MATHIAS MÜNCH/MINNICK (1776-1860)
of
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA
ANCESTORS
and
DESCENDANTS

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Background. My wife, Clara, grew up in the New Market area of Shenandoah County, Virginia. Although lying in Rockingham County, the Minnick Farm on which her mother, Abbie Minnick, had lived before her marriage was a short distance from the town of New Market. Clara spoke fondly of her visits to the farm in the following way:

The Minnick Farm, along with the people who lived on it, was the center of my life when I grew up in the 1930s. I waited with eager anticipation for my weekly visits, which began on Friday afternoons after school. From my home in New Market it took me less than an hour to walk the magical path for day-dreaming—a gravel country road with hills that pulled me up and down and bends that always surprised me.

Those who lived on the farm were special to me, and I must have been to them as they endured me through the years. There was Aunt Eunice’s warm waist for me to hug and Aunt Isabel’s picnics in the woods with her banana cake made with white icing that no one could duplicate. There was grandmother Mary Ellen Minnick’s freshly baked bread spread with her apple butter, and the joy of being awakened on summer mornings by the sound of birds singing nearby. Grandfather Joseph F. Minnick, however, was to be avoided because he was a strict disciplinarian of children, especially girls.

Over four decades later (in 1984), Clara experienced one of the biggest thrills of her life when cousin Joe Minnick (the third in a consecutive line of five named “Joseph F.”) showed us an heirloom in the farmhouse’s attic. It was the wooden chest that grandmother Mary Ellen’s maternal grandmother had brought to America from Germany! Inscribed on it were her name (Anna Christina Schneider), the name of the village in which she had lived (Weissen-
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hasel), and the year of immigration (1848). This information led to the discovery of the passenger list for the ship that transported Christina, who then was an unmarried 25-year-old woman, and other former Weissenhasel residents from Bremen to Baltimore. Later in 1984 Clara’s brother Fred Welch and his wife, Emilie, visited this town and met some distant cousins that resided there.

The first of “our” Minnicks to settle in the Shenandoah Valley was Mathias, who arrived in Rockingham County about 1800, and established a farm that included part of the present farm. Research revealed that Mathias Minnick’s paternal grandfather, Simon “Münch” (the original spelling of the surname), had emigrated from Gommersheim, Germany, to Pennsylvania in 1737. Gommersheim was visited by Fred and Emilie Welch in 1986. Their photographs of this town inspired my wife and me to collect various records pertaining to the immigrant Simon and his children and grandchildren, one of the latter being Mathias. We summarized what we had learned in an eight-page manuscript titled “Minnick Family History,” which was distributed to some relatives in November 1987. This document stopped with Mathias’s generation, which was quite understandable as Mathias had twenty-one children and at least 130 grandchildren. Sporadically, we continued to gather Minnick information from various sources. Finally, a request from cousin Betty Driver regarding the identification of several Minnicks buried in Rader Lutheran Church’s cemetery, triggered our decision to publish our findings regarding the Minnicks.

The baptismal and marriage records for Simon and his brother Peter, who emigrated with him in 1737, are contained in the church books of the Gommersheim Lutheran Church. It is interesting to note that many if not most of Simon’s descendants were of the Lutheran faith, and over the generations they contributed to the building and maintenance of their local Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Simon’s father was a weaver as was Simon while living in Germany. After arriving in Berks County, Pennsylvania, however, he bought land and presumably became a farmer. A large portion of his descendants for the first four or so generations also were farmers. Church and civil records provide data regarding their births, marriages, deaths, and movements from one location to another. No correspondence, diaries, or other documents that might reveal information of a personal nature, however, have been found down through Mathias’s generation.

Generation Numbers. Generation numbers appear as superscripts to the given name of the first child of the family that is listed. The immigrant ancestor, in accordance with genealogical tradition, is assigned the number “1” (i.e., Simon’), his children bear the superscript “2,” and so forth.
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Citations. The first time a reference appears it is cited fully. Second and subsequent citations of the same work generally are given in a shortened form. Some references are cited in widely scattered locations, which makes it difficult for the reader to easily find the first citation. In these instances, it may be more convenient to locate the full reference in the Bibliography.

Organization. The book contains six chapters, three appendices, a notes and reference section, a bibliography, and an appendix. The first chapter concerns the immigrant ancestor (Simon), his brother (Peter), their German origins, and their descendants, except for Simon’s son Johann George Michael, who is the subject of Chapter 2. The remaining chapters concern Johann George Michael’s son Mathias (Chapter 3), the children of Mathias’s first wife (Chapter 4), and of his second wife (Chapter 5). The last chapter deals with Mathias’s son David and David’s descendants.

The appendices present information regarding the ancestries of three Minnick spouses in the primary line of investigation; namely, the wives of Johann George Michael (Appendix A), David (Appendix B), and the first Joseph F. (Appendix C).
Chapter 1

JOHANN PETER MÜNCH (1698-1766) & JOHANN SIMON MÜNCH (1700-1782) OF THE PALATINATE, GERMANY, AND TULPEHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA

The paternal grandfather of the Mathias\(^3\) Münch (1776-1860) who settled in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia about 1800, was Johann Simon\(^1\) Münch (1700-1782). With regard to the spelling and pronunciation of the surname, several things should be noted. First, the umlaut over the letter \(u\) originally was the letter \(e\), so Münch is the equivalent of Muench; second, in German the pronunciation of the vowel in Münch is like \(ea\) in tea and the \(ch\) at the end is pronounced like the sound of \(guh\) in good; and third, English tends to introduce into German names a vowel between consonants that are not sounded together in English, thus creating an extra syllable. Consequently, Münch has been anglicized into Minig, Minich, Minnick, etc. Mathias, as well as many descendants of his generation, wrote his name in German script using the spelling of his forebears. The next generation in Mathias’s line, however, tended to employ the Anglicized version Minnick.

It should be noted that the letters \(m\), \(u\), and \(n\) are written about the same in German as in English script, but the combined letters \(ch\) at the end of the surname in German script are quite different:

With respect to German forenames of that period, it was customary to bestow a saint’s name (most commonly Johann for boys) to a baptized child followed by a second name, which was the \textit{rufnamen} or call name. Thus, for example, Johann Simon would have been called Simon. For girls, the most common saint’s names were Anna and Maria.

A. THE PALATINATE, GERMANY.

On 17 August 1728 Johann Simon Münch married Anna (Maria) Catharina Schenk at the Lutheran Church in Gommersheim, a town in the region of Germany known as the Palatinate.\(^1\) The entry in the church register (see below)
identifies the groom’s father as Johann Philipp Münch and the bride’s father as Johann Jacob Schenk. It also states that Simon, Simon’s father, and the bride’s father are weavers. The church register of Gommersheim does not give the birth dates of either the groom or bride. The inscriptions on their gravestones, however, state that Simon was born on 21 July 1700 and Catharina in January 1700. The day of the month is illegible.) Thus, both were 28 years of age when they married.

Simon had at least one sibling, an older brother named Johann Peter, who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1737 on the same ship as Simon. This ship’s documents give Peter’s age as 39, indicating he was born in 1697 or 1698. Lutheran Church records show that on 19 September 1724, Peter married Maria Christina Oster, daughter of Leonard Oster. The wedding took place at Freisbach a town only a mile or two south of Gommersheim.

From the birth years of his sons Simon and Peter, it is estimated that father Philipp was born about 1670 and married about 1694. The name of his wife is not stated in Simon or Peter’s marriage record and is not known from other sources. A careful search of church registers might reveal the names of other children of the weaver Philipp Münch, but any such children did not emigrate and nothing is known of them. In this connection it should be noted that the author of the widely distributed work Blue Book of Schuylkill asserted that “Gottfried Münch, of Mechtersheim, near Speyer, ... was doubtless a brother” of Simon and Peter. It is highly unlikely, however, that this was the case. The name of Gottfried’s father has not been ascertained, but he and his family were members of the Reformed rather than the Lutheran Church. Moreover, they resided about 18 miles east of Gommersheim in the town of Weiler when Gottfried was confirmed at Weiler Reformed Church at the age of 14 in 1715. He still lived at Weiler on 9 November 1723, when at the same church he married Elisabetha Lertz, and on 4 February 1746, when his wife died. The latter record states that Gottfried was an innkeeper. Two of their
PETER AND SIMON MÜNCH OF THE PALATINATE AND TULPEHOCKEN

(Source: Penn Pal, April 1994)
Gommersheim, Germany
Middle-left: "Main Street;" Bottom-left: House under construction (type of construction is called "Fachwerk"); Top-right: Restored house, probably 17th Century; Bottom-right: Part of cemetery with church behind cemetery wall. Photos by Fred Welch, Jan. 1986.
eleven children, Johann Conrad (baptized 26 March 1730) and Johann Gottfried (baptized 23 January 1746), emigrated to Pennsylvania on the ship Polly in 1765. By that time, according to a passport acquired from officials of Speyer prior to emigration, the brothers Conrad and Gottfried resided at Mechtersheim, which is several miles southwest of Speyer.

Gommersheim and Freisbach are located in an area called the Palatinate (Pfalz) bordering on both sides the Rhine River in the southwestern part of Germany. The Palatinate was ruled by a Pfalzgraf or Count Palatine, an elector of the Holy Roman Emperor, and the boundaries of the Palatinate varied with the political fortunes of the Counts Palatine. Gommersheim and nearby Freisbach are about eight miles west of Speyer (formerly known as Spires in English) and the Rhine River. The nearest large city is Mannheim, also on the Rhine, about 16 miles to the northeast. In 1720, several years before the Münch brothers married, the capital of the Electoral Palatinate, which had previously been Heidelberg, was moved to Mannheim.

During the Reformation, the Palatinate accepted Protestantism and became the foremost Calvinist region in German. After Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses in 1517, many of his followers gathered in the Palatinate from Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and elsewhere. The Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) proved disastrous for the people of the Palatinate, who suffered from the pillage and plunder of French armies. From 1621 to 1648 there was no ruler, and many places in the electoral Palatinate were so badly destroyed by the plundering armies that they had to be totally rebuilt. The fertile and rich lands
of the Electoral Palatinate were destroyed by order of King Louis XIV of France during the War of the Palatine (1688-1697) as France attempted to increase its empire. When the conflict ended, the Palatinate was badly battered but still outside French control. The War of Spanish Succession (1701-1714) also caused a great deal of instability for the Palatines as France again attempted to push its eastern border to the Rhine.

At the end of the latter war, Simon Münch was 14 years old. When he was eight, the area had experienced the harshest winter in 100 years. The winter of 1708-09 was so severe that many of the local vineyards perished.

William Penn had received from Charles II, in payment of a debt owed his father, Admiral Penn, an immense tract of land in the New World to which the King gave the name Pennsylvania. Penn immediately planned what he called a “Holy Experiment” in government, a State in which religious as well as political freedom would be granted to all. He soon began advertising his colony, inviting any Europeans who sought freedom from oppression and persecution to settle in this new land of liberty, where they would be free to live their lives as they saw fit. Pamphlets describing the new colony were translated into German and published. It is easy to understand how attractive Pennsylvania with its freedoms and readily available land must have seemed to the Palatines, who had experienced so much suffering for so many years. Furthermore, the British government had a favorable attitude toward settlement in its colonies.

By the spring of 1737, the year that Simon was 37 and Peter 39, they were sufficiently motivated to seek to improve their situation by taking the courageous but risky step of emigrating. Simon and Catharina had been married almost nine years and were the parents five children; Peter and Christina had been married almost 13 years and were the parents of five living children. They would be joined in their journey to Pennsylvania by Johann Thomas and
Maria Margaretha (Jopp) Kern of Freisbach and their two young offspring. It appears that these three men were the first residents of Gommersheim or Freisbach to leave their homes bound for Pennsylvania. The following year (1738), perhaps having received a favorable report from those who had preceded them, five families from these towns embarked for America on the ships Winter Galley and Robert and Alice. Another four families departed in 1753 on the ship Peggy, and others on unspecified dates. The surnames associated with these departing families are Kern, Berry, Walther, Beyer/Bayer, Giesler, Hochlaender, Krieg, Rometch, Schopping, Schreiner, Walter, and Wingerter—all but the first from Gommersheim.

Peter and Simon were not the only ones of their surname to emigrate from Germany. Undoubtedly, some came before 1727, when the port of Philadelphia began recording the names of non-British ship passengers arriving from abroad. Lists of Palatines who disembarked at Philadelphia from 1727 through 1765 and the names of the ships that brought them include the following Münch men. As far as is known, none was closely related to Peter and Simon.

1728 Mortonhouse    Johann Christoph Meng
1730 Thistle         Hans Minigh
1750 Brotherhood     Simon Münch
1751 Shirley         Wendel Münch
1751 Patience        Michael Münch
1752 Two Brothers    Hans Henrich Münch
1752 Queen of Denmark Christ. Ludwig Muench
1754 Bannister       Johann Nickel Minck
1754 Bannister       Johann Lenhard Münch
1754 John & Elizabeth Hans Minnich (sick)
1765 Polly           Gottfried Münch
1765 Polly           Conrad Münch

B. JOURNEY TO PHILADELPHIA.

The overland journey by wagon to the Rhine River was a short one of only six miles or so. Some time in the early spring of 1737 the three couples and their ten children boarded a river boat, most likely at Speyer. The straight-line distance from Speyer to the Dutch border and then to Rotterdam was about 260 miles, further by river, and generally lasted four or five or even six weeks. The reason this leg of the journey took so long was that the Rhine boats had to pass by at least two dozen custom houses, each of which detained the passengers a
long time while the custom officials made their examinations at their own con­venience.¹

When the boats reached Rotterdam, the travelers often had to wait five or six weeks to secure passage on a ship to cross the Atlantic. While waiting, they had to purchase additional provisions of food and other goods to sustain themselves during the forthcoming long ocean voyage. Because everything was so expensive there, the travelers had to spend much of their money before boarding a ship. Shippers looked upon them as human cargo that was more profitable than cloth or hemp, and could scarcely restrain themselves as they left Rotterdam with an overload of up to 100% of such human cargo.²

The name of the ship that our little group boarded was the Samuel, and its Master was Hugh Percy. The Samuel first sailed to Cowes on the Isle of Wight, where ships typically were delayed a week or two while they awaited customs clearance, provisioning, and favorable winds.

Even with the best of wind, the voyage from Cowes to Philadelphia would take at least six weeks. Under less favorable conditions, it could be four or more additional weeks before the destination would be reached. The ocean voyage proper was marked by much suffering and hardship. Food consumption from the traveler’s own stock was apportioned for a six-weeks’ crossing. When that was gone, they subsisted on meager rations from the ship’s stores provided to them at inflated prices. Packed densely without proper food and water, passengers were susceptible to dysentery and other diseases. The terrors of disease were aggravated by the frequent storms through which ships often had to pass. The experience was so unpleasant that “many cursed their folly in undertaking such a journey;” and a letter written by John Naas in 1733 states, “I can say with full truth that on six or seven ocean vessels I have heard of few people who did not repent their journey.”³

The dates that the Samuel departed from Rotterdam and then from Cowes are unavailable. The date of its arrival at Philadelphia, however, is known from that port’s records to have been the 30 August 1737 or possibly the day before. Assuming that the experience of the little band of passengers from Gommersheim and Freisbach was fairly typical of the journeys of other Palatines at that time, the total journey took about five months—from late March to late August.

The Samuel was the first of seven ships carrying German immigrants to arrive at the port of Philadelphia in 1737.⁴ This was the third of five such voy­ages by the Samuel; previous trips were made in 1732 and 1733 and subsequent ones would take place in 1739 and 1740.⁵

In 1737 Philadelphia was a rapidly growing young city with broader streets, larger lots, and newer construction than any city the immigrants had passed through on their way to America.⁶ It was an open settlement with no
town wall, no fortifications, and no ruins. Its population in 1740 was estimated to be about 13,000.

The government of Pennsylvania was then in the hands of British subjects and English common law was in force. By 1727, at the beginning of the 33-year reign of George II, it had become a concern that so many continentalists not speaking the English language and accustomed to other laws should be admitted even if they had been invited to do so by Penn. Thus, in 1727 the Provincial Council passed a law requiring all adult male continentalists who arrived at Philadelphia to take an oath of allegiance to the British Crown and promise fidelity to the Proprietor. Two years later, to add assurances of political reliability, a renunciation of claims to the throne of the Catholic Stuart pretenders also was required of them.

A list of “Men Passengers of Sixteen Years of Age & Upwards Imported in the Ship Samuel, Hugh Percy, Master from Rotterdam” contains the names and ages of 109 passengers. The median age of these individuals was 28 years. Only 16 were above the age of 40, and just two were over 60. No record was made of the names or number of women or of persons under 16 years of age who were imported on the Samuel. The data for those 178 ships for which such records were kept during the period 1727-1775, however, indicates that the overall ratio of total passengers to signers of oaths was 2.5:1. This figure yields an estimate of 272 for the total number of passengers carried by the Samuel. The average figure for the 178 ships was only 203, which indicates the Samuel was larger or more crowded than the typical ship.

All of the 109 listed passengers but one (probably a sick person) were marched to the Courthouse to subscribe their names to the following oath of allegiance and two other declarations:

We Subscribers, Natives and Late Inhabitants of the Palatinate upon the Rhine & Places adjacent, having transported ourselves and Families into this Province of Pensilvania, a Colony subject to the Crown of Great Britain, in hopes and Expectation of finding a Retreat & peaceable Settlement therein, Do Solemnly promise & Engage, that We will be faithful & bear true Allegiance to his present MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE SECOND, and his Successors, Kings of Great Britain, and will be faithful to the Proprietor of this Province; And that will demean ourselves peaceably to all His said Majesties Subjects, and strictly observe & conform to the Laws of England and of this Province, to the utmost of our Power and best of our understanding.

I do solemnly & sincerely promise & declare that I will be true & faithful to King George the Second and do solemnly sincerely and truly Profess Testifie & Declare that I do from my Heart abhor, detest & renounce as impious & he­retical that wicked Doctrine & Position that Princes Excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the See of Rome may be deposed or murthered by their Subjects or any other whatsoever. And I do declare that no Forreign Prince Person Prelate State or Potentate hath or ought to have any
Power Jurisdiction Superiority Preeminence of Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within the Realm of Great Britain or the Dominions thereunto belonging.

I do ... acknowledge...that King George the Second is lawful & rightful King of the Realm of Great Britain ... And I do ... declare that I do believe the Person pretending to be Prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James, and since his Decease pretending to be & taking upon himself the ... Title of King of England by the Name of James the third, or of Scotland by the Name of James the Eighth ... hath not any Right ... whatsoever to the Crown of the Realm of Great Britain .... And I do renounce ... any Allegiance ... to him & do ... promise that I will be true and faithful and bear true allegiance to King George the Second & to him will be faithful against all traiterous Conspiracies .... And I do make this Recognition Acknowledgement Renunciation & Promise heartily willingly & truly.

One of the lists contains the following heading: 10

At the Courthouse of Philad" August 30th 1737. Present The Hon'ble James Logan, Esq', President, Clement Plumsted, Ralph Assheton, Thomas Laurance, William Allen.

The Palatines whose Names are underwritten, imported in the ship Samuel Hugh Percy, Master, from Rotterdam, but last from Cowes, did this day take & subscribe the Oaths to the Government.

Thirty of the 108 signatures to these declarations were by mark. Among those who could not write their names were Simon and Peter Münch, who signed on adjacent lines, Simon by the mark “O” and Peter by the mark “X.” (Thomas Kern wrote his name as “Johann Tomas Kern.”) Because neither Simon nor Peter penned his surname, the person involved in preparing the passenger list and recording the names of those who took the oaths wrote what he heard. Consequently, he spelled their surname Minech, the first anglicized version of Münch bestowed on the brothers.

After the signing ceremony, the passengers were brought back to the Samuel, and those who had paid the passage for themselves and members of their family and had no other debts were released. Announcements were then printed in the newspapers stating how many of the new arrivals were to be sold, and the ship became a market place. The buyers, after making their choices and bargaining with the immigrants about the terms of their indentures, then paid the amount due for their passage and other debts.

Whether Simon and Peter had to indenture themselves for a period of time is unknown. It would not be surprising, however, if they did. The large majority of eighteenth century settlers were poor, and whatever assets they had been able to gather together often were used up by the expenses of the trip. 11 Simon and Peter and other heads of families had the added burden of paying the costs of provisions and transportation of their wives and offspring. In
Pennsylvania indenture of immigrants was entirely respectable, however, and the conditions of service generally were not hard. "They were usually well treated, protected by the law, and at the end of their service received a certain outfit. ... It was often of decided advantage, being a sort of apprenticeship in which the customs of the new land were learned."  

C. TULPEHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA.

Some time in the late summer or fall of 1737 Simon and Peter transported their families from Philadelphia about 60 miles northwestward to a settlement of Palatines called Tulpehocken. This area was in a part of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, that in 1752 would become the newly-established Berks County. From its confluence with Northkill Creek, where the town of Bernville would be built in 1819, Tulpehocken Creek flows southeast for about twelve miles into the Schuylkill River at Reading, the seat of government for Berks County since 1752.

"The Tulpehocken settlement began when about fifteen German families from the Schoharie river valley in New York decided to leave for Pennsylvania. After more than ten years of residence there, they were dissatisfied with the treatment they were receiving from provincial authorities and pessimistic about their prospects. Traveling through the Susquehanna valley, they relocated themselves in 1723 along the upper reaches of the Tulpehocken creek. Others in the Schoharie valley followed the first group and, joined by new immigrants such as the Münch brothers, made Tulpehocken one of the largest and most important Pennsylvania German communities in the eighteenth century. Nearly all of the persons in it were members of the Lutheran or Reformed church, with Lutherans being predominant."
A congregation of Lutherans formed around the personality of John Casper Stoever, the younger, who was born in the Lower Palatinate in 1707. He had arrived at Philadelphia with his father in 1728, and immediately had become a preacher. The earliest baptisms and marriages that he entered in his personal register were performed in 1729 and 1730, respectively, but he was not ordained until 1733. In 1735 he moved the center of his activity to near the present town of New Holland in Lancaster County, about 22 miles south of Bernville. While living there, Stoever also preached in the Tulpehocken settlement. By 1742 he had organized a church near the juncture of Northkill and Tulpehocken creeks. This congregation apparently divided in 1744 or 1745, with one church on a bluff overlooking the Tulpehocken in Tulpehocken Township (since 1852 Jefferson Township). The first church, built of logs, was completed in the 1740s. It was replaced by a stone building in 1809. Since 1853 Lutherans have worshipped there with a Reformed congregation in a union church: Christ (Little Tulpehocken) Church.

The other church, a mile or two to the northeast, overlooked the Northkill in Bern (since 1841 Penn) Township. It was called the Northkill or Bern church. A church standing in 1745 was replaced by a brick structure in 1791. It was a union church from 1834-1897. The Lutheran congregation is known today as Friedens, Bernville.
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Western Berks County (recent map)
(Scale: grid lines are 4 miles apart)

Township Formation:
1789 Upper Bern from Bern
1820 Upper Tulp'n from Tulp'n
1841 Penn from Upper Bern & Bern
1844 Marion from Tulp'n & Heidelberg
1852 Jefferson from Upper Tulpheocken
The church in Tulpehocken (now Jefferson) Township remained loyal to Stoever almost as long as he lived. The congregation of the church on the Northkill, Bern (now Penn) Township soon secured the ministry of Nicholas Kurtz (1720-1794), who had arrived at Philadelphia in early 1745 and was ordained in 1748.6

D. Peter Münch and His Children

Casper Stoever’s records reveal that, within five months of their arrival at Philadelphia, Peter Münch and his family resided in the Tulpehocken area. On 24 January 1738 at Tulpehocken Stoever baptized Peter’s son Joh. Michael, who was born 2 January 1738.1 The sponsors were Joh. Michael Becker and his wife. Several years later, another of Peter’s sons, Joh. Cunradt, who was born 28 November 1740, was baptized at the same place. The sponsors were Joh. Cunradt Scharpf and his wife (Appollonia).2

Stoever’s records also identify Peter and his wife (Christina or Christina Barbara) as sponsors at the following baptisms:3

- 1746 Aug. 31 at Northkill. John Peter, son of Samuel Philbert.
- 1748 Mar. 6 at Northkill. Christina Barbara, daughter of Philipp Heiliger.
- 1749 May 28 at Northkill. Maria Christina, daughter of Samuel Philbert.
- 1750 Dec. 9 at Tulpehocken. Christina, daughter of George Schaefterle.
- 1751 Mar. 3 at Tulpehocken. John Peter Leonhrdt, son of Dr. (“Chirurgus and Medicus”) George Trippner.
- 1751 Aug. 18 at Northkill. Maria Christina, daughter of Albrecht Strauss. (Abrecht Strauss owned land adjacent to Simon Münch’s tract.)
- 1754 Aug. 25 at Bern. Catarina Margaretha Münch, daughter of George Münch. Peter and Christina were the child’s grandparents.

On 23 March 1750 both Peter and his brother Simon “Menig” obtained warrants for 50 acres of land.4 Peter’s tract was described simply as “on the L. [Little] Swatara,” which places it north of Bethel Township on the other side of the Blue Mountain in Pine Grove Township. (See Reading Howell’s map of 1792.) A deed of release dated 15 October 1787 indicates that the tract of land actually surveyed to Peter was 300 acres in size and was situated near Little Swatara Creek in Pine Grove Township adjoining Philip Highley’s land.5 The 1787 grantors were four of Peter’s sons (Simon of York County, Jacob of York County, Henry of Botetort County, Virginia, and Michael of Dauphin County). The grantee was Peter’s grandson Simon Minnich, the son and heir of George, who had died in 1784. (Three years later, in April 1790, Peter Minnich, a farm laborer, came before the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County and swore that he was present when Simon, Jacob, and Henry signed the deed, and George Minnich swore before the same court that he was present when Michael signed the deed.6)
In 1805 a lessee of this grandson (Simon, son of George) unsuccessfully sued Enoch Weaver for ownership of the 300-acre tract in Pine Grove Township. At the trial, Peter’s youngest son, Conrad, provided the following interesting history regarding the land (some punctuation added):

Before the Indian War broke out and at the time land was purchased from the Indians, one of my brothers George and my father went to look for lands. They got on that tract where E. Weaver lives and thought it was large enough for both to live on. Both made improvements about one hundred rods [1,650 feet] apart. Both lived on it. I suppose 3 or 4 years. The Indian War broke out and [they] were driven off. Neither my father or brother got on the land again. I married and thought it was better to get a piece of land. I asked them [i.e., his brothers] whether they had a notion for the land, if they [did] not, I would try and agree with them for their shares, and agreed with them and [bought] 3 shares, [those of Michael, Jacob and Henry’s] and had then 4 shares. I then went to Philadelphia and [in 1765] got a warrant for the land and had it surveyed by Mordecai Yarnell ... soon after the [warrant] was granted. After this my brother George stood in need for assistance, having a large family, offered his share to my oldest brother Simon, who bought of George for cash his share and his improvement in my father’s land. Some time after my oldest brother offered to sell to me what he bought of George. I went to him and he made me a generous offer, said I should give him a bond for it and he would trust me so many years and when the bond was due I should pay him, but if I could not, I should give half the land and make him a conveyance. I paid my brother and lived on the land 4 years [i.e., 1768-1772] had buildings on it and sold it to Enoch Weaver. When my father lived on the land he sent to Philadelphia for a 50 acre [warrant] but it seems the [warrant] never was intended for the land. It was offered to me but as it was a dear [warrant] I would not take it.

My father lived on the place 3 or 4 years. He cleared about 10 or 12 acres. My [warrant] included both improvements. My father planted trees.

The warrant taken out for this land by Conrad on 30 January 1765 was for 100 acres, and superceded the 1750 warrant for 50 acres. Conrad sold the land to Enoch Weaver by deed dated 10 June 1772.

Peter’s surname is spelled “Miney,” in a 1752 list of Pine Grove Township taxables. The 1754 Berks County unalphabetized tax records for an area referred to as “Blue Mountains on Swatarro Creek,” contains the names of 29 men including those of Peter and his son George, who that year was 23 years old.
The death date of Peter’s wife, Christina, is unknown. It probably was some time in the early 1750s, however, because Peter married Eva Maria Ritzman, the widow of Jacob Ritzman on 30 May 1756. The wedding took place at Atolhoe, Tulpehocken Township, not far from Bethel Township line. The Atolhoe congregation later became known as Altalaha Lutheran Church, Rehrersburg, seven miles west of Bernville. (Letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Ritzman of Tulpehocken were granted on 31 July 1756 to the decedent’s son Peter Ritzman, “Peter Minich, who married the widow, renouncing.”)

Peter Minich had died by 15 May 1766, the date that letters of administration were granted to Eva Minich, the widow. He was about 68 years old. Eva is described in these papers as “widow of Peter Minich, late of that Part of Berks County which lies over the Blue Mountains, Yeoman.” Testimony given by Henry Gutman in the 1805 suit by grandson Simon includes the statement that “Peter Minnich died about [illegible, may be 3] miles from Rehrer [Rehrersburg].” Eva signed by mark. The co-bondsmen were Godfrey Röhler of Tulpehocken and Jacob Hoffman of Reading, both men being vintners by occupation. In 1774 Eva brought suit against her youngest step-son, Conrad of Brunswick Twp., before a court at Reading. The arbitrators appointed (Jacob Hoffman and George Schultz) agreed that Eva had no claim against Conrad on any real estate possessed by her late husband, Peter Minnich. The real estate in question undoubtedly was the same 300 acres later involved in the 1805 Simon Minnich vs. Enoch Weaver suit.

The births of Peter and Maria Christina (Oster) Münch’s first four children are recorded in the baptismal register of the Lutheran church of Freisbach. Note from the below photocopy that the pastor has written “in Pennsylvania” in the margin beside three of the four names. These offspring, all boys, were born in 1728, 1730, 1731, and 1733. The baptismal register kept by the Lutheran minister John Casper Stoever contains the births of two more babies, both boys, who were born in 1738 and 1740 at Tulpehocken. Christina, if about two years younger than Peter, was about 40 in 1740.

Peter and Maria Christina had two more sons, Jacob and Henry, whose births were not recorded in either Freisbach’s or Stoever’s records but are named in a deed dated 15 October 1787. By this deed four of Peter’s sons (identified as Simon, Jacob, Henry, and Michael) conveyed 300 acres of land near Little Swatara Creek in Pinegrove Township that Peter is said to have acquired by virtue of a warrant dated 23 March 1750. The deed states that Peter died intestate leaving these four “and two other children,” presumably George and Conrad, both of whom were living when their father died. If the four sons are listed in birth order, as they normally would be, then Jacob probably was
born in 1734 or 1735 and Henry in 1736 or 1737. This would mean both were born in Germany.

Children of Johann Peter and Maria Christiana Münch baptized at Freisbach: (1) Philipp Simon, born 25 Aug. 1728; Johann Peter, born 13 Jan. 1730; Johann Georg, born 27 Sept. 1731; and (4) Jacob Peter, born 28 June 1733.

Maria Christina, Peter’s first wife, was the mother of his eight children, all but one or two of whom probably had issue of their own.

1. **PHILIPP SIMON** MÜNCH, born 25 Aug. 1728, died 1795. His baptismal sponsor was his uncle Johann Simon Münch of Gommersheim. When he signed the deed regarding his father’s Pine Grove Twp. land in 1787, he lived in York Co., Pennsylvania. Thus, he probably was the Simon Minnich, a resident of Shrewsbury Twp., York Co., whose estate was inventoried (written in German) in 1795. Although the father of the grandson Simon to whom the Pine Grove Twp. land was conveyed in 1787 is not specified, it seems more likely that he was the son of Simon rather than one of his brothers. One possible son:
i. ? Simon MUNCH, b. 27 Sept. 1756, d. 27 Jan. 1819 in York Co., PA, who was a widower when he married 13 Dec. 1785 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg Catharine Elizabeth Laux, b. 24 Sept. 1766, d. 19 May 1837; both buried at Prospect Hill Cem., York, PA. This Simon may well have been the grandson Simon (place of residence and father’s name unstated) that purchased the Pine Grove land in 1787. In 1810 this Simon resided in or near the City of York with his wife, four sons, and eight daughters. His will (dated 4 Dec. 1818, proved 3 Feb. 1819) names his wife (Elizabeth) and twelve children: George, Leah, Simon (b. 13 Sept. 1786), Catharine (b. 24 Feb. 1788), Elizabeth, Margaret, Eve (b. 1 Mar. 1795), Sarah, Lydia (b. 10 Mar. 1798), John, Jacob, and Matilda. The executors were Simon Minich and John Bollinger. Abstracts of the First Reformed and Trinity Reformed Church, City of York, provide the birth dates of four of the above children (Simon, Catharine, Eve, and Lydia) plus three more: Anna Maria (b. 5 Nov. 1791), Salome (b. 17 Sept. 1796), and Juliana (b. 12 May 1800). These three may have been identified by other names in the will (e.g., Salome as Sarah). The baptismal sponsors for one child (Anna Maria) were John and Catharine Loucks and for another child (Eva) Jacob and Margaretha Laucks.

2. Johann Peter MUNCH, born 13 Jan. 1730, died before 28 June 1733, when another baby was given his name.

3. Johann Georg MUNCH, born 27 Sept. 1731, died 1784, married 5 Jan. 1752 (by Rev. Stoever at Northkill) Catarina Margaretha Guthman, died aft. 3 May 1784. Tax records for 1754 show that he resided with or near his parents in a part of Berks Co. called “Blue Mountains on Swatarro.” This same area in 1752 tax records was referred to as Pine Grove Twp. George Minich signed his will 27 July 1783 in Hanover Twp., Lancaster Co., and it was proved 3 May 1784. The executors were Simon (his eldest son) and Michael Fohree. The will names his wife (Catharine) and eight children: Simon, Catharine (wife of Jacob Kreamer), Margaret (wife of John Zimmerman), Susanna (wife of Jacob Lichely), Elizabeth (wife of Adam Wever), Christina, Rosina, and George. He bequeathed to son Simon the whole of his real estate.

Rev. Stoever’s register contains the births of three of the eight children identified in the will, all baptized at Bern; the baptisms of an additional two children were found in other church records:

i. Simon MUNCH, b. 20 Mar. 1753 (bapt. 6 May 1753; sponsors: Simon Munch & wife, who undoubtedly were the infant’s uncle and aunt). He may be the Simon Munch who married 17 Mar. 1778 Anna Maria Weber at “Hanover,” a region just west of Pine Grove in Lancaster (now Lebanon) Co. (Until his death in 1779, Stoever was the pastor of the church in that area, which was located at Jonestown.) In 1805 a lessee of Simon brought suit against Enoch Weaver for ownership of the 300-acre tract of land in.
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Pine Grove Twp. that had been occupied by Simon’s father and grandfather before the Indian War.

ii. CATARINA MARGARETHA MÜNCH, b. 5 June 1754 (bapt. 25 Aug. 1754; sponsors: Peter Münch & wife Christina, who were the infant’s grandparents). She apparently was the Maria Catharine, daughter of George Münch of Bethel, who married 29 Dec. 1772 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, JOHN JACOB KRAMER, son of Andrew Kramer.

iii. ANNA MARGARETHA MÜNCH, b. 24 May 1756 (bapt. 7 June 1756; sponsors: George Gutman & wife, who undoubtedly were relatives of the infant’s mother), m. bef. 27 July 1783 JOHN ZIMMERMAN.

iv. SUSANNA MÜNCH, b. c1758, m. 18 Feb. 1777 (by Rev. Stoever) JACOB SICHE. The marriage record gives the bride’s residence as Hanover, the groom’s as Lebanon.

v. ANNA ELIZABETH MÜNCH, bapt. 21 Sept. 1761 (sponsors: Conrad Münch and Elizabeth Zerbe, who were the father’s brother and his future wife), m. bef. 27 July 1783 ADAM WEVER.

vi. CHRISTINA MÜNCH, b. c1764, unmar. (27 July 1783).

vii. ROSINA MÜNCH, b. 1767 (bapt. 16 Jan. 1768 at Blue Mountain Church, Upper Tulpehocken Twp.), d. 7 Mar. 1865, m. 1786 CHRISTOPHER MILLER, d. c1806. Her death was entered in the records of Palm Lutheran Church, Palmyra, Lebanon Co. The entry provides the name of her husband and their marriage date. It also says she was the mother of nine children of whom eight raised families of their own, was survived by a son and four daughters, and was a widow for 59 years.

viii. GEORGE MÜNCH, b. c1770.

4. JACOB PETER MÜNCH, born 28 June 1733. He may have died before reaching maturity.

5. JACOB MÜNCH, born 1734 or 1735, married by 3 Mar. 1762 CHRISTINA MILLER, daughter of Jacob Miller and granddaughter of Wolfgang Miller. The list of adult male passengers imported on the ship Elizabeth, which arrived at Philadelphia in Aug. 1733, includes a Wolfgang Miller, 41 years of age, and his presumed son Jacob Miller, 17. Based on a warrant dated 31 Oct. 1735, a 144-acre tract of land in Tulpehocken Twp. was patented to Wolfgang Miller on 1 May 1746. Owners of adjoining lands were Leonard Tabler, Jacob Kender, John Regel, and Peter Serbe. Wolfgang Miller of Tulpehocken, by his will dated 29 Nov. 1752 (proved 29 Jan. 1753), directed that his estate be divided into three shares: Share 1 to grandchildren (children of son Jacob Miller) John, Christina, and Elizabeth Miller; Share 2 to wife Eva Madlina during her natural life; and Share 3 to step-sons Mathias and Johannes Wagner. Jacob Münch and granddaughter Christina Miller had married by 3 Mar. 1762, the date they acquired his rights to this property from Christina’s brother John Miller of the Borough of Lancaster. By deed dated 6 Dec. 1764 Jacob and Christina and Christina’s unmarried sister Elizabeth Miller conveyed their shares of this tract, a parcel of 73.62 acres, for £160 to Valentine Reyntzel and Johannes Shoup, “Wardens
or Elders of the German Reformed Calvinist Church” situated in Tulpehocken Twp. Jacob signed his name in German script; the two women signed by mark.

This conveyance contains the interesting information that Wolfgang was an alien when the land was patented to him and when he died, and for this reason he was legally incapable of taking or granting the land. The devisees therefore “humbly sought” the Proprietaries to release the land to them. Consequently, the “Honorable Proprietaries to show their Willingnes and readiness to encourage the Cultivation and Improvement of the Province Graciously thereunto condescended and agreed” to release the land.

Some time between 1764 and 1787, when he signed a deed of release, Jacob and Christina moved to York Co. Thus, it seems likely they were the Jacob and Christina Munch whose infants were baptized in the 1770s at St. Jacob’s Union Church in Codorus Twp., York Co. Charles Frederick Wildbahn was this church’s Lutheran pastor from 1766 through 1782. Since they were married by 1762, they probably had children in the 1760s before moving to Codorus Twp. Christina may have died after giving birth to a child in 1776 because the mother of a baby born in 1778 is stated to be Juliana. These children are as follows:

i. JOHANNES MUNCH, b. 16 Dec. 1771, bapt. 1 Jan. 1772. He probably had died by 8 June 1778 when another child was given his name.

ii. MARIA MAGDALENA MUNCH, b. 30 Dec. 1773, bapt. 1 Apr. 1774.

iii. JOHANN GEORGE MUNCH, b. 30 May 1776, bapt. 7 July 1776.

iv. JOHANNES MUNCH, b. 20 Apr. 1778, bapt. 8 June 1778.

6. HEINRICH MUNCH, born 1736 or 1737. A Heinrich Munch married 16 Dec. 1765 (by Rev. Stoever) CATARINA RIED. The marriage record indicates that the groom resided in Heidelberg Twp., which is just below Tulpehocken Twp., the bride’s place of residence. Both Henry and his brother Michael lived in Heidelberg Twp., Lancaster Co. in 1772 and 1773. Because both were married and neither owned any land, horses, or cattle, they were taxed at a low rate. By 15 Oct. 1787 when he signed the deed of release, Henry had moved to Botetourt Co., VA, which is in the southwestern part of the state between Lexington and Roanoke. This county’s census records for 1790 and 1800 are unavailable. The 1810 Botetourt Co. enumerations, however, include a Catharine Minnich as a household head. She was in the oldest age category (45+), meaning that she was born before 1765. It is suspected that she was the widow of Henry, who then would have been about 74. Others that year in the county bearing the Minnich name were two Philips (both 45+), two Johns (both 26-46, one a wagon-maker), and Mary (26-45).

7. JOHN MICHAEL MUNCH, born 2 Jan. 1738 (baptized 24 Jan. 1738 by Rev. Stoever; sponsors: John Michael Becker and his wife), died 1800 at Lancaster, PA, married c1764 (name of wife unknown). He and his brother Henry, neither of whom owned any land, resided in Heidelberg Twp., Lancaster Co. in 1772 and 1773. In 1777 he served as a Lieutenant under Captain George Noll in the 4th Company of the 1st Battalion of Lancaster Co. Militia. This company was formed from men living in
Heidelberg Twp. When he signed the deed of release on 15 Oct. 1787 Michael resided in Dauphin Co., which had been formed in 1785 from Lancaster Co. The Peter and George Minnich who in Apr. 1790 confirmed the signatures of this conveyance’s grantees did so before the Dauphin Co. Court of Common Pleas which suggests that they may have been Michael’s sons.

