworth.
c4. Mary Ellen, 1843, m. James Collins.
c5. Rebecca Monroe, 1845, m. Geo. Glaize.
c6. David, 1847, m. Sarah Doss.
c8. Emma, 1852, m. Wm. A. Scott.
c9. Ethel, m. Louis Johnson.
Two d. young, 1859 and 1864, and another.

   (m1-)
   c1. Nathaniel N., 1837, m. Sallie C. Neff, 1838-4ch.
   c2. Mary C., 1840, m. John W. Palmer, 1827-5ch.
   c4. David N., 1843, m. Georgiana Roudabush, 1846-6ch.
   c5. Joseph N., 1845-1848.
   c6. Jacob C., 1846, m. Fannie V. Kite.
   c7. Samuel N., 1848-1901, m. Lucy Little (Litelle)-1ch.
   c8. Isaiah N., 1850, m. Susan M. Koiner.

b4. Lydia, 1814, m. Henry Rosenberger, 1808-1874.
   c1. Daniel, 1837.
   c2. Samuel, 1839.
   c3. David.
   c5. Amos, 1846.
   c7. Noah, 1849.
   c8. Isaiah, 1852-1854.

b5. Elizabeth Funkhouser, 1826-1890, m. Benjamin Windle, 1819-1880.
   c1. Nathaniel, 1847, m. Mary Jane Baker, 1845.
   c2. Martha Ellen, 1848, m. Plank.
   c3. Elizabeth, 1850.
   c4. Joseph Henry, 1852, m. Sarah Alice Bell.
   c5. Mary Cath., 1845-1854.
   c7. Martin L., 1858, m. Bettie C. Rutz, 1853.
   c8. William, 1859.
   c9. Lydia Frances, 1861.
   c10. Ann Rebecca, 1863, m. David Stultz, 1862.
   c11. Eddie, 1865.
   c12. Jacob, 1868, m. Martha Emily Doll, 1859.

b6. John Funkhouser, m. Sarah Emswiler.
   c1. Oliver Funkhouser.

b7. Obet Funkhouser-nothing further.

b8. Catherine Funkhouser-nothing further.
b9. George Funkhouser, 1817-1881, m. Mary Windle, d. 1861.
   c2. Nathaniel, 1845, m. (1) Annie Beydler, 1844-82. (2) Rebecca Jane Saum, 1849-89.
   c3. Catherine, 1847-63.
   c4. Jacob W., 1848.
   c5. George, 1849, m. Ella M. Edmondson. (2) Elizabeth Rosenberger, 1828.
   c7. Mary Jane, 1865-92, m.
   c8. Silas R., 1867, m. Hammack.

b10. Abraham Funkhouser, 1818-1889, m. Catherine Ramey, 1822-95.

b11. Milly Funkhouser, m. Abram Beydler.
   c1. Seatte.
   c2. Abraham.
   c3. Martin.

b12. Rebecca Funkhouser, 1827, m. Isaac Pifer, 1820.
   c2. Lydia Cath., 1854-56, m.
   c3. Mary Eliz., 1858, m. Chas. Fisher, 1855.
   c5. Marrie Rebecca, 1863, m. Edwin Baker.

John H. Pifer resides on the old Funkhouser homestead, and has four children, Joseph E., Herman I., Martha R. and Mary M., twins. Mr. Joseph E. Pifer was a practicing lawyer in Harrisonburg, Va., and died there of influenza about 1918, leaving a wife and several children.

   a3. Mary Coffman (da. David), m. Wm. Stephens-3 daughters.
      b1. Lucinda, m. Henry Jennings-4ch.
      b2. Elizabeth, m. John Cooper-2ch. Hugh Saum, Edinburg, Va., a des.
      b3. Emily m. Frank Grayson.

Emily Stephens was Frank Grayson’s second wife, he having first married Emily’s first cousin, Elizabeth Coffman, da. Susie Coffman and Samuel Coffman.

   b1. Lucinda Stephens, m. Henry Jennings, s. Joel-4ch.
      1. Mamie, m. Robert Yancey, Lacey Spring -several ch.
Fannie m. Arch Brock, Lacey Springs—several ch.
3. Elkton m. Clyde Koontz, Lacey Springs—several ch.
c2. Mary Lark, m. Chas. Neff—4 ch.
  1. a da. Mrs. David Clegg, Knoxville, Tenn.
  2. a s. Eugene Neff, Millinville, Ill.
c3. Henry m. widow lives in Smithfield, W. Va.
c4. Jewitt s.

Henry Jennings, s. Joel, had a brother, Joshua, who m. a Miss Kratzer and had two sons, Champ and Dr. Dallas Jennings. Champ lives at Lacey Springs.

a4. Susie Coffman (da. David) m. Samuel Coffman, of the Hawksbill in Page Co.—3 ch.
b1. Catherine m. —— Grayson, brother of Frank.
b2. Elizabeth m. Frank Grayson.
b3. David m. Emily Thorton.
  1. a daughter m. Mr. McKim, druggist of Luray.

Mr. H. M. Coffman of Luray, s. Martin D., says that his father had a first cousin, David Coffman, who lived on the Hawksbill several miles above Luray, the son of Samuel, that father and son are both dead (1915), that David had five ch.; Samuel and De Witt both of whom went to Texas; Bettie and Jennie in Luray, and Susan in Chicago. H. M. Coffman thinks his mother, Mary Strickler, was 3d cousin to Adam Strickler.

b1. Elizabeth m. David Trinkler.
b2. Mary m. Levi Cross.
b3. David C. m. Catherine Ruffner.
b4. Andrew m. Elizabeth Leath.
b5. Anna m. Manoah Howell.
b6. Dorothy m. Lewis Hite.
b7. Benjamin m. Mary Lamb.
b10. Aaron.
b11. Lydia.
b12. Catherine.
b13. Rebecca.

The last five died in infancy.

There were two pair of twins in this family: David and Elizabeth, Noah and Lydia.

The Coffmans.

Herbert Coffman of Harrisonburg, son of Maj. Isaac G. Coffman, killed in battle, told me that his family of Coffmans came from Lan-
coster County, Pa., and located on Naked Creek, Shenandoah County, now Page County; that his ancestor Samuel once was a merchant at New Market; that he afterwards located on Linville Creek; that he had sons, Erasmus and DeWitt; that Erasmus was one time Clerk of the Court of Rockingham County; that he was a very large man, weighing about 300 pounds; that Dr. Samuel A. Coffman was a member of this family; that his mother was Miss Smith; niece of Abram Smith of North Mountain in Rockingham County; that his mother's father married three times, each time the daughter of a Clerk, first the daughter of Mr. McDowell, Clerk of Rockbridge County, second a daughter of the Clerk of Augusta County, and third the daughter of Mr. Gambill, once Clerk of the Court of Rockingham County.

Miss Annie M. Samuels died in Harrisonburg, Jan. 29, 1923, aged 86 years, born in Woodstock, Va., the daughter of Judge Green Berry Samuels and Mary Coffman. Judge Samuels was a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. Before being elevated to the Supreme Court he was judge of the judicial circuit embracing Rockingham County, succeeding in office Judge Daniel Smith. (From Harrisonburg paper.) I do not know from what family Mary Coffman comes.

I understand that Michael Kauffman was one of the first Mennonite preachers in Virginia, and that his remains lie in Lindale Church Cemetery on Linville Creek, near Edom, Rockingham Co., Va., and that Stauffer and Graybill of Woodstock were Mennonite preachers also. (Brumback families.)

The Coffmans of Linville's Creek.

The following information was obtained from Mrs. W. W. Ward of 192 Hawks Ave., Columbus, Ohio. She says that the most of it was given to her by Erasmus Coffman (E3 below presumably).

a1. Martin Kauffman, d. 1749,* m. Anna Kneisler, b. 1688, d. 1758 and had 3 or 4 sons; Michael, Jacob and Martin.

b1. Jacob (Mrs. W. W. Ward's ancestor) will probated 1796-buried at Lindale.

c1. John m. Rachael Shoemaker, J., b. 1780 went to Ohio, 1818.

d1. Hannah m. Fred Chrisman Fox.

e1. Fred Fox.

f1. Elizabeth m. Wm. W. Ward (above).


cl. Samuel.


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*This is evidently Martin, the Mennonite minister, whose will was probated in Staunton, Va.
c3. Ann m. Valentine Baysler.
c4. Elizabeth m. Andrew Conell.
c5. Barbara m. John Shenck.
c6. Magdalene m. Jacob Myers.
c7. David m. Sarah Ann Lionberger.

d1. Samuel.
e1. Dr. Samuel A. m. (1) Kate Baer (mother of his ch.)
   (2) Fannie Baer (sister of Kate).
f1. Kate.
f3. Erasmus.
f4. Mary m. Winfield Liggett, lawyer of Harrisonburg, Va., s. Jacob Liggett, lawyer also; both dec'd. Six ch: Winfield, in the Navy, graduate U. S. Naval Academy; Samuel C., civil engineer; Rush; Mary Coffman; Evelyn m. Cornelius B. Williamson, and Frankie.

e2. Michael never m.
e3. Erasmus never m. Clerk Rockingham Co. Court, 1848-1852.
e4. DeWitt m. Harnsberger.
f1. Dr. W. H. Coffman.
f2. Bessie m. Dr. J. H. Wolf of Elkton.
g1. Fannie m. Herbert Cover.
g2. Polly m. W. T. Hall.
f3. Fannie.
f4. Peggie.
e5. Maj. Isaac G. m. Magdalene Smith (killed in battle)
f1. Frank, drowned a young man.
f2. Samuel m. His widow lives in Harrisonburg- sev'l. ch
f3. Herbert m. lives in Harrisonburg, Va.-0ch.
   Tom and Kate still living.
e7. Adelaide m. Jacob Strayer of Bogota, Rockingham, Co.
f1. Crawford.
f2. John.
f3. Charles.
f4. Margaret.
f5. Annie.
e6. Elizabeth.
f7. Addie.
f8. Clara.
e9. Minnie.
Dr. Samuel A. Coffman was State Senator, 1864-65; was a member of secession legislature. When he and his colleagues were elected, the papers, at the time, stated that they were for the Union. (Wayland's History of Rockingham County)

Mrs. Ward says: "Mrs. Bessie Wolf told me that my great-great-grandfather, Jacob Coffman was a son of Martin Coffman and a brother to her great-great-grandfather, Michael, and that she had a record which her Uncle Erasmus had compiled."

From this statement and the forgoing notes I make the following arrangement to more clearly show the relationship of Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wolfe.

Mrs. Wolfe's Line.      Mrs. Ward's Line.
A. Martin Kauffman. — A. Martin Kauffman.
B. Michael Coffman. — B. Jacob Coffman.
C. David Coffman. — C. John Coffman.
D. Samuel Coffman. — D. Hannah Coffman Fox.
E. DeWitt Coffman. — E. Frederick C. Fox.
F. Bessie Coffman Wolfe. — F. Elizabeth Fox.
(Mrs. Dr. J. H. Wolfe) (Mrs. W. W. Ward)

Dr. Samuel A. Coffman owned the elegant brick mansion known as Inglewood, several miles north of Harrisonburg. The Coffmans also built the handsome brick residence at Wengers Mill on Linvilles Creek.

Earliest Kauffman Records.

On May 17, 1749, the will of Martin Kauffman was probated in Augusta County (Will Book No. 1-p. 125), David Kaufman, Michael Kauffman and John Koontz, witnesses, his wife Barbara executrix, with David and Michael Kaufman sureties. The will is short and does not mention children. It is written in German and English. The inventory is one of the largest, if not the largest, in Book No. 1. He lived in Massanutten*.

For some of the articles copied see p. 31 this volume.

Martin was evidently a preacher and more than likely the father of Martin Kaufman, the Baptist minister, contemporary with John Koontz.

We know that Martin and Michael Kauffman were in Massanutten as early as 1735 when they purchased land there. See map. Michael joined in the petition in 1733. These two were likely brothers and the ancestors of a great number of the Kaufmans of Page County.

On June 15, 1754, Fairfax conveys to Michael Kaufman in the name of the heirs of Martin Kaufman, dec'd., 400 acres on Dry Run. It is a rectangular piece of land, 340 poles by 189 poles, the beginning point being on a hill on the north side of Dry Run and thence almost east 340 poles, etc.

*I think the will states that his brother shall be surety.
On April 1, 1765, Michael Kaufman of Lancaster County, province of Pennsylvania, and late of the County of Augusta, in the Colony of Virginia, conveys to Henry Brumback, and Ann, his wife, late Ann Kaufman, daughter and orphan of Martin Kaufman, dec'd. of Frederick County, Va., the same 400 acres. (D. B. 10-p 193-Winchester). This is Spring farm, I understand. From this deed we know that Martin Kaufman, dec'd. had a daughter, Ann, the wife of Henry Brumback.

The "Peper Corn" Deed.

In 1767, Martin Kaufman and Mary, his wife, convey to John Strickler 287 acres, held under deed from Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax made to Michael Kauffman in the name of the Orphans of Martin Kaufman, dec'd., of whom the above named Martin is heir at law, which said deed bears date the 3rd day of Feb. 1755. From the description I learn that this tract touches the Fairfax line and the Shenandoah River. (D. B. 11-p. 429-Winchester) This was in the toe of Fairfax bend. (See Massanutten-p. 136.) A yearly rent of one "Peper Corn" was reserved.

From the above deeds we learn that Martin had a son Martin and a daughter, Ann, who married Henry Brumback.

The original spelling of the name was Kaufman. Samuel, who married Barbara Strickler, always spelled his name that way. He located on Linville Creek.

A 100-Pound Gift.

Will of Martin Kauffman, dec'd., mentions Mary and sons, Jacob and Samuel. Gives 100 pounds to the President of the United States for charitable purposes—made 1809—probated 1813. (H-338) This was the minister, evidently.

Will of Mary Kauffman, made 1816-probated 1825-(N-222), devises all property to her son Samuel’s children and son Jacob’s children that he had by his first wife, ten in number, their names are: Children of Samuel: Nancy, Mary, Katherine, Elizabeth, and David; children of Jacob: Mary, Nancy, Barbara, Fidley (?), and Martin.

Will of Michael Kauffman, 1786-probated 1789-(C-15)-4 das. and 3 sons. David Exor.

Will of Martin Kauffman, 1805 (F-325).

Chas. F. Kauffman, 31 S. Penn St., York, Pa., is compiling a list of the descendants of Andrew Kauffman, who came from Bern, Switzerland, 1712, and left 12 children; two, John and Isaac, came to Virginia. John was living in Rockingham Co., Va., in 1796 and had a son, John.

The Ruffners.

By William Staige Marye in the Files of the Page News.

This information was obtained from a letter written by Wm.
Staige Marye to his son James Theodosus Marye, dated Hillside, July 4, 1835.

a. Peter Ruffner (the pioneer) m. Mary Steinman, located on the Hawksbill near Luray. -6ch.
      c1. David, father Dr. Henry b. 1790.
      c2. Joseph, Jr. friend of Wm. Staige Marye above*.
      c3. Tobias
      c4. Samuel
      c5. Eve
      c6. Daniel
      c7. Abraham
   b2. Benjamin, m. (1) Burner, (2) Heistand
      1st. wife                      2nd. wife
      c1. Peter                     c7. Emmanuel
      c2. Benjamin                  c8. Reuben
      c3. Mary                      c9. Abraham
      c4. Regina                   c10. Barbara
      c5. Martin                   c11. Michael
      c6. Ann                      c12. Elizabeth
   b3. Reuben m. and went to Kentucky.
   b4. Elizabeth, m. Jacob Stover of Stoverstown (Strasburg) and raised a large family there.
   b5. Emanuel, m. Grove and went to Ohio.
   b6. Peter, m. Eliz. Burner sister of Benjamin's wife and lived on the old homestead.
      c1. Isaac                     c7. Hester
      c2. Elizabeth                 c8. Nancy
      c6. Mary, m. Wm. Staige Marye above. Hon. Geo. T. Marye, Jr., Ambassador to Russia when the World War broke out, was a descendant of this family.

   Will of Peter Ruffner.

Peter Ruffner's will, probated, March 1772, at Woodstock, (W. B. A. p. 152), mentions Mary, Peter, Manuel, Joseph, Benjamin, Ruben, son-in-law, Jacob Stover, Executors; Mary, his wife, Joseph, his son, and Benjamin Strickler, his friend. Witnesses: Edwin Young, Selby Foley, Jacob Strickler, Jacob Burner and Christian Groves. Mary may have been testator's wife.

References: Heaston (21-); Burners (n254-); Stovers (385); Groves

*Mr. Marye says he continued to correspond with Joseph, Jr. after he went to the Western Country. It seems that David did not follow his father to Kanawha Co. until about 1796.
Peter Ruffner, Sr., the pioneer, was a native of Hanover, Germany, 3d son of a Baron, and a Lutheran. He came to America at the age of 19 and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where he met and married Mary Steinman, daughter of a wealthy German of the community, a native of Wurtemburg. Steinman owned lands on the Hawksbill. In 1739, Peter Ruffner and his wife located on these lands which extended up and down the Hawksbill from Luray on both sides of the stream, for many miles. Peter subsequently added to these possessions many acres. The mansion house was near the Hawksbill, by a spring, now near the edge of Luray. John Ruffner, his grandson, lived at this site in 1835. Peter Ruffner, Sr., was a tall man, six feet and three inches in height, handsome, and possessed of a strong mind and much energy. He and his wife were buried on the old plantation. William Staige Marye says in his sketch:

"Indeed at that early day that part of the Valley was almost exclusively settled by the class of Germans with which said Peter Ruffner and family became indentified and afterwards inter-married."

I learn farther from Mr. Marye's sketch, the following:

Joseph Ruffner lived on the farm then (1835) owned by Samuel Forrer just at the junction of the Little and Big Hawksbill. This is about a mile up the Hawksbill from Luray and at the site of Mundellsville. It was his son, David, who married Ann Brumback and became famous in the Kanawha country. Joseph sold out and located in Kanawha County.

Benjamin Ruffner lived on the Big Hawksbill a mile south of Mundellsville (Kendrick and Forrer home in 1835).

Reuben Ruffner lived on the Big Hawksbill two miles south of Mundellsville (Widow Hoffman farm in 1835). He went to Kentucky.

Emanuel Ruffner settled on the farm where Blackford's furnace then (1835) stood. He sold out to Derrick Pennybacker, and moved to the farm where Ulrich Biedler then (1835) lived on the Big Hawksbill. He afterwards went to Ohio.

Peter Ruffner, Jr., lived one and a half miles down the Hawksbill from Mundellsville. This places him in the north-west edge of Luray evidently at or near the mansion house of his father Peter Ruffner, Sr. However, Mr. Marye states that John Ruffner, son of Peter, Jr., was living there in 1835.

This completes the locations of the five sons of Peter Ruffner, Sr. His daughter Elizabeth married Jacob Stover of Stovertown (Strasburg) and reared a large family there.
The above information is taken from an article appearing in the Page News under date 1911. Extracts from this same article appeared again in the News about December, 1923. It was written in 1835 by Wm. Staige Marye to his son James Theadosus Marye on the latter's departure for Mississippi. It is a very interesting article. The original was written in the back of an old book and was in the possession of J. B. and Jacob W. Ruffner in 1911. The above is simply a condensed form of the article. In one paragraph he says: "Your mother (Mary Ruffner) was the most beautiful lady I think I have ever seen. I lived at Mundellsville where I courted and married her. Her father's place was only about one and one-half miles down the Hawksbill Creek from Mundellsville. I visited there for a long time with much pleasure to myself in my young days. I removed from Culpeper to the Shenandoah in 1794 at the age of 19 years. Your mother and I have had fifteen children. When I left Culpeper I was a mere boy just out of the William and Mary College where I studied the languages, mathematics and other branches usual in College. Nothing was spoken in this part of the country but the German language, the low Dutch. I procured a quantity of German books of the very best authors and very soon became the best German scholar in this region. I learned to speak, read and write the Hock Deutsch and the Platt Deutch (High and low Dutch) languages."

If Mary Ruffner was as beautiful as William Staige says she was, and I do not doubt his word, he certainly had the highest incentive to study the Dutch language. I am sure he was not long in learning the meaning of "Ich Liebe dich" and "Liebchen" etc.

The Ruffners of Kanawha County.

The Ruffner name is written large in the annals of Kanawha County, W. Va. Joseph Ruffner located near Charleston at an early day, and his sons became prominent in that region. His son Col. David Ruffner once occupied, as his residence, the old block house (Fort Clendenin) which stood on the north-east corner of Kanawha and Brook streets in Charleston. Here his son, Gen. Lewis Ruffner, was born Oct. 1, 1797. He was probably the first child born in Charleston. Chas. C. Lewis, a descendant of Gen. Charles Lewis who was killed at Point Pleasant, now resides on the site. Daniel Boone once resided in this fort. Boone represented the County in the Virginia Legislature in 1791.

In 1808, Col. David and Tobias Ruffner bored the first salt well near Charleston. Here in 1815, Capt. James Wilson boring for salt water struck the first gas well in America. In 1817 David and Tobias Ruffner first discovered coal in the Kanawha Valley. In 1841 William Tompkins boring for salt, struck natural gas at "Buning Spring" and was the first person in America to use it for manufacturing purposes.
General Geo. Washington once owned Burning Spring, and he refers to this spring in his will as being on one of his tracts of land. The Indians came here to get salt. It was also frequented by elk, deer and buffalo. Campbell’s Creek near by was called by the Indians, Nippipinmah, meaning Salt Creek. There is an old Presbyterian Church at at Malden, the center of the salt industry, about ten miles east of Charleston. There is a tablet in the church which gives the information that the church was erected by David Ruffner in 1839-40, that it was dedicated on Dec. 13, 1840. Rev. James Brown and Rev. Henry Ruffner officiating. This is known as the Saline Church.

Dr. Henry Ruffner, born on the Hwaksbill, 1790, President of Washington College (later Washington & Lee University), and his son, Dr. Wm. H. Ruffner, author of the present public school system, and the first Superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia, are two noted scions of the Ruffner family. (Information from D. C. Galleher's Genealogy 1917, Charleston, W. Va.)

Milliam Staige Marye of Hillside.

William Staige Marye (s. Peter) b. Feb. 15, 1775-d. Sep. 28, 1837, m. May 5, 1802, Mary Ruffner, b. Apr. 25, 1875, d. Dec. 26, 1852, da. Peter and Elizabeth Burner-Ruffner. Peter Ruffner was the son of Peter, the pioneer. Unto them were born 15 children—two of them being:

1. James Theodosus Marye
   2. A son Gen. Marye, 1st. West Point Cadet from Calif.

James Marye of Marye Heights-Fredericksburg.

On Saturday morning Dec. 13, 1862, a dense fog hung over Fredericksburg. Gen. Lee’s headquarters were on Marye Heights just south of that city. His army stretched several miles to the east. From behind this curtain of fog came the noise of the stage hands preparing for another scene. About nine o’clock the curtain rolled up and presented to Lee’s army a scene never before beheld upon this continent. Marshalled on the campaign that skirts the southern shore of the Rappahannock, stood 125,000 men in blue, while 25,000 reserves were pouring down the bank on the opposite side. But this is sufficient and I will introduce you to James Marye, the first of the family in America, driven from France by the revocation of the “Edict of Nantes.” He first settled at Monacan on the James but later purchased land on the Rappahannock whereon Fredericksburg was founded in 1729. His home was built on Marye Heights, made famous by the bat-
Peter Marye, a member of this family, located in Culpeper County and built the first toll road across the Blue Ridge into the Shenandoah Valley where his son, Wm. Staige Marye, later lived. He married Mary Ruffner and was the mother of fifteen children; one, George Thomas Marye, became a merchant in Balto., Md., married Helen Tucker, and in 1849, went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama during the gold rush. The Isthmus route seems to have been a favorite one during those exciting times. He entered largely into the life of San Francisco and later lived at Virginia City, Nevada. His son, Hon. George T. Marye, Jr., was American Ambassador to Russia during the World War. He has recently published a book entitled, "From '49 to '83 in California and Nevada." He is a lawyer and lives in Washington, D. C.

William Staige Marye of Hillside.

William Staige Marve was born in Culpeper County and came to Page in 1749 at the age of 19, and later settled at Hillside Farm, now the north-west suburb of Luray, Va. He was a member of the Legislature in 1831 when Page County was formed and of course took a prominent part in organizing the new County. He is also considered the founder of Luray which was located on the land of his father-in-law Peter Ruffner. The Marye home, "Hillside Farm," is now (1923) occupied by Chas. M. Yates. Here the large family of fifteen children were reared. Peter Ruffner father of Mrs. Marye, lived on the farm now occupied by the brick mansion, the residence of Thomas Deford, near Luray. The old Ruffner graveyard is in the bottom west of this mansion. A fine monument marks the last resting place of William Staige Marye in Green Hill cemetery, Luray. Many members of the family are buried here in the Marye lot. One stone is marked "Willis Y. Marye, d. June 23, 1885, aged 56 years." He had married Ida Almond, daughter of David E. Almond. Another stone in the Marye lot is marked, "Mary Ann, wife of Joshua Ruffner, b. Jun. 10, 1823, d. Apr. 15. 1871."

The above information is taken from a sketch of the Marye family appearing in the Page News about December, 1923.

Gold was discovered in California on the lands of Gen. John A. Sutter, a native of Switzerland. His fort, Sutter's Fort, still preserved, has been surrounded by Sacramento, the capital of California. Sutter died a poor man.
Abraham Strickler of White House.

III. m484. Abraham Strickler (s. Joseph I. of Egypt) b. about 1765, m. Apr. 3, 1787, Christina Brubaker, b. Aug. 31, 1766, da. of Abram and Barbara Miller-Brubaker. Abram was the son of John Brubaker the pioneer in Massanutten. 4ch. at least.*

m605-1. Abraham, Jr. b. 1803-d. 1867, m. three times -9ch. (m-609)
m606-2. Henry m. Elizabeth Huffman -5ch. (m704)
m607-3. Sarah m. Jacob Bushong ch. (m726)
m608-4. Elizabeth b. 1788 m. David Strickler -9ch. (m727)

Abraham Strickler, known as Abraham, Sr., lived on the hill at the south end of the bridge and opposite the White House. His home still stands, as well as the White House where his son Henry lived. Abraham, Sr. and other members of his family are buried near the old home on the hill. After the death of Abraham, Sr. his son Abraham, Jr. lived here and he gave the White House across the river to his son Henry. This land opposite the White House is a part of the 1000 acre tract first occupied by Abraham Strickler and was a part of his Egypt plantation. Fairfax conveyed it to Benjamin Strickler, son of Abraham, the pioneer, as his portion of his father's estate in 1756. Benjamin conveyed it to Abraham Strickler, whose widow and eldest son and heir at law, sold it to Abraham Strickler, son of Joseph, in 1794.

IV. m605. Abraham Strickler, Jr. (s. Abraham, Sr.) b. 1803-d. 1867, m. May 12, 1829, (M. R.) no ch. by 1st. marriage.

(1) Hettie Lowery
(2) Margaret Mahaney -2ch.
m609-1. Mary Ann m. John N. Mauck -5ch.
m610-2. Bettie Ann, 1834-1856, m. Solomon D. Rothgeb -7ch.

(3) Elizabeth Rothgeb -7ch.
m611-3. Amanda 1875, m. Ambrose Yowell -3ch.
m612-4. Dollie 1840- m. P. D. Kibler -7ch.
m613-5. Jennette m. Wm. H. Price -5ch.
m614-6. Clarinda m. Ambrose C. Huffman -3ch.
m615-7. Nancy Jane 1852-1876, m. Samuel W. Strickler -2ch.
m616-8. George Abram m. Mary P. Brubaker -2ch.

Abraham Strickler, Jr. lived at the old homestead at the south end of the White House bridge and is buried there.

*Barbara Miller was the daughter of Jacob Miller, Sr., founder of Muellerstadt (Woodstock). John Brubaker it seems never came to Virginia. His son Abraham occupied the Massanutton plantation.
V. m611. Amanda Strickler, m. Ambrose Yowell -3ch. One son is
John Yowell, Luray, Va.

V. m612. Dorothy Ann (Dollie) Strickler, b. Aug. 28, 1840, m. Sep.
21, 1858, Pendleton D. Kibler, b. Jan. 14, 1836, s. David and
Eliz. Rickard-Kibler. -7ch.
  m618-1. David Abram 1859, m. Carrie Ruffner -11ch.
  m619-2. Trenton O. 1862, m. Dollie Smith -2ch.
  m620-3. Annie Ollie 1865, m. W. Lee Strickler -2ch.
  m621-4. John P. 1867, m. Bettie Smith -1ch.
  m622-5. Ida May 1872, m. B. B. Shenk -5ch.
  m623-6. Jennie Strickler 1875, s. Luray, Va.
  m624-7. Carrie Blanche 1882, m. Ed. L. Dofflemyer -5ch.

Pendleton D. Kibler was a Confederate soldier, Bradley’s Co. Ad­
dress—Luray, Va. His sons; T. O. and J. P. m. sisters, das. Abram
Smith. E. L. Dofflemyer is a son of Geo. who m. Bettie Strickler.

VI. m618. David Abram Kibler, Jun. 25, 1859, m. Dec. 14, 1892, Carrie
Ruffner b. Nov. 1, 1876, da. Jno. D. and Bettie Bumgardner-
Ruffner. -11ch.
  m625-1. Abram Oct. 29, 1893, m. Good
  m626-2. Daniel Jan. 21, 1895, m. Keller
  m627-3. Anna Jan. 21, 1897
  m628-4. Martha Jul. 6, 1898
  m629-5. Dorothy Feb. 17, 1900
  m630-6. Aaron Dec. 25, 1901
  m631-7. Esther Sep. 9, 1904
  m632-8. Jonah May 22, 1910
  m634-10. Paul Oct. 25, 1914
  m635-11. Matthew Jun. 16, 1917

VI. m619. Trenton O. Kibler b. Feb. 25, 1862, m. Dec. 21, 1898, Doll­
  ly Smith, (Luray) b. May 23, 1870, da. Abram and Susan Good-
  Smith.
  m636-1. Bessie, Feb. 16, 1900
  m637-2. Frank Aug. 25, 1901.

VI. m620. Annie Ollie Kibler’s family-see (m183).

VI. m621. John Pendleton Kibler, b. Oct. 31, 1867, m. Mar. 23, 1895,
Bettie Smith (Luray) b. Aug. 29, 1877, da. Abram and Susan
Aleshire-Smith. -1ch.
  m638-1. Lester, b. Apr. 22, 1896.
Mr. J. P. Kibler is an electrical engineer, Luray, Va.

VI. m622. Ida May Kibler, b. Jul. 22, 1872, m. Byron Boronia Shenk,
  m639-1. Orion C. Jan. 7, 1898
m640-2. Carey Dec. 11, 1899
m641-3. Virda M. June 8, 1902, Kinmball, Va.
m642-4. Iva M. Dec. 12, 1903
m643-5. Earl W. Sep. 17, 1905.

m644-1. Geneva May Jun. 25, 1900
m645-2. Mary Genevieve May 10, 1903
m646-3. Elsie Virginia May 31, 1906. Hagerstown, Md.
m647-4. Wm. Theodore Oct. 29, 1908
m648-5. Evelyn Lucile Jun. 17, 1911.

V. m613. Jennette Strickler (da. Abram Jr.,) m. Wm. H. Price, s. Biah
m649-1. Charles m. Fannie Dinges, Luray, Va.
m650-2. David m. Elizabeth Campbell
m651-3. Irvin m. Elizabeth Dinges -1 son Harry
m652-4. Annie m. Peter Dovel -5ch.
m653-5. Mary m. Clyde Rothgeb -5ch. three of whom are:
   1. Jennie
   2. Leonard
   3. Saville

m655-2. Nanmmie, m. Buchanan Burner—she is dec’d.
m656-3. Sudie, m. Trenton Rickard -2ch. Otis and Grace. Sudie Rickard is dec’d.

V. m615. Nancy Jane m. Samuel W. Strickler -see (m745)

m657-1. Vinnie, m. E. P. White, Luray, Va. -4ch.
m658-2. Clyde d. s.
   Two of Vinnie White’s ch. are; George and Willie

m659-1. Vergie 1878, m. Cha. G. Sanger -2ch.
m660-2. Ernest 1883 s.
m661-3. Reba 1892 m. Frank O. Liskey -2ch.
   Harrisonburg, Va. He changed his name to John M. in order to be distinguished from John W. in the same neighborhood.
   Virginia E. Moyer’s brother m. Bettie Gay (614)
Mr. John M. Strickler has been a very successful miller. He first operated the Mauck Mill, Page Co. opposite upper Egypt, then he purchased a mill on Smith Creek, Rockingham Co. three miles northeast of Tenth Legion. Here he remained until about 1910 when he sold to C. M. Stultz and operated a mill in Mt. Jackson for several years. He then purchased a large mill at Berryville, Va. He sold this mill and purchased the Harrisonburg Mill, at Harrisonburg, Va., about 1922. I never knew a more honorable man in all his business relations than John M. Strickler. When I was a boy his mill was located within five hundred yards of our home. He died in 1923 at Harrisonburg, Va., a few months after his wife. His son continues the milling business at Harrisonburg.

VI. m659. Virgie Strickler, b. jun. 19, 1878, m. sep. 14, 1905, Chas. G. Sanger, b. Apr. 21, 1875, s. Samuel and Mary J. Smith-Sanger of Rockingham Co. Va. -2ch.
   m662-1. Olin June 9, 1909

Mr. Sanger is a farmer and has a very fine apple orchard, one of the best in the County I should say. He lives several miles west of Harrisonburg.

   2. Frances

Mr. Liskey has been in the mill with his father-in-law since his marriage.

   m661-1. Allie, dec'd. m. Solon Offenbacker -3ch.
   m666-2. Elizabeth m. Charles Comer
   m667-3. Townsend m. Miss Huntsberry
   m668-4. Abram m. Emma Henry
   m669-5. Newton m. Susan Painter

   m671-2. William Jackson, 1862, m. Elizabeth Bumgardner -3ch.
   m672-3. Emma Rebecca 1865, m. Will Keyser -2ch.
   m673-4. Virgie Estell 1868, m. Walter Huffman -3ch.
   m674-5. Annie Bell 1870, m. Joseph Huffman -4ch.
   m675-6. Lena Eveline 1879, m. Noah Rothgeb -2ch.
   m676-7. Della Loreen 1885, s. at home with parents

Elizabeth Rothgeb, who m. Abraham Strickler, Jr. was a cousin of
Solomon D. Rothgeb.

Mrs. Solomon D. Rothgeb tells me that Abraham Strickler, Sr. gave his son Henry the White House farm, and Abraham, Jr. the farm across the river where he is buried, at the south end of the bridge at the White House. Her husband thinks that the White House is over a hundred years old. It was probably built by the Kaufmans. The Miley notes say it was built for a fort.

VI. m670. George Washington Rothgeb (s. Solomon), July 4, 1859 on Mill Creek m. Dec. 6, 1883, Mary Susan Strickler, b. Dec. 18, 1863, near Grove Hill, da. Martin and Margaret Kite-Strickler. See No. m969 -1ch.

m677-1. Maggie Elizabeth Oct. 23, 1885-df.
m678-2. Ray Grove Jan. 11, 1890
m679-3. Guy Watson Aug. 19, 1891
m680-4. Iva Virginia Dec. 26, 1892
m681-5. May Strickler Sep. 4, 1894
m682-6. Ross McKinley Feb. 9, 1897
m683-7. De Witt George Jun. 5, 1899
m684-8. Rita True Oct. 15, 1901
m686-10. Mark Eugene Sep. 23, 1904

Ray, Iva, Guy, Ross, and May Rothgeb are graduates of the Luray High School and are all teachers except Ross who is studying pharmacy. Guy is in N. Y. City studying art, and Iva is taking an A. B. Course at Elon College, N. C. where she expects to graduate.

G. W. Rothgeb and his wife lived on their farm at Leaksville for 25 years, but sold and moved to Luray in 1910 where they now reside and own comfortable property. He taught school for twenty years, but of late he has filled an important government position. They have one grandchild, Elizabeth Bell Rothgeb, daughter of Ray Grove Rothgeb, who married on Apr. 29, 1913, Lena Virginia Modesitt, daughter of Willie Modesitt and Bell Henkel Modesitt. Their daughter was born in 1914. They live in Luray.


m688-1. Carl Allen May 23, 1888
m689-2. Ralph Olen Jul. 9, 1892 Luray
m690-3. Keyser Talmage Aug. 15, 1897

m691-1. Lottie May Oct: 11, 1890
m692-2. Theresa Garland Aug. 25, 1892.
Mr. Keyser is a farmer near Luray. His daughters live at Luray.

m693-1. Pearl Irene 1890
m694-2. Ina Virginia 1892
m695-3. Eva Catherine 1898
Walter Huffman is a farmer and school teacher. Luray, Va.

m696-1. Paul Feb. 18, 1896-d. May 10, 1897.
m697-2. Irene Virginia Sep. 28, 1898
m698-3. Rachel Elizabeth Mar. 6, 1901
m699-4. Frances Gertrude Oct. 8, 1904
m700-5. Robert Isaac Jan. 14, 1907
m701-6. Anna Caroline Oct. 9, 1911.
Isaac Huffman was a Confederate soldier.

m702-1. Elon Solomon Apr. 24, 1905
m703-2. Clark Martin Nov. 21, 1908
Martin Rothgeb was a Confederate soldier. He is a second cousin to Solomon D. Rothgeb, the father of his wife. Noah is a brother of Mrs. Rothgeb of Harrisonburg who was a Rothgeb before her marriage.

IV. m606. Henry Strickler (s. Abraham, Sr.) m. Elizabeth Huffman-5ch.
m704-1. Barbara m. Maj. Benjamin Strickler -4ch.
m705-2. Emmanuel m. Bettie Kite -5ch.
m706-3. Andrew J. m. Rebecca Tobin -0ch.
m707-4. George s. Baptist minister.
m708-5. Sallie 1817-1909, m. Gideon Tobin -2ch.
Andrew J. Strickler married twice but left no children. George never married and was a Baptist minister. Barbara Strickler m. her first cousin, Maj. Benj. Strickler, son of Elizabeth who married her first cousin, David Strickler.