In 1800, the year that Michael died, and again in 1810 sons Michael, Jonathan, and George lived in York Twp., York Co. All three brothers were in the 26-45 age category in both years meaning they were born between 1765 and 1774. All apparently had married in the mid 1790s because each had children under the age of ten years in 1800. Children (birth order uncertain): 47

i. Michael Münch, b. c1772, m. c1795. Census data for 1800 and 1810 indicate that Michael had two sons born by 1800 and three sons and a daughter born between 1800 and 1810. He still resided at York in 1840. The census that year records him in the 70-80 age group. A John Minnich 40-50 years old lived next door to him.

ii. Jonathan Münch, b. 1765-1774, m. c1795. The 1810 census indicates that he had one son and two daughters born by that year.

iii. George Münch, b. 1770, d. 1820 at Wrightsville, Hellam Twp., York Co., m. 1795 Salome Jane (“Sarah”) Frank, d. 1833. 48 He moved from York to Wrightsville between 1810 and 1820. In 1830 his widow headed a household in Hellam Twp. that included a male and female, both 15-20 years of age. Children (born c1796-c1816): Elizabeth, Maria Catharine, George, Daniel, Michael, John G., and Salome. John G., who resided at Schellsburg, Bedford Co., had a son Michael Reed Minnich, born 1846, who became a Lutheran minister.

iv. Peter Münch. On Apr. 1794 a Peter Minnich of Bethel Twp., which borders Dauphin Co., purchased ten acres of land in Bethel Twp. for £40 from Michael Searer. 49

8. John Cunradt Münch, born 28 Nov. 1740 (baptized 5 Sept. 1742 by Rev. Stoever; sponsors: Cunradt Scharf and his wife Appollonia), married c1764 Elizabeth Zerbe, born 1740, confirmed 1760 (aged 19 yrs., 6 mos.) at Christ Church, daughter of George Peter Zerbe; both were buried at St. Peter’s cemetery, near Cressona, North Manheim Twp., Schuylkill Co. 50 Conrad and his future wife, Elizabeth Zerbe, were the sponsors at the baptism at Rehersburg church of his brother George’s daughter Anna Elizabeth on 21 Sept. 1761; and on 19 June 1768 Conrad and Elizabeth, now married, were the sponsors of George Yeakley’s son Conrad at St. Daniel’s Lutheran Church. 51 The latter church is situated about six miles south of Bernville in Heidelberg Twp., which is where Conrad was taxed in 1767 and 1768. 52

As indicated previously, Conrad purchased the rights of his five brothers to their father’s 300 acres of land in Pinegrove Twp. and acquired a new warrant for the land in 1765. He resided on this land from 1768 until 1772, when he sold it to Enoch Weaver. According to 1772 tax records, he lived across the Blue Mountain in Pinegrove Twp. 53 He resided in Brunswick Twp. on 29 Nov. 1774, when a suit was unsuccessfully brought against him by his step-mother, and on 8 Aug. 1775, when for
£600 he purchased a messuage, water sawmill, and three tracts of land in that township from John Gerber of Cumru Twp., Berks Co. The three parcels, totaling 344 acres, were as follows: 174 acres (on the Schuylkill adjoining lands of Francis Parvin and Balthazer Neyfag), 114 acres (in the forks of the Schuylkill adjoining lands of Ellis Hughes and Joseph Barger), and 56 acres (bounded on the northeast by the East Branch of the Schuylkill adjoining land of James Boone). The deed states that the land is now in Conrad Minnich's "actual possession," which leads to the inference that Conrad may have been running the saw mill for the absentee land owner. On 23 Dec. 1785, pursuant to a warrant dated 3 Oct. 1785, 425 acres of land in Brunswick Twp., adjacent to the 174-acre tract acquired ten years earlier from Gerber, were surveyed to Conrad. The combined tract totaled 599 acres and was situated on both sides of the East branch of Schuylkill River. The owners of adjacent land, as shown on the survey map, were John Zane, Henry Kaller, Conrad Hicks, James Boone, and Martin Dreibelbiss. Besides a saw mill, Conrad is said to have operated a public house later known as Seven Stars Hotel. This establishment was located on the road (now Center Turnpike) constructed in 1770 between Reading and Sunbury.

Conrad's large tract of land was located about 14 miles north of Bernville on both sides of the East Branch of the Schuylkill River. It is thought that this branch is the one now called Mahannan Creek, which forms part of the boundary between North Manheim and West Brunswick townships. If so, the Minnick tract is where Center Turnpike (state route 61) crosses Mahannan Creek a mile or two south of the town of Orwigsburg. This place apparently is the one marked "Minnick" on Reading Howell's 1792 map. Another early map is said to show "Peter's mountain," perhaps
located near the tract of land held at one time by Conrad’s father, “Minnich’s Gap,” and “Minnich’s Mill.”

Conrad was involved in a number of other acquisitions of real estate:

- 1778 Aug. 30 deed from Christopher Balti and wife (Susanna) for £580 to Conrad Minnich and Henry Deckert of Brunswick Twp. 100 acres adjoining lands of Adam Miller and Christopher Stump. In 1782 Decker and his wife deed their half to Conrad.
- 1785 Sept. 5 deed from Peter Filbert, Sheriff of Berks Co., to Conrad Minnich 230 acres, the property of Jacob Gemmerling (Kemmerling), Brunswick Twp. adjoining lands of Henry Dieter, Martin Dreibelbis, and others.
- 1785 Oct. 20 warrant, surveyed 16 Nov. 1785 for Conrad Minich 49.75 acres in Brunswick Twp. adjacent to his other land and land of John Weaver.
- 1792 July 10 warrant, surveyed 29 Aug. 1806 for Conrad Minich 56.63 acres in Manheim Twp. adjacent to lands of Peter Neischwender, Daniel Hartung, Baltzer Brown, Jacob Miller, George Sholl, and school land.
- 1792 Sept. 18 warrant, surveyed 24 Feb. 1830 for Benjamin Pott 120+ acres in Norwegian Twp., Schuylkill Co.
- 1794 Feb. 19 warrant, surveyed 29 June 1794 for Conrad Minick 315 acres in Manheim (late Brunswick) Twp, adjoining lands of Sealy & Hughes and Jacob Fricks.

During the Revolutionary War, Conrad was the captain of the Second Company, Brunswick Twp., Third Battalion (Col. Michael Lindemuth), Berks Co. Militia. This was one of the three companies that was partially organized from the side of the Blue Mountain that now is included in Schuylkill Co. The first collector of taxes in Manheim Twp. in 1791, Conrad also was a warden of Zion (“Red”) Lutheran Church, Brunswick Twp., and held the deed in trust for the church.

On 18 Nov. 1793, Conrad, Henry, Benjamin, and Peter Minnich obtained warrants for 400 acres of land each in Northumberland Co. Consequently, four adjacent tracts ranging in size from 331 to 431 acres were surveyed to them. (All four tracts later were patented to Charles S. Coxe.) The land was located in Catawissa Twp., Northumberland Co. (since 1813 Columbia Co.). If at least 21 years of age in 1793, all four men were born by 1771. Exactly who they were and how they were related is undetermined. Perhaps they were Conrad (born 1740) and three of his sons or perhaps one or more of them were Conrad’s nephews (sons of brothers Simon, Peter, Jacob, Henry, and/or Michael).

Letters of administration were issued 6 Apr. 1796 on the estate of Jacob Brickly, late of Manheim Twp., to his friend Conrad Minich of Manheim Twp.

Conrad advertised the sale of his house, tavern, mills, and land in Manheim Twp. on 6 Aug. 1796 and again on 20 Feb. 1797 in the Readinger Zeitung.
Private sale of a tavern stand known as Conrad Minnich’s Tavern with 600a. patented land in Mannheim Twp. 32 miles from Reading with a house, barn, stable, new and complete shed, grist mill, and complete saw mill, both on the river Schuylkill, 100a. cleared, 10a. in good meadow.

Public Sale at the place of the undersigned in Manheim Twp. March 3, a valuable plantation of 600a. deed land one of a costly grist and saw mill also farm stock and utensils and household goods.

It seems likely that Conrad is the man of that name who resided at Sunbury, Northumberland Co. in 1800. This Conrad was in the 45 and over age category as was a woman (perhaps his wife) residing in the household. (Conrad’s son Conrad was only 30 years of age in 1800.) A girl under the age of ten was the only other person in the home. (On 4 Nov. 1807 letters of administration on the estate of a Christina Menich (nee Haverling) were issued in Northumberland Co. to Conrad Menich. Conrad and Elizabeth’s death dates are unknown.

Children who survived infancy, not necessarily in birth order:

i. CONRAD MUNCH, b. 1770. It is said that he died in 1809 at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., PA, leaving issue Henry and Elizabeth Munch.

ii. JACOB MUNCH, b. 1771, m. MARY POTT, b. 18 June 1797, dau. of John & Maria (Lesher) Pott. Children, born 1820-1833: Jeremiah, William, Maria, Catharine, and Emma Rebecca Munch.

iii. JOSEPH MUNCH.

iv. FREDERICK MUNCH.

v. MARY ELIZABETH MUNCH. In Apr. 1793 Conrad Minnick brought suit for damages in the amount of £50 against Egidius Meyer for joining together in marriage on 10 May 1790 Adam Sonntag and Conrad’s daughter Mary Elizabeth, who was under the age of 21 years, without the publication of marriage banns and a certificate of Conrad’s consent.

vi. CHRISTINA MUNCH, b. 16 May 1779, bapt. at Zion (Red) Lutheran Church.

vii. MAY SUSANNA MUNCH, b. Apr. 1781, bapt. at Zion (Red) Lutheran Church.

E. SIMON MUNCH AND HIS CHILDREN

It is suspected that Simon Munch, with his family, moved to the Tulpehocken area about the same time as his older brother, Peter. Although Simon’s wife, Catharina, almost certainly gave birth to several children during their first five years in Pennsylvania, their baptisms do not show up in Stoever’s records. The earliest date that Simon’s name appears in Tulpehocken area records is 20 November 1747, when a patent deed was granted to Simon Munch and five other men (Jacob Miller, Conrad Ernst, Mathias Smith, Henrich Gruber, and Martin Batteicher) for the use of “the Minister and Society of Lutherans residing and to Reside in and about the said Township of Tulpehockin.”

The 1 November 1749 issue of Sower’s German-language newspaper makes mention of Simon Munch of Bern Township on the Northkill; and on 2
February 1752 Simon (or possibly his nephew Simon, born 1728) was a sponsor at the baptism of a daughter born to Andreas Winter of Bern Township.  

On 10 November 1749 Simon acquired a warrant for a 156-acre tract of land situated in Bern Township. This tract had been surveyed 27-Mar-1738 by Samuel Lightfoot, a Quaker, for Michael Kedner based on his warrant of 12-Jan-1737/8. This tract of land was of an irregular shape, contained eleven sides, and was bordered by vacant land and lands of Albrecht Strous, Hans Ciber, Jacob Pyler, and John Kedner. Later, on 12 August 1763, the tract would be patented to Simon’s youngest son, George Michael.

Simon and his brother Peter obtained warrants for tracts of land on the same day, 23 March 1750. Simon’s tract was situated “over the Blue Hills” just below Second Mountain in Pinegrove Twp., Berks (now Schuylkill) County. Surveyed for him on 23 March 1750, it was 94 acres in size. It is doubtful that this land ever was occupied by Simon, and it was patented to Francis Deater in 1806.

Catharina passed away 12 December 1773 at the age of 73 years. Simon survived her by eight years, dying 17 February 1782 at the age of 81. Both were buried in Bernville Cemetery. The gravestone states that Catharina was married to Simon for 46 years and had given birth to three sons and five daughters.

The baptismal entries for her and Simon’s first five children, all born at Gommersheim, follow. Note that the eldest child died a year before Simon emigrated, and “in Pennsylvania” appears in the margin next to the names of the other four children. Baptismal records, however, have not been found for the three babies born after their parents arrived in Pennsylvania, and only one of these children, the third son (Johann George Michael), has been identified from other sources.

Children:

1. Maria Barbara Munch, born 21 Nov. 1729, died at Gommersheim 17 Mar. 1736.

Children of Johann Simon and Anna Maria Catharina Münch baptized at Gommersheim: (1) Maria Barbara, born 21 Nov. 1729; (2) Maria Catharina, born 20 Mar. 1731; (3) Johann Nicolaus, born 22 June 1731; (4) Johann Christoph, born 6 June 1734; and (5) Maria Apollonia, born 26 Feb. 1736.
3. **JOHANN NICOLAUS MÜNCH**, born 22 June 1732; left Gommersheim with parents in 1737. No information has been found regarding him in Pennsylvania, which leads to the conclusion that he probably died before reaching maturity.

4. **JOHANN CHRISTOPH MÜNCH**, born 6 June 1734, died 1806, married 6 Mar. 1757 by Rev. Stoever at Bern **MARIA BARBARA HOLDER**. He used the name Stoffel (or Stotfel) when signing documents, but his name generally was spelled Christopher in records written in English. The surname commonly was spelled Minich or Minnich in English records and English translations of German records.

He and Barbara took communion at Little Tulpehocken Church on 13 Sept. 1761 and on 3 Apr. 1763. On 27 Nov. 1771 Samuel Filbert conveyed to Christopher Minich and Jacob Straus, as Wardens or Elders of the Lutheran Church, one acre of land for “the Use of a Church & Burial Ground” and “promoting of Religion and encouraging the Society of Lutherans” in Bern Twp. and adjacent areas. All three men are stated to reside in Bern Twp. and to be yeomen. The deed points out that a church already was erected on the lot and used for the stated purpose, but that a deed had not previously been executed. The church lot was part of a 106-acre tract of land, adjoining lands of Godfrey Feidler and Stephen Umbehagen, that was conveyed to Samuel Filbert by patent dated 29 Apr. 1763. (It is interesting to note that a Samuel Filbert, then 27 years of age, arrived at Philadelphia in 1737 on the same ship, Samuel, as Peter and Simon Münch.)

He was taxed in Bern Twp. from 1767 through 1785. His ownership of land increased from 80 to 150 acres during this period, and he possessed several horses and several cattle. Christopher undoubtedly was involved in other land transactions besides that of the church lot, but the only one recorded was the sale by him and Barbara for £350 of a 130-acre farm in Bern Twp. to Philip Jacob Geist on 22 June 1772. He signed his name in German script (translated as Stophl Ming) and Barbara signed by mark. The conveyance indicates that Christopher had acquired the land on 9 May 1764 from Jacob Gachlin.

Stofel still lived in Bern Twp. when the 1790 census was taken, but later moved to Heidelberg Twp., just below Tulpehocken and Bern townships, where he signed his will (written in German) 25 Mar. 1806. He probably died at the age of 72 years in Oct. 1806 because the will was proved 3 Nov. 1806. He apparently was predeceased by Maria Barbara since only the children are mentioned. The sole executor was his son Benjamin, who was to have all his personal estate, the remainder being shared equally by all twelve children. The witnesses were Nicholas Eckert and Conrad Stouch. The document provides the names of the husbands of the five married daughters. Children (birth order within gender as given in father’s will):

i. **JOHN GEORGE MICHAEL MÜNCH**, b. 6 Feb. 1758 (bapt. 5 Mar. 1758; sponsors: **John George Michael Münch & Strauss**), m. 29 Sept. 1778 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg (about six miles southwest of Bernville) **CHRISTINA DOCK**, dau. of Henry Dock. When married the groom resided in Bern Twp., the bride in Heidelberg Twp. By 1804 they had moved...
to Centre Co., where they were sponsors at baptisms held at Emmanuel’s Church of the Loop (formerly Erle’s or Early’s Church) that year and in 1806, 1809, and 1810.\(^{17}\) (The baptismal register for this church, which is located in the southwestern part of the county, covers only the period 1801-1810.)

ii. **JOHN PHILIPP MÜNCH**, b. 1 Nov. 1759 (bapt. 18 Nov. 1759; sponsors: John Nicholas Holder, Jr., & wife Catarina), m. 11 Aug. 1781 at Bern by Rev. William Boos (Reformed) ELISABETHA JOHNSON.\(^{18}\)

iii. **JACOB MÜNCH**, m. 12 Apr. 1784 at Bern by Rev. William Boos (Reformed) CATHARINA STAMM.\(^{19}\) Their first two children may have been (1) Catharine\(^4\), born 31 Jan. 1785 (bapt. at Bern 6 Mar. 1785; sponsors: Stophel Muench and wife Sarah), and (2) John Jacob, born 16 Jan. 1787 (bapt. at Bern 11 Mar. 1787; sponsors: Jonathan Muench and Eva Lerch).\(^{20}\) Jacob, like his brother George, moved to the central part of Pennsylvania. He and Catharine were sponsors at baptisms held at Emmanuel’s Church at the Loop in 1802, 1804, 1807, 1808, and 1810; and the register includes one of their own children: Benjamin Munch, born 7 Nov. 1804 (bapt. 3 Dec. 1804, sponsors: Conrad Dillman and Elizabeth).\(^{21}\) Born 20 years after the marriage, Benjamin may have been their last child.

iv. **JONATHAN MÜNCH**, b. 24 Feb. 1764, d. 24 Apr. 1844, m-1 19 Apr. 1791 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg SUSANNA LESCH, b. 21 Apr. 1771, d. 10 Mar. 1838, m-2 MARIA JONES; Jonathan and first wife bur. at Daniel’s Corner Church, Robesonia.\(^{22}\) No issue.

v. **BENJAMIN MÜNCH**, b. 17 Mar. 1766, d. 23 Sept. 1832, m. July 1791 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg SUSANNA SHÄPLER, b. 4 Oct. 1775, d. 22 Apr. 1838.\(^{23}\) They had five or six sons and five daughters. They, son Jacob and his wife, and grandson Adam and his wife are buried at the Lutheran and Reformed graveyard in North Heidelberg Twp.\(^{24}\) Identified children, perhaps the youngest two: \(^{25}\)

(1) Jacob\(^4\) Münch, b. 18 Feb. 1806, d. 14 June 1878, m. Elizabeth Potteiger, b. 12 Mar. 1812, d. 31 May 1880. They had a son Adam\(^5\) Münch, b. 11 Oct. 1834, d. 16 Dec. 1904, m. Isabella Henrietta Klop, b. 29 Jan. 1836, d. 12 Jan. 1898, dau. of Daniel Klop.

(2) Catharine Münch, b. 17 June 1809, d. 31 Dec. 1884, m. Michael Potteiger, b. 28 Nov. 1806, d. 1 Dec. 1887. She is buried in the old Lutheran Church graveyard, Rehersburg.

vi. **JOHN ADAM MÜNCH**, bapt. (Bern) 17 Nov. 1776, probably d. by 25 Mar. 1806 since not named in father’s will.\(^{26}\)

vii. **MARY MARGARET MÜNCH**, b. 8 Nov. 1762 (bapt. 21 Nov. 1762; sponsors: Matthew Weber & wife, Mary Margaret) m. 19 Sept. 1786 at Bern by Rev. William Boos (Reformed) PHILIP LERCH.\(^{27}\)

viii. **CHRISTINA MÜNCH**, m. July 1791 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg JOHN SHÄPLER.\(^{28}\) He was the brother Benjamin’s wife Susanna.

ix. **MAGDALENA MÜNCH**, m. 30 June 1783 at Bern by Rev. William Boos (Reformed) JACOB KUHLMAN (or ROHLMAN).\(^{29}\)
x.  **CATHARINE MÜNCH**, m. 10 Nov. 1794 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, GEORGE LESCHER.\(^{30}\)

xi.  **ANNA MARIA MÜNCH**, bapt. (Bern) 20 Nov. 1774, m. by 25 Mar. 1806 MICHAEL PFEIFFER.\(^{31}\)

xii.  **ELIZABETH MÜNCH**; unmar. (25 Mar. 1806).


Chapter 2

JOHANN GEORGE MICHAEL MÜNCH (c1740-1798) OF BERKS & FRANKLIN COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

A. BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Called George Michael or simply Michael, Johann George Michael Münch was the youngest of three sons of Johann Simon and Anna Maria Catharina (Schenk) Münch. His two brothers, Johann Nicolaus and Johann Christoph, were born in 1732 and 1734, respectively, in the town of Gommersheim, Germany. George Michael’s birth place and date are unknown since he cannot be found in extant baptismal registers. It is highly likely, however, that he was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, about 1740, three years after his parents had arrived at Philadelphia on the ship Samuel.

On 20 May 1760, in a ceremony presided over by the Lutheran minister John Casper Stoever, George Michael Münch of Bern Township, Berks County, married Maria Magdalena Wagner of Tulpehocken Township, Berks County. Magdalena (or “Matty”), the daughter of Mathias Wagner and Anna Elisabetha Stupp, was born on 7 August 1741 and baptized on 12 September 1741 at Little Tulpehocken Church, the sponsors being Johannes Zerve and Anna Kunigunde Schürvin. Thus, Magdalena was 18 years of age when she married, and George Michael was about 20. (See Appendix A for information regarding the Wagner and Stupp families.) On 29 June 1760, the month following George Michael and Magdalena’s wedding, George Michael’s sister Apollonia married Magdalena’s eldest brother, Jacob Wagner.

Several years after the wedding, by deed dated 13 January 1763, George Michael acquired from his 62-year-old father the 156-acre tract of land in Bern Township that his father had obtained by warrant dated 10 November 1749. This tract was patented to George Michael on 12 August 1763. It was located near the headwaters of the Northkill in the northwest corner of what now is Penn Township but then was Bern Township. It seems likely that after the
transfer of real estate George Michael’s parents continued to live on the family homestead with him and Magdalena. Bern Township tax records for 1767 give George Michael’s occupation as farmer, and in various tax years he is listed as owning two or three horses, two or three cattle, and four sheep.

During the Revolutionary War, “George M. Ming” was a member of Capt. Sebastian Emrich’s 4th Company, Bern Township, Berks County Militia. This unit was one of eight companies in the 3rd Battalion under the command of Col. Michael Lindemuth.

In pursuance of an application dated 8 January 1768, a 26.25-acre tract of land was resurveyed on 22 January 1793 to George Michael “Minich” and patented to him on 6 March 1793. This tract is located in Bern Township adjoining his 156-acre tract and lands of John Siever, Christian Hershberger, and Albright Strous.

On 12 April 1793, the month following the patent date, George Michael “Münich,” yeoman, and his wife, “Mary Matlen,” sold their two adjacent tracts of land, a total of 182 acres, for £900 to Peter Wever of Heidelberg Township and his wife, Catharine. Mary Magdalena signed by mark (X).

B. FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Only ten days later, “George Michael Menigh of Barren [Bern] Township in the County of Barks [Berks]” purchased for £1,000 a tract of 151 acres on the Conococheague Creek in Greene Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The seller was Nicholas Haveling of Greene Township and his wife, Dorothy. It was part of a larger tract of 336.5 acres that had been patented in 1769 to Rev. Richard Peters and after several intermediate owners, was conveyed in 1777 to Josiah Crawford, who sold it to Nicholas Haveling in 1779. The owners of land adjacent to George Michael’s were John Mitchel, Josiah Crawford, and Martin Wingert. The precise location of this land has not been ascertained, but it probably was less than five miles west of Chambersburg, the county seat.
The journey to their new home probably would have taken them across the Susquehanna River at Harrisburg and then through Carlisle to the vicinity of Chambersburg, a total of about 85 or 90 miles in a southwesterly direction from their old residence.

Franklin County had been formed from Cumberland County in 1784, nine years prior to George Michael’s move there. It was bordered by the counties of Bedford (now Fulton and Huntingdon) on the northwest, York (now Adams) and Cumberland (now Cumberland and Perry) on the northeast, and Washington in Maryland, across the Mason-Dixon line on the south. George Michael’s property had a frontage of almost one-quarter mile on the west side of Conococheague Creek. The West Branch of this creek flows though western Franklin County before joining the main branch at Greencastle, Pennsylvania. From there it proceeds south into the Potomac River near Williamsport, Maryland, just below Hagerstown.

When they moved to Franklin County, George Michael and Maria Magdalena were in their early fifties and the parents of twelve children. Quite likely they joined the Lutheran church located at Chambersburg that now is called the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Land for building a Lutheran Church in the town of Chambersburg was granted in 1780 by Col. Benjamin Chambers, the town’s founder. A two-story log church was erected soon af-
On 28 June 1794, the year after purchasing his farm, George Michael, "yeoman," bought a town lot in Chambersburg for £150 plus yearly ground rent of 15 shillings from Henry Waggoner, a Chambersburg blacksmith, and his wife (Christina). The lot was 64 feet in breadth and 195 feet in depth, and was bounded on the east by Terrence Campbell’s lot, on the west by Patrick Campbell’s lot, on the north by John Baxter’s lot, and on the south by Queen Street. It was part of three lots (numbers 93-95) granted by Benjamin Chambers and his wife (Jane) on 13 February 1778 to Terrence Campbell, who on 19 April 1793 conveyed it to Henry Waggoner. Queen Street runs east and...
west, and in downtown Chambersburg now is U.S. Route 30 (Lincoln Highway). The next parallel street to the south is Washington, the street on which the early Lutheran church is located.

George Michael Münch was about 58 years of age when he died. "Weak in body," he signed his will, in German script, on 22 October 1798, and the document was proved just 19 days later on the 10th of November. His "best beloved wife," Maria Magdalena, was bequeathed one-third of his personal property, and during her widowhood, she was to have the new front room in the dwelling house, one-half of the new cellar, and one-half of the garden next to the house. She also was to have a sufficient amount of firewood ready cut and carried to her door, six pounds of flax, four bushels of winter apples and the privilege of drying two bushels of apples, two bee hives, and the interest on £250. Furthermore, her cow was to have free use of the pasture.

The will directed that the real and personal estate be sold and that the proceeds be divided equally among the twelve children, except that son Simon was to receive an additional £5 and son John an additional £20. Unmarried daughters were to have "furniture equal with those already married," and £10 were bequeathed toward the building of a Lutheran German church. (The latter bequest eventually may have gone towards the building of a brick structure by the Chambersburg Lutheran congregation that had been worshiping in a log church shared with the Reformed congregation.) John Myers was to be appointed guardian of the youngest daughter, and son Simon and friend John Stump were named as executors.

The widow at appraisement took two cows (valued at £7.5.0), four hogs (£3.12.6), a ten-plate stove (£5.0.0), a clock (£5.0.0) and other items, the total value being £33.18.6. The remainder of George Michael's personal property was purchased for £510.10.4 at a public vendue held in December 1798. Farm animals sold included six heifers (£11.5.7), six cows (£25.13.0), three steers (£6.12.8), one bull £1.11.0), nine hogs (£16.10.10), two colts (£27.1.0), one mare (£16.9.0), three horses (£50.3.0) and three sheep (£1.13.6)—a total of £156.19.7. The sale of hay, rye, and wheat brought in over £130. Some of the other items sold were two wagons (£18.4.9), a sleigh (£4.10.0), a windmill (£5.0.2), three beds and bedsteads (£9.0.0), and a copper kettle (£4.6.0).

In addition to the widow, all four sons, three daughters, and two sons-in-law purchased items at the public sale. (This assumes that the Christina "Minnig," as the name was consistently spelled in the sales document, was George Michael’s daughter rather than Mathias’s wife.) Son Simon’s name appears the most often (25 times) on the sales list, followed by son-in-law
WILL OF GEORGE MICHAEL MÜNCH

In the name of God Amen, I George Michael Munch of Green Township in the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being weak in body but of sound mind, memory and understanding thank ye to God for the same therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following—first I order and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executors hereinafter named as soon as convenient may be after my decease, my will is and I give bequest to my best beloved wife Maria Magdalena the third part of my personal property and yearly during her natural life or Widows Hood the new front room in my dwelling house the half of the new Seller, the half of the garden next the house a sufficiency of fire wood ready cut & carried to her doone and six pounds of Flux and two Bushels of Winter apples and the privilege of digging two Bushels of dried apples if there be fruit and also I give her two of the Bee Hives my will is and I order and direct that two hundred and fifty pounds of Lawful money of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be put to interest and my wife to draw on the yearly Interest during her natural life or widowhood and in case the interest should not be sufficient then I allow her to draw on and make use of the principal. And further my will is that his Cow is to run in pasture with the persons Cows who shall enjoy the plantation.

My will is and I order and direct that six weeks after my decease, that my Executors make sale of my personal estate and in one year of real estate and the monies to be divided amongst my Children as shall be hereinafter directed, my will is that the Lands be sold amongst my Children if they can agree amongst themselves and the purchase money to be divided amongst my Children together with the personal property excepting the bequests hereinafter made share and share alike & those Children that gave me their bonds is to be paid with their bonds that is they are to be counted to them as Cash towards their part of the gales to be divided in twelve parts and my Children to receive them agreeable to age. My will is and I order and direct that my Executors make deeds to the purchasers or purchasers of my real estate.

My will is and I give and bequeath to my Son Simon five pounds over and above a Childs Share and to my Son John I give and bequeath twenty pounds over and above a Childs Share for services done when over age. And my will is that my Daughters unmarried is to have furniture equal with those already married, & I give and bequeath ten pounds in Cash towards the building of a Lutheran German Church, to be paid to the trustees or builders of the same. And my will is that John Myers be appointed Guardian for my youngest Daughter, And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my best beloved Son Simon and my friend John Stump Executors to this my Last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills hecetopore by me made subjecting this and no other to be my Last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 22d day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

Signed Sealed published and declared
By the said George Michael Munch as
His Last will and testament in presence of us.

Geo Munch
George Zeigler[?]
George Benedum (14 times), son Mathias (12 times), daughter Christina (7 times), son Michael (4 times), son-in-law Peter Koch (3 times), daughter Catharine (3 times), son John (2 times), and daughter Susanna (1 time).

On 8 November 1799 Maria Magdalena signed an articles of agreement with her children. She agreed to relinquish her privilege of “living in the front room of the new end of the dwelling house, one-half of the cellar,” etc. Her children, in turn, agreed that on 1 May 1800 they would put her “in quiet and peaceable possession” of the house and lot in Chambersburg belonging to her deceased husband’s estate and that they, at their own cost, would put “the dwelling house, stable, and fence around the house in good and sufficient order and repair.” “Matty” is known to have made the move because a news item that appeared in the 14 December 1802 issue of the local paper states that the widow Minnick resides in Chambersburg opposite Greenwalt’s butcher shop.

The accounts filed by the executors on 12 April 1804 regarding George Michael’s personal estate show that a total of £816.8.4 was owed to the estate on bonds, notes, and book debts. Four of the sons owed a total of £296.2.10: Simon (£113.0.0), Michael (£40.2.10), John (£125.0.0), and Mathias (£18.0.0). And four sons-in-law owed a total of £125.3.10—John Benedum (£41.0.0), George Benedum (£54.3.10), Peter Koch (£15.0.0), and Mathias Eakles (£15.0.0). Claims against the estate paid by the executors amounted to £446.9.9, much of which was on bonds owed by the deceased. A few of the more interesting payments were those made to Catharine “Minch” for vendue (£0.15.0), Jacob Smith for whisky for vendue (£6.15.9), Abraham Sensing for medicine (£2.5.6), funeral charges (£0.3.9), John Minich for threshing grain, and Mathias Minich for unstated reason (£0.6.0). The balance in the hands of the executors pertaining to the personal estate was £914.7.5.

The account filed relative to the real estate on 12 April 1804 reveal that the 151-acre farm in Greene Township was sold for £1,782, the first payment of one-third the price (£594) being due on 1 April 1800 and the remainder to paid in twelve yearly installments of £99 each. The purchaser was eldest son, Simon, apparently acting through an agent (Michael Trout) since Simon was the estate’s co-executor. Credited against this amount were disbursements made in accordance with the will’s instructions and payments of £18 to each of the five sons (John, Michael, Simon, Mathias, and Leonard) and of £15 to each of the seven daughters (Barbara Benedum, Magdalena Benedum, Elisabeth Yeglison, Anna Maria Cook, Catharine Minich, Christina Hass, and Susan Minich). Also credited to the accounts are various costs associated with repairing the house in Chambersburg for the widow’s use. The balance in the hands of the accountants pertaining to this filing was £1,237.14.6. The total
balance of the personal and real estate accounts was £2,152.1.11 (about £180 per each of twelve shares).

Matty passed away, intestate, at the age of 63 years in November 1804. Her son Simon and son-in-law Israel "Hause," who were appointed as administrators, filed "An inventory of the conscionable estate of Matty Minich, late of the Borough of Chambersburg, dec'd." on 29 November 1804. Two of the more valuable items listed were a 24-hour clock (£7.10.0) and a stove and pipe (also £7.10.0). Two sermon books and a catechism were valued at £0.7.6. She kept a cow (£3.15.0) and six sheep (£1.10.0). Her household furniture included two beds and bedsteads (£13.10.0), a case of drawers (£2.12.6), three Windsor chairs, one rocking chair, and two other chairs (£1.5.8), a corner cupboard (£1.5.0), and a table with oil cloth (£0.7.6). She owned an umbrella, a looking glass, seven saucers and five cups, eighteen teaspoons and four brass spoons, three pewter plates and several other plates and dishes, pots, pans, skillets, a coffee mill, a dough roller, a ginger box, tallow, sugar, a pen knife, and scissors. Her clothes, which were valued at about £13, consisted of handkerchiefs, gowns, petticoats and under-petticoats, caps, a wool hat, a pair of stockings, gloves, and a pair of shoes. She owned a spinning wheel, reel, and spindles (£0.11.3), a quantity of wool (£0.10.0), 25 pounds of cotton and linen yarn (£3.7.0), 20 pounds of tow and blue linen yarn (£1.16.3), a sewing basket (£0.3.9), and four unfinished bed quilts (£2.4.6).

Matty’s clothes were distributed to the heirs. The remaining items were sold for £59.4.4. Additional cash in the hands of the administrators brought the total to £71.2.8. Payments and disbursements totaled £28.6.8, including £5.13.8 for funeral expenses and a small sum paid for unspecified reasons to Henry Greenwalt, probably the butcher who lived across the street.

A further account of the real estate of George Michael submitted by the executors (son Simon and John Stump) on 26 February 1805 reveals that Matty’s house and lot in Chambersburg were sold for £110.5.0.

It seems likely that George Mitchael and Matty were buried in the Lutheran Church graveyard at Chambersburg, which is where several of their children are known to have been interred.

One of the twelve children, unmarried daughter Susanna, died “several years after her father,” which would mean she probably passed away in 1801 or 1802. In April 1805 Simon, distributed the proceeds of his parents’ estates to his surviving siblings. One of the associated releases states that Simon is in the “actual possession” of the 151-acre farm in Greene Township. Peter Koch and his wife, Ann Mary, of Shenandoah County, Virginia, acted through an
attorney as did John Bowman and his wife, Catharine, of Rockingham County, Virginia. Michael Menich was identified as a resident of Hanover Township, Dauphin County, and Leonard Menich as a resident of Tulpehocken Township, Berks County. Mathias Menich was one of the four heirs that “appeared personally” on 12 Apr. 1805 to acknowledge his signature. (The other three were John Menich, Magdalena Benedum and her husband (George), and Christina Haas and her husband (Israel). (A record of the distribution to Simon’s sister Barbara, wife of John Benedum, has not been found.) The heirs received £200 apiece from their father’s estate and £2.8.6 from their mother’s. All of the men who signed these releases penned their names in German script.

C. CHILDREN OF GEORGE MICHAEL \(^2\) & MAGDALENA (WAGNER) MÜNCH

George Michael \(^2\) (“Michael”) and Magdalena (“Matty”) had five sons and seven daughters, all undoubtedly born on their farm in Bern (now Penn) Township, Berks County. The birth dates of six children (Barbara, Elizabeth, Michael, Mathias, Leonard, and Catharine) are known. It is reasonable to surmise that the youngest child (Susanna) was born about 1784, when Matty was about 43. Simon, quite likely, was the eldest son because he was named co-executor of both his father’s and mother’s wills.

When their parents moved from Berks to Franklin County in 1793, the children ranged in age from about nine to twenty-eight. Three of the married daughters (Barbara Benedum, Magdalena Benedum, and Elizabeth Jäckly) remained behind and never resided in Franklin County. By the early 1800s, four children (Anna Maria Koch, Catharine Bowman, Mathias Münch, and John Münch) resided in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and one (Magdalena Benedum) lived in Ohio.

Children (birth order not entirely certain):

1. MARIA BARBARA \(^3\) MÜNCH, born 6 Mar. 1765, died 25 Apr. 1845 at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., married 9 Dec. 1783 by Rev. Carl Friedrich Wildbahn (Lutheran) in Berks Co. JOHN BENEDUM of Bern Twp., born 15 Mar. 1765, died 22 Dec. 1828 at Womelsdorf, son of Johann Andreas Benedum of Bern Twp., Berks Co.; both bur. at Zion Union (Lutheran and Reformed) Church graveyard, Womelsdorf. \(^1\) John was the brother of George Benedum, who in 1787 would marry Barbara’s sister Magdalena. John and George were enumerated on consecutive lines of the unalphabetized 1790 census of Tulpehocken Twp. Later census data indicate that John and Barbara resided about six miles southwest of Bernville near the town of Womelsdorf.

The records of St. Daniel’s Church (known as “the corner church”) at Robesonia show that John and Barbara were the sponsors at the baptism of Barbara’s niece Elizabeth “Jekley,” born 30 June 1794, the daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth (Münch) Jekley. \(^2\) A tanner by trade, John was involved in many land transactions mostly in Heidelberg or the town of Womelsdorf between 1794 and 1821. \(^3\)
in the Reading post office that was printed in the 16 Oct. 1804 issue of Der Readinger Adler gives his address as “near Womelsdorf.”

The 1830 census lists Barbara, who had been a widow for two years, as a household head. She was 80 years old when she died intestate at Womelsdorf in 1845. Letters of administration on her estate were granted on 14 Apr. 1846 to Peter Leininger of Womelsdorf, who was one of her grandsons, with John Martin and William Krick, both of Reading, as sureties. The inventory of her personal goods reveals that she had few possessions, their total value being only $20.16.

A family history written in 1955 positively identifies eight children through Bible (John, Joseph, Peter), baptism (Anna Maria, Henry, Michael), gravestone (George), and probate (Elizabeth) records, and infers five more through less direct evidence. This genealogy continues most lines for at least another generation. Children (surname generally spelled Bennethum):

i. ? BARBARA BENEDUM, b. c1784, m. 3 Feb. 1808 at Christ Lutheran Church PETER WEISS.

ii. JOHN BENEDUM, b. 27 Mar. 1786, d. 19 Mar. 1860, m. in Berks Co. NANCY ANN BENEDUM, b. 1 Jan. 1789, d. 8 Oct. 1852, dau. of Peter Benedum and Nancy Anne Kurtz. The relationship between the groom and bride is unknown. It probably was a fairly close one, perhaps first cousins, because the bride’s parents are said to have been witnesses at the marriage of the groom’s parents. They lived in Heidelberg Twp., Berks Co., very close to the homes of his mother and his brother David in 1830. In 1838 they moved to Fairfield Co., OH, where John’s uncle George Benedum lived. John worked as a tanner in 1850, and they resided at Baltimore, Liberty Twp., Fairfield Co. They had 12 children.

iii. GEORGE BENEDUM, b. 15 Feb. 1789, m-1 2 Sept. 1810 MARIA NOLL, m-2 13 June 1819 SARAH GEISS, b. 1800 in PA. He was buried at Zion Union Church graveyard, Womelsdorf. They lived in Jackson Twp., Lebanon Co., PA in 1840. This township adjoins Marion Twp., Berks Co., where they resided on a farm in 1850. He had 17 children.

iv. ELIZABETH BENEDUM, b. 3 May 1791, d. 15 Mar. 1881, m. JOHN LOININGER (or LEININGER). She was buried at Zion Union Church graveyard, Womelsdorf. Their son Peter was administrator of the estate of Elizabeth’s mother.

v. PETER BENEDUM, b. 15 Apr. 1792, d. 30 Sept. 1837, m. 5 June 1817 CATHARINE MOYER, b. 1796. They resided in Bern Twp. in 1830, and Catharine, presumed to be Peter’s widow, at Womelsdorf in 1840. In 1850, Catharine lived at Womelsdorf in the household headed by her son Peter (26). The home included Peter’s wife (Sarah, 24), their three young children (Agnes, William, & Peter, the oldest only five), and three of Catharine’s other sons: Elias (23), William (18), and David (13).

vi. ?JACOB BENEDUM, m. MARIA. They had three children.

vii. ANNA MARIA BENEDUM, b. 1 Feb. 1795 (bapt. 15 Mar. 1795; sponsors: George & Anna Maria Kohl), m. 15 Oct. 1813 MICHAEL BOLLMAN.

viii. JOSEPH BENEDUM, b. 15 June 1798.
ix. Henry Benedum, b. 26 Mar. 1799 (bapt. 5 May 1799; sponsors: Michael Münch and Catherine Pickle), d. 1868, m. 26 June 1819 Catherine Ruth, b. 1800 in PA. In 1850 Henry, a drover, and his wife Catherine resided in Womelsdorf with the following children, apparently twins: Catharine and Charles, both 13 years old.

x. Sarah Benedum, m. 1822 at Christ Lutheran Church Henry Reith.

xi. David Benedum, b. 15 Aug. 1800, d. 26 Mar. 1889, m. 10 Aug. 1828 Christina Schmidt, b. 5 Nov. 1809 in PA, d. 7 Aug. 1881. He was buried at Zion Union Church graveyard, Womelsdorf. In 1850 David, a tanner, and his wife Christina resided in Womelsdorf. They had 13 children.

xii. Michael Benedum, b. 6 Nov. 1806 (bapt. 19 Dec. 1807; sponsors: parents), m. Rebecca. They had four children.

xiii. John Minnich Benedum, b. 16 May 1809, d. 25 Apr. 1892, m. Anna Marie Longel, b. 15 July 1816, d. 5 Mar. 1872. He was buried at Zion Union Church graveyard, Womelsdorf. They had six children.

2. Maria Magdalena Münch, born c1766, died in 1840s, married 3 Apr. 1787 by Rev. William Boos (Reformed) in Berks Co. Johann Georg Benedum of Bern Twp., born 3 Mar. 1766, died 29 Mar. 1837 in Liberty Twp., Fairfield Co., OH, son of Johann Andreas Benedum of Bern Twp., Berks Co. He is buried at the United Brethren graveyard near Baltimore, Fairfield Co. George was the brother of the husband of Magdalena’s older sister Barbara. In 1790 these two couples resided next door to one another in Tulpehocken Twp. George attended the public sale of his father-in-law’s personal property in Dec. 1798. Among the many items he bought were a bed and bedstead for £2.4.8 and a corner cupboard for £9.0.0.

By 1800 George and Magdalena had moved westward to Frankford Twp. in the vicinity of Carlisle, Cumberland Co. At an unknown date, he purchased 50 acres of land in Frankford Twp. from Thomas Parker, and on 2 Apr. 1802 he bought 80 acres in that township from John “Bended” and his wife, Barbara. (The surname of the grantors of the latter tract is spelled Bended, but perhaps that is a misreading of Benedum, which would mean that George purchased the tract from his brother and his wife.) George and Magdalena sold this 80-acre tract to Abraham Hickenel on 16 Aug. 1804, and the 50-acre tract to Magdalena’s brother Leonard Minnich of Heidelberg Twp. for £350 on 31 May 1806. Several months later, on 10 July 1806 George acquired land from R. Courtright in Fairfield Co., OH, just south of Columbus.

On 12 April 1805, the year before they moved to Ohio, George and Magdalena “personally appeared” before the Franklin Co. Court at Chambersburg to acknowledge their signatures on a deed of release to any claims on the estate of Magdalena’s father in consideration of a payment of £200 received from her brother Simon Münch.

In 1803 George was ordained as a minister in the new United Brethren Church of Christ, which had been established in 1800 with William Otterbein and Martin Boehm as its first bishops. At a conference held in Ohio, George Benedum was one of the preachers elected to develop a Book of Discipline for the United Brethren in Christ. The resulting Book of Discipline was published in 1815. He often preached
at the house of a Mr. Sholey on Walnut Creek, and is said to have "combined great
cervor with poise and perseverance."

Like his father, his brother John, and his brother-in-law Leonard Minnich, George
was a tanner by trade. His nephew John Benedum, who moved to Fairfield Co. in
1838, also was a tanner.

The will of George Benedum of Liberty Twp., Fairfield Co., which he signed on 1
Jan. 1835, names his wife (Magdalena) and nine offspring: sons Philip, John (de­
cessead), George, Jacob, Mathias, and Daniel, and daughters Magdalena (the eldest),
Catherine (wife of Henry Hartman), and Christina (wife of Reuben Duff). The ex­
cutor was son Philip.

Magdalena headed a household in Liberty Twp. in 1840. She apparently died
some time in the 1840s because she cannot be found in the 1850 census.

Children:

i. MAGDALENA BENEDUM, b. 23 Jan. 1788; unmar. (1835).

ii. JOHN BENEDUM, b. 7 July 1789, d. 1821 in Bloom Twp., Fairfield Twp. The
administrators of his estate were George Benedum, Jr., and John Cheney.
Benedum names mentioned in the estate records are Mathias, George,
Peggy, and Mathew. A partition of his estate in 1822 indicates that the
widow's name was MARGARET.

iii. ELIZABETH BENEDUM, b. 11 Mar. 1791, m. 24 Mar. 1811 in Fairfield Co.
CONRAD FETTER, d. in mid 1820s in Pleasant Twp., Fairfield Co. His estate
administrator was Philip Benedum. He was survived by Elizabeth and minor
children Conrad, Caroline, Emanuel, and Jane.

iv. GEORGE BENEDUM, b. 16 Sept. 1792, d. 1831 in Violet Twp., Fairfield Co.,
m. 26 Apr. 1812 in Fairfield Co. HANNAH MEYERS. Philip Benadum admin­
istered his estate. Partition record abstracts indicate George was the father of
the following minor children: William, Polly, Catharine, Allen, Elizabeth,
Joshua, Simon, Laney, Andrew, and George.

v. JACOB BENEDUM, b. 12 Mar. 1794. Apparently a widower, in 1850 Jacob re­
sided in Pleasant Twp., Fairfield Co. with the following persons: Hana (23
years old), Mary (18), George (16), Catherine (14), and Philip (13). He had
15 children by his first wife.

vi. MATHIAS BENEDUM, b. 28 Jan. 1796, d. 6 Apr. 1866, m. 27 Apr. 1819 in
Fairfield Co. ANNA DOVE, d. 30 May 1841 (ae. 34-0-21). They had eight
children.

vii. CATHERINE BENEDUM, b. 16 Jan. 1798, m. 27 Mar. 1817 in Fairfield Co.
HENRY HARTMAN.

viii. CHRISTINA BENEDUM, b. 3 Feb. 1799, m. bef. 1835 REUBEN DUFF.

ix. PHILIP BENEDUM, b. 3 Oct. 1801, d. 24 May 1885, m. 24 Nov. 1840 MARY
LOOFBOROUGH, b. 23 Jan. 1823, d. 27 Sept. 1867. In 1850 they lived in Lan­
caster, Fairfield Co, with the following children: Charles (8 yrs. old),
George (6), Thomas (5), John (4), and Harriet (1). They had six children.

x. PETER BENEDUM, b. 11 Feb. 1804, d. 6 Sept. 1895, m. CLARISSA. Al­
though not mentioned in his father's will, the Benadum genealogy indicates
that he died in 1895. The 1850 census shows him and Clarissa living in Pleasant Twp. with nine children (ages 2-20).

xi. SUSAN BENEDUM, b. 10 Nov. 1806; not in father’s will.

xii. SARAH BENEDUM, b. 5 Dec. 1808, not in father’s will.

xiii. DANIEL BENEDUM, b. 20 Dec. 1811, m. LUCY LEONARD. They had one child, who was born in 1838, but in 1850 Daniel resided without wife or child in the house of the Michael Thrash family in Violet, Fairfield Co.

3. SIMON MUNCH, born c1768, died 1815 in Greene Twp., married c1789 BARBARA ANN, born 20 Nov. 1768, died 9 June 1833; Barbara Ann was buried at the Lutheran Church graveyard, Chambersburg. They were married before Simon’s parents moved to Franklin Co. in 1793, so the wedding probably took place in Berks Co.

Simon and John Stump were the co-executors of his father’s 1798 will, and he and his brother-in-law Israel Haas were appointed co-administrators of his mother’s estate in 1804. By releases executed by his siblings in Apr. 1805 Simon acquired the 151-acre family farm in Greene Twp. of which he already was in “actual possession.” The purchase price was £1,782.

Simon was only about 47 years old when he died in 1815. His will, signed in Greene Twp. 16 May 1815 and proved 22 June 1815, names his wife (Barbara), a son (George), son-in-law George Brindle (married to daughter Elizabeth), and three daughters under the age of 18 (Maria Magdalena, Sally, and Catharine). The will directed that Simon Spear, who was daughter Elizabeth’s child, remain with George Brindle until the age of 18. The executors were trusty friend Abraham Shirk and Frederick Hess; the witnesses were George Hetich and John Culbertson.

Between 1820 and 1830 Barbara Ann moved to Chambersburg, where in the latter year two young women and a young man (all 20-30 years old) and a boy (5-10) lived in her household. She died three years later at the age of 64. Children (father’s will):

i. GEORGE MUNCH, b. c1790.

ii. ELIZABETH MUNCH, b. c1793, m. bef. 16 May 1815 GEORGE BRINDLE. Elizabeth had a son Simon Spear, who apparently was born before she married George Brindle.

iii. MARIA MAGDALENA MUNCH, b. aft. 1797.

iv. SALLY MUNCH, b. aft. 1797.

v. CATHARINE MUNCH, b. aft. 1797.

4. ANNA MARIA MUNCH, born c1769, married 31 Aug. 1790 (by Rev. William Boos, Reformed, in Berks Co.) PETER KOCH, died 1810. Peter apparently had a brother named David who married 16 Mar. 1790 (by Rev. Boos) Magdalena Burckes. In 1790 both men lived in Bern Twp. By the late 1790s the two young married couples had moved to Virginia, where they became closely involved with the Davidsburg Lutheran Church. This church was founded at New Market, Shenandoah Co., under the guidance of Rev. Paul Henkel about 1790. Peter and David Koch were two of the 27 members who on 1 Feb. 1801 voted to elect Ludwig Zirkel, Sr. as Elder and Solomon Henkel and Johannes Zirkel as Deacons.
David, the first of Peter and Anna Maria’s sons, was born on 21 Nov. 1798 and baptized at Davidsburg Church on 9 Jan. 1799 with David Koch and his wife Magdalena as sponsors. And on 30 Mar. 1800 Peter and Anna Maria were the sponsors at the baptism of a daughter (Anna Maria) born to David and Magdalena Koch. On 3 Jan. 1802 Anna Maria’s unmarried younger sister Catarina “Minich” was the baptismal sponsor of Peter and Anna Maria’s second child, who was named Catarina. And on that same day (3 Jan. 1802) Peter and Anna Maria Koch were the sponsors of a child, named Mathias, born to Anna Maria’s brother Mathias and his wife Catarina.

The deed of release that they signed in Apr. 1805 indicates that Peter and Anna Maria then lived in Shenandoah Co. Peter died in his early or mid 40s shortly before 15 May 1810, when an executor’s bond was issued in Rockingham Co. to Philip Knup with Andrew Crist and Mathias Minnick the sureties. (Most early wills were destroyed by the 1864 fire.) Peter had fathered six children, the eldest then only 11 years of age. The 1810 census, which was taken a short time after his death, shows his widow, “Mary Cook,” and her offspring residing in a house between the homes of Philip Knup and Andrew “Krist,” with Mathias “Minick” living on the other side of the Crists. About a year after Peter’s death, David Koch, presumably in honor of his deceased brother, named his newborn son Peter.

The births of their two sons and four daughters are recorded in the baptismal register of Davidsburg Church (now Reformation Lutheran Church), New Market. The 1810 census indicates the presence in Mary’s house of a girl 10-16 years of age, in addition to four girls under the age of 10. Thus, she may have had a daughter who was born about 1795 and baptized before the move to Virginia. What happened to Mary is unknown. She cannot be found in the 1820 census and apparently did not remarry, at least not in Rockingham or Shenandoah Co.

1. FEMALE KOCH, b. c1798 in PA.
2. DAVID KOCH, b. 21 Nov. 1798, bapt. 9 Jan. 1799 (sponsors: David Koch & wife Magdalena).
4. LYDIA KOCH, b. 26 Mar. 1803 (bapt. date and sponsors not given).
5. SALOMON KOCH, b. 8 Feb. 1805 (bapt. date and sponsors not given).
6. LEA KOCH, b. 27 May 1807 (bapt. date and sponsors not given).
7. MAGDALINA KOCH, b. 5 Mar. 1809 (bapt. date and sponsors not given).


In 1850 Mathias made his home with his daughter Louisa and her husband, Jacob Noll, in Upper Heidelberg Twp. Mathias died in 1852 at the age of 83 years. His will was written in German and he signed it in German script. His personal estate was sold
for $62.38. Among his possessions were a large Bible, which son John purchased for $11.00, and another Bible, as well as a Testament and several books, which were of far lesser value. Cash on hand and bonds and notes owed the estate amounted to $6,068.98. Disbursements included $70.00 for funeral expenses and $800 paid to daughter Louisa Noll for "boarding, washing, & lodging the testator for 2 years 6 mos.," personal attendance, and services. The total amount of money available for distribution to the legatees was $5,269.54, which was divided into eight shares of $658.69 each. The record of the distribution contains the names of eight children (surname spelled Yegley) and a number of grandchildren. Children (born 1794-c1814, birth order uncertain):

i. ELIZABETH JÄCKLY, b. 30 June 1794, m. ___ RABOLD. Elizabeth was baptized at St. Daniel’s Church, Robesonia, the sponsors being her aunt Barbara and her husband, John Benedum.

ii. SAMUEL JÄCKLY, d. bef. 1852. Children: William and Samuel Jäckly and Maria Manderback.

iii. JOHN JÄCKLY.

iv. CATHARINE JÄCKLY, m. PETER WOMELSDORF, d. bef. 1852. Children: Isaac, Daniel, and John Womelsdorf; Mary (wife of Michael Kalbach); Sarah (wife of Wm. G. Louden); Rebecca (wife of Dan. B. Siegfried); and Catharine Womelsdorf.

v. ANNA MARIA JÄCKLY, m. ___ HAAK, d. bef. 1852.

vi. SUSANNAH JÄCKLY, d. bef. 1852, m. MICHAEL(?) KALBACH. Children: Israel Kalbach and Elizabeth (wife of Dan Sheufelden).

vii. LOUISA JÄCKLY, b. 1814, m. c1834, JACOB NOLL, b. 1812. He was a tailor (1850). Children (1850 census): Emma (14 yrs. old), Mary (9), Amanda (6), Sarah (4), and Ellen (2).

viii. HANNAH JÄCKLY, m. GEORGE ROETHER.

6. MICHAEL MÜNCH, born 1772, died 28 Oct. 1852 (ae. 80-10-28), married c1796 MARIA CATHARINE BINKLEY, born 10 June 1772 in Lancaster Co., died 28 Oct. 1832; both buried at Lutheran Church graveyard, Chambersburg. In 1799 Michael was a sponsor at the baptism of Henry Benedum, the child of his sister Maria Barbara and her husband, John Benedum. He resided in West Hanover Twp., Dauphin Co. in 1800 and 1805; in Southampton Twp. (adjacent to Greene Twp.), Franklin Co. in 1810; and at Chambersburg from 1820 until the end of his life. In 1850 a 39-year-old woman named Charlotte Minnich made her home with him as did three teen-age boys (Michael, William, and Edward). These youngsters apparently were offspring of his deceased son Michael, who had died in 1842. Charlotte, it would appear, was Michael's second wife, whom he married some time after Catharine's death in 1832. In 1860 Charlotte resided at Chambersburg in the home of Andrew and Elizabeth Baas. Michael "Minnig" of Chambersburg, tanner, signed his will in July 1847, and it was proved 30 Oct. 1852. He had lived to the age of 80 years. The executors were "esteemed friend" Charles Hutz and sons-in law Charles Evans and Francis Deal. The witnesses were John H. and Benjamin Keyser. His real and
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personal estate were to be sold and the proceeds divided among his children, who are not named except for one. John Nitterhouse was appointed as guardian of son Bernard, to take his share for his maintenance and support. A large German Bible and an eight-day clock are mentioned in the inventory. The estate accounts, which were filed 9 Mar. 1861, show that a farm was sold for $11,285, a house (purchased by son Daniel) for $1,185, and another house for $301. Besides sons Barnard and Daniel, the only other person of interest mentioned in the accounts is Charlotte Minnich, the presumed widow, who received a payment of $896. Children:36

i. ELIZABETH MÜNCH, b. 3 Mar. 1798 in Dauphin Co. (bapt. 6 May 1798 at Swamp Lutheran Church).

ii. PETER MÜNCH, b. 27 Oct. 1800 in Dauphin Co., d. bef. 25 Sept. 1808, when another child was named Peter.

iii. MICHAEL MÜNCH, b. 12 Apr. 1802, d. 15 Dec. 1842, m. c1825 ELIZABETH GROVE, b. 16 Aug. 1803, d. 22 Nov. 1856; both bur. at Lutheran Church graveyard, Chambersburg.37 In 1850 Elizabeth lived in Hamilton Twp. which adjoins Chambersburg, with three children (Rebecca, Catharine, and George). It would seem that three other offspring resided that year with their paternal grandfather. Presumed children:
   (1) Rebecca Minnich, b. 1827.
   (2) Catharine Minnich, b. 1829.
   (3) Michael Minnich, b. 1832; res. with grandfather in 1850.
   (4) William Minnich, b. 1833; res. with grandfather in 1850.
   (5) George Minnich, b. 1834.
   (6) Edward Minnich, b. 1836; res. with grandfather in 1850.

iv. WILLIAM MÜNCH, b. 22 July 1803 in Dauphin Co.

v. CATHARINE MÜNCH, b. 10 Dec. 1804, d. 19 Jan. 1866 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL, m. 27 Jan. 1824 at Chambersburg FRANCIS DEAL (or DIEHL), b. 1803 in PA; res. at Chambersburg (1850). Children (1850 census): Elizabeth (20 years old), Samuel (17), Henrietta (15), Ann (10), Gertrude (7), and Sarah (5).

vi. PETER MÜNCH, b. 25 Sept. 1808.

vii. DANIEL MÜNCH, b. c1811, d. 6 May 1886, m. JANE KERR, b. 1814 in PA, d. in 1870s. A tanner, like his father, he lived in the South Ward of Chambersburg, probably in the house purchased from his father’s estate. Children (1860 & 1870 censuses):
   (1) George Minnich, b. 1845.
   (2) Barnet L. Minnich, b. 1850, m. Annie E. Children (1880 census): Edwin S. (b. 1871), Kerr A. (b. 1873), and Luther B. (b. 1876).
   (3) Jane Minnich, b. 1857.
   (4) Daniel Minnich, b. 1859.

viii. MARGARET MÜNCH, b. c1816, m. c1835 CHARLES EVANS, b. c1814; res. Chambersburg (1850-1870). Children (1850-1870 censuses): Mary I. (b. 1837), William (b. 1839), Barnet (b. 1841), Catharine (b. 1843), Emma (b. 1845), Charles (b. 1847), John (b. 1852), Anna (b. 1855), George (b. 1857), Peter (b. 1860).
ix. BARNET/BERNARD MUNCH, b. c1817. His birth year is from the 1870 census. (The ages given for him in the 1850 and 1860 censuses would indicate he was born in 1825, which is unreasonable because his mother was then 53 years old.) In 1850 he made his home at Chambersburg with the family of his guardian John Nitterhouse and his wife Maryann, who had a son named Bernard L. In 1860 and 1870 he lived in the house of his brother Daniel. His occupation in 1860 was stated to be “Gentleman” and his personal estate was valued at $1,500, then a fairly large sum, which probably was his share of his father’s estate. In 1870, unmarried, he worked in a soap factory.

7. JOHANNES MUNCH, born c1774, m. c1798 ELIZABETH ____. His father’s will, written and proved in late 1798, bequeathed to John £20 over and above a child’s share “for services done when over age.” By January of the year his father died, John had moved to Rockingham Co., VA. The date and place of his marriage and the surname of his wife are unknown. (If Elizabeth was several years younger than John, she was born about 1776.) Quite likely, the event occurred either shortly before or shortly after he moved. He may have traveled to his new home with his married sister Anna Maria Koch and her husband, Peter, and his unmarried sister Catharine.

On 3 Jan. 1798 he purchased a 112.75-acre tract of land in Rockingham Co. from Michael Lore/Lohr and his wife, Esther.\(^{38}\) It was part of a 350-acre tract that had been granted to Casper Dagy by patent on 15 May 1784. John’s land was “near a place called hazel hollow being the northwest end of the original tract.” It adjoined land owned by a man named Groves, and one of its boundaries for 0.63 mile was the line between Rockingham and Shenandoah counties. By 18 Aug. 1804 John owed David “Cook” (the brother of Anna Maria Koch’s husband, Peter) $886.14 plus interest. On that date, John entered into a deed of trust with his brother Mathias whereby he and his wife (Elizabeth) sold the land to Mathias for $1 with the provision that the declared trust shall cease if John pays David $443.07 plus interest within the next two years or if he doesn’t that Mathias is to sell the land at public sale to satisfy the debt.\(^{39}\) During this period of time John and Mathias each received an inheritance of £200 or more from their parents’ estates. John paid his debt to David Cook, and in 1813 he and Elizabeth sold the 112.75 acres near Hazel Hollow to Henry Bushong for £650.\(^{40}\) Both John and his wife signed the conveyance in German. (As will be seen later, on 20 Apr. 1802 John’s brother Mathias purchased a 115-acre parcel of the same 350-acre tract that had been patented to Dagy in 1784.)

On 24 May 1804, John “made oath that his sister Catharine Minick is upwards of 21 years of age,” and signed as surety the bond for the marriage of Catharine, “daughter of George M. Minick dec’d,” to John Bowman.\(^{41}\)

The location of Hazel Hollow has not been discovered, but quite likely it was no more than five miles north of Rader Lutheran Church near Timberville. Thus, it is inferred that he was the John “Minnich,” husband of Elizabeth, whose six children appear in the baptismal register of this church.\(^{42}\) The first two babies were baptized in 1800 and 1802 by Rev. Paul Voltz, the others “in their youth” on the same day in
1811 by Rev. Paul Henkel. Neither John nor his children can be identified with any reasonable degree of certainty in later Rockingham Co. records.

It should be noted that before John arrived in Rockingham Co. a John “Minich,” who probably was at least 15 years older than he and whose wife also was named Elizabeth, resided in the county. On 7 Dec. 1782 this John “Minick” had acquired 100 acres of land at the “foot of North Mountain near the Forrest” on the North Branch of the Shenandoah. He purchased an adjacent 33 acres of land on 15 Apr. 1788 and another adjacent or nearby tract of 40 acres on 2 Dec. 1794. These tracts undoubtedly were situated near Brock’s Gap, about four miles southwest of Timberville. Two daughters of this John “Muench” and his wife, Elizabeth, were baptized at Rader Lutheran Church: (1) Anna, born 5 Apr. 1784, baptized 7 May 1784 (sponsors: John Knesterich and his wife, Appolonia) and (2) Maria, born 31 Mar. 1786, baptized 27 Aug. 1786 (sponsors: Martin Zerfas and his wife, Catharina).

This John seems to have had a brother George, who married Ann (“Nancy”) Cherryholm in Rockingham Co. in 1791 and died intestate in 1815, leaving underage sons John and Michael. George also owned land at Brock’s Gap. In July and Sept. 1824, these two sons, now married adults, and their mother in separate transactions sold two tracts to Jacob Fawley (husband of George’s daughter Sarah) and two tracts to John Riddle. Both sons had married women named Elizabeth: Michael to Elizabeth Weller in 1819 and John to an Elizabeth whose surname and date of marriage have not been ascertained. (This Michael, who moved to Warren Co., OH, has been confused by some researchers with Mathias Minnick’s eldest son of that name.)

Thus, there were three John Minnicks, all married to women named Elizabeth: (1) our John, born c1774, (2) an older John, probably born before 1760, and (3) a younger John, probably born about 1800. Unless there was a fourth John married to an Elizabeth, in 1813 one of these three Johns bought land on both sides of Muddy Creek near Hinton, which is in the Central District of Rockingham Co. about six miles west of Harrisonburg, two miles south of Mt. Clinton, and about the same distance west of Dale Enterprise. If this was our John, it might explain why, after 1811, no more of his and Elizabeth’s children are recorded in the records of Rader Lutheran Church, which is about 18 miles from Hinton. He and Elizabeth (or Betsy), who signed by mark, conveyed 20 acres of this land, including a mill, to John Gilman on 6 Sept. 1816, and in several transactions in 1820 disposed of other parcels to Adam Rader, John Gilman, and Henry Gilman.

Children of our John (Rader Lutheran Church):


9. Leonard Münch, born 8 Aug. 1778, died 16 Oct. 1866 in Frankford Twp., Cumberland Co., married c1804 Christina Brehm(?), born June 1788, died 5 Jan. 1867; both buried at Salem Stone Church Cem., Lower Frankford Twp., Cumberland Co. He should not be confused with a Leonard Minnich (parents unidentified) who died in Hamilton Twp., Franklin Co. in 1803. (This Leonard's widow, Barbara, renounced her rights of administration on 12 Dec. 1803, letters of administration then being granted to Peter Poorman and John Coble.) Leonard resided in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co. when he signed a deed of release in Apr. 1805, but soon afterwards moved to Frankford Twp., Cumberland Co., about five miles northwest of Carlisle. A tanner by trade, on 31 May 1806 for £350 he purchased a 50-acre tract of land there from his sister Magdalena ("Mary") and her husband, George Benedum, who also was a tanner. Benedum, an ordained minister of the United Brethren Church as well as a tanner, had acquired the land at an unspecified date from Thomas Parker.
Leonard spent the remainder of his long life in Frankford Twp. An old map, published in 1858, shows him as residing along Parkers Run (now called Opossum Creek), a tributary of Conodoguinet Creek, about five or six miles northwest of Carlisle. This is the area in which Nicolaus Fertig (c1755-1834), the father-in-law of Leonard’s brother Mathias, bought land from George Kast/Kash/Kosh (1726-1798) in 1787. Leonard taught his trade to George Kosh, III (1796-1859), who, according to the 1858 map, operated a tanning yard near Leonard’s.

In 1850 Leonard lived on a farm valued at $3,000 with his 21-year-old son Barnett. His daughter Elizabeth Williams, apparently a widow with a 10-year-old daughter, lived next door; and on the other side of her was the residence of his son Michael and his family. In 1860 daughter Elizabeth Williams lived in his house and worked as a domestic servant. In both of these years, the name of Leonard’s spouse, inexplicably, is reported as Jane instead of Christina.

Leonard “Minich” signed his will on 29 Jan. 1861, but did not die until 16 Oct. 1866. His “beloved wife Christana” was to have as much household furniture as she desired and one-third of the real estate in Cumberland Co. except for two specified small tracts. Son John was devised 10 acres of land where he now lives, and daughter Nancy Thuma was to have 15 acres of land. Six sons, nine daughters, and the spouses of married daughters are named. His personal property and a tract of land in Somerset Co. were to be sold and the proceeds divided equally among the children. Son-in-law Andrew Kennedy was named executor; W.F. Swiger and Frederick Kems were the witnesses. An 1872 map indicates that son-in-law S. Thumma resided in Leonard’s former home and that son-in-law A. Kennedy operated the tannery.

Three of his sons were interred in the same burial ground (Salem) as Leonard and Christina, and three daughters were buried at Possum (or Opossum) Church Graveyard. The former cemetery is on the grounds of Salem (Lutheran and Reformed) Stone Church, which is located near the intersection of McClures Gap and Stone Church roads in Lower Frankford Twp. Children (father’s will):

i. **JOHN PETER** Minich, b. 3 Aug. 1806, d. 21 Sept. 1889, m. c1832 **ELIZABETH**, b. 21 Jan. 1809, d. 24 Nov. 1884; both bur. at Salem Stone Church Cem. He was a farm laborer (1880). Children (1850 & 1860 censuses):


2. Eve C. Minich, b. 1837.


4. Rebecca Minich, b. c1842. (Not in 1850 census.)

5. John P. Minich, b. c1843.

6. Elizabeth R. (or M.) Minich, b. c1843.

7. Leonard Franklin Minich, b. 30 Apr. 1848, d. 28 Dec. 1904; bur. at Salem Stone Church Cem.

ii. **JOHN MINICH**, b. c1808, d. aft. 1880, m. c1830 **MARY**, b. c1809, d. aft. 1880. The 1840 census indicates that he had two sons and a daughter born 1830-1835. These sons may have been the Henry and Leonard who are
listed below. He was a day laborer (1880). Children (1850 & 1860 censuses):

1. ?Henry Minich, b. 1830, d. 6 Apr. 1897 (ae. 66-6-17), m. c1852 Caroline, d. 3 Apr. 1901 (ae. 65-8-11); both bur. at Possum Hill Church Cem., Frankford Twp. He was a day laborer (1880). Children (1860-1880 censuses): James O.6 (b. 1854), Annie M. (b. 1862), Laura J. (b. c1868), Levi (b. 1871), & Minnie A. (b. 1874).

2. ?Leonard Minich, b. 1832, m. c1853 Jennie. They resided (1870) at Carlisle with children Mary J.6 (b. 1855), Emma (b. 1859), David (b. 1861), & John (b. 1864).

3. William Minich, b. 1836.

4. John Minich, b. 1838.

5. Sarah Minich, b. 1840.

6. Peter Minich, b. 1842.

7. Samuel Minich, b. c1844.

8. Michael Minich, b. 1846.

9. Caroline Minich, b. c1849.


iii. SALLY MINICH, b. c1809; unmar. (29 Jan. 1861).

iv. CATHARINE MINICH, b. c1810, m. JACOB HALK.

v. MARY MINICH, b. 3 Jan. 1812, d. 14 Apr. 1880, m. BENJAMIN JUMPER, b. 1809, d. 21 Mar. 1874 (ae. 64-11-15); both bur. at Possum Hill Church Graveyard, Frankford Twp.

vi. ELIZABETH MINICH, b. c1815, m. c1838 WILLIAMS, d. bef. 1850. She lived next door to her father in 1850 and with him in 1860. Child (1850 census):

1. Jane Williams, b. 1840.

vii. MICHAEL MINICH, b. c1816, m. c1837 ELIZABETH, b. c1820 in PA. A farmer, he resided near his father in 1850. Children (1850 & 1860 censuses):

1. Levi Minich, b. 1839.

2. Cyrus Minich, b. 1840.

3. Oliver Minich, b. c1843.

4. Elias Minich, b. c1845.

5. Fatima Minich, b. 1846.


7. Michael Minich, b. 1852.

8. Mary Minich, b. 1854.

viii. SAMUEL MINICH, b. c1817, m. c1840 CATHARINE, b. c1822. They moved to a farm in Macon Co., central Illinois, about 1853. Children (1850-1870 censuses):

1. Keziah Minich, b. 1842.

2. Sarah Minich, b. 1843.

3. Eliza Jane Minich, b. 1845.

4. Susanna Minich, b. c1847.

5. Joseph Minich, b. c1849. (Not in 1870 census.)
ix. JANE MINICH, b. c1818, ABRAHAM MORDORF.
x. MARGARET MINICH, b. c1819, a widow in 1861 (married name unknown).
xii. LEONARD MINICH, b. 17 Jan. 1821, d. 8 Apr. 1855, m. SARAH A., b. 9 Dec. 1825, d. 6 Dec. 1891; both bur. at Salem Stone Church Cem. She later married Abraham Kiehl. Child:
   (1) Emanuel Minich, b. 1853, d. 5 Jan. 1862 (ae. 8-6-5); bur. at Salem Stone Church Cem.
xiii. BARBARA MINICH, b. c1827, m. JACOB HESS.
xiv. SUSANNA MINICH, b. c1829, d. 12 Feb. 1903 (ae. 73), m. ANDREW KENNEDY, b. 1829, d. 1 June 1896 (ae. 67-5-_),; both bur. at Possum Hill Church Graveyard, Frankford Co. He served as a corporal, Co. F, 209th Pa. Infantry.
xv. BARNET MINICH, b. Mar. 1829, d. 10 Sept. 1897 (ae. 68-5-25), m-1 MARY ANN HOSLER, b. 1830, d. 20 Feb. 1857 (ae. 26-9-11), dau. of John & Catharine Hosier, m-2 c1858 BARBARA, b. 1837; he and Mary Ann are bur. at Salem Stone Church Cem. He was a laborer (1880). They resided 1870 & 1880 in North Middleton Twp., just east of Frankford Twp. Children, all by Barbara (1860-1880 censuses):
   (1) Mary Ann Minich, b. 1859, d. aged 1 yr. 6 mo.; bur. at Salem Stone Church Cem.
   (2) Elseter Minich, b. 1861.
   (3) Alfred Minich, b. 1863.
   (4) William Minich, b. 1865.
   (5) Eliza J. Minich, b. 1867.
   (6) John H. Minich, b. 1873.
   (7) Emma Minich, b. 1875.

10. CHRISTINA MUNCH, born c1780, married c1799 ISRAEL HAAS. It is suspected that he is the Israel "Horse" who was listed in the 1800 census as residing in Southampton Twp., which adjoins Greene Twp., Franklin Co. The only other person in the home was a young women, presumably, Christina, who was in the 16-26 age category as was Israel. In 1804 Israel Haas and Simon Munch were appointed as co-administrators of Christina's mother's estate, and in Apr. 1805 Israel and Christina personally appeared in Chambersburg to acknowledge their signatures on a deed of release. It has been claimed that Christina died in 1804 or 1805. Israel cannot be found in the 1810 or 1820 censuses.
11. **CATHARINE MUNCH**, born 3 Mar. 1781, died 9 Nov. 1863 (ae. 82-8-6), married 24 May 1804 in Rockingham Co. by Rev. Andrew Moffett (Baptist) **JOHN BOWMAN**, born 1 Dec. 1782, died 16 Nov. 1871, son of John Bowman and Mary Magdalene Surface (Zerfass); both bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem., near Timberville. The bride is identified in the marriage bond as the daughter of George M[ichael] Minick (deceased). The surety was Catharine’s brother Johannes, who also swore that Catharine was of age. John and Catharine’s graves are next to those of his parents, John (1750-1816) and Mary M. (1755-1835) Bowman. John and his brother George Bowman were co-executors of their father will in Mar. 1816.

The 1810 census shows that John Bowman and his father resided on either side of George Bowman (1780-1850), who undoubtedly was John, Jr.’s brother. John, Jr.
owned a farm in the Plains District of Rockingham Co. Its value was $15,000 in 1850 and $22,295 in 1860. Catharine died in 1863 at the age of 81 years. In 1870, now an 87-year-old “retired farmer” and a widower, John’s household included a housekeeper (Sarah Funkhouser), a domestic servant (Eliza Buttle), and a farm laborer (George Delinger).

Children:

1. MICHAEL BOWMAN, b. c1805, m. 7 Dec. 1829 (bondsman: John Neese, Shenandoah Co.) SARAH NEESE. No issue.
2. ELIZABETH BOWMAN, b. c1806, m. JACOB NEESE. Children: Josiah, Jeremiah, Jerome, John Jesse, Joanna, and Sarah Neese.
3. MARY BOWMAN, b. c1808, m. 1828 (by Ambrose Henkel) MICHAEL LUTZ.
   Children: Amanda and John Lutz.
4. CATHERINE BOWMAN, b. c1809, m. 31 Mar. 1834 (by Harman Houck) DAVID STOVER.
   Children: John, Samuel, Lydia, Catherine, Mollie, Fannie, and Hannah Stover.
5. JOHN BOWMAN, b. 6 Apr. 1811, d. 18 Dec. 1891, m. Catharine Wine, b. 6 Mar. 1814 in VA, d. 6 Aug. 1896; both bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem., Timberville.
   Children:
   (1) Sarah Bowman, m. George Arehart.
   (2) David H. Bowman, b. 25 July 1840, d. 28 Mar. 1897, m. Catharine Arehart, b. 1845, d. 1916; both bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.
   (3) Lydia Bowman, m. Jake Hinegardner.
   (4) Catherine Bowman, m. __ Moore.
   (5) John M. Bowman, b. 1843; unmar.
   (6) Socrates Bowman, b. 1845; unmar.
   (7) Mary Bowman, b. 1849, m. ____ Wunder.
   (8) Virginia Bowman, b. 1852.
6. ABIGAIL BOWMAN, b. 30 Nov. 1812, d. 31 May 1887, m. 5 Dec. 1846 (by Ambrose Henkel) THORNTON THOMAS, b. 7 Aug. 1811, d. 31 Mar. 1875; both bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem., New Market.
   Children: John, Michael, and Elizabeth Thomas.
7. ISAAC BOWMAN, b. 1 Apr. 1814, d. 1 May 1884, m. ELIZABETH PAINTER, b. 16 Jan. 1817, d. 29 Nov. 1895. Children:
   (1) William H. Bowman.
   (2) Isiah Bowman, m. ____ Flavel.
   (3) Polybius Elon Bowman, b. 26 Mar. 1841, d. 2 Dec. 1862 at Berryville, VA. A soldier in Co. K, 12th Cav., he died of wounds received in battle.
8. DAVID BOWMAN, b. 19 Dec. 1816 (twin), d. 30 Dec. 1902, m. 26 Oct. 1843 ANNA GOOD, b. 4 July 1824 in VA, d. 18 Oct. 1885; both bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.
   In 1870 he resided near his father’s homestead on a farm valued at $4,000. Children (1870 census):
(1) Solon M. Bowman, b. 11 July 1844, d. 20 June 1926, m. Mary Virginia Arehart, b. 13 May 1846, d. 15 Sept. 1919; both bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem. 71

(2) Jenny Bowman, m. Philip Wise.

(3) Franklin M. Bowman, b. 12 June 1846, d. 28 Nov. 1927, m. 12 Sept. 1867 Ann R. Kipps, b. 28 Apr. 1849, d. 7 May 1916; both bur. at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Cem., near New Market. 72 He served with Co. H, 12th VA Cavalry, C.S.A.

(4) Dillman Bowman, b. 8 Apr. 1848, d. 1 Jan. 1925, m. Annie I. Fox, b. 26 Dec. 1850, d. 5 Sept. 1929; both bur. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cem., New Market. 73 No issue.

(5) Virginia Bowman, b. 1850.

(6) Amanda Bowman, b. 1853, m. William Pence.

(7) Angeline Bowman, b. 1856, m. Al Foltz. No issue.

(8) Joanna Catherine Bowman, b. 28 Nov. 1861, d. 2 Jan. 1934, m. Ezra M. Minnick, b. 21 Mar. 1865, d. 25 Feb. 1939. See Chapter 4 for further information.


ix. Sarah Bowman, b. 19 Dec. 1816 (twin), d. 15 July 1902, m. 11 June 1840 (by Ambrose Henkel) Solomon D. Henkel, b. 1816, d. 9 Oct. 1872; both bur. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cem., New Market. 74 Children: Silone 5, John D., Polybious, Margaret, Marie, Rebecca, and Marice(?) Henkel.

x. Joseph S. Bowman, b. 16 Mar. 1819, d. 25 Jan. 1879, m. 23 Feb. 1846 (by Philip Cook, Shenandoah Co.) Leanna Cook, b. 6 Dec. 1825 in VA, d. 10 Jan. 1908. They and at least four of their offspring are buried at Rader Lutheran Church Cem. 75 In 1860 they resided on a farm, valued at $1,200, that adjoined his brother George's farm. Children (1860 & 1870 censuses):

(1) Berryman Bowman, b. 1847, m. Jennie Sheler; res. in KS.

(2) Emily Bowman, b. 1848, m. Samuel Dingledine.

(3) Barbara Elia Bowman, b. c1850, m. Martin Henkel.

(4) Perry A. Bowman, b. 10 Oct. 1853, d. 13 Jan. 1886; bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.; unmar.

(5) Lemuel H. Bowman, b. 10 Jan. 1856, d. 5 Sept. 1880; bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.; unmar.

(6) Lewis C. Bowman, b. c1857, d. 17 July 1903; bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.; unmar.

(7) Sarah Alice Bowman, b. 16 Jan. 1861, d. 21 Mar. 1864; bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.

xi. Lydia Bowman, b. 9 July 1820, d. 10 Nov. 1831 (ae. 11-4-1); bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem. 76

xii. George M. Bowman, b. 3 Mar. 1822, d. 22 Apr. 1861 (while “putting his shoes on”), m. c1845 Sarah Zigler, b. 1825 in VA; he is bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem. 77 He resided near his parents on a farm that was valued in 1860 at $660 and in 1870, when occupied by his widow, at $7,000. Children (1850, 1860, & 1870 censuses):
(1) Jerome Franklin\textsuperscript{5} Bowman, b. 26 Nov. 1845, d. 31 Aug. 1847; bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.\textsuperscript{78}
(2) Alphens M. Bowman, b. 11 Jan. 1847, m. Mollie Coiner; res. at Roanoke, VA.
(3) Rufus C. Bowman, b. 14 Aug. 1849; res. in TN.
(4) Martha Bowman, b. 5 Feb. 1851, m. ___ Sheetz; res. at Salem, VA.
(5) John J. Bowman, b. 1853.
(6) George Homer Bowman, b. 1854.
(7) Josephine Bowman, b. 1856.
(8) Elizabeth Ellenora Bowman, b. 19 Nov. 1859, d. 21 Nov. 1863; bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.\textsuperscript{79}

12. SUSANNA MÜNCH, born c1784, died c1801 probably at Chambersburg; unmarried. Her mother, Matty, was about 43 years old when Susanna was born. The will of George Michael Münch, which was signed on 22 Oct. 1798 (less than three weeks before his death), appointed John Myer as “Guardian for my youngest Daughter.” The deed of release from Peter and Anna Maria Koch referenced Susanna as “a minor ... who died several years after her Father.”
Mathias Münch, the fourth of five sons and the eighth of twelve children of Johann George Michael ("Michael") Münch and Maria Magdalena ("Matty") Wagner, was born on 10 March 1776 during the first year of the Revolutionary War. Probably named in honor of his maternal grandfather (Mathias Wagner), he grew up on the 156-acre family homestead that his paternal grandfather, Simon Münch, had acquired by warrant in 1749 and had been patented to his father in 1763. It was located in the Tulpehocken Valley near the headwaters of the Northkill River in the northeast corner of what now is Penn Township but then was Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

In 1793, when Mathias was seventeen years of age, his father sold the family farm, which had been expanded to 182 acres. He then moved his family about 85 or 90 miles southwest to a 151-acre farm located on the banks of Conococheague Creek in Greene Township, Franklin County, not far from Chambersburg. When the move was undertaken, Mathias’s siblings ranged in age from about eight to twenty-eight. Not all of Michael and Matty’s offspring moved to Franklin County; some remained in Berks County or only moved as far west as Cumberland County.