Henry lived at the White House, and is buried on his father's homestead at the south end of the bridge.

V. m706. Andrew J. Strickler, (s. Henry), m. (1) Rebecca Tobin, da. Johnathan Tobin and (2) Mary J. Shenk, da. of Abraham Shenk
and Phoebe Strickler-Shenk. She was of the family of Col. Daniel (m248)

V. m704. Barbara Strickler, m. Maj. Benj. Strickler -see (m736)

V. m705. Emmanuel Strickler, (s. Henry of White House) b. — d. 1868, m. Elizabeth Kite, da. of John Kite of Grove Hill.

m709-1. Benjamin Franklin 1858, m. Catherine Getts -4ch.
m710-2. William Henry 1856, m. Alice Coverstone -3ch.
m711-3. Mary dy.
m712-4. Susan dy.
m713-5. John Calvin dy.

Emmanuel lived on a farm between Luray and Rileyville, now (1918) owned by Benj. Huffman. He and his wife both died young, and are buried in the Jones Burying ground on the adjoining farm. He died in the Spring of 1868, and she was only 27 years old at her death.

VI. m709. Benjamin Franklin Strickler, (s. Emanuel) m. Catherine Getts.

m714-1. William Fester m.
m715-2. Benjamin Blake, m. Mary Jane Patterson -2ch.
m716-3. Daisy m. Russell Myers
m717-4. Mary m. Elmer Holsinger

Benjamin Blake Strickler m. Mary Jane Patterson, da. of Wm. Lee Patterson of Charlottesville, Va. They have two children. Benjamin is a printer with the News-Record at Harrisonburg, Va. The other members of the family live at New Market, Va.


m718-1. Thomas Jefferson 1888, m. Mabel R. David -3ch.
m719-2. Blanche Christoria 1895, m. Clyde E. Zirkle -2ch.
m720-3. Susie Mary 1896 m. Ashby E. Printz -lch.

Shenandoah, Va.


m721-1. William Davis Jan. 10, 1911.
m723-3. Edward Leon Sep. 21, 1917.

T. J. Strickler lives at Uno. Va., where he is a miller and farmer. He was Government Inspector for seven years at Shenandoah, Va.


m724-1. Helen Marguerite Nov. 30, 1916
m725-2. Grace Virginia Sep. 4, 1917
Mr. C. E. Zirkle lives at Shenandoah, Va. where he is assistant machinist.


m726-l. Thelma May, Jan. 30, 1917. Mr. Printz is a machinist at Shenandoah, Va.

1. Susan F. b. no 20-1841 d. fe 14, 1902 s.
2. Elizabeth b. no 7-1839, m. May 29, 1860, Lafayette Kemp, b. Ja 2, 1836, d. jl 24, 1887, s. Thomas B. and Rebecca Stover-Kemp. 6ch.
1. Mary S. b. mr 31-1861, m. Wm. Staige Marye
   a. Ruth dy.
   b. Infant d.
   c. Wm. Staige Marye
2. Sallie R. b. fe 22-1836, m. B. F. Bumgardner
   a. Sadie
3. Gideon Thomas b. ap 3-1866, bachelor lives on old home place.

The above Wm. Staige Marye is a member of the well known Marye family of Page County. See Ruffners (m603 et seq.)

"Bushongs Battlefield House"

IV. m607. Sarah Strickler, (da. Abraham, Sr.), m. Jacob Bushong-several ch. I do not have a record of their children.

Descendants of this family still (1914) live on the old Bushong homestead near New Market, Va., made famous by the battle of New Market. I am informed that Abraham Strickler gave this farm to his daughter. The old Bushong house, about which the hottest of the New Market fight raged, stands several hundred yards west of the Pike and about a mile north of New Market. (1837-D. B.-Q-p. 17-Woodstock) See (m915) Bushongs of Ohio who are likely relatives of this family.
Battle of New Market fought May 15, 1864.

Capt. J. H. Dwyer of Harrisonburg, a member of Woodson's Missourians, told me that his company went into the warmest of the engagement, in the battle of New Market, near the Bushong house at the corner of the orchard, where they silenced a Yankee battery on the hill to the north of them and not so many hundred yards away; that you can see the position of the battery by looking over a heap of stones erected to the memory of this company; that they went into the battle with 65 men; that they came out with six dead, and fifty-five wounded; that he received four wounds; that Mrs. Bushong was out in the field with a wooden bucket of water and a gourd dipper, giving water to the thirsty and comfort to the wounded; and that her home was used as a hospital where she was a ministering Angel to the wounded and dying. The six Confederates who were killed are buried in the soldiers' plot in Woodbine cemetery at Harrisonburg, Va.

"What mother, with long watching eyes and white lips cold and dumb, Waits with appalling patience for her darling boy to come?
Her Boy! whose mountain grave swells up but one of many a scar Cut on the face of our fair land by gory-handed war."

Mary A. Townsend.

IV. m608. Elizabeth Strickler (da. Abraham, Sr. of White House), b. b. 1788, m. David Strickler, her 2nd. cousin, b. 1777 -d. at the age of 82, s. of Benjamin Strickler of Massanutten, s. Abraham, the pioneer (see No. 3)

m728-2. Samuel Oct. 27, 1806, m. Barbara Beaver
m729-3. Sallie Jul. 28, 1809, m.
m731-5. Annie Mar. 1, 1813, m. George Shuler
m732-6. Emmanuel Nov. 23, 1814, m.
m733-7. Abram Jun. 25, 1821, s.

David H. Strickler (m735) was known as "Little Davy."

David Strickler lived in Lower Egypt. Tradition in the family is that David lived at Toms Brook before he married Elizabeth Strickler. Benjamin Strickler's daughter Ann married Michael Roads who settled at the mouth of Tom's Brook, and it is possible that he did live there with his sister for a time. Thomas Calvin Strickler thought that Elizabeth Strickler married his first cousin, but his brother Samuel Wellington Strickler does not think so. If my presumptions are correct they were second cousins. Their relationship may best be shown in this manner;

Abraham, the pioneer.  Abraham, the pioneer.
Joseph I of Egypt       Benjamin of Massanutten
    Abraham, Sr. of White House     David
    Elizabeth

    m736-1. Thomas Calvin 1839, m. Nancy Virginia Rickard -5ch.
    m737-2. Samuel Wellington 1842, m. Nancy Jane Strickler -14ch.
    m738-3. Annie E. 1852, m. Greenberry Mauck -4ch.
    m739-4 Charles A. 1855, m. 1879 Carrie Yancey -9ch.

Maj Benjamin Strickler married his first cousin. He held a commission from the Governor of Virginia in the State Militia and was offered a Lieutenancy but did not accept. He is buried on the old homestead at the south end of the White House bridge. He lived in lower Egypt where Jacob C. Bowers now lives.

Samuel Wellington married twice, his second wife being the mother of twelve children.

Thomas Calvin Strickler.

VI. m763. Thomas Calvin Strickler (son of Maj. Benjamin Strickler and Barbara Strickler-Strickler) b. Oct. 27, 1839, m. on Dec. 13, 1860, Miss Nancy Virginia Rickard, b. Sept. 11, 1838, d. daughter of Abel Rickard.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickler live near Luray, Page County, Va. Unto them were born five children:
    m741-2. Eura, b. Aug. 15, 1868, m. -6ch.
    m742-3. Minnie, b. Jan. 8, 1871, m. -1ch.
    m743-4. Hettie, b. Sept. 2, 1877, m. -2ch.
    m744-5. Lucy, b. Aug. 16, 1881, m. -0ch.

Mr. T. C. Strickler's father married his first cousin, and his grandfather married his first cousin, making him a thoroughbred Strickler. Before the war he held a commission as Captain in the State Militia from Gov. Henry A. Wise. He has been School trustee for Luray Magisterial District for thirty-five or forty years continually, notwithstanding the fact that his political pursuasion differs from that of the appointing power. He had been a merchant at Hamburg, Page County, for a long time, but has now retired. Although seventy-four years old (1913), he is very active and looks at least twenty years his junior. He bears an enviable reputation, and is one of Page County's most honored citizens.

His brother, Samuel Wellington Strickler, does not think that his grandfather married his first cousin. As I have it figured out, they were second cousins.
All of T. C. Strickler's children are married. B. C. Strickler's wife is a school teacher and they live at Luray. Mr. Strickler is interested in preserving the old Mill Creek meeting house, and expresses the hope that he may arouse interest along this line to preserve other landmarks. It is a noble work.

**Samuel Wellington Strickler.**

**VI. m737. Samuel Wellington Strickler** (son of Maj. Benjamin Strickler and Barbara Strickler-Strickler), b. June 12, 1842, m. on Mch. 4, 1867, **Miss Nancy Jane Strickler**, b. Apl. 30, 1852, d. Apl. 26, 1876, daughter of Abraham Strickler, Jr. and wife Elizabeth Rothgeb, her parents.

Since 1895 Mr. Strickler has lived near Warrenton, Va. P. O. Midland. Unto them were born two children:


Samuel W. Strickler married again on Sept. 26, 1876, **Miss Martha Jane Dinges**, of Page County, Va., b. Nov. 28, 1858, d. daughter of John Dinges and wife Cecilia Jenkins, her parents. Unto them were born twelve children:

- **m748-4. Clara Anna**, b. Nov. 8, 1878, m. Malcolm M. Bowen, -3ch.
- **m749-5. Sarah Catherine**, b. May 2, 1880, m. Newton C. Miller, -8ch.
- **m751-8. Samuel Benjamin**, b. Sept. 30, 1885, m. Susie Lawrence, -1ch.
- **m754-11. Mary Etta**, b. Feb. 4, 1892, m. Richard Barley

Mr. Samuel Wellington Strickler was in the War between the States four years; since then he has been lumberman, threshman, and farmer, and owns 275 acres of land in Fauquier County, near Warrenton, which is his present home and has been since Mch. 20, 1895. His address is Midland, Va.

Mr. Strickler belonged to the 7th Regiment Virginia cavalry, Rosser's Brigade.

Milton W. Strickler (s. Samuel W.) b. ja. 17, 1897, near Warren-
ton, Va., at 18 graduated at Bealeton, Va. High, attended a Business College in Washington, D. C., enlisted in U. S. Army 1917, served in France, suffered injuries from which he has never entirely recovered, returned to civil life Feb. 1919, studied law, graduating from the National and American Universities with three degrees, LL. B., MP. L. and LL. M., appointed Auditor in U. S. Treas. Dept. 1919, appointed attorney for the U. S. Dept. of Labor with offices at Des Moines, Iowa, which office he now holds. His fearless action in this office caused considerable newspaper comment in most of the mid-western papers. He is a Mason (Shriner, Almas Temple, Wash. D. C.). It has been said of him that he never smiled until he was about 12 years old but in the West he is known as the man with the sunny Virginia smile. Evidently he was conserving his smiles for the future, for his friends are legion. He is an indefatigable worker, good mixer, and a thorough student. He is the thirteenth child and seventh son of his father. His permanent address is Midland, Va.


m758-1. Herbert, b. Feb. 6, 1908.
Willis m. again Carrie Hite of Luray.
Pine View, Va.

VII. m746. David Herbert (s. Samuel Wellington), m. (1) Emma Jane Lillard, dec’ m. (2) Lottie Mauck no ch.
(1st. wife)
m759-1. Etta May
m760-2. Elbert
m761-3. Ruth Virginia
Luray, Va.

VII. m747. Elizabeth Frances Strickler (da. S. Wellington), m. Wm. A. Lilard -2ch.
m762-1. Hettie Jane m. Carl Moyers, Luray
m763-2. Frederick m. Carrie Eliz. Bagant
755 Summit Ave. Hagerstown, Md.

VII. m748. Clara Anna Strickler (da. S. W.), m. M. M. Bowen-3ch.
m764-1. Herman
m765-2. Mary m. J. B. Helm, Morrisville, Va.
m766-3. Bettie Martin

VII. m749. Sarah Catherine Strickler, (da. S. W.), m. Newton C. Miller-8ch.
m767-1. Grace Irene, teacher.
m768-2. Sallie Agnes
m769-3. Harry Newton
m770-4. Reuben Wellington, Midland, Va.
Joseph DAVID H. STRICKLER

m771-5. Susannah Jane
m772-6. Martha Elizabeth
m773-7. Linda Rebecca
m774-8. Kathryn Estelle

m775-1. Lucile
m777-3. Edward

m779-2. Reuben Wellington

VII. m751. Samuel Benjamin, (s. S. W.), m. Susie Lawrence, da. John M.
m780-1. Benton Wellington. Chevy Chase, Md.

VII. m752. Frederick Calvin Strickler, (s. S. W.), m. Cora Edmonds, da. Landon.
Midland, Va. -no ch.

m781-1. Madeline Virginia

VII. m754. Mary Etta Strickler, (da. S. W.), m. Richard H. Barley of Mo. No ch. Address-same as above.


VI. m739. Charles A. Strickler (s. Maj. Benj.) m. 1879, Carrie Yancey. They have 9 ch. three of whom are; Woodstock, Va.
1. William
2. Harry

m783-1. D. Walter b. 1858, m. Rebecca Lee Strickler -0ch.
m784-2. Marcellus 1855, m. Rebecca R. Link -5ch
m785-3. Martha G. 1856, m. Richard Deavers -4ch.
m786-4. Alice A. 1864, m. John Knott about -10ch.

David H. Strickler lived in Egypt in a very old house situated near the J. C. Bowers residence. D. Walter tells me that he has a piece of wood with the initials of his father, D. H. Strickler, and date, 1847, cut upon it, and that he took the piece of wood from an old walnut log that supported the chimney over the fireplace in this old
home, which was the home of his father and grandfather. Mr. J. C. Bowers tore this old home down about 1910 and found in it a brick with the number 1705 upon it. This may have been the home of the pioneer Abraham Strickler, and the number may have been the date of his arrival in America as he arrived about that time.


They reside at Luray, Va. and have no children. Mr. Strickler was engaged in the mercantile business there for twenty years. He has been minister of the Brethren Church since 1893 and has married 380 couples.

Sister and brothers of D. Walter Strickler's wife.


1. Ida 1857, m. Harvey Gwinn-8 ch. Colo.
3. Rebecca Lee 1861, m. D. Walter Strickler -0ch. Luray.
4. John W. 1862, m. Mary B. Huffman -6ch. Luray.
7. David I. 1869, m. Maude Gauff-5 sons -Worthington, Ind.

The above John W., Chas. F., and David I. Strickler are all prosperous farmers.


1. Lawrence b. Feb. 15, 1896
2. Elza L. Apr. 16, 1897
4. Floyd I. Mar. 23, 1900
5. Albert O. Apr. 21, 1901.
All single Feb. 1918.

David I. Strickler left Virginia April 1, 1888, and located in Illinois, where he married and lived until Feb. 28, 1905, when he moved to Indiana, locating near Worthington where he owns 440 acres, all tillable and highly improved. In 1814 he was elected Trustee of his Township, Fairplay. His eldest son is now (1918) sergeant Q. M. Dept. at Hattiesburg, Miss. Camp Shelby. His second and third sons have graduated from High School, and his fourth and fifth are attending High School. Mr. Strickler says he still loves his native State.

1878, Rebecca R. Link, b. Feb. 16, 1852, da. Peter and Mary Rothgeb-Link. -5ch.
m789-3. Harper Walter Aug. 1, 1884, m. Ella May Huffman -1ch.
m790-4. Mary Cleveland Aug. 1, 1890 m. Ray Converse -1ch.
m791-5. Ezra Eldridge Nov. 29, 1892, m. Effie A. Collier.

Marcellus Strickler moved from Leaksville, Va. to Kansas Nov. 15, 1885, Pawnee Rock, Stafford County, where he farms 160 acres.

m792-1. Ralph E. b. Mar. 5, 1911.
m793-2. Russell E. May 17, 1913.


Luray

VII. m790. Mary Cleveland Strickler, m. Oct. 18, 1911, Ray Converse, b. 1891, s. David and Susan DeWalt-Converse.

They reside at 1300 East 6th St. Hutchinson, Kan. where he is Time keeper for the Solway Process Co.

End of Joseph Strickler I of Egypt.
Benjamin Strickler of Massanutten.

II. 3. **Benjamin Strickler**, d. 1791 s. Abraham, the pioneer, b. ——
  d. 1791 m. Mary Beidler, b. —— d—— da.—Beidler and ——
  Jones.

Unto them were born at least four children:

- **m796-1. Samuel (m800)** d. m. Christina Burner -6ch.
- **m797-2. Ann (m833)** l. Michael Rhodes -9ch.
- **m798-3. Daniel (m854)** m. Margaret Crabill -9ch.
- **m799-4. David (m727)** m. Elizabeth Strickler -9ch.

Benjamin Strickler located in Massanutten and owned land now
owned by Martin Shirley. The Virginia census of 1783 places him
in this locality with a family of 9 and he is the neighbor of Jacob,
Joseph, and Isaac Strickler. The name is spelled Strickly. In 1785
he is placed in the same locality with a family of 6 and his name is
spelled Strickler. His children decreased thru death probably, from
1783 to 1785, or the extra number in 1783 may have been relatives or
servants in his household. The size of his family in 1785 is consistent
with later facts, being himself and his wife and four children. (Heads
of Families).

In 1791 Isaac Strickler qualifies as administrator of the estate of
Benjamin Strickler, dec'd. with Abraham Peidler, (Buydler), Michael
Roth (Roads) and another as sureties. Philip Long, Christian Shelly,
and Daniel Mauck are appraisers. (D-427)* Michael is Benjamin's
son-in-law and Peidler is likely the brother or father of his wife.

On Jan. 9, 1798, the heirs of Benjamin Strickler execute a trust on
their property to secure Isaac Strickler in a sum of money. On June
11, 1799, the heirs sell a large body of land, including four tracts, all
adjoining, aggregating about 600 acres, to Henry Forrer. A great part
of this land, probably all of it, was later owned by Isaac Strickler,
which fact led me to believe at first that he was the son of Benjamin.
But there is a deed from Fairfax to Isaac Strickler under date March 2,
1861, where Isaac is recognized as being entitled to a share of the 1000
acres purchased by Abraham Strickler from Jacob Stover, “by descent
from the said Abraham.” This circumstance excludes him it would
seem, from being a son of Benjamin. Tradition also states that Isaac
came from Pennsylvania with his uncles. The Miley notes say that
Isaac was the son of Abraham of Pennsylvania. If this be true, Abra-

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*Benjamin Strickler, dec'd.—sale bill—Mary Strickler purchased many articles,
among them leather breeches, large Bible, and stone jugs are likely the same mention-
ed in Abraham's inventory. (D—447—Woodstock)
ham the pioneer had a son Abraham who probably never came to Virginia.

Benjamin is probably buried on his homestead in Massanutten. There is an old graveyard near the Shirley home wherein are buried the Beavers, descendants of Isaac Strickler. Benjamin is more than likely buried here. (See n118-)

Here is a copy of an old receipt found among the papers of Miss Selina Strickler of New Market, a descendant of Jacob of Egypt. It reads:

"Feb. 12, 1767 Received of Benjamin Strickler Nine Shillings and Four Pence for his brother Jacob Strickler in part of three levies and 966 a' Land Due for 65. Jno. Sexton."

This is added proof that Jacob and Benjamin were brothers.

From the Bible record of Henry Strickler of Indiana we learn that Benjamin's son Samuel was born in Pennsylvania in 1759. All of his children may have been born there. Samuel Wellington Strickler of Midland, Va. speaking of David, son of Benjamin, (David was his grandfather) says: that the first known of David was when he came across the mountain from Tom's Brook, hunting, and stopped at the home of Abraham Strickler, Sr. at the White House, where he met his future wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham, Sr. He settled on land in Egypt adjoining the John Strickler farm, purchasing it from a man by the name of Tate, that J. C. Bowers now owns it; that David was born in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1777, and educated there in German, that when he first came to Page he could not read a word of English. This would indicate that Benjamin's children were born in Pennsylvania. Benjamin received his portion of his father Abraham's estate in 1756 from Lord Fairfax. He probably did not locate upon the land immediately after obtaining his deed. Benjamin's portion was 201 acres opposite the White House. In 1785 he sold it to Abraham Strickler (n78)*

None of the children of Benjamin Strickler remained on his land. Samuel located in Tenn. Daniel's family, except one, went to Ohio. Ann Strickler married Michael Roads and located at the mouth of Tom's Brook, Shenandoh Co., Va., and David married his cousin Elizabeth Strickler and lived in lower Egypt. Michael Roads was a Revolution-
ary soldier. He was also carried away by the Indians where he remained in captivity several years, after his father, John Roads, his mother, and several sisters and brothers were slain. (see n118).

III. m796. Samuel Strickler, b. in the State of Pennsylvania mar. 20' 1759-d. in Sullivan County, Tenn., May 14, 1833, aged 74 years, m. in Shenandoah County, Va. Sep. 6, 1785, Christina Burner, b. in the State of Pennsylvania, Feb. 1761.

m800-1. Jacob, b. June 3, 1786, in Shenandoah County, Va.
m801-2. Benjamin, b. May 7, 1787, in Shenandoah County, Va.

Christina Strickler, wife of Samuel Strickler, Sr. d. Sullivan County, Tenn., Feb. 5, 1842, aged 81 years.

Ann Strickler d. in Sullivan County, Tenn. 1807, aged 9 years.

Jacob Strickler, d. in Sullivan Co. Tenn.

Benjamin Strickler, d. in Bedford Co., Shelbyville, Tenn. May 14, 1836, aged 48 years.

All the above dates in regard to Samuel Strickler are taken from the family Bible in the possession of Henry Strickler of Franklin, Ind. who is a descendant of said Samuel.

Henry Strickler of Franklin, Ind. has a small German Bible published by Christoph Saur of Germantown, Pa. in 1769. The first Bible published in America was published by Saur about this time. On the title page are printed, among other things, these words; "Verteutchet D. Martin Luther." On the fly leaf is written in English, presumably in 1876, the information that the book passed thru four generations, passing first from Benjamin Strickler to his son, Samuel, and then to his son, Reuben, and then to his son, George Strickler.

Henry Strickler above is a younger brother of George Strickler.

F. R. Strickler of Franklin, Ind. son of Henry, will eventually inherit the book. The relationship can best be represented in the following manner:

I. Abraham Strickler, the pioneer, at Massanutten.
II. Benjamin Strickler of Massanutten
III. Samuel Strickler of Sullivan Co. Tenn.
IV. Reuben Strickler, of Ind.
V. George Strickler, of Ind.
V. Henry Strickler of Franklin, Ind.
VI. F. R. Strickler of Franklin, Ind.

Mrs. Nat M. Lacey, Macon, Ga.

The Benjamin Strickler family of Tenn. has a very old Bible, pub-
lished by H. V. Carey & I. Lee on Chesnut St., Phila. in 1822, which was presented to Christina Strickler by Jacob Strickler. It was in the possession of Miss Christina Strickler of Shelbyville, Tenn., daughter of Benjamin, (s. Samuel) aged about 80 years in 1914. She says that this book has in it an inscription indicating that the family was of the Dutch Reform faith. She also has a psalm book and catechism in a perfect state of preservation, published at Marburg and Frankfort in 1782, by Heinrich Ludwig Bronner.

It has in it the name of Jacob Strickler, written in German, 1786. This was evidently the son of Samuel. The record in the Indiana family Bible says he was born on that date. Miss Christina says that Christina, wife of Samuel, was born in Frankfort, Germany.

The marriage records of Shenandoah Co. state that Samuel Strickler married Christina Burner Sep. 6, 1785. In 1799 when the heirs of Benjamin Strickler of Massanutten sign a deed of conveyance Samuel and his wife Christina sign as two of those heirs.

Joseph Burner m. Ann or Mary Rhodes. They had a daughter Christina. This may have been the wife of Samuel Strickler. The Burners were early settlers at Massanutten. If the above Christina married Samuel Strickler, all the descendants of said Samuel are descendants of John Roads who was killed by the Indians, Ann or Mary being a daughter of said John.

IV. m803. Reuben Strickler located in Indiana—at least 3 sons:
   1. John
   2. George
   3. Martin, one son Edwin, a banker in Girard, Kansas.
   4. Henry

   F. R. Strickler, Franklin, Ind.

Mr. Martin Strickler of Franklin, Ind. told me that his father Reuben made wheat fans in Tenn. before locating in Ind. His brothers John and Henry were Union soldiers in the Civil War.

Henry Strickler and his wife live in Franklin, Ind. in a very large mansion with large rooms and high ceilings. His son F. R. is in the Telephone business and is building a handsome new residence near his father's home. Martin lives at Franklin also.

There are many descendants in and around Boggstown, Ind. of this Strickler family, but I have not been able to record them. One was a physician.

Here are some names of persons related to the Strickler family of Shelby Co. Ind. This family is related to the Benjamin Strickler family of Shelbyville, Tenn.

Mrs. John Stokes, 224 E. North, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Mr. Edwin Strickler, Girard, Kansas.
Mr. Gilbert Johnston, Boggstown, Indiana, Shelby Co.
Mr. John Donnelly, Boggstown, Indiana, Shelby Co.
Mrs. Cora Strickler, Boggstown, Indiana, Shelby Co.
Mr. Robert Strickler, Berrien Springs, Michigan.
Mrs. James Strickler, Boggstown, Indiana, Shelby Co.
Mrs. John Shadley, Boggstown, Indiana, Shelby Co.

Information from Mr. F. R. Strickler, Franklin, Ind.

Benjamin Strickler of Tenn.

IV. m801. Benjamin Strickler (s. Samuel), b. 1789, d. May 14, 1836, m. June 3, 1825, Sarah Eakin, b. 1807, d. May 1864, da. John and Jane Rogers-Eakin. (of Co. Derry, Ireland.)
m806-1. Samuel A. b. may 2, 1826 d. may 2 1871, s.
m807-2. John sep, 3, 1827 d. nov. 1851, s.
m808-3. Mary Jane oct. 26, 1829 d. jun. 23 1894, m. A. G. Adams -8ch.
m809-4. William sep. 30, 1831 d. in infancy
m811-6. Christina aug. 15, 1835 d. jun. 26, 1916, s.

Benjamin Strickler lived at Shelbyville, Tenn. and had considerable wealth. His home was large, with fine old furniture and oil paintings. Miss Christina Strickler remembers her mother speaking of a Jacob Strickler, a cousin, who visited them from Virginia and remained with them about a year. (573) She also has a vague remembrance of Strickler Springs in Virginia. She says her father located in Tenn. in 1817, coming from Virginia. She also says that she once knew a Mr. Ott in Nashville who bore a striking resemblance to her brother John, and that his mother was a Miss Strickler. Miss Christina Cooper, who lived with her aunt, Miss Christina Strickler, and did her writing, mentioned the fact that she had been informed that her aunt and Miss Virginia Strickler of the Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va., were very much alike in appearance and manner. Miss Selina Strickler says that Jacob Strickler, son of Joseph, of New Market, visited relatives in Tenn. before locating in Iroquois, Ill.

Mr. A. R. Rosenberger of Harrisonburg, Va., has two old pen pictures of Jacob Strickler and his first wife Delitha Rosenberger. And on a slip of paper in the back of the quaint old frame enclosing Delitha's picture is the information that Jacob Strickler went to Tennessee.

m812-1. Benjamin Strickler, b. 1852, m. Madge Updike -3ch.
m813-2. David P. 1856 s.
m814-3. Sarah Eakin m. Dr. Wm. G. Ewing -1ch.
m815-4. Thomas E. s.
m816-5. Adam Gillespie m. Sue Howell -7ch.
m817-6. Mary m. Thomas E. Matthews -0ch.
m819-8. Martha C. 1875-1886.

VI. m812. Benjamin Strickler Adams, (s. A. G.), m. Madge Updike -3ch.
Unto them were born three children, one of whom is Benjamin Strickler Adams, Jr. The father is dead. The widow lives at 525 Clara Ave. St. Louis, Mo.

VI. m814. Sarah Eakin Adams m. Dr. Wm. G. Ewing -1 ch; now dec'd. They lived at Nashville, Tenn.


m820-1. Adam Gillespie b. jul. 24, 1887
m821-2. Morton Boyte jul. 24, 1889
m822-3. Marion Strickler aug. 12, 1891
m823-4. Howell Elliott aug. 14, 1893
m824-5. David Poterfield jul. 18, 1893
m825-6. Alfred Thompson jan. 8, 1898
m826-7. George Elliott mar. 3, 1900.
1603 Broad St. Nashville, Tenn.

Adam Gillespie graduated at Vanderbilt University in civil engineering in 1908.

Morton graduated at the same place in the academic department in 1910 and in law in 1913, and is now practicing at Nashville with Borthell, Howell, and O’Conner.

Marion has had three years at Vanderbilt and Howell, David and Alfred are in Vanderbilt.

VI. m817. Mary Adams (da. A. G.), m. May 13, 1886, Thomas E. Matthews, s. Samuel and Elizabeth Sharp-Matthews.
They have no children and live on Greenwood Ave. Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Matthews is judge of the Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tenn. (1914) and has been for the past seven years.


Mr. Adams was in the hardware business and resided at Ledgrave Court, Nashville.
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m828-1. Agnes Jun. 28, 1852 -d. 1893, s.
m829-2. Benjamin Strickler Feb. 14, 1854 -d. Feb. 9, 1872, s.
m830-3. Chas. Delamar Jan. 21, 1856 -d. Nov. 9, 1875, s.
m831-4. Sarah E. Nov. 24, 1858 -d. Aug. 17, 1884-m.

Miss Christina Cooper lived with her aunt Miss Christina Strickler before her death. She has since married L. G. Bond, and they live at Sewanee, Tenn.

Sarah E. Cooper m. W. B. Bryan-no ch; Columbia, Tenn.

Henry Cooper was a lawyer in Nashville. He was U. S. Senator for one term. Mr. Cooper and three of his brothers were in politics at one time in Tenn. His eldest brother, William, was Chancellor and subsequently Judge of the Supreme Court.

Henry Cooper was a member of the State legislature, House and Senate, U. S. Senator, Circuit Judge, law teacher, lawyer, Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church. On about the 4th of February, 1884, he was murdered by a band of robbers in Mexico near the town of Cul-in which he was interested. During his term in Congress his wife iacan where he had gone in connection with the Cuerao Silver Mines and three children died.

m833-1. John 1783, m. (1) Crabbill, (2) Saum -8ch.
m834-2. David 1784, m. Elizabeth Bauserman
m835-3. Maria 1786, m. John Crabbill
m836-4. Michael 1788, m. Sarah Crabbill
m837-5. Anna 1790, s.
m838-6. Daniel 1792, m. Susannah Wisman
m839-7. Abraham 1794, m. Crabbill -1 ch. at least.
m840-8. Rebecca 1798, m. Peter Hockman
m841-9. Barbara 1796, dy.

Michael Rhodes who married Ann Strickler was a Revolutionary soldier, tradition says. He was carried away into captivity by the Indians in 1764, after they had killed his father, mother, brothers, and sisters.

John Roades m. Eve Albright, both killed by the Indians, 1764.

Their surviving children were:
  1. Joseph m. Mary Strickler, da. Abraham, the pioneer.
3. Daniel dy.
4. Susannah m. Mark Grove
5. Anna m. Christian Grove
6. Elizabeth m. Jacob Gochenour
7. Esther m. Dr. Jacob Coffman
Three sons and two other daughters were killed in 1764.

II. 6. Mary Strickler, da. Abraham the pioneer, m. Joseph Rhodes, eldest son of John and Catherine or Eve Albright-Rhodes.

m842-1. John b. 1761, m. Catherine Brubaker, 1765.
m843-2. Joseph
m844-3. Mary m. Joseph Burner
m845-4. Joseph (2d. by the same name) m. Magdalene Huddle

Mary Strickler Rhodes after the death of her husband married Jacob Huddle and moved to the Crabill farm near Maurertown. This was Jacob Huddle, Sr., father Jacob, Jr. (Snitz).

Michael Rhodes also located in the same community near the mouth of Toms Brook. Information in regard to Mary Strickler is from the Miley Notes. And I am indebted to Mr. P. S. Rhodes also for information in regard to the Rhodes family. When the heirs of Benjamin Strickler made a deed in 1799, Ann was the husband of Michael Rhodes.

IV. m833. John Rhodes, b. 1783, m. (1) Mary Crabill
2. Noah m. Catherine Stover, 1850-1896
   1. Jacob m. Cook, Ohio
   2. Joseph m. Ohio
   3. Joshua, m. Bricker
   4. Edward dy.
   (2) Eve Saum
3. Abraham 1817-1887
   1. P. S. Rhodes, Woodstock, Va. sent me the information.
   4. Levi 1818-1885
   5. John
   6. Samuel killed at the battle of Gettysburg. 1863.
7. Lydia
8. Mary

Rev. Martin Luther Peter, M. A.

IV. 839-7. Martin Luther Peter, son of Rev. P. A. Peter and his wife Mahala, nee Rhodes, was born at Corydon, Ind., Jan. 28, 1865. Martin’s mother was a daughter of Abraham Rhodes, son of Michael Rhodes and grandson of Rev. John Rhodes, killed by the Indians.

Abraham married Mary Crabill, Michael married Anna Strickler,

His first training in the public schools of West Baltomore (Verona now) Ohio, was continued in the Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, where he remained for three years and then entering junior year-second term-of Roanoke College, Salem, Va., graduated in June 1889. In the fall of the same year he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbus, O., and following his graduation in 1892 was ordained and immediately began missionary work in South Bend, Ind. and at the same time was in charge of a congregation south of the city.

His second field of labor was Corydon. From there he followed a call to the First Church, Xenia, Ohio. After three years he became pastor of St. Paul's church, Aurora, W. Va. He was installed as pastor of St. Jacob's church in October 1923.

He is the author of tracts of a religious nature and has contributed to both church and secular papers.

While in Xenia he was elected president of the Cincinnati Conference. Before the next meeting of Conference he was located in W. Va. and here he was honored by being elected president of the West Virginia Conference and historian of the Synod of West Virginia.

His first wife was Miss Augusta Pfeiffer, of Columbus, Ohio. To them one child was born—Esther Augusta. She is the wife of Martin M. Styles, of Plymouth, Ind. They are the parents of one child—Barbara Irene. His second wife was Mrs. Harry Johnson, of Dayton, O. His third wife was Miss Edith Lynne Stout, a member of one of the first families in the same city. Rev. and Mrs. Peter are doing efficient work in the Smithfield, Pa. parish—St. Jacob's Glebe Smithfield, Pa.

P. A. Peter, his father, died in 1919. He spent 50 years in the ministry in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. His name appeared in one of the first volumes of Who's Who In America. His "History of the Synod" and "St. Paul, the Apostle To The Gentiles," "History of the Reformation" are his best known writings. He was the first Editor of the English Lutheran Lesson Leaves of the Joint Synod of Ohio. These together with his extensive contributions to the Columbus Theological Magazine and secular papers have introduced him to many people.

III. m798. Daniel Strickler, (s. Benjamin), b. about 1760-d. 1822, m. Sep. 12, 1805, Margaret Crabil, da. —Crabil and —- Mauck. -9ch.

m854-1. Joseph m. (1) Fetzer -6ch. (2) Fetzer -1ch. (m863)
m855-2. David m. Margaret Greenamyer -3ch. (m870)
m856-3. Noah 1822- m. Tryphena Garwood -2ch. (m873)
m857-4. John 1812-1878, m. Mary E. Balthis -5ch. (m875)
m858-5. Reuben m. (1) Vogleson (2) Colins -5ch. (m935)
The above children are not given in the order of their births as I understand Noah was the youngest child.

Mrs. Henry Wining of Columbiana, Ohio, says; "There were five Strickler families living on Elm St. Columbiana at one time before I was married; David Strickler, George Strickler, Reuben Strickler, Joseph Strickler, and another David Strickler, a young man who came from Page Co. Va. and married Mary Fetzer, daughter of Philip Fetzer brother of Hettie Fetzer who married Joesph Strickler."

Marriage records of Shenandoah Co.—Daniel Strickler m. Margaret Crabil Sep. 12, 1805. Tradition in the Ohio family says that Daniel m. Rebecca Crabil. Daniel's wife's name may have been Margaret Rebecca.

Daniel Strickler lived at and operated the mill opposite upper Egypt in Page Co. long known as the Mauck mill but now owned by Philip M. Kauffman and his son H. M. Kauffman. Mr. P. M. Kauffman told me that Daniel built the brick house at this mill about 1820. It seems to me he showed me the date on the house. He also showed me where Daniel was buried in a graveyard, well kept, a short distance down the river from the mill and overlooking the Shenandoah. He also told me that after Daniel's death the widow and family went to Mahoning County, Ohio, settling near or at Columbiana. Mr. Kauffman says that he understood that Daniel was a very powerful man physically. He related some of the stories of his feats of strength, such as carrying great quantities of wheat about the mill. According to court records he died in 1822.

Tradition in the Ohio family is that Maria or Mary Bidler who married Benjamin Strickler was a first cousin to President Monroe, his mother and Mary's mother being sisters, the Misses Jones.

Mrs. Rebecca Bossert, Hanna Block, Canton, Ohio, who is 85 years old, and who visited Virginia many years ago and gathered considerable information in regard to the family, gave me the above information. Information from this family also is that Benjamin's mother was a daughter or sister of Joist Hite. If this be true, Abraham Strickler the pioneer, married a near relative of Joist Hite, the Pioneer, in the lower valley. This has not been verified.

Eliza Jones married Spence Monroe and became the mother of James Monroe, 5th President of the U. S. b. 1758. Abraham Buydler is one of the sureties on the bond of Isaac Strickler when he qualifies as administrator of the estate of Benjamin Strickler. This Buydler
(Biedler) was no doubt the one who married Miss Jones, the aunt of President Monroe, and he is no doubt the ancestor of the Biedlers in this locality. The family could not have been related to a better man than Mr. Monroe. Jefferson said of him: "He is a man whose soul might be turned wrong side outwards, without discovering a blemish to the world."