A. MARRIAGE TO CATHARINE FERTIG

Mathias married twice. His first wife was Catharine Fertig. The date and place of the marriage has not been discovered. Because their first child was born in November 1798, however, the wedding probably took place in 1797. The inscription on her gravestone indicates that Catharine was born on 24 October 1779, so she was only 17 or 18 when she married, while Mathias probably was 21. Where they met, where they were wed, and where they lived immediately afterwards are somewhat uncertain.
Catharine was the eldest child of John Nicolaus Fertig (c1755-1834) and Maria Elisabetha Neu, who were married (by Rev. Stoever) on 30 March 1779. Rev. Stoever’s record indicates that Nicolaus (or Nicholas) lived in Cumberland and Elisabetha in Derry. There is some evidence that Nicholas was the son of Andreas Fertig, who arrived at Philadelphia on the Phoenix on 1 October 1754, the year prior to Nicholas’s estimated year of birth. Elisabetha Neu, born 30 Apr. 1751 in Londonderry Township, Lancaster County, was the daughter of Johan Adam Neu (1718-1783) and Eva Elizabeth Henn, who came to Pennsylvania in 1749 on the ship Priscilla.

Nicholas Fertig settled on the east side of Parkers Run (now Opossum Creek) in Frankford Township, Cumberland County, about five or six miles northwest of Carlisle, the county seat. In 1787 he purchased land there from George Kast/Kash/Kosh (1726-1798). Mathias Münch’s brother Leonard (1778-1866) for most, if not all, of his married life also resided along Parkers Run, and taught the tanning trade to George Kosh, III (1796-1859). Leonard, in 1806, had purchased 50 acres of land there from his sister Magdalena Benedum and her husband, George; and he was buried at the same cemetery (Salem Stone Church) as Mathias’s sister-in-law Anna Christina (Fertig) Waggoner (1780-1843).

All of this suggests that Mathias and Catharine probably were married in Cumberland County and resided there immediately afterwards for several years. This line of reasoning is supported by the fact that the newspaper obituary for their eldest son (Michael) states that he was born in Cumberland County. The Frankford Township area of this county is about twenty-five miles northeast of the farm in Greene Township, Franklin County, that Mathias and Leonard’s father purchased in 1793.

Nicholas Fertig and his wife, Elizabeth, sold some land in Cumberland County in 1812 but still resided there in 1815, when he and Jacob Thuma, as administrators of the estate of Philip Kosh, advertised the sale of Kosh’s 277 acres of land located in Frankford Township adjoining the lands of Christian Wolf, Jacob Waggoner, Jacob Lehman and others. By 11 June 1817, when their daughter Elizabeth married Peter Bushong, the Fertigs had moved to Shenandoah County, Virginia. The 1820 census shows that Nicholas resided next door to his son Andrew at New Market. Both he and the woman living with him (presumably his wife) were in the 45 and over age category. Nicholas is recorded as having attended holy communion at Rader Church on 13 June 1824.

Nicholas signed his will on 9 October 1829 and it was proved in Shenandoah County on 13 October 1834. The will does not mention a wife, but does leave legacies to sons Andrew and Jacob, to daughters Christina (wife of Jacob Waggonner) and Elizabeth (wife of Peter Bushong), and to “Nanna Minick the
daughter of Mathias Minick ... it being her mother’s part.” (Daughter Catharine, wife of Mathias Minnick, had died in 1815; Nancy, born in 1813, was her youngest child.) Son Andrew was appointed as executor; the witnesses were George Moore and Reuben Moore. Sons Jacob and Andrew moved to Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co., IN, where nephew Michael Minnick, son of Catharine (Fertig) Münch, also resided. Children of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Neu) Fertig, all born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania:

i. **Catharine Fertig**, b. 25 Oct. 1779, d. 18 Jan. 1815, m. c1797 **Mathias Münch**. See subsequent portions of this chapter for further information.

ii. **Anna Christina Fertig**, b. 17 Nov. 1780, d. 3 May 1843, m. **Jacob Waggoner**, b. 1 Jan. 1760, d. 1814. They resided in Frankford Twp., Cumberland Co. She is buried at Salem Stone Church Cem., he at Waggoners Gap, Cumberland Co.

iii. **Jacob Fertig**, b. c1782, d. 1 Dec. 1853, in Johnson Co., IA, m. **Frances Thumma**, sister of Barbara Thumma. He may be the Jacob Fertig who in Dec. 1798 attended the sale of George Michael Münch’s personal property. In 1836 they moved to Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co., IN, which probably is where Frances died about 1838. The year before moving, Jacob sold to Daniel Showalter the land in Rockingham Co. that he had purchased from Jacob Loudermilk in 1817.

iv. **Elizabeth Fertig**, b. 22 Mar. 1790, d. 27 Dec. 1855, m. 11 June 1817 in Shenandoah Co. **Peter Bushong**, b. 1 Jan. 1793, d. 13 Dec. 1868 in OH. She is buried at Rader Lutheran Church Cem. After Elizabeth’s death, Peter and three of his children (Catharine, Andrew, and Elizabeth) moved from Shenandoah Co. to Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co., IN, where an 1857 map shows that they lived on a farm adjoining the farm of Michael “Minick,” Mathias’s eldest son. A Jackson Bushong, possibly Peter’s eldest son, lived nearby in 1860. Children (1850 & 1860 censuses)

   (1) Jackson Bushong, b. 1817; res. in Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co., IN.
   (2) Catharine Bushong, b. 17 Apr. 1821 (bapt. by Ambrose Henkel; sponsors: parents).
   (3) Philip Bushong, b. 1824.
   (4) Andrew Bushong, b. 12 Mar. 1830 (bapt. by George Leidy; sponsors: parents).
   (5) Elizabeth Bushong, b. 1833.

v. **Andrew Fertig**, b. 19 Feb. 1793, d. 23 June 1879, m. **Barbara Thumma**, b. 16 June 1796, d. 28 Aug. 1876; both bur. at “Fatic” Cem, Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co., IN. Andrew and Barbara, who was the sister of Frances Thumma, moved to Henry Co. in 1836. Before leaving, he sold the land in Shenandoah Co. that he had inherited from his father to Adam Miller.

In December 1798, about a year after Mathias and Catharine’s marriage and a month after the birth of their first child (Michael), a public sale of his father’s personal property was held on the family farm in Greene Township. Mathias
“Minnig,” but not his brother Leonard, attended this sale, and purchased the following twelve items for the indicated amounts: a horse (£20.0.6), rye in the ground by the acre (£47.0.1), plough irons (£0.3.9), a collar and gears (£0.7.6), a table (£1.1.1), a large chest and [illegible] (£0.17.7), a pair of saddle bags (£0.9.0), a saddle (£1.1.1), three hooks (£0.1.0), tea ware (£0.1.0), and a basket with small onions (£0.2.0).

B. MOVE TO ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The couple’s second child (John) was born on 17 January 1800, and their third one, another boy (Mathias, Jr.), on 1 March 1801. Mathias, Jr. indicated in the 1850, 1860, and 1880 censuses, as well as on his marriage record, that he was born in Pennsylvania. This means the family’s move to Rockingham County, Virginia, must have taken place some time during the last ten months of 1801 because Mathias, Jr. was baptized on 3 January 1802 at Davidsburg Church (now Reformation Lutheran Church), New Market, which is in Shenandoah County just across the boundary with Rockingham County. The baptismal sponsors were Peter Koch and his wife, Anna Maria, who were Mathias’s brother-in-law and sister.

On that same day (3 January 1802) at the same church, Mathias and Anna Maria’s unmarried sister “Catarina Minich” was the baptismal sponsor for Peter and Anna Maria Koch’s baby daughter Catarina. The Peter Kochs apparently had moved to the Shenandoah Valley at least two years earlier than Mathias because their first child was baptized at Davidsburg Church on 9 January 1799. Brother John also moved to Rockingham County several years earlier than Mathias because he had purchased land there in January 1798. Unmarried sister Catharine also made the same move, undoubtedly with one of her siblings. When Catharine married John Bowman in May 1804 in Rockingham County, John “Minick” signed (German script) her bond as surety. Thus, by 1804 four Munch siblings (Anna Maria, John, Mathias, and Catharine) had settled in the Timberville-New Market area.

At the time, there were two churches in the area, one in New Market the other near Timberville. Both were union churches, used by German Reformed as well as Lutheran congregations. The pastor of both Lutheran congregations was Rev. Paul Henkel, who resided in the area from 1785 until his death at New Market in 1825.

The New Market church, as previously indicated, was called Davidsburg. In the early 1820s, after the arrival of a young new preacher, Rev. Samuel Simon Schmucker (1799-1873), doctrinal and personal conflicts led to a division of the Lutheran congregation. The Henkel faction eventually founded a second congregation in town, its place of worship, constructed in 1848, being
called Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Davidsburg Church was demolished in 1847 and St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church was built. In 1932 the two congregations began a reunification, which was completed in 1955 with a new building, named Reformation Lutheran Church, near the site of the original Davidsburg Church.

Rader Church near Timberville had its beginnings in the early 1760s. In 1765 Adam Rader and his wife (Anna) and Alexander Painter and his wife (Margaret) conveyed three acres of land to Peter Scholl on behalf of the Presbyterian (i.e., German Reformed) Congregation and to Michael Neice on behalf of the Lutheran Congregation. The church later was known as Rader Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Deeds and other Rockingham County documents generated during the period of time that Mathias resided there, were largely destroyed by fire. The local historian John W. Wayland, in a book published in 1912, wrote:

"In the summer of 1864, upon the advance of Hunter’s army up the Valley, a lot of the records of the county and of the circuit court were loaded on a wagon and hauled eastward, the aim being to take them through Brown’s Gap to a place of safety in or beyond the Blue Ridge. The wagon was overtaken on the road between Port Republic and Mt. Vernon Furnace by some of Hunter’s men, and set afire. After the Federals left, some persons in the neighborhood put out the fire, using for the purpose, it is said, some green hay just cut in a nearby field. The records left at the courthouse were not injured .... The partly burned records of the county were collected and brought back to the county-seat, where many of them may still be seen. An effort has been made to restore them as fully as possible."

The deeds and fragments of deeds recovered were re-copied in what are referred to as “Burnt Deed Books.” The amount of information that could be recovered varies from deed to deed.

On 20 April 1802, just a few months after Mathias, Jr.’s baptism, Mathias purchased a 115-acre tract of land for £254.0.1 in “Virginia currency” from the executors of the will of Jacob Billhimer (namely, Joseph Bowman of Rockingham County and Michael Crouse and John Kagey of Shenandoah County). It was part of a 350-acre tract that had been patented on 15 May 1784 to Casper Dagy. Mathias’s brother John had acquired a 112.75-acre parcel of this larger tract on 3 January 1798. Dagy’s tract was on the northwest side of the Shenandoah River and was bounded by the Rockingham-Shenandoah line, as was Mathias’s parcel for a distance of 594 feet. One of the boundaries of brother John’s tract, which was described as near “Hazel Hollow,” also was the county
line. No record of his disposal of this land has been discovered; Mathias may never have actually resided on it.

On 17 November 1806 Mathias, for the consideration of £840 ("current money of Virginia"), acquired a considerable amount of land from Abraham Zimmerman and his wife, Elizabeth. The deed states that the land is situated in "the Marsh" adjoining lands of Andrew "Christ" and Jacob Richwine and consists of two parcels that had been conveyed in two deeds to Abraham Zimmerman by John Krim and his wife, Julian. It is unclear, because of fire damage to the deed, whether 161.44 acres is the total size or the size of just one of the two parcels. (If only one parcel, the other one may have been the 54 acres mentioned in the description of a boundary.)

Mathias first shows up in Rockingham County tax records in 1807 when he was assessed on the ownership of three horses. The entry for him includes the notation "on mash." Deeds and most other documents, however, say his land is situated in the Marsh, the deeds even stating that certain property boundary lines cross the Marsh. It is inferred from these statements that the Marsh is the area along the small stream, barely a mile in length, which flows northward across the farm to the North Fork of the Shenandoah. Sometimes, as in the 1807 tax record, however, the property is said to be in the Mash, mash being a dialect variant of marsh. Adding to the confusion is the fact that the area along the lower reaches of Long Glade Run, according to the historian Harry M. Strickler, is called "The Mash." Long Glade Run, a stream more than six miles in length that drains the territory south of Timberville, flows northward into the North Fork of the Shenandoah. In the vicinity of the old Minnick homestead, the stream is half a mile or more to the west.

Over the years, Mathias increased the size of his homestead by buying additional land. Those transactions for which sufficient information was recovered after deed books were burned in 1864 include the following. On 31 August 1830 he bought six acres of land for $287.50 from William Norman and his wife, Phoebe. This parcel adjoined other land owned by Mathias and lands of Joseph Cline and Benjamin Coffman. In January 1837 he acquired some land from Andrew White, but no details are available regarding the transaction. By deed dated 21 March 1844 he purchased a 34.5-acre tract of land for $1,000 from Abraham Byrd, the administrator of the will of Conrad Drawbond. Two of the corners of the tract are described as being at trees on the east side of a marsh. On 15 October 1856 Mathias, Sr., acquired a tract of land for $1,575 from John S. Calvert administrator and legal representative of Lewis G. Rice, deceased. The size of the tract could not be read when trying to reconstruct the deed. However, the land was located in the Marsh, and had been conveyed by Philip Knup, the executor of Peter Cook, to Daniel "Christ" and then by "Christ" to Lewis G. Rice on 2 February 1853.
By the time Mathias passed away in 1860, he had increased the home­
stead tract to about 312 acres and also owned a nearby 26.5 acres referred to as
the Crist Tract.

The extant 1810 census of Rockingham County, unlike the ones for 1820 and
1830, is not alphabetized. Thus, it identifies Mathias and Catharine’s neigh­
bors. In the path followed by the enumerator, we find the following household
heads, with the indicated age-sex distribution of the household members. (The
five age categories for each sex are 0-10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, and 45 & up. Counts for males are given first, then those for females):

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Thus, for example, Mathias and his wife were in the 26-45 age category (born
1765-1784) and, according to the census taker’s report, their household in­
cluded two boys 10-16 (born 1794-1800), and six boys and two girls under 10
(born 1800-1810). Conrad Drawbond and his wife, Mary, were the parents of
Christina (born c1798), who later would become Mathias’s second wife. An­
drew Crist and his wife, Barbara, were the parents of Ann (born 1807), who
would marry Mathias and Catharine’s son Jacob. Andrew and Barbara also
were the parents of Daniel Crist (born 1799), whose daughter Margaret (1824-
1904) would marry Mathias and Christina’s son David Minnick. Mary Cook
was Mathias’s recently widowed sister, and Philip Knup was the administrator
of the estate of Mary’s deceased husband, Peter Koch. Furthermore, Philip
Knup and his wife, Eva, were the parents of Maria (born 1809), who would
marry Mathias and Catharine’s son Peter Minnick.

Mathias’s first wife, Catharine, the daughter of Nicolaus and Elizabeth
(Neu) Fertig, died on 18 January 1815. Although she had given birth to
twelve children, she was still a relatively young woman, only 35 years of age.

C. MARRIAGE TO CHRISTINA DRAWBOND
Mathias’s children, when Catharine passed away, ranged in age from 19
months to 16 years, and the eldest daughter (Elizabeth) was only eight. It is
speculated, based on later events, that Mathias sought the help of his neigh­
bror’s daughter Christina Drawbond in rearing his now motherless offspring.
Regardless of the nature of their early relationship, Christina eventually be-
came Mathias's common-law wife, the first of her nine children (David) being born on 21 July 1826, about eleven and a half years after Catharine's death.

Christina's parents were Johann Conrad Drawbond and Mary (or Anna Maria) Zigler, who were married on 3 June 1785 (bond date) in Shenandoah County.¹ The following day, on 4 June in Shenandoah County, John Heisemann gave bond to marry Magdalena Zigler, who probably was Mary's sister.² (John "Mower" was surety for the former bond, John "Manrer" for the latter bond.) From their marriage date and the fact that the 1810 census indicates

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both were born before 1765, it is estimated that Conrad was born about 1760 and Mary about 1762. Their places of birth have not been discovered, but probably were somewhere in Pennsylvania. The names of their parents also are unknown.

Drawbond is an Anglicized version of a German name. Conrad signed the marriage bonds for his daughters Magdalena and Barbara in 1810 and 1812, respectively. In writing his signature on these documents, he spelled his name in German script as Trabond, the first letter in the surname being one way of writing the German letter t, which looks like the English version of the capital letter A. Other variant spellings such as Drawbar, Drawband, Troband, and Trobough appear in local records.

Conrad’s name appears in Rockingham County tax rolls for 1798 and later years. The 1810 census indicates that the following children lived at home with Conrad and Mary: one son and one daughter born between 1787 and 1794, two daughters (one of whom would have been Christina) born between 1794 and 1800, and one son and two daughters born between 1800 and 1810. On 19 June of that year (1810) Conrad Drawbond of Rockingham County for £160 purchased from Peter Crim and his wife (Sophia) 34+ acres of land “near the Plains Mill spring adjoining the lands of Jacob Richwine, Jacob Grove, & John Krim.”

Conrad probably was in his late fifties when he died intestate in 1819. Letters of administration on his estate were granted to Anna Maria Drawbond, his widow, on 16 March of that year. On 20 February 1821, David Bish was named guardian of Conrad’s daughter Mary. Mary, the widow, appears as a household head in the 1820 and 1830 censuses but not in the 1840 listing. However, she may be the woman 70-80 years of age in 1840 (born 1760-1770) who then resided in the home of Mathias and Christina Minnick. Conrad and Mary’s church affiliations are unknown as are their places of burial. No compilation of the their offspring has been discovered, but the identities of some of their children can be established or surmised from county marriage and estate administration bond records. Partial list of children, birth order uncertain:

i. **CONRAD DRAWBOND**, died 1842. Administration of his estate was granted on 21 Nov. 1842 to Abraham Byrd with Martin Minnick as bondsman.

ii. **ELIZABETH DRAWBOND**, m. 20 Mar. 1810 in Rockingham Co. **WILLIAM RUTLEDGE**. The marriage bond identifies her father as Conrad. Absalom Zimmerman was bondsman (signed in German).

iii. **MAGDALENA DRAWBOND**, m. 30 Oct. 1810 in Rockingham Co. **JOHN NAFF** (or NAVE). Conrad “Troband” and George Hulva were bondsmen. Samuel Stones was a witness.
iv. **Barbara Drawbond**, m. 12 May 1812 in Rockingham Co. **Frederick Kessler**.\(^\text{10}\) The marriage bond identifies her father as Conrad, and Conrad “Troband” was the bondsman.

v. **? Catharine Drawbond**, m. 18 Apr. 1815 in Rockingham Co. **Joseph Fifer**.\(^\text{11}\)

vi. **Christina Drawbond**, b. c.1798, d. 20 Dec. 1873, m. 6 Oct. 1853 at Rader Church **Mathias Minnick**. (See remainder of chapter for details.)

vii. **Mary Drawbond**, b. c.1800, m. 20 Feb. 1821 in Rockingham Co. **Dewalt Bish**, b. 1798 in VA.\(^\text{12}\) On the same date as the marriage bond, David Bish was appointed guardian of Conrad Drawbond’s daughter Mary.\(^\text{13}\) See Appendix B for further information.

Based on the order visited by the census enumerator in 1840, Mathias Minnick’s house was between residences headed by Barbara Crist (Andrew’s widow) and her son Daniel Crist, whose daughter Margaret would marry Mathias and Christina’s eldest child, David, in 1849.

In 1850 all nine of Mathias and Christina’s children, including recently married David, lived at home. The value of the real estate Mathias owned was stated to be $11,500. The households of the Crist brothers, John and Daniel, both blacksmiths, were enumerated immediately after Mathias’s.

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**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE**

Mathias Minnick and **Mary F. Minnick**

are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of One-Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly, and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 5th day of October 1853 and in the 78th year of the Commonwealth.

**THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH,** That whereas a marriage is shortly to be solemnized between the above bound Mathias Minnick and

Christina Drawbond, daughter of Conrad Drawbond and

of Rockingham County; if, therefore, there shall be no cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of.

Minnick-Drawbond, 1853

In the autumn of 1853, Mathias and Christina decided to marry. Mathias then was 77 years old and the oldest four of his and Christina’s children already had married. Whatever the reason for the timing, Mathias signed a marriage bond on 5 October 1853, and the next day the ceremony was performed by Rev. Socrates Henkel (1823-1901), presumably at Emmanuel
Lutheran Church, New Market, whose congregation Rev. Henkel served from 1851 to 1895. The marriage return, which gives Mathias’s place of birth and the names of his parents, reads as follows:

**New market Shen Co. Va. Oct. 6, 1853**

**Mr. L.W. Gambill,**

**Dear Sir:**

This is to certify, that on the 6th of Oct. 1853 I joined together, in Shenandoah County Va, Mathias Minnick,—aged 77 years, widowed, born in Parks [Berks] county Pa., residing in Rockingham, Va, son of Mich[a]el Minnick and Magdalen[a], farmer,—and Christina Drawbond,—in the 56th year of her age, single, born in Rockingham co. Va., residing in the same county, daughter of Conrad Drawbond and Mary,—in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the laws of Virginia, by virtue of license issued from your office to this effect.

**Yours with respect, Socrates Henkel**

In 1860 the only offspring still living at home were the two youngest sons, Samuel and Harvey. They undoubtedly did most of the farm work as their father was then 84 years of age. The values of his real and personal estate were reported as $12,000 and $1,500, respectively. This census information was recorded on 19 September 1860, the day before Mathias died.

Mathias’s long life had begun on 10 March 1776, less than a year after the opening battles of the American Revolution at Lexington and Concord. It ended on 20 September 1860, less than a year before the opening salvos of the Civil War at Fort Sumter. Bureau of Vital Statistics records give his place of death as “Marsh.”

Christina survived her husband by 13 years. In 1870 she made her home with her daughter Mahala and her husband, Jesse Moyers, and their four children. The value of her real estate was $1,000, and the value of the real estate of Jesse Moyers was $3,000. Her sons Samuel (real estate value = $800) and Levi (real estate value = $100) lived nearby.

Christina died on 20 December 1873, and was buried at Rader Church Cemetery as had been her husband. Except for her death date, the inscription on her gravestone, which was broken, is now mostly illegible. A 1967 transcription of it says she died in her 79th year, which would mean she was born in 1795. This would seem to be incorrect, however, as it is inconsistent with information regarding her age that is given in (1) the 1850 census, (2) the 1853 marriage return, and (3) an 1865 Chancery Court document, which states she was “67 years old during … court proceedings” pertaining to the division of Mathias’s real estate. All three of these documents indicate she was born in 1798.
The following story was told by granddaughter Lydia (Minnick) Atcheson (daughter of David Minnick), who was born in 1852 and thus was eight years old when her grandfather (Mathias) died and 21 when her grandmother (Christina) passed away. These grandparents had six sons, who were born in the 14-year period 1826 through 1840.\textsuperscript{18}

All of his sons had to work on the farm, but there was only one pair of pants for all the boys. As the story goes, the first boy who got up in the morning got the pants and he was the one who went to the mill for flour or meal. The other boys worked or ran around in their shirt tails. One day the Overseer of the Poor approached Mathias Minnick and asked to whom all those boys belonged and why they weren’t properly dressed. Mathias Minnick told him they were his boys and that there wasn’t anything wrong in the way they were dressed, and that he could well afford pants for each boy. ... At that time he was considered the richest man in Rockingham County, Va.

D. Partition of Real Estate

Mathias Minnick’s estate papers, if any, were destroyed in the burning of such records in 1864. Two sets of court documents pertaining to the division of Mathias’s real estate, however, are available.\textsuperscript{1} The first set, generated in 1865, concerns the division of his land between the widow and the children or their heirs. After Christina died, a second set of documents was produced in 1876 by the division of her portion of the land among the other heirs.

Mathias’s real estate consisted of his homestead (311.69 contiguous acres), a nearby 26.56-acre-parcel called the Crist Tract, and a \( \frac{3}{4} \)-acre lot and house located on the west bank of the North Fork of the Shenandoah—a grand total of 339.00 acres. Three of Mathias’s 21 children had died before the land division: (1) Elizabeth Dear in 1840 leaving issue, (2) John in 1862 leaving a son named Noah; and (3) Harvey in 1864 without issue. The Rockingham County Chancery Court at its May term in 1865 appointed a commission of four men (John J. Bowman, Henry Neff, Dorilas Martz, and Madison West) to lay off and assign to Christina her dower and to divide the residue among the heirs equally and fairly. As a consequence, Christina was assigned 90.94 acres “in the house tract,” being one-third the value of the real estate. The description of this tract (see below) indicates that it was crossed by what is called the “Marsh,” which apparently was the small stream that flowed northward into the Shenandoah River.

\textit{Beginning at a stone marked A on the plat summary, thence by the division lines N43.25°W 33.5 poles to a stake, N71.5°E 79 poles to a stake, S27.5°E 60 poles crossing the Marsh to a stake S48.75°E 188 poles to a stake Henkel’s
corner, thence with his line S56.25°E 37 poles to a stake Jesse Moyer's corner, thence with his division line S35.75°W 32.5 poles to a stake in Crist's line, thence with his line N56.5°W 156 poles to a white oak, N31°E 6 poles to a stake, N59.5°W 2 poles to a stone, N58.5°W 87 poles to a stake, N32.5°W 41 poles crossing the Marsh to the Beginning. [Note: A pole equals 16.5 feet.]

Jesse Moyer, who had purchased the shares of Jacob Minnick and William Minnick, was assigned the “Crist tract” and Catharine (Minnick) Hupp the lot and house on the North Fork of the Shenandoah. The remainder of the main tract was divided into parcels as shown in the plat map, the heirs receiving a parcel of timberland as well as a parcel of cleared land:

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Notes: (A) The non-resident shares belonged to the following six out-of-state full siblings or their heirs: Michael Minnick, Elizabeth Dear, Andrew Minnick, Maria Lutholtz, George Minnick, and Israel Minnick. (B) Mathias Minnick had acquired his brother John’s share. (C) Jesse Moyer had acquired the shares of his wife’s half-brother Jacob and brother William.

After Christina’s death, by order of the Circuit Court at its January 1876 session, Henry Neff, Emanuel Hoover, and Siram P. Henkel were appointed as commissioners to partition her dower land. By this time George Minnick owned ten shares (his own and those purchased from seven full siblings and two half siblings), Jesse Moyer owned three shares (his own and those purchased from one full sibling and one half-sibling of his wife), and Mathias Minnick held two shares (his own plus one purchased from brother John, ex-
cept for John’s interest in Harvey’s share). Under the hypothesis that the total value of the dower tract was $4,233, each of the eleven shares arising from the first wife was worth $199.79 and each of the nine shares arising from the second wife $229.44. George Minnick was assigned a lot of 27.04 acres of cleared land on which the dwelling house was located. It adjoined his other land, which indicates that he also owned the lot acquired by non-residents in 1865. Samuel Minnick’s 9.97-acre tract adjoined the land he had acquired from the earlier division of his father’s real estate. The resulting partition among the seven new owners is as follows:

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Note: The total size is several acres less than indicated in the 1865 division.

The boundaries of the lot on which the dwelling house was situated (Lot #7) were described as follows:

Beginning at a stone A, N47.5°W 12.6 poles to a stone, N32.5°W 24 poles running between the 1st and 2nd rows of Apple trees to a stone in a line of his [George Minnick’s] other land, thence with said line N72°E 37.6 poles to a stone, S27.5°E 62.3 poles to a stone, N62.5°E 8.4 poles to a stone, S 48°E 27 poles to a stone, S44.75°W 41.7 poles to a stone in a road, thence with the road N58.25°W 44.1 poles to a stone near a bar post, N34.5°W 41 poles to the beginning.

Mathias Minnick’s residence was situated about where the well house appears in a recent photo. Torn down by the Holsingers in the late 1800s, its bricks were used to build the two-story house in the photo. In 1885 the house is the one shown on the map as being occupied by Mathias and
Christina's son-in-law Jesse Moyers and on a 1939 map as being the residence of E. Hillyard. The houses of Mathias and his sons David and Samuel were on the east side of the little stream that flows northward into the Shenandoah.
1885 Map: Part of Plains Magisterial District, Rockingham County
Source: D.J. Lake Atlas of Rockingham County
1939 Map: Part of Plains District (Source: Atlas of Rockingham County by Noah M. Showalter)
1967 Topographical Map based on 1964 aerial photos (fine dashed lines indicate visible fence and field lines)

Source: U.S. Geological Survey
Mathias Minnick (1776-1860) and his first wife, Catharine Fertig (1779-1815), had eight sons and four daughters. Catharine was barely 19 when she gave birth to her first child (Michael) and only 33 when the last one (Nancy) was born.

The first three babies were born in Pennsylvania (probably Cumberland County), the others in Rockingham County, Virginia. The birth dates of seven of the offspring (Mathias, Jacob, Maria, George, Israel, Catharine, and Nancy) are recorded in Lutheran Church baptismal records. The births were spaced remarkably close together, varying from 14 to 19 months with an average of only 15.9 months between them. When Catharine passed away, her children ranged in age from 19 months to 16 years.

All twelve children married and ten (all but Jacob and Peter) had offspring of their own. Daughter Elizabeth Dear was only 34 years old when she died, but the other children tended to live long lives, one (Michael) reaching the age of 90.

Four sons (Michael, Andrew, George, and Israel) and two daughters (Elizabeth Dear and Maria Lutholtz) moved to Ohio or Indiana in the 1830s.

1. Michael Minnick was born 15 Nov. 1798 in Cumberland Co., PA, and married 10 Dec. 1818 in York Co., PA, Lydia Henry. He probably was named in honor of his paternal grandfather. His birth date and place, his marriage date and place, and the name of his wife are from his newspaper obituary, which reads as follows:

   Michael Minnick, one of the oldest men in this portion of the country, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs., Sophia Knupp on West High Street, on Saturday evening, March 2 after a brief illness. He was born in Cumberland Co. November 15, 1798, being at the time of his death aged 90 years 3 months and 17 days. He was united in marriage with Lydia Henry in York County, Pa., De-
cember 10, 1818, and the fruit of this union was eleven children, two sons and nine daughters. Two sons and seven daughters remain to mourn the loss they have sustained. His wife, who had for many years been an invalid requiring his constant care and attention, died in July 1881. Since that time Mr. Minnick made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Knupp. From Pennsylvania, Mr. Minnick in the strength of early manhood, with his wife, moved to Virginia and thence about the year 1833 they came to Indiana, taking up their abode a mile and a half southwest of town. They helped redeem this then wild and almost unbroken forest and converted it into fields and farms, experiencing the hardships as well as the pleasures of the pioneer settlers. He and his wife united with the German Baptist church about the year 1834 or 1835 and up to the time of their departure were faithful and consistent members of the same. Funeral services were held from the Dunkard church on Tuesday forenoon, Rev. D. Hoover officiating. At the close of the services the remains were followed by a large concourse of friends to the Miller cemetery, where they were tenderly laid to rest. Thus is removed another of the landmarks which has witnessed the development of this country, from a wild wilderness to a beautiful farming community dotted over with prosperous villages, towns and cities. May he rest in peace.

When he was two or three years old, Michael moved to Rockingham Co., VA with his parents. Why he married in York Co., which lies between Cumberland Co. and the Maryland line, is unknown. Nevertheless, he and Lydia did not reside in York Co. after the marriage. The 1820 census shows them living in Rockingham Co., VA with their first child, who was born the previous year.

In the early 1830s they moved west to east-central Indiana, eventually settling in Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co., about 35 miles west of the Ohio line. They were joined in Fall Creek Twp. later in the 1830s by Michael’s uncles Jacob and Andrew Fertig. His brother Andrew Minnick moved about the same time to Delaware Co., IN, which adjoins Henry Co. to the north. (The county seats of Henry and Delaware counties are New Castle and Muncie, respectively.) An 1857 land owners map shows that Michael owned a 40-acre farm in the southwest quarter of Section 6, Fall Creek Twp. On 13 Jan. 1858 he purchased a half-acre lot just northwest of the village of Middletown for $50 from Daniel Clevenger and his wife (Mary). Later that year, on 14 Oct. 1858, Michael and Lydia “Minick” sold the lot to Uncle Andrew “Fattig” for $100. In 1860 the values of Michael’s real and personal estate were reported to be $1,500 and $400, respectively.

On 4 Sept. 1866 Michael Minnick and his wife, Lydia Minnick, acknowledged before a notary public in Henry Co. the signing of an attached deed. By this deed brother George Minnick for a total of $2,000 purchased the interests in Mathias Minnick’s real estate from the following siblings: Michael Minnick, Israel Minnick, Andrew Minnick, Maria (Minnick) Lutholtz, and the heirs of deceased sister Elizabeth (Minnick) Dear.

The 1880 census indicates Lydia was suffering from “dropsy.” She died at the age of 83 years on 5 July 1881 and was buried at Miller Cemetery.
ary is in error regarding her place of birth because the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses consistently give it as Pennsylvania as does son Andrew’s death certificate. Mrs. Lydia Minnick, wife of Michael Minnick, died at her residence Tuesday, at an advanced age of 83 years. She was a native of Virginia, having moved to this state about 1833. Soon after she became a member of the Dunkard church and was ever after a true and devoted Christian. She was the mother of eleven children, ten of whom survive her. As a wife she was true and steadfast, as a mother, tender and loving, as a friend and neighbor, kind and unselfish and it is said that she knew not an enemy. For the past twelve years she has been an invalid, and for the past eight years entirely helpless, but she was never heard to
During the long years of suffering she was hourly watched over by her husband and youngest daughter, Mrs. Knapp [sic]. Their task was a hard one but they never faltered, until death relieved her. She died the calm death of a Christian and gradually fell asleep in the arms of her Savior. The funeral service was delivered by Rev. George Hoover, after which she was interred in the Dunkard cemetery.

Michael died in the town of Middletown 2 Mar. 1889. His death certificate gives the cause as "prostatitus." It should be noted that Michael has been confused by some researchers with another Michael Minnick who was about the same age as he. This Michael married first Elizabeth Weller 20 July 1819 in Rockingham Co. and died 12 Mar. 1863 in Warren Co., OH. His father is believed to have been George "Minich," who died in Rockingham Co. in 1815 leaving minor sons Michael and John.

Children of Michael and Lydia, the first five born in Rockingham Co., VA, the others is Indiana. (In addition to these ten, there was another daughter, who probably died young.)

i. **WILLIAM MINNICK**, b. 1819, d. 3 Sept. 1900 in Bates Co., MO, m. ELEANOR STRIBLING, b. c1828 in KY, d. c1869; res. in Gentry Co., MO (1850 & 1860) and Pleasant Gap Twp., Bates Co., MO (1870 & 1880). Children, all born in MO:
   (1) Margaret MINNICK, b. c1848.
   (2) Sarah C. MINNICK, b. c1850, m. 19 July 1869 in Bates Co., MO, Jonah P. Glenn.
   (3) Martha Ann MINNICK, b. c1853, m. 8 Oct. 1871 in Bates Co. Thomas A. Thompson.
   (4) Mary MINNICK, b. c1854.
   (5) Henry S. MINNICK, b. c1856, m. 17 Dec. 1877 in Bates Co. Lucy N. McDaniel.
   (6) Michael MINNICK, b. c1859.
   (8) Robert MINNICK, b. c1866.
   (9) James MINNICK, b. c1869.

ii. **CATHARINE MINNICK**, b. 8 Mar. 1824, d. 11 Nov. 1911, m. 25 May 1857 in Piatt Co., IL, CHRISTIAN B. WENGNEROTH, b. 13 Dec. 1831 in Württemberg, Ger., d. 11 May 1915. Both bur. at Monticello Cem., Piatt Co., IL. He came to America in 1853 and later owned a furniture store and other businesses at Monticello, IL. Four of their five children died young.
iii.  **Eliza Ann Minnick**, b. 23 June 1827, died 24 Dec. 1891, m. 9 Dec. 1847 in Fall Creek Twp. **William Keesling**, b. 1 Jan. 1826. She was buried at Mechanicsburg Cem., Henry Co., IN. They had seven children, six still living in 1884.

iv.  **Mary E. Minnick**, b. 15 Feb. 1829, d. 16 Apr. 1908 at Marion, Grant Co., IN, m-1 28 Sept. 1854 **John H. Swain**, m-2 17 Aug. 1875 in Henry Co. **Jesse Wright**, b. 22 Mar. 1810, d. 8 Aug. 1899. She had two children, both by her first husband.

v.  **Anna Minnick**, b. 13 Aug. 1830, d. 25 Mar. 1913 at Farmer City, DeWitt Co., IL, m. 17 June 1852 in Henry Co. **Adam Meliza**, b. 3 Apr. 1830 in Rockingham Co., VA, d. 4 June 1901, son of John & Barbary (Fertig) Meliza; both buried at Maple Grove Cem., Farmer City; res. in DeWitt Co., IL (1860 & 1900) and Piatt Co., IL (1870 & 1880). Children, first two born in Henry Co., others in DeWitt Co.:

1.  Eliza Catherine Meliza, b. ca. Aug. 1853, d. 22 Sept. 1925, m. 25 June 1872 in Piatt Co. William Grigsby Collins, b. ca. Feb. 1844, d. 1925; she is buried at Maple Grove Cem., Farmer City, DeWitt Co., IL.


4.  Frank Homer Meliza, b. 31 May 1862, d. 30 Oct. 1931 at Kankakee, IL, m. 24 Nov. 1886 in DeWitt Co. Mary Adnah Knight, b. 27 Aug. 1867, d. 24 Mar. 1913, m. 24 June 1914 at St. Louis, MO, Amelia C. Noss, b. c. 1870, m. 30 June 1919 at Kahoka, MO, Pearl Mae Davis, b. 24 Sept. 1884, d. 11 Dec. 1965. His and his first wife’s son **Broe Vernon Meliza** (b. 4 Dec. 1887, d. 10 Feb. 1960, m. 16 Oct. 1908 Minnie Unona Riggs) was the grandfather of Mary Katharine (Meliza) Berg, the primary source of information regarding Michael Minnick and his descendants.

vi.  **Phoebe Minnick**, b. c. 1833, d. bef. 1881 at Tipton, IN, m. 22 June 1851 in Henry Co. **Fleming Brower**, b. c. 1832; res. (1870 & 1880) in Madison Co., IN. They had six children.


ix. ANDREW J. MINNICK, b. 6 Mar. 1840, d. 23 Aug. 1914, m. 11 July 1867 in Henry Co. LYDIA BICKEL, b. ca. Nov. 1848, d. 1927; both bur. at Miller Cem.; res. in Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co. (1870, 1900, & 1910). He served in Co. H, 69th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers between 23 July 1862 and 5 July 1865, when he was mustered out at Mobile, Alabama. His pension declaration, dated 13 May 1912, indicates that he was 5 ft. 6 in. tall, of dark complexion, with gray eyes and dark hair. After returning from the war, he was a farmer. Children, all probably born in Henry Co.:

1. Sophia Minnick, b. c1868.
2. Gertrude Minnick, b. 1869, d. 1902, bur. at Miller Cem., m. 10 May 1892 in Henry Co. Sanford Riley, b. 1864, d. 1941.
4. Frank Minnick, b. 3 Oct. 1872. He was a cigar store clerk (1918).
5. Lee Minnick, b. 8 Oct. 1876, d. Nov. 1964, bur. at Elm Ridge Cem., Muncie, IN, m. Elsie __.
7. Otis Minnick, b. 17 Jan. 1880, d. 1857, bur. at Miller Cem., m. 3 Nov. 1900 in Madison Co., IN, Mable McCurdy, b. c1883. He was a tin mill worker for Carnegie Illinois Steel. Child: Margaret M. Minnick, b. c1909.
9. Pha Minnick, b. 26 Dec. 1883, d. 22 Mar. 1958 in Henry Co., m. c1925 Nellie Elizabeth Bissell, b. 1 Apr. 1885, d. 23 Dec. 1960. He was a farmer and an auto factory laborer.
10. Ethel Minnick, b. ca. July 1886, m. ___ Huffman; res. (1957) at Columbus, OH.

x. SOPHIA E. MINNICK, b. 26 June 1843, d. 28 Oct. 1925 at Middletown, Henry Co., m. 20 June 1872 in Henry Co. MICHAEL KNUPP, b. 15 Mar. 1844 in Rockingham Co., VA, d. 19 Nov. 1912, son of Andrew & Elizabeth Knupp; bur. at Miller Cem., Henry Co. They lived with her parents in 1880. Michael apparently operated the farm since both of Sophia's parents were in their 80s. They continued to care for her parents through the remainder of their
lives. Sophia kept a scrapbook, now held by the Middletown Public Library, that contains the newspaper obituaries of her parents and other family records.