Some one has said; 'Show me a great man and I will show you a great mother.' Who knows but that Monroe inherited his greatness from his mother? She had a brother, Joseph Jones, who was twice sent as delegate to the Continental Congress from Virginia, and in 1789, was appointed Judge of the District Court.

The Strickler Brothers of Columbiana.

In 1845 Reuben and Joseph Strickler built a small machine shop on Main Street a few doors from the public square in Columbiana, Ohio, and began the manufacture of mortising machines. Their means and machinery were limited and to get a sale for their manufactured products they peddled their mortising machines over the country in a one horse wagon. Reuben invented another machine known as the Strickler Boring Machine. This machine proved to be so satisfactory that no improvement has been made upon it to this day. In order to make this boring machine they were compelled to have an iron planer, and not being able to buy one, Reuben made the patterns, and they constructed the first iron planer between Pittsburg and Mansfield. This piece of work proved to be quite a curiosity to the people in and about Columbiana. In order to meet the demand for their goods, they were compelled to have a more extensive manufacturing plant. A good sized machine shop and foundry was erected on a vacant lot on the south side of Railroad Street in 1848. That year their brother Noah came into the firm, and they did a successful business, manufacturing, besides the above machines, portable cider mills, and presses, grain drills, portable sawing mills, sulky hay rakes. They carried on a good business until 1866 when they sold their factory and retired from that business. In 1872 Reuben Strickler opened up a general grocery and provision store in a building which he built on Main Street. He also operated a bakery for about five years. His last business was selling farm machinery. Joseph and Noah were partners in a grocery store until their death at Columbiana.

The above information was given me by Mrs. Henry Winning of Columbiana, O., daughter of Reuben Strickler.

IV. m854. Joseph Strickler, (s. Daniel), b. — d. 1885, m. (1) Hettie Fetzer.

m863-1. Rebecca m. Robert Carpenter
m864-2. Katherine m. Abner Fitzpatrick
m865-3. Maria m. George Beard
m866-4. Frances m. Rev. Solomon Spencer
m867-5. Isabel dy. s.
m868-6. Samuel dy. s.
     m. (2) Frances Fetzer, sister of Hettie.
m869-7. Hettie

Joseph died in 1885, leaving a will. Application for probate shows;
María Beard, Oberlin, O.; Catherine Fitzpatrick, Frances Spencer, Hettie Strickler, daughters, and Catherine Augustine granddaughter, all of Columbiana, O.

IV. m855. David Strickler, (s. Daniel), m. Margaret Greenamyer.
     m870-1. Daniel m. Elizabeth Close -2ch. (2) Sikes
     m871-2. Anna
     m872-3. Solomon

Daniel Strickler, s. David, had two children by his first wife, Elizabeth Close; Margaret and Charles D., and none by his second wife, Etta Sikes. Chas. D. Strickler is the only surviving member of this family, Columbiana, Ohio.

He says he has in his possession an old German Bible that was the property of Samuel Strickler, the father of Daniel whose four sons located at Columbiana, O. He also says that he finds from records in this old Bible that Samuel had four children; Samuel, Daniel, David and Anny. These are the names of Benjamin’s children, and he must have misinterpreted the record.

     m873-1. Wm. G. b. Aug. 8, 1869 s.

Noah Strickler’s will was probated Feb. 19, 1895, at Lisbon, in Columbiana County, Ohio. His heirs were; Wm. G. Strickler and Mary Farrand, Marshalltown, Iowa. Mrs. Farrand has one daughter, Grace.

     m875-1. George, b. Feb. 12, 1845, m. Ellen Scott -2ch.
         m. (2) Louisa Collins da. Elijah and Lenna Cheney-Collins 3ch
     m878-4. Eleanor Evaline, b. Dec. 18, 1860, m. Henry Wining -7ch.

All the above were born at Columbiana, O. Reuben’s widow lives at Alliance, O. John C. Strickler at the same place. Mrs. Wining at Columbiana and John Abraham Strickler, San Francisco, 1873 d. St.

V. m875. George Strickler, (s. Reuben), m. Ellen Scott.
     m880-1. Edith Aileen, m. Dr. David S. Sampsell -0ch.
m881-2. Luella March m. Neal -1ch.
George Strickler, Ashland, O. Luella is deceased. One son, Clifford, lives at Akron, O.


m882-1. Harriet May dec'd. b. May 27, 1867, m. C. S. Slutter, M. D.
m884-3. Aquilla, dec'd.

VI. m882. Harriet May Patterson, m. 1887, Dr. C. S. Slutter-2ch.

m885-1. Lawrence Clifford, graduate Houghton School of mines.
m886-2. May Aileen at home
Alliance, Ohio.

Dr. David S. Sampsell, who m. Edith Strickler, d. 1909. He was a son of Dr. D. I. Sampsell, Sr. and a cousin of Dr. Abraham Sampsell who m. Katherine Strickler.

m887-1. Harry Kennedy, m. Beatrice Coy -1 da. Beatrice, b. 1917.
m888-2. Helen, dy. age 3.

Harry K. Strickler, graduated from Mt. Union College at 18. At present (1918) he is Asso. Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Eire Forge Works.

m889-1. Nellie M. Nov. 3, 1885, m. Chas. Harrold -1ch.
m890-2. Adah Louisa Aug. 23, 1887 -d. age of 3.
m891-3. Clarence Henry Nov. 27, 1889, m. Frances McNut -2ch.
m892-4. Hazel Evaline Jan. 7, 1892, m. Wm. Cooper -1ch.
m893-5. Dorothy Salinda Jan. 29, 1899, m. Carl Stacy -0ch.
m894-6. Vern Reuben Oct. 28, 1900 twin
m895-7. Vance Nicholas Oct. 28, 1900 twin.

The Winings live at Columbiana, O. Mr Wining is foreman of the Pump Works. Clarence is a machinist. Dorothy is a High School graduate.

m896-1. James m. Dimmis Dudley -2ch.
m897-2. Joseph m. Cora Marlatt -1ch.
m898-3. Homer m. Etta Sheets -3ch.
m899-4. Ira m. Marion Laubie -1ch.
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m900-5. Rebecca m. Wm. H. Miller -3ch.
Two of the above are living (1918) Homer and Rebecca.*

James Sampsell's ch;

Joseph Sampsell, m. Cora Marlatt. They lived at Columbiana.
1. Bertha Bartholow, Columbiana, O.

Homer Sampsell, m. Etta Sheets. They lived at Columbiana, O.
1. Warren Sampsell, 800 E. 64th St. Indianapolis, Ind.
3. Mrs. Helen Drake (wife of Thos.), Lima, O.

Ira Sampsell, m. Marian Laubie. They lived at Salem, O.
1. James Sampsell

Rebecca Sampsell, m. Wm. H. Miller, s. Augustus, Columbiana.
1. Ray I. Miller, Asst. Employment Mgr. United Alloy Steel Corp'n. Home N. Canton Road, Canton O.
3. Howard A. Miller, dec'd.

Extract from letter of Mr. Ray I. Miller, Asst. Employment Mgr., United Alloy Steel Corporation, Canton, Ohio, of date January 27, 1923, Mr. Miller being from the Columbiana, Ohio, family.

"My mother also recalls incidents and happenings told by her mother about their home life on the banks of the Shenandoah River. Her grandmother Crable lived on the opposite side of the river, and, when the children wanted to go over, they would give out a yodel* and Grandma would come and row them across. And the deer, swimming down the river, showing nothing but their horns above the water. Also, about the fine dinner served at Barbara's wedding."

Mr. Miller's sister, Mrs. Florence Shaffer, of Ambridge, Pa. tells me in a letter, dated Mar. 3, 1923, that she understood:

"That a number of years ago, after a visit to Virginia, a Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler, formerly a Strickler, developed a family tree running back farther than five generations, as thru it a cousin of mine learned she was eligible to the D. A. R., and I think joined the society."

Daniel Strickler, m. Cruble
Barbara m. David Bushong
Rebecca m. Jeremiah Bossert
Elizabeth m. Clark Chandler, referred to above.
Catherine m. Dr. Abraham Sampsell
Rebecca m. Miller
Ray I. Miller, author of above letter.
Mrs. Florence Shaffer, author of above letter.

*It will be noticed the writer uses the word "yodel." This is a characteristic mode of singing or calling in Switzerland.

m901-1. Dr. Solomon, b. Apr. 27, 1834, m. Frances Speicher -5ch.
m902-2. Dr. Peter S. May 2, 1836, m. Eugenia Christy -1ch.
m903-3. Isabelle Jan. 30, 1840, m. J. E. Zimmerman -1ch.

They are both dec'd. 1918, they lived at Smithville, O.
Mrs. Isabell Zimmerman lives at Smithville, O.

V. m901. Dr. Solomon Greenamyer, 1834, d. 1908, m. Mar. 26, 1857, Frances Speicher, da. John and Elizabeth Dravensdodt-Speicher.

m904-1. Ella Edith 1858, m. Harmon S. Grindle -4ch.
m905-2. William Elmer 1859
m906-3. Chas. Ellsworth 1861
m907-4. Isabelle A. 1862
m908-5. Frank Eugene 1863

Dr. Solomon Greenamyer lived in Ashland, O. for many years where he practiced his profession. All the children live in Ashland except one, Edith, Mrs. Grindle who lives in Cleveland.

V. m902. Dr. Peter S. Greenamyer, b. 1836-d. Sep. 10, 1903, m. Eugenia Christy, da. James -1ch.

m909-1. Homer B., b. 1870, m. Emma Thomas -2ch.
1. Glen Thomas
2. Harold B.

Dr. P. S. Greenamyer lived at Smithville, O. where he practiced his profession.

V. m903. Isabelle Greenamyer, 1840-1918, m. Nov. 9, 1865, J. Edwin Zimmerman, 1834, s. John and Mary Strock-Zimmerman.

m910-1. Wm. G. Zimmerman, Jul. 13, 1867, m. Pearl Norris-4ch.
1. Howard W.
2. Edwin W.
3. Bruce N.
4. Florence A.

Mr. J. E. Zimmerman, undertaker, Smithville. O.
Mr. Wm. G. is a veterinarian, Smithville, O.


m911-1. Ruth Aldien, 1891, m. Walter C. Jones.
m912-2. Paul Byron, 1893
m913-3. Walter Raymond, 1895
m914-4. Stewart Emery, 1900

1247 E. 102 St. Cleveland, O. Mr. Grindle is a publisher. His father was a Union soldier.
Paul Byron Grindle is (1918) a solo flute player in the U. S. service, Headquarters Co. 331 St. Inf. Band, France.

m915-1. Katherine, b. Sep. 22, 1830, m. Clark Chandler -1ch.
m916-2. Elizabeth b. Jul. 16, 1832, m. Dr. J. B. Preston & 2 others.
m917-3. Andrew b. Aug. 20, 1834, d. in the Federal Army.
m918-4. Rebecca b. Sep. 9, 1836, m. Jeremiah Bossert
m919-5. David b. Dec. 4, 1838, d. in the Federal Army.
m920-6. Reuben b. Oct. 10, 1841
m923-9. Sarah b. Jul. 23, 1848

Mr. and Mrs. David Bushong lived near Columbiana, O.

The above nine children are all deceased except Rebecca Bossert, Hanna Block, Canton, O. Mrs. Thomas J. Day, of 756 Wade Ave., Alliance, O. daughter of Noah Bushong, writes me that David Bushong who married Barbara Strickler had the following brothers and sisters: William, Jacob, Peter, Henry, Andrew, John, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarahand Margaret, that David and William are the only ones who came North, she thinks. She is of the opinion that the others remained in the South. A son of Isaac Bushong, Rev. Chas. Bushong, is living in Export, Pa. Her aunts Rebecca Bossert and Elizabeth Chandler (Chandler being her third husband) visited the Stricklers and Bushongs, their kin in Virginia, when they were young women.

Further information which Mrs. Day gave me and which she obtained from her aged aunt Rebecca.

Andrew Bushong was a private in Co. H. 120th Reg. O. V. I. He d. of fever in a hospital in Memphis and is buried there. He was a teacher.

David Bushong was in the army, was in a skirmish and was never heard of after that. He was a teacher also.

Alphius was a private in Co. F. 143d. O. V. I. He was a painter. Katherine's only child is living at Salt Lake City, Utah. Her name is Alice Pittinger and she has one son Charles, living.

Elizabeth Bushong married three times; (1) Dr. J. B. Preston, 1858, (2) John Deemer, 1873. (3) Clark Chandler, her deceased sister's husband.

Alphius left a son Leon. He and his mother have gone to Florida.

Noah Bushong was a private in Co. K. 188th O. V. I., was wounded severely which left him a crippled limb. He left seven children.
William Bushong, brother of David who married Barbara Strickler, has grandchildren living in the neighborhood of Alliance, O. 1919.

Extract from a letter written to the author by Mrs. T. J. Day, Alliance, Ohio. It tells a story that happened often no doubt.

"I want to tell you that the Stricklers who settled in Ohio never lost their love for Virginia. My grandmother (Barbara Strickler Bushong) certainly did instill it into the hearts of her children and my father said she was homesick and never got over it. Grandfather was from Virginia too, and I often think of what their feelings were when their boys, all four of them, joined the army and marched away towards their beloved land and relatives. I'm told they were nearly heartbroken but of course had to accept it. Their oldest son, Andrew, contracted typhoid fever on his way to Tennesee and died. He is buried at Nashville. David, the second son, was sent out some place with a company to put down an Indian uprising and never returned. They never heard anything of him. They were both school teachers and at that time David was practising Denistry. My father (Noah) was a carpenter, he was in a little skirmish near Look Out Mountain and was wounded. He carried a bullet all the rest of his life, just below his knee but the wound never healed on the outside, yet he lived to be seventy years old and worked at his trade until about five months before he died. Alf, the youngest son, was not in long and came out all right."

She says further that her great grandmother Strickler married her great grandfather Bushong, that her (Mrs. Day's) mother's name was Kyser and that the Kysers have a reunion every year. She says that her grandfather (Bushong presumably) visited Virginia after the war and several of the girls were there also. They visited the Luray cave and brought back with them to Ohio a piece of chrystal formation which she still has.

862. Sarah b. 1815.
861. Barbara Strickler who m. David Bushong was born 1806.

m924-1. Preston Eli jun. 2, 1872, m. Harriet Manz -2ch.
m925-2. Mary Elizabeth feb. 20, 1875, m. Paul Keyser -5ch.
m926-3. Edna Katherine may 28, 1877, m. Harry Williams.
m927-4. Howard David jan. 3, 1885, m. Clarabelle Ostrander -1ch.
m928-5. Homer Clarkson aug. 11, 1887, s.
m929-6. Virginia Marie aug. 28, 1892, m. Allen Lower, jr. -1ch.

Preston Bushong was a private in Battery K. of the 14th Reg. of Artillery in the Spanish American War. His Ch; are; Gerald, age 14,
Margaret, age 12. (1914). They live with their mother at 325 Oakland Ave. Punxsutawney, Pa.

Mrs. Paul Keyser, Columbiana, O., Their ch: Ada, Dayton, Grace, Carrie, and John. All are at home except Ada who m. Chas. Lawver in 1918 and she has a daughter, Ethel—387 Allyn St. Akron, O.

Mrs. Williams, 1120 Republic Ave. Youngstown, O.

Homer lives with his sister, Mrs. Day, 756 Wade Ave. Alliance, O.

Howard Bushong, 707 Mahoning Ave. Youngstown, O. His mother lives with him. He has a daughter, Ruth, aged 3.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Lower, Jr., 348 S. Freedom St. Alliance, O. They have one child, Alberta, age 3 (1919).

IV. m862. Sarah Strickler, (da. Daniel), m. Jacob Sechrist.

m931-1. Martha m. Duncan Frazer
m932 2. Rebecca
m933-3. Joseph
m934-4. David m. Louise Close

This accounts for all the children of Daniel except John who remained in Virginia. Daniel Strickler married Margaret Crabill, who no doubt lived in the neighborhood of Toms Brook, Shenandoah Co. Va. Daniel no doubt lived here during the early part of his married life. One of his daughters married David Bushong of Woodstock in the same locality. Daniel’s sister Ann married Michael Rhodes and located near the mouth of Toms Brook. Tradition in the family is that Daniel’s brother David came from this section. After Benjamin died his family sold out and probably lived with the Rhodes family. Daniel’s son John married a lady from near Strasburg not far distant. We will now take up his family.

John Strickler

John Strickler manufactured wheat fans in Strasburg, Va. prior to the Civil War, and Rhodes, his cousin, was his partner from 1840 to 1855, John was also in the same business in Harrisonburg, and I have been told that he was known as “Wheat fan” John probably to distinguish him from other John Stricklers. He later located in Salem, Va. where he continued in the same business and more extensively in the manufacture of chairs, known as the Strickler chairs, also window-sash and other products. Mr. Samuel R. Strickler of 321 Dale Ave., Roanoke, Va. in 1917 wrote me the following: "My grandfather’s name was Daniel and owned the White House and mill in Page County, that he died and is buried there. My father had four brothers and two sisters; Joseph, David, Noah, Reuben, Mrs. Dr. Sampsell and Mrs. Dr. Greenamyer of Columbiana, O." He had evidently forgotten the two sisters, Mrs. Bushong and Mrs. Sechrist.

Samuel R. Strickler is the son of “Wheatfan” John who located in
Salem.

**IV. m857. John Strickler**, manufacturer of wheatfans, (s. of Daniel)  
b. about 1812 -d. Mar. 25, 1878, aged 66 years, m. **Mary Elizabeth Balthis** of Strasburg, Va. -5ch.
m935-1. Daniel, m. (1) Nancy Beamer, (2) Mary Elleson  
Salem, Va.  
1. Phenia  
2. Mary  
4. Annie  
5. Lewis  
m936-2. Joseph, m. Ella Colman  
Salem, Va.  
1. John Robert Carlton, Jr. 621 Bellville Road, Raleigh Court,  
Roanoke, Va.  
m937-3. Samuel R. m. Lucy Ann Shay 321 Dale Ave. Roanoke,  
and Nace, Va.  
1. Fannie  
2. Cora  
3. Frank  
4. Florence  
5. Ruth  
6. Eva  
7. Gladys  
8. Paul  
9. Allie, dec'd.  
10. Herman, dec'd.  
m938-4. John N. m. Lucy Hartman, s. Geo. d. 1884. testate.  
Salem, Va.  
1. Nora  
2. Hattie  
m939-5. Kattie d. young s.  

Robert Ohmahundra married one of the above family and lives in  
Salem or Roanoke.

John's relatives in Tenn. manufactured wheat fans according to  
Henry Strickler of Franklin, Ind. and his brothers were manufacturers  
in Ohio. They were the Tubal Cains of their section.

There is a tradition in the family that John Strickler also married  
a Miss Stewart, Miss Balthis being his second wife or vice versa. A  
John Strickler m. Elizabeth Stewart in 1849. (M. R. Shen. Co.)

End of Benjamin Strickler of Massanutten.
John Strickler of Pitt Spring Bend.

II. 4. John Strickler, son Abraham, the pioneer. b. about 1730, d. about 1801, m. Magdalene ac. to deed D. B. M. p. 342-1801 Woodstock. Deed refers to him as John Strickler, Sr., of Rockingham County.

The names of his children were probably as follows;

m940-1. John m. Elizabeth Hord (n83)
John, a grandson likely m. Sallie Pete fish (n83)
m941-2. Joseph m. Hannah Lyon
m942-3. Martin, b. about 1780 d. 1851, m. Miss Comer (m947)
m943-4. Abraham, b. 1792 -d. 1834 m. Susan Hollingsworth (n48)
m944-5. Mary m. Martin Grimsley
m945-6. Susan m. David Lauderback
m946-7. Barbara m. Malekiah Berry


And probably there were other children. Daniel appears and see (n78) Abraham or John who I think descended from this family.

From the account of Adam Strickler we learn that John Strickler, son of Abraham, the pioneer, "located land on the west side of the river between Newport and Grove Hill."

I have located his patent which is in the toe of Pitt Spring Bend opposite Ingham Station and East Liberty Church. The patent was dated 1754, for 230 acres, and is found in BK. 32 at p. 361. There is a plat of a patent to Wm. Ohler, dated 1765, for 1900 acres on file in the clerk's office of Rockingham County in Patent Book O. p. 41. This patent shows the lines of John's patent, the Ohler patent taking up the remainder of the land in Pitt Spring Bend. The Ohler patent was part of a 3,000 acre tract taken up by James Maxwell in 1764. John Fulch obtains a patent for 420 acres, part of the 3,000 acre patent. The north-west line of Fulch's patent is identical with the Fairfax line.

This land is located between Newport and Grove Hill just where Adam places John Strickler. John was the first inhabitant of this bend.

The Old Homestead.

Proceedings down the left bank of the river from Grove Hill bridge toward the old homestead of John Strickler we notice a rather steep bluff rising from the water's edge, and immediately below the bridge this bluff is very precipitate and rough and covered with trees. As we proceed down stream the bluff becomes less steep and is free of trees, and at a point nearly opposite Ingham station and East Liberty
there is a wide depression in this bluff where the land slopes gently to the river. In this depression was the home of John Strickler. The higher ground to the north and west protected it from the north winds, and several hundred yards to the east flowed the Shenandoah, lined with a growth of magnificent trees. This is in what we might call the toe of the horse-shoe bend which I have called Pitt Spring Bend. The bed of the river at this point is rather rough, and the waters, passing over the boulders, sing a continual song. It is a very secluded and quiet spot, and the stillness of the place is only disturbed by the rippling waters that flow forever down the valley on its way to the sea. There are many beautiful spots along the river, but it seems to me that this is the most beautiful. The road follows the river, on the right bank, all the way from the Grove Hill bridge below this old homestead, and affords a wonderfully picturesque drive.

The old home was burned when Capt. David Strickler lived here, but I understand that the brick residence which stands there now is near the site of the old home.

**The Old Burying Ground.**

Just to the south of the brick house on the brow of the rising ground overlooking the river is the family burying ground. Here John Strickler and his son Martin and many members of their families were doubtless buried, altho their graves cannot now be located. The oldest stone is that of Capt. David, grandson of John. I am told, however, that Martin, son of John, was buried here. And it is reasonable to suppose that John was buried here also. Capt. Geo. Summers, who was executed (or rather murdered) by the Federal authorities below New Market after the war was over, is buried here also.

**Capt. Geo. Summers.**

Capt. Summer's father Capt. Geo. Summers wrote a detailed account of the trouble leading up to the arrest and execution of his son, dated Grove Hill, Page Co., Va. July 24, 1865, which was printed in the Luray papers. It seems that Capt. Summers and his comrade Newton Koontz and probably another, were on their way to obtain their parole when they met a guard of Union troops near Woodstock, Va., conveying Ex-Governor Letcher down the Valley, and after passing them they met a half-dozen straggling Federal soldiers at or near Narrow Passage and demanded their horses, which they obtained. No one was injured. This was about May 1, 1865. The father, Geo. Summers had the property returned and obtained from Col. Butterfield, the commanding officer at the camp at Rude's Hill, his promise that the boys would not be molested. On June 27, Federal soldiers arrested Capt. George Summers and Newton Koontz, early in the morning, conveyed them to the spot referred to, and executed them without trial as the sun went down. The Federal soldiers told the father that if he would come over the next day with some influential citizens he might be able
to obtain the release of the boys. At the foot of the mountain on the west side of New Market Gap the boys were told that they must die. The boys begged and pleaded. They were placed in position to be executed. They then asked to be taken to headquarters. They then proceeded toward camp, and within a short distance of camp they were met by a body of infantry and were informed that they would not be permitted to go to camp but would be executed on the spot. When one reads of such injustice, it makes him want to fight it over again. But I presume it is best to forget and forgive. The story of these young men's execution after the war was over is the saddest I ever read.

“There never was a good war or a bad peace.” Franklin.

“Yon marble ministrel’s voiceless stone
In deathless song shall tell,
When many a vanished age hath flown,
The story how ye fell.”

O’Harra.*

I might say that acts of war in time of peace are more difficult to forgive than the same acts in time of war. The war was over. The boys could have escaped capture, but the father of Capt. Summers persuaded the boys to surrender, having received the promise from the Federals that no harm would be done to them and that a fair trial would be afforded them at which he might be present. Besides, the property had been returned and the commander’s promise obtained that the charge would be dismissed. This was cold blooded murder and nothing else. If I could find the man responsible for this deed I am sure I could not refrain from scotching him like a snake.

The land books of Rockingham County show that John Strickler was taxed with 230 acres in this locality from the foundation of the county 1778 to about 1801. I did not look at all the intervening years but I find him assessed with this tract in 1789-1797-1800 and 1801. In 1805 John does not appear on the land books, but Joseph appears taxed with 230 acres in this locality. Evidently John had died at this date, and his son, Joseph, probably had purchased it. I found an old index showing that the appraisement of the estate of John Strickler was filed about 1801. The date is not given, but the index referred to another book which I was unable to find. These old records were partially destroyed on June 4, 1864, by the Federal army.

While the descendants of Martin Strickler do not trace beyond Martin, yet when we find Martin living on the old John Strickler Homestead we must conclude, in the light of all the other circumstances, that Martin was the son of John. Martin Strickler’s grandson tells me

*A marble shaft marks the spot where the boys were executed. It stands just west of the Pike and just south of Cedar Grove cemetery about midway between New Market and Mt. Jackson.
that his grandfather Martin had a brother Abraham. These are the only children that tradition mentions.

Other Records.

On June 7, 1782, Joseph Strickler and others were allowed Revolutionary claims by the Court of Rockingham County—minute book of that date. This Joseph may have been Joseph Strickler of Egypt, but he lived in Shenandoah County. This Joseph who received the claim must have been 21 in 1782 and was born not later than 1760, therefore. This date would seem rather early for the birth of a child of John. But the first census would seem to be consistent with this date.

The First Census.

The first census (1782-85) taken in Rockingham County in 1784 places John Strickler in this locality with a family of ten, presumably a wife and eight children. If he had eight children at that date the oldest must have been born about 1760.

In 1792 and 1793 I find the names of John Strickler, Sr., and John Strickler, Jr. immediately following. They appear in the same militia Company, and are listed by Captain Jacob Kiser. Their names appear along with those of Samuel Short, Christian Strole, Michael Shuler, and other names familiar to this neighborhood of Grove Hill. This list would indicate that John, Jr. was born not later than 1771.

Then in 1788 I find John Strickler listed with a white male above 16 years, by name John Strickler. This was evidently John, Jr. above, who was 21 in 1792.

The commissioners always gave the name of the Captain of the military company in which the person listed was found, the number of the company, the number of white males over 16 in the family, the number of blacks over 16, the number of blacks over twelve and the number of horses, and in the day book the names of the males over 16. The exact language used was as follows:

"John Strickler, Senr. one tythe above 21 years and Joseph Strickler above 16 years and four horse beaste." Immediately following the above appears the name of another John.

"John Strickler one tythe above 21 years and two horse beaste." This was listed in 1792 I think.

This record shows that John was older than his brother Joseph, who was evidently born about 1775. If the records were complete they would show when he first appeared on the lists. This could not have been Joseph who received the revolutionary claim.

In 1801 John appears with two white males above 16 and 4 horses.

In 1800 John Strickler appears with one white male above 16, one slave above 12, and five horses. This is probably John Sr.

In 1806 John Strickler does not appear, but Joseph does with one white male above 16.
A Daniel Strickler Appears.

In 1800 a Daniel Strickler appears with one son above 16 and 5 horses. In 1801 he appears again.

If the John Strickler who appeared in 1801 with two sons above 16 was John, Sr., it would indicate that he had at least four sons, since his sons John and Joseph were over 21 at this date.

Deed Records.

About 1800 Martin Strickler has real estate transactions with John and Joseph Strickler in this section of Rockingham County.

John disappears from the records in 1815, the date when he removed to Ohio probably. Joseph disappears also about this time, but reappears again when he conveys land to Martin in 1823. Martin continues on the records until 1842. Joseph's wife is Hannah. And Isaac appears twice in 1784. This is probably the son of Jacob of Egypt. Martin's wife's name was Hannah. The wife of John was Sally. Abraham appears first in 1807.

Daniel and Isaac Strickler, sons of Jacob, owned land in the neighborhood of Newport at one time.

Among the burnt records I find evidence of a real estate transaction between _______________Strickler, Sr. and _______________ Strickler, Jr., in 1807, (the first names being obliterated). If the first names were John it would indicate that John, Jr. was the grandson of the first John who apparently had died before this date.

Adam says that John, brother of Daniel purchased land for the latter near Newport. I find a deed from John to Daniel about the date when Daniel becomes of age. This land was traded for the property near Bixler's Ferry.


John Strickler, Sr., and Magdalene, his wife, of Rockingham County, convey to Joseph Strickler, son of Jacob, 207 acres on South River, part of 288 acres granted to Michael Kauffman by Fairfax in 1755, for and on behalf of the orphans of Martin Kauffman, dec'd. and Martin Kauffman, heir at law of Martin, dec'd. having conveyed 207 acres to John Strickler, Sr. in 1767. (1801-M-342-Woodstock). This is in the toe of Fairfax Bend.


In 1806 John Strickler, Sr. conveys land to David Keyser, same conveyed to Michael Kaufman for the orphans of Martin Kaufman, dec'd. 80 acres. (D. B. -P. p. 73 -Woodstock). Evidently part of the 288 track above.
The above land lies just north of the Fairfax line and hence not so far from John Strickler's home, if I am not mistaken in its identity.

The above deeds would indicate that John Strickler Sr. was living as late as 1806.

John Strickler appointed Overseer of road leading from the line of Shenandoah to the Court House (1787 Minute Book No. 1)


Abraham Strickler made Constable 1815—(No. 7)

John Strickler and Sally, his wife convey land to Joseph Mauzey 1815—(No. 8).

Joseph Strickler to Tobias McGahey 1815—(No. 8)—deed.

**Marriage Records In Rockingham County**

In 1793 John Strickler m. Elizabeth Hord (Heard).

In 1813 John Strickler m. Sallie Petefish, (Joseph Mauzy bondsman)

In 1798 Mary Strickler, dau. of John m. Martin Grimsley.

In 1803 Susan Strickler, dau. of John m. David Lauderback.

In 1804 Joseph Strickler m. Hannah Lyon, da. Abram, dec'd.

In 1785 Barbara Strickler da. John m. Malekiah Berry.

In 1791 Ann Strickler m. Wm. Grimsley (Shen. Co. M. R.)

Mrs. Isabelle Townsend tells me that a young Mr. Louderback from Va. visited her home about 1860 and died there.

With the marriage records I find a note from John Strickler to the Clerk of Rockingham County requesting him to grant a license to Malekiah Berry to marry his daughter Barbara Strickler. Berry is found on the land books in this part of the County. This note is dated Aug. 19, 1785. Barbara was evidently under age. She was probably 16 and was born about 1760.

Both of the above marriages may have been those of John Jr. or one may have been that of John, 3d.

Mr. Marcellus Petefish, my first cousin, writes me from Virginia, Ill. that he has a letter which divulges the following information: Marcellus says: "On May 7, 1821, Mary Petefish, widow of John Petefish, writes from Warren County, Ohio, that she was then living with John Strickler. His wife was no doubt her daughter and she mentions her daughter whose husband was Adam Pence and her sons Christian and George Petefish. Again on Jan. 22, 1825, she writes to her son J. H. Petefish in Rockingham County, Va. from Butler County (Butler joins Warren), Ohio."
Marcellus continues; "Now my grandfather J. H. Pe­tefish left Virginia in 1835. He was administrator of the estate of his father as well as that of his grandfather."

The John Strickler who married Sallie Petefish is the one, no doubt, mentioned by Marcellus.

Samuel Comer is John Strickler's surety on Oct. 3, 1793, when he enters into a bond to marry Elizabeth Hord. Sarah Hord certified that her daughter was 21 years old. Witnesses to Sarah's signature: James Hord and Joseph Strickler.

M. R. of Martin Strickler's daughters.

Other Marriages
Dec. 19-1850—Isaac Strickler to Elizabeth Stephens.
Sep. 25-1830—John Strickler to Mary O'Roark, da. Timothy.
Sarah Hoard, dec'd. settlement, about 1800 Rock. Co.

Paid to Legatees
No. 1—John Strickler 109 13
No. 2—Daniel Kite 28 7
No. 3—Daniel Kite in full 18
No. 4—David Louderback 28 7
No. 5—David Louderback in full 18
No. 6—Christian Pixler Gartin 28 7
No. 7—Christian Pixler 17 4
No. 8—Christian Pixler in full 64 4

III. m942. Martin Strickler, (s. John of Pitt Spring Bend), b. 1780- d. Sep. 24, 1851, m. Ann Comer, (these dates are taken from the Capt. David Strickler Bible)
Three children at least, according to tradition.
m947-1. Nancy m. 1824 Foltz. (George ac. M. R.)
m948-2. Peggy m. 1824 Reuben Keyser
m949-3. Capt. David, b. 1800-d. 1881. m. (1) Strole (2) Kibler-10ch.

Nancy Strickler m. a Mr. Foltz of Stanley, Page Co. Va., and moved to Jasper Co. Ill.

Peggy Strickler m. Reuben Keyser and moved to Iowa about 1860 and settled near Muskatine, and left a large family. One son William may be living near there yet.

Martin Strickler, b. 1780, had a brother Abraham who married a Miss Hollingsworth and was the father of Gen. Hiram Strickler of Kan­sas.
Martin Strickler lived on the old homestead in the bend where the first John Strickler located. Later his son Capt. David lived there, and later, Martin, the son of Capt. David, lived there. Martin now lives in Luray. He is about 80 years old and carries his age well. He gave me the above information.

I am assuming that Martin (m942) was the son of John. He may have been a grandson.

IV. m949. Capt. David Strickler, (s. Martin), 1800-1881, m. (1), Rebecca Strole who d. 1834, no issue, m. (2) Polly Kibler, b. 1815, d. Jan. 1, 1890, da. Philip Kibler, whose wife was a Miss Comer.

m950-1. Julia 1836-1912, m. Peachy Propes -8ch. (m960)
m951-2. Martin 1837 m. Margaret Kite -8ch. (m968)
m952-3. Mary Cath. 1838-1889, s. at the old home.
m953-4. Emaline 1841-1881, m. Hieronimus D. Kite -4ch. (m986)
m954-5. Hiram 1843, m. Bettie Koontz. 2ch. (m998)
m955-6. Nancy 1844 m. three times -2ch. (n8)
m956-7. Frances 1846-1912, m. A. E. Strole -6ch. (n10)
m957-8. Harrison 1848 m. Sarah Jane Borders -5ch. (n25)
m958-9. David 1850-1883, m. Ellen Blair -4ch. (n31)
m959-10. Abraham 1853-1910, m. Effie A. Flock -4ch. (n44)

Capt. David Strickler, prior to the war between the States, drilled his company regularly in Harrisonburg. His first wife was Rebecca Strole, sister of Jacob, John, and George Strole. Jacob Strole married a sister of Capt. David's second wife, Polly Kibler.

David lived on the old homestead in Pitt Spring Bend. He is buried near by, and his tombstone has the following inscription; “David Strickler d. Sep. 14, 1882, aged 81 years, 8 months and 25 days,” and that of his wife has the following; “Polly A. Strickler, d. Jan. 31, 1890, aged 80 years etc.”

The grave of Capt. Geo. Summers is near by. There are older graves here, some marked with stone but not bearing inscriptions.


m963-4. Mrs. Scott Brown, Riverton, Va.
m964-5. Mrs. S. A. Shaver, Frederick, Md.
m966-7. Peyton Propes, Mound City, Mo.
m967-8. David Propes, California.

This information is from the Harrisonburg paper. At this time Julia Propes had three brothers and a sister living; Martin, Luray, Har-
rison, Gordonsville, Hiram, Kansas, and Mrs. John Callery, Shenandoah, Va.


Mrs. Strickler d. Sep. 10, 1912.

m968-1. Clara m. Clarence Huntsberry -1ch.
m969-2. Mary Susan m. G. W. Rothgeb -9ch.
m970-3. Frances, 1865, d. 4 days old.
m971-4. Amos 1866, d. age one month
m972-5. Gilbert J, m. Lula Ella Gander -3ch.
m973-6. Wm. M. m. Susie V. Aleshire -4ch.
m974-7. Luther R. m. Carrie V. Spitler -6ch.
m975-8. Effie F. m. Samuel Aleshire -1ch.

Martin Strickler was born on the old homestead in Pitt Spring Bend. He taught school during the war, and shortly thereafter he located at Leaksville, Page Co., purchasing a farm from Col. Buswell which had a store building on it, and soon entered into the mercantile business with farming and was thus engaged for 40 years. He sold his property at Leaksville in 1908 and purchased a home in Luray. He was twice elected to the Board of Supervisors of Page County from Marksville District. At seventy-seven years he is well and hearty (1914). He had been out sowing clover seed, Apr. 4, 1914, on the day he wrote me a letter.

He tells me that there was in the possession of the family an old German Bible, but that he is unable to locate it. He refers to it as his grandfather Strickler's old Dutch or German Bible. All of his children are married and live in Page County, Va.

VI. m961. Clara Strickler, b. Oct. 7, 1861, m. (1) 1881, Clarence Huntsberry, s. Henry -1ch.
m976-1. Henry M, Huntsberry

m. (2) Mar. 1, 1893, T. A. Hook.
Leaksville, Va.

VI. m969. Mary Susan Strickler, (See her family m677)

m978-1. Eva Mae Dec. 3, 1891, m. Avis Roudabush
m980-3. Harry Oscar Sep. 5, 1895, s.

Mr. Roudabush owns the Shenandoah Flour Mill at Shenandoah.

Sarah Elizabeth Hite was the daughter of Daniel Hite and Rebecca Grove who was a sister of Mann Grove of Luray. The Hites lived
on Mill Creek.

Gilbert J. Strickler is a merchant in Shenandoah, Va. where he does a large business. I think his sons have taken over the business under the name of Strickler Bros. During the World War, Harry was an electrician on the U. S. S. Kansas, Div. 7. Owen married Miss Edith Potter of McKendree, W. Va. daughter of Joseph Potter, 1921. Eva Mae Strickler has recently married.

m975-1. James Sanford, 1899
m976-2. Margaret E.
m977-3. W. M.
m978-4. Infant daughter

m979-1. Leo L. Jan. 21, 1900
m980-2. Paul S. May 5, 1901
m981-3. Melvin M. Aug. 8, 1903
m982-4. Marguerite E. May 1, 1909
m983-5. Virginia E. Sep. 18, 1912

Luther R. Strickler is a jeweler at Luray, Va.

m985-1. Lorine E., b. Aug. 15, 1907.
Massanutten, Page Co.

m986-1. Ida F. b. Aug. 18, 1868-m. R. Lee Campbell -3ch.
m987-2. William C. Mar. 6, 1870-m. -2ch. Oklahoma.
m989-4. Elba D. May 24, 1877-m. Alice Colvin -3ch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hieronimus D. Kite went from Page Co. to Mo. where Mr. Kite is engaged in Farming.

m990-1. Ernest W. Jun. 18, 1890
m992-3. Lewis Apr. 3, 1899.

VI. m987. Wm. C. Kite married and has 2 ch. Pawnee City, Okla.
m993-1. Elsa Evelyn Feb. 24, 1897
Odessa, Mo. Quintus C. Masterson was in the Confederate Army, Eliott's Reg. later Roughner's Battery, was taken prisoner at Leavenworth, Kan. He died in 1879, leaving five children.

m995-1. Elba Loren Sep. 11, 1904.
m996-2. Russell Evert Apr. 18, 1907, Odessa, Mo.
m997-3. Lillian Irene Dec. 9, 1910.

m999-2. William, m. Augusta Kollhoff -2ch.
Hiram Strickler was a Confederate soldier four years. He left Virginia Mar. 5, 1885, and went to Kansas. He is now a retired farmer and owns 800 acres of land.

VI. m998. Carrie Strickler, m. Oct. 23, 1884 David Shuler, of Alma, Va., b. Nov. 9, 1860, s. A. J. and Julia Ann Koontz-Shuler-5ch
n1-1. Esther Jul. 25, 1885, m. Leslie E. Briggs -1ch.
n2-2. Julia Mar. 12, 1887
n3-3. Elizabeth Mar. 31, 1889, m. Otto B. Williams
n4-4. Scott Mar. 31, 1891
n5-5. Nellie A. Oct. 25, 1895
Hutchinson, Kan. Nellie and Scott are graduates of Nickerson High. Mr. Shuler farms 640 acres.

VI. m999. Wm. David Strickler, m. Augusta Kollhoff -2ch.
n6-1. Fred David, 1900 -au. 25
n7-2. Lawrence Hiram, 1904. ap. 22
Hutchinson, Kan. Mr. Strickler farms 480 acres.

V. m955. Nancy Strickler, (da. Capt. David), b. Nov. 2, 1844, m. (1)
C. M. Harlow -1son.
n8-1. Wm. Harlow, m. Lee Keyser -7ch.
  1. David
  2. Joseph
  3. John
  4. Granville
  5. Nannie
  6. Harry
  7. Robert
Nancy m. (2) Reuben Lucas, s. William -1 da,
Maude Lucas, m. 1898 -2ch
1. John
2. Alnah

Nancy m. (3) John Calery, s. John no ch.

John Calery had six children when he married Nancy Lucas. He died Sep. 27, 1913. His widow lives at Shenandoah, Va.

V. m956. Sarah Frances, (da. Capt. David), b. Apr. 21, 1846, -d. 1912

12-3. John David nov. 8, 1866, -d. drowned 5yrs, 7m, & 12d. old.
14-5. Alice mar. 22, 1873, m. J. Frank Huffman. -4ch.

Mr. and Mrs. Strole lived on the old Strole homestead near Grove Hill, where Mr. Strole was a miller and farmer, the former industry exempting him from military service.

n16-1. Kirby Nov. 14, 1891

VI, n11. Mary S. Strole, m. Sep. 11, 1894, Jacob F. Miller, b. Nov. 21, 1845.
n18-1. John David Dec. 7, 1897
n19-2. Mabel I. July 4, 1899

n21-1. Ethel F. Oct. 18, 1893 s.
n22-2. Eura Mae Jul, 8, 1895 s.
n23-3. Lena Virginia Jun. 10, 1899 -d. Nov. 4, 1900

n25-1. John D. Feb. 25, 1873
n26-2. R. E. Mar. 23, 1877, m. Lina Susan Kite -1ch,
n28-4. Mary E. Aug. 3, 1884
n29-5. Vernon C. Sep. 7, 1893

Gordonsville, Va.

VI. n26. Robert Elbie Strickler, m. Oct. 27, 1897, Lina Susan Kite,
b. Apr. 27, 1874, da. Jacob of Grove Hill.
n30-1. Winnie Virginia, b. Aug. 19, 1898.


n32-2. Loren H. Mar. 13, 1878, dec'd.
n33-3. Ada Apr. 9, 1880, m. Wm. C. Casteel -5ch.
n34-4. David J. Sep. 11, 1882, m. Pearl Keller, 3ch.

David Strickler went to Missouri in 1871 and at the time of his death in 1883 owned 300 acres of land in that state,


VI. n33. Ida Strickler, m. Nov. 9, 1904, Wm. C. Casteel, b. May 3, 1870, s. P. H. and Mary Elliott-Casteel.
n36-1. Loren F, Nov. 11, 1905.
n37-2. Rolla W. Aug. 24, 1907
m39-4. Gloria May Sep. 21, 1911

n41-1. Evert Lawrence Jun. 15, 1908

n45-2. Opal Blanche Mar. 1, 1891
n46-3. Ruby May May 29, 1894, m. Lawrence E. Elliott -1
n47-4. Emerald Felicia Apr. 1, 1902,

They lived at Narka, Kansas. The widow resides at 1820 Clay St. Topeka, Kansas. The Elliotts live at the same place.


III. m943. Abraham Strickler, (s. John of Pitt Spring Bend), b. 1792 d. 1834, m. Dec. 26, 1824, Susannah Hollingsworth, da. William. At least five children:
n49-2. Rebecca b. Mar. 12, 1832, m. Andrew J. Kite -6ch.
Tradition says Abraham Strickler was a large land owner in Page County in the neighborhood of Grove Hill. He was also in politics and was Sheriff, I believe. He had three or four plantations. He is buried on his home farm, the Lucas farm now, situated on the east side of the river near East Liberty.

I am presuming that this Abraham was the son of John who settled in Pitt Spring Bend in 1754, the date of his patent. Martin says that he was the brother of Martin, his grandfather, born in the said bend in 1780. It might be that they were grandsons of the first John. I feel sure that they are either sons or grandsons.

Abraham Strickler's widow afterwards married George Summers, and they had five children, one Capt. Geo. Summers of the Confederate Army was executed with his comrade Koontz a few miles north of New Market near Cedar Grove Church, after the war was over and after they had surrendered. A monument marks the spot. He is buried in Pitt Spring Bend, on the old Strickler homestead.


n54-2. Rose Mar. 4, 1864, m. John E. Waysman -2ch.


n57-5. Frederick A. Sep. 1, 1869


n59-7. Susan Nov. 19, 1872, df.

Frederick P. Stanton was a lawyer and U. S. Congressman from his native State of Tenn. Gen. Strickler lived near Tecumseh, Kansas.


n60-1. Hazel Novara Iris Nov. 12, 1886

n61-2. Opal Chrisline Dec. 25, 1888


n63-4. Thelma Jacqueline Nov. 18, 1894

n64-5. Stanton Lawson May 24, 1897.


n65-1. Marilda May 18, 1887


V.  n55. Celeste Strickler, m. May 13, 1889, Allen Colton, both dec'd.

n67-1. Cecil Stanton, dec'd.

n68-2. Ernest El Paso, Texas.
Beatrice Douglas, Arizona
Ernest Colton graduates from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis this June, 1917.


VI. Opal Chrisline Pearson, m. Nov. 4, 1906, Dee R. Cox, b. May 24, 1885, s. H. M. Cox.

Myrlin Dee Apr. 23, 1911.

Chrisline de 5, 1913.

Vincent Strickler Pearson graduated from the Topeka High School, 1913, and Stanton Lawson from the Highland Park High School, 1917.

Gen. Hiram J. Strickler
by his daughter,
Mrs. Jacqueline Pearson.

“I was just a little rather puny girl when my dearly loved father passed over the river and do not remember many public events in his career. But he certainly was a man of very strong family affection. He told me so many things of his boyhood home in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley that I went to Virginia when I was a young girl, just to look at the scenes his eyes had rested upon and remembered with so much love and admiration as well as to visit my kinsfolk, especially his own sister, Mrs. Rebecca Kite and several half sisters. He was so devoted to his children, I cannot remember him ever speaking a cross word to any of us nor did he ever murmur or complain in his long and painful illness altho it was very irksome after always being very active. His short life was full of incidents of worth, always working for the betterment of the community at large as well as for the family circle.”

He was educated at Virginia Military Institute, and in 1855 located at Shawnee, Kansas. He was a member of the first territorial council, auditor of the territory until its admission into the Union, and Adjutant General of the militia and as such as was a participant in all the early troubles of the territory. His father-in-law was at one time Secretary of the territory. He commanded the militia called into the field in 1855 by Governor Shannon. This trouble is known as the “Wakarusa War”. He on one occasion saved the life of S. C. Pomeroy, afterwards U. S. Senator, by endangering his own life. Gen. Roller of Harrisonburg told me on one occasion that if Gen. Strickler had remained in the south he no doubt would have become one of Virginia’s brilliant officers in the Civil War.

“Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years,
And all that life is love.”
"Death of Gen. H. J. Strickler."

"The old residents of Kansas will learn with profound regret, that Gen. H. J. Strickler, of this county, is dead. He died at his home near Tecumseh on Thursday evening at 8 O'Clock, after a protracted illness devoid of all hope of human and temporal relief. His death has been anticipated daily, by his friends hereabouts, for some time, a certainty that in no degree mitigates the great and sincere sorrow which this announcement evokes.

As he was a man of statewide reputation, and his name is indelibly stamped upon the early history of Kansas, something more than the mere formal announcement is due this sad event. Gen. Hiram J. Strickler was born in Page County, Virginia, in 1831. He was educated at the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington as a surveyor and civil engineer. After completing his course at that institution, famous from Stonewall Jackson's connection with it and as being the military nursery of most of the famous officers of the confederacy, he came west, and in January or February, 1855, settled in Shawnee county on a tract of land which he subsequently preempted. He was a member of the first territorial council, and served in that body with distinguished ability. He was remarkable more for his constant, quiet and steady attention to the ordinary business of legislation than for any show of oratory or brilliancy in debate. When the office of territorial auditor was created, in 1858, he was appointed to the position and continued to hold that office notwithstanding the various political changes that occurred, until our admission into the Union. He discharged the duties of the office with ability and fidelity, and in a manner eminently satisfactory to the people of the state. After our admission he never held any political office, nor was he ever an aspirant for any. In 1861 he retired to his farm and devoted himself wholly to agricultural pursuits. He was one of the pioneers in the organization of the state agriculture society, and soon after its formation was chosen its secretary, a position he held uninterruptedly for five or six years, and in which he gave perfect satisfaction. In 1871 he was elected President of the same society, which office he held for one year. Since that time he has participated unofficially in the business of the society, and at all times evinced the deepest interest in its continued success and financial prosperity.

Gen. Strickler is better known to old residents from his militia record as commander-in-chief of the administration militia in that lively, grotesque but bloodless campaign known to fame as the "Wakarusa War." In 1855 or '56 he was appointed Adjutant General of the state militia, and as such he was a participant in all the early troubles of the territory. This position he held until January, 1858. It was
during this time that he commanded the forces called into the field in 1855 by order of Gov. Shannon.

On the occasion of the capture of S. C. Pomeroy, afterwards U. S. Senator, who was carried into Gen. Strickler's camp, he endangered his own life in order to preserve that of Pomeroy who was threatened with hanging by an infuriated and half drunken mob.

In 1861 Gen. Strickler married Miss Hattie Stanton, daughter of Hon. Frederick P. Stanton, former secretary of the territory. He leaves a wife and six children in easy and comfortable circumstances, the fruits of his own labor since settling in the state."

"Gen. Strickler though a lifelong democrat was of that fair minded type of men who commanded the respect and regard of any opponent even in that season of bitter controversies growing out of political differences in our early days. His character was unimpeachable, his personal honor beyond question.

He was too self-reliant to be effusive, or to form close and warm friendship, but he was a manly man, and treated all with the respect and fairness that compelled a return in kind. In General Strickler the State lost an invaluable citizen, and its agriculture interests an earnest, enthusiastic and indefatigable friend."

"Gen. H. J. Strickler died at his residence, in Tecumseh, on Thursday evening. The funeral services will occur at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow, from the residence. The remains will be interred in the cemetery in this city, arriving here about 5 O'Clock Sunday afternoon."

"General Strickler's Funeral:—The funeral of General Hiram J. Strickler took place at his residence half a mile east of Tecumseh at 2:30 P. M. yesterday. The services were conducted by Dr. McCabe, who, throughout his discourse dwelt upon the historical relations of the General to the county and state. The personal qualities of the deceased were also made mention of and the marked respect paid the speaker showed the faithful delineation he made of the dead. The body lay in state in the front parlor while a host of sad hearted friends passed by and gave the last, last, look on earth. Ah! friends how impressive is this scene!

The pall bearers were Judge J. T. Morton, Alfred Gray, Jacob Smith, John Martin, George D. Hale and Alexander S. Johnson.

John Martin Esq., wrote out the will and the estate is large.

Mrs. Strickler is left with six children—five daughters and a son."

From Tecumseh Paper.

(Dr. McCabe was a Presbyterian minister.)

(General Hiram J. Strickler was the son of Abraham Strickler who married Susan Hollingsworth. He died July 1, 1873.)
IV. n49.  **Rebecca Strickler**, (da. Abraham), m. **Andrew Jackson Kite**.
   n72-1.  Sarah Jane m. Alonza L. Dovel -6ch.
   n73-2.  Susan L. m. Wm. Roudabush -5ch.
   n74-3.  J. W. dy. 30 yrs. old.
   n75-4.  Andrew J. m. Viola Feuchtenberger -10ch,
   n76-5.  Geo. Henry s.
   n77-6.  Mary Eliz. m. Wm. H. Lucas, -5ch.

   Alonza L. Dovel’s mother Dianah Dovel celebrated her 102d.
birthday on Feb. 17, 1922. She died in April following. She was the
daughter of George Shuler and the wife of A. B. Dovel.

V. n72.  **Sarah Jane Kite** m. A. L. Dovel
   1.  Minnie Lee m. John Horn-2 sons Russell and Clyde
   2.  Vinie C. m. Trent J. Strole -1 son William m.
   3.  Fred J. m. Hillary Laudaback -5ch. (685)
      a.  Floyd
      b.  Frank
      c.  Frances
      d.  Margaret
      e.  Infant
   5.  Harry d. at age of 4 yrs.

V. n73.  **Susan L. Kite**, m. **Wm. Roudabush**, she d. 1916.
   1.  Harry dy.
   2.  Wm. B. m. Mary Hausenflook -3ch.
   3.  James E. s.
   5.  Otis M. m. Alice V. Bryan, he d. 1915 -no ch.

V. n77.  **Mary Eliz. Kite**, m. **Wm. H. Lucas**
   1.  Elby
   3.  Dellie m. Mattie Roudabush -3ch.
   4.  Byrd
   5.  Myrtle m. Robert Parker

   All of the above reside in Harrisonburg, Va. except Wm. P. Rou-
dabush who recently located in Wilmington, N. C. in the wholesale
grocery business. His mother was a woman of much business ability
and at the time of her death owned the National Hotel and other valu-
able real estate. Russell Horn is in his fourth year at Carnegie Tech.
at Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jacob Strickler of Mill Creek.
Custodian of the Ancient Bible

III. Abraham Strickler lived opposite White House, d. 1786, leaving a widow Ann and an eldest son, Jacob, who convey the White House farm to Abraham Strickler, son of Joseph of Egypt, in 1794.

n78-1. Jacob b, Nov. 24, 1770, m. Ann Rothgeb -1ch. -Va.
n81-4. Abraham Nov. 29, 1780, m. -ch. -Va.
n82-5. Anna Dec. 31, 1783, m. John Rothgeb -Ohio.
n83-6. John about 1785, m. Sallie Petefish -Ohio. (m940)

All of the above six children married and left families. The greater number of them live in Ohio and other states.


n85-1. David Jacob, Jun. 15, 1844
n87-3. Henry Martin, Nov. 22, 1848, m. Rebecca Hite -1son. dec'd.
n88-4. Mary Ann s.
n89-5. Barbara Frances s.
n90-6. Martha Ellen, b. Dec. 29, 1860, m. S. H. Modisett -4ch. (n113)

Jacob Strickler is buried on his farm on Mill Run or Creek, now in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Modisett. It seems that this farm was purchased in 1787 for Jacob and his mother after the death of Jacob's father, the farm near the White House being sold and proceeds being invested in this farm. The White House farm was sold in 1794.

Mrs. S. H. Modisett is custodian of the ancient Bible, now nearly 400 years old. Among other records it has this record:

"Abraham Strickler, died on the 17th day of ——— 1786."
"On the 24 of Nov. 1770, Jacob Strickler was born."
"On the 1 day Feb. 1775 Elizabeth Strickler was born."
"Dec. 22, 1777 Mary Strickler was born."
"Nov. 29, 1780 Abraham Strickler was born."
"Dec. 31, 1783 Anna Strickler was born."
"(record of another birth presumably of John)"

Two records precede the above, presumably the birth and marriage of Abraham Strickler. The ink is very old and faded.

On Nov. 22, 1756, Fairfax conveyed to Benjamin Strickler (3) 201 acres opposite the White House adjoining Isaac Strickler's 183 acre tract.


On June 10, 1794, (D. B. -I, p. 369-Woodstock), Abraham is deceased and his eldest son, Jacob, and his widow, Ann, convey the same land to Abraham Strickler, son of Joseph. The language is as follows:

"Ann Strickler, widow and relict of Abraham Strickler, dec'd. and Jacob Strickler, eldest son and heir at law of the said Abraham Strickler, dec'd, one part and Abraham Strickler, son of Joseph of the same County; Whereas the said Abraham Strickler, dec'd. in his life time did sell by way of contract etc. a tract of land in Massanutten said Abraham departed this life some time before 1787, leaving Ann his widow and relict etc."

Mr. S. H. Modesitt tells me that Jacob Strickler's father is buried on the farm opposite the White House.

In the same book p. 367 is a deed wherein Isaac Strickler and Susan, his wife, and Abram Spitler and Mary, his wife, convey part of a 400 acre tract to Jacob Strickler on Mill Run, lately the property of Jacob Rothgeb, and the same that was conveyed to the said Strickler and Spitler by Peter Rothgeb and Hannah, his wife in 1787. This I understand, was the home of Jacob Strickler. It is possible that Abraham Spitler's wife was a sister of Isaac Strickler, (500) (469)

Mr. Modisett tells me that Mary Strickler married Rev. Abraham Spitler, and from this union have sprung the Spitlers and most of the Hites of Page County and some of the Rosenbergers of Rockingham County. Their daughter, Susan Spitler Hite, b. May 5, 1781, was the grandmother of Mr. Modisett. He tells me they lie buried on the old Spitler farm on Mill Creek and that iron markers give the dates of their deaths, (466) (500) (n132).

The above facts indicate a relationship between Isaac Strickler, Mrs. Abraham Spitler, and Abraham Strickler. These three may have been children of Abraham Strickler of Pennsylvania, a fifth son of the pioneer, Abraham. Or was this Abraham the father of Isaac and Mrs. Spitler by a former marriage?
Shenandoah County Records.
Deeds.
1772-A-249, Abraham Strickler from Abraham Brubaker.
1782-D-148, Abraham Strickler to John Hershberger.
1785-E-392, Abraham from Benjamin Strickler.

Settlement of estates.
1786-B-275, Abraham Strickler, dec'd.—Isaac Strickler and Abram (sept.) Strickler qualify as administrators, with John Strickler and Jacob Spitler sureties.

The Abram Strickler (admr. with Isaac) above was probably a son of Joseph. John Strickler was no doubt John of Pitt Spring Bend, as no other John at this time was old enough to be a surety, except John, son of Jacob of Egypt, and he was just barely 21 years of age. This circumstance affords evidence that Abraham who died in 1786 was a son of John of Pitt Spring Bend.

Coffman Estate v. Rothgeb Estate.

In 1877 a suit was filed in the Circuit Court of Page County under the style M. D. Coffman Estate vs. David Rothgeb Estate, file No. 59.

From the bill and depositions in this suit I learn that John Strickler first married Elizabeth ————, that she became the mother of the six children as found in the old Bible. But it would seem that the Bible record makes Abraham Strickler the father of the six children. I do not know how to explain this discrepancy. His name may have been John Abraham. The Bill in the suit further states that Elizabeth Strickler after the death of John Strickler married Abraham Rothgeb and had one son David Rothgeb, that after her death Abraham married again.—Mary Hite, who had one child, but both died. Abraham Rothgeb married a third time,—Catherine Baker, and they had one child, Christine, who married Reuben Dadisman. David Rothgeb died intestate, in December, 1785, possessed of considerable property, and his heirs at law were his half brothers and sisters, including the six children of John Strickler and Elizabeth, his wife. Considerable difficulty was experienced in locating the heirs of John Strickler, the sixth child, who located in Ohio in an early day. Mrs. Martin D. Coffman's depositions are filed in the above suit, and she states that John Strickler who went to Ohio married a Petefish, that he lived in that part of Rockingham County that is now in Page County, that he died in Ohio leaving eight children.
From the papers in the above suit and from members of this family in Ohio I am able to give the record of the Ohio family below.

It looks very much like Abraham, father of Jacob of Mill Creek, who left a widow Ann, is identical with John Strickler, who left a widow Elizabeth according to Coffman vs. Rothgeb.

The bill plainly states that John Strickler and his wife Elizabeth were the parents of the six children and proceeds to name them together with the names of the husbands of the daughters and concludes that John went to the State of Ohio. The lawyer may have simply made the mistake of using the wrong names in drawing the bill.

Many depositions were taken in this suit, Mrs. Mary Coffman, daughter of Jacob Strickler, testified in 1888, at the age 66, and stated among other things that John married a Petefish. Catherine testifies and says that she married Solomon Rothgeb who d. Mar. 17, 1886, at the age of 76, that David Rothgeb was her husband's uncle and that John Strickler was her husband's uncle and that John went to Ohio. Mrs. Mary Pease testifies in Ohio at the age of 74. She names all the children of her father John and says her mother was a Petefish and that she remembers her grandmother Mary (Polly) Petefish, that she lived with her father for a while. She also states that her parents went to Ohio about 1820. Jacob Strickler, aged 66, son of John, testifies at Xenia, Ohio. He says his mother was Sarah Petefish. He remembers two of his father's brothers, Jacob and Abraham.

Marriage records in Shenandoah County.

Oct. 14, 1795-Mary Strickler to Abram Rothgeb
Apr. 12, 1796-Elizabeth Strickler to David Rothgeb
Oct. 31, 1797-Ann Strickler to George Rothgeb
Jun. 6, 1808-Anna Strickler to John Rothgeb

All were married by John Coons except the last when Paul Henkel officiated.

From the Bill filed in the case of M. D. Coffman etc. vs. David Rothgeb's Admr. I am enabled to make the following arrangement.

Elizabeth ________ first married John Strickler.

I. Jacob Strickler, dec'd.
   1. Mary m. Martin D. Coffman.

II. Elizabeth Strickler m. David Rothgeb, both dec'd., she having died about 1867.
   1. Anna, widow of Chas. Duncan
   2. Solomon Rothgeb
   3. Rebecca Rothgeb
   4. David Rothgeb, died about 1877.
      a. Solomon D. Rothgeb
MRS. MARTIN D. COFFMAN (nee Strickler). b. 1822-d. 1896 (n84) da. Jacob Strickler. She was the custodian of the Zurich Bible for many years.
b. Abraham Rothgeb
  c. John W. Rothgeb
  e. Mary C. m. Robt. C. Bruce, Rapp. Co.
  f. James H. Rothgeb, Ohio
  g. Samuel B. Rothgeb, Ohio?
  h. Trymandra Self, m. John Self or Joshua Self
  i. Elizabeth A. m. David Smith, Ohio?

5. Mary A. Rothgeb m. Peter (?) Link, both dec'd.
   a. Delilah Marriott, widow of Lem Marriott
   b. Lizzie Link
   c. Maggie m. John Stapp
   d. Mary Rankin wife of Jere(?) Rankin
   e. Rachel Rebecca Link

III. Anna Strickler m. John Rothgeb about 1808 and moved to the State of Ohio about 1810.
  1. Barbara m. Rathburn of Ohio.
  4. Anna m. Newton Mauck, dec'd. of Ohio.
     a. Robert Mauck, Ohio.
     b. Lelia Mauck m. Knapp, he is dec'd. Ohio.
     c. Florella m. David Leslie, Ohio.
  5. John Rothgeb, dec'd.
     a. Esther A. m. Bartlett Boyce, Kansas
     b. Mary m. Robert M. Fulton, Ohio.
     c. John N. Rothgeb, Ohio.

IV. Mary Strickler m. Samuel Rothgeb, about 1811 in Gallia Co. Ohio both dec'd.
  1. Leah m. Lorenzo D. Vanzant of Missouri
  2. Wesley Rothgeb of Ohio.

V. Abraham Strickler, m.
  1. Sarah m. Alfred Messnard of Ohio.

VI. John Strickler, went to Ohio. Same as (n83)

   John Strickler of Warren Co. Ohio.

IV. n83. John Strickler, (s. Abraham or John) b. about 1786 in Rockingham Co. now Page Co. d. about 1828 in Warren Co. Ohio m. in 1813,Sallie Petefish of Rockingham Co. da. John and Mary or Polly Petefish.
   n91-1. Jacob b. 1821 Xenia, Ohio.
   n92-2. Isaac Cincinnati, O.
   n93-3. Elizabeth m. Earhart.
   n94-4. Catherine m. Abram C. Baxter
n95-5. Mary b. 1813. m. John C. Pease.
n96-6. Ellen b. d. m. Shaw.
n97-7. Joseph d. at the age of 16.
n98-8. George b. 1812 m. Theodocia Dunham —6ch.

In 1887 John Strickler's children were all living except George and Joseph. Their addresses were as follows:

Elizabeth Arehart, Hamilton Butler Co. Ohio.
Ellen Shaw, Chicago, Ill.
Isaac Strickler, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Jacob Strickler, 220 W. 2nd. St. Xenia, Ohio.
Catherine Baxter, Columbus, Ohio.
Mary Pease, age 74, (1887), West Sonora, Preble Co., Ohio.

John Strickler went to Warren County, Ohio, about 1820, and died near Eaton, Preble Co. Ohio, about 1828. His wife died about the same time in Butler Co. Mrs. Pease, daughter of John, says that her grandmother, Mary or Polly Petefish, lived with her father in Ohio several years. Jacob says that he lived a while with his Uncle Christian Petefish in Warren Co. Ohio, after his father died.

V. n98. George Strickler ,(s. John of Warren Co. O.) b. Dcc. 6, 1812, m. May 3, 1837, Theodocia Dunham —6ch.
n99-1. A daughter df.
n104-6. Archelaus Dunham, Oct. 15, 1840 -m. Mary A. Elliott—5ch

Thomas Gibbs Strickler was killed in battle.


n105-1. C. Ella Strickler, b. Aug. 7, 1867, m. Frank Brandon
     1. Rhea Brandon Blair, b. 1912.
  1. Frances Ivans

Frank Brandon and Howard W. Ivins are lawyers and compose the firm of Brandon and Ivins, Brandon-Ivins Bldg., Lebanon, Ohio. They married sisters. Mrs. John Milton Strickler lives at Lebanon. (1917).

VI. n107. Archelaus Dunham Strickler, m. Mary Alice Elliott, d. 1898

n108-1. Wm. Thomas, b. Aug. 11, 1867, m. Mollie Billingsba —3ch.
  1. Clifford, m. Elizabeth Sartain —1ch.

Wm. T. Jr.
2. Frank B. m. Mabel Pauline Friedler. 
   a daughter.
3. Howard, b. 1893.

1ch.
1. Alice.


n111-4. Fred D. b. Jul. 31, 1877, m. three times.

n112-5. Helen Ione, b. Mar. 1, 1882, -d. May 6, 1897.

Fred D. Strickler, m. (1) Elizabeth Sims. She died and he m. (2) Azalae Deats who d. about 1907 and he m. Ethel Adams.

Thomas Gibbs, John Milton, and Archalaus D., brothers, were in 35th O. Vol. Inf. Thomas was killed near Nashville, Tenn, 1863.


Fred D. Strickler, 3761 N. Cap. Ave. Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. P. O. Monfort, 434 E. Main St., Lebanon, Ohio. I am indebted to Mrs. Monfort for the most of the above information which she obtained from the George Strickler and Dunham Bibles.


n113-1. Augustus Martin b. Mar. 21, 1896


The Modisetts live on the old homestead on Mill Creek where her grandfather Jacob lived. They have the ancient Bible and some very old stone jars which tradition says were brought across the ocean with the Bible. Abraham Strickler's inventory in 1746 mentions among other articles, a great Bible and some old stone jars. (n90).


Luray, Va. They live on Mill Creek.

Mr. H. M. Coffman thinks that his mother and Adam Strickler were third cousins. His grandfather Jacob Coffman, lived on the Hawksbill. Martin D. Coffman had a first cousin who lived on the Hawksbill several miles above Luray. His father's name was Samuel. David had five children; Samuel and DeWitt went to Texas, Susan to Chicago, Bettie and Jennie live in Luray.

End of John Strickler of Pitt Spring Bena.
Isaac Strickler of Locust Grove.
Fort Massanutten.

III. 7. Isaac Strickler, (s. Abraham, s. Abraham, the pioneer) b. about 1740, d. May 1, 1817, m. three times; (1) a lady from Pennsylvania, no issue, (2) Susan Brubaker, da. Abraham Brubaker of Massanutten, who was the mother of his children, (3) Catherine Beaver, widow of ______ Beaver, father of John Beaver who married Nancy Strickler, da. of Isaac.


n121-4. Jacob b. -d. in War of 1812 in Canada.

Isaac Strickler m. Catherine Beaver, Sep. 21, 1807, -Shen. Co. M. R.

"In memory of Catherine Strickler, mother of John Beaver, d. May 29, 1829, aged 65 yrs. and 5 mo." inscription on tombstone in Beaver graveyard.

The fact that Isaac Strickler owned the Benjamin Strickler lands led me to believe that he was the son of Benjamin, but after discovered facts prove that he was not. (See m769)

Tradition in the family does not state who the father of Isaac was, but it does state that he came from Pennsylvania with his uncles, Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin and John.

In 1761 Isaac Strickler received his share in the 1000 acres purchased from Jacob Stover by Abraham Strickler, from Lord Fairfax. This fact proves that he was not a son of Benjamin, and it also proves that he was either a son or grandson of Abraham, the pioneer. The language simply states that Isaac is entitled to his share by descent from Abraham, and the fact that the deed does not expressly state that he was entitled to a share as one of the sons of Abraham would indicate that he was a son of a deceased son.

Furthermore, the Miley Notes have the following to say:

"Susan Brubaker, daughter of Abraham and Barbara Brubaker, born July 17_____. She was the child that her mother took with her into the field to inform her father of the Indian's approach in 1758."
Susan married Isaac Strickler, son of Abraham Strickler who lived in Pennsylvania. From this circumstance we know that Susan Brubaker was born prior to 1758. The next child born to Abraham Brubaker, according to Mr. Miley, was in 1761.

This would indicate that Abraham, the pioneer, had a son Abraham who remained in Pennsylvania, and whose son Isaac came to Virginia, unless Mr. Miley had in mind Abraham, the pioneer, in speaking of the father of Isaac.

Isaac Strickler lived in Massanutten. He built the stone house there which still stands. It has a fort cellar and has been described.* When his son John lived here it was known as Locust Grove. Isaac was a large land owner, and his holdings seem to have included all the lands of Benjamin Strickler, after the latter's death. There is a quaint inscription, in German, written on the chimney, in the attic of the old stone house, which I am unable to make out. There is a date, 1791, written there also, which I first inferred was the date when the house was built, but I am sure the house was built much earlier than this, probably as early as 1760, certainly during or soon after the Indian raids, following the French and Indian Wars, 1755-1763, altho some think the house was built in 1791 because of the above date. The fort cellar may be older than the house.

Isaac Strickler died in 1817 and is buried on the old homestead, not far from the old stone house. His son John is buried here also. There is a very old stone here with the following inscription; "I. Strickler, dec'd May 1, 1817." He left a will in which he mentions his wife Catherine, daughters, Elizabeth, wife of John Burner, Nancy, wife of John Beaver, step-daughter Mary Beaver, sons John and Jacob. He refers to his unfortunate son, Jacob, who was with the army in Canada, as being reported killed, and wills his share to John Brubaker in trust for him should he return. The slaves are to be drawn by lot and not sold.

Susan Brubaker, Isaac's second wife, was the daughter of the Brubaker mentioned by Kercheval in his history of the Valley, in relating the story of the Indian raid on the settlement in Massanutten. Brubaker's family was saved by the alertness of his good wife, who insisted that she saw Indians on the mountain not far away.

The Virginia Census of 1783 gives Isaac a family of five. This did not include his children as they were born after that date. It may have included older children who died young or white servants or relatives in the household. It may have included Jacob as we do not have the date of his birth.

Mrs. Virginia S. Milbourne, of Charles Town, a descendant of

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*Massanutten on Old Homes, p. 60.
Isaac, informs me that there is a tradition in the family that Isaac was suddenly stricken in the field, that he tried in vain to make them understand something about leather breeches full of silver dollars that were never found, that he was a great singer, and that the superstitious could hear him singing about the old home long after he was laid to rest.

Isaac's will was made in 1814 and probated in 1817. The witnesses were Daniel Beaver, James Modisett and Wm. R. Almond. John Strickler and John Beaver qualified as executors and gave bond in amount of $15,000, with Wm. R. Almond and Joseph S. Spengler sureties.

Isaac Strickler was a member of the Virginia Legislature in 1806. His will provides that his slaves shall not be sold but drawn by lot by the children. There were nine slaves, the highest value placed on a slave by the appraisers was $550.

The lands of Isaac are divided among John Strickler, John Beaver, and John Burner. Jacob does not appear. (1817-y-182-Woodstock).

Peter Rothgeb conveys to Isaac Strickler and Abraham Spitler 170 part of 400 acres, patent tract, lying on both sides of Mill Run, lately the property of Jacob Rothgeb, (F-305-1787). The grantees convey same tract of 170 acres to Jacob, son of Abraham Strickler, dec'd. (I-367-1794).

Isaac was a large land owner. He owned 550 acres on the mountains back of Egypt, and other large tracts besides the Locust Grove tract. He also owned a large portion of the Benjamin Strickler estate.

**Old Graveyard on the Shirley Farm in Massanutten**

There is a very old burying ground in the field on the Shirley farm just east of the brick house. This estate was once owned by Benjamin Strickler, and it is likely that he is buried here. A great many Beavers are buried in this old graveyard, and this part is surrounded by an iron fence. There are graves on the outside of this fence apparently much older. I was able to find only one stone on the outside that was marked. It was marked thus: 1816 I. Strickler, d. Oct. 4, aged 2y. -4m. -17d."

Inside the iron fence I found the following inscriptions on stones. I have abbreviated them.

Infant son of John Beaver d. Mar. 27, 1829.
Isaac Beaver, s. John, May 15, 1821, very young evidently.
Infant daughter of John Beaver, d. Feb. 13, 1838.
Susan Beaver, da. John, Sep. 16, 1839, age 12y. -6m. -10d.
Nancy Beaver, wife of John, d. Jan. 18, 1852, aged 55y. 6m. -2d.
John Beaver, b. Aug. 1, 1788 -d. sep. 11, 1858-age 70y-1m.-10d.
Catherine Strickler, mother of John Beaver, d. May 29, 1829, age 65y.- 5m.
Locust Grove Graveyard.

The following inscriptions are found in the Locust Grove graveyard. I give them in condensed form.

John Strickler, d. Ja21-1838-age 47y-6m-27d.
Bessie Green, da. H. C. & A. M. Strickler—I do not have date.
Harvey C. Strickler, b. mr31-1822-d. ja8-1882-age 60y-2m-7d.
Annie Maria, wife of Harvey C. Strickler, b. se19-1833-d. Jl-12-1872 age 38y-9m-24d.
Bettie H., wife of Harvey C., b. ja28-1849-d. ju14-1875.
I. Strickler, dec’d. May 1, 1817. This inscription is on a very old stone near the above graves. The passerby would never notice it, projecting only a few inches above ground and covered with bluegrass sod.

“There is no death! What seems so is transition,
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death.”

John Strickler of Locust Grove.


n122-1. Isaac b. d. age 2yrs. 4m. 17d.
125-4. John W. b. went to California d. in Luray.
133-12. Lavinia b. dy.

John Strickler married Nancy Kauffman, granddaughter of Martin Kauffman, the Baptist minister mentioned in Sempler's History of Virginia Baptists, and a half sister of Hon. Martin R. Kauffman of Frederick County, member of the Virginia Legislature during the Civil
War. She lived to a ripe old age, and was the mother of twelve children. They lived for a while after their marriage at the Martin Shirley home, later in a small house in the yard at Locust Grove, and when his father died he occupied the mansion house where he spent the remainder of his life. He was buried on the old homestead at the spot where his father Isaac is buried. His grave is carefully marked with a vault about two feet high, overlaid with a marble slab, and I have been told that this vault was erected by the friends of John Strickler. An iron fence surrounds it.