2. John⁴ Minnick was born on 17 Jan. 1800 in Pennsylvania (probably Cumberland Co.). On 6 March 1826, in Rockingham Co., he married Maria Bär, the daughter of Tobias and Maria Bär (or Baer). Maria, who was born 13 Sept. 1805, was the youngest of Tobias’s six children that were baptized in May 1806 by Rev. Johannes Braun (Reformed) at Davidsburg Church. (A seventh child, Noah, was baptized by Rev. Paul Henkel at the same church 25 June 1809.) Maria was not yet 21 when she married, which meant that her father needed to provide his written consent.

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KNOW all men by these presents, that we, John Minnick and John Annable, are held and firmly bound unto His Excellency John Tyler, Esquire, Governor of Virginia, and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth, in Sum the of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 6th day of March 1826 in the 50th year of the Commonwealth.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound John Minnick and Polly Ann the daughter of Tobias Bär of Rockingham County, if therefore there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void: otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the Presence of Minnick-Bär, 1826
Although the baptisms were recorded in the Davidsburg register, the Tobias Baers were members of the Lutheran congregation of Rader Church. They first appear in this church’s records as taking communion on 10 Nov. 1804 and next on 22 Nov. 1807. The last two times that Tobias appears as communicant were on 12 May 1833 and 14 May 1837.

John and Maria (or Mary) resided on a farm in the Plains District of Rockingham Co. that was valued at $2,300 in 1850. That year their only child, Noah, and his wife, who had been married less than a year, lived with them as did Margaret Cushman, a 15-year-old girl. In 1860 son Noah and his family lived in a separate house next to John and Mary’s residence. In 1861 or 1862 John sold his rights to the real estate of his recently deceased father to his next younger brother Mathias, Jr.

John died of diphtheria on 28 May 1862 at Flint Hill. The reason for his being at Flint Hill, which is about 30 or 35 east of New Market in Rappahannock Co., VA, is unknown. His death record filed in Rockingham Co. provides the following information:

"John Minnick, Sr. Flint Hill, died 28 May 1862 of diphtheria, age 62 years, 4 months and 11 days, born in Pa. Parents: Matthias and Catherine. Reported by wife Mary.

In 1870 and 1880 Mary made her home with her son Noah and his family on a farm in the Plains District. Reported in the latter census as having “consumption,” she died 3 Feb. 1887 and was buried at Wampler Cem. near Timberville. Child:

i. NOAH MINNICK, b. 22 Dec. 1828, d. 24 June 1893 in Rockingham Co., m. 4 Oct. 1849 in Rockingham Co. (by Rev. John Cline, Lutheran) CATHARINE CUMMINS, b. 19 June 1826 in VA, d. 15 Oct. 1895; both bur. at Wampler Cem. He probably was named for Noah Baer, his mother’s brother. Recently married, Noah and Catharine lived with his parents in 1850. In 1860-1880 they resided on a farm, presumably the one inherited from his father. In 1870 the values of his real and personal estate were $3,000 and $500, respectively. The youngest six children still lived at home in 1880. Noah’s will, which was written in Rockingham Co. 25 June 1893 and proved 17 July 1893, names his wife and seven children (William Dewitt, John Thomas, Jacob Samuel, David Casper, Mary Elizabeth Wampler, Ann Amanda Holtsinger, and Caroline Virginia McWilliams). James Beam, the named executor, declined to qualify, and was replaced by D.M. Beam; his sureties were John C. Wampler and David C. Minnick. The witnesses were J.G. Williamson and D.M. Beam; the appraisers were Jacob Beam, Daniel Flory, David Harrison, and David Driver. Children (father’s will and 1860 and 1870 censuses):

(1) William Dewitt Minnick, b. 1850. Almost certainly he is the son whose name is written David (instead of Dewitt) in the 1860 census and William in the 1870 census.

(2) John Thomas Minnick, b. c1852.

(3) Jacob Samuel Minnick, b. c1854.
(4) David Casper Minnick, b. 15 Mar. 1856, d. 14 Dec. 1906, m. 19 Oct. 1880 in Rockingham Co. (by Jos. Wampler) Malinda C. Holsinger, b. 1 Aug. 1861 in VA, d. 13 Nov. 1941, dau. of John Holsinger and Anna Perry. Casper Minnick’s residence, on an 1885 map (see Chapter 5), is shown as being on the west side of Long Glade Run near Lohr, Scothern, and Holsinger farms. He was buried at Linville Creek Cem., Broadway. (Malinda was the sister of Julia Anna Holsinger, b. 22 Dec. 1862, m. 24 July 1883 William Alexander Welch, son of Robert A. & Margaret Welch.) Children:


(ii) Solon Franklin Minnick, b. Dec. 1883, d. 24 Apr. 1934, m. Fannie Turner, dau. of Jacob & Lydia (Fifer) Turner. No issue.

(iii) Vemon O. Minnick, b. 11 Oct. 1886, d. 12 Aug. 1887.

(iv) Alvin S. Minnick, b. 16 Aug. 1888, d. 1 Nov. 1906 (hunting accident).

(v) Celia M. Minnick, b. 7 Sept. 1889, d. 18 July 1916.

(vi) Myrtle Minnick, b. 22 Nov. 1890, d. 21 Mar. 1971, bur. at Linville Cr. Church of Brethren Cem.

(vii) Vessie Viola Minnick, b. 20 Mar. 1900, d. 4 Apr. 1966 (bur. at Bethel Church of Brethren Cem.), m. Granville Turner.

(viii) Noah I. Minnick, b. 19 Apr. 1901, d. 10 Nov. 1928, m. Wellie Turner, dau. of Jacob & Lydia (Fifer) Turner. No issue.

(5) Mary Elizabeth Minnick, b. 1857, m. 23 Dec. 1880 John C. Wampler.

(6) Ann Amanda Minnick, b. 26 May 1859, d. 20 Mar. 1936 at Sterling, VA, m. 22 Apr. 1888 Samuel J. Holsinger, b. 23 Oct. 1865, d. 17 Dec. 1837 at Sterling, son of Andrew & Polly (Holsinger) Holsinger. Children:

(i) Clara Alice Holsinger, b. 3 Mar. 1889, m. William Holtzelaw.

(ii) Tracey Holsinger, b. 10 Aug. 1890, m. Herbert Hawley.

(iii) Mary Virginia Holsinger, b. 8 Nov. 1891, m. Harry Havener. No issue.

(iv) Lurty Casper Holsinger, b. 22 May 1894, m. Dessie Mason.

(v) Lillian E. Holsinger, b. 12 Sept. 1896, m. Grafton de Butts.

(vi) Edgar Lee Holsinger, b. 20 Mar. 1898, m. Inola Surface.
3. **MATHIAS MINNICK** was born on 1 Mar. 1801 in Pennsylvania (probably Cumberland Co.). Later in 1801 his parents moved to Virginia, where Mathias was baptized at Davidsburg Church, New Market, on 3 Jan. 1802. The baptismal sponsors were Peter Koch and his wife, Anna Maria, who were the baby’s uncle and aunt. On 4 May 1828, at the age of 27, Mathias married by license (by Jacob Harshbarger, Minister of the Gospel, Shenandoah Co.) **DOLLY (Dorothea or Dorothy) EARHART.**

(7) Susan C. Minnick, b. 1861; not in father’s 1893 will.

(8) Caroline Virginia Minnick, b. 1864, m. 1 Jan. 1884 James B. McWilliams.

Dolly’s parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Stoutemire) Earhart, and John, George, Abram, and Jacob Earhart apparently were her brothers. Henry and Elizabeth were married 9 June 1801 (by Andrew Moffett) in Rockingham Co. and were members of Rader Church. Their son John Earhart, born 9 Mar. 1802, was baptized in that church on 30 May 1802 (sponsors: Michael Gibbs and wife Catharina). In 1817 Henry contributed money toward the payment of the church’s debts, and in 1831 he and Elizabeth were the baptismal sponsors of a child (George) born to their son John Ehrhart and his wife, Maria.

The extant 1820 and 1830 census records are in alphabetical order making it impossible to identify Mathias and Dolly’s neighbors. Those for 1840, however, maintain the order in which households were contacted by the enumerators. They reveal that Mathias’s home was adjacent to the residence of Henry Airhart. Both Henry and his wife fell in the 60-70 age category, meaning they were born in the 1770s. George Airhart, presumably one of Henry’s sons, lived on the other side of Henry, and John Airhart, another presumed son, lived nearby. Both George and John were born between 1800 and 1810, as was Dolly.
In September 1850 Mathias bought land from Henry Arehart, his father-in-law.  

In 1850 the order of listing heads of the four dwelling houses immediately before Mathias’s residence is Jacob Arehart (age 34), Abram Arehart (also 34), George Arehart (47), and Michael Smith (35). Abram (or Abraham) was married to Mathias’s youngest full sister, Ann, and they had two young children: John M. and Catharine. Henry Arehart (74) and his wife, Elizabeth (75), both born in Pennsylvania, lived with their presumed son Abram and his family. The Arehart farm, on which all three brothers apparently resided, was valued at $22,000. The value of real estate owned by Mathias was $11,000. Four Minnick children lived at home: John (age 21), Sarah (16), Elizabeth (13), and Ann (5).

Mathias and Dolly lived next door to Abraham and Ann (Minnick) Arehart in 1860. Jesse and Mahala (Minnick) Moyers, a half-sibling of Mathias and Ann’s, resided two doors on the other side of the Areharts. The real and personal estate owned by Mathias were valued at $3,280 and 1,605, respectively. (The corresponding figures for Abraham Arehart and Jesse Moyers were $4,200 and $1,521 and $1,000 and $200, respectively.) Daughters Sarah and Elizabeth were the only two Minnick children living at home.

In the fall of 1864 Gen. P.H. Sheridan’s army was encamped near Harrisonburg and Dayton. A short time later “Sheridan began his wide-spread retreat down the Valley, burning mills and barns, and driving off or killing horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs.” On 13 Feb. 1865, B. Hoover of near Timberville wrote a letter to the Rockingham Register that enclosed “a list of losses sustained in this portion of Rockingham county, by Sheridan’s army.” The prices fixed are those prevailing before the war. The losses sustained by twenty individuals, include the following consecutive entries for Mathias and three Arehart brothers:

- Matthias Minnick & Son: 1 barn, 225 bushels of wheat, 6 tons hay, 5 horses, 12 cattle, threshing machine, ploughs, &c., $2,000.
- George Arehart, 1 barn, 160 bushels of wheat, 10 tons hay, 8 cattle, farming implements, $1,400.
- Abram Arehart, 1 barn, horse stable, 200 bushels wheat, 12 tons hay, 11 cattle, sheep, hogs, &c., $2,000.
- Jacob Arehart, 3 horses, 4 cattle, 11 sheep, $400.

B. Hoover adds that “the list comprises that portion of the 8th district, north of the Shenandoah River and east of the Timberville road.” (The other names in the list are David Cline, George Moffett, Jonas Early, John Rife, John W. Driver, Widow Driver, S.H. Myers, Thornton Thomas, George Lohr and sons, Philip Lowry, Jesse Bushong, A. Bushong, Albert Flemens, Moses Tussing, David Bowman, and William G. Thompson.) As may be seen on the 1885 map in Chapter 3 the residences of Mathias Minnick and several of the Areharts were located on the east side of the road (now Route 42) between Timberville and the Shenandoah Co. line.

The son of Mathias referenced in the listing of damages undoubtedly was oldest son John, who in 1870 worked on the farm of his elderly father. In 1870 as well as 1880 unmarried daughters Sarah and Elizabeth lived at home. In 1870 a 4-year-old child, whose name (incorrectly, it would seem) was written “Sarah,” resided in
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Mathias and Dolly’s home, and in 1880 Ezra M. Minnick, daughter Sarah’s 15-year-old son (born out-of-wedlock), lived with them.

Mathias died at the age of 81 (“consumption”) on 9 June 1882, and Dolly died ten years later at the age of 85 on 30 June 1892. They and daughters Sarah and Elizabeth were buried in the same plot at Rader Church Cemetery.11

Mathias’s will, which he signed by mark 11 May 1882, included the following provisions:12

- To son John: the 25.5-acre tract of land known as the Marsh Tract and $706 previously given to him. (The Marsh tract probably is the land acquired when his parent’s real estate was partitioned.)
- To son George: $300 plus $706 previously given to him.
- To grandson Ezra, “who is now living with me”: $200 at the age of 21.
- To wife Dolly: during her lifetime, entire home tract of land with live stock, farming implements, etc. and all household goods and surplus money.
- To daughters Sarah and Elizabeth: entire remaining estate after Dolly’s death.

The witnesses were Franklin M. Bowman and Samuel B. Arehart, who also were the appraisers, along with John H. Roller, David H. Bowman, and David Bowman.

Dolly’s own will in 1889, in compliance with her husband’s request, left all of her property to her daughters Sarah C. Minnick and Elizabeth Minnick.13

Children:


In 1860, a farm laborer, his and Mary’s residence was between the farms of George Arehart and Moses Tussing. On 6 July 1861 at Melrose, Rockingham Co., John enlisted as a private in Co. B, 7th Virginia Cavalry Regt.15 After the war, in 1870, he worked on his father’s farm. Sarah’s two children by her first husband (John and Ida Lindamood, born 1876 and 1870, respectively) resided with her and John Minnick in 1880. He worked as a marble cutter in 1880. John and both wives are buried at Rader Church Cem. as are the youngest two offspring Children, all by second wife (1880 and 1900 censuses):

(2) Cora A. Minnick, b. 29 Mar. 1881, d. 28 June 1907; bur. at Rader Church Cem. (3) George M. Minnick, b. 18 Nov. 1882, d. 5 Dec. 1908; bur. at Rader Church Cem.

In the latter year his real and personal estates were valued at $1,500 and $350, respectively. Children:  

(1) William H.\(^6\) Minnick, b. 28 Oct. 1858, d. 11 Jan. 1936 at Mt. Clifton, m. Frances F. McWilliams; he is bur. at Solomons Lutheran Church graveyard, Forestville.  

(2) Unnamed son Minnick, b. 14 Dec. 1862, d. 28 Dec. 1862.  

(3) Sarah Elizabeth Minnick, b. 3 May 1864, d. 9 Apr. 1952 at Mt. Clifton; bur. at Solomons graveyard; unmarried. A school teacher, she was educated at the Lutheran Seminary for Girls at Staunton, VA.  


iii. SARAH C. MINNICK, b. 16 Aug. 1833, d. 26 Oct. 1913; bur. at Rader Church Cem.; unmar. \(^{15}\) On 21 Mar. 1865 she gave birth to a child fathered by her first cousin William H. Arehart (born 23 Oct. 1835, died 15 Nov. 1910), son of John & Mary (Ridenour) Arehart, who were married 26 Jan. 1826 in Rockingham Co. by Rev. Ambrose Henkel. \(^{20}\) William H. was a sergeant in the Confederate Army (Co. H, 12\(^{th}\) Va. Calvary), 1861-1865. During the war, he kept diary that includes mention of the mortal wounding of Harvey Minnick, the youngest son of Mathias and Christina Minnick. \(^{21}\) In 1900 and 1910 Sarah headed a household, next door to son Ezra M.’s residence at Timberville, that included her sister Elizabeth. She reported she was a widow and had given birth to one child, who was still living. Child:  

(1) Ezra Monroe\(^6\) Minnick, b. 21 Mar. 1865, d. 25 Feb. 1939, m-1 24 Apr. 1888 at David Bowman’s residence, Rockingham Co. (by Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Lutheran) Joanna Catharine Bowman, b. 28 Nov. 1861 in VA, d. 2 Jan. 1934, dau. of David & Anna (Good) Bowman, m-2 11 June 1935 Laura A. (Bushong) Neece; he & Joanna bur. at Rader Church Cem. \(^{22}\) Ezra apparently was raised primarily by his maternal grandparents; he lived with them in 1880 and is identified as their “son” in that year’s census records. After reaching adulthood, Ezra and his father had a business called “Minnick & Arehart, Feed & Grain” in Timberville. \(^{23}\) On 20 Sept. 1889, for $200, the firm Minnick and Arehart purchased from George W. Minnick 100 pine trees standing on his land in “The Marsh” adjoining lands of Mrs. \(^{24}\) Jno Minnick, Henry Hinkel, Calvin Hupp, and others. In 1900 Joanna indicated she had given birth to three children, only one of whom was still living. That year and in 1910 his mother and his aunt Elizabeth Minnick resided next door. In 1910 he was a farm implements merchant at Timberville and in 1920 a farmer. Children, all buried at Rader Church Cem. \(^{25}\)

(ii) Unnamed daughter Minnick, b. 23 Mar. 1893.

(iii) Unnamed son Minnick, b. 21 July 1895.


iv. Harvey Minnick, b. 16 Apr. 1835, d. 28 Mar. 1840; bur. at Rader Church Cem.²⁶

v. Elizabeth Minnick, b. 28 May 1837, d. 12 Feb. 1921; unmar.; bur. at Rader Church Cem.²⁷ She resided with her older sister Sarah, and then in the household of her nephew Ezra M. Minnick at Timberville, the 1920 census giving her relationship to Ezra as aunt.

vi. Allen Minnick, b. 15 Nov. 1839, d. 5 Mar. 1840; bur. at Rader Church Cem.²⁸

vii. Anna Minnick, b. 9 Apr. 1845, d. 4 May 1852; bur. at Rader Church Cem.²⁹

4. Jacob⁴ Minnick was born on 22 June 1802, shortly after his parents moved to Rockingham Co.¹ He was baptized 21 Feb. 1803 at Rader Church, the sponsors being Mathias Miller and his wife, Anna Maria.² On 17 May 1829 he married Anna ("Nancy") Crist, the daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Reiff) Crist.³ Ambrose Henkel was the officiant. Jacob was 26 years old. Ann, who was born 30 June 1807, was 21.⁴ They had grown up together on adjacent farms.

After marriage they continued to reside in the Plains District of the county. Jacob's occupation was reported as plasterer in the 1850 census and as carpenter in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses. He sold his rights to his parents' real estate to Jesse Moyer, the husband of his half-sister Mahala. There is no evidence in census records or elsewhere that Jacob and Anna had any children of their own. A number of teenagers or young adults, however, made their homes with them. In 1850 there were four such persons: nephew George Minnick (son of Mathias, Jr.), Martin Shank (20 years old), Frances Marshall (20), and Magdalena Wilherohr (14, born in Germany). Nephew George and Martin were learning the plaster trade from Jacob, and on 3 Jan. 1854 George would marry Frances Marshall in a ceremony that took place in Jacob's home. In 1860 the young people living with him and Anna were Isaac Custer (17) and Sarah Hollinger (15, a domestic). That year his real and personal estates were valued at $3,000 and $250, respectively. In 1870 his household included four such persons: Sarah Shaver (22), Kessiah Loker (14), Harvey Reed (15), and Abram Loker (16), the occupation of the last three being laborer. In 1880, his wife now deceased, Jacob
made a home for Elizabeth Loker (30, a servant) and Frank and Sarah Alexander and their three young children. (Frank was a farm laborer and Sarah was a house keeper.)

Jacob signed his will on 12 May 1875. It was witnessed by Cornelius Fauber, John M. Crist, and W. Harvey Zirkle. After his wife Anna's death, all of his estate was bequeathed to Frank Alexander and upon Alexander's death to his children. However, the house, garden, and blacksmith shop in the possession of Joseph Shaver was to be retained by him during his life and the life of Shaver's wife.

Anna had passed away at Plains Mill on 10 Oct. 1876 at the age of 69 years. Jacob died on 30 Dec. 1881. He was 79. Both were buried at Rader Church Cemetery. The will was proved in Jan. 1882, at which time Noah Minnick (Jacob’s nephew), Wm. W. West, and Samuel H. “Myers” (or Moyers) were appointed as appraisers of Jacob’s estate.

Andrew Minnick was born on 27 Oct. 1803. Thus, he was 25 years old on 9 Dec. 1828 when he married Magdalena Cook/Koch in Shenandoah Co. The marriage record states that Magdalena is the daughter of Philip Cook. (Frances, another of Philip Cook’s daughters married John Frymyer on 22 Apr. 1822 in Shenandoah Co.) There is no known connection between the Koch families of Andrew’s wife and Andrew’s uncle Peter Koch. Census data for 1860, 1870, and 1880 indicate that Magdalena was born in 1806 in Virginia.

Between the births of their fourth child (Peter) in 1836 and their fifth child (Mary Ann) in 1838, Andrew and Magdalena moved from Rockingham Co. to a farm about 40 miles west of the Ohio line in Delaware Co., IN. An 1874 land-owners map shows that his farm, 80 acres in size, was located in the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 8, less than two miles east of the town of Daleville and the White River. Daleville is only five miles north of Middletown, Henry
Co., which is where Andrew's oldest brother, Michael, lived. In 1866 Andrew sold his share of his father's real estate to his brother George.

Andrew died on 12 Jan. 1879 (ae. 75-2-15), and was buried at Sanders Cemetery, Salem Twp. After his death, Magdalena made her home with her son David and his family in Salem Twp., where she was living in 1880. She then was 74 years old. Her date of death and place of burial have not been ascertained. Children, the first four born in Virginia, the others in Indiana (1850-1880 censuses):

i. GEORGE MINNICK, b. 1828, d. 1894 (ae. 66), bur. at Sanders Cem., m. c1860 MARY E., b. 1843 in IN. A plasterer, George and his family resided with his parents in 1870, and in the town of Daleville in 1880. Children (1870 & 1880 censuses):
   (1) James S. Minnick, b. 1861.
   (2) Clendora Minnick, b. 1864, m. 12 May 1886 in Delaware Co. Cramer.
   (3) Glenn/Theodore Minnick, b. 1864.
   (4) William Minnick, b. 1867.
   (5) Joseph Minnick, b. 1869, d. 20 May 1918, bur. at Sanders Cem.
   (6) Charles Minnick, b. 1875.
   (7) Samuel Minnick, b. 1879.

ii. VIANNA MINNICK, b. 1831

iii. LARRISSA MINNICK, b. 1832

iv. PETER MINNICK, b. 1836, d. Nov. 1909, bur. at Sanders Cem., m. c1862 SYNTIA ANN, b. 1844 in IN. He was a farmer (1880) in Salem Twp., Delaware Co. Children (1870 & 1880 censuses):
   (1) Dolly Edith Minnick, b. 1864, m. 21 July 1885 in Delaware Co. Henry Yingling.
   (2) William Minnick, b. 1866.
   (3) James Cary Minnick, b. 1867, m. 9 Apr. 1898 in Delaware Co. Bertha M. Kendall.
   (4) Charles Minnick, b. 1870.
   (5) Oliver Minnick, b. 1875, m. 1899 Alice, b. 1873.
   (6) Mary Minnick, b. 1878.

v. MARY ANN MINNICK, b. 1838

vi. CYRENA/SHRENA MINNICK, b. 17 Aug. 1840, d. 28 Aug. 1851 (ae. 11-0-11), bur. at Sanders Cem.

vii. URILLA J. MINNICK, b. 1843

viii. DAVID N. MINNICK, b. Apr. 1845, d. 11 Mar. 1905, m. 14 Feb. 1867 LYDIA ANN (-?-) TURNER, b. Oct. 1844 in OH, d. 12 Oct. 1928; both bur. at Sanders Cem. In 1880 Emma Turner, a 17 years old daughter from Lydia Ann's earlier marriage, made her home with David and Lydia Ann as did David's widowed mother (Magdalena). Nina A. Minnick, a granddaughter born June 1899 (parents not ascertained), lived with David's family in 1900 and with Lydia Ann in 1910. That year (1910) Lydia Ann, now a widow, reported she had borne nine children of whom six were still alive. Children (1880 & 1900 censuses):
(1) Milton Minnick, b. 1875.
(2) Cora Bell Minnick, b. Apr. 1877, lived at home in 1900.
(3) Clara E. Minnick, b. Jan. 1879, lived at home in 1900.
(4) Ida Minnick, b. 1883, lived at home in 1900.
(5) Gertrude M. Minnick, b. 1886, lived at home in 1900.

ix. URIAH M. MINNICK, b. Jan. 1849, m. 4 Dec. 1873 in Delaware Co. CLARA CORNELIUS, b. Nov. 1856 in IN, d. 1920, bur. at Sanders Cem. He farmed in Salem Twp. in 1880, but by 1900 had become an iron mill laborer at Muncie. Clara reported that year that she had given birth to five children, all still living. Children (1880 & 1900 censuses):
(1) Eddie Minnick, b. 1874.
(2) Edith Minnick, b. June 1879.
(4) Anna Minnick, b. Oct. 1887.

6. PETER MINNICK was born 22 Jan. 1805. He and MARY KNOPP (or KNOP or KNUP) were married 30 Apr. 1829 by Rev. Rev. Ambrose Henkel. Peter was 24 years old; Mary (or Maria), born 8 Sept. 1809, was 19. Mary was the daughter of Philip and Eva (Zirkle) Knop, who in 1810 resided next door to Peter’s aunt, the widow Mary (München) Koch, and several doors from Peter’s parents. Philip and Eva had married in Shenandoah Co. on 24 Aug. 1795. Their daughter Maria Knop was baptized (date unspecified) by Rev. Paul Henkel at Davidsburg Church, New Market, with Benjamin and Anna Maria Zirkel as sponsors. Other children of Philip and Eva appearing in the Davidsburg baptismal register are Johannes (born 12 Aug. 1796), Georg (born 4 May 1799), Andreas (born 6 Dec. 1801), Philip (born 18 May 1804), and Elisabetha (born 11 July 1812).

In 1840 Peter, a farmer, resided in Rockingham Co. near his father and father-in-law, but by 1850 had moved to Shenandoah Co., where he and Mary spent the remainder their lives. In 1860 their post office address was Mt. Clifton and in 1870 it was Edinburg. In both of those years their dwelling was very close to the residence of his nephew George W. Minnick, son of Mathias, Jr.

A boy 10-15 years of age resided in their home in 1840, eleven years after their marriage. Based on subsequent evidence, it seems unlikely that the boy was their son. In 1850 three youngsters lived in their household: Calvin Hupp (14 years old), Andrew Witt (16), and Jane Guiss (13). In 1860 another set of outsiders resided with them: Jane Miller (22), George Ryman (2), Abraham Van (9), and Raphael Estep (17). In 1870 three of these individuals (Jane Miller, George Ryman, and Abram Van) still lived with them. Finally, in 1880 Virginia Miller (44), George Ryman (23), and Mary Ann C. Hupp (13) were present in their household. Virginia was a housekeeper, George a farm laborer, and Mary Ann was a niece. In 1860 the values of Peter’s real and personal estates were $3,000 and $1,079, respectively. An 1885 atlas of Shenandoah Co. shows the location of Peter’s farm as being on Mill Creek just north of the Lee District line in Ashby District.
Peter died at the age of 78 years on 21 May 1883. Mary survived him by 13 years, dying on 16 May 1896. She was 86 years old. Both were buried at Solomons Church Cemetery near Forestville, Shenandoah Co.

Peter’s will, which he signed (by mark) on 29 July 1876, was proved on 11 June 1883. Israel Halterman was named as executor; the witnesses were B.J. Stanton, Moses Ryman, and John Ryman of David. He bequeathed to his wife, Mary, a life interest in his entire estate. After her death, his home farm near Mt. Clifton and his remaining personal property was bequeathed to George Franklin Ryman, who was directed to keep and support his mother, Jane Miller. These two individuals, mother and son, had resided with Peter and his wife since 1860 if not earlier.

7. ELIZABETH (“BETSY”) MINNICK probably was born in Apr. or May 1806. Thus, she would have been 19 years old on 8 Aug. 1825, when her father gave his consent for her to marry FOUNTAIN DEAR. Betsy’s brother Mathias, Jr., signed the consent form as a witness and was co-surety for the marriage bond.

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Dear-Minnick, 1825

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Fountain, who was born about 1803 in Virginia, may have been the son of Simeon Dear. In the mid 1830s, the young couple moved west to Champaign Co., which is in the west-central part of Ohio mid-way between Columbus and the Indiana line. (Urbana is the county seat.) Three of Betsy’s younger siblings (Maria Lutholtz, George Minnick, and Israel Minnick) also moved to Champaign Co. about the same time as the Dears. The 1840 census shows the Fountan Dear, George Minnick, and Israel Minnick families residing in Mad River Twp. and the Isaac Lutholtz family in neighboring Urbana Twp.

Betsy gave birth to her seventh child (Israel) in 1838 and undoubtedly was the woman in the 30-40 year age category when the 1840 census was taken. She died later that year, on 25 Nov. 1840 at the age of 34 years, and was buried at Rector-Gard Cemetery, Mad River Twp. The names of Elizabeth and Fountain’s second wife, Sarah, are on one regular flat sandstone gravestone that says “Wives of Fountain Deer.”

On 18 Apr. 1841 Fountain married his second wife, Sarah Ann Taft, in Clark Co. Sarah Ann was born in 1814 in Ohio, so was about eight years younger than Betsy. Fountain, who was a miller, lived in Urbana Twp., Champaign Co. in 1850 with Sarah Ann and nine children, five of them Betsy’s (Jackson, Sampson, Daniel, Louisa, and Israel), the others were Sarah Ann’s. In 1860 Fountain again resided in Mad River Twp. Second wife Sarah Ann, after giving birth to her fifth child, had died 18 Nov. 1853 and was buried next to his first wife at Rector-Gard Cemetery.

On 7 Sept. 1854 in Clark Co. he married his third wife, Ellen Rockenfield. Ellen must have passed away by 1860 because the only two others living in Fountain’s household that year were 13-year-old daughter Elizabeth A. and a 16-year-old girl named Mary Wade. Fountain married his fourth wife, Elizabeth (King) Austin, on 20 Apr. 1865 in Clark Co. His death occurred in Champaign Co. on 5 Mar. 1893. He was about 90 years old.

In 1866 Betsy’s five surviving children sold their rights to the real estate of Mathias Minnick to Betsy’s brother George Minnick. The children and their spouses were stated to be (1) Samuel Dear and his wife, Hannah, (2) Israel Dear and his wife, Julianna, (3) Daniel Dear and his wife, Anna, (4) Amanda Plummer and her husband, Peter Plummer, and (5) Eliza E. Earl and her husband, Isaac Earl. At that time, Daniel Dear and Amanda Plummer lived in Madison Co., IN, and Eliza E. Earl in Wayne Co., IN.

Fountain had five children, born 1843-1852, by Sarah Ann, his second wife: Sarah Jane, Isaac S., Elizabeth A., Martha, and Johnson Dear. Children of Fountain and Betsy, the last two born in Ohio:

i. GEORGE WASHINGTON DEAR, b. c1826, d. 2 June 1847 at Pueblo, Mexico.
ii. AMANDA DEAR, b. c1826, m. 1 Jan. 1843 in Clark Co. PETER PLUMMER, b. 1822 in OH. A cooper, he and Amanda in 1850 resided in German Twp., Clark Co. with their three youngsters: Joseph (5 yrs. old), Eliza J. (3), and Fountain (1) Plummer.
iii. ANDREW JACKSON DEAR, b. 3 Jan. 1829, d. 15 Aug. 1851; bur. at Rector-Gard Cem., Champaign Co.
iv. **SAMUEL SAMPSON DEAR**, b. 1 Mar. 1832, d. 1924 in Clark Co., OH, m. 1853 in Clark Co. **HANNAH HESSELGESSEER**, b. 29 Aug. 1832, d. 23 Mar. 1903. Children:

1. Theodore Hamilton Dear, b. 26 Mar. 1854 in Logan Co., OH, d. 12 May 1940 at Springfield, OH
2. Effie Dear, b. 1865.
3. Anna Jane Dear, b. 28 June 1867, d. 30 Jan. 1937 in Clark Co.

v. **DANIEL DEAR**, b. 6 Oct. 1833 in Page Co., VA, d. 18 July 1919 in Miami Co., OH, m. 6 May 1853 in Clark Co. **MARTHA ANN WELSH**. Children:

2. Jenetta Armina Dear, b. 11 May 1861, d. 17 Mar. 1936.
3. Mary Ellen Dear, b. 21 June 1864, d. 21 Oct. 1865.
5. Fountain Sylvester Dear, b. 28 July 1870 in IN, d. 18 Dec. 1951 at Findlay, OH, m. 26 Mar. 1893 Olive Jane Sinks.

vi. **LOUISA DEAR**, b. c1836, m. 7 Feb. 1855 in Clark Co. **ISAAC EARL**.

vii. **ISRAEL DEAR**, b. 3 Apr. 1838, d. 26 Apr. 1912 at Shawnee, Potawatome Co., OH, m-1 23 Jan. 1864 at Urbana, OH, **CHARLOTTE SWISHER**, b. 1850(?), d. 17 Aug. 1868, m-2 5 Aug. 1879 in Jay Co., IN, **MARGARET STRAUSBURG**. An 1866 document regarding Mathias Minnick’s real estate gives his wife’s name as Julianna.

8. **MARIA** (“POLLY”) MINNICK was born on 18 Aug. 1807 and was baptized by Rev. Paul Henkel at Rader Church on 10 Apr. 1809 with her parents as sponsors. On 20 Jan. 1843 in Champaign Co., OH, Maria married ISAAC LUTHOLTZ. Maria then was 35 years old, and Isaac, who was born in Virginia about 1812, was five years younger. Census records show that Isaac was the father of six children that were born during the period 1833 through 1842. On 8 Nov. 1830 an Isaac Lutholtz had married Matilda Dull in Shenandoah Co. If this Isaac was the same man who married Maria in 1843, then the mother of the children born through 1842 probably was Matilda. Otherwise, it would seem that Maria’s first six children were born out of wedlock. The third child (Sally) was born in 1836 in Virginia and the next one (Elizabeth) in 1839 in Ohio. If Maria did not move to Ohio with a common law husband (Isaac) between these dates, she probably moved to Champaign Co., OH, in the early 1830s with her brothers George and Isaac.

In the mid 1840s Isaac and Mary moved to Henry Co., IN, the county in which her brother Michael lived. (Brother Andrew resided in Delaware Co., which is adjacent to Henry Co.) Isaac was a farmer (1850-1880). In 1850 and 1870 Isaac and Mary were enumerated in Henry Twp., and in 1860 and 1880 in Greensboro Twp., both located in Henry Co. In 1860 John Lutholtz (58, born in VA), perhaps Isaac’s brother, resided two doors from Isaac. In 1870 Isaac’s real and personal estates were valued at $7,400 and $760, respectively. In 1880 their daughter Mary Darmore with her husband and children made their home with them as did a 7-year-old grandson named Charlie “Minic.”
Maria was 73 in 1880 and Isaac about 68. Their death dates are unknown. Children (1850 census), the maternity of the first six being somewhat in doubt:

i. **JACOB⁵ LUTHOLTZ**, b. 1833 in VA, m. c1856 **ELLEN**, b. 1836 in OH. Ellen probably is the woman of that name who died 21 July 1898 (ae. 64) at Knightstown, IN. He was a day laborer (1870) and a farmer (1880) in Greensboro Twp. Children (1870 & 1880 censuses):
   1. Mary⁶ Lutholtz, b. 1858.
   2. Eliza A. Lutholtz, b. 1860.
   5. Emma B. Lutholtz, b. 1869.
   6. Isaac Lutholtz, b. 1872.
   7. Jacob Lutholtz, b. 1874.

ii. **ISAAC LUTHOLTZ**, b. 1834 in VA.

iii. **SALLY LUTHOLTZ**, b. 1836 in VA

iv. **ELIZABETH LUTHOLTZ**, b. 1839 in OH.

v. **ELIZA ANN LUTHOLTZ**, b. 1841 in OH

   1. Sarah E.⁶ Lutholtz, b. 1866.
   2. Raleigh H. Lutholtz, b. 1869, d. 18 Mar. 1931 in Henry Co.


viii. **MATHIAS LUTHOLTZ**, b. 1848 in IN, m. c. 1873 **DRUSILLA**, b. 1852 in IN, d. 1 Apr. 1929 (ae. 77) in Henry Co. A farmer, in 1880 he and his family lived next door to his parents in Greensboro Twp. Children (1880 census):
   1. Aldora⁶ Lutholtz, b. 1875.
   2. Arthur Lutholtz, b. 1876.
   3. Lola Lutholtz, b. 1877.
   4. Alice Lutholtz, b. 1880.


9. **GEORGE⁴ MINNICK** was born on 14 Nov. 1808 and was christened "Johann Georg" by Rev. Paul Henkel at Rader Church on 10 Apr. 1809 with his parents as sponsors. Although he signed his name George W., the middle initial presumably standing for Washington, we will refer to him simply as George. In the year of his 23rd birthday, he moved to Ohio, eventually settling in the town of Westville, Mad River Twp., Champaign Co. His new residence was five miles west of the county seat (Urbana) and about half way between Columbus and the Indiana line. Three of George's siblings (Elizabeth, Maria, and Israel) also moved to Champaign Co. in the 1830s. The following biographical sketch appears in a Champaign Co. history book printed in 1881.²
GEORGE W. MINNICK, blacksmith, Westville. Among the business men of Westville whom we are pleased to notice, is one of the pioneer smiths, who has lived in Mad River Township for many years, and is the oldest man doing business in this line in the neighborhood. He is a native of Virginia, and came to Ohio in 1831. He was born Nov. 14, 1808. His first location was Springfield, where he worked at his trade, and he came to Westville in 1835. He knew many men who did a grand work in the development of this county. He purchased the shop and tools of Daniel Long, and at once commenced business. He was married to Miss Susannah Buroker Aug. 28, 1834. Business was good, and young Minnick, being an excellent workman, prospered well. His wife was a daughter of Adam Buroker, a native of Virginia, and he was also one of the first settlers. George and his wife were parents of eight children of whom only Israel, Sylvester and Noah are living. Mrs. Minnick died in 1848 [should be 1846]. Aug. 28 [1848], he was married to Miss Nancy Wells, of Westville. They had six children, two of whom, Piatt and Glendora, still survive. All the children of the first marriage have married and are living in the town of Westville.

George has worked at the forge for fifty-three consecutive years, and two sons, Israel and Sylvester, still do business at the old stand. Mr. Minnick takes life rather easy, and only works at the trade when business is pushing. ... He is known far and wide as a master workman, and his cordiality has made him a host of friends. He is now gently going down the hillside of life, but is withal the same jolly fellow that the pioneers knew, and whose name will live in the history of their county for all time.

George married his first wife, SUSAN BROOKER on 28 Aug. 1834.3 Susan, who was born in Shenandoah Co., VA in 1810, and was the daughter of Adam Buroker and Elizabeth Pence.4 She died in her mid 30s on 18 Feb. 1846 in Champaign Co.5

On 23 May 1848 George married ANN ("NANCY") WELLS.6 She was born in Virginia about 1830, so was considerably younger than George. In 1850 their household in Mad River Twp. included their infant son (George S.), four children of his first wife (Israel, Sylvester, Noah, and Jane), Virginia Wells (18, born in VA, probably Ann’s sister), and John Helems (21, born in OH, a blacksmith). George S. and three of Nancy’s subsequent children (William T., Mary Selesty, and William) died in the 1850s. In 1860 their household included the same four children of his first wife as in 1850 and two of Nancy’s children (Piatt and Mary Glendora). In 1870 and 1880 the only two children at home were Piatt and Mary Glendora. George and his two eldest sons
(Israel and Sylvester), married and working as blacksmiths, resided in adjacent houses in 1870.

George wrote the following letter to his brother Mathias, who lived at Timberville, VA, in 1859 (some punctuation added). He mentions his half-brother William, who was 21 years old and working as a blacksmith at Broadway, VA, and his brother Andrew, a 55-year-old farmer living in Delaware Co., IN. But he provides no information regarding his wife or children, except for his eldest son, Israel, who then was 21 years old.

Westville April 12th 1859

D’Brother. I set down and take my pen to inform you that we are all well at present, hoping that these few lines of mine will find you all in the same state of health.

My oldest son [Israel, 21 years old] has left home. He left yesterday for the first time in his life to stay more than one day. He is on a long journey of fifteen hundred miles. He started for pikes peak to the gold diging together with five other men. One of them worked for me four years. His name was Jerimiah Bair.

I have plenty of work to do yet and no hands to do it. If I can get another hand like Bair was I’d give any thing to get him. I give him forty-five dollars and a half a month and cheap at that.

I wand [sic] you to let me know somthing [sic] about William Minnick or what become of him. He promised to send me a letter as soon as he got home, but I have not had word of him yet. Now if he is their [sic] let me know, and what he is doing. I should like to see you all but I don’t know when that will be yet. I [thought] it would be this spring but my sons going away will hinder me from that. He wand [sic] to go his trip and then he said we would boath [sic] come in. Now you can guess when that will be for I don’t know. We have very wed [sic] and cold this spring and very scarce of every thing. Feed is getting very short and arass [sic] shorter yet, so you may guess how we are off. But Indiana beats us all to peases [sic]. Their hogs are diing [sic] in every fence corner. That is what brother Andrew told me. He was here about the middle of January. He [followed] John Kookfor dept [sic] and overtook him in campaign and secured his dept [sic].

Now a little about prices of our marquets [sic], wheat one dollar and thirty cts per bushel, rye 75 cts, corn 75 cts, clover seed $6.75 cts, flax seed $100 per bushel, bacon twelve dollars per hundred, stock hogs five dollars per hundred, beef stake [sic] 12½ per lb., butter is worth 30 cts per lb.

Nothing more but remain your affectionate brother

G W Minnick

To Mathias Minnick
A letter from you if you please.