John Wesley Strickler (n125), son of John of Locust Grove, never married, was a soldier in the Mexican War, dug gold and practiced law in California. He was a very handsome man, I have been told. He returned to Luray in his old age and died there.

David Coffman's home on the Hawksbill was owned by Harrison Long about 1890. David Coffman had the following children: Nancy m. John Strickler (n118), Sarah m. Harrison Wood (n187), Maria m. Kite, George whose widow lived in Massanutten had a son John, Hon. Martin R. Kauffman, and Eliza m. Harrison Ruffner.

David Jay Strickler of Hope Farm.

V. n123. David Jay Strickler, 1816-1862, (s. John), m. Apr. 29, 1845, Fort Roads.

Rebecca Bayley, da. Dr. Wm. M. and Gatewood-Bayley-9ch.
n139-6. David Gatewood Apr. 29, 1856-m. Mary Fetzer -2ch.

David Jay Strickler was a useful man in his community, having held several County offices. On account of weakness he was exempt from military service during the Civil War and died in 1862. He lived on the Rhodes homestead in the house that has a vaulted cellar, in the outer room of which there is a spring. Here is where John Rhodes was killed by the Indians. Col. John Gatewood lived here about 1830, and, I understand, was instrumental in naming Page County after Gov. Page.*

*I am told that Mr. Gatewood, a member of this family, possibly a son of Col. Gatewood, captured the Indian Chief, Jeronimo.

In 1808 a Mr. Strickler and a Mr. Gatewood were elected members of the Legislature.
In 1840 a Sarah Strickler was living with David J. Strickler and receiving a Revolutionary pension.

The circumstance of David J. naming one of his sons Jno. W. Mt. Joy might indicate the place where his ancestors lived in Pennsylvania, there being a village and township in Lancaster County, Pa. by that name. I understand that an Abraham Strickler is buried at Mt. Joy.

In 1790 when the first census was taken there was only one Strickler living in Mt. Joy Township, and his name was Abraham.


They have no children, but her husband had five children by a former marriage. Fawcett's Gap, Frederick, Co., Va.

Just south of Fort Roads and on the west side of the lane is an old graveyard. The following stones are extant:

Sarah Gatewood b. ap. 29, 1759 -Nov. 1847-78yrs.
Rebecca, wife of David J. Strickler d. Feb. 13, 1870, age 41y-9m-2d.
David J. Strickler d. Sep. 10, 1862 aged 46y-lm-3d.


n143-1. William C. m. May Hane-1ch. Dorothy.
n144-2. Blanche Anna
n145-3. Frederick David, m. Clara Miller

J. D. Burner of Massanutten Heights.

n151-6. Sarah Elizabeth b. Nov. 3, 1892
n152-7. Philip Harvey b. Feb. 13, 1895

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burner live in Massanutten, Page Co., Va. not far from Locust Grove, the childhood home of David Jay Strickler.

VI. n139. David Gatewood Strickler, (s. David J.), m. Mary Fetzer Columbiana, Ohio. -2ch. (m854)
n153-1. Joseph D.
n154-2. Grace Marie

David Gatewood Strickler lived at Hope Farm (Fort Roads). He
d. mar. 12, 1909.

David Gatewood m. Mary Fetzer, da. of Philip, brother of Hettie and Frances Fetzer, sisters, who m. Joseph Strickler of Columbiana, O. (m854).

Joseph D. Strickler is a prominent photographer in Pittsburg, Pa. At one time he was in the same business in Luray. 6008 Penn. Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa.*

  n156-2. Babel Anna b. Oct. 17, 1887
  n159-5. Ada Hazel b. Nov. 17, 1889

  n160-1. Georgiana d. in childhood
  n162-3. Mary E. m. J. Musc e Garnett -2ch.
  n163-4. Ella M. m. S. F. Spillman
  n164-5. Wm. H. d. in childhood
  n165-6. Jeter H. d. in childhood
  n166-7. Shelton H. m. Estelle E. Strickler -7ch.
  n167-8. Judson H. d. in childhood
  n168-9. Lena S. d. in early womanhood
  n169-10. Virgil Ormond m. Helen F. Lutes -0ch.
  n170-11. Hinda M. s.


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*Mr. J. D. Strickler is the winner in world competition of the premier trophy of portrait photography “The Daguerre Memorial Institute Diamond Medal of Honor.”*
Robert Herndon Fife, Sr. lives at Charlottesville, Va., and is an active member of the Baptist Church there.

Dr. Rinehart is a graduate of the U. of Va. in medicine, Covington, Va.


Wm. Ormond Fife, B. L. U. of Va., Attorney at Law, Justice of Civil and Police Court, Charlottesville, Va.

Shelton Strickler Fife, Civil Engineer, City Engineer, Charlottesville, Va.

One of Mr. Fife's daughters went to France as a nurse with the U. of Va. hospital unit No. 41. Col. Fife was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

VI. Shelton H. Strickler, m. Emily Estelle Strickler, da. Harvey 7ch.

Burlington, N. C.


Mrs. Virgil O. Strickler's mother died when she was very small, and she was reared by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hoover of Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. Hoover being a niece of Mr. Frank Lutes. Mrs. Strickler is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her father was honored by President Lincoln for bravery as a Union soldier, and Congress voted a medal to him for bravery on the field of battle in capturing, single-handed, the colors, color-bearer, and color guard of the 41st Alabama Regiment. Dr. and Mrs. Hoover live in Lincoln, Neb.

Virgil O. Strickler was born in Madison County, Va. and there
Isaac FORT MASSANUTTEN grew up on his father's farm. He was educated in a private school, at the Charlottesville High School, and at the U. of Va. Later he read law and was admitted to the bar. In 1887 he removed to Omaha, Neb. where he practiced law until 1902, when he removed to New York City. Having been healed thru Christian Science in 1900 of serious, physical troubles, he became more and more interested in it, and in 1908 began to devote all his time to Christian Science work. In 1908, he was elected first reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York City. He is now a popular Christian Scientist lecturer, and lectures all over the world to large audiences. On May 30, 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Strickler started on a long tour, to lecture thru Australasia and Asia. They will spend considerable time in Honolulu, Fiji, New Zealand, Tasmania, Australia, the Philippines, Eastern Asia and Japan.

He went to Nebraska about the time William J. Bryan entered into politics of that State, and in several of his campaigns he took an active part.

Harvey C. Strickler of Locust Grove.

Fort Massanutten.


n187-1. Emily Estelle, b. Oct. 1, 1860, m. Shelton H. Strickler-(n180)

n188-2. Bessie Green, b. Dec. 2, 1862 d. Jan. 9, 1864

n189-3. Ann Virginia, b. Apr. 7, 1867, m. Rev. R. L. Milbourne-

-n6ch.

n190-4. Sarah Wood b. Aug. 19, 1869 s.

Harvey C. Strickler m. (2) Bettie H. Pittman, b. Jan. 28, 1845-d.


Harvey C. Strickler lived on the old homestead in Massanutten at Locust Grove. He occupied the stone house his grandfather, Isaac, built. It has been described. It is now occupied by Wm. E. Burner, a descendant of Isaac Strickler. It is a remarkable building for the day in which it was built. It is 32 feet in length in the two story part and 29 feet in the story and a half part, and had at one time a porch along the entire front. During the flood of 1870 the water in the Shenandoah River rose to within one foot of the second story, and the occupants were removed to safety in boats. This was a substantial and beautiful old home surrounded by a magnificent grove of locusts when Harvey Strickler lived here.

Ann Maria Wood, after her father's second marriage, resided at Walnut Hill, St. Charles Co., Mo. with her sister Emily, the wife of
Dr. Austin Green, and that is where Harvey Strickler married her.

Mrs. Milbourne tells me that Ann Maria Woods’ great-great-uncle, Col. James Wood, was a rival of Lord Fairfax for the honor of founding Winchester. James Wood was Governor of Va. 1794-6. His grandson, John Wood, was the first Governor of Illinois. He is buried at Quincey, Ill. Harvey Strickler is buried by the side of his father and grandfather on Locust Grove Farm.


n193-2. Ralph Maclaren b. Mar. 17, 1891

n194-3. Lodowic James b. Jan. 21, 1893

n195-4. Harvey Lee b. May 10, 1895

n196-5. Drummond Fairfax b. Apr. 2, 1897


Mr. Milbourne was a much loved Baptist minister and was President of the Shenandoah Association at the time of his death. A memorial pamphlet consisting of twenty pages was written and printed by his friends which bespeaks the high esteem in which he was held. He was buried in Luray, Va. His widow, who is a cultured charming and refined lady lives at Charles Town, W. Va., with her five sons. She was at one time Superintendent of the “Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction,” a branch of the W. C. T. U. of W. Va. Her son Harvey Lee Milbourne has been connected with the American Consular Service, in China, for more than three years, his last post being Tsi-nan in the Province of Shantung. Charles Town Advocate, November, 1922. Mr. Milbourne’s first wife died in Newport News about 1882. There were no children.

I here print the resolution of his church at Charles Town.

IN MEMORIAM

OF CHARLES TOWN CHURCH.

Charles Town, W. Va., February 17, 1906.

At a meeting of the members of the Baptist church, held on the above date, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove by death from our midst our well beloved brother and pastor, Rev. L. R. Milbourne, and bidden him “come up higher,” therefore, be it

Resolved, That, whilst we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, the Baptist church in this community, and at large, has
sustained a genuine loss in the loss of Brother L. R. Milbourne, but those who feel the loss are the richer for having come in contact with such a life. The Lord had a higher place for His servant. The promise has been realized: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved, That he had always been loyal to the church, earnestly praying for her spiritual welfare. His counsel was much esteemed and sought after; he was nobly ready and cheerful in response to any call for benevolence or service. Quietly and peacefully he passed away. His work on earth was ended. The summons came; he faltered not; he was ready.

Resolved, That his influence was widely felt in the church and in the community. He was a man of prayer, patience, and prudence. He sought not the glory of men; but did his duty faithfully as unto the Lord. He loved the sanctuary and services of the Sabbath. Seldom was he absent from the pulpit, or from any meeting of the congregation. He was active in the Sunday-school and loved the prayer meeting.

Resolved, That as a citizen of the community, he was highly respected by all. He was a visitor of the sick, a consoler of the mourner, and liberal in his gifts. His influence rests, like the mantle of Elijah rested on Elisha, upon those who are left to carry on the work.

"Grand good he wrought; his ministry
Of love and faith was greatly blest.
A noble, goodly company
Of souls he brought to Christ to be
The sons of God, the heirs of rest."

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved loved ones our sincere love, and deep and tender sympathy, commending them to the kind care of Him who doeth all things well, and who has promised to be the husband of the widow and the father of the fatherless; that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the church, a copy sent to the mourning family, and our town papers be furnished a copy for publication.

JOHN T. COLSTON,
WM. WILT,
Z. FLEMING
A. D. BARR,
J. M. HEIDWOHL,
D. A. PHILLIPS,
COMMITTEE.
Rev. Milbourne’s charges were: Newport News, 1881, Luray (Stanley and Rileyville posts also) 1884; Rockville and Barnsvill, Md. 1889; Charles Town, W. Va. 1897. He was clerk of the Shenandoah Association for four years and President for two years. Wherever he went new churches sprang up in the neighborhood and his own flock increased as a result of his indefatigable labors.

V. n127. James Francis Strickler, 1833-1891, (s. John), m. (1) Oct. 28, 1853, Martha I Weaver, d. Feb. 19, 1855, her only son being eight days old.

n198-1. John Weaver, b. Feb. 11, 1855, m. Maud Melissa Newman -4ch.


James Francis Strickler was born at Locust Grove, Massanutten, Page County, Va., Apr. 10, 1833. At the age of eleven he went to Crigersville, Madison Co., Va., where he obtained employment in his brother Emanuel’s store. Here he remained until he married on Oct. 28, 1853, Miss Martha I. Weaver, through whom he inherited the old Weaver homestead on Robinson River near Crigersville. He and his second wife as well as all of their children belong to the far famed Mt. Hebron Lutheran Church, which, having been built in 1740, has the distinction of being the oldest Lutheran edifice in America. It has been in continuous use from that day until the present. His oldest son joined the Methodist Church, it being the church of his mother. James Francis was a farmer and dealt largely in cattle and sheep. His motto was, “Cultivate a friendly feeling toward all.” He was honest, sociable, and quite popular. He was a soldier in the war between the States for about two years. Altho he had not received a liberal education he improved himself by reading and observation and was greatly pleased that he had a son in the Gospel Ministry. He had often expressed a desire that when he came to die he would not have a lingering illness. He met with sudden death in a railroad wreck seven miles north of Luray on the Norfolk & Western on May 31, 1891. That he was good and kind to the poor and to widows can be recorded to his credit.

LOCUST GROVER- Fort Massanutten. This old home was built by Isaac Stricker (7) (n118). It has a fort cellar.
Mr. J. W. Strickler went to California in May 1876 when he was only 21 years old and lived with his uncle, John Wesley Strickler, for one year. Then he went to Arizona and engaged in gold and silver mining. In 1886 he returned to California and went into a general mercantile and wholesale hay and grain business which he followed for twenty-five years. During this time he was also engaged in farming. In 1912 he sold his farm of fifteen hundred acres and moved to San Diego. He received $141,000 for his holdings. This was at Vista, San Diego County. Mr. Strickler says that while he has retired from active business, after twenty-five years of active work, he intends to go to Arizona and engage in mining, not extensively however, but more to have something to do and because he likes that business far better than anything that he has ever done. He is now (1914) forming a private company to take over a mining property. His family will remain at San Diego.

Later Mr. Strickler moved to Los Angeles and resides at 109 S. Normandy St. All of his children are married except the youngest, Helen, who is attending the Kumnock Seminary in Los Angeles. His oldest son is in business in the same city. His second son Philip is a physician and surgeon, Flood Building, San Francisco, Cal. His wife is also a Physician.

Mr. J. W. Strickler purchased Harold Bell Wright's ranch in the Imperial Valley several years ago but soon disposed of it. The author had built a very pretentious home there, but decided he did not like it in that country. The author passed thru the Imperial Valley in 1922, and the thermometer was 110 degrees.

In 1922 in going from San Diego to Los Angeles by automobile I stopped at Vista and had a chat with a merchant in the little town. He told me that he knew Alessandria, the husband of Ramona, heroine of Helen Hunt Jackson's famous novel, Ramona, that he knew the white man who killed Alessandria, that he remembered the trial, and that it all happened in that vicinity, if I remember him correctly. (1922). I also dropped a pebble in Ramona's well, as do all travelers in Southern California.


n208-1. Edgar Lawrence, b. Aug. 3, 1887-d. Dec. 2, 1887
n209-2. Luther Warren b. Oct. 23, 1894
Rev. James William Strickler was born in Augusta County but was reared in Madison County, Va. He was baptized and confirmed by Rev. B. C. Holland, D. D., Aug. 4, 1872, and graduated from Roanoke College, in 1878, and at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at the same place in 1882. In the same year he was ordained by the Synod of South-west Virginia. He began work as a home missionary in Carroll County, Va. where he remained for two and a half years. For about one year he was afflicted with laryngitis and had no regular ministerial work. In January, 1886, he accepted a call to Union Pastorate near Salisbury, N. C., which place he served three years and nine months; returning to Virginia in 1889, he served one year in Washington County pastorate, two years and nine months in Bland County, three years in Rockingham, eight years and six months in Frederick County pastorates, then two years in Concord, N. C., two years in Rural Hall, N. C. and for the past four and a half years he has served the Bethlehem Congregation near Waynesboro, Va. With the exception of the one year he has never been without regular work, and he has never solicited a call from any pastorate. He died Nov. 29, 1916, Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock, at the Lutheran parsonage at Middlebrook, Augusta County, Va.

His son, Luther Warren Strickler, graduated from Roanoke College in 1915. He is married and is a Lutheran minister.

VI. n200. Laura Belle Strickler, (da. James Francis), m. Oct. 25, 1881


n211-1. Robert Strickler, b. Aug. 19, 1882
n212-2. James Irvin b. Apr. 13, 1884
n214-4. Lester Eugene b. Feb. 9, 1888-m. Mary Early.

n215-5. Turner Ashby b. Apr. 27, 1890
n216-6. Sarah Almira b. Aug. 19, 1893
n217-7. Francis Madison b. Nov. 11, 1895
n218-8. Elvin b. Dec. 17, 1901

All the above children are at Syria except Robert who is with the General Electric Co., Cincinnati, O., and Lester who m. Mary Early and lives at Gordonsville, Va., and is the only one married. (1917). T. A. Graves is the minister of St. Mathews Lutheran Church at New Market, Va. (1924)

Isaac

ELIZABETH STRICKLER

n220-1. Florence R. b. Aug. 5, 1895
n221-2. Grace D. b. Jul. 16, 1898
n222-3. James E. b. Nov. 17, 1901

Criglersville, Va.


n225-1. Sarah Lee Dec. 6, 1895, m. John C. Hardy.

n226-2. Mildred Anna Feb. 5, 1898

n227-3. Virginia Sep. 25, 1899


n233-5. James Newton b. Aug. 4, 1911


Brandy Station, Va.


1. Peter, dec’d.

2. Elizabeth, dec’d. m. John Brubaker of White House

3. Susan m. Michael Long, Luray

4. Sarah (Sallie) m. Abraham Brubaker, Massanutten

5. Caroline m. Isaac Long, Hawksbill

6. John Wm. m. Kate Shirley, Luray

Sallie lives on the old Brubaker homestead in Massanutten first occupied by John Brubaker, the pioneer.


n238-3. Annie Laurie b. Aug. 6, 1866, m. James Lawler 0ch.
n239-4. John Wesley b. Aug. 19, 1869, m.
John Wesley went to California.
Mrs. Annie Lawler, Luray, Va.

Sep. 18, 1861, Thomas J. Spitler, b. Jun. 6, 1838-d. Mar. 1,
1875, s. Geo. W. and Malinda Hershman-Spitler of Rensselaer,
Ind. -4ch. (See 466).
n243-4. Mary Cleveland b. Nov. 30, 1870, m. Edward T. Teter-
2ch.

Mr. T. J. Spitler was a lawyer and practiced his profession until
his death. He was at one time prosecuting attorney of Jasper County,
Ind. and was a law partner of Col. E. P. Hammand for a number of
years. He attended school at Notre Dame for a short while and studi­
ed law in Indianapolis. He was an Odd Fellow.

His son Eugene graduated from the High School in 1884. He was
a kind and affectionate man with a host of friends and died rather
younger unmarried. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. (Odd Fellow).

VI. n240. George W. Spitler, (s. T. J.), m. Nov. 28, 1888, Dora
Sharpe, b. Jul. 16, 1865, in Jasper Co. Ind. da. Wm. H. and
Martha J. Peterson-Sharp-3ch. (469).
n244-1. Ethel Florence b. Jan. 4, 1890 m. Louis A. Fleming -2ch.
165 Etruria St., Seattle, Washington.

VII. n244. Ethel Florence Spitler, m. Jun. 21, 1911, Louis Alfred
Fleming, b. Dec. 9, 1888, s. David Reed and Anna Fleming of
Medrysville, Ind. -2ch.

n247-1. Donald b. Mar. 30, 1912

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming live on a little ranch at the edge of the
city of Seattle. He attended school at Wheatfield, Ind., and his wife
attended High School at Rensselaer, Ind. and at Aberdeen, Wash.

Mr. Geo. W. Spitler is a traveling man, and has been in every
state in the Union. He lived at Rensselaer, Ind. until 1907, except­
ing two years spent at Benton Harbor, Mich. In 1907 he moved to
Aberdeen, Wash. and in 1910, he located in Seattle.

VI. n242. Etta Elizabeth Spitler, m. Sep. 15, 1887, Asahel S. Baker-
3ch.
n249-1. Otis M. b. Apr. 13, 1889, m. 2441 St. Lawrence Ave. Chi.
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n251-3. Sprague b. Dec. 1892

Mrs. A. S. Baker, d. Sep. 25, 1908, in Chicago, where the family lives.


n252-1. Eugene Austin b. Jul. 23, 1892

Edward Thomas Teter graduated at Tifton High School and was afterwards a law student of R. B. Beaucamp. He practiced law in Tifton County until his health failed. Then he went west, and since that time he has become very actively engaged in real estate. At present he is located at Little Rock, Ark. where he is engaged in retailing 40,000 acres of land which the firm of Teter and Company has acquired. This land is sold at $25 per acre on extremely easy terms, something like $3 down I believe, and remainder in twenty years at six per cent. interest. The land is four miles from station.

THE BURNERS.

by

Olive Burner, Carthage, Ill.

Miss Olive Burner of Carthage, Ill., gave me considerable information in regard to the Burners, which I submit in a condensed form. She obtained her information in regard to the older members of the family from Mr. Reuben Ruffner, who died June 25, 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, and who was an intimate friend of the Burners. She quotes Mr. Ruffner as follows: "Mr. Burner (the first ancestor in America) brought with him from Germany all the money he possessed, and, as banks and safety vaults were unknown in those days, he placed his money in the pockets of an old worn out pair to trousers and hung them on the wall of the cabin. One day they were startled by the yells of approaching Indians, and in their great haste to get away the money was forgotten. The Indians searched in vain for the occupants of the cabin and went away, and when the family returned found the money undisturbed."

Miss Burner thinks this first ancestor's name was Jacob. I find that a Jacob Burner obtained land on the left bank of the river in 1777, not far from the Mouth of the Hawksbill and not far from the Rhodes home. This was not his first deed, probably, as he was no doubt in this locality much earlier than this. The old Burner home is located opposite the mouth of Lick Run. The old chimney still stands over the vaulted cellar.

From the Shenandoah County marriage records she found the fol-
Iowing:

John Rodes (Rhodes), m. Catherine Brewbaker, Mar. 25, 1783.

The Miley Notes state that Mary Rhodes, daughter of Joseph and Mary Strickler-Rhodes, married Joseph Burner. Her name may have been Mary Ann. See Rhodes (m833)

According to the history of the Beery family, three Burner brothers came to America shortly after 1700, Jacob settling in Shenandoah Co., John in Page, and Ulrich in the western part of the State. Mrs. Chas. Stanfield, Wauchula, Fla. is a great-great granddaughter of Jacob.

Joseph Burner of Fort Burner.

Miss Burner's record starts with Joseph Burner who m. Ann Rhodes Unto them were born six children.
1. John R. m. Elizabeth Strickler
2. Jacob, lived to be old and never married
4. Mary m. Daniel Kauffman (See Kauffman record)
5. Christina, lived to be old and never married.
6. Susan, lived to be old and never married.

(m603)

On Sep. 6, 1785, Samuel Strickler, son of Benjamin, married Christina Burner in Shenandoah County, Va. This was no doubt a sister of Joseph Burner above who married Ann Rhodes. (m800).

In the old Burner grave-yard near the old Burner chimney was once a stone bearing the name, Anna Burner, I am told.

Jno. R. Burner of Massanutten Heights.


n254-1. Nancy ju 1 1811-1881, fe 11, m. James M. Jarbo -6ch.
n256-3. Susan Frances ap 9, 1815-1852 mr 23, m. Jacob Keyser -8ch
n257-4. Isaac Strickler mr 21, 1817-1886, no 3 Jane A. Lionberger -10ch. (n283)
n258-5. Mary Jane ap 1 1819-1849 mr 13, Martin R. Kauffman -6ch
n259-6. Christina ju 25 1822-1835, dy. de 2
n260-7. John Ambrose au 18, 1824-1874 Jl 31, Mary Ann Hite -10ch.
n261-8. Samuel au 30, 1826-1832, se 12
n263-10. Elisha, twin mr 19, 1830-1878, Ja 28, Frances M. Lionberger -6ch.
John R. Burner was a fifer in the War of 1812. He and his wife went to housekeeping in the old Burner home, Fort Burner, opposite the mouth of Lick Branch. It has been torn away, but the chimney and vaulted cellar are still there. John R. Burner afterwards moved to Massanutten on property acquired by his wife from the estate of Isaac Strickler. There was only a small cabin on this farm at the time. It stood at the foot of the hill below the pike and near a spring. They afterwards built a brick house on top of the hill above the pike, which still stands. After the marriage of their son, John A. Burner, he occupied the mansion house, and John R. Burner moved about one mile nearer the foot of the mountain where he operated a small mill and spent his last days. This house afterwards burned, but the chimney still stands. John R. and his wife were members of the Old School Baptist church, and the former took an active part and led in singing.

The fourth child, Isaac Strickler Burner was the father of Miss Olive Burner of Carthage, Ill. who gave me the information on the Burner family.

After the death of Elizabeth Strickler Burner, John R. Burner married again on Mar. 17, 1839, Susannah Hershberger, by whom he had two children:


n268-2. Frances Virginia b. Apr. 13, 1842, d. oc. 6, 1876, m. Alfred Koontz -3ch.

John R. and Elizabeth Strickler Burner were both buried on the farm near their home.


n269-1. Mary Elizabeth mr 30, 1831-1887 ja 29; Seth Humphrey-0ch

n270-2. Walter Scott mr 31, 1833-1912 jl 11, Anna Parvin -4ch.


n274-6. Henry Lee ja 19, 1848 m. Lois Adeline Webster -3ch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarbo went West in 1837, locating in Fulton Co. Ill. then to Sauerton, Mo. 1841; then to St. Louis, 1842; then to Warsaw, Ill. 1843; then Muscatine, Ia. 1848; then to Rochester, Ia. 1855; then to Columbus Junction, Ia. 1863; then to Burlington, Kan. 1866; then to Chanute, Kan., where they both died. Mr. Jarbo was a merchant.

V. n256. Susan Frances Burner, (da. John R.) b. Apr. 9, 1815, d.
Isaac

Mar. 23, 1852, m. Jan. 22, 1839, Jacob Keyser -8ch.

n275-1. Mary Isabell no 25, 1839, m. James Taylor -8ch.
n276-2. John Newton se 17, 1841, m. Ida Miller -2ch.
n277-3. Ann Elizabeth mr 13, 1844 s. Fayette, Mo.
n278-4. Eliza Jane oc 10, 1845 s. Fayette, Mo.
n279-5. Joseph Linn no 11, 1847, m. Margaret F. Yates -3ch.
n280-6. Emma Susan ja 9, 1850 -df.
n281-7. Charles Lee de 6, 1850 -df.

Mr. and Mrs Keyser moved to Cooper County, Mo. Their daughter Eliza Jane was a teacher.


n283-1. John Walker jl 18, 1840, m. Alverda Ann Harter -4ch.
n284-2. Mary Ellen ja 9, 1841, m. Henry Perry -3ch.
n285-3. Amanda Elizabeth se 22, 1843, m. Samuel F. Ramsey -6ch.
n286-4. Ambrose Carroll no 19, 1845, m. Clara Jane Martin -4ch.
n287-5. Twin sister no 19, 1845, d. unnamed.
n288-6. George Sylvester no 19, 1848, m. Susan Martha Fletcher -6ch.
n292-10. Olive au 30, 1858, s. Carthage, Ill. author of the notes.

Isaac S. Burner in company with Daniel Brubaker went to Illinois on horseback in 1837, stopping at the home of Samuel Grove, father of Martin Grove, in St. Marys Township, Hancock County, Ill. Mr. Burner located in this township near the old Providence Church and remained there until September 1, 1849, when he purchased property of Arthur M. Cannon in Harmony Township. This property is now occupied by Philip L. Daily, a son-in-law.


n293-1. Susan Elizabeth 1840, m. Ambrose B. Rothgeb -7ch.
n294-2. Thomas Benton 1842, df.
n296-4. John Burner 1845, m. Caroline Dinkle -1ch.
n297-5. Andrew Felix 1846 -dec'd.

Mr. Kauffman lived on the Hawksbill in Page County and later moved on a farm near Stephens City, Frederick County, Va. where he
and his wife died. Mr. Kauffman was a member of the State Legislature from Frederick during the war. See (nl122)


n299-1. Susan Rebecca b. 1853-1884, m. Jacob W. Ruffner -3ch.

n300-2. John Daniel b. 1854 m. Elizabeth Strickler -7ch.

n301-3. Isaac Newton b. 1856-1880

n302-4. David Franklin b. 1858 m. Mary E. Bradley -2ch. (n131)

n303-5. William Elijah b. 1861, m. Elizabeth S. Brubaker -5ch.

n304-6. Joseph Lee 1864, m. Maggie Lula Alshire -8ch.


n308-10. James Kemper 1873, m. Mary Shirley -3ch.

John A. Burner lived in Massanutten where his father John R. lived.

For the family of John Daniel Burner see n146.


n310-2. George Douglas 1858, in Montana.

n311-3. Elijah Martin 1860, m. Alice De Haven -7ch.

n312-4. Isaac Amos 1862, s. at home

n313-5. Mary Ellen Eliz. 1867, m. Frank H. Brumback -4ch.

n314-6. Virginia Belle 1871, s. at home

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gander located in Cooper County, Mo. where they have always lived. Their two oldest children were born in Virginia. They have celebrated their 52d wedding anniversary.

**V. n263. Elisha Burner, (s. John R.), Mar. 19, 1830 -d. Jan. 28, 1873, m. Sep. 17, 1857, Frances Margaret Lionberger -6ch.**


n316-2. Wm. Oscar 1864 -d. Feb. 14, 1890, s.

n317-3. Geo Elisha 1867, m. Mary Eliza O'Harra -1ch.

n318-4. Thomas Elijah 1869, m. D. Lena Massie -3ch.

n319-5. Harvey 1862 -d. Nov. 1, 1861, Diphtheria.


   n324-1. Minnie Ella, 1870, m. Hunter O. Brubaker -4ch.
   n325-2. Wm. Wallace

   Mr. Grove has been a merchant at Newport, Springfield, White House, Page County, Va.

VII. n324. Minnie Ella Grove, m. Sep. 15, 1890, Hunter O. Brubaker -4ch.
   n327-2. Louise 1893
   n328-3. William W. 1894 -d. 1910
   n329-4. Lawrence 1898 -d. 1894

   n330-1. Carrie Miller 1877-d. 1880.
   n331-2. Chas. Albert 1881, m. Iona Murphy -3ch.
   n333-4. Harry Bryan 1898 m. (2) Annie V. Burner -1ch.
   n334-5. Mary Ellen 1906.

   Wm. Dallas Koontz went to Illinois Feb. 22, 1876, locating near Goodhope, Ill. and later in Macomb.

   n335-1. William Dallas 1906 -d. 1906 whooping-cough.
   n336-2. Wilma Josephine 1908
   n337-3. Nellie Ruth 1913

   n338-1. Mary Elanor, s. Muscatine, Ia.
   n339-2. Anna Laura 1878, m. Wm. Williams -2ch.
   n340-3. James Lee 1880

   Mr. Wm. Williams has a wholesale and retail bakery business in Cedar Rapids, Ia. -2ch. Laura Louise, 1901, and Ruth Middletown, 1903.

   n342-1. Charles S. 1870
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n343-2. Flora Maude 1875
n344-3. Frances Eva 1877
n345-4. Ada L. 1879
n346-5. Harry Seth 1881
n347-6. Marguerite 1884
n348-7. James Rush 1886

Mr. J. R. Jarbo died in Oklahoma City, Okla.

n350-1. Arthur
n351-2. Grace
n352-3. Cora
n353-4. Lillie
n354-5. Frank

They lived in Chanute, Kan. Mr. Wilkerson was once a shoe merchant in Muscatine, Ia.

n358-4. Mabel Mar. 6, 1878 in Chanute, Kan.

Dr. Bailey practiced medicine in Topeka, Kan. until 1872, when he moved to Chanute, Kan. where he founded the bank of M. Bailey & Company. Dr. Bailey was surgeon of the 1st Kan. Vol. Reg. and afterwards was surgeon of the 19th Reg. raised to fight the Indians a few years after the close of the Civil War.

Lawrence Lee is Secy. & Treas. of the Sunshine Mantle Co. His brother Seth is Pres. of the same Company and his brother Wm. J. is engineer. The Company is located at Topeka, Kan.

Mabel Bailey m. Alfred Grubb, a journalist of Chanute, Kan. They have one child, Otey Grub.

Mark Bailey is civil engineer in Old Mexico.

n360-1. Frank Webster, 1873, s. Burlington, Kan.
n361-2. Henry Lee 1874, m. Pearl Anna Haight -5ch.
n362-3. Maude 1876, m. Asa Warren Pratt -3ch.

Burlington, Kan. Mr. Jarbo is connected with the bank there.
Mr. Jarbo enlisted in Co. H. 11th Ia. Inf. at Muscatine, reenlisted in '64 and was discharged as 1st. Lt. Q. M. He went to Burlington, Kan. in 1866, where he was engaged in the mercantile business until 1870, and from that time he was connected with the bank until 1894, and since that he has been looking after his farming interests.

Frank W. Jarbo is now on a claim of 165 acres in the Rose Bud Reservation where he will remain until he has proved his claim.

**VII. n361. Henry Lee Jarbo, Jr.** b. Jul. 21, 1874, m. Apr. 24, 1901, Pearl Anna Haight -5ch.
- n363-1. Lee Haight 1902 -d. 1906 diphtheria
- n364-2. Thos. Wade 1905
- n365-3. Lillian 1907
- n366-4. Harry Lee, Jr. 1911
- n367-5. Louise 1914.

Mr. Henry Lee Jarbo, Jr. is President of a bank in Kansas City, Mo. For a while he and his wife lived in Chicasha, Indian Territory.

- n368-1. Lois 1903
- n369-2. Lee Frederick 1908
- n370-3. Harry Lee 1911.

End of Jarbos.

**VI. n275. Mary Isabella Keyser,** (da. Jacob), b. near Pisgah, Mo. Nov. 25, 1839, m. Feb. 5, 1857, James Taylor -8ch. All sons. They were m. at New Franklin, Howard Co. Mo.
- n371-1. George W. m. Elizabeth Baker -5ch.
- n374-4. John Keyser Feb. 28, 1861, m. Margaret Lewese -4ch.
- n375-5. Aubrey m. Beulah -4ch.
- n376-6. Leland Burner
- n377-7. Henry Cake
- n378-8. Chas. Lee

- n379-1. Earl Mason 1883, m. Rose Stitz, Apr. 22, 1908, Boonville, Mo.
- n381-3. Mary Grimes 1891
- n382-4. Ida Lee 1894 df.
- n383-5. Charles 1898-df.

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m. Nancy E. Owens -9ch. all b. Henry Co. Mo. (except last two, in Hickory)

n384-1. Geneva May 1895
n385-2. James Robert 1896
n386-3. Henry Vernon 1897
n387-4. Lillard De Witt 1899
n388-5. Marion Francis 1900
n389-6. Theresa Rhodelia 1902
n390-7. Mary Ethel 1904
n391-8. Beulah Lane 1906 twin
n392-9. Lula Irene 1906 twin

On Dec. 17, 1909, Aubrey Taylor (n375) in company with his brother, L. B. Taylor, was out hunting, when his brother mistook him for a deer and shot him, the ball severing an artery in his leg from which he bled to death before medical aid could be had. Aubrey's widow and four children survived him, and lived in Montana.


n393-1. Charlotte Isabella, b. 1894 -d. 1899
n394-2. James Mitchell 1896
n395-3. Ruth 1900
n396-4. Ethel Lewese 1903.


n397-1. Fannie Browning, 1888
n398-2. Virginia Newton, 1896, m. 1914, John Virgil Gander


VI. n279. Joseph Linn Keyser, (s. Jacob), b. near Palestine, Mo. Nov. 11, 1847, m. Dec. 10, 1875, Margaret F. Yeates of Elko, Nev. -3ch. Funeral director, undertaker, etc.


n400-2. Chas. Paul 1878 Civil Engineer.


John Harold Keyser graduated from the Elko, Nev. High School and April, 1906, went to Oakland, Calif. and entered the service of the Southern Pacific Railroad, being gradually promoted to engineer on the regular freight service.

Charles Paul Keyser graduated from the Elko, Nev., H. S. in 1906, then attended the State University at Reno, graduating with honors.
after taking a four years' course. He is a civil engineer, and was em­
ployed by the Southern Pacific Railroad on the cut-off across the great
Salt Lake, known as the "Lucin cut-off," which crosses the lake on a
trestle on twenty miles of fill. After this work was finished he went
into Southern California and surveyed the route around the Salton Sea
or Sink which is the bed of an ancient marine lake 260 feet or more
below sea level. At present he is engaged in surveying a railroad
south of Sacramento, Cal., called the Sacramento Southern. While
in Reno he surveyed the first and only electric railroad in Nevada,
running from Reno to Sparks, a distance of three and one half miles.

VII. n475. Mary Elizabeth Ruffner, (da. Jacob W.), b. Sep. 5, 1881,
m. Ashby K. Dofflemyer -4ch.
n477-1. Lloyd McKinley 1897
n478-2. Eva Rebecca 1899
n479-3. Pearl Elizabeth 1901
n480-4. Ralph Robert 1903.

VI. n300. John Daniel Burner, (s. John A.), b. Oct. 23, 1854, (See
n146).

VI. n302. David Franklin Burner, (s. John A.), b. Sep. 9, 1858, m.
n481-1. daughter d. 1889
n482-2. Minnie G. b. Jul. 1,1890, m. Sep. 9, 1908, David Camp­
bell Salem, Va.

VI. n303. Wm. Elijah Burner, (s. John A.), b. Mar. 8, 1861, m. May
29, 1883, Elizabeth S. Brubaker. -5ch.
n483-1. Elisha Wm. 1884
n484-2. Lizzie Susan 1886
n485-3. Edgar Joseph 1890, Hancock Co. Ill. automobiles.
n486-4. Vernon H. 1895

Mr. Wm. E. Burner lives at Locust Grove, the old homestead
built by Isaac Strickler, in Massanutten. They occupy the old stone
house. (1914. They now live in a new home on the hill near Locust

Grove.