In 1866 George, for a consideration of $2,000, acquired the rights to their father’s real estate from the heirs of his deceased sister Elizabeth Dear and four other siblings: Michael Minnick, Andrew Minnick, Mary Lutholtz, and Israel Minnick. This gave him a total of six shares, which resulted in his being granted about 63 acres of the
land not set aside as dower for the widow. When the dower land was partitioned in 1876, George, apparently having acquired at least three more shares (those of Edmond Minnick, Catharine Hupp, and Nancy Arehart), was awarded two parcels, totaling about 37 acres. One of the parcels included land on which the dwelling house was located. How George disposed of this property has not been ascertained.

Nancy died on 6 June 1889, and George died the following year on 14 Dec. 1890. He was 82 years old. Both were buried at Nettle Creek Cemetery one mile south of Westville, as was his first wife, Susan. Six of Susan’s children and seven of Ann’s have been identified. The biographical sketch indicates that only three of Susan’s children (Israel, Sylvester, and Noah) and two of Ann’s (Piatt and Glendora) were still living in 1881. Children:

i. SYLVANUS MINNICK, b. 16 Sept. 1836, d. 30 Sept. 1836.
ii. ISRAEL MINNICK, b. 13 Sept. 1837, d. 1 July 1912 in Champaign Co., m-1 14 Sept. 1862 in Champaign Co. (by G. Wells, J.P.) MARY E. WEST, b. 22 Oct. 1842 in OH, d. 17 Nov. 1871 in Champaign Co., m-2 2 June 1873 in Champaign Co. SARAH ANN BARGER, b. 12 Feb. 1842 in OH, d. 15 Aug. 1878, m-3 14 May 1882 at St. Paris, Champaign Co. SUSAN CUSTENBORDER, b. 1838 in OH, d. 30 July 1894, m-4 c1896 HARRIETT BODEY, b. 1845, d. 10 Aug. 1897. Israel, Mary E., and Susan were buried at Nettle Creek Cem., Sarah Ann at Concord Cem. A blacksmith, his residence was between the houses of his father and brother Sylvester in 1870. He still lived next door to brother Sylvester in 1880. Both men were blacksmiths and widowers. In 1900 these two brothers resided at Westville near a third brother (Noah) and a half-brother (Piatt). Children, all by Mary E.:
   (1) Charles Minnick, b. 1862; res. (1880) with father.
   (2) Ollie Minnick, b. 1866; res. (1880) with father.
   (3) Elisa Minnick, b. 24 July 1870; res. (1880) with father.
iii. SYLVESTER MINNICK, b. 14 Aug. 1840, d. 13 Apr. 1914 at Westville, m-1 c1864 MARY E. _____, b. 1845 in OH, d. c1874, bur. at Nettle Creek Cem., m-2 c1875 SARAH KNOTTS, d. bef. 1892, m-3 1892 RACHEL ELLEN RUBART, b. 9 Aug. 1860, d. aft. 1910. Like his father and older brother, he was a blacksmith. Children, five by Mary E. and one each by Sarah and Rachel:
   (1) Lillie Minnick, b. 1866, d. aft. 1880.
   (2) Elnora Minnick, b. 15 May 1868, d. 14 Aug. 1884 in Champaign Co.
   (3) Susie A. Minnick, b. 2 Apr. 1870, d. 3 Dec. 1888 at Westville.
   (4) George Minnick, b. Jan. 1872, d. 10 Aug. 1892 at Columbus, OH.
   (5) Alice Minnick, b. 1874, died young.
   (6) Angie C. Minnick, b. 13 Aug. 1877, d. 14 Sept. 1888, bur. at Nettle Creek Cem.
   (7) Hazel Fern Minnick, b. 7 Nov. 1894, died young.
iv. NOAH MINNICK, b. 19 Feb. 1842, d. 22 Dec. 1934 in Champaign Co., m-1 c1871 ELIZA LOUISA MCCORMICK, b. 1852 in OH, d. 12 Aug. 1885 at Columbus, m-2 16 Mar. 1887 in Champaign Co. (by Rev. Middleton) IRENA V. STICKLEY, b. July 1863 in VA; he & his first wife bur. at Nettle Creek Cem. He was a farm laborer (1880, 1900), and in 1900 and 1910 he resided near
his brothers Israel and Sylvester at Westville. Children, two by Eliza Louisa, one by Irena; all three buried at Nettle Creek Cem.:

1. Frank Minnick, b. May 1873, d. 24 July 1886.

v. AMANDA JANE MINNICK, b. 6 Jan. 1844, d. 4 Apr. 1871.
vi. ISABEL MINNICK (Susan’s last child), b. 22 Sept. 1845, d. 13 Feb. 1848 in Champaign Co.; bur. at Nettle Creek Cem.
vii. GEORGE S. MINNICK (Ann’s first child), b. 16 May 1849, d. 15 July 1850; bur. at Nettle Creek Cem.
viii. WILLIAM T. MINNICK, b. 31 May 1850, d. 8 June 1856; bur. at Nettle Creek Cem.
ix. MARY SELESTY MINNICK, b. 27 Mar. 1851, d. 5 Dec. 1851.
x. PIATT MINNICK, b. 9 Sept. 1852, d. 6 Nov. 1929; bur. at Nettle Creek Cem.

10. ISRAEL MINNICK was born on 12 July 1810, and with his parents as sponsors, was baptized 15 Jan. 1814, along with his two younger siblings, by Rev. Paul Henkel at Rader Church. Perhaps travelling with his brother George, he moved to Ohio, where on 7 Dec. 1837 in Champaign Co. he married ANNIE BUROKER. Annie, who was born in Shenandoah Co., VA, on 20 Mar. 1820, was the daughter of Adam Buroker and Elizabeth Pence and the younger sister of George Minnick’s wife, Susan. At the time of the wedding Israel was 27 and Annie was only 17.

In 1840 he and Annie lived in Mad River Twp., as did George and Nancy. By 1850 Israel had moved a short distance west to Johnson Twp., which adjoins Mad River Twp. He was a blacksmith (1850 & 1860). Some time in the 1860s, he moved to Bloomfield Twp., Logan Co., the next county north of Champaign Co., where he farmed. The value of his real and personal estate in 1870 were $4,000 and $100, respectively. That year the youngest six of his and Annie’s children lived at home.

Israel died in Logan Co. at the age of 65 years on 28 Dec. 1875, and was buried at Plum Cem. In 1880 his 60-year-old widow, along with her youngest daughter (Mary
Jane, 19), made her home with son George M., a storekeeper residing at Millerstown, Champaign Co. In 1900 Annie resided with her daughter Eunice E. Jenkins and her family in Johnson Twp., Champaign Co. Annie died there on 20 Nov. 1900, and was buried at Spring Grove Cem. She was 80 years old. Her obituary printed in the St. Paris Era-Dispatch reads as follows:

Anna, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Buroker, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, March 20, 1820, and departed this life November 20, 1900, aged eighty years and eight months She was united in marriage to Israel Minnich in 1836. To this union were born eleven children, six boys and five girls, all living but two, one girl and one boy having preceded her in death. She also leaves forty-one grandchildren. She united with the Reformed church more than fifty years ago .... Her husband died December 28, 1875, almost twenty-five years ago. She lived in Millerstown more than thirty years. ... The children have lost a kind and indulgent mother, the grandchildren an affectionate and loving grandmother, the friends a useful and helping neighbor, and the church a devout and faithful christian worker. ...

Children:

i. JOSEPH H. MINNICK, b. 1838, d. 21 Dec. 1900 at Washington, D.C., bur. at Arlington Cem. (He cannot be found in 1870-1900 censuses.)

ii. EUNICE ELIZABETH MINNICK, b. Jan. 1840, d. 24 June 1917, m. 13 Jan. 1861 in Champaign Co. ALEXANDER J. JENKINS, b. 18 Aug. 1834 in Page Co., VA, d. 17 June 1910; both bur. at Spring Grove Cem., Champaign Co. In 1900 they lived next door to her mother in Johnson Twp., where Alexander worked as a stone mason. Children:

(1) Victoria Jenkins, b. 30 Nov. 1861, d. 2 Sept. 1865.
(2) Sylvia Jenkins, b. 15 Jan. 1871, d. 23 Aug. 1872.
(3) Minnie M. Jenkins, b. 21 Aug. 1872, d. 16 Aug. 1949 at Columbus, OH.
(4) Ivy L. Jenkins, b. Sept. 1877, d. 24 Mar. 1849 at Columbus, OH.
(5) Joseph E. Jenkins, b. July 1881, d. 18 Mar. 1943 in Champaign Co.

iii. JOHN D. MINNICK, b. 17 Oct. 1841, d. 22 Dec. 1913 at W. Liberty, Champaign Co., m-1 1868 MARTHA M. HEATH, b. Jan. 1841 in Champaign Co., d. 1907, m-2 c1909 CATHERINE B. (?-) DICKINSON, b. 1861 in OH; John and Martha bur. at Concord Cem. (surname spelled Minnich). John and Martha resided in Concord Twp., Champaign Co., where he was a grocery clerk in 1870 and a farmer in 1880 and 1900. In 1900 Martha indicated she had given birth to one child, who was still living, but no child resided with them in 1870, 1880, or 1900. By 1910 Martha had died and John had married Catherine, whose daughter Edna D. Dickinson, lived with them in their home in Salem Twp., Champaign Co., where he worked as a general retail merchant.

iv. WILLIAM MINNICK, b. 18 May 1843, d. 29 July 1845; bur. at Concord Cem.

v. CATHARINE MINNICK, b. 1844.

vi. SIMON PETER MINNICK, b. 9 Sept. 1847, d. 29 May 1928 in Auglaize Co., OH, m. 1872 LUCINDA A. WREN, b. Sept. 1847 in OH, d. 12 Aug. 1927 in
Auglaize Co.; Lucinda bur. at Plum Cem., Logan Co., OH. A farmer, he and Lucinda lived in Stokes Twp., Logan Co. in 1880 with four children and in Shelby Co. in 1900 and 1910 with three children at home in 1900 and none in 1910. Linda reported having given birth to nine children, six of whom were living in 1900 and five in 1910. Children:

(1) Joseph C. Minnick, b. 1873, d. 1948 in Logan Co., OH; apparently unmarried.
(2) Zelfa J. Minnick, b. 1875.
(3) Laura E. Minnick, b. 1876.
(4) ?Lida Minnick, b. Feb. 1878, d. 27 Aug. 1878; bur. at Plum Cem.
(6) Effa Laverna Minnick, b. May 1882.
(8) Morgan Minnick, b. 11 May 1894, d. bef. 1900 in Shelby Co.

vii. GEORGE M. MINNICK, b. 10 May 1850 at Millerstown, Johnson Twp, d. 23 Mar. 1923 at Columbus, OH, m. 1896 ELIZABETH H. , b. Feb. 1869 in OH, d. Mar. 1927; both bur. at Evergreen Cem. He was about 46 when he married; Elizabeth was 19 years younger. The following short biographical sketch appears in a Champaign Co. history book published in 1881 (surname spelled Minnich):7

G.M. MINNICH, general merchant, Millerstown. In speaking of the industries of Millerstown, we mention that G.M. Minnich, as general merchant established in 1878. Even though he is a new man in the business circles of the village by his close business habits, neatness, and the attractive appearance of his store, he has established a healthy trade. Mr. Minnich was born in Millerstown, Johnson twp., in 1850, and raised to farm duties; his education was acquired in the common schools; he now resides with his widowed mother; the parents, Israel and Annie (Buroker) Minnich, were born, he in Virginia, and she in Champaign Co., where their marriage occurred; they were married nearly thirty years, when death separated them and he was consigned to the silent tomb.

In 1900 he worked at St. Paris Village, Johnson Twp. as a grocery salesman, and in 1910 he lived in Liberty Twp., Logan Co., where he still was employed in the grocery business. In 1920 they resided on 10th Ave., Columbus, and he worked as a laborer. In addition to his wife and two daughters, his 61-year-old sister-in-law Alice Roberts lived with them.

(1) Marjorie A. Minnick, b. Dec. 1899.
(2) Dorothy Mae Minnick, b. 14 July 1901.

viii. IRWIN BAKER MINNICK, b. Dec. 1853, d. 1 Feb. 1943 in Miami Co., OH, m. 1876 ELIZABETH JENKINS, b. Apr. 1857 in Champaign Co., d. 21 June 1908, dau. of Benjamin & Catherine (Bodey) Jenkins; both bur. at Spring Grove Cem. Working as a laborer, he and Eliza and an unnamed infant son lived in Bloomfield Twp., Logan Co. in 1880. In 1900, now a farmer, he and his
wife and their eight surviving children resided in Stokes Twp., Logan Co. Children:

(1) Unnamed infant Minnick, b. Oct. 1879, died young.
(2) Benjamin I. Minnick, b. Feb. 1882, m. 27 May 1905 in Shelby Co., OH, Anna C. Beeson, b. 1885.
(3) Ernest Orlando Minnick, b. Sept. 1883, m. 15 Jan. 1907 Bertha Roszell.
(4) Elmer A. Minnick, b. 30 Apr. 1885, d. 12 Dec. 1969 at Cincinnati, OH, m. Sylvie Jane Tullis, b. Oct. 1886 in Champaign Co., d. 9 Mar. 1916 in Champaign Co., dau. of William & Elizabeth (Baldwin) Tullis; both bur. at Honey Creek Cem. Children: Paul (b. 1906), Ethel (b. c1911), and Roy (b. & d. 1916) Minnick.
(5) Isa Maude Minnick, b. Apr. 1887, d. Aug. 1973, m. Ferman Guy Ullery; she is bur. at Honey Creek Cem.
(6) Rosetta E. Minnick, b. July 1889.
(7) Levi Minnick, b. Nov. 1891.
(8) Anna C. Minnick, b. 15 Mar. 1895, d. 26 Apr. 1969, m. Dwight C. Hesselgesser; she is bur. at Spring Grove Cem.
(9) Irvin Minnick, b. Oct. 1899, m. Anna Helen Frock, b. 14 Feb. 1899, d. 20 Sept. 1940 at Dayton, OH; she is bur. at Memorial Park Cem.

ix. SUSAN M. MINNICK, b. 1856.
x. LAURA ALICE MINNICK, b. 1859.
xi. MARY JANE MINNICK, b. 4 Mar. 1861, d. 27 Feb. 1929 in Champaign Co.

11. CATHARINE MINNICK was born on 17 Nov. 1811, and was christened “Catherina” by Rev. Paul Henkel at Rader Church on 15 Jan. 1814 with her parents as sponsors. Her brother Israel, born 10 July 1810, and her sister Nancy, born 4 June 1813, were baptized on the same date as Catharine. On 22 Dec. 1831, at the age of 20, she married LEMUEL R. HUPP. The officiant was Rev. John Philip Cline, a Lutheran minister associated with Davidsburg Church, New Market. The names of Lemuel’s parents have not been discovered. Census records for 1840 indicate he was born between 1800 and 1810.

The 1840 census reveals that, nine years after the marriage, there were five children in the household: two boys born between 1830 and 1835 and two boys and a girl born between 1835 and 1840. Their last child (Mathias) was born in 1842, and Lemuel was deceased by the time the 1850 census was taken. That year (1850) Catharine headed a household that included a 65-year-old woman named Elizabeth Whitmier and three Hupp children: William (17), Elizabeth (12), and Mathias (8). Her nearest neighbors were Barbara Baker and John Driver on one side and Lewis Driver and Daniel Driver on the other. In 1860 she resided next door to a hotel and the Benjamin Hoover residence. Elizabeth Whitmier still lived with Catharine as did three sons (Sylvester, Dewitt, and Mathias) and Sylvester’s wife (Sarah) and her young child (Susan C.). Catharine, whose occupation was stated to be keeping house, did not own any real estate and the value of her personal estate was only $100. In 1865 when her father’s land was partitioned, she received a house on a ¾-acre lot on
the west bank of the north branch of the Shenandoah River and five acres of timberland. The 1870 census indicates she owned real estate worth $670. Son Mathias and his family daughters) lived with her in 1870 and 1880.

Catharine died some time after 1880, the year of her 69th birthday. Neither her nor Lemuel’s place of burial is known. Children:

i. William Hupp, b. 1833. He lived with his mother in 1850.

ii. George W. Hupp, b. Dec. 1834, d. 1923, m. c1867 Isabel, b. May 1843 in OH, d. 1918; both bur. at City of Elwood Cem., Madison Co., IN. It seems likely he is Lemuel’s son although there is no direct evidence of it. In 1860 he worked as a tinner and lived in Fall Creek Twp., Henry Co., IN, with the Clifton family, which had moved from Virginia to Indiana in 1851. In 1870 until his death George and his family resided in the town of Elwood, Madison Co., where he worked as a hardware merchant and an insurance agent. In 1900 Isabel reported that five of her seven children were still living. Identified children (1870-1900 censuses), all born in IN:

(1) William Hupp, b. 1869. He probably is the W.A. Hupp who was buried in 1904 at City of Elwood Cem.

(2) Lola Hupp, b. 1870.

(3) Samuel Hupp, b. July 1871, d. 1911; bur. at City of Elwood Cem.

(4) Albert Hupp, b. June 1878, d. 1948; bur. at City of Elwood Cem. He was a bookkeeper (1910, 1920) at Elwood.


iii. Sylvester Hupp, b. 20 July 1836, d. 11 May 1884, m. c1856 Sarah, b. 10 Dec. 1837 in VA, d. 15 Oct. 1894; both bur. at Wesley Chapel Cem., Richland Twp., Madison Co., IN. Between the birth of their third child in 1863 and 1870 they moved to Richland Twp., Madison Co., IN, and in 1880 they lived in Monroe Twp., Madison Co. Madison was the next county west of Delaware and Henry counties, where his uncles Michael and Andrew had settled in the 1830s. Sylvester was a farm hand in 1870 and a carpenter in 1880. Children, the first three born in VA, the others in IN (1860-1880 censuses):

(1) Carry Hupp, b. 1858.

(2) Mary (or Susan) E. Hupp, b. 1859. A comment on the 1880 census form states that she is "crippled in foot."

(3) John H. Hupp, b. 1863

(4) Charles W. Hupp, b. 1871.

(5) Sylvester F. Hupp, b. 1880.

iv. Elizabeth Hupp, b. 1838.

v. Dewitt C. Hupp, b. 1840, d. 1909, m. c1871 Martha, b. 1850 in IN, d. 1928; both bur. at Oddfellows Cem., Monroe Twp., Madison Co. Probably shortly after the end of the Civil War, Dewitt, like his brother Sylvester, moved to Madison Co., IN, where his residence in 1900 was in Monroe Twp. He was a school teacher (1880) and a nursery agent (1900). After his death, Martha moved to Santa Anna, Orange Co., CA, where she lived with her married daughter Mary in 1910. Children, all born in IN (1900 census):
(1) Lula Hupp, b. 1871. She was a dry goods clerk (1900).
(2) Horace Hupp, b. 1873. He was a tinner (1900).
(3) Mary Hupp, b. 1876, m. c1901 Herman Ross, b. 1875 in IN. In 1910 they lived at Santa Anna, CA, where Herman worked as a watchman at a gold mine. Mary’s mother and two of Mary’s siblings (Ray and Stella Hupp) resided with them.
(4) Daisy Hupp, b. 1879.
(5) Frederick Hupp, b. 1882.
(6) Raymond Hupp, b. 1886. He was a drug store salesman (1910).
(7) Clinton Hupp, b. 1888.
(8) Victor Hupp, b. 1890.
(9) Stella Hupp, b. 1897.

vi. MATHIAS HUPP, b. 1842, d. bet. 1880 & 1900, m. c1866 AMANDA L., b. 1848 in VA. In 1870 and 1880 Mathias and Amanda and their children lived with his widowed mother in the Plains District, Rockingham Co. Mathias worked on the railroad. In 1900, Amanda, now a widow, lived with her son David at Strasburg, Shenandoah Co. A Lucella Huff (63) resided with them.

Children (1880 census):
(1) Mary C. Hupp, b. 1868.
(2) David W. Hupp, b. Mar 1870, m. Bessie ____, b. Jan. 1875 in VA. He worked as a section engineer, presumably on the railroad, 1900.
(3) Ann E. Hupp, b. 1878.

12. NANCY (ANN or ANNA) MINNICK was born on 4 June 1813 and was christened under the name “Nancy” by Rev. Paul Henkel at Rader Church on 15 Jan. 1814 with her parents as sponsors. Her brother Israel and her sister Catharine were baptized on the same date as Nancy. Her mother died when Nancy was a year old, and when she was 16 her maternal grandfather, Nicholas Fertig, by his will bequeathed to “Nanna Minick the daughter of Mathias Minick the sum of fifty dollars ... it being her mothers part.”

When she was 30 years old, on 14 Mar. 1844, “Anny” and ABRAHAM AREHART were married by Rev. Ambrose Henkel. Abraham, who was born 9 Oct. 1810, was three years older than the bride. He was the brother of Mathias Minnick’s wife, Dolly, and the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Stoutemire) “Earhart.” In 1850 Abraham’s parents, both in their 70s, made their home with Abraham and Nancy and their two young children. Abraham’s farm was just south of Mathias’s residence between Timberville and the Shenandoah County line. (See 1885 map in Chapter 3.) Both of these farms, as well as other farms in the area, suffered losses as Gen. Sheridan’s army retreated down the Valley, burning barns and crops and killing or driving off farm animals. Abraham’s losses amounted to $2,000. (See Mathias Minnick section for further information.) In 1860 the values of Abraham’s real and personal estates were $4,200 and $1,521, respectively; the corresponding figure in 1870 were $6,000 and $1,000, the decline in personal property value perhaps reflecting some of the damage done by Sheridan’s men.
Anna died on 8 Mar. 1881, and Abraham died eleven years later, on 8 Mar. 1892. Anna was 67 years old; Abraham was 81. Both were buried at Rader Church Cem.

Both of their children were baptized by Rev. Ambrose Henkel at Rader Church on the 3rd Sunday of June 1850 with the parents as sponsors.

i. **Catherine Anne** Arehart, b. 17 Oct. 1845, d. 1916, m. c1864 Daniel H. Bowman, b. 25 July 1840, d. 28 Mar. 1897; both bur. at Rader Church Cem. In 1870 and 1880 they lived with her parents and Daniel did farm work. A widow, she lived at Timberville in 1900 with five of her children (Nettie, Rufus, Constance, Floyd, and Annie Shutters). She reported that all eight of her offspring were still living. Children:

(1) John (or Charles) Bowman, b. 1866, d. 1938; bur. at Rader Church Cem.

(2) Mary (or Alice) Bowman, b. 1868.

(3) Sally Annie Bowman, b. Feb. 1869, d. 1918, m. Samuel A. Shutters, b. Aug. 1870 in VA, d. 1949; both bur. at Rader Church Cem. Childless, they resided with her mother at Timberville in 1900.

(4) Nettie V. Bowman, b. 17 Apr. 1872, d. 29 Nov. 1927, m. Mr. Smith.

(5) Cora Bowman, b. 1874; bur. at Rader Church Cem. (Death date on stone not inscribed or not legible.)

(6) Rufus M. Bowman, b. 20 Jan. 1880, d. 5 July 1928; bur. at Rader Church Cem. He apparently was a physician.

(7) Constance Lorena Ray Bowman, b. 11 Dec. 1884, d. 25 Jan. 1913; bur. next to parents at Rader Church Cem.

(8) Floyd M. Bowman, b. 9 July 1886, d. 14 Feb. 1927; bur. at Rader Church Cem.

ii. **John Milton Arehart**, b. 9 Oct. 1847, d. 9 May 1852; bur. at Rader Church Cem.
Mathias Minnick (1776-1860) and his second wife, Christina Drawbond (c1798-1873), had six sons and three daughters. Altogether, Mathias fathered fourteen sons and seven daughters. The births of his progeny were spread over a period of 42 years, from November 1798 (Michael) through August 1840 (Harvey), with a gap of seventeen years between the last child in the first set (Nancy) and the first child in the second set (David). Christina was about 28 when she gave birth to her first child (David) in 1826 and about 42 when the last one (Harvey) was born in 1838. Mathias was 64 years of age when Harvey was born.

All of Christina’s nine children were born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and resided in the vicinity of Timberville and New Market. All but one (Harvey) married and had children of their own. All six sons served in cavalry units of the Confederate Army, and one (Harvey) died of wounds received in battle.


14. **William 4 Minnick** was born on 19 Mar. 1828. The first of his two wives was **Dorothy (“Dolly”) Brock**, whom he married 22 Mar. 1852 (Rockingham Co. bond date). Dolly was born 27 Mar. 1834 in Virginia. Thus, the wedding took place just before her eighteenth birthday. She was the daughter of Michael Brock and Keziah Turner, who were married in Rockingham Co. 23 Aug. 1825 (bond date). Her father signed Dolly’s marriage bond as surety.

A blacksmith for most of his life, William lived at Broadway, where he and his family were enumerated in the 1860 census. His and Keziah’s seventh child (Ida) was born in 1861, and the couple divorced some time within the next five years.
William and his five brothers served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. His and his brother Levi’s unit was Co. B, 7th Va. Regt., C.S.A. Cavalry. On 11 Dec. 1862 William was taken prisoner at Darksville, a village five or six miles southwest of Martinsburg on the road to Winchester.4

On 27 Nov. 1866, the year following the end of the war, William married MARY GUYER.5 Born 12 July 1826 in Virginia, Mary was 40 years old.6 In 1870 they lived at Broadway with their two-year old daughter and all six surviving children from his first marriage.

Two items regarding William (one pertaining to deer hunting, the other to hogs) appeared in the 13 Jan. 1870 issue of the Rockingham Register:7

Our friend, Wm. Minnick, of Broadway, informs us that he has been “in at the death” of no less than thirty-three deer in the mountains of Brock’s Gap and Rawley Springs, in this country, during the last season, say from Oct. to the 1st of January. Many of the deer were very fine ones. This is the most successful hunting in this country we have ever noticed. Mr. Minnick is, of course, a superb marksman, in fact is almost always where a fine deer is concerned a “dead shot.”

Our friend, Wm. Minnick, of Broadway Station, O., A.&M.R., in this county, has sent us some sausage which was made from the pork of a hog which he killed, weighing 561 pounds net. – This animal was imported from Chester Co., Pa., and was upwards of two years old when killed. Mr. Minnick
is prepared to supply persons who wish fine hogs, with some of the of same stock. It is called the Chester White, the name having its origin in the fact the arrival is invariably purely white.

By 1880 his first wife, Dolly, had taken back her maiden name and resided two doors from William with her two youngest surviving children (Milton and Ida Minnick). The residence of another child (Wallace Minnick) was on the other side of Dolly’s house.

An 1885 map of Broadway shows that William owned two parcels of land, both of which contained residences. One was located on Main St. with the Valley Branch of the B&O RR at its rear. The other was at the north corner of High and Mason streets. His son Wallace owned a lot and residence on Mason St. next door to William’s house. The map carried several Broadway business references, including the following:

WM MINNICK, Wagon Maker and Blacksmith. All work guaranteed and warranted first-class.

Mary died on 7 Mar. 1896, and was buried at Rader Cemetery.

Four years later the only other occupant of William’s home was a grandson named William L. Minnick (born Dec. 1887). The names of the boy’s parents are unknown, but it is suspected that he was an out-of-wedlock child of Mary’s daughter Emma, who would have been 19 years old when he was born.

As a disabled veteran by reason of disease or other infirmities, on 30 Apr. 1900 William, now a widower, submitted a pension application to the state of Virginia through the Confederate Pension Board of Rockingham Co. On 12 May 1900 the Board indicated he was entitled to receive an annual pension of $15. A physician’s report of 17 May 1902 states that William suffers from rheumatism, heart disease, prostatitis, and senile arteriosclerosis, the last two ailments by reason of age, and he again was awarded a pension in the same amount. Two years later, on 4 May 1904, he applied to be re-rated from partially to totally disabled. After examination by a Harrisonburg physician his application was approved by the Board and signed by a judge on 16 May 1904. He then was 76 years old. He died some time after this date in the Soldiers’ Home at Richmond, and probably was buried in its cemetery.
died 6 Sept. 1903 and was buried at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem. Children, seven by Dolly and one by Mary (1860 & 1870 censuses):

i. LYDIA MINNICK, b. 1852. She lived with her father at Broadway in 1870.

ii. MEDFORD MINNICK, b. 1853, d. bet. 1910 & 1920 probably in Missoula Co., MT, m. c1881 PHOEBE, b. 1858 in PA, d. aft. 1920. Almost certainly, he is the M.D. Minnick, a 27-year-old blacksmith born in Virginia, who resided at Alma, Jackson Co., WI, with his wife Phoebe (21, born in Pennsylvania) in 1880. Thirty years later, in 1910, his and Phoebe's residence was in Missoula Co., MT. Phoebe said she had given birth to three children, two still living. These undoubtedly were Ray W. (29 years old) and Chester C. (25), who were living at home. Phoebe, a widow, lived at Abel, Blaine Co., MT, with her son Chester in 1920. Children, both born in Wisconsin (1910 & 1920 censuses):

(1) Ray W. Minnick, b. 1881.
(2) Chester C. Minnick, b. 1885 in WI; unmar. (1920). A farmer, he lived in Blaine Co., MT (1920).

iii. VIRGINIA MINNICK, b. 1855. She lived with her father at Broadway in 1870.

iv. WALLACE B. MINNICK, b. 12 Jan. 1854, d. 12 Feb. 1925, m. 19 Mar. 1877 SARAH E.R. DOVE, b. 15 Jan. 1852 in VA, d. 28 Oct. 1928. A blacksmith, like his father and older brother, he lived next door to his father, and in 1900 his divorced mother lived with him. In 1900 and 1910 Sarah reported that six of her seven children were still living. In 1920 a grandson, Chester Litten, was the only other person occupying his and Sarah's home. Children (1880 & 1900 censuses):

(1) Walter R. Minnick, b. 1878. In 1900, divorced, he worked as a blacksmith on a sheep ranch in McCone Co., MT.
(4) Grover L. Minnick, b. June 1885. He probably is the Grover Minnick (age 45, born in Virginia), an automobile mechanic, who in 1930 resided at Connellsville, Fayette Co., PA with his considerably older wife Hattie (60, born in Pennsylvania).
(5) Fannie O'Neill Minnick, b. July 1888, m. 6 Jan. 1908 Gilmer R. Litten. In 1920 their son Chester, born July 1909, lived with Fannie's parents.
(6) George C. Minnick, b. 24 Mar. 1890, d. 10 Oct. 1918, bur. with parents at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem.

v. MILTON MINNICK, b. 1858. He lived with his mother at Broadway in 1880. He cannot be found in the 1900 census.

vi. MILDRED MINNICK, b. 1859, d. bef. 1870.

vii. IDA MINNICK, b. 1861. She lived with her mother at Broadway in 1880.

viii. EMMA MINNICK, b. 1868. Almost certainly she is the Emma C. Minnick who on 28 Oct. 1894 married CHARLES W. HOLSINGER, b. June 1872, son of John D. & Sarah J. (-?--) Holsinger. In 1900 Emma reported she had given birth
to five children, only one of whom was still living. Emma’s probable child, father unknown:

(1) William Lee⁶ Minnick, b. Dec. 1887, d. 1955, m. 3 Dec. 1912 Elsie Mills, b. 1 June 1887 in VA, d. 22 Dec. 1956, dau. of John & Lydia Mills; both bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.¹⁵ He lived with his grandfather at Broadway in 1900. In 1910, before his marriage, he worked as a farm hand in Sewickley Twp., Westmoreland Co., PA. (He cannot be found in 1920 census.) In 1921 Elsie’s brother Otis Mills took a trip to McKeesport, PA, to visit Elsie and her sister, Georgie.¹⁶ In 1930 William and his family resided at Island Creek, Jefferson Co., OH, where he worked as a roller in a steel mill. Children (1930 census):

(i) Lawrence T.⁷ Minnick, b. 27 Jan. 1915, d. 5 Feb. 1997 at W. Columbia, S.C (bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.), m. Mary Louise ____.

(ii) Orville Minnick, b. 1917.

(iii) Roy Minnick, b. 1925.

15. MAHALA⁴ MINNICK was born on 9 Sept. 1829.¹ She married 31 May 1852 (Rockingham Co. bond date) JESSE MOYERS (sometimes spelled Myers), who was born 18 Jan. 1830 in VA.² Both were 22 years of age. Mahala’s brother David Minnick signed the bond as surety, and affirmed that Mahala was “upwards of twenty-one years of age and a resident of this county.”

Eight years after the marriage, in 1860, Jesse and Mahala and their three youngsters resided on a farm located north of Timberville. Based on the order of visitation by the census taker, the property was between the farm of the Frank family, whose daughter Catharine would soon marry Mahala’s brother Samuel, and the farms of Mahala’s half-brother Mathias Minnick, Jr. and her half-sister Anna Arehart. The values of Jesse’s real and personal estate were $1,000 and $200, respectively. Jesse acquired addition shares of Mathias Minnick’s non-dower real estate from Mahala’s brother William and her half-brother Jacob. Consequently, when the land was partitioned in 1865, he received the so-called “Crist tract” plus some woodland, a total of about 33 acres. By 1870 they had moved to the old Minnick homestead, apparently residing in Mathias’s former residence since his widow, Christina, lived with them. (The value of Christina’s real estate was $1,000.) Samuel Minnick, now married to Catherine Frank, was their neighbor. The 1885 map of the area (see Chapter 3) would seem to indicate that their residence was the two-story house constructed in part from the old Minnick residence.

Jesse died on 20 Dec. 1892 at the age of 62 years.³ His stone at Rader Church Cem. includes the inscription “Our father & my husband.” Mahala was 66 years old when she passed away on 27 Mar. 1896.⁴ She was buried at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem. Children (1860-1880 censuses):
i. **Mathias** Moyers, b. Feb. 1856, m. 1877 Amanda E. Spitzer, b. Apr. 1853, dau. of Mary C. (-?) Spitzer. He was a farmer. In 1900 Amanda's mother (Mary, born Apr. 1814), their only child (Dora, born Aug. 1879), and Dora's husband (Christopher L. Nicewarner, born May 1875) and children (Virgie A. and Lilly L. Nicewarner, born Nov. 1898 and Apr. 1900, respectively) lived with them on their farm in the Plains Dist., Rockingham Co.

ii. **Samuel H. Moyers**, b. Sept. 1857 (or 1859), d. 1931, m. 1884 Margaret E. Everline, b. May 1854, d. 1931, dau. of Lewis & Christina (Schneider) Everline; both bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem. (See Appendix C for information regarding Margaret's parents.) In 1900 they lived on a farm in Plains Dist., Rockingham Co. with their only child, and in 1930 their residence was near the home of Joseph F. and Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick. 

Child: 


iii. **Frances Moyers**, b. 1859. She is not in the 1870 census.

iv. **Mary Ann Moyers**, b. 1861, d. 26 June 1890 (ae. 29 yr.-2 mo.), m. **Samuel Burkett**, b. 1856, d. 1941; she is bur. next to her parents at Rader Church Cem.; he is bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem. next to his second wife, Mary C., b. 1876, d. 1950.

v. **Virginia F. Moyers**, b. 1865.

vi. **Susan Moyers**, b. 1872.

16. **Leanna Minnick** was born in 1830 or 1831. Thus, she was about 20 years old on 7 Oct. 1850 when she married **Michael Lohr**. Her father signed the bond as surety, and Rev. Ambrose Henkel performed the ceremony. Her husband was born 11
Dec. 1827 in Virginia, the son of Christian Lohr and Phoebe O’Roark, who were married 21 Dec. 1820 in Rockingham Co. In 1850 Michael “Lodhr,” a laborer, had resided in a house headed by 75-year-old Mary Martz. (Samuel Martz had married Mary Phillips in 1792.) Also occupying the home were (1) Michael “Oroarck,” 56 years old, (2) Rebecca Phillips (17), and (3) Michael “Scthorn,” 30. The latter, it would seem, was the future groom of Leanna’s sister Lucinda.

Leanna gave birth to seven children in the first decade of her marriage. In 1860 she and Michael resided on a farm near the home of Lucinda Scothern, Leanna’s recently widowed sister. Leanna’s youngest child was nine months old. The values of Michael’s real and personal estate were $4,890 and $1,000, respectively.

Leanna died at the age of 31 years in 1862 and was buried at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem. Michael remarried on 27 Mar. 1863. His second wife was Elizabeth Spitzer, who was born 17 Oct. 1838 at Broadway, the daughter of Philip Spitzer, Jr. and Mary Helbert.

Michael and Leanna’s four surviving children (Catharine, Martin, Michael, and Emily) acquired 17 acres of non-dower land from the estate of her deceased father in 1865, and in 1876, after Leanna’s mother died, they acquired 11 acres of the dower lot. In 1870, besides Elizabeth, four of Leanna’s children (“Cassa,” 19, Martin, Michael, and Emma) and four of Elizabeth’s lived in Michael’s home. In 1880 there were eight children in the home, all Elizabeth’s. Michael and Elizabeth were the parents of 13 children, four of whom died young.

- Unnamed son, b. 10 Jan. 1864, d. 14 Jan. 1864.
- Anna Alaska Lohr, b. 22 Mar. 1866, m. Mr. Keitcher.
- William H. Lohr, b. 19 Apr. 1867, m. Laura C. Martz.
- George Benson Lohr, b. 7 July 1868, m. Sophronia Martz.
- Martha Ellen Lohr, b. 11 Aug. 1869, m. Ernest A. Hillyard.
- Ada Alice Lohr (twin), b. 10 May 1871, d. 29 Aug. 1871.
- John W. Lohr, b. 6 Apr. 1873, d. 22 June 1874.
- Joseph C. Lohr, b. 3 July 1874, d. 3 Sept. 1875.
- Delila Margaret Lohr (twin), b. 4 Nov. 1877, d. 26 Nov. 1942, m. Robert C. Minnick, b. 6 Nov. 1874, son of Samuel & Catharine (Frank) Minnick. (See Samuel Minnick section of this chapter for further information.)
- Jacob Milton Lohr (twin), b. 4 Nov. 1877, m. Mary V. Kerlin.
- Phoebe Ann Lohr, b. 31 Aug. 1879, m. Homer Hillyard.
- Paul Jackson Lohr, b. 22 Mar. 1882, m. Edna G. Holsinger.

Michael died 27 Dec. 1886 at Mayland and was buried at Linville Creek Church Cem., Broadway; Elizabeth died 19 Sept. 1904 at Broadway.

One of Leanna’s daughters is referred to as “Catharine” in Mathias Minnick’s estate papers and as “Cassa” in the 1870 census, which gives her age as 19 years. She must be one of the two eldest daughters, probably the eldest, whose names are given as Elizabeth and Mary A. in the 1850 census. Leanna’s children (1860 census):
i. **ELIZABETH**  
   **LOHR**, b. 1850. She probably is the daughter referred to as Catharine or Cassa in other records.

ii. **MARY A. LOHR**, b. 1852.

iii. **MARTIN L. LOHR**, b. 22 June 1852, d. 2 July 1940, m. 1878 **SARAH E. SPITZER**, b. 28 Feb. 1861 in VA, d. 24 May 1926; bur. at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem.; res. on farm in Plains Dist. Children (1880-1910 censuses):
   (1) **Mary Frances**  
       **Lohr**, b. 1880, m. Mr. Landis. A widow, she lived with her parents in 1930.
   (2) **Charles J. Lohr**, b. 1 Jan. 1885, d. 7 Oct. 1969.
   (3) **Emma C. Lohr**, b. 1887.
   (4) **Luella P. Lohr**, b. 1893.
   (5) **Viola G. Lohr**, b. 1895, d. 1985; bur. at East Lawn Cem., Harrisonburg.
   (6) **Ashby O. Lohr**, b. 1899.
   (7) **Vivian Lohr**, b. 1908.

iv. **MICHAEL H. LOHR**, b. 15 Dec. 1854, d. 5 May 1929, m. 1881 **ADA L.**, b. 25 May 1859, d. 4 May 1941; both bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem. Resided in Plains Dist. Children (1900 & 1910 censuses):
   (1) **Bessie F.**  
       **Lohr**, b. 1882.
   (2) **Delphia M. Lohr**, b. 1883.
   (3) **Georgie A. Lohr**, b. 1887.
   (4) **Tracy C. Lohr**, b. 1889.
   (5) **Luther H. Lohr**, b. 1895, d. 1976; bur. at East Lawn Cem., Harrisonburg.
   (6) **Dessie T. Lohr**, b. 1897.
   (7) **Treva R. Lohr**, b. 10 July 1900, d. 5 June 1931, m. George M. Gisler; she is bur. at St. Paul Church Cem. next to her parents.

v. **EMILY FLORENCE LOHR**, b. 25 Apr. 1856, d. 10 May 1936, m. 8 July 1877 **NOAH H. KNUPP**, b. 2 Apr. 1854, d. 14 Feb. 1921; both bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.  


17. **LEVI**  
   **MINNICK** was born on or about 20 Jan. 1831. On 27 Apr. 1854 (Rockingham Co. bond) he married **LYDIA A. MOORE**, who was born in Mar. 1831. Brother-in-law Jesse Moyers was surety for the marriage bond. The bride may have been the Lydia Moore (18 years of age, born in Virginia) who in 1850 lived with the family of John Yeakel, a Shenandoah Co. (58th District) tailor. If so, she probably became acquainted with Levi through his brother William Minnick, a blacksmith, who lived nearby with Turner Conner, also a blacksmith.
In 1860 he and Lydia resided with their four young offspring near Levi’s oldest brother, David, and his family. Neither brother then owned any land. Levi worked as a farm laborer, and the value of his personal estate was only $100.