8, 1888, Maggie Lula Aleshire, -8ch. Leaksville, Va.
n488-1. Thomas 1890-d. 1891
n489-2. Carrie E. 1892
n490-3. Reuben 1894
n491-4. Ethel 1896-d. 1896
n492-5. Chas. Lee 1897
n493-6. Cleatus Ora 1900 -d. 1900
n494-7. Blanche May 1901

n496-1. Byron Oliver 1904.


n499-1. John Rexford, 1906
n500-2. Roy Capitaine, 1909
They live on the old John R. Burner homestead in Massanutten.

n502-1. Elizabeth Grace 1887, m. L. S. Spark, Vermont, Mo.
n503-2. Anna Olive 1888 at home
n504-3. John Virgil 1889, m. Virginia Keyser, Vermont, Mo.
n505-4. Aubrey Russell 1891
n506-5. Elon Franklin 1893
The two older children attended Howard Payne College, Fayette, Mo.

VI. n310. Geo. Douglas Gander went with his parents to Missouri, and in 1879 went to Montana, and has not been heard from since 1891.

VI. n311. Elijah Martin Gander, (s. Isaac F.), b. Mar. 31, 1860, in Mo. m. Sep. 28, 1887, Alice De Haven, Otterville, Mo. -7ch.
n507-1. Martin Lee 1889, m. Vera Hall, printer, Kansas City, Mo.
n508-2. Elizabeth A. 1891, s. Kansas City, Mo.
n509-3. Mattie Belle 1892, m. Louis Y. Cohen, Kansas City, Mo.
n510-4. Minnie Alice 1894, s. Kansas City, Mo.
n511-5. Emil Monroe 1896, s. Kansas City, Mo.

n514-1. Ray Urban 1902-d. 1905
n515-2. Owen Franklin 1904-d. 1904
n516-3. Herman Lee 1906-d. 1908
n517-4. Clarence Monroe 1907


n519-1. Marguerite 1898
n520-2. Pauline 1900
n521-3. Ruth Iris 1902.

V. n264. Elijah Burner, twin to Elisha, (s. John R.), b. Mar. 19, 1830, d. Oct. 24, 1881, never married, went to Idaho, then to Elko, Nev. where he was fatally injured by the falling of a horse which he was riding.

n522-1. Carroll 1865-d. 1868
n525-4. Jacob Junius 1871, m. Belle Meddle, Seattle, Wash.
n528-7. Chas. b. Feb. 2, 1875, -d. Aug. 13, 1875 -twin
n529-8. Grace Susan 1876
n530-9. Elizabeth

Mr. F. V. Burner is an artist and tints photographs, at Lee, Nev. He will be glad to do work of this kind for any one. His address is Lee, Nev.

n533-1. Suddie E. 1869, m. David B. Snyder -2ch.
n534-2. Frank Wilmer 1872-d. 1897- student at V. P. I.
n535-3. Alfred Lester 1874-d. 1875.

VI. n533. Suddie E. Koontz, b. May 23, 1869, m. (1) Dec. 1, 1885, David B. Snyder, b. Apr. 5, 1858, -d. Sep. 7, 1892, by a gun
Fort Burner, built by the pioneer Burner, about 1756. The old chimney stands over an old fort cellar.
shot wound at the hands of one Broyles when entering the postoffice in Luray, Va.

n537-2. Bertha E. 1891. (Shenandoah, Va.)

Suddie Koontz-Snyder m. (2) Isaac Shuler, Ad. Shenandoah, Va.

n402-1. Margaret Steele 1903.

Jessie Keyser graduated at the Elko H. S. and attended the University for a time. She was a school teacher before her marriage.

n404-1. Cora Olive 1869-1874 croup

Mr. John W. Burner died on his farm, known as the Bridgewater farm, near Denver, Ill.


n408-1. John Carlton, 1863-d. 1865
n409-2. Guy Perry 1864 -m. (1) Ida C. Jones (2) Ida May Wright -2ch.
n410-3. Ashford Henry, 1866, m. Elizabeth Yetter -4ch.


VII. n410. Ashford Henry Perry, b. Jun. 1, 1866, m. Elizabeth Yetter. They live on a farm 4 mi. east of Carthage.
n412-2. Howard Talcott 1897 Carthage H. S.
n413-3. Mary Ellen 1902
n414-4. Leonard Yetter 1907

n415-1. George Elmer 1864-1910, s.
n416-2. Samuel Isaac 1866-1913, s.
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n417-3. Edgar Leland 1871-1892, s.
n418-4. Virgie Ellen 1875-m. Robert M. Hunter
n419-5. Mary Ethel 1878 -m. Chas. H. Harrison -3ch.

Merch.
1. Marie Eliz. 1908.

Robert M. Hunter, farmer, Conway Springs, Kan. He had been a merchant at Bowen, Ill.

Chas. H. Harrison, Bowen, Ill. -3ch. Ruth E. 1904, Cletus R. 1908 and Chas. Leon, 1913.


Carthage, Ill.
n421-1. George Lee 1874, m. twice
n422-2. Lertin Martin 1876, m. Effie McAllister-ad. Carthage, Ill.
n423-3. Ethel Maude 1879, m. Chas. R. Hughett -2ch.


n426-2. Ellen Louise 1908.

Ray Clifton is manager of the O'Harra Farm Mortgage Co. at Keokuk, Ia. He was in Rapid City, S. D. with the same Company.

n427-1. Grace Alena 1881, m. Arthur M. Powell
n428-2. Frederick 1882-d. 1883, Apr. 3.
n430-4. Nellie Blanche 1887, m. Frank O. Perry, Bently, Ill.
n431-5. Frankie Vera 1888, m. Wm. L. Huey

n434-2. Merle Byron 1908
n435. Velma Leota 1909

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n436-1. Harry Lee 1909  
n437-2. Leland Burner 1912  
n438-3. 1915.


Mr. Huey is with the Success Publishing Co. Sioux Falls, S. D. Both attended Carthage College Carthage, Ill.


n439-1. Myrtle Alice 1873, m. 1903 Otto C. Blaner, Bern, Kan.  
n440-2. Forrest Henry 1875, m. 1905 Sadie Clements -1ch.  
n441-3. Lillian L. 1877, m. 1907 F. E. Bartlett -2ch.  
n442-4. Pearl C. 1881-d. 1894, Mar. 20.  
n443-5. Carl C. 1883, m. 1911 Lillian May Ehrsam -2ch.  
n444-6. Earl Leland 1886, m. 1907 Elsie May Lash -2ch.  

F. H. Harter, Merchant, Ponca City, Okla. -1ch. Georgia Lucile, 1907.


E. L. Harter, merchant, Gardena, Calif. -2ch. Chas. H. & Leland J.


n447-1. A son 1882-1882  
n448-2. Clifton Junius 1884, m. 1911, Erma Rand  
n449-3. Edith May 1886, m. 1911, Henry S. Walker  
n450-4. Gladys June 1890, s.  

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. O’Harra are graduates of the Carthage H. S. and College. He is also a graduate in Law from Yale and is a partner with his father.

Henry S. Walker and his wife are both graduates of Carthage College, and he is a graduate in Law U. of Mich. -Lawyer Keokuk, Ia. Gladys June O’Harra is a graduate of Carthage College and also
attended National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C.


n452-1. Gretter Lee b. 1865, m. twice -4ch.
n453-2. Virginia Blanche b. 1866 -d. 1898, m. C. J. Warren -3ch.
n454-3. Henry Davis b. 1868, m. Mary North -5ch.
n455-4. Isaac Martin b. 1869
n458-7. Nora Belle 1876-df.

n459-1. Earl, Jul. 19, 1888

They live on the old home near Stephen City. Mr. Rothgeb was in the employ of Reid-Murdock & Co., 1886-1908, -wholesale house in Chicago.

n463-1. Paul Bayard, 1887, McKeesport, Pa.
n465-3. Calvin Hare 1890, Stephen City, Va.

n454. Henry Davis Rothgeb, (s. Ambrose), b. Mar. 11, 1868, m. Sep. 8, 1892, Mary North, of Wellington, Ill. -5ch.
n466-1. Donald Forrest 1894
n467-2. Pauline Angeline 1895
n468-3. Leland Stanford 1898
n469-4. Harold Dwight 1900
n470-5. Lucile May 1903.

Henry D. Rothgeb, after completing a course in medicine, located in East Lynn, Ill., where he practiced for eight years. They live in Galva, Ill., where he has a drug store.

n471-1. Arthur
n472-2. Lawrence

n296. John Burner Kauffman, (s. Martin R.), b. Feb. 2, 1845, -d. 1908, m. Dec. 20, 1870, Caroline Dinkle. They lived in
Philadelphia-lumber business.
  1. Francis T. Kauffman

VI. n299. Susan Rebecca Burner, (da. John A.), May 27, 1853 -d.
  Oct. 22, 1884, m. Nov. 28, 1878, Jacob W. Ruffner -3ch.
  n474-1. Lena b. 1879-d. 1880
  n476-3. Wm. Edgar b. 1883-d. 1885.
Jacob W. Ruffner lived near the spot where the first Burners settled.
The Beavers

  John Beaver, b. Aug. 1, 1788-d. Sep. 11, 1858 -14ch.
  n539-2. Elizabeth, Jan. 21, 1816 -d. m. H. P. Hershberger -8ch.
  n543-6. Annis Apr. 18, 1825 m. Reuben Moore -3ch.
  n545-8. son unnamed
  n547-10. Nancy -d. Aug. 25, 1866, m. Wm. J. Shenk -4ch.
  n548-11. Salina Dec. 16, 1835- lived to be old s.
  Ambrose Beaver lived in Texas.

Nancy Strickler inherited from her father the fine estate now (1914) owned by Mr. Martin Shirley in Massanutten, and it was upon this farm that they reared their large family. Near the brick mansion on this place is the old grave-yard where all the older members of the family are buried. Benjamin Strickler once owned this land, and it is likely that he is buried here.

Mary Beaver, b. 1795, who married Manuel Strickler of New Market was probably a sister of John Beaver who married Nancy Strickler. (574)

Samuel Strickler who married Barbara Beaver is no doubt the son of Elizabeth and David Strickler. (See m728).

  n555-1. John M.
n556-2. Wm. F.  
n557-3. David E.  
n558-4. Martha E.  
n559-5. Mary E.  
n560-6. Elisha B.  
n561-7. Cora V.  

This family of Coffmans lived near Elkton, Va.

V. n539. Elizabeth Beaver, (da. John), b. 1816, m. Sep. 30, 1841,  
Henry Pendleton Hershberger -8ch.  
n562-1. John S. m. Melvina Strickler (See m252)  
n563-2. Mary E. m. Calvin Rickard  
n564-3. Emily m. Rev. John N. Stirewalt  
n565-4. David m. Susan Shenk  
n566-5. Susan m. David Yowell  
n568-7. Daniel m. Annie Spitler  
Luray, Va. is the address of all except, Mrs. Yowell.

VI. n566. Susan Nancy Hershberger, (da. H. P.), Feb. 11, 1850, m.  
12, 1885, s. Isaac Newton and Susan Sipe-Yowell of Page Co.  
Va. -5ch.  
n570-1. Newton Pendleton Dec. 6, 1871, m. Gertrude Southgate  
-5ch.  
n571-2. Walter David Sep. 3, 1873, m. Alice Field -4ch.  
n572-3. Mary Elizabeth Nov. 30, 1875, m. J. D. Barnes -3ch.  
n573-4. Henry Hershberger Nov. 11, 1882, s.  
Orlando, Fla. is address of all except A. E., Sanford, Fla.

VII. n570. Newton Pendleton Yowell, m. Sep. 9, 1898, Gertrude South-  
n575-1. Richard S. Oct. 30, 1899  
n577-3. Virginia P. May 29, 1905  
n578-4. Lydia G. Nov. 25, 1907  

Mr. N. P. Yowell is President of the "Yowell-Duckworth Co.," a  
department store, the largest in Orlando, Fla., capitalized at $150,000,  
and does about $300,000 worth of business a year. Mr. N. P. Yowell,  
I understand, is held up as a model for young men in his town. He  
has built up a fine business, and his five story building alone cost $125,  
000. He is prominent in every way, especially in the Presbyterian  
Church.
VII. n571. Walter David Yowell, (s. D. M.), m. Feb. 28, 1905, Alice Field of Conn. da. C. W. and Eliz. Anthony-Field. -4ch. He is with the Yowell-Duckworth Co.

n580-1. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 27, 1908
n581-2. Minnie May 2, 1910
n582-3. Mollie Aug. 1, 1912


n584-1. Katherine Y. Oct. 29, 1901
n585-2. Calvin Oct. 29, 1903

VII. n574. Arthur Edward Yowell, (s. D. M.), m. 1910, Meriam Mettinger of Sanford, Fla. b. 1888, da. J. K. Mettinger and Miss Wilson. They have no children and live at Sanford, Fla. where he is a merchant.

V. n541. Daniel Beaver, (s. John), m. (1) Dec. 16, 1841, Elizabeth Hershberger, -7ch.


n589-3. Mary A. m. Emanuel Printz

n590-4. David

n591-5. Martin Strickler

n592-6. Albert D.

n593-7. Isaac Newton m. (2) Susan Rothgeb -9ch.


n596-10. Barbara Frances m. David W. Brubaker

n597-11. Jacob William m. Ada Huffman

n598-12. Robert Lee m. Lola Printz -2ch. Grace and William

n599-13. Sarah Elizabeth m. Wm. Kendall

n600-14. Infant daughter


n602-16. Martha Magdalene m. D. N. Spitler m. (3) Magdalene Yowell -0ch.


n603-1. Virginia Elizabeth, b. Sep. 10, 1866, m. Jacob W. Ruffner -4ch.
n604-2. Flora Aphelia Aug. 19, 1869, m. Chancellor Shuler -

n605-3. Cora Jane Jan. 11, 1871


n608-6. Carrie Lee Aug. 4, 1875 m. Chas. L. Rothgeb -6ch.


n610-8. Lena May Sep. 13, 1878 -d. Apr. 15, 1884

n611-9. Nina Susan Jul. 7, 1880

n612-10. Graves Daniel Jun. 25, 1882

VII. n603. Virginia Elizabeth Beaver, m. Feb. 10, 1887, Jacob W. Ruffner -4ch.

n613-1. Mabel Claire, b. Aug. 1, 1889

n614-2. Elma Rebecca b. Dec. 25, 1890

n615-3. Emma Virginia Nov. 20, 1895

n616-4. Jacob Daniel Aug. 18, 1903.

VII. n606. Mary Clarissa Beaver, m. Aug. 20, 1890, James B. Durette -4ch.

n617-1. Bernard Pendleton Aug. 19, 1891

n618-2. Ruth Virginia May 29, 1893

n619-3. Nita Page Apr. 22, 1895

n620-4. Flora F.

VII. n607. Elma Pendleton Beaver, m. Dec. 29, 1892, John Wm. Ruffner, -5ch.

n621-1. Infant son Sep. 9, 1894

n622-2. Walter Benton Oct. 28, 1895

n623-3. Barbara Virginia Jul. 17, 1897

n624-4. Mary Susan Jun. 1, 1899

n625-5. Margaret Sep. 10, 1901.

VII. n608. Carrie Lee Beaver, m. May 31, 1894, Chas. L. Rothgeb-6ch.

n626-1. Bessie Virginia Apr. 29, 1895

n627-2. Lena May Dec. 6, 1896

n628-3. Mary Lee Nov. 6, 1898

n629-4. Chas. Graves Apr. 15, 1903

n630-5. John Lewis Nov. 20, 1904


VI. n596. Barbara Frances Beaver, (da. Daniel), m. David W. Brubaker -7ch.

n632-1. Mary Susan Apr. 6, 1884 -d. Jul. 3, 1884

n633-2. Ada May May 16, 1889

n634-3. Virgie Apr. 21, 1888 -d. Mar. 1889

n635-4. Infant son Nov. 17, 1890 -d. Nov. 19, 1890

n636-5. Amos D. May 8, 1892

n637-6. Lee D. Aug. 17, 1895

n640-2. Clyde Omer Jul. 6, 1894
n642-4. Nellie Malinda Aug. 17, 1898
n643-5. Frank Allen Jan. 3, 1901
n644-6. Myra Evelyn Aug. 7, 1903-twin


n659-2. Chas. B. m. Windle, da. Peter
n660-3. Maria Louise, b. Feb. 9, 1846-d. Mar. 11, 1918, m. W. H. Snapp
n661-4. Annie m. Hart
n662-5. Laura
n663-6. Bettie m. Brock s. John
n664-7. John m. Holtzman, s. Jack

Mrs. John Rice afterwards married Dr. Morehead of New Market.

When Maria died in 1918 she left surviving her two sisters, Mrs. Hart, Batesville, Texas, Mrs. Bettie Brock, Jacksonville, Fla., and a brother, Chas. B. Rice, Washington, D. C. Mrs. W. H. Snapp was the eldest of the nine children of Mary Beaver Rice. John Sibert who married Kittie was a brother of Ed. Sibert of Craney Island and Julius Sibert of Harrisonburg.


n666-1. Rice Washington, D. C.
n667-2. Robert, Moores Store
n669-4. Minnie
n670-5. Emily
n671-6. Thomas
n672-7. Jacob df.

When Mrs. Snapp died she was survived by all the above children (except Jacob) and five grandchildren. Mr. C. V. Shoemaker is division Supt. of Schools in Shenandoah County.
V. n543. **Annis Beaver,** (da. John), m. **Reuben Moore** of Rockingham Co. s. Reuben Moore, Sr. (-61).
n673-1. Mary Moore, m. Geo. H. Harrison -2 sons.
   1. William, m.
   2. Reuben s. an invalid for many years.

n674-2. Frances Moore, m. Dr. Miller Henkel, s. Dr. Solon Henkel.
   1. Thomas, eldest living at Orlando, Fla.
   2. Fanny m. Fetzer, Moorefield, W. Va. -a son lives there.
   3. Mary dy. in Winchester
   4. Miller d. s.
   5. Annie m.

n675-3. Oscar Moore m. Mamie Henkel, da. Solomon D., Merchant, bro. of Dr. Solon Henkel.
   1. John, m. Daniels -several ch. Lawyer, Omaha, Neb. recently located in Ala. investing in timber land.
   2. Chas., m. Meta Burke, merchant at New Market -2ch. Margaret and Charles.

Reuben Moore, Sr., made his will in 1858; Witnesses, James Morgan Chapman and John D. Zirkle; Executors, his sons John and Thomas Moore. The will mentions all the eight children given below. Reuben was then dec'd.

Reuben Moore, Sr., m. Mildred——

I. **John Moore**
   1. Newton G. m. Henkel
   2. Otis m. Zirkle, da. Reuben

II. **Thomas Moore,** bachelor

III. **Elizabeth Moore**

IV. **Reuben Moore, Jr.** m. **Annis Beaver** (n543) - Court Manor.
   1. Mary
   2. Frances
   3. Oscar

V. **Madison Moore**

VI. **Virginia Moore,** m. **Joseph Moore** of Moores Store.

VII. **Catherine** m. **Wm. F. Gains** - 2ch: Mrs. B. B. Zirkle and Mrs. Mattie Hahn.

VIII. **Phoebe Ann Moore,** m. **Joshua Price** and became the mother of Drs. Joseph and Mordecai Price noted surgeons of Philadelphia. The Price home was near Tenth Legion, where V. L. Biedler now lives near a very large spring.
Court Manor.

Mr. Geo. H. Harrison, (n673) in 1923, sold or leased his fine farm with the elegant old brick mansion, to Mr. Willis Sharpe Kilmer, son of Dr. Kilmer whose “Swamp-Root” advertisement appears continually in our papers. Mr. Kilmer has built many cottages and stables about over this farm so that now it has the appearance of a village. He has converted it into a race horse breeding farm. He has also added to the already large mansion house and has planted trees along the highway wherever his lands border thereon, and at other points.

The Moore Mill Road.

There are many cross roads running east and west connecting the Valley Pike with the Mountain Valley Road which follows the western base of the Massanutten Mountain. One of these roads, the Moore Mill Road, running west from the Mountain Valley Road crosses Smith Creek at the old Moore Mill* and enters the Valley Pike at a point where it makes a very slight bend. From Maury to New Market, a distance of seven miles or more, the pike is straight as an arrow with the exception of this slight angle, near the center of the stretch, at the mouth of the above road, so slight that the passer-by never notices it.

The western portion of the Moore Mill Road from the creek to the pike passed thru the old Reuben Moore tract and now forms the southern boundary of Court Manor. The same road east of the creek separates the Moore lands on the south from the Sapling Hill Farm on the north the boyhood home of the author. The descendants of the Moores still own all the lands bordering on, and immediately south of the road.

The above angle is near the centre of a large body of fine land lying on both sides of the Valley Pike stretching from the high ridges west of the pike eastwardly across the pike and on across Smith Creek to the Mountain Valley Road. This large tract was from very early times owned by the Moores.

In 1787 only two Moores were taxed with land in Rockingham County, Virginia. They were: Thomas Moore, Sr., and John Moore, Sr. (Quaker), each with more than a thousand acres, in the northern portion of the County, presumably in Plains District. John was a Quaker according to the designation placed after his name.

Reuben Moore was Commissioner for the East District for the County in 1792. Thomas Moore, Sr. had probably died before 1800 as he does not appear upon the books of that date but Thomas, Reuben and John Moore do appear and there is evidence that they were brothers. They were probably sons of Thomas, Sr.

*This mill was first constructed and operated by my grandfather, Benj. Strickler of Sapling Hill.
In 1792 the personal property tax books show a Thomas Moore, Sr. Thomas Moore and John Moore, all in the same locality, in military company No. 8 which takes in Tenth Legion, and all lower Smith Creek territory. I find John Moore (probably the Quaker of the land tax books) in Company No. 9 which takes in Timberville territory, and down to the Shenandoah County line. He had a son Thomas over 21, and a son Andrew over 16 years of age, in 1792.

Thomas Moore, Sr. was probably the ancestor of all the Tenth Legion Moore family and John Moore the Quaker was probably the ancestor of the Moore family near Moore’s Store, north of Timberville.

There was a Reuben Moore living near Woodstock in 1786 designated as a “Quaker,” on one of the court records and on another as a “Baptist minister.” (Gallaher’s notes p. 23)

There was an old Quaker meeting house near Quicksburg I understand.

I print an account of the death of Dr. Joseph Price which appeared in the Shenandoah Valley, New Market, Va., about 1914.

**Death of Dr. Joseph Price.**

Less than four hours after he had performed an operation for appendicitis on a little girl, Dr. Joseph Price, the noted surgeon, was himself stricken with the same malady, and although he immediately went under the knife, he died last Tuesday night in Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Price was born in the dwelling which was replaced by the new brick residence on the D. U. Biedler farm, four miles southeast of this town, Jan. 1, 1853. He was the son of the late Mr. Joshua Price and wife who was before marriage Phoebe Ann Moore, eldest daughter of Reuben Moore, a prominent land holder and slaveholder of great wealth for those times in this section. They were married in the fall of 1838, and removed to Smithsburg, Md.

The firm of Price Brothers was unfortunate in business, and Mr. Joshua Price withdrew and with his family returned to Virginia to live on the farm which Mr. Moore had given his daughter. As Mr. Price sympathized with the North in those troublous times, and his oldest son, then 21, voted for Abraham Lincoln, in the spring of '61 they removed from this section to Ellendale, Baltimore county, Md.

Dr. Price’s success in his chosen fields brought him many positions of honor, such as the presidency of the American Medical Association, the Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Tri-State Medical Society and the American section of the Gynecological Association. He was head of the Price Private Hospital at the time he died.

For many years he was associated in practice with his brother, Dr. Mordecai Price, another distinguished surgeon, who died in 1904.

He is survived by a widow and seven children.
Isaac

   n676-1. Mary Susan Jan. 12, 1858 -m. Jacob C. Bowers -8ch.
   n677-2. John Jacob Nov. 20, 1859 -m. Julia Pear Ashalt -0ch.
   n678-3. Wm. Franklin May 20, 1862 -d. Feb. 26, 1867
   n679-4. David Jackson Jun. 18, 1864 -m. Ellen Summers
VI. n676. Mary Susan Shenk, m. 1879, Jacob C. Bowers. -8ch.
   n683-4. Nancy Magdalene Oct. 4, 1885
   n684-5. Virgie Nora Aug. 7, 1885
   n685-6. Mamie Pearl Jun. 30, 1890
   n686-7. Cora Dale Dec. 12, 1894
   n687-8. John Ralph Mar. 5, 1900

Jacob C. Bowers lives on a part of the old Jacob Strickler home­
   stead, and I think Wm. J. Shenk lived there before Bowers did. Shenk
   lived in the old Jacob Strickler home Egypt House. I was told that
   Bowers had some very old papers that pertained to -this land. The
   Jacob Strickler grave-yard is on the Bowers tract in Egypt.

VI. n550. Rebecca Beaver, (da. John), b. Sep. 28, 1839 -d. Nov. 18,
   1876, m. Samuel Jackson Yates, b. Jul. 4, 1839, s. Curtis and
   Lydia Martz-Yates -8ch.
   n690-3. Ida Ortellia Mar. 18, 1867, m. Chas. Thomas -7ch.
   n691-4. Lydia Annis Mar. 16, 1868, m. Wm. Thomas -5ch.
   n692-5. Mary Rebecca Jan. 4, 1870, m. Wm. Derrow -4ch.
   n693-6. Alfred Jackson Dec. 12, 1871, m. Ida Holsinger -10ch.
   S. J. Yates m. (2) Lydia Ann Zirkle, b. Aug. 14, 1845, d. Jul. 30,
   1897, da. Louis Zirkle, s. Lewis of Smith Creek.

S. J. Yates was a soldier in the Civil War, 12th Cav. Rossers
   Brigade, Valley Rangers.

Lydia Martz-Yates, mother of S. J., lived to be over 93 years, b.
   Nov. 11, 1811, d. Feb. 3, 1905. She was the second child of a family
   of 15 children, their parents being Samuel and Mary (Polly) Philips-
   Martz.

   Michael, who was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was over 90
years old when he died. The Michael Roller farm adjoined Court Manor on the north. It was also just west of Sapling Hill, the line between the two being on a high hill.

n696-1. Annie Mary, m. John Lewis Holsinger, s. Frank.
  1. Ward Edward 1907
  2. Nora Cath. 1912
  3. Alfred Franklin 1916
  4. Walter Lewis 1917

n697-2. Willie Rebecca, m. Vernon Holsinger 1 s. Cecil
n698-3. Walter Samuel, m. Berdie Layman
  1. Leona Cath
  2. Evylyn

  n702-4. Edna Virginia Oct. 12, 1896
  n703-5. Casper Dewey Jul. 25, 1899
  n704-6. Lena May Mar. 4, 1903
  n705-7. Wm. Holland Nov. 2, 1904

J. C. Yates lives on the old home place on the Valley Pike three miles s. of New Market. The mansion house is opposite Court Manor Mansion and near a large spring.

  n708-1. Grover C. Sep. 16, 1892, m. Lillian M. McCall -ch.
  n711-4. Vallie V. Apr. 4, 1897, m. R. B. Hamilton -lch.
  n712-5. Georgia O. May 2, 1904
  n713-6. Russell A. Jul. 8, 1906


VII. n691. Lydia Annis Yates, m. Mar. 21, 1889, Wm. Thomas, brother of Chas. s. of Michael of New Market, Va.
  n715-1. Lurtie Elmer Dec. 2, 1890
  n717-3. Frank Pierce Aug. 25, 1894, m. Winnie Myrtle Cauley-2ch
  n719-5. Wm. Haller Jul. 11, 1901.
Clare, Va. except those who are married, Hot Springs, Va.

VII. n692. Mary Rebecca Yates, m. Jan. 9, 1895 William Derrow.
n720-1. Bessie Viola Nov. 15, 1898
n721-2. Wm. Franklin Oct. 23, 1903
n723-4. Ursila Florence Dec. 4, 1908

End of Isaac Strickler of Massanutten
Daniel Strickler of Strickler Springs, Rockbridge County, Virginia.

It is not positively known what relation Daniel Strickler of Strickler Springs, Rockbridge County, was to the Massanutten family of Page County, but, owing to the fact that prior to 1810 Daniel lived in Shenandoah County and probably in Rockingham County (Page was formed from these two Counties) not far from the Massanutten settlement, and married there in 1749 Elizabeth Funkhouser, a member of a well known family in Shenandoah County, it is supposed that Daniel was nearly related to the Strickler family of Massanutten.

Miss Virginia M. Strickler, long a teacher in Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va., granddaughter of the above Daniel, told me that Daniel's wife was named Elizabeth and that his father was a Lutheran minister of considerable ability, but that she did not know his name.

Marriage records of Shenandoah County disclose the following: Daniel Strickler, m. Elizabeth Funkhouser, Apr. 22, 1794, p. 39, M. R. Barbara Strickler, m. John Snider, Apr. 14, 1793, p. 37, M. R. (n747) Rev. Simon Harr was the minister on each occasion, and I understand that he was a Lutheran minister at Strasburg. Barbara was likely a sister of Daniel, and the Sniders no doubt went to Rockbridge with the Stricklers, as we find them living in the same neighborhood there to-day.

On Sep. 3, 1810, when Daniel Strickler purchased land in Rockbridge the deed recites that he is late of Shenandoah (or Rockingham) County.*

A Daniel Strickler appears for the first time in Rockingham Co. on the land books in 1794, assessed with 210 acres of land located apparently in the neighborhood of John Strickler of Pitt Spring Bend, and he disappears from these records in 1811. Old St. Peters Lutheran Church is located not far from the home of John Strickler. It may be that Daniel was a son of John of Pitt Spring Bend as his descendants are not all known.

The Funkhousers lived in Shenandoah County, some west of Mt. Jackson, and others, the original family I believe, west of Strasburg. John Funkhouser emigrated from Switzerland and settled on Tumbling Run, west of Strasburg, in 1740. He had a son Jacob who lived west

*The name of the county is indistinct.
of Mt. Jackson, on Mill Creek. He had a daughter Elizabeth who is supposed to have gone to Pickaway Co., Ohio, with her brother Daniel, but nothing further is known of her. It might be that she is the one who married Daniel Strickler of Strickler Springs. (The Funkhouser Family, p. 67).

Daniel Strickler's will was probated in Rockbridge County, Feb. 1, 1841, the executors being Daniel Strickler, his son, and Joseph Trevey, his son-in-law. The will mentions seven children: Jacob, Daniel, Rebecca Trevey, Mary Ott, Betsy, Joseph, and Moses. It does not mention Christopher. Miss Virginia M. Strickler tells me that he died a young man.

From a sketch of the life of Moses Strickler of Bridgewater, Va., youngest child of Daniel, in "Hardesty's Historical & Geographical Encyclopedia," page 417, I learn that Daniel Strickler was born in Pennsylvania Dec. 16, 1772, and married Elizabeth Funkhouser, who was born in Shenandoah County July, 1775; that they located in Rockbridge County in 1812, and that they both died there, her death occurring in May, 1838, and his on Jan. 9, 1841.

It is supposed that Abraham Strickler, the pioneer, had a son Abraham who remained in Pennsylvania, that he lived in Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster, Co., and that he was probably the father of Isaac Strickler of Massanutten. In 1790 an Abraham Strickler is living in Mt. Joy Township with a family of seven. An Abraham Strickler is buried at Mt. Joy. It is possible that Daniel was a son of this Abraham and that he followed his older brother Isaac into Virginia.

Miss Selina Strickler tells me that her father had a cousin living in the locality of Rockbridge County. (574) (See also Snider)

Strickler Springs.

Strickler Springs is located at the mouth of Goshen Pass.

When Daniel Strickler located on North River in Rockbridge County, he selected a spot peculiarly picturesque and unexcelled for the fertility of its soil. North River gathers its waters west of North Mountain, then at a point near Goshen on the C. & O. Railroad it breaks thru this mountain, forming a deep and rugged gorge known as Goshen Pass. The gorge, about seven miles in length, is very narrow, with just barely space between the precipitate mountain slopes for the river and a roadway. Just where the river makes its exit on the eastern side is where Daniel Strickler had his home near a spring by the side of the river. Broad fertile bottom lands spread out eastward along the river from the base of the mountain. The spring is very strongly sulphur and was deeded to the County of Rockbridge as a gift by Daniel Strickler. There are a number of cottages bordering on a beautiful lawn near the spring, and a great many people frequent
the place every summer. The scenery thru the gorge is magnificent, and the road leading thru it is one of the most interesting driveways in Virginia. Rhododendron, ferns, and all kinds of wild plants grow in the greatest profusion along the way. From one end to the other there is one continuous panorama of exquisite nature scenes in their wildest beauty. It was through this pass that Commodore Maury requested that his remains be conveyed, which request was obeyed. For a long time the spring was known as Strickler Springs, but in more recent days as Wilson Springs.

Daniel Strickler, of Strickler Springs, Rockbridge County, Va. b. 1772-d. 1841, m. (according to marriage records of Shenandoah Co.) Apr. 22, 1794, Elizabeth Funkhouser, b. 1775-d. 1838, At least 8 ch.

- Jacob m. (1) Mary Fulwider-6 ch. (2) Barbara Airhart-2 ch
- Daniel m. left a family in Park Co. Ind.
- Christopher -d. young in Rockbridge Co.
- Mary m. William Henry Ott
- Betsy s.
- Rebecca m. Joseph Trevey -several ch.
- Joseph m. Mary Brown -5 ch. lived in Rockbridge, Co.
- Moses m. twice, no ch.

Jacob Strickler, (s. Daniel of Strickler Springs, Rockbridge Co. Va.) m. Mary Fulwider, located in Park Co. Ind. in 1842 and died there about 1879-80, age 92 years. m. (2) Barbara Arehart, mother of the two last children named below.

- Moses m. Margaret J. Armstrong -7 ch. Iola, Kansas.
- Daniel m. Patsy Swain -5 ch. Park Co. Ind.
- Mary m. (1) Harvey White -3 ch. m. (2) Henry Connerly - 1 ch. Rockville, Ind.
- Sallie Ann m. Wm. Thompson Patton -6 ch. Rockville, Ind.
- Margaret Jane m. Martin Teague -11 ch. Parke Co. Ind. Mrs. Mary Connerly is the only surviving member of this family. She was born on ——— day of ——— and is therefore 91 years old (1924)

Jacob Strickler went from Rockingham County, Va. to Park Co. Ind. about 1842 with his brother Daniel and died there about 1880 aged 92 years.

Sarah (Sallie) Ann Strickler, d. Oct. 24, 1902, aged 79 years, m. Wm. Thompson Patton, s. William Patton and Miss Wilson, brother of Trice Patton who was killed in the Civil War -6 ch.
1. Laura Bell -d. 8 months old.
3. Minnie Josephine, m. Edgar Wallace -27 Adams St. N. W. -
   Wash. D. C.
5. Lula Maye m. Homer Elinick -1ch. 707 N. Erie St. Rockville, Ind.
6. Richard Roy m. 1719 N. 16th St. Terre Haute, Ind.

Joseph Trevey (n729) had several ch: Dr. Jacob M. and others; a
g-daughter, Mrs. Kirby Baluth, Brookly, N. Y.

Dr. Jacob M. Trevey m. Miss Dudley and lived near Mossy Creek
-no issue. His widow m. Samuel Forrer, widower-no issue.

Andrew Trevey, widower, who m. Temperance Cowan of Tenth
Legion, may have been related. He left one ch. Dr. Jacob Cowan
Trevey who m. twice the Misses McClung—no issue.

Moses Strickler, son of Jacob.

n732 Moses Strickler b. ju. 1826-d. Oc. 26, 1911 near Meeker, Okla.
   (s. Jacob S. Daniel of Strickler Springs) m. Margaret Jane
   Armstrong b. se. 11, 1829, Rockville, Park Co., Ind. d. De. 7,
   1906, near Meeker, Okla.-7ch. Moses located at Iola, Kan. in
   1866.

1. John Henry b. Apr. 9, 1848 at Rockville, Ind. d. no. 1, 1867
   s. near Carlyle, Kansas.
2. Mary Elizabeth b. jl. 28, 1850 near Rockville, Ind. -d. mr. 8,
   1870 at or near Carlyle, Kan. m. Wm. H. Agner (dec'd. 1924)
   -1 son.
   1. Chas. Ulysses Agner; m. Hattie Moules -1ch.
      1. Reita Agner -Add Morgan, Kan.
3. Robert Harvey b. no. 22, 1852 near Rockville, Ind. m. Martha
   Ann Martin mr. 24, 1881 -5ch.
   1. Benton Elsworth ja. 20, 1882
   2. Chester Carroll se. 28, 1883
   3. Lloyd Nelson jl. 31, 1885
   5. Mabel Florence ma. 12, 1891
Add-Payson, Okla.

4. William Joseph, b. oc. 11, 1854, near Rockville, Ind. m. Sue-
   1. Gertrude Bell ja. 31, 1876 -d. ja. 9, 1879
   2. Margaret Leota ma. 5, 1878
   3. Harry Lewis ma. 29, 1880 se. 21, 1883
   4. Jennie Irene oc. 12, 1882
   5. Nola Perl oc. 2, 1885 -se. 26, 1887
   6. Nettie Helen oc. 15, 1888
7. Ray M. ju. 29, 1891 au. 9, 1911
Add-Drumright, Okla. Mrs. Sue E. Strickler.

5. Martha Agnes b. oc. 15, 1857, near Rockville, Ind., m. Samuel E. Gantt (s. Samuel and Matilda Crasset-Gantt) of Carlyle, Kan., au. 1, 1875, -1ch.
1. Ethel Alice m. John E. Childress -2ch.
   1. Harold Eugene
   2. John Samuel
Add.-706 N. Buckeye St., Iola, Kan. Mrs. Martha Agnes Gantt gave me the information in regard to the Moses Strickler family (1924).


   1. Alta D.
   2. Iva
   3. Marie
   4. Frederick F.
   5. Norene
Add.- Wenatchee, Washington.

n733. Daniel Strickler, (s. Jacob of Park Co. Ind.), m. Patsey Swain, da. ——— Swain and wife—— They lived in Park Co. Ind. -5ch.
   1. Anna m. Cannon Marshall, Ind.
   3. Sarah m. Zink Carrollton, Mo.
   2. Cerena m. Burford -1ch, Rockville, Ind.
   4. George
   5. William

n734. Henry Strickler, (s. Jacob of Park Co., Ind.), m. Catherine Arehart, da. ——— Arehart and wife ———. They lived in Park Co., Ind. -9ch. 3 of whom are:
   1. Joseph
   2. Ellen m. Polk Whetzel -8ch. Rockville, Ind.
   3. Jacob C. m. Samantha Reitzel -2ch.
      1. Nelson Tell, Carlyle, Kansas
      2. Francis B. Blanca, Colo.

   n740-1. Mary Ann m. Wm. G. Patton -3ch.
   n741-2. Rebecca m. David Snider -4ch.
   n742-3. Jacob Strickler s. died in Confederate Army.
FORERUNNERS

Joseph Trevey m. twice-sisters Misses Montgomery -6ch.

Martha Caroline m. John Nick Snider.

Eliza Frances 1858, m. W. T. Moore -1ch.

Wm. Henry Ott lived on Moffett’s Creek Augusta Co. Va. where he owned a farm; later, in 1859, he moved near Lexington, Va.

Henry Arthur Ott has been elder in the Presbyterian Church at Fairifeld, Va. for thirty years and has been elected commissioner of the revenue for the second time.

James Davidson Ott, member 14th Va. Cav. C. S. A. now resides

Wm. Hardin m. Cooper, Tina, Mo.

Elizabeth Virginia m. twice (1) Mohler, (2) Shewy -9ch.

Franklin Theodore m. Miss Alphin -0ch.

John Snider lived near Rockbridge Baths, Rockbridge Co., Va.

Mr. J. A. Snider of Fayette, Mo., wrote me under date Sep. 4, 1921, that his family settled in Pennsylvania at an early date and later came to Rockingham County, Va., that his great-grandfather John Snider married Sarah Strickler in Pennsylvania between 1790 and 1795; that his grandfather moved from Rockingham County to Rockbridge County where he and his father were born; that he and his father went to Missouri in 1868; and that a cousin of his grandfather, another John Snider, married Elizabeth Strickler, a daughter of Jacob Strickler.

A Barbara Strickler married a John Snider in Shenandoah County, Apr. 4, 1793. This was probably a sister of Daniel Strickler of Strickler Springs.


Jacob Strickler Snider, b. Sep. 2, 1842, wounded at the battle of McDowell and d. May 19, 1862.

Joseph Trevey Snider, b. Sep. 15, 1844, m. (1) Senie Montgomery, Dec. 25, 1867, 1ch. m. (2) Fannie Montgomery, sisters.

Joseph T. Snider was in the Confederate Army, was taken prisoner. He lived in Missouri and died in 1884. Address of child; Mrs. Clyde Creel, 2566 N. 18th St. Kansas City, Kan.

Martha Caroline Snider, b. Jan. 13, 1847, m. Dec. 21, 1865, John Nick Snider. She d. 1889, was the mother of a large family of sons- one H. G. Snider, Kerrs Creek, Va.

Wm. Hardin Snider, b. Oct. 15, 1849, m. Nov. 16, 1880, Miss Cooper -6ch. Tina, Mo.

Elizabeth Virginia Snider, b. Jan. 23, 1853, m. (1) Jno. H. Mohler -7ch. m. (2) C. M. Shewy -2ch.

Franklin Theodore Snider, b. Mar. 27, 1855, m. Sep. 25, 1890,


James William Jul. 1, 1843 m. Mary Ellen Reubush -0ch.
Mary Elizabeth Mar. 8, 1846 d. about 1893 s.


Givens Dudley b. Apr. 11, 1877, m.
Salome Florence May 7, 1878 s.
Gertrude Blanche Sep. 17, 1887, m.
Eminett Strickler Aug. 26, 1889, m.
Hubert Alexander Jul. 9, 1890, s.
Homer Howe Jul. 30, 1892, s.

Mary Strickler, (da. Jacob of Park Co., Ind) m. (1) Harvey White -3ch. m. (2) Henry Connerly -0ch. Mrs. Connerly is the only surviving member of the Jacob Strickler family. She is 91 years old (1924).

John White m. -5ch. Rockville, Ind.
Ada White, dec'd. m.
Katie m. Ira Davies


John Daniel 1837-d. in infancy.
Wm. Baxter 1839-d. Jul. 1, 1861, killed at battle of Manassas.
James Davidson 1841, m. Janie Britton -2ch.
David Alexander 1843 -d. 1893; m. Susie Moore -4ch.
Frank Augustus 1845-d. 1909, m. Willie Pinkerton -3ch.
Joseph Henry 1847 -d. in childhood.
Virginia Estaline, 1849 -d. 1899, m. Jacob H. Brubeck -1ch


Catherine Annie, 1851, m. Richard Giraud, Houston, Texas-7
Henry Arthur 1852, m. Bettie B. McClung (2) Hiser -3ch.
John Flood 1854, d. 1863
at Santa Ana, Calif. age 74 yrs. 1915.

Wm. Baxter Ott was member 5th Va. Inf. C. S. A. Killed in battle of Manassas.

David A. Ott, member 14th Va. Cav. C. S. A. Lusk's Battery-d. in California.


3. Frances K. 1879, m. Theodore Heyck, Jr. -4ch.
5. Chas. Wm. 1884, m. Mary Kittrell -1ch. Rice Business.
7. Stella M. 1890 s.

Mr. Richard A. Giraud was a Banker in Houston, Texas. His children all live in Houston, as well as his widow.


Mary Strickler Ott's descendants;
Rose Ott (granddaughter) Corona, Calif.
Mrs. R. W. McClure, Greenville, Va.
James D. Ott, Santa Ana, Calif. only surviving child. (1915).
Miss Mary Ott, Corona, Calif. late of Lexington, Va.
Miss Baxter Ott, Corona, Calif. late of Lexington, Va.
Chas. W. Ott, (s. James D.) 603 S. 6th East St. Salt Lake City, Ut.

n730. Joseph Strickler, (s. Daniel of Rockbridge), b. 1812 -d. 1881,
Mary Brown -5ch.
n764-1. Cyrus Davidson
n766-3. Cornelius Hearn
n767-4. Eliza Estaline
n768-5. Virginia M. s. teacher at Mary Baldwin Seminary.
Joseph Strickler lived at Strickler Springs.

n765. Dr. Givens Brown Strickler, m. in 1871, Mary F. Moore of Fancy Hill Rockbridge Co. She d. Jun. 5, 1905. -5ch.
n769-1. Dr. Cyrus W., a physician Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Geo. H. Denny, wife of the Pres. of the U. of Ala.
Mrs. G. L. Timmons of Okla.
Mrs. C. F. Rankin of Laurens S. C.
Mary of Richmond, Va.

Dr. Givens Brown Strickler was a nephew of J. W. Brown who married Mary Stuart, daughter of Walker Stuart of Walker's Creek, Rockbridge County. The old Stuart home, probably the oldest home in the County, I understand, is still standing, 1915, and was a combination fort, refuge, and residence.

Miss Virginia M. Strickler died Jan. 12, 1918, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Geo. H. Denny, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. For about fifty years she had been a teacher of Latin at the Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va. and was one of those who made this school famous throughout the South. She was a woman of strong personality, endowed with a brilliant mind, and possessed of a fine character. During her long service as a teacher she made a lasting impression on the womanhood of the South.

Dr. Givens Brown Strickler.

Givens Brown Strickler, D. D., was born at Strickler Springs, Rockbridge County, Virginia, April 25, 1840, the son of Joseph Strickler and Mary Strickler (nee Brown). He was a student at Washington and Lee University in 1868 and assistant professor of Greek in the Union Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) at Richmond, Virginia, in 1868-1870. He was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church in 1870, serving first as pastor of the Tinkling Spring Presbyterian church, Augusta County, Virginia, from 1870 to 1883, and then as pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Atlanta, Georgia, from 1883 to 1895 when he accepted the chair of systematic theology in the Union Seminary which position he occupied with great distinction until his death.

In 1878 he received the honorary degree of D. D. from Washington and Lee University, and in 1894 the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Davidson College. For years he had been rector of Washington and Lee University, a position carrying with it the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees of that institution. He published one book of sermons which was well received.

At the age of 21 he enlisted in the Confederate army and served through the entire war between the states. Upon his enlistment he was made Captain of Company I 4th Va. Inf. Reg., Stonewall Brigade, known as the "Liberty Hall Volunteers," the Washington College Company, whose gallant record dates back to the revolutionary war. He was thrice wounded and taken prisoner and was leading the same command at the close of the conflict when he put off the uniform of the
last Captain of the Liberty Hall Volunteers to put on the armor of the Captain of Salvation. There is a memorial tablet placed on the walls of Lee Memorial Chapel at Washington and Lee University, containing the names of these volunteers.

He married Miss Mary F. Moore of Fancy Hill, Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1871. She died on June 5, 1905. In June, 1913, while visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Rankin, in Laurens, South Carolina, after attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Atlanta, Georgia, he became ill and was taken to a sanatorium in Atlanta, where he died August 4, 1913, while under the care of his son, Dr. Cyrus W. Strickler, of that City. He left surviving him five children: Dr. Cyrus W. Strickler, Mrs. George H. Denny, wife of the President of the University of Alabama and late President of Washington and Lee University, Mrs. G. L. Timmons of Oklahoma, Mrs. C. F. Rankin of Laurens, South Carolina, and Miss Mary Strickler of Richmond, Virginia.

He was a nephew of J. W. Brown of Walker's Creek, Rockbridge County, Virginia, who died in 1863 and who was the father of Rev. C. G. Brown of S. C., Elder R. W. Brown, J. R. Brown, chairman of the Board of Deacons of New Providence church, Rockbridge County, Wm. S. Brown of Richmond, and A. S. Brown; also the grandfather of Rev. James Brown.

(The above information is taken from different articles and resolutions that appeared in different papers at the time of Dr. Strickler's death.)

Resolutions adopted by the Chancellor and Faculty of the Southwestern Presbyterian University place his name along by the side of Dabney and Peck, noted Presbyterian theologians.

There appeared in one of the Richmond papers at the time of his death an editorial highly complimentary of his life and character. I quote the first paragraph: "A strong and great man fell when death laid his hand upon the Rev. Givens Brown Strickler—a man strong and great in personal character, in intellect and in the service he had rendered to his state, to the moral elevation of all who came within the radius of his influence, to the cause of civic righteousness and to his God."

The editorial continues:
"And now his life and labors and sufferings in his latter days were such as to prove a shining illustration of—

'How beautiful it is for a man to die.
Upon the walls of Zion; to be called,
Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel,
To put his armor off and rest in Heaven.' "
He was chosen professor in the Union Theological Seminary in 1885, but his presbytery would not allow him to accept. He afterwards declined a professorship in Columbia Seminary. He was moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at St. Louis in 1887. He had calls or was approached with reference to calls from a score or more of prominent churches and literary and other religious institutions. He was elected Chancellor of Georgia State University, but declined to serve. He was a trustee of Agnes Scott Institute at Decatur, Ga. (Nat'l. Cyc. Am. Biography Vol. II p. 350).

Moses Strickler.


Moses Strickler became a resident of Rockingham County in 1874, and carried on a pump manufacturing business here. I have seen some of these pumps still in use. The peculiar feature of the pump was that the entire pipe, thru which the water was conveyed to the surface and discharged thru a curved exit, was lifted and lowered by the handle. I do not remember ever seeing a pump like it anywhere. He was three years a Justice of the Peace in Rockbridge County. At the outbreak of the Civil War he went into service in the Q. M. Dept. -Gen. Loring’s Div. and served until seized with typhoid fever. Immediately upon his recovery he was detailed to superintend and operate the Australia Furnace in Alleghany Co. and the Mt. Torry Furnace in Augusta Co., which responsible position he continued to fill until the end of the war.

Moses Strickler was the youngest of his father’s family. He was Mayor of Bridgewater for fifteen years and he was postmaster in the same town during Cleveland’s administration. In personal appearance he was at least six feet in height, weighing not less than 200 pounds. He died in Bridgewater about 1905, and his wife died there about 1918. They left no children.

End of Daniel Strickler of Strickler Springs.
Other Strickler families in Virginia.

There is a Strickler family living in New Market Gap east of New Market. I think Miss Selina Strickler told me that they came there from Rockbridge or Augusta County, that they were comparatively recent settlers there, and that so far as she knew they were not related to her family.

According to the New Market paper May 3, 1923, I learn the following:

James Strickler, m. Mary Sensebaugh -9ch.
1. John H. of New Market
2. Fannie, m. D. B. Weaver, Middlebrook, Augusta, Co.
3. Casper, Kernstown, Frederick, Co.
4. Howard (White), New Market
6. Mary d. about 1896
7. Luther, d. 1920
8. Julia, d. 1920, m. Harpine
9. Chas. M. b. Jul. 9, 1859-d. May 2, 1923, b. on Henkel farm 2 miles east of New Market, m. about 1896, Maggie Wright-9ch.
  1. Bertie
  2. Carl
  3. Lora
  4. Frank
  5. Robert
  6. Virginia
  7. Edna
  8. Anna Lee
  9. Harper

I have been told that John H. Strickler reared 14 children, one son James m. Mrs. Fannie Pennington, widow of Clinger I. Pennington, and one daughter m. Thomas Comer of New Market.

Howard (White) Strickler has a family, and one daughter I think married Mr. Rice, of New Market.

Luther Strickler, I am told, is the father of five sons; Abram, Marshall, died in camp in 1918, Perry, lives in Winchester, two others in Ohio, one of whom is probably Daniel of Columbus, Ohio.

John H. had a son Elon who d. in 1915, and a son Socrates who lives in Columbus, Ohio.
Mary Sensebaugh Strickler lived to be very old. Sensebaugh is a familiar name in Rockbridge County.

There is a Robert Strickler living on Walker's Creek, Augusta County, Va., I have been told, who has a farm there and a family of grown children. He may be related to the James Strickler family above. I understand that Robert is a son of John.

John Strickler, Sr. of Mint Spring, Rockbridge Co. has several ch; one J. Frank Strickler died at Greenville, Augusta Co., June 2, 1925, aged 52, leaving seven sons: Leonard, Daniel, Walker, John, Albert, Boyd, and Walter. He was buried at New Providence Church. His wife was Miss Sallie Swisher of the New Providence neighborhood. (Richmond Dispatch).

Augusta County records.

In Will Book 16, p. 288 the Will of Christian Strickler is probated in 1828. Book 26, p. 517 Richard Anderson and wife, Rebecca Ann, late Strickler, daughter of Christian, qualify as administrators with John Strickler surety, Jacob Strickler having left the state.

Deed Book 64, p. 361 a Benjamin Strickler and his wife Charlotte appear. Benjamin is probably a son of Christian.


There is a family of Stricklers living at Athlone, Rockingham, County, Va. Tradition in the family does not go beyond John Strickler. He had at least three sons; B. F. Strickler, of Athlone, Wm. H. Strickler of Roanoke, and J. C. Strickler of Bear Lake, Mich.

B. F. Strickler lives (1914) at Athlone (once a Post Office) several miles east of Lacey Spring, Rockingham County. During the war he was in Co. H. 10th Va. Cav., Stuart's command. He died about 1920. His wife, who was a Miss Stephens, d. Nov. 1914, aged about 73 years. He left at least two children; L. J. Strickler, Athlone, m. Miss Lincoln, and Chas. Strickler, Monessen, Pa. has a son Frank.

John Strickler of Athlone—at least 3 ch.

I. B. F. Strickler, m. Stephens—at least two sons.
   1. L. J. (Athlone) Post Office—Lacey Spring, m. Lincoln, several children.
   2. Charles, m. 1 son Frank, Monessen, Pa.


III. Wm. H. of Roanoke, m. Margaret Ann Tutwiler -6ch.

III. Wm. H. Strickler, s. John of Athlone, b. Mar. 26, 1851, m. Margaret Ann Tutwiler of Rockingham Co., b. Apr. 1, 1850, da. John and Margaret Rimel-Tutwiler. Margaret Ann was a sister of P. C. Tutwiler, father of Eugene Tutwiler of Har-
risonburg, Va. also of Henry Tutwiler of Mt. Crawford. -6ch.
1. Mary Alice b. Apr. 6, 1875, m. C. L. Thomason -1 son Rudolph
2. Ada E. m. A. R. Camper, -6ch.
3. Lula B. m. H. D. Smallwood, -1 s. Harry D., Jr.
4. Grace Irene m. W. J. Yielding -1 da. Irene E.
5. Sarah Lillian m. W. J. Yielding -2 Margaret and Dorothy.
6. John Clifton m. Kate Franklin -3ch.
1. Tobie
2. Wm.
3. Mary
No. 2. Stationery, 421 Elm Ave. S. W., Roanoke, Va.
No. 3. 347 8th Ave. S. W., Roanoke, Va.
No. 4. W. J. Yielding, m. sisters, 1104 Campbell Ave. S. W.,
Roanoke, Va.
No. 6. Clerk in Claim Dept. N. & W. R. R.
I have been told that there is a real estate firm, Strickler & Wagner,
Winchester, Va., that there is a trained nurse there, Miss Strickler:
that a J. W. Strickler is station Agent at Burke, Va. Nottoway, Co.;
that a George R. Strickler is an attorney at Suffolk, Va.
On Dec. 19, 1850, Isaac Strickler m. Elizabeth Stephen in Rock-
ingsham Co. I am told that Isaac Strickler was a native of Page Coun-
ty, that Elizabeth, his wife was a daughter of John Stephens whose
wife was Miss Lineburner, and that Elizabeth was a sister of Mrs. B.
F. Strickler of Athlone.

Daniel Strickler a Circuit Rider with Newcomer,
the Asbury of the U. B. Church.

In the year 1800 Bishop Newcomer visited the Shenandoah Valley
as a circuit rider. On Saturday and Sunday he held meetings at the
Widow Kagey's on Smith's Creek. On Monday morning, Sept. 8, he
rode to John Peters, near New Market. He then went to Homan's
near Brocks Gap. "In the afternoon they accompanied Strickler to
his home sixteen miles away arriving late at night." (History of the
U. B. Conference p. 47). Strickler was a guide to the missionaries
on this journey.

The information is taken from the journal kept by Newcomer. This Strickler must have been one of the Massanutten Stricklers. In
1802 Newcomer made another visit to Virginia. Otterbein, New-
comer, Crum, and Strickler were the preachers and they traveled to-
gether. (p. 48). Their first point was at Jacob Funkhouser's in Funk-
houser Hollow, west of Fisher's Hill.
In 1801 Daniel Strickler was present as one of the itinerants at the conference. In 1800 he is recorded as absent at the conference. His name does not appear after 1801 on the conference lists. This may have been Daniel Strickler, son of Joseph of Egypt, or Daniel, son of Benjamin, or Daniel of Strickler Springs.

These United Brethren preachers preached from one end of the Shenandoah Valley to the other. They had great crowds and were welcomed by ministers of other denominations, especially the Methodists. It was a period of revival. The people clapped their hands and shouted. Some moaned and prayed and showed great feeling in other ways. They preached in English and in German and had to tear themselves away from the crowds that gathered. It was a Jacksonian whirlwind campaign for the Lord around the old Massanutten Mountain. Newcomber says: “Lutherans, Presbyterians, Mennonites, Baptists and Methodists all drew near the Lord’s table.” Christian Newcomber was of Swiss descent, born near Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 21, 1749. His parents were Mennonites. He has been called the Asbury of the United Brethren Church.

Extracts from Chalkley.

Hans Heinrich Neff, Daniel Haldman, and John Rudell appraisers of estate of John Woodly on Smith’s Creek about 1750. (Vol. III, p. 18)

James Strickler, witness to will of Jamima Bradley, Apr. 15, 1784. (Vol. II, p. 171)

William Carpenter marries Mary Strickler Jan. 9, 1786, Augusta Co. marriage records. (Vol. III, p. 360)

Land Entry Book No. 1, 1749-50, July 20, Robert McClennenahan, 230 acres on Shenandoah formerly surveyed for Abraham Strickler; 200 acres part of Mouldin patent on said river belonging to said Strickler; 316 acres on said river formerly John Windlekite’s. (Vol. II, p. 378). This land was evidently located in Pitts Spring Bend and it indicates that Abraham Strickler, the pioneer, took up land outside of the Massanutten patent.


Overseers of Indian Road required to put up sign posts in Augusta County from Frederick County line to Tom’s Creek. (Vol. I, p. 38). This proves that Augusta County extended north of Tom’s Brook which stream is about eight miles south of Strasburg.

I am informed that a very old patent locates land near the northern end of the Massanutten mountain in territory now included in Warren County. This land must have been only a short distance south of Front Royal. (date 1751—Richmond —G. p. 507)

Samuel Strickler, witness in a suit in 1814, 47 years old. Did not
live in the neighborhood of New Market in 1779. David Strickler
witness at same time, brother of Samuel, age 43. Their father bought
Sulcer's land. Dr. Jacob Neff witness age 70. (Chalkley-Vol. II p.
253.) This was Samuel and David Strickler, brothers, of New Market,
Va.

Congressional Library.
(Card index—E 255, U 56).

"United States Census. Revolutionary or Military Pensions."
(title page)

"A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services with
their names and ages and places of residence as returned by the Mar­
shals of the Several Judicial Districts under the Act for taking the
Sixth Census."

"Published by Authority of an Act of Congress under the Direction of
the Secretary of State. Washington-Printed by Blair and Rives—1841."


Pensioner. -age. -Head of family where pensioner resided, Jun. 1, 1840.
Daniel Anderson 88 —Daniel Anderson
Sarah Anderson —Moses Wood
Thomas Tharp 80 —Thomas Tharp
John C. Aleshire 84 —Henry Mauck
James McCullough —Joseph McCullough
——— Cook —Strawther Cook
Virginia Page Carder —Robert Carder
Sarah Strickler —David J. Strickler
John Burkholder —Wm. Burkholder
——— Burner —John R. Burner
Jane Roads —John H. Roads
Ann Stover —Joseph Stover
Henry Aleshire 89 —Conrad Aleshire.

David J. Strickler was at this time living at Locust Grove and
was considered the head of his father's family, his father having died
in 1838.

Same Library.

"Virginia Revolutionary Soldiers, Supplement."
(card index E 263, v8 v8 R. R. Virginia State Library-
Edited by Echenrode, State Archivist, 1912.)
Alexander Stricklin p. 291 Rev. Army v2 Gam. 23
John Stricklin p. 291 (7 V. R.) W. D. 159, 1
Alexander Strickling p. 291 (S. of W. 1835 Pen. 3 Ohio, 151)
Explanation—
V. R. —Va Regiment of the Continental Line.
W. D. —War Dept.
S. of W. —Secy. of War.

The numerals refer to photographs of the Va. Cont. line.

Page 135, census of pensioners taken in 1840; John Caldwell, age 90, was receiving a pension and living with Ezekiel Caldwell.

Revolutionary Soldiers.


John Grove, Romney 15
Philip Grove, S. of W. pen. 2, 133
Jacob Groves, Abraham, Thomas and William Groves
Strickler, John, war 4, 345
Information forwarded to me by Mrs. Virginia S. Milbourne, Charles Town, W. Va.

Page County Revolutionary Pensioners.

In United States Pension Rolls for the Middle States and Virginia-date 1840, being the report of the Secretary of War etc. the following names are found on p. 86—Page County Revolutionary Pensions.

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"Half pay under the Virginia Act of May 1779 to John Bailey, Capt. $240 per annum, total $10,548.16. (n123)

Formation of Counties.

The country between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghanies,—the Shenandoah Valley, visited by Spotswood and the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, in 1716, became a part of Essex County, and from it and other Counties Spotsylvania was formed in 1720, which included the Valley. There are no references to Valley settlements, I understand, in the records of Spotsylvania, but they do refer to the Germans of Germania, who were the Tubal Cains of Virginia.

Orange County from Spotsylvania, 1734. Records refer to Valley settlements beginning 1735.

Orange west of the Blue ridge divided into two Counties, 1738.
Records begin in Frederick, 1743.
Records begin in Augusta, 1745. Augusta County extended as far north as Strasburg probably until 1753 when the northern line was made identical with the Fairfax line—present line between Rockingham and Shenandoah.

Shenandoah from Frederick, 1772, (Dunmore until 1777) north of the Fairfax line.
Rockingham from Augusta, 1778, south of Fairfax line,—first Court held Apr. 27, 1778, the Act establishing same was of date 1777.
Rockbridge from Augusta and Botetourt 1778, by same Act 1777. Page from Shenandoah and Rockingham, mostly from the former, 1831.
Fairfax from Prince William, 1742.

Germania (abt. 1710) was located in the north-eastern corner of present Orange in a great bend of the river, Rapidan. This bend is easily distinguished from all other bends on the river.
The Augusta County Court was held at Staunton and at Pittsburg. In 1775 an Indian deed was recorded at Staunton and at Pittsburg in Augusta County.

Formation of Counties in Pennsylvania.
Bucks and Philadelphia counties adjoin each other near the City of Philadelphia. Lancaster, York, and Dauphin counties adjoin each other near the south central part of the state, near Harrisburg. Fayette County is in the western part of the state, south of Pittsburg.
William Penn originally established three counties in 1682, viz: Philadelphia, Bucks, and Chester.
Lancaster from Chester, 1729—date of Act probably 1728. It included territory now embraced in the following counties and others. York from Lancaster, 1749—Cumberland from York 1750. Berks 1752—Dauphin 1785—Franklin 1784—Lebanon 1813. The Continental Congress met at York, York County, Pa., in 1777-78, while Philadelphia was occupied by the British army.
Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pa., was the capital of the State from 1799 to 1812.

There is a will of Christopher Stump of Heidleberg Township, Lancaster County, Pa., dated Feb. 28, 1796, in which the testator mentions about sixteen children; one daughter, Catherine, wife of John Strickler, is made guardian of his children. Pa. Mag. Vol. 3 & 4 p. 230.
In 1748 Heinrich Strickler, appears as a member of the building committee of Long Swamp Reformed Church, near Metztown, in Lehigh Valley, in north-eastern part of Berks Co., Pa.—Pa. Mag. Vol. 5 & 6 p. 373.
Jacob Strickler, dec'd. 1784, Virginia—settlement, 1790—five pounds paid to Jacob Strickler of York Co. Pa. (c—145—Woodstock).
The Pennsylvania Branch of the Family.

In my efforts to trace the location in Pennsylvania of Abraham Strickler, the pioneer, who migrated from that state about 1730 and located at Massanutten, Page County, Virginia, I have collected some facts which I here submit. They will be of interest to the Pennsylvania branch in general.

There is strong evidence that Abraham Strickler lived in Hempfield or Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster Co., Pa. before locating in Virginia; in fact there is evidence that he, after purchasing land in Virginia, traveled to and fro between Pennsylvania and Virginia for some years. There is evidence that he had a son in Pa. by the name of Abraham. Supporting this evidence is the fact that his son Isaac went to Virginia, and that Isaac's grandson, David Jay Strickler, named his first born John W. Mt. Joy Strickler. This singular circumstance may indicate that the ancestral home in Pennsylvania was at Mt. Joy.

Mr. B. F. Brubaker of Mount Joy, Pa. on June 3, 1922, wrote a letter to Dr. O. C. Strickler of New Ulm, Minn. in regard to an old Strickler graveyard near Mt. Joy. Dr. Strickler was kind enough to let me see the letter the contents of which were as follows:

Old stones in the graveyard are partly defaced but he was able to make out the following:

"b. Jul. 18, 174—
"b. Sep. 16, 1812, 67 years.
"Abraham Strickler, b. Dec. 18-1738, d. Apr. 4, 1821, 82y-3m-16d."

Some of the stones Mr. Brubaker says he could not lift up, being in the ground too deep.

The following is information obtained from the old graveyard near Mt. Joy, (probably nearer Elizabethtown), Pa. by Mrs. Virginia S. Milbourne, of Charles Town, W. Va. She visited the place on June 7, 1924. She found three gravestones on the farm of Samuel G. Stern who had removed the stones from the graveyard, plowing over the spot, and preserving the stones. Her statement follows:

"1. (Oldest and best preserved stone)

Here rests Anna Strickler who was born on the 7' of July, 1770, died 12" February, 1846. Her age was 75 years, 7 months and 5 days."

"2. Abraham Strickler was born on the 18th of December 1738 and died 4th of April, 1821, aged 82 years, 3 months and 16 days."

"3. (stone broken across first name and year of birth)

—am Strickler born 18th of July, (1746), died September 6th, 1813, aged 67 years, 1 month and 18 days."

Mr. Stern was unable to give the date when the Stricklers last occupied the farm but his mother-in-law Mrs. Johnson, over seventy,
said she knew a woman about her own age who lived with the Stricklers on this farm in her youth, therefore about sixty years ago.

Records at Phila. May 6, 1763, Book AA Vol. 4 p. 357, Hans Strickler is required to pay over a certain sum to London.


Another deed from Abraham Strickler to his son John.

There is a will on record showing that Abraham Strickler had children as follows: Jacob, John, Catherine, and Ann. Abraham's farm consisted of 210 acres.

Jacob Strickler of Egypt, Page County, Va., s. of Abraham, the Pioneer, married for his second wife Magdalene Moomaw, from Pennsylvania, according to the Virginia tradition and records.

In a History of Lancaster County, (Franklin, Ellis & Evans, 1101 pages, 1883,) I find the following: George Mumma, a pioneer, settler of West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa., died in 1786, leaving surviving him among other children, Magdalena Strickler. This circumstance leads us to believe that Jacob Strickler of Egypt married Magdalene Moomaw, the daughter of George of West Hempfield Township, and that this was near the location of his father's home in Pennsylvania. West Hempfield Township joins Mt. Joy Township, the town of Mt. Joy being on the border between the two. It is reasonable to suppose that Jacob Strickler visited his relatives in and around Mt. Joy and there met his second wife.

Dr. O. C. Strickler, Physician and Surgeon to Loretts and Union Hospital, New Ulm, Minn., thinks his ancestors lived here also. He tells me that his people moved to Canada (near Toronto) in 1825, leaving his grandfather, Abraham, who did not wish to go along, there, (in Lancaster County, Pa.). Abraham had three sons; John, Abraham, and Daniel, his father.

Abraham
1. John
2. Abraham
3. Daniel

1. Dr. O. C. Strickler, New Ulm, Minn.

In 1790, first census, an Abraham Strickler was living in Mt. Joy Township with a family of five, a Jacob Strickler in Hempfield Township with a family of eleven, an Ulrich Strickler, with a family of seven, and a Henry Strickler, with a family of twelve in Rapho Township. These townships all adjoin, and these are the only Stricklers found there at this date.

Allen Darius Strickler, 136 Buffum St. Buffalo, N. Y.
Ulrich Strickler, of Lancaster, Co. Pa. m. Miller
1. Samuel, Goshen, Ind.
2. John, Clarence, N. Y.—at least four daughters living there, 1923.
3. Jacob, killed by the kick of a horse
4. Barbara m. Abraham Shope
5. Elizabeth, m. Jonas Hershey
6. Katherine m. Abram Witmer
7. Daniel b. 1809-d. 1901, m. (1) Susan Summy, (2) Eliza Faust, 5 ch. by each wife.
   Ch. by first wife.
   I. Sue, single quite old living in Buffalo, N. Y.
   II. Sophia, m. Simon Neff
      1. Grace m. Daniels, once Treas. Erie Co. in Music business.
      2. Ella m. Frank Farrer, once Pres. Buffalo Foundry.
   III. Daniel, Jr. dec'd. s.
   IV. Salome, dec'd. s.
   V. Ann m. Rev. Henry Herrick (Baptist), Minne. Minn.
      2. Wm. Herrick, dec'd. Civil Engineer, Locorro (Locero) N. M.
   Ch. of 2nd. wife.
   VI. Allen Darius, m. Emma A. Tyler, 136 Buffum St. Buffalo, N. Y.
      1. Imogen, m. Harold R. Robertson of Phila.
      2. Lottie, m. Lot H. Cooke, Buffalo
      3. Herbert, m. Lilly Styles of Hamilton, Ont. Can.
   VII. Ellen m. Rufus Choate, widow lives 7700 E. Terrace, Chicago.
      3. Allen, m. Clara Eberhart
      4. Rufus s. dec'd.
      5. Edna s.
      6. Chester somewhere in France,—now N. Y. City.
   VIII. Hershel, m. Emma Lewis of Niagara Falls, N. Y.
      1. Dr. Herschel, s. a physician, lives with his father and mother at Waverly, Balto. Md. 632 Gorsuch Ave.
      2. Ethel, m. Wilber L. Lytle of Buffalo, N. Y.
   IX. Elvira T. Strickler died in childhood.
   X. Wilgus Eugene, m. Alice Johnson
      1. Wilgus Eugene, Jr. s.
   1. Wm. Otto
   2. Evelyn.

Mrs. Alice K. Herrick, a daughter-in-law of Ann Strickler Herrick and Rev. Henry Herrick, matron of Sheperdson College, Granville, O., tells me that her daughter, Laura Herrick, is a descendant thru her mother's family of a Mr. Funk of Singers Glen, Rockingham County, Virginia, a Revolutionary soldier, and remarks that she has four revolutionary ancestors.

Allen Darius Strickler tells me that his father, Ulrich Strickler, moved with his family from Pennsylvania to the Canadian shore of Niagara River a few miles from Buffalo, N. Y., previous to the war of 1812; that after the war he moved to Clarence, Erie County, N. Y., eighteen miles east of Buffalo, where he lived on his farm until he died, after rearing a large family, and purchasing farms for his four sons and also amply providing for his three daughters. He tells me that his wife is a direct descendant of John Alden of the ship Mayflower, that his mother was from Pa., that Rufus Choate, who married his sister Ellen, is related to the noted lawyer of that name, that his son Herbert A. Strickler is connected with the engineering department of the Lackawanna Steel Co., a sixty million dollar corporation, and that Daniel Strickler, his father, was a farmer, and at one time owned a mill and afterwards was in the boot and shoe business in Buffalo.

John Strickler, son of Ulrich, has the following children that I know of: 1923.
   1. Miss Hattie Strickler, in her 77th year
   2. Mrs. Lydia Strickler Diller, 80 years of age
   3. Mrs. Elizabeth Strickler Gondor, 85
   4. Miss Mary Strickler, 88

All live in one home in Clarence, N. Y.

Allen D. Strickler tells me that the Summy family fled from European bigotry and religious intolerance to America, landing in Phila. Pa. in 1733, that it was a Mennonite family and came from the Waldenses. He says that the Stricklers were Mennonites also.

I am indebted to LeRoy Strickler of Mt. Washington, Balto. Md., who travels c-t of Balto, for a stationery firm, for some of the above information. He referred me to Allen D. above, who gave me the most of the information in regard to this family.

In 1737 Ulrich Strickler landed in America, he being the only one by that name listed among the Strickler emigrants. In 1771 1782 and 1779 Ulrich Strickler was taxed in Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa. It is more than likely that this Ulrich was the father of Ulrich who was the father of Daniel, the father of Allen D.
Henry Strickler of Fayette County, Pa.

Henry Strickler migrated from Lancaster County, Pa. and settled on a farm in Fayette Co., three miles west of Connellsville, Pa., becoming one of the first settlers in that part of the state. The old homestead has always remained in the possession of the family, having passed from Henry to his son Henry R. and in turn to his son George W. Strickler, whose widow lives on the old homestead at present (1915). The tradition in the family is that they came from Zurich, Switzerland. Information from Mrs. Iva Laughry, Scottdale, Pa., Vice Pres. of the family reunion held near Uniontown in 1916.

Henry Strickler, b. 1763 - d. Jan. 14, 1840, age 77, m. Frances—
—b. 1772-d. Mar. 28, 1838, age 66. At least one child:
1. Henry R. Strickler, b. 1813-d. Feb. 6, 1894, age 81, m. Susan
——— b. 1810-d. Feb. 16, 1868, age 58 yrs.
Unto them were born 9 ch. —7 sons and 2 dau.
2. L. C. m. Patterson, Calif.
3. Edward m. Easton and Tacoma, Wash.
7. Walter Broad View, Mont.
8. Roy Musselshell, Mont.
9. Lloyd Musselshell, Mont.

Officers of the Strickler reunion held at Shady Grove Park, near Uniontown, Pa. on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1916, were:
Mrs. Ira Laughrey, V. P. Scottdale, Pa.
Margaret Herbert, Treas. Dawson, Pa.

Perryopolis, Pa. Family.

Mr. F. A. Strickler, Pres. of Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Lomax, Ill. (F. F. Rehling, Cashier, and H. F. Strickler, son of F. A., Asst. Cashier) tells me that his father, Alexander Hamilton Strickler, was the only son of Jacob Strickler of Perryopolis, Fayette Co., Pa., and that Alexander H. located in the State of Ill. in 1857. Perryopolis is near Scotdale, Pa.

Jacob Strickler, of Perryopolis, Pa.
1. Amanda m. Harvey Henderson
3. ——— m. Mr. Fuller, Perryopolis
4. ——— m. ——— lived at Scotdale, Pa.
5. Alexander Hamilton Strickler
1. Frank A. m. lives at Lomax, Ill. banker. (port, Ohio.)
2. Emma Mae, s. Supt. Hallowell Deaconess Home Bridge—
4. Willard M. m. Rossville, Ill.
5. Forrest H. m. Monmouth, Ill.

In 1914 Mr. Emerson H. Strickler, with the General Chemical Com­pany, 25 Broad St. N. Y. sent me a draft of a letter written by his
father, Henry B. Strickler, in March 1906, two weeks before his death,
addressed to C. F. Strickler, Lebanon, Pa. According to this letter
I construct the following;

I. Henry Strickler, d. in York Co. 1792—3 sons and 4 da.
   Jacob remained in York Co. left a large family
   Joseph located in Franklin Co. d. 1813
   I son and da. remained in Franklin Co.—four sons went to Ill.
II. Henry went to Franklin Co. in 1806-ch. Henry and Joseph and
   6 da.
III. Henry—had four sons and five daughters.
IV. Jacob remained in Franklin Co. b. 1815-d. 1895.
V. Henry B. Strickler author of the letter, d. 1906.
VI. Emerson H. Strickler, 25 Broad St. N. Y.