Levi served as a private in the Confederate States of America army. He enlisted in Co. B, 7th Virginia at Lacy Springs on 18 Apr. 1861. Captured at Brandy Station, Culpeper Co., VA, he was sent to Ft. Delaware on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River between Delaware (New Castle Co.) and New Jersey. Levi was among the Confederate prisoners exchanged for Union prisoners on 30 June 1863. He was paroled at New Market on 20 Apr. 1865 as a private, Co. B., 10th Virginia Cavalry. When discharged, he was described as “age 33, 5’ 10”, fair complexion, dark hair, hazel eyes” and crippled in left arm. The nature of the injury to his arm and the cause are unknown. It may have affected the type of work he could perform. At any rate, he was listed in the 1870 and 1880 censuses as a laborer.

Levi’s residence in 1870 and 1880 was near the homes of his brothers David and Samuel and his sister Mahala Moyers. Thus, it seems likely that he lived on the land assigned to him when his father’s real estate was partitioned in 1865.

Levi died on 20 Dec. 1886 (ae. 55yr., 11mo.). His place of burial is unknown. At some point, Lydia moved to New Market, where she resided with her son Mathias and his family in 1900. She died on 18 Feb. 1901, and was buried at St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Lydia, in 1900, reported she had given birth to twelve children of whom five survived. Those who have been identified are as follows (1860-1880 censuses):

i. **JAMES WALLACE** Minnick, b. 1855, m-1 13 Apr. 1879 MARY E. STARK, b. July 1850 in VA, d. 1924, dau. of Robert & Helena (Crist) Stark, m-2 LUCY ___, b. 1867 in MD. Mary was buried at Timberville Cem. Wallace worked as a railroad section hand, Plains Dist., in 1880. By 1900 he and Mary were divorced, and Mary, who had taken back her maiden name, and her daughter were living with her widowed mother in or near Timberville. She indicated she had given birth to two children, one still living in 1900. In 1910 Wallace, a farm laborer, and his second wife were living at Cumberland, Allegheny Co., MD. Children, both by Mary:

1. Lulu Emma Minnick, b. 8 Feb. 1880, d. 28 Nov. 1968, m. 11 May 1901 Clyde D. French, b. 24 June 1877, d. 15 Aug. 1947; both bur. at Timberville Cem.

2. Unnamed Minnick, d. 18 June 1892; bur. between mother and sister at Timberville Cem.

ii. **ANNA C. MINNICK**, b. Feb. 1856, d. aft. 1920, m. c1882 DERRICK LITTEN, b. Apr. 1854 in VA, d. aft. 1920, son of John P. & Rebecca Frances (Flemings) Litten. This was Derrick’s third marriage, the first two being to Eleanor Rosenburger in 1873 and to Eliza Mathews in 1875. In 1900 he and Anna resided between the homes of David Minnick’s son Joseph F. Minnick and David Minnick’s widow, Margaret (Crist) Minnick. Derrick was a farmer. Anna indicated that she had given birth to six children, four still living. In 1910 the location of these farms was specified as being along Socksman Road. The Litten residence was next to the home of Samuel Minnick’s
widow, Catharine. Derrick’s unmarried 30 year-old daughter, named Delia, lived with them. Anna’s children (1900 & 1910 censuses):

(1) Russell D. Litten, b. May 1884, d. 1950, m. c1911 Meda A. Salyards, b. 1893, d. 1991; both bur. at Concord United Church of Christ Cem.

(2) Fitzhugh Lee Litten, b. 25 Nov. 1886, d. 15 July 1918; bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.\(^{12}\)

(3) Christina V. Litten, b. Mar. 1889, d. 14 Oct. 1900; bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.\(^{13}\)


iii. CHARLES MINNICK, b. 1858, m. 20 Nov. 1883 LYDIA A. LOHR, b. 1858 in VA.\(^{14}\) Child (1920 census):

(1) Miller M. Minnick, b. 20 Nov. 1893, d. 31 May 1931, m. 23 Feb. 1918 Cora A. Burkett, b. 27 Oct. 1896 in VA; both bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem., New Market.\(^{15}\) Children (1920 census):

(i) Frances L. Minnick, b. 1918.

(ii) Charles G. Minnick, b. 1919.

iv. MATHIAS M. MINNICK, b. Mar. 1859, d. aft. 1920, m-1 (bride’s given & surname unknown), d. bet. 1883 & 1888, m-2 4 July 1889 (by Rev. Socrates Henkel) at New Market, VA, MARY C. OFFMAN, b. 5 Feb. 1858 in Shenandoah Co., d. 26 Dec. 1907, dau. of Frederick & Hannah Offman; Mary bur. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cem., New Market.\(^{16}\) Mathias, a Sawyer, and Mary resided at New Market in 1900. They had been married for ten years, and Mary reported having given birth to only one child. This child, a 16-year-old son named Stewart, and Mathias’s widowed mother lived with them. A widower, Mathias resided alone in his house at New Market in 1910 and 1920. He worked as a Sawyer at a lumber mill in 1910 and as a dealer in raw furs in 1920. Children, one by each wife (1900 & 1910 censuses):

(1) Stewart 6 Minnick, b. Feb. 1884, m. c1914 Katherine L. ___, b. 1893 in PA. He probably is the Stewart A. Minnick who lived with his wife and a son in Emsworth Twp., Allegheny Co., PA in 1930. He owned his own business as a commercial clothing traveler. Child (1930 census):

(i) Stewart W. 7 Minnick, b. 1917.

(2) Ralph C. Minnick, b. Aug. 1898, m. 26 Aug. 1922 Anna M. Everhart, b. 1902 in PA.\(^{17}\) In 1930 he and Anna lived in Broad Top Twp., Bedford Co., PA, where he worked as fireman at a coal mine. No issue (1930).

v. CHRISTINA MINNICK, b. 1862, d. bef. 1900.

vi. MARY ELLEN MINNICK, b. Feb. 1863, d. 13 July 1863 at Plains Mill.

vii. HARVEY MINNICK, b. 1864, d. bef. 1900.

viii. JOHN MINNICK, b. 1866, d. bef. 1900.

ix. OSCAR A. (“GINGER”) MINNICK, b. 1870 (or 1872), d. 1960, m. 10 July 1899 in Rockingham Co. DORA NANCY SMITH, b. 17 May 1879, d. 17 Nov. 1947, dau. of Solomon & Mary Smith; he is bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church
Cem., she at St. Paul Cem.\textsuperscript{18} Oscar, according to his cousin Sid (son of Samuel) had an extra large nose.\textsuperscript{19} While working in a store, a customer came in and said “Give me a quarter’s worth of ... Gosh, what a nose you’ve got!” In 1900 he and Dora lived near Margaret (Crist) Minnick, David’s widow. In 1910 they resided on “Mash and Pike Road,” and he worked as a steam machine laborer. Dora reported having given birth to seven children, three still living. By 1920 Oscar and Dora had separated, and Dora, working as a servant, resided with her children (Luther, Otis, Florence, and William) in the home of John W. Bream, a Plains Dist. farmer. In 1930 Dora worked as a servant in the home of William Beam of Harrisonburg, and Oscar lived alone in a house at New Market and worked as a thrashing machine laborer. Dora, her son William, and five children who died young are buried in the same plot at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.\textsuperscript{20}

1. Anna M.\textsuperscript{6} Minnick, b. 10 Jan. 1902, d. 12 Nov. 1902.
2. Viola Minnick, b. 1 Nov. 1904, d. 9 Nov. 1904.
3. Luther Allen Minnick, b. 1904, m. 17 Dec. 1922 Rosie Wilt.\textsuperscript{21}
5. Unnamed son Minnick, b. & d. 1907.
6. Otis F. Minnick, b. 15 June 1907, d. 6 Jan. 1981, m. 12 Mar. 1928 Deanell F. Morris.\textsuperscript{22} Child:
   (i) Otis F.\textsuperscript{7} Minnick, b. 29 May 1929, d. 12 Nov. 1966.\textsuperscript{23}
7. Dortha Florence Minnick, b. 1909.
8. Marge V. Minnick, b. 29 Nov. 1913, d. 10 May (or 5 Oct.) 1915.

x. MICHAEL MINNICK, b. 1874

xi. DELIA MINNICK, b. 1875, d. aft. 1930; unmar. (1930). In 1920 Delia lived with the family of her sister Anna C. Litten in Plains Dist., next door to her brother Charles’s family, and near her brother Oscar’s wife Dora and her children. In 1930 she lived alone in a house near the residences of Joseph F. and Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick and Samuel H. and Margaret (Everline) Moyers.

\textsuperscript{18} LUCINDA\textsuperscript{4} MINNICK was born in Sept. 1834.\textsuperscript{1} Thus, she was 19 years old when she married MICHAEL SCOThERN on 9 June 1854 (Rockingham Co. bond date).\textsuperscript{2} (The surname sometimes is spelled Scothorn, Scothron, etc.) It is suspected that Michael’s parents were Joseph Scothern and Sally O’Roark, daughter of Philemon O’Roark, who were married in 1806 (Rockingham Co. bond).\textsuperscript{3} In 1850 Michael, whose age is stated to be 30, resided in the home of Mary (Phillips) Martz, 75-year-old widow of Samuel Martz. Also living in the same house were Michael “Ororck” (56) and Michael Lohr (22), the son of Christian Lohr and Phoebe O’Roark. Michael Scothern and Michael Lohr may well have been first cousins, both grandchildren of Philemon O’Roark.

Michael Scothern died some time in the late 1850s. His place of burial is unknown. In 1860 his widow, Lucinda, headed a household that included only her two young children: Virginia (4 years old) and Michael (2). She lived on a farm, her real
and personal estate being valued at $1,600 and $200, respectively. Her sister Leanna Lohr lived nearby, the intervening farms being occupied by Philip Holsinger, Martin Holsinger, and David Holsinger. These farms were on what is called Ridge Road in the 1910 census and were located between Long Glade and Tenth Legion. Lucinda operated the farm for many years after Michael's death.

As a consequence of the partitioning of her parents' real estate in 1865 and 1876, Lucinda acquired a total of about 18 acres of the old family homestead.

In 1900 Lucinda, whose occupation is given as farmer, resided with her daughter on a farm next to the one owned by her son. By 1910 her son had died and her daughter was living elsewhere. Lucinda, who was 76 years of age in Sept. 1910, reported she had given birth to two children, one of whom was still living. She probably died in Oct. 1916 because the will, which she signed 5 Aug. 1908, was proved 31 Oct. 1916. She bequeathed a life interest in all her personal estate and one-half of her real estate to her daughter Virginia Florence Knupp. Afterwards, this property was to be equally divided among 11 named grandchildren, who also were to have the other one-half of the real estate. Her place of burial is unknown. Children:

i. VIRGINIA FLORENCE SCOTHERN, b. 31 Mar. 1856, d. 23 Mar. 1917 (bur. at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem.), m. 1905 CHARLES B. KNUPP, b. 2 Apr. 1856 in VA, d. 20 Mar. 1935; res. (1910) on Brocks Gap Rd., Plains
Dist. Unmarried, she lived with her mother in 1900. Charles, a farmer, previously had been married to Mary M., b. 11 Feb. 1861, d. 28 Sept. 1903.

ii. MICHAEL J. SCOTHERN, b. June 1857, d. 1907, m. MARY A. DAUGHTERY, b. Aug. 1861, d. 1934; both bur. at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem. Their farm, which Mary operated after Michael's death, was located adjacent to the farms of David C. Minnick (son of Noah Minnick) and Michael's mother. In 1920 Mary stated that she had given birth to 15 children of whom 11 were still living: Children (grandmother's will and 1900 & 1910 censuses):

1. Ira Walter Scothern, b. Jan. 1883.
2. Laura Florence Scothern, b. June 1884.
3. Luella May Scothern, b. Aug. 1887.
6. Harry Lee Scothern, b. Mar. 1894, d. 1932; bur. at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem.
10. Charles Edward Scothern, b. 1901(?), d. 1954; bur. at Linville Creek Church of Brethren Cem.
11. Lelia Alice Scothern, b. 1903.

19. EDMOND MINNICK was born in June 1836. (He appears in some records under the name Edward.) On 7 Jan. 1858 at New Market he married SARAH KNUPP, who was born in 1841, the daughter of John and Margaret (“Peggy”) Knopp (or Knupp) of Rockingham Co. Edmond was 21 years old and Sarah was only 16. The marriage return, dated 8 Mar. 1858 at New Market and addressed to Mr. L.W. Gambell, reads as follows:

Dear sir,

This is to certify that, in Newmarket, Shen. Co., Va., on the 7 of Jan. 1858, I celebrated rites of Matrimony between Edmond Minnick, -- in 22 year of his age, single, born and residing in Rockingham Co., Va., son of Matthias Minnick & Christenia, and farmer by occupation, -- and Sallie Knopp, -- in the 17 year of her age, single, born and residing in Rockingham Co., Va., and daughter of John Knopp & Peggie, -- by virtue of license, issued from your office to this effect.

Socrates Henkel

Edmond, a farmer, and Sarah lived near his half-brother Jacob Minnick in 1860. He received a 19-acre parcel of land when his father's non-dower real estate was partitioned in 1865, but the 1870 census indicates he did not then own any real estate. His personal estate was valued at only $100. That year, he and Sarah lived next door to the Ambrose Knupp family.
Edmond enlisted on 3 June 1861 at Lacey Springs as a private in Co. H, 10th Virginia Calvary and was captured at New Market on 19 Dec. 1863. He was sent to Wheeling, later transferred to Camp Chase near Columbus, OH, and then moved to Ft. Delaware, which was located on an island in the Delaware River between Delaware and New Jersey. He was released on 31 May 1865. A record dated 12 June 1861 at Staunton describes him physically as 6' 2" tall with a dark complexion, hazel eyes, and brown hair.

Sarah died 5 Jan. 1875 (ae. 33) and was buried at Wampler Family Cemetery. He and his children cannot be found in the 1880 census, but in 1900 Edmond, a widower, and his unmarried daughter Virginia were living in Columbus, OH, with his married daughter Rebecca Decker. He probably had moved to the Columbus area by 1885, when his son Lewis married an Ohio woman. The date and place of Sarah's death are unknown. Edmond, who was 64 in 1900, probably died in the Columbus area some time in the next decade. Children (1860 & 1870 censuses):

i. LEWIS A. MINNICK, b. July 1858, m. 1885 prob. in Ohio CORA B. __, b. Sept. 1864 in OH; res. at Columbus, OH (1900-1920). Lewis was a house painter. In 1910 Cora stated she had given birth to two children, both living. Children, both born in Ohio:
   (1) Minnie Minnick, b. Mar. 1888.
   (2) George E. Minnick, b. Jan. 1891. He was a clerk in a manufacturing plant (1910).

ii. REBECCA F. MINNICK, b. Aug.1859, m. 1891 TOBIAS R. DECKER, b. 1862; res. (1900) Ward 16, Columbus, OH. Children (1900):
   (1) Ruth B. Decker, b. 1893.
   (2) Harry M. Decker, b. 1899.

iii. BEAUREGARD MINNICK, b. 8 Sept. 1861, d. 22 July 1863 ("flux," ae. 1-9-8) at "Marsh."4

iv. VIRGINIA F. MINNICK, b. 1862. Unmarried, she and her father lived with her sister Rebecca Decker in 1900.

v. MARY MINNICK, b. 1864.

vi. CLARISSA MINNICK, b. 1866.

vii. SIDNEY MINNICK, b. 1868. He cannot be found in any census later than 1870. (Sidney should not be confused with his first cousin, Sidney Allen Minnick, born Apr. 1869, son of Samuel Minnick.)

20. SAMUEL MINNICK was born on 16 Jan. 1838. On 4 Dec. 1862 in a ceremony held in the bride's home and presided over by Rev. John Paul Cline, a Lutheran minister affiliated with Davidsburg (Reformation) Lutheran Church, New Market, Samuel married CATHARINE FRANK. Born on 29 July 1837, she was the daughter of John and Susannah (Funk) Frank, who resided on a farm a mile or less north of Timberville and about half way between the town and the residence of Samuel's half-brother Mathias Minnick.3

Although the marriage license application gives Samuel's occupation as "farmer," he was a private in the army of the Confederate States of America, having enlisted on 1 Mar. 1862 at Lacey Springs. He served in Co. H, 10th Va. Calvary until 20 Apr.
1865, when he was paroled at New Market. At that time he was described as 6' tall with light complexion, light hair, and light eyes.

By 1870 he and Catharine resided on a 19.40-acre parcel of land that Samuel had acquired in 1865 when his father’s non-dower real estate was partitioned. Their house was situated between his brother David’s residence and the old Minnick home, then occupied by Samuel’s widowed mother and the family of Samuel’s sister Mahala Moyers. The values of his real and personal estate in 1870 were $800 and $300, respectively. In 1876, after his mother’s death, his farm was enlarged by 10 acres upon the partitioning of the dower lot. In 1880 he and his brother Levi were enumerated on consecutive lines of the census form. In 1900 the only other occupants of their home were recently married daughter Carrie and her husband (Charles A. Martz) and three-year-old grandson William Knupp, an orphan. In 1900 Catharine reported that she had given birth to eleven children, nine of whom were still living.

Samuel died on 17 May 1904 at the age of 66 years and was buried at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery. In 1910 Catharine, referred to as the manager of a general farm, lived in the family home with orphaned grandson Leonard Knupp, who was 12 years old. Her residence and the homes of Mary E. (Everline) Minnick and other neighbors are stated by the census taker as being on “Socksman” Road. Catharine died on 5 Apr. 1912 at the age of 74 years and was buried beside her husband at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.

Five of their eight sons (Luther, Casper, Ben, Berry, and Sid) moved to Ray Co., MO, in 1886 or 1888. One of them (Ben), however, returned to Rockingham Co. to marry his sweetheart, and she refused to leave Virginia for Missouri. A sixth son
(Bob) migrated first to LeRoy, KS, and then to Ray Co., MO, in 1920; and a seventh son (Walter David) after spending some time in Ray Co, MO, moved to Allegheny Co., PA. Only one son (Len) never left Virginia. One daughter (Maude Martz) moved first to LeRoy, KS, and later to Ray Co., MO. Children:

i. **WILLIAM LUTHER** MINNICK, b. 9 Aug. 1863, d. 17 June 1918, m. 1894 at Harden, Ray Co., MO, SUSAN BELLE KRATZER, b. Feb. 1877 in MO, dau. of Christian & Mary Kratzer of Crooked River Twp., Ray Co., MO; he is bur. at Lovelock Cem., Ray Co. A farmer, he resided in Crooked River Twp. (1900, 1910). In 1920 Susan, now a widow, lived with her three sons in the town of Richmond, Ray Co. The eldest son (Alex) worked as a chauffeur for a garage, the other two as drivers for an express company. Children:

   (1) Alexander MINNICK, b. May 1897.
   (2) Floyd J. Minnick, b. Feb. 1899.
   (3) Paul Minnick, b. 1901.
   (4) Myrtle Minnick, b. 1903.

ii. **CASPER ISAAC MINNICK**, b. 29 Oct. 1865, d. 2 Sept. 1942, m. 18 Apr. 1894 in Rockingham Co., VA, CORA ALICE DURRON (or DERROW), b. 7 Feb. 1870 in VA, d. 21 July 1929; both bur. at Wakenda Cem., Ray Co. Cora may have been the daughter of Annias and Fannie Dormaw of Central Dist., Rockingham, who was listed as age 4 in the 1880 census. A farmer, Casper lived in Grape Grove Twp., Ray Co. in 1900 and 1910 and in Crooked River Twp., Ray Co. in 1920. Children:

   (1) Otta V. MINNICK, b. Feb. 1895.
   (3) Elsie Minnick, b. Aug. 1898.
   (4) Mary C. Minnick, b. June 1900.
   (5) Fannie F. Minnick, b. 1905.
   (6) Elmer C. Minnick, b. 1907, d. 23 Aug. 1990; bur. at Wakenda Cem.
   (7) Fred Minnick, b. 19 May 1910, d. 1 Apr. 1963; bur. at Wakenda Cem.

iii. **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (“BEN”) MINNICK**, b. 6 Dec. 1866, d. 16 Nov. 1938, m. 29 July 1894 in Rockingham Co. MARY ELIZABETH KNUPP, b. 21 Apr. 1873, d. 10 May 1927, dau. of John & Sallie (Prophet) Knupp; both bur. at Bethel Lutheran Cem., Hamburg, Shenandoah Co. Mary Elizabeth was the younger sister of Charles William Knupp, who in 1895 would marry Ben’s sister Anna Laura. Ben, moved to Ray Co., MO, in 1886, and returned to Rockingham Co. to marry Mary in 1894. His bride, however, refused to leave Virginia for Missouri. Children:

   (1) Anna Maude MINNICK, b. 1 Apr. 1895, m. 5 Dec. 1931 Joseph Harper Painter. They had two children.
   (2) Lester Ray Minnick, b. 3 Nov. 1896, d. 3 Nov. 1978 (bur. at Mt. Jackson Cem.) m. 16 Apr. 1924 Bessie May Showman; no issue.
   (3) Fleta Valerie Minnick, b. 11 July 1898, m. 19 Dec. 1923 Edgar Bryan Brinker. They had eight children.
(4) Viola Blanche Minnick, b. 7 July 1900, m. 30 Apr. 1925 Andrew Harper Bowman. They had one child.

(5) Linden Charles Minnick, b. 17 Feb. 1902, m. 17 May 1924 Lodema Gladys Rosenberger. They had two children.

(6) Sallie Catherine Minnick, b. 27 Sept. 1904, d. 3 Oct. 1916; bur. at Bethel Lutheran Cem., Hamburg; no issue.

(7) John Cletus Minnick, b. 28 Sept. 1906, d. 13 Dec. 1930; bur. at Bethel Lutheran Cem., Hamburg; no issue.

(8) Leila Frances Minnick, d. 10 Oct. 1907 (ae. 11 days); bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Cem.

(9) Wilbur Franklin Minnick, b. 13 Feb. 1910, d. 22 Jan. 1933 (or 1934); bur. at Bethel Lutheran Cem., Hamburg; no issue.

(10) Gaylon Randolph Minnick, b. 8 Mar. 1911, d. 26 Dec. 1971 (bur. at Mt. Jackson Cem., Shenandoah Co.) m. 27 Sept. 1933 Helen Virginia Whetzel. They had two children.

(11) Carson Samuel Minnick, b. 1 Oct. 1913, d. 29 June 2002, m. 28 Feb. 1940 at Edinburg, VA, Helen Geneva Knisley; res. (1973) at Mt. Jackson, VA. They had one child.

(12) Arlene Rebecca Minnick, b. 3 Sept. 1915, m. 28 June 1935 Everett William Schaeffer. They had 15 children.

iv. BERRYMAN GILBERT (“BERRY”) MINNICK, 11 Mar. 1868, d. 5 Feb. 1951, m. 5 Dec. 1893 at Harden, Ray Co., NANCY MAY LENTZ, b. 14 Feb. 1874, d. 13 July 1958, dau. of Andrew & Sarah Lentz of Crooked River Twp.; both bur. at Wakenda Cem. A farmer, he lived in Crooked River Twp. in 1910, when Nancy reported having given birth to four children, all still living. Children:

(1) George Cosby Minnick, b. 24 Feb. 1895, d. 23 Aug. 1968, m. 3 Aug. 1916 Mary Elizabeth Hogan, b. 19 Mar. 1897; he was bur. at Wakenda Cem. Child:

(i) Elma Frances Minnick, b. 10 June 1917, d. 15 Sept. 1973 in Marion Co., KS, m. 15 June 1941 Franklin E. Hiebert, b. 4 Apr. 1916, d. 23 Nov. 1966. She researched the Minnicks in Pennsylvania and Virginia during WWII while her husband was at sea.

(2) Gladys Minnick, b. 1897.

(3) Joseph Minnick, b. 1904.

(4) Hugh Minnick, b. 1907.

v. SIDNEY ALLEN (“SID”) MINNICK, b. 16 Apr. 1869, d. 7 Nov. 1944, m. 16 Aug. 1893 at Harden, Ray Co., ROSE LEE BUCKLES, b. 15 June 1875 at Louisville, KY, d. 24 July 1944, dau. of James & Amanda Elizabeth (Wynne) Buckles; both bur. at Wakenda Cem. He and his brother Berry moved to Missouri in 1888. Their first wages for farm work, which went toward buying a horse, were about $16 per month with room and board. Sid courted Rose with a two-wheel cart pulled by a horse.10 A farmer, he resided in Crooked River Twp. in 1900 and Grape Grove Twp., Ray Co., in 1910 and 1920. In 1910 Rosa reported having given birth to seven children, all
still living. He died at Pulaski, VA, while visiting his brother George Leonard. Children, first four born at Morton, Ray Co., others at Millville, Ray Co.:

(1) Samuel James Minnick, b. 24 Apr. 1894, d. 10 Feb. 1955, m. 24 June 1922 at Richmond, Ray Co., Jeannette Isabelle Guental; he is bur. at Wakenda Cem.; no issue. He served in France during WWI.

(2) Mertie Lee Minnick, b. 21 Aug. 1895, d. 31 Jan. 1967, m. 25 Feb. 1931 at Kansas City, MO, Albert Henry Taylor; she is bur. at Wakenda Cem. They had one child.

(3) Pauline Mattie Minnick, b. 9 Aug. 1897, d. 23 Oct. 1971, m. 29 Nov. 1917 in Ray Co. Virgil Winstead Wall; she is bur. at Wakenda Cem. They had two children.

(4) Younge Dewey Minnick, b. 22 Mar. 1899, d. 10 Aug. 1971, m. 7 Nov. 1929 at Huntsville, Randolph Co., MO, Mildred Fern Strider; he is bur. at Harden Cem.; no issue. He was an oil distributor at Olathe, KS.

(5) Oley Price ("O.P.") Minnick, b. 27 Nov. 1901, d. 3 Jan. 1986, m. 29 Aug. 1926 at Camden, Ray Co., Frances Gertrude Bollinger, b. 2 Aug. 1903 in Nodeway Co., MO, dau. of John Simon & Mary May (Heflin) Bollinger; he was bur. at Wakenda Cem. He worked for Bell Telephone System as an electrical engineer. O.P., as he was called, was the source of the bulk of the information presented here regarding the descendants of Samuel and Catharine (Frank) Minnick. Much of it came from notes acquired from Elma Frances (Minnick) Hiebert. He visited Rockingham Co., VA in 1950. Children, all three graduates of Missouri University:

(i) Sidney Alexander Minnick, b. 9 Jan. 1929 at Fayette, MO, m. 1 Sept. 1950 Shirley Anne Hamilton. They had five children.

(ii) Oley Price Minnick, b. 13 Nov. 1930 at Independence, MO, m-1 26 July 1952 Peggy Joan Chorlton, m-2 10 May 1969 Karen Gettry Blakemore. He had one child by his first wife.


(6) Mabelle Lynn Minnick, b. 12 Feb. 1903, m. 9 Mar. 1923 at Braymer, Caldwell Co., MO, John Lawrence Linville. They had one child.

(7) Taylor Carl Minnick, b. 21 Feb. 1904, m. 16 Dec. 1931 at Richmond, Ray Co., Gladys Estella Merchant. A carpenter-contractor, he had three children.

vi. ANNA LAURA MINNICK, b. 8 Aug. 1870, d. 9 Sept. 1899, m. 17 Nov. 1895 in Rockingham Co. CHARLES WILLIAM KNUPP, b. 27 Oct. 1870, d. 26 Oct. 1897, son of John & Mary (Prophet) Knupp; both bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem. Charles was the brother of Mary Elizabeth Knupp, who in
1894 had married Anna Laura’s brother Ben. In 1900 one of their orphaned sons, William, lived with Anna Laura’s parents, and in 1910 the other orphaned son, Leonard, lived with them. Children:
(2) Leonard Knupp, b. 1898; res. at home (1930).

vii. LOUELLA MINNICK, b. 22 Mar. 1872, d. 27 Feb. 1889; unmar.; bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem.

viii. GEORGE LEONARD (“LEN”) MINNICK, b. 15 June 1873, d. 17 Aug. 1948 in Floyd Co., VA, m. 22 Apr. 1903 in Rockingham Co. SALLIE REBECCA TUSING, b. 31 Oct. 1881 in VA, d. 13 Dec. 1962, daughter of Lewis A. & Martha L. (Lohr) Tussing; both are buried at Zion Lutheran Church Cem., Floyd Co.

In 1910 they lived on Broad Ave., Timberville, where he worked as a blacksmith. In 1920 and 1930 they had a farm along Valley Pike in Lee Dist., Shenandoah Co. In 1910 Carrie Holsinger resided with them and worked as a cook. In 1930 Sallie’s widowed 71-year-old mother made her home with them. Children (1910-1930 censuses):

(1) Leonard Allen Minnick, b. 9 Feb. 1904, d. 7 Apr. 1906 (ae. 2-1-28); bur. at Mount Zion Lutheran Church Cem. near New Market.
(2) Ruth Lucille Minnick, b. 27 Aug. 1905, d. 28 Aug. 1966, m. Fox; no issue.
(6) Evelyn Rebecca Minnick, b. 20 (or 25) Oct. 1912, d. 22 June 2003, m. Sorrell.
(7) Margaret Virginia Ethel Minnick, b. 22 Mar. 1914, d. 7 Oct. 2010 at Jacksonville, FL, m. 10 Sept. 1939 Lonnie Lee Lawson, d. 1957. Children:
   (i) Gary Lee Lawson, b. 12 Aug. 1945.
   (ii) Linda Lou Lawson, b. 3 Jan. 1948. Linda (married name: Sechrest) was very helpful in providing information regarding the Samuel Minnick line.

Len & Sallie, 1903
(10) Gertrude Louise Minnick, b. 12 Feb. 1919, d. 8 Nov. 1987, m. ___ Sowers.

(11) Catherine Miller Minnick, b. 2 June 1922, still living Nov. 2010, m. ___ Weeks.


ix. ROBERT CARSON ("BOB") MINNICK, b. 6 Nov. 1874, d. 13 Apr. 1929, m. 19 Feb. 1902 in Rockingham Co. DELIA MARGARET LOHR, b. 4 Nov. 1877 in VA, d. 26 Nov. 1942, dau. of Michael & Elizabeth (Spitzer) Lohr; he is bur. at Wakenda Cem. In 1900, before his marriage, he resided at Timberville as a lodger with the family of David J. Driver. Although their three children were born in Missouri, by 1910 they had moved to LeRoy Twp., Coffey Co., KS, where he farmed. They moved back to Missouri, and in 1920 lived in Richmond Twp., Ray Co. In 1930 Maggie, now a widow, managed the farm with the help of her son Rayburn and his bride, Mildred. Children:

(1) Vernie Minnick, b. 31 Oct. 1902, d. 26 Jan. 1951, "a few days after marriage to Cletus Curtis."

(2) Edward Rayburn Minnick, b. 1905, m. c1929 at Richmond Mildred Freeman, b. 1910 in MO.

(3) Katherine Minnick, b. 28 Dec. 1906, m. Harry E. Laughery, b. 19 Dec. 1902 at Shippensburg, PA.

x. CARRIE MAUDE MINNICK, b. 4 Oct. 1876, d. 24 July 1933 in Coffey Co., KS, m. 25 Dec. 1898 CHARLES ALBERT MARTZ, b. May 1876, son of John M. & Sarah A.J. Martz; she is bur. at LeRoy Cem. She and her recently wed husband lived with her parents at Timberville in 1900. Shortly afterwards, they moved to Ray Co., MO, and then about 1910 to LeRoy, Coffee Co., KS, where they spent their remaining years. Children (1910-1930 censuses):

(1) George A. Martz, b. 1902 in MO.

(2) LeRoy Martz, b. 1911 in KS.

xi. WALTER DAVID MINNICK, b. 15 Feb. 1879, d. 12 Dec. 1932 in Allegheny Co., PA, m-1 1909 in Allegheny Co. CHRISTINA AGNES ERAMEL, b. 1891 in PA, d. c1918, m-2 20 Sept. 1922 in Allegheny Co. ESTHER MAE MILBERT, b. 1901 in PA, dau. of George & Clara Milbert of Carrick, Allegheny Co.; he was bur. at Mt. Lebanon Cem., Pittsburgh. In 1900 he lodged with the family of Samuel K. Newman in Grape Grove Twp., Ray Co., MO. Some time in the next decade, he moved to Pennsylvania, where in 1910 he, his bride of one year, and their infant son (Raymond) lived at Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co. That year, he was employed as a policeman. In 1920 son Raymond, not quite ten years old, was an inmate of the German Protestant Evangelical Orphanage located in Ward 19, Pittsburgh. The child's mother apparently had passed away, and Walter cannot be located in the 1920 census. In 1922 Walter married a woman who was at least 20 years younger than he. By 1930 Raymond lived with his father, his step-mother, and two half-siblings at Pittsburgh. Walter then worked as a clerk in a steel mill. In 1973 Esther lived at Martins Ferry, OH. Children (one by Christina, two by Esther):
(1) Raymond H. Minnick, b. 1910 in PA. He had a son referred to as Raymond, Jr., who res. (1973) at Castile, NY, and was the source of some of the Minnick information provided by O.P. Minnick and Linda Sechrest.

(2) Merell (?) Minnick, b. 1923.

(3) Grace Minnick, b. 1925.

21. Harvey Minnick was born on 7 Aug. 1840. In 1860 he and his next older brother, Samuel, lived with their parents in the family homestead, helping farm the land for their 84-year-old father.

Harvey was 22 years old when he enlisted in the Confederate army at Richmond on 1 Sept. 1862. He died on 22 May 1864 of wounds received at the Battle of the Wilderness, which took place between the 5th and the 13th of May 1864. His mother was the source of the following information on his death record: died May 20 [sic] at Wilderness of wounds, a laborer, born at "Marsh," unmarried.

The diary of William H. Arehart, 1835-1910, son of John and Mary (Ridenour) Arehart and father of Ezra Monroe Minnick, 1865-1939, mentions Harvey in the following entry:

May, Sunday, 22nd [1864]

This morning Company Q taken up the march at 6 O'clock in command of Lieut. Owens. We marched in the direction of Hanover Junction. Passed through Mt. Pleasant and New Market. Reached the South Anna River about 10 O'clock this evening—the distance of 21 miles. We were then halted for one hour until A.P. Hill's Corps. had crossed the river. We then crossed the river on a very shakin (rickety) bridge and encamped for the night several hundred yards from Gen. Chambliss' brigade. Fought the Yankees today. Mr. J. Wisman Co. H, 10 Va. Cavly. was killed and Harvey Minnick mortally wounded. Our troops have been marching for 2 days and 2 nights. Maj. McDonald (of 11th Regt.) is in command of the dismounted men of Gen. Rosser's brigade.

The following transcription of his gravestone at Rader Church Cemetery incorrectly states the year of his death as 1863 instead of 1864:

Harvey Minnick  Son of
M. & C. Minnick
Born 7 Aug 1840
He was wounded on the 21st and
died on the 22nd of May 1863 [sic],
and was a soldier in the C.S.A.
A member of Co H 10th Va. Cav Chambliss Brigade
Chapter 6

DAVID AND MARGARET (CRIST) MINNICK AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

A. DAVID⁴ AND MARGARET (CRIST) MINNICK

David⁴ Minnick was born on 21 July 1826 at the old Minnick homestead located in an area known as the Marsh, in the Plains District of Rockingham County about four miles southeast of Timberville.¹ He was the first of nine children (six sons and three daughters) of Mathias Minnick and Christina Drawbond. He had eight half-brothers and four half-sisters, offspring of his father’s first wife, Catharine Fertig. When David was born, their ages ranged from 13 to 27 years, and three of them were married. Six were under the age of 21. Thus, David was born into a household that probably included half-a-dozen or so older half-siblings. The last of his eight full siblings (Harvey) would be born in 1840 when David was 14 years of age. By this time, all of his half-siblings had married or moved west, except for the youngest one (Nancy).

The order of enumeration in the 1840 census indicates that the Minnick residence was between the homes of Barbara (Reiff) Crist, the widow of Andrew Crist, and Barbara’s son Daniel Crist (a blacksmith) and his family. One of Barbara’s daughters (Ann Crist, born 1807) had married David’s half-brother Jacob Minnick in 1829.

On 8 November 1849 David married Margaret Crist, the eldest daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Bish) Crist.² (See Appendix B for further information regarding Margaret and her parents.) Margaret, who was born on 22 February 1824, was two years older than David.³ The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Ambrose Henkel, the pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Market, a new brick building that had been dedicated in 1848.⁴ (The marriage bond was signed three days earlier with Daniel Crist as surety.) Margaret and David undoubtedly were closely acquainted as youngsters since their two homes were situated less than a mile apart.
Although the couple had been married for almost a full year when the census taker visited the Minnick and Crist households on 6 November 1850, they lived apart—David with his parents and Margaret with hers. David apparently worked on his father's farm, and his occupation was stated to be "laborer."

In May 1852 David, as surety, signed the marriage bond of his sister Mahala and affirmed that she was at least 21 years of age.

The 1860 census of the area in which David resided was conducted in September, the month that David's father passed away. David and Margaret apparently lived in house located between the large farm of William West (real and personal estate valued at $12,200 and $7,060, respectively) and the farm of John H. Dellinger (real and personal estate valued at $3,000 and $2,000, respectively). Levi Minnick, David's younger brother, lived on the other side of the Dellingers. Both brothers must have rented their houses since neither one owned any real estate. The values of their personal estates were $300 for David and $100 for Levi. David and Margaret by then were the parents of six children, whose names and ages were recorded by the census taker as Elizabeth (10 years), Lydia (8), Frances (7), Christianna (6), Martin (4), and Joseph (1).

David was 37 years old when he enlisted at Lacy Springs as a private in Company H of the 10th Virginia Calvary on 1 October 1863. Service records...
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indicate that he was marked as present in the months of April, July, and August 1864, and was issued clothing on 31 October and 31 December 1864. On 20 April 1865, eleven days after Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, David was paroled at New Market. At that time he was described as 6 ft. tall with dark complexion, dark eyes, and dark hair. It is said that he came back from the war riding a mule.

Hd Qrs Mil Dis
Office Provost Marshall
New Market, Va.

I David Minnick Private of Co. H 10th V Cavalry 65 Army do hereby give this my parole of Honor that I will not take up arms against the United States Government until I am regularly exchanged And that if I am permitted to remain at my home I will conduct myself as a good and peaceable Citizen and will respect the laws in force where I reside and will do nothing to the detriment of or in opposition of the United States Government.

David Minnick
Age 40, Height 6 ft. Complexion Dark, Hair Dark, Eyes Dark
Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 20th Day of Apr. 1865
Simon Synder
Capt. & Provost Marshall

As indicated in Chapter 3, at his death in 1860 Mathias Minnick owned 339 acres of land. About the time that David was paroled, his deceased father’s real estate was partitioned among the heirs. David’s portion, 12.70 acres in size, was identified as Lot #10. The 1870 census indicates that David, his brothers Levi and Samuel, and his sister Mahala Moyers resided near one another on portions of the large Minnick homestead. (Their mother made her home with daughter Mahala and her family.) On 1 August 1870 the census enumerator visited households in the following order. The occupations and values of real and personal estates of the heads of household are shown below.

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The 1870 census lists David’s wife as “Peggy” and gives the names and ages of the seven children as follows: Betsy (18 years old), Lydia (16), Fannie (13), Martin (10), Virginia (8), Joseph (5), and Charlie (2). Note the wide disparity between these ages and the more accurate ones stated in the 1860 census.

In 1880 five of the children lived at home: Lydia A. (27 years old), Emily F. (26), Christianna V. (25), Joseph F. (20), and Charles A. (18). The eldest child, Elizabeth, is thought to have died in the 1870s and son Martin was living elsewhere. David Minnicks and William West were listed consecutively as household heads. Working as a servant in the West home was Rebecca Minnick, 20 years of age, who probably was Rebecca F. Minnick, born Aug. 1859, the daughter of Edmond and Sarah (Knupp) Minnick (see Chapter 5).

David Minnicks residence has been described as follows: A long porch ran the length of the large house. A garden was behind the house (east). In front of the house was a big sinkhole with a spring in it. All the water for the household was carried up steps from the bottom of that sinkhole spring. There was a ring of trees around the rim of it.

David Minnicks died on 30 August 1898 at the age of 72 years. He was buried in the graveyard of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is located in a small community called Hupp. This church, a daughter church of Rader Lutheran Church, was fairly new, having been built earlier that decade. Quite likely, David and Margaret became early members of St. Paul’s congregation since it was much closer to their home.

In 1900 her daughter “Jenny” and her son Martin C. made their home with Margaret, now a widow. The order the census taker visited households in Margaret’s vicinity is as follows: (1) Joseph F. Minnicks (David and Margaret’s son), (2) Derrick “Lytton” (husband of Annie, the daughter of Levi Minnicks),
(3) Margaret Minnick (David’s widow), (4) Robert L. Golliday, (5) Russell Golliday, and (6) Oscar Minnick (son of Levi Minnick).

Margaret survived her husband by over five years, dying at the age of 79 on 8 January 1904. She was buried next to David at St. Paul graveyard, Hupp. Two of their children (Virginia C. and Joseph F.) later would be interred in the same plot.