Henry, II d. Franklin Co. 1816.
Henry, III went with his entire family, except his son Jacob, to Ill. in
1841-43. b. in York Co. d. in Ia. 1876.
Henry B., V. b. in original house in which his father Jacob was born,
1840-d. 1906.

Mr. Henry B. Strickler thinks that Henry Strickler, I., above, was
the son of Henry. He says that a will of Henry Strickler was probated
in Lancaster in 1761. One of the emigrants in 1727 was Henry Strick­
ler.

Maj. Michael Brenneman Strickler claimed that the emigrant,
Henry Strickler, 1727, was his paternal great-grandfather.

Mr. Henry B. Strickler mentions Dr. A. H. Strickler of Waynes­

Mr. J. S. Strickler of Waynesboro, Pa. is of this branch. I think
he has his line pretty well located.

David A. Strickler, M. D.

J. S. Strickler has a brother, David A. Strickler, M. D. Specialist,
612 Empire Bldg., Denver, Colo. His wife, Mary Bradner Strickler, is
a dentist. He is Secy. & Treas. of the Colo. State Board of Medical
Examiners. They have two daughters, Lynda, teacher in H. S. Duluth,
Minn. and Gertrude, White Plains, N. Y. David A. says that Harry
Strickler, cousin of his father's assisted his eldest brother Henry in
gathering considerable information in regard to his family.
Henry Strickler — 1723.

Miss Alice Strickler, Landisville, Pa. Secy. Strickler reunion, says that her first ancestor in America was Henry Strickler who migrated from Switzerland in 1723; that he had four sons; John, Ulrich, Abraham and Henry and that she is a descendant of the second son Ulrich whose descendants she has traced.

Dr. Melchor B. Strickler.

Miss Elizabeth Strickler, 1215 N. St. N. W., Washington, daughter of Dr. Melchor B. Strickler, b. May 21, 1834, informs me that they have a family tree, that Henry Strickler was the great-grandfather of the doctor, that his grandfather was Abram and his father was Jacob, and that there is a little sketch of the life of the doctor written in a medical work of the U. of Pa. vol. 11, p. 586. (1917) Dr. Strickler has died since 1910.

Harry J. Strickler of Tulsa, Okla., says his father is William Henry and his grandfather Isaac Strickler.

Chas. F. Kauffman, 31 S. Penn. St. York, Pa., is compiling a list of the descendants of Andrew Kauffman who came from Switzerland, 1712, and left 12 children; two, John and Isaac, came to Va. John lived in Rockingham Co. in 1796 and had a son John.

Joseph P. Strickler of Ramona, Kansas.

Joseph P. Strickler of Ramona, Kansas, had nine children;
1. Harry of Ransom, Kansas
2. Edward, dec'd.
3. Reuben, dec'd.
4. Clara, dec'd.
5. Ellis, Elcentro, Calif.
6. James, Oklahoma City, Okla.
7. William, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Frank, Lewistown, Mont.
   1. Glenn S.
   2. Dale A.
   3. Verne
   4. Anna Mae
   5. Ruth Prudence

Mr. J. S. Strickler died on Aug. 24, 1923, from the effect of burns received while trying to conquer a burning oil stove which exploded in a neighbor's home on the 23d day of August, 1923, aged 55 years. He had been a successful merchant at Ramona, Kansas, for twenty-eight years. His father lived at Ramona at the time of his death. He was married twice. The last five sons are full brothers.
Sketch taken from “Biographical Hist. of Franklin Co. Ohio.”

WILLIAM STRICKLER

“William Strickler, who has held the office of justice of the peace since 1893, and is widely known as Squire Strickler, is numbered among the prominent old settlers of Franklin County, his home being on section 36, Hamilton Tp. He was born in this township, Nov. 2, 1848, and is a son of William Strickler, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, whence he removed to Franklin Co., in 1843, locating in Hamilton Tp., where he died at the age of 35 years. He was a descendant of an old Penna. German family. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Peters, was also a native of Fairfield Co., was of Penna. German descent, and died in Franklin Co., at the advanced age of 81 yrs. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children, of whom two died in infancy, while the others reached the adult age and six are now living, namely; Mrs. Eleanor Hoggkins, widow, Isabella widow of Jos Stump, John, Susan C., widow of Edward Koochen of Texas, Margaret, wife of Michael Rohr of Van Wert, Ohio., and Maxamilia, who resides with John.

Mr. Strickler of this review, was the sixth of the family, and was only two and a half years when his father died. In 1869 he married Rachel C. Rohr and had 8 children. * * * *"

John Strickler (Pa. branch) left at least four children, Florence and Ella, unmarried, live at 972 Franklin Ave., Columbus, Ohio (1925). Information—Dr. F. W. Gardner, 185 E. State St. Columbus, Ohio. February 25th, 1924.

Mr. Harry M. Strickler,
Attorney at Law,
Harrisonburg, Va.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 18th inst. My father’s name was Clark Strickler, born in 1833 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. His father’s name was David Strickler. My grandfather, David Strickler, moved from Fayette County, Pa., to Adams County, Illinois, in 1837, where I was born. I have some information which leads me to believe that my great grandfather was named Jacob Strickler but of this I am not sure.

I will hand your letter to my partner, Mr. Chinn, for answer as to his family.

Very truly yours,

D. P. Strickler.

(Mr. Strickler is a member of the firm of Chinn & Strickler, attorneys at Law, Colo. Springs, Colo. W. J. Chinn)
Jacob Strickler of Hempfield Township.

From Evans etc. History of Lancaster Co., we learn that Jacob Strickler was a pioneer settler in Hempfield Township, purchasing land adjoining Robert Barber on the east in 1740; that he burned lime on his farm; that he was an officer in the Revolutionary War; that his son Jacob burned lime also, more extensively than his father; that he kept the old ferryhouse at Marietta; that he returned to the old homestead and erected a very large two-story stone dwelling about 1800 which was in an excellent state of preservation in 1883; that during the War of 1812 he raised a company of volunteers and marched to Kennet Square, (about ten miles north-west of Wilmington, Del.), Chester County, and thence to "Head of Elk," that he was a member of the legislature several terms; that his son Jacob (grandson of the pioneer above) was a very enterprising business man, becoming one of the wealthiest in the county; that he married first Miss Jeffries and second Miss McClung, daughter of Chas. of Lecock Township; that he died in 1850 leaving surviving him the following children; Mrs. Ephraim Hershey, Mrs. Henry Breneman, Mrs. C. S. Kauffman, Mrs. Bartram Schaeffer, Cyrus, Jacob, IV., Matthew. Of these Cyrus only was living in 1883, date of the history.

Maj. Michael Brenneman Strickler.

On p. 787 of the same volume is a sketch of Maj. Michael B. Strickler officer in the Union Army, b. Oct. 10, 1831, s. Henry H. and Ann Brenneman Strickler, d. 1841, s. Jacob and Sarah Wilson Strickler, s. Henry who came from Switzerland in 1727. Jacob was born on the West Hempfield Township homestead, now owned by the Major. Jacob left surviving him eight daughters and three sons. Henry H. was a Presbyterian, and Maj. M. B. is a member of the Reformed Church.

Calvin R. Strickler.

On p. 964 is a sketch of Calvin R. Strickler, native of York Co., Helam Township, b. 1866, s. Alfred, s. Jacob, s. John, s. Jacob Strickler who came from Switzerland. Calvin R., besides being a hardware merchant of Columbia, is connected with many business enterprises of the town and is an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

It will be noted that the tradition in all branches traces back to Switzerland.

About 1850 Ulrich Shellenberger built a mill on Barbers Run, commonly called Strickler's Run. I learn also from this history that the Mennonites settled on Little Beaver Creek, where Lancaster now stands, being the first settlers in that County, about the year 1709. French Huguenots from Alsace and Lorraine followed and settled in Pequa Valley.
Alsace and Lorraine has always been German in blood, some authorities giving the proportion as high as ninety per cent. History tells us that during the reign of Louis XIV France obtained the German province of Alsace (1648), and in 1681 Louis seized Strasburg in a time of peace. It remained under French rule until 1870 when it was reunited to Germany. After the world war it was again given to France. The people have always been Protestants in these provinces and probably eighty per cent. of all the Protestants in France to-day are in these provinces.

Information from Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd. Series, Vol. II, On p. 313—Andrew Strickler, being a Quaker, was naturalized, 1744.
On p. 325—Henry Strickler, being a Quaker, was naturalized, 1750.
On p. 422—Christopher Strickler, soldier, age 28, enlisted, July 4, 1746.
(The expression “being a Quaker” might indicate that they were Quakers but not necessarily, as the term was used for both Mennonites and Quakers in public documents—in fact, Mennonite was, we might say, the German name for the same sect).

Emigrants arriving in Philadelphia.

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Henry Strickler, Oct. 27, 1737, ship Friendship, from Rotterdam, p. 142.
Ulrich Strickler, Oct. 8, 1737, ship Charming Nancy from Rotterdam, p. 142.
also Hans Jacob Strickler, Barbara Strickler, Anna Catrina Strickler, and Anna Strickler.
Abraham Strickler, Sep. 4, 1754, ship Brothers, from Rotterdam, p. 433.
Daniel Strickler, Oct. 27, 1746, ship Hero, from Rotterdam, p. 465.
Mr. H. H. Shenk, custodian of public records at Harrisburg, Pa., sent me a list of immigrants which is the same as above except his has a Henry Strickler landing in Oct. 16, 1727, and an Andreas Strickler on Sep. 11, 1728. Mr. Shenk married a Miss Strickler and is historian for the family reunion held each year. He was kind enough to send me much information much of which I already had.

On the early deed records in Lancaster County I find the following Stricklers with date when they first appear; Abraham 1759; Jacob, 1759; Leonard, 1780; Henry, 1759; Daniel, 1769. In 1822 (C-5-304) Abraham Strickler's heirs convey land, and the following children appear, Barbara Barnhart, John Strickler, Catherine and Anna Strickler. Abraham is late of Mt. Joy Township. In 1761 Jacob Strickler obtains land from Henry Strickler’s heirs Hempfield Township. In 1769, John Shellenberger conveys land to Daniel and Jacob Strickler and others, (0-180).
In 1759, Abraham and Henry Strickler and others obtain land from Car-rius Starrett. These deed records began in 1729. I spent only a few minutes with the records, and I may not have found the earliest. However, I was surprised not to find a record earlier than 1759. The earliest records are at Harrisburg. Andrew Strickler took up land as early as 1736 I understand.

Mr. H. H. Shenk sent me some early data on early surveys and tax records, which I present in condensed form.

Lancaster County.

Strickler
Andreas, 30 A. Apr. 25, 1753, date of survey
And'w., 60 A. Oct. 3, 1751, date of survey
same, 50 A. Jan. 16, 1737, date of survey
Hans, 150 A. Nov. 13, 1747, date of survey.
Henry, 1771, 290 A. -1772, 219 A. -1779, 20 A. Rapho Township
Henry, Jr. 1771, 200 A. Rapho Twp.
Lorance, 1771 East Hanover Twp.
Ulrich, 1779, 150 A. Rapho Twp. -1782, 156 A. -1771, 150A. -1772, 150 A.
Widow, 1773, 50 A. Londonderry Twp.
Lehnhart, 1771, 50 A. Heidleberg, Twp.
Leonard, 1785, Apr. 14, date of survey, 20 A.
Catherain, 1772, Londonderry Twp. 2. Horses and a cow.
Chr's. 1773, Elizabeth Twp.
George, 1772, Heidleberg. Twp. 1779 Newman's Town, same Twp.

Dauphin Co.

Abraham, 1790, Nov. 11, date of survey, 10 A.

York Co.

Conrad, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, Helam Twp.
Henry, Jr. 1782, 20 A. Helam Twp.
Jacob, 1779, 182 A., 1780, 1782, Helam Twp.
Jacob, Jr. 1782, 130 A. Helam Twp.

Lebanon Co.

Daniel, 1847, Jan. 16, date of survey, 5 A.

In all of the above records there is a property tax, the number of horses and cattle being given.

Conrad Strickler's will is probated in York Co. 1793, (Bk. I p. 9). He gives all to his wife Christina. Her will is probated in same County, made 1796, (K-p. 9). She devises her property to her own and her late husband's relatives. She divides the property into 15 equal shares and gives Catherine Strickler, wife of John, one share, one to the children of John Strickler, dec'd., one to Jacob Strickler, one to Abraham
Strickler, one to Ulrich Strickler, and a share to John Strickler, her executor.

She mentions her brothers John and Christian Bixler but she does not state the relationship the Stricklers bear to her late husband, of Helam Township.

Mr. Edward Bupp, register of wills at York, Pa. tells me that there is a will of John Strickler of Windsor Township on file at York of date Mar. 11, 1777, also of Henry Strickler of Helam of date, Nov. 29, 1792.


Meaning of figures in the five columns;
First column—free white males 16 yrs and over including heads of families
second column—free white males under 16 years
third column—free white females including heads of families
fourth column all other persons
fifth column slaves.

Stricklers are found in six Counties, as follows, in 1790:
Bucks County.
Abraham, 1-0-2-0-0
Peter, 1-2-3-0-0

Dauphin County.
Abraham, 4-1-3-0-0
Leonard, 3-2-4-0-0
Andrew, 1-0-4-0-0
Andrew, 3-0-2-0-0
George, 1-0-2-0-0
George, 2-2-4-0-0

Fayette County.
Abraham, 1-0-0-0-0
Theodore, 1-4-5-0-0
Jacob, 2-2-5-0-0
Henry, 1-0-0-0-0
(Protestant in Dauphin Peter in Bucks-spelled Stricklar.)

Lancaster County.
Abraham, 1-2-3-0-0
Rapho, Twp.
Henry, 5-2-5-0-0
Helam, Twp.

Mt. Joy Twp.

In 1790 Stricklers were found in two States, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and in only six counties in the former and only in two counties in the latter, all in Shenandoah Co. except one, John in Rockingham. None owned slaves at this date.
Conrad Strickler, 1736, York Co. Pa.

In the notes sent to me by Emerson Strickler, prepared by his father, Mr. H. B. Strickler, I find that Rupp's history of Lancaster and York, 1846, gives an account of proceedings in Chester County in 1736, between the colonists under William Penn's heirs and those under Lord Baltimore, in which the name of Conrad Strickler appears.

This was evidently the Conrad who was the brother of Abraham Strickler who located in Virginia about this time.

The Pennsylvania family has been holding reunions for 14 years. The Strickler family, Virginia branch, has been holding reunions in Iroquois, Ill. several years, Mrs. Edwin Strickler, Secy. Here is the program of the last reunion of the Pennsylvania Clan.

**PROGRAM AND NOTES**

**FOURTEENTH**

**Annual Strickler Family Re-Union**

**HERSHEY PARK, HERSHEY, PA., JUNE 14, 1923.**

Program A. M.

**SEMBLING AND SIGNATURES**

**SONG FEST**

**STUNTS FOR JUNIORS**

**SNAP SHOTS**

**STRANGERS INTRODUCED**

**LUNCH 12 M.**

Program 2 P. M.

Devotions
Recitation
Music, "The Old Virginia Hills."
Address

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Address
Recitation
Piano Duett
Roll Call by Counties
Business
Music, "God Be With You."
Benediction

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Annie Hoverter, Harrisburg

Refreshments, - - - - Mrs. M. H. Wenger, Hershey

The Thirteenth Annual Reunion was held at Elm Beach Park, Conewago, Pa., June 8, 1922. The following counties were represented: Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Union and York. There were 262 persons registered. A banner for the Clan was prepared and presented by J. Strickler Billet and accepted by the Reunion Membership. Greetings were sent to the Clan in Illinois.

The Strickler family of Fayette Co., Pa. held a reunion in 1916, Fowler P. Newmyer, Secy. Vanderbilt, Pa. I do not know whether they have kept them up.

At the Strickler Reunion held at Donovan, Ill, 1924, 262 were present. Mrs. Edwin Strickler, Secy. This is a Virginia Branch of the family.

Other facts picked up here and there.

Capt. Strickler, Camp Hancock, Ga. during W. W. from Columbia, Pa. Information from Maj. G. B. Strickler, my first cousin, who supervised the building of the camp.


James P. Strickler, increase of pension, House bill 21011.

Isaac Newton Strickler, increase of pension, H. R. 13189-3538, Mr. Stephens of Calif. Cong. Record, Aug. 5, 1911.


Sarah Strickler, residing with David J. Strickler, Page Co. Va. was receiving a Revolutionary pension, about 1830.

Blake Strickler, son of Dr. Strickler, Fairmont, W. Va. was living near Concord, Ohio 1921, married Miss Davisson.

About 1904 a Dr. Strickler was living near Clarksburg, W. Va. There are Stricklers living in Pittsburg, lawyers by profession.

Rev. Ellis Strickler, Blodget, Ill. 1915, newspaper.

Henry and David Strickler, Marrow Co. Ohio, near Galion, old 1914.

There was a Strickler in Logan Co. Okla, 1892-3. 60 years old at that date who had made considerable money in real estate. Information, W. A. Maphis, Toms Brook, Va.
Harry Strickler, a member of the Enoch Brown Asso., which in 1914, dedicated a monument to the pioneers of Ft. Cord who were killed April 1, 1756, eight miles west of Chambersburg, Pa.

I understand that Strickler brothers have a large restaurant in Columbus, Ohio.

Martin Strickler purchased 320 acres of land for $420 (war deed), June 13, 1827, (Vol. 2-p. 451) at Terre Haute, Vigo Co. Ind. sold same to John Hay, 1829.

Some one told me that a Strickler was President of the State Bank at Cheraw, Cal. or Colo.


Susan A. Strickler received a pension, Senate Bill 488, Cong. Record, p. 81, Apr. 1917.

There are Stricklers in Delaware Co. Ind.
Samuel Strickler, State Senator, lives in Marion, Ind.
Eight or ten Strickler families live around Hagerstown, and Richmond, Ind.

Stricklers live near Omega and Salem, Ill.
Strickler’s Business College, Topeka, Kan.
I have been told that a Strickler was with a bank in Albuquerque, N. M., that he afterwards located in Long Beach, Calif.

There is a lawyer by the name Strickler in Long Beach.
David P. Strickler, Lawyer, Colo. Springs, Colo. elected to American Bar Asso. 1913.

There were two Stricklers living in Emerson, la. engaged in the lumber business; both died about 1912.
Strickler-prosecuting attorney, New Brunswick, N. J. 1922.
Found on a headstone in East Lawn Cemetery, Salem, Ill.

“Presented by the young men friends of Salem to the memory of John G. Strickler, died Sep. 10, 1858, age 35 years 11 months 14 days.”

“Remember me as you pass bye
as you are now, so once was I
as I am now, so you must be
prepare to follow me.”

Relatives of John G. Strickler who lived in Salem were;
Mrs. Amelia Hart (Strickler) Irwin, (a sister) wife of John G. Irwin, Sr. Their children; Dr. Al Irwin, John Erwin, Jr., Maggie Irwin, m. W. W. Adams, 195 N. Dearborn Ave., Kankakee, Ill., Franklin N. Irwin, Ella Irwin and George Irwin, none of whom live in Salem, Ill. Information, John M. Green.
AUTHORS

Theodore Strickler—"When and where we met etc.", being a list of the battlefields of the Civil War.


William Maberry Strickler, M. D.—"Essays on Human Nature" by Wm. Maberry Strickler, M. D. Col. Springs, Col. (The Prompt Printery 1907) - 278 pages—some of the contents: Bringing sunshine into life—Highest good—Relation of Ethics and Religion—Healthy mindedness etc.

Givens Brown Strickler, D. D.


"Presbyterian Church in the United States in memorial Vol. of Westminster Assembly 1897 etc."—Strickler's contribution;" The Catechisms."


Inaugural Dissertation zur
Erlangung Der Philosophischen Doktorwurde vorgelegt der H O H E N Philosophischen Fakultat (mathematisch- naturwissenschaftliche septior)
Der Universität Zurich von
Edwin Strickler aus Hombrechtikon (Kt. Zurich)
Dr. Johannes Strickler of Zurich, archivist for a long time at Zurich and Bern, (died about 1910) was an author of some note in Switzerland.

"The Helvetic Republic" -Stampflische buchdr. 1886-1905 8 large volumes.

"Switzerland" This is a history of Switzerland I think. Joint author with Ferdinand von Arx

"Illustriete Schweizergeschichte fur schule and haus. von F. von Arx... unter mitwirkung von J. Strickler. mit 144 illustrationen. Zurich, O. Fussli & Co. (1887) VIII 301 p.)

A Dr. Simon Kaiser is joint author in one of the above publications. This is the same man mentioned in the letter of Albert Strickler of Horgan, Switzerland, Albert says: "One or two Stricklers of the 18th century were good painters, some teachers, the most prominent of the 19th century was Dr. Johannes Strickler, who died a few years ago (he was writing in 1912) aged 90 years. —This gentleman held for many years the charge of "Archivist of the state & republic of Zurich" and in later years he was appointed by the Swiss federal government to make researches in the Swiss Archives and compile a History on the foundation of the New Swiss Confederation. - He was a historian of great repute and wrote several books on historical matters..." See p. 16 for a copy of the original letter.

The books being written in German it was rather difficult for me to copy even the title. They can be seen in the Congressional Library at Washington.

The production by Edwin Strickler seems to be a lecture on some scientific subject. It will be noted that the title ends with the words: "aus Hombrechtikon (Kt. Zurich)" The book "Siebmachers Wappenbuch, Band V" in the library at Zurich says that the Stricklers originate from Hombrechtikon, in the canton of Zurich. See p. 13. The ending of the title probably means that Edwin Strickler is from Hombrechtikon, Canton of Zurich.

Pioneers in Freedom.

Another Strickler, I have been told, is the author of a history of the Swiss Anabaptists. In this work he proves by his researches and those of other scholars that the odium attached to the Anabaptists is unjustified, and hence has done much to clear up the true state of affairs. As a matter of fact he proves them to be pioneers of those very principles of freedom which are the most treasured possessions of all enlightened Christians to-day.

All the above books are on file in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C. except possibly the last. I have never seen it. I am not certain whether or not I have seen the second one mentioned.
Genealogies

The following genealogies or family histories I have heard of or seen.


- The Funkhouser Family
- The Beery Family
- The Kagey Family
- Abraham Beery's descendants
- Nicholas Beery's descendants, By Joseph H. Wenger, S. English, Ia.
- The Kite Family
- Klein, Cline in preparation.

The Branner Family, by John Casper Branner, President of Leland Stanford University.

- The Coiner Family
- The Miller Genealogy, by Chas. H. Miller, Millersport, Ohio. (not printed)

Miller, Quarry, Shrewsberry, Dickenson, Lewis, Ruffner families


- The Wagenseller Family in America, a Genealogy.

- The Heatwole Family, By C. J. Heatwole, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
- The Huddles or Hottles by Rev. W. D. Huddle 33 E. Walnut St. Westerville, Ohio.

Hayden's Virginia Genealogies
Hopkin's Genealogy of Rockingham Co. (data from Cook's Creek and Peaked Mt. Churches)

Chalkley—by Judge Lyman Chalkley. Extracts from the Court Records of Augusta County, Va.—1745 to 1800—Published by Mary S. Lockwood—3 Vols.—Printed by The Commonwealth Press, Rosslyn, Va. This is not a genealogy but it has much genealogical information. $20.00.
APPENDIX

Good-Strickler, Pa.

Elizabeth Strickler (1790-1877) m. Henry Good (1782-1869), both York Co., Pa. had issue among others; Elizabeth Good (1816-1895) m. Wm. Reeser, York Co., ch. among others; Henry Reeser, m. Martha Yoder of Ohio, removed to Forsyth, Ill, had large family, one da. Elizabeth Yoder m. Frank E. Sawyer, Decatur, Ill. 2 ch; Russell H. and Elizabeth Helen Sawyer. (Informant-Frank E. Sawyer, Decatur, Ill., 1925.)

Ray County Missouri-and the Rockingham Community.

Ray County, Missouri, has what is called "The Rockingham Community." This community is made up of people from Rockingham County, Virginia, and their descendants, and occupies the eastern part of the County. It is the most up to date rural community in the State. It is noted far and wide as an ideal community, educationally, agriculturally, religiously, morally, and socially. Delegations from all over the South and Middle-West visit this community for information and improved ideas.

Here are some of the names found in the Rockingham Community. Bowmans, Hogans, Sandys, Shirkeys, Hoovers, Hollars, Roads, Minnicks, Beerys, Browns, Rusts, Newhams, Moyers, and many others. These are all familiar Rockingham County names, with one or two exceptions, possibly.

This information is from Mr. Thos. Kerr Kirkpatrick, Richmond, Ray Co., Mo. He descends from Isabelle McDowell, b. about 1770 m. Kerr, about 1790. He would like to know the name of the father of Isabelle McDowell.

Extracts from a letter of Wm. Lee Strickler.

There was a ford six or seven hundred yards above the Roads home historically known as Guthries Ford. There was a house at the mouth of this ford known as the Noah Fleming home which washed away in 1870. They lost everything except the clothes on their backs. The ford just below the Roads home was known as Bloody Ford. Both of these fords were used fifty years ago to shorten the distance to Luray.

There was a private road on the east side of the river from the old ware house to Bixler's Ferry. The ware house was located on the east side of the river about a mile (perhaps not quite) above the Roads home and on the old Furnace road which ran east to Blackford and Arthur's old iron works, a mile below Luray. The ware house was on the old Charles Flinn place, now owned by Samuel Brubaker. (1925) I remember seeing them load flour and other produce on gondola boats there which came from the Hawksbill and some from east of the Blue Ridge.
I know when Bixler’s Ferry was Pixler’s Ferry. I remember old Mr. Peter Pixler. He must have been quite a hundred years old. He lived in a little house a few hundred yards below Bloody Ford. He lost his pension from the War of 1812 by changing his name to Bixler. His house also washed away in the flood of 1870. You have Bloody Ford about right in your book (Massanutten). It is about 150 yards north-east of the pear tree. Mr. Strickler also gave me the following story of the toll house.

At the time of the flood of 1870 there was a little toll house at the east end of the White House Bridge. A man by the name of Price was washed out of this toll house and he caught hold of or lodged in an elm tree about 40 yards below and he remained there until late the next evening when he was brought off in a skiff. The tree was evidently very near the White House and was undermined and washed away in 1877. It was a lucky thing for Mr. Price that it was not undermined in 1870.

The Burner burying ground was about 250 yards above the old Burner chimney and they were all washed down in 1870. One stone in particular was inscribed Anna Burner. It was used at the old house as a door step.

**Coffmans of Greenbrier.**

Isaac Coffman came from Germany (or Switzerland) settled first in Pennsylvania and later came to the Shenandoah Valley and still later settled in Greenbrier County, Virginia. His grandson Samuel, settled in Rockingham County. He was a Mennonite preacher. The line is as follows:

Jacob B. Coffman, Dayton, Va. informant, s. Samuel of Rockingham, 12 ch; s. Chrisley, 12 ch; s. Isaac.

The Reformed congregation at Massanutten sent a petition to Holland for a pastor. This petition was found among other ancient papers in Holland, and I understand these papers have recently been published.


Jacob Stover of Massanutten died in Orange County in 1741, his son Jacob qualified as admr. His wife’s name was Ruth.

Jacob Stover’s estate—John Bowen Admr. -Aug. 1746, Augusta Co.

Mr. Chas. E. Kemper informs me that Stover sold the upper grant to Francisco in 1738 and moved down the river to land which he patented in 1738 and settled near the Fairfax line where he died in 1741. In this year he joined the Augusta or Old Stone Church (Fort Defiance).
as shown by its records.

In 1736 Stover sold a 400 acre tract, lying on the left bank of the river, to Peter Bowman, being a part of the land on which Stover then lived. (D. B. 1, p. 393-Orange Co.). Bowman sold to Ridlicksberger.

Russell v. Francisco- Jacob Stover, Jr. inherited the upper patent, at least the remains, but failed to pay rents and in 1746 W. Russell got an order from the general court forfeiting same. (Chalkley).

Mr. Chas. E. Kemper tells me that Stover lived for three years at Bogota, now the residence of Dr. A. S. Kemper, where he built the first home in Rockingham Co.

Mill Creek near which the battle of Cross Keys was fought was once called Jacob Stover's Mill Creek.

Joachim Van Farson patented land on Cub Run, Smith Creek, and on Cooks Creek. He was called the Dutch Lord. (Bk. O. p. 170, pt. 1) I am informed by Mr. Kemper that he went to Georgia.

Geo. Cline patented 44 acres adjoining the Dutch Lord in 1792.

Jacob Spitier patented 89 acres adjoining the Dutch Lord, 1795.

The Spring at Dayton was called, prior to 1750, Huston's Spring.

Title to Egypt tract, lower part, is as follows: Jacob Stover, Abraham Strickler, John Strickler, Jacob Stover, Jacob Shenk, Jacob C. Bowers, Jacob C. Burner, present owner of Egypt House. Mr. Burner recently sold his fine home in Luray for $25,000 for a school.

Settlement of the Estate of Henri' Brumbaugh -1810- executors filed receipts of the following: John Broombaugh, Samuel Stover, David Ruffner, David Broombaugh, widow Brumbaugh, Barbaray Strickler, Abraham Miller, Henry Brumback, and Samuel Miller. This settlement is partly burned.

There is a petition, dated 1728, by the Robinson River settlement in Madison County, in which it is stated that Indians were living about forty miles west of their settlement. This was evidently the Massanutten town. (Vol. 14 Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biog.- an article by Rev. Wm. J. Hinke).

Mr. Wm. Boone Douglass, 1851 Irving St. N. W., Washington, D. C. is organizing a Boone Family Association. Jacob Boone of Rockingham County is a member of this family. He is probably the same Jacob who is the ancestor of the Boones of Boones Mill, Franklin County, Virginia. Hazel A. Spraker of 64 Dorchester Road, Buffalo, N. Y. is interested in the Association.

The Zirkles.

a1. Ludwig Zirkle, (the immigrant) arrived in America at Phila-delphia about 1725. Peter Zirkle, (a2) brother of Ludwig, settled on the head of the James.

Ludwig had at least five sons and two daughters. The sons were:
b1. Lewis, the tanner, located on Smith Creek, Endless Caverns.
b2. John, located in Botetourt Co., (first on Smith Creek probably)
b3. Michael, Hollmans Creek, many descendants.
b4. Andrew, Hollmans Creek, many descendants.
b5. George Adam, on North Branch of the Shenandoah, New Market.

Lewis, the tanner.

Lewis, the tanner, and his four brothers came to Virginia about 1765, all, except John, locating near New Market.

Lewis, b. 1740, d. Jan. 22, 1815, leaving a widow, Mary Magdalene, and 12 children as follows:

- c2. Eve m. Jacob Roller
- c3. Elizabeth m. Philip Arey
- c4. Susan m. John Higgs
- c5. Rebecca m. George Rosenberger, Sr. Rosendale.
- c6. Sarah m. Thomas Robinson
- c7. Rachel, m. William Pence
- c8. Cath., m. Abraham Peters
- c9. John, m. Regina Daughtery, probably?
- c10. Magdalene m. George Hoop (Hoof probably)
- c11. Lewis, m. Nancy Caudwell

- c11. Lewis Zirkle, son of Lewis, the tanner, m. Nancy Caudwell, da. Thomas Caudwell. Lewis, b. 1786 - d. 1862. Nancy, b. 1785 - d. 1854. They had 13 ch:
  - d1. Margaret, 1802 m. Benj. Strickler (p. 131)
  - d2. Daniel, b. 1805
  - d4. Mary 1809
  - d5. Elizabeth 1812
  - d6. Lewis 1814
  - d7. Delilah 1816
  - d8. Geo. W. 1818
  - d9. Nancy 1821
  - d10. Benjamin 1822
  - d12. A daughter df. 1827
  - d13. A daughter df. 1828

(Information in regard to the first family above was taken from a report of the Zirkle Reunion Aug. 10, 1893; in regard to the second from Chalkley Vol. II. p. 248; and the third family is from the Zirkle Bible.)
Mr. Alberta Coffman, of Dayton, Virginia, has a very ancient watch, once the property of his great-grandmother, Elizabeth Strickler-Coffman, wife of David Coffman, of Dayton. It was what Alberta calls a chain wind. (p. 245.)

Kenneth D. Miller, Supt. of Schools, Fort Doge, Iowa, goes back in the following line. His grandfather, Jacob Miller (1799-1881) was the son of Christian Miller, who was the son of Samuel Miller who m. Elizabeth Wiley and they became the parents of Abraham and Samuel Miller who married the Misses Brumbacks, sister. He has all the brothers and sister of Abraham and Samuel Miller, Jr., ten in all. (1925). (p. 180).


Geo. W. F. Strickler, member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, 1873 or 1875, from Hardin Co., natal County of Abraham Lincoln.

Samuel Strickler of New Market was in the Virginia House of Delegates for seven sessions, 1802-1816. (p. 73)

Jacob P. Strickler (m498) was a merchant for fifty years (17 years at Monterey and 33 years at Ellenboro), member of the State Constitutional Convention, 1872. He d. 1895. His wife was Elizabeth Mary Gilmore, da. Alexander and Sallie Gilmore of Rockingham. His da. Nellie m. H. J. Scott, cashier, of the F. & M. Bank, Pennsboro, W. Va. for 17 years, now Supt. of the West Virginia Heat & Light Co. Their daughter m. Dr. Ireland of Pennsboro. Mrs. Scott is a member of the D. A. R. (Ad. Pennsboro, W. Va. 1925).

John Strickler of Spartopolis (Mauzy), Rockingham Co., Va., had five children in 1842. (Old letter date June 17 1842 from John Cowan to Wm. Cowan). There is evidence that John m. a daughter of Henry Cowan of Tenth Legion, Rev. Soldier. This was John of Athlone evidently. (p. 380)

Frank B. Lamb, Westfield, N. Y., Informant.

Wm. G. Strickler, Vice President of the Marshalltown State Bank, Marshalltown, Iowa. (See m873).

Wyatt Strickler, Columbia University, 1925. (Ind. m84)
Dudley Strickler, U. S. M. A. West Point, 1925. (Ind. m84)
Edith Garber (917) m. Angelo Maceta -1 s. Dante, de. 18, 1916. Alma Garber (919) m. Harry Simonim -W. W. V.
Elizabeth Lee (914) has four ch. 1925.
Nannie Taylor (216) has three ch. 1925.
Martha Strickler (931) m. Jacob P. Myers
W. E. Strickler (932) m. Zella Norman - twin sons, 1924.

Many hundreds have been added to the family since 1914 and the years following of which I have no record. I doubt if this record contains a fourth of all the descendants of Abraham Strickler. Many of the descendants of daughters have not been traced.

The Massanutten Society.

On June 16, 1925, the Massanutten Society was organized, to preserve the history of the Massanutten Settlement and the history of the Shenandoah Valley in general. There is much that an organization of this kind can do. Rev. M. L. Peter, Smithfield, Pa., President; D. L. Kauffman, Luray, Va., Secretary. If you forget the name of the Secretary, just address the Secretary of the Massanutten Society, Luray, Va.

We should not live in the past nor upon the past, but there is a proper balance of respect for the past, present, and future that no people can disregard and survive. Show me a backward people, and I will show you a people who have no past to revere, or who have a worthy past but have failed to revere it. Let us hark back to the virtues of our ancestors, not to their faults but to their virtues.

John Henry Strickler of Blacksburg, Va., member of Floyd County p. 74.*

John Henry Strickler of Blacksburg, age about 75, 1925, m. (1) Bowers (2) Lydia Russell -15ch. all by first wife except Russell and Jacob.

1. Albert, m. 1ch.
2. Glenn m. Susan Garst, -4ch. Curtis, Pearl, Helen & Eliz.
5. Russell Bransom, m. Bulah May Ingoe -0ch.
6. Jacob Adrin, youngest, s. V. P. I. student with Agriculture survey in Rockingham and Augusta, 1925.
7. A daughter dy.
8. A daughter dy.
9. Ida, m. Thomas Phlegher -3ch. all m. Lena m. Lacey Reese -1ch.; John m. 1ch.; Herman m. abt. 5ch.
10. Mary, m. Marion Bowers -3da. Mattie m. James, 2ch.; Ruby m. 2 or 3 ch.; 3d. m. also name unknown.
12. Eugenia, m. Albert McDaniel, -6ch. Hubert, Morris, Henry,

*This family record came in too late to be properly located but it is evidently nearly related to the Floyd Co. family.
Okey, Virginia, LeRoy, Loretta. Hubert is m.
13. **India**, dec'd. 1925, m. Joseph Naff -6ch. Raymond, Ida, Bertha, Woodrow Wilson, David, & the baby. The father is dead also.
15. **Della**, m. Homer Bowers, -8 or 9 sons, Clarence, Harold, John, Glenn, Burnard, Kermit, Elvin, & the baby.

All of the above are living, 1925, except, India. Address of all is Blacksburg, Va., except, 2, Roanoke, Va.; 9, 10, & 11, Salem, Va.; 12 Bluefield, W. Va.; 14, Floyd, Va.

Ida Strickler, sister of John Henry Strickler, m. Peter Shenk of Salem, Va. She is living at Salem and is about 80 years old. She has cated around Salem. John Henry lived in Floyd Co. until about 1905. **Ida Jane Strickler**, (sister of John Henry Strickler of Blacksburg, Va.) five or six sons and a daughter Elzata who m. a minister. All are lo­m. **Peter Andrew Shank** -7ch.

3. Wm. Samuel, m. Irene Smith-1ch. dec'd.
5. James Garfield, m. Mary Duffy -ch. Leo & Wm.
7. ida Elza!a, m. Edward Switzen- no ch.
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