David owned a tract of land “lying in the Marsh, in Plains District” containing 56.73 acres that adjoined lands of William West and others. At his death, the land descended to the six surviving children subject to the dower rights of the widow, Margaret. This tract was part of the 311.69-acre Mathias Minnick homestead tract that had been partitioned in 1865. It included David’s assigned parcel of 12.7 acres plus parcels David had acquired from his half-brother Mathias (17.9 acres, including his timberland lot), his sister Leanna and her husband, Michael Lohr (16.9 acres), and his half-sister Ann and her husband, Abraham Arehart (about 9.2 acres of a larger parcel). The land to the northeast of the old Minnick homestead tract was owned by William West, that to the southeast by Henkel (probably Luther Henkel).

David’s real estate was partitioned among the six surviving offspring and the widow in 1899. The parcel set off as the widow’s dower is stated in an indenture dated 2 November 1899 as being now in Margaret’s possession. It consisted of the 12.7 acres that had been assigned to David in 1865, augmented by about 2 acres of the parcel acquired from Abraham Arehart. The widow’s dower also included one acre of timberland.

Indentures for two of the six lots assigned to David’s children are available; namely, Lot #3 (5.2 acres) to Virginia C. Minnick and Lot #5 (10.3 acres) to Joseph F. Minnick. Identification of persons who owned lands adjacent to these two lots and the dower lot, along with identification of persons who occupied residences in the vicinity shown in an 1885 atlas, leads to the conclusion that between 1865 and 1899 the following transactions were made:

1. David Minnick’s tract (Lot #10, 12.7 acres) was retained by David.
2. Abraham Arehart’s tract (Lot #9, 20.9 acres) was acquired in part by David Minnick and in part by Calvin Hupp,
3. Peter Minnick’s tract (Lot #8, 17.1 acres) was acquired by John Knupp.
4. Michael Lohr’s tract (Lot #7, 16.9 acres) was acquired by David Minnick.
5. Edmond Minnick’s tract (Lot #6, 19.2 acres) was acquired by Samuel Minnick.
6. Samuel Minnick’s tract (Lot #5, 19.4 acres) was retained by Samuel.
7. Mathias Minnick, Jr.’s tract (Lot #4 plus timberland, 17.9 acres), at the rear of the first four of the above tracts, was acquired by David Minnick.

Margaret Minnick signed her will, by mark, on 1 June 1903, about seven months before she passed away. She bequeathed her entire estate in equal shares to two of her children, Joseph F. Minnick and Virginia C. Minnick. This bequest was made “because the above named beneficiaries [illegible] during my lifetime since the death of my husband.” Son Joseph F. Minnick was appointed as sole executor. The witnesses were Henry M. Henkel, S. Moffett West (son of William West), and Samuel Garber.

B. DESCENDANTS OF DAVID and MARGARET (CRIST) MINNICK
Margaret indicated to the 1900 census taker that she had given birth to eight children, six of whom were still living. Seven of these offspring have been identified. The eighth, quite likely, died in the same decade that it was born, and thus does not appear in any decennial census. All were born before David enlisted in the 10th Virginia Cavalry. The three sons and two of the daughters married and had children of their own.

1. ELIZABETH MINNICK probably was born in late 1850 or 1851. She may have been named in honor of her maternal grandmother, Elizabeth (Bish) Crist. Her age is given as 10 years in the 1860 census and 18 years in the 1870 census. She probably died shortly afterwards although no record of her death or burial has been found.

2. LYDIA CATHARINE MINNICK was born on 2 July 1852. She married 22 Dec. 1881 WELFORD ATCHESON, who was born in Apr. 1848, the son of John and Ann Atcheson of Stafford Co., VA. The couple met after Welford came to the area to work on the roads. They resided (1900 & 1920) in the Upper Aquia District of Stafford Co., VA, where Welford was a farmer. Lydia reported in both of these years that she had borne five children, four of whom were living. Welford died on 18 May 1924, and Lydia passed away at the age of 72 years on 4 June 1925. Both funerals were at their home. Children:
   i. JOHN D. ATCHESON, b. Oct. 1883.
(1) Edna M. Stevens, b. 1908.
(2) Clyde M. Stevens, b. 1909.
(3) Thelma V. Stevens, b. 1910.
(4) Lynden C. Stevens, b. 1913.
(5) Norvin C. Stevens, b. 1916.
(6) Winifred L. Stevens, b. 1917.
(7) Lynda M. Stevens, b. 1920, m. Mr. Flatford.

iii. GEORGE H. ATCHESON. He probably died young (not found in any census).
iv. LINDEN G. ATCHESON, b. Aug. 1892.

3. EMILY FRANCES ("FANNIE") MINNICK was born in July 1853. On 9 Nov. 1882, in Rockingham Co., she married HARRISON DAVIS FRY (or FRYE), who was born in 1860. In 1900 he worked at a saw mill and resided with Fannie and their three children two doors from the house of Fannie's uncle Samuel Minnick. She reported having given birth to four children, three of whom were still living. (They cannot be found in 1910 or 1920 censuses.) Fannie died in 1921 and Davis in 1929. Both were buried at St. Paul Cem., as was their son Bertie. Children (1900 census).

i. RESSIE FRY, b. 29 Apr. 1885, m. c1912 LAWRENCE B. BRANNER, b. 18 June 1889 in VA; both bur. at Broadway Presbyterian Church Cem. He operated a barber shop on Central St. in Broadway in 1930. Children (1930 census):
   (1) Lawrence B. Branner, b. 1913, d. 1969, m. Marcella Lokey.
   (3) Donnel D. Branner, b. 1922, d. 1986, m. Dwendolyn Martz.

ii. BERTIE FRY, b. 6 Apr. 1887, d. 30 June 1897; bur. at St. Paul Cem.

   (1) Levere(?) Fry, b. 1912; not in 1930 census.
   (2) Roger B. Fry, b. 1914.
   (3) Lucille M. Fry, b. 1916.
   (4) Margaret P. Fry, b. 1924.
   (5) Russell F. Fry (twin), b. 1926.
   (6) Kenneth B. Fry (twin), b. 1926.

iv. AGNES M. FRY, b. 9 Feb. 1894, d. 14 Feb. 1979, m. c1913 EARL M. LINDAMOOD, b. 3 Mar. 1888 in VA, d. 21 Sept. 1960; both bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem., New Market. A printer, Earl and his family lived on S. Main St., New Market, in 1930. Children (1930 census):
   (1) Louise F. Lindamood, b. 1914, d. 1978 (bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem.), m. Roger Barlow, b. 1912, d. 1990.
   (2) Earl W. Lindamood, b. 1920.

4. CHRISTINA VIRGINIA MINNICK was born on 30 March 1855. She may have been named in honor of her paternal grandmother, Christina (Drawbond) Minnick. She and Molly Huffman were partners in a weaving business. Their loom house was at the Huffman place. In 1900 “Jenny” made her home with her widowed mother, and in
1910, after her mother’s death, she lived alone and was listed as “manager, general farm.” Her house was next door to Moffett West’s home and near the residence of Catharine Minnick, the widow of her uncle Samuel Minnick. She and her brother Joseph were sole beneficiaries, in equal shares, of their mother’s estate. In her declining years, she lived with her favorite brother Joe. She died 4 Aug. 1916 and was buried at St. Paul Cemetery in the same plot as her parents and her brother Joseph and his wife. No issue.

5. MARTIN CHRISTIAN MINNICK was born on 4 Apr. 1856. A “wheat mh. feeder,” he lived at home with his widowed mother and his unmarried sister in June 1900. On 3 Nov. 1904 he married MELVINA V. GOOD, the daughter of James Madison and Clarissa Margaret (Jenkins) Good. Melvina, who was born on 27 Dec. 1870, was 33 years of age and Martin was 48. When the 1900 census was taken, Melvina, whose marital status was “single,” worked as a servant in the household of Charles Thomas of Plains District. She reported having borne three children, all still living. One of them, Dewey S. Good (one year of age), was enumerated twice—with her in the Thomas residence and with her parents. The other two, John M. Good and Herbert L. Good, were listed as living with Melvina’s parents.

In 1910 Melvina reported she had been married to Martin for five years and had six children. All were still alive and resided with her and Martin in their home on “Mountain Road and Smith Creek,” Lee Magisterial District, Shenandoah Co. The oldest three were born before she and Martin were married, but are listed under the Minnick surname. Martin worked as an odd jobs laborer.

In 1920 they still lived on Mountain Road, and Martin worked as a sawyer in a saw mill. Six children lived at home, including the younger three of the four born before the marriage. Melvina’s parents lived next door.

Martin died on 13 Jan. 1929 and was buried at the Reformation Lutheran Church Cemetery, New Market. In 1930 Melvina worked as a laundress for a private family and lived with three of her children (David M., George W., and Frances) in a rented house near New Market. She died on 5 April 1940, and was buried next to her husband and several of her sons. Melvina’s children, the identity of the father of the first four (those born before her marriage to Martin) unknown:

i. JOHN MICHAEL MINNICK, b. Aug. 1892, m. GERTRUDE DAY. They lived in Pennsylvania when he died. They had children, names unknown.

ii. HERBERT LEON MINNICK, b. 29 Oct. 1895, d. 1 Mar. 1980; bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem.; unmar. A WWI Army veteran (military bronze marker on grave), “Pete,” as he was called, was a member of American Legion Post No. 166. In 1930 he worked as a farm laborer and was a boarder in the home of William H. Dove, a Plains District farmer.

iii. DEWEY S. MINNICK, b. 10 Sept. 1898, d. 16 Nov. 1972, m. 31 Mar. 1924 RUTH EMMA TUSING, b. 29 Nov. 1905, d. 28 Aug. 1944, dau. of Amos & Sarah (Runion) Tusing; both bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem. In 1930 he worked as a laborer in a rock quarry and resided in Lee District, Shenandoah Co. Children:

(1) Unnamed male Minnick, b. & d. 1925.
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(2) Ruby F. Minnick, b. 1928, m. Raymond Rice; res. at New Market.

(3) Vivian Ruth Minnick, m. Richard B. Myers, son of Thomas Myers of New Market.

(4) Warren Lee Minnick, b. 4 Apr. 1934, d. 4 Sept. 1989, m. 1 June 1963 Thedonna Sue Turner, b. 6 Jan. 1946, dau. of Theadore & Mabel (Phillips) Turner of New Market.

iv. DAVID MADISON MINNICK, b. 2 Oct. 1903, d. 20 Nov. 1973; bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem.; unmarried. Dave worked part-time at Madden’s rock quarry near New Market. In the summer of 1925, a charge accidentally went off, causing him to lose his sight in both eyes. The State sent him to Charlottesville for rehabilitation. There he learned to be proficient in the trade of weaving and chair caning. He lived with his widowed mother in 1930, his occupation being “repairing chairs” at home. In 1936 he was admitted to Western State Hospital, Staunton, where he learned to use a Braille typewriter. After his cousin Alice (Minnick) Mills got him released from the hospital in 1946, he lived with her, and then her daughter Marie looked after him. Although completely blind, he was able to walk to New Market and back by himself. Later, he stayed with his cousin Isabel (Minnick) Miller and others, the final place being at a home in Mt. Jackson.

v. FRANK MINNICK, b. 13 Feb. 1908, d. 8 Aug. 1944 in France; bur. at Reformation Lutheran Church Cem.; unmarried. He was killed in France during WWII while serving as a private first-class in the U.S. Army.

vi. GEORGE W. MINNICK, b. 1909, d. 22 Nov. 1944 in France (bur. at National Cem., Winchester, VA), m-1 5 Nov. 1935 VIRGINIA DAY, b. 1914, dau. of Ira Franklin & Agnes Leona (Salyards) Day, m-2 c1938 MARY R. (Virginia m-2 Louis Blundon.) He lived with his widowed mother in 1930 and worked as a farm laborer. He was survived by his second wife, who lived at Burlington, NC, and a daughter. Child (by 2nd wife):

   (1) Barbara Ann7 Minnick, b. 1939.

vii. FRANCES LOUISE MINNICK, b. 1912, m-1 7 Mar. 1931 ROBERT SMITH, son of Owen Smith of Tenth Legion, m-2 ___ VANN. She lived with her widowed mother in 1930 and worked as a servant in a hotel. She had children from both marriages, and lived near Winchester, VA.

6. JOSEPH FRANKLIN MINNICK (I) was born on 20 Sept. 1859.16 Known as “Joe,” he married 25 Nov. 1885, at the home of the bride’s parents near New Market, MARY ELLEN EVERLINE.17 The ceremony was performed by the Lutheran minister Rev. Socrates Henkel, whose marriage return gives the names of the parents of the bride and groom, the ages and counties of birth and residence of both parties, and the groom’s occupation, which is stated to be “engine man.”

Mary Ellen, born 16 Aug. 1864 in Shenandoah Co., was 21 years of age, five years younger than the groom.18 The bride’s parents, both of whom had emigrated from Germany, were Lewis and Anna Christina (Schneider) Everline of New Market. (See Appendix C for further information regarding Mary Ellen’s parents.) The Everlines were members of the congregation of Rader Lutheran Church at least as early as

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21 Oct. 1877, when Lewis and two of his children (Katie and Haller) were confirmed there.\textsuperscript{19} Mary Ellen, who was referred to as Ellen or Ella in the registers, attended communion at this church on 16 May 1880, when she was 15 years old, and later on four occasions in 1881 and 1882.\textsuperscript{20}

About four years after Joe and Ellen’s marriage, Rev. S. Henkel, the minister who had married them, preached a sermon in the maintenance shop in a room above John D. Mills’s store, which was located near their home in a small community called Hupp.\textsuperscript{21} (See 1885 map in Chapter 3.) Subsequently, residents in the area decided to organize a Lutheran congregation and to build a church. This church would be much more convenient to attend because Rader Lutheran Church, the “mother church,” was about five miles to the northwest.

The place of worship was to be 30 ft. by 45 ft. in size and to be constructed in a “plain though workmanlike manner.” John D. Mills, whose adopted son Otis would marry Joe and Mary Ellen’s daughter Alice in 1910, sold all of his hogs to help build the church and donated part of the land (1/4 acre) for the structure. (The remaining one acre of the church lot was purchased from Noah B. Holsinger.) William A. Welch, whose son David H. would marry Joe and Mary Ellen’s daughter Abigail in 1915, contracted for the building of the church for $183.96, $7.50 of which he donated. Construction began in Nov. 1890. The first sermon in the new building was preached by Rev. J.P. Stirewalt in June 1891, and the church was dedicated on 20 Sept. 1891, with the first communion.

The names of the 70 persons who were enrolled in the church at the time of its organization or participated in the first communion include John D. Mills, his wife (Lydia C. Mills), their three daughters (Minnie F., Georgie E., and Bettie E. Mills), and their adopted son Otis W. Mills; Mary Ellen Minnick; Catharine Minnick (wife of Samuel Minnick) and her daughter Laura A. Minnick; and Lydia M. Minnick (widow of Levi Minnick) and her children John W. Minnick and Delia C. Minnick (both baptized and confirmed.)

Joe’s sister Virginia, an adult, was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul on 3 May 1916. His and Mary Ellen’s daughters Abbie and Eva May were confirmed at an unstated date, and on 8 June 1919 two more of their children, Isabel Virginia and Thomas David, were confirmed.

A booklet published in 1990 upon the occasion of the church’s 100\textsuperscript{th} anniversary, reveals that Joe and Mary Ellen’s family were among the church’s most active members. Some of the memories of and about the Minnicks are as follows:

- Eva (Minnick) Esque recalls that the Moore sisters helped to organize the congregation and that Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick helped organize the Sunday School.
- Marie (Mills) Coffman, daughter of Otis and Allie (Minnick) Coffman, recalls that her mother would make the communion wine and store it in her cellar and that her father would cut the communion bread and, after everyone had communed, disposed of the leftover bread.
- Eva (Minnick) Esque, a longtime member who passed away a few years ago, told Henry Campbell that the Christmas Exercises were big events.
• A tradition that started during Marie (Mills) Coffman's childhood and still continues is for the church to give a bag of candy and an orange to everyone who comes to the Christmas service.
• Marie (Mills) Coffman, Pauline Dove, Irma Moomaw, Mary Minnick, and Allie (Minnick) Mills made costumes for the Christmas play out of feed bags. Allie did the dyeing of the feed bags during the day.
• Marie (Mills) Coffman remembers the church's having a cedar Christmas tree and decorating with hemlock and spruce. Real candles were used on the tree, and Marie's father, Otis Mills, would watch them for fire.
• Joseph Minnick (III) recalls riding his pony to church to say his Christmas piece, which he still remembers by heart today (1990).
• In the early years, men always entered the church through the right door and women through the left one. Isabel (Minnick) Miller recalls that the custom of the front doors also applied to the inside aisles. Men walked up the right isle, women up the left one.
• Isabel (Minnick) Miller's father, Joseph F. Minnick (I), furnished lumber twice for the two sets of steps leading up to the church's entrance. He cut two-inch oak timber from his saw mill and hauled it to the church.
• Marie (Mills) Coffman helped her father, Otis Mills, saw and carry fire wood for the church. Otis always built a big fire in the two pot belly stoves located along each side of the church.
• Marie (Mills) Coffman was very active in the Ladies Auxiliary that was organized in 1939. The Ladies Aid would have oyster suppers at the home of Allie (Minnick) Mills. A membership list for 1939, surprisingly, includes Elmer Minnick, as well as his mother and his sister Eunice.
• Isabel (Minnick) Miller enjoyed Sunday School, where she collected beautiful Bible Cards that she was allowed to take home to read. Because Pastor Stirewalt was such a tall, frail man, the ladies of the church quilted a cushion for him to sit on. The bell was rung every Sunday before church and whenever there was a death in the community.
• The first musical instrument was a pump organ played by Georgie Mills and Abbie M. (Minnick) Welch. The first piano, brought to the church from the home of Otis Mills, was played by Allie (Minnick) Mills. It had been Marie (Mills) Coffman's when she was a little girl. Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick donated $3.00 toward the purchase of a new piano in 1940.
• The lumber for the outside toilets was donated by Frank Minnick, father of Joseph F. Minnick (III).

On 26 Jan. 1948 six stained glass windows, as memorials to deceased loved ones, were installed at St. Paul at a cost of $110 each. Two windows and the persons honored were described as follows:

In memory of Joseph F. and Mary Ellen Minnick by their children, Joseph Franklin, Isabella V., Eunice R., Alice, Abbie, Thomas, Elmer, and Eva Minnick.

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Joseph F. Minnick would bring lumber to St. Paul for different projects. Mary Ellen Minnick was number thirty-nine who enrolled at the organization meeting for the church. In 1906, the Pastor visited Joseph and Mary Ellen's home to baptize three of their eight children, Joseph Franklin, Isabella, and Eunice.

In memory of John D. Mills, who was born in 1843 and died in 1912, and Lydia C. Mills, who was born in 1852 and died in 1897.

On October 10, 1890, John D. Mills, who owned the maintenance shop, was elected secretary on a motion made by Chairman J.P. Stirewalt to organize the Church. John was also elected Treasurer to the building committee on October 21, 1890. After the first service in the new House, he was elected deacon, and later elected an elder, sexton, and trustee. John and Lydia had four children, Minnie, Georgie, Elsie, and an adopted son, Otis.

In 1957 a round stained glass Gethsemane window was installed over the altar by Lawrence Minnick in memory of his mother, Elsie Minnick, who was born in 1887 and died in 1956.

Joe, who had worked at a sawmill as a teen-ager, eventually opened a sawmill of his own. It was powered by steam engines, which he also used to run threshing machines during the summer. With the money earned from the sawmill and wheat threshing, he bought land for his farm. He and Mary Ellen lived in a small house, situated on what now is Piney Woods Road, until the late 1890s when a large new house was built across the road from the old one. The bigger house was constructed by William A. Welch, who had built St. Paul Lutheran Church earlier that decade and in 1915 would become related through the marriage of his son David H. Welch to Joe’s daughter Abigail M. Minnick. William A. Welch resided at Tenth Legion and is said to have ridden to and from the construction site on a bicycle. The lumber for the house was cut and sawed by Joe Minnick. Milton Strickler stained the mantels using a rag dipped in varnish and tobacco juice. The “new” house presently is owned and occupied by grandson Joseph F. Minnick (III) and his wife.

Joe and his brothers Martin and “Bob” had a set of three extra long, extra heavy match rifles that were especially made for them. They referred to the rifles as Canon, Captain, and Bull-of-the-Woods. Joe owned the one called Bull-of-the-Woods, which now is in the possession of grandson Joseph F. Minnick (III), as is Captain.

In 1899 Joe was appointed trustee of the estate of Mary Ellen’s father, Lewis Everline, who was survived by Mary Ellen and two of her sisters, Kate Everline and Margaret Moyers. His real estate was located on the north side of what now is Rt. 211 in New Market. Margaret sold her share to Joe and Mary Ellen, and Kate conveyed her portion to them in appreciation for the care they had provided her during her later years. Eventually, Mary Ellen gave it all to her son Tom, who hated farm life and wanted to live in town.

Some of the Minnick children went to school at New Market. To do that it was necessary to ride a pony or take a horse and buckboard. The horses were put up at the local blacksmith shop stable. A teacher also was hired to teach the children at home,
the room over the kitchen serving as a school room during those years. In order to attend school there during the week, the two youngest girls, Isabel and Eunice, in Isabel’s last year of high school, traveled to older sister Abbie Welch’s house at Tenth Legion on Sunday evenings and returned home on Friday evenings. During the week, they also worked hard helping to care for Abbie’s infant children and doing chores such as washing clothes by hand and hanging them on fences.

The 1900 census gives Joe’s occupation as “farmer and thresherman.” The order of listing indicates that his residence was situated near that of his widowed mother, Margaret (Crist) Minnick, with only the house of Levi Minnick’s daughter Annie, wife of Derrick Litten, between them. Joe, for some reason, does not appear in the 1910 census. Instead, Mary Ellen is identified as the household head and is described as the manager of a general farm. She reported she had given birth to nine children and that eight were still alive. All eight then lived at home. According to the census report, their house was located on Socksman Road. Among their close neighbors along this road were the Moffett West family, Virginia Minnick (the sole occupant of the house in which her deceased parents had lived), Catharine Minnick (widow of Samuel Minnick, and sole occupant of the house), and the Derrick Litten family.

In 1920 Joe was back as household head, and five of the children were listed by the census enumerator as residing at home—all but Alice, Elmer, and Abigail. Based on the order visited by the census taker, their next door neighbor was Samuel H. Moyers (son of Jesse and Mahala Moyers) and his wife Margaret, who was Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick’s sister. On the other side of the Moyerses was the home of Charles Minnick (son of Levi Minnick) and his family. In 1930 four of Joe and Mary Ellen’s children lived with them: Elmer, Isabel, Thomas, and Eunice. Immediately after Joe’s house, the census taker visited the residences of (1) recently married son Joseph F. (II) and his wife, Fern, (2) Samuel H. and Margaret (Everline) Moyers, (3) John E. Moyers (son of Samuel H. and Margaret), (4) George M. Minnick (son of Charles A. and Lydia Minnick), and (5) Delia Minnick (unmarried daughter of Levi).

Joseph F. Minnick (I) died at the age of 76 years on 2 Mar. 1936 after falling from a wagon. His obituary provides the details regarding his death.
Mr. Minnick was the son of the late David and Margaret Crist Minnick. He was born at the Minnick home place southeast of Plains Mill on Sept. 20, 1859, and thus had attained the age of 76 years, 5 months, and 12 days.

Mr. Minnick was an industrious workman and for years operated threshing machines, silo fillers, saw mills, etc., in addition to owning and farming a large acreage. In November of 1885, Mr. Minnick married Miss Mary Ellen Everline, of New Market, and together they labored to add to his property and rear a family of eight children. Since 1914 Mr. Minnick has been a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Timberville, Va.

Besides being survived by his wife he also leaves to mourn his tragic death five daughters—Mrs. Otis Mills (Allie), of Hupp, Va.; Mrs. David Welch (Abbie), of New Market; Miss Eva Minnick, of Miami, Fla.; and Misses Isabel and Eunice, at home; three sons Thos. D. of New Market; and Frank and Elmer at home; and eleven grandchildren. Two brothers—Charles (Bob) and Martin, and three sisters—Mrs. Lydia Atcheson, of Mount, Va.; Mrs. Fannie Frye, of New Market; and Miss Virginia Minnick, preceded him in death.

Mary Ellen was 80 years of age in 1944 when she wrote the following letter to her grandson Ray Welch, an airman who was stationed in England and serving on a bomber flying missions over Germany (some modifications of spelling and punctuation):29

Oct. 31, 1944

My Dear Ray

When Elmer got your letter yesterday, he called me and I thought something was wrong. I sure was surprised to hear from you, so glad that you are well. I am still staying by myself. I sold my cow and I don’t have to go out doors so much. I want to tell you about my Mother [Anna Christina (Schneider) Everline, 1823-1910]. She left Germany when she came to America on a sail boat. Just think, month on the Ocean. Her home was at Bremen. I don’t think you will see the place. She was 21 years old and not married. She lived with the Henkles till she got married and my Father was a German, too, so you see I am one, but I was born in this country. My mother also said the Americans were so wasteful. We are looking for your Mother and Dad the last of this week. They are coming up to vote. Will your get to vote? Allie is in the Hospital in Harrisonburg. She will have to stay about 10 days. Had a growth in her side somewhere. She is doing fine. We are looking for Isabel, and Betty is getting so big and she sure can remember big words and can say them, too. I tell her about the day when [illegible] in Harrisonburg. She loves for me to tell her tales. So did Joyce, but I don’t get to tell Joyce any tales now. I was 80 years old the 16 of last August. I sure am old. Be sure and come to see me as soon as you get back if I am still living. Take good care of yourself. I have not seen Eunice lately, but she is all right. Lots of love to you. From

Your Grandmother
Appended to this letter was a brief one from Elmer, Mary Ellen’s handicapped son (some modifications of spelling and punctuation):

Dear Ray:

I am getting along fine. I have my motor scooter completed and have been going places with it. The New Market Firemen have a lawn party and street parade in August and I rode my scooter in the parade. I enjoy riding it. I saw in Mom’s letter that you have been flying missions over Germany. Here’s hoping that you will come through the conflict OK.

Cordially,

Elmer

Mary Ellen passed away on 21 Dec. 1944, less than two months after writing this letter. And on 3 Feb. 1945, less than two months after her death, Staff Sergeant Arnold Ray Welch, a B-17 radio operator, was killed when he went down with his plane, which was attempting to return from a mission to its home base at Sudbury, England. Her letter to him was among the possessions returned to the family after his death. Both Mary Ellen and her husband were buried at St. Paul Cemetery, Hupp.  

Her obituary states that her death was due to a heart condition and includes the following information about her family and the funeral.

Born on August 16, 1864, near Forestville in Shenandoah County, she was the daughter of Lewis and Christina Snyder [sic] Everline. Since early girlhood she has been a faithful member of the Lutheran Church and held her membership with St. Paul’s church.

She was united in marriage to Joseph F. Minnick in 1883 [sic], and he preceded her in death on March 2, 1936. To this union were born the following children who survive: Mrs. Otis Mills (Allie) of Timberville, Mrs. David Welch (Abbie) of Indian Head, Md., Mrs. John Esque (Eva) and Mrs. Melvin Miller (Isabelle) of Timberville, Mrs. Allen Miller (Eunice) of Broadway, J. Frank Minnick of near New Market, and Thomas and Elmer Minnick at home. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Katherine C. Everline, Mrs. Maggie Moyers and Anna Maria Everline, and by one brother, Haller Everline.

Funeral services were held ... in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. ... Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Homer Dove, Jack Good, Harry Ritchie, Paxton Holsinger, Dee Smucker and Lonnie Moomaw.

The many beautiful floral tributes were borne by Mrs. Leonora Morrow, and Misses Joyce Welch, Clara June Welch, Marie Coffman, Madeline Phillips and Peggy Good.

Among the relatives and friends from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. J.H. Stevens and Mrs. Robert Flatford of Dumfries, Va.; Miss Thelma Stevens of Baltimore, MD; Mr. Clyde Stevens of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. David Welch and children, Glenn, Gale, Fred and Linden of Indian Head, Md.; Misses Clara June and Joyce Welch of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. George Morrow of Hyattsville, Md.; Mrs. Pearl Smith of Harrisonburg; Mr.
and Mrs. Benjamin Suter of West Rockingham; and Mr. John Esque of Front Royal.

Children, all born in Plains District:32

i. **ALICE LEE**6 MINNICK, b. 18 June 1885, d. 10 July 1966, m. 10 May 1910 O**TIS WILLIAM MILLS**, b. 21 July 1882, d. 6 June 1956; both bur. at St. Paul Cem., Hupp. Otis was the adopted son of John Daniel & Lydia Catherine Mills. On 1 Apr. 1900 he had gone to J.D. Mills’s blacksmith shop, located in the Hupp community on “Mash and Pike Road,” to learn the trade. Allie called her future husband Otie or Peachy as early as 1904. Before their marriage, they mailed each other many post cards and love letters, which grandson John Coffman now has in his Mills Scrapbook. In 1920 Otis purchased a Ford touring car, and in 1921 drove his family to McKeesport, PA, to visit J.D. Mills’s daughters Elsie and Georgie. Allie and Otis were faithful, active members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Allie made the communion wine, which she stored in her cellar, helped make Christmas play costumes out of feed bags that she had dyed, and played the church’s first piano, which had come from her home. Otis served as a trustee of the church and a Superintendent of its Sunday School for a number of years and as caretaker of the church and cemetery for over 40 years. He rang the church bell on Sunday mornings, and during cold weather made the fires in the church’s two pot bellied stoves. Every year he bought candy, oranges, and nuts for the gift bags that were given out to all the children at the Christmas program. An inveterate pipe smoker, he always wanted a can of Prince Albert as his own Christmas present. Children:

(1) Marie Marian7 Mills, b. 5 Mar. 1914, d. 21 Feb. 1991, m. 28 Aug. 1936 Miller Kline Coffman, b. 7 Aug. 1912 at Broadway, d. 7 Sept. 1997. Child:


(2) Madaline Mills, b. 19 Oct. 1918 at Timberville, d. 22 Oct. 1994 at Harrisonburg, m. 15 June 1941 Edwin Franklin Philipps, b. 23 Nov. 1913, d. 14 Sept. 1990. Children:


ii. **THOMAS DAVID MINNICK**, b. 25 Sept. 1889, d. 2 Mar. 1969 (suicide); bur. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cem., New Market. He worked at a saw mill in 1910, and in 1920 and 1930 as a farm laborer. Never married, he lived at home, but hated farm life and wanted to live in town. To satisfy his wishes, his mother gave Tom the Everline property in New Market after she had acquired sole ownership of it. No issue.

iii. **ÉLMER LEWIS MINNICK**, b. 31 Dec. 1892, d. 23 Mar. 1956; bur. at St. Paul Cem., Hupp. Severely crippled from a young age by an arthritic condition,
he was unable to walk. He was very gifted mechanically, however, and con­
structed a three-wheel motorized scooter that he drove on the roads. Although his occupation was given as “none” in the 1930 census, he later earned some money by painting toy lead soldiers and pottery that were shipped to him for decorating. During the time he stayed with his sister Isabel, he made a big contribution to the family by watching and entertaining his niece Betty for long hours while her mother was outside milking, raising poultry, and gardening. No issue.

iv. 

ABIGAIL MARGARET MINNICK, b. 18 Nov. 1894, d. 1 Mar. 1978 at Annan­
dale, VA, m. 15 Dec. 1915 in Washington, D.C., DAVID HARRISON WELCH, b. 15 Aug. 1891 in Rockingham Co, d. 5 July 1955 at New Market, son of William Alexander & Julia (Holsinger) Welch; both bur. at Fairview Church of the Brethren Cem., Tenth Legion. Abbie’s father gave her a cow and a sewing machine as wedding presents. In 1920, David, a house roof tinner, Abbie, and their two young children lived next door to his father, a house carpenter, at Tenth Legion. (David’s younger brothers Oliver and Jack Welch resided with their parents, one working as a tinner the other as a carpenter.) About 1924 David quit his trade to work on the dairy farm of Joseph H. Mauzy at Mauzy, which is where he and Abbie and their six children lived in 1930. While residing there, despite warnings to put a nose ring in a dangerous bull named Ginger, David refused, and as a result suffered a broken rib when Ginger charged him. He was rescued by Abbie, who warded the bull off with a pitchfork and later put the ring in herself. In the early 1930s they moved to a large house that David built in New Market on land he and Abbie had purchased in 1927. Their property bordered the present golf course. Toward the beginning of World War II, they moved to Indian Head, MD, where David worked in the munitions factory. During widow­hood, Abbie rented out her house in New Market, and resided at Potomac Heights, MD, and then with her son Gale’s family before entering a nursing home. Children:

(1) Leonora Alice Welch, b. 9 Mar. 1917 at Tenth Legion, m. 3 Sept. 1938 at Washington, D.C., George Augustus Morrow, b. 23 Dec. 1916 in Washington, D.C., d. 11 Aug. 1997 at Broadway, son of George Alfred & Ethel (Lyles) Morrow. Children:


(iii) David Michael Morrow, b. 11 Jan. 1948, m-1 3 Sept. 1969 Carol Ann Reiter, b. 16 Mar. 1951, d. 31 Aug. 2000, dau. of Russell & Mary (Walters) Reiter; m-2 7 May 2005 Julie Music, b. 19 June 1947. Children, all by Carol Ann: Mat-


(i) Eric Joseph⁸ Welch, b. 8 Dec. 1948 at New Market.


(iii) Carmel Annette Welch, b. 16 May 1960 at Washington, D.C., m. 10 Feb. 2005 Timothy Reilly.


(i) Robin Sue⁸ Taylor, b. 3 Nov. 1952 in Washington, D.C.


(6) Fred Welch, b. 25 June 1927 at Mauzy, d. 18 Apr. 2004 near Mannheim, Germany, m. 27 Oct. 1962 at Mersch, Luxembourg, Emilie Thieffels, b. 16 July 1931 at Beringen (Mersch), dau. of Nicolas & Marie (Berté) Thieffels. No issue.
(7) John Gale Welch, b. 23 Sept. 1930 at Mauzy, m. 30 Sept. 1950 at Indian Head, MD, Frances Reklis, b. 10 Mar. 1928 at Indian Head, dau. of Peter J. & Julia (Bolger) Reklis. Children, all born in Washington, D.C:


(ii) Mary Kevin Welch, b. 20 Jan. 1954, m-1 Mike Rogers, div.; m-2 August Selckman, div. Children, one by each husband: Seth Michael Rogers (b. 18 Feb. 1976) & Jan August Welch-Selckman (b. 7 June 1988).


(8) Glenn Welch, b. 12 June 1932 at Mauzy, m. 23 Nov. 1968 at Arlington, VA, Eve Janco, b. 30 Apr. 1941 at Granite City, IL, dau. of John & Eva (Gallo) Janco. Child:

(9) Linden Harrison Welch, b. 16 Sept. 1937 at New Market, m. 5 July 1958 at Indian Head Judith Ann Millard, b. 5 Aug. 1940 at Detroit, MI, dau. of Orville Edward & Ethel Mae (Hall) Millard. Children, first two born at La Plata, others at Washington, D.C.:


   (vi) Linden Harrison Welch, b. 8 Jan. 1971; unmar. (2010).
by only one of these step-children, Earl.) In 1920 John resided at Huntington, WV, where he worked in the State’s Dept. of Public Safety. John was 46 and Eva 38 when they married. Eva worked in Washington, D.C., while she was single. When she visited the Valley, she would bring a box of assorted candy as a treat for her nieces and nephews. After marrying, she and John resided in a house built on the Minnick farm. On her 85th birthday in 1983 Eva wrote the following letter from Timberville to her niece Clara June (Welch) Fetters (some modifications made to punctuation and spelling):

Dear Clara J.

I will try to write a little at a time. Grandparents Everline [Lewis and Anna Christina (Schneider) Everline] are buried in N.M. [New Market] about the center of Emanuel Cemetery of the Lutheran Church. They were married in N.M. and later moved to Forestville, later moved to what we call the mash, lived in a large brick house that was where the small brick house is today. It was built from the same bricks by a Mr. Minnick [Mathias Minnick] from Pennsylvania. It is within sight of Grandfather [David] Minnick’s home place. That is how Mama and Papa met, living so close. From there they moved near New Market. They bought a small farm where the Advent Academy is today. [Grand]mother did and lived like they did in Germany. Conditions were not good in Germany. She was a Christian woman and wanted to live in peace. She read her Bible and lived it and discussed it with her neighbors. I remember going in through the fields to her house, which was always neat and clean.

Mama’s sister Margaret [wife of Samuel H Moyers] lived in the next house above and she and Mama were always neighborly and good sisters. As for Papa’s sisters and brothers, I saw quite a lot of them. Aunt Jinny, as we called her, name was Virginia, never left where she was born. She took care of her mother till she died. Grandfather Minnick died the year I was born, 1898. Aunt Lydia married a Mr. Atchison and had a home near Quantico. She visited us real often. She had three sons and a daughter Carrie, who married a Mr. Stevens. They had four daughters and three sons, two daughters are in Florida and one daughter at Triangle and I think there are one or two sons living.

Papa’s sister Fannie married a man by the name of Fry. They had three daughters, who are all dead. Grandmother’s maiden name was Crist, Margerite. Your mother was named after her. She came from the vicinity of Harrisonburg. Well, I think this is about all. There are a lot of personal things. Very soon every one connected with their life will be gone.

Best wishes,
Eva
vi. JOSEPH FRANKLIN ("FRANK") MINNICK (II), b. 20 Aug. 1900, d. 15 May 1955 (suicide), m. 29 June 1929 at New Market FERN VIRGINIA DRIVER, b. 3 June 1905 in Rockingham Co., d. 20 Feb. 1996, dau. of Lewis M. & Elizabeth (Jordan) Driver; both bur. at St. Paul Cem., Hupp. He attended the Lutheran Polytechnic Institute at New Market, leaving the horse that he rode in a stable on the school’s grounds. He and Fern resided on the former Tom Wise place, which his father had purchased. Frank inherited 150 acres of land and bought additional land from his brothers and sisters. Child:

(1) JOSEPH FRANKLIN ("Joe") MINNICK (III), b. 29 Nov. 1932 at the Wise Place, Rockingham Co., m. 20 July 1957 at Reformation Lutheran Church, New Market, Catherine Anne EVERY, b. 14 Oct. 1934 at Harrisonburg, dau. of Marion & Elizabeth Hatcher (Thompson) Everly. Children:

(i) JULIE ANN MINNICK, b. 29 Sept. 1959 at Harrisonburg, m. 4 Sept. 1982 at Reformation Lutheran Church Gregory Alan Myers, b. 19 Apr. 1956, son of William Robert & Thelma Imogene (Eye) Myers. Children (both born at Roanoke, VA):


(ii) JOSEPH FRANKLIN ("Joey") MINNICK (IV), b. 17 July 1962 at Harrisonburg, m. 28 Oct. 1995 at Reformation Lutheran Church Teresa Lynn LITTEN, b. 21 Oct. 1964 at Harrisonburg, dau. of Carroll Eugene & Joan Irene (Hottenger) Litten. Children (both born at Harrisonburg, VA):


vii. ISABELLE (or ISABEL) VIRGINIA MINNICK, b. 7 Mar. 1902, d. 13 Dec. 1994 at Timberville, m. 21 May 1938 CHARLES MELVIN MILLER, b. 2 Apr. 1908 near Forestville, VA, d. 3 Apr. 1969 at Timberville, son of Samuel Paul & Mary Elizabeth (Good) Miller; both bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem. Isabel was her dad’s right hand man, and was proud of being the only one of five daughters who was allowed to learn to drive an automobile to town to do his business. She walked or rode a pony to school near Concord at Tenth Legion and to a parochial school at New Market. She praised Prof. Stirewalt and the Lutheran pastors of her youth for their instruction. After marrying rather late in life, she and Melvin lived in Timberville. On their farm there, she milked cows, raised chickens and turkeys, and always enjoyed working out-of-doors.

Isabel often welcomed nieces and nephews into her home for short stays, and cared for a blind cousin for several years. Her brother Elmer, who was crippled, resided in her home for quite a while. She nursed her niece Joyce Welch through pneumonia, holding her day and night and trying to stay awake to give her medicine the doctor brought over. Once, she thought Joyce had died and ran to the child’s mother, Abbie. When she looked again,
however, the fever had broken and the patient, to whom she had become very attached, survived. When Joyce was twelve, Isabel took money from her own savings account to buy her a new bicycle. Joyce was so appreciative that, when Isabel’s daughter, Betty, was twelve, she sent a check for $40 for the purchase of a new bike for Betty.

She would always volunteer as a school room mother, and provided transportation to school groups, girl scouts, church groups, and others. For twenty years following her husband’s death, she remained on the farm with her sheep. There she displayed her green thumb by successfully growing trees, shrubs, and flowers, which were shared with others throughout the community. She preserved much of the past with the pictures she took and the tales she told. She helped rear her four grandsons, contributing much to their development with perpetual patience, inextinguishable time, and unconditional love. Still driving in her early eighties, she took friends to the store or doctors and each day called an older sister who lived alone. When she decided to leave the farm that was her home for almost 50 years, she took an apartment in town and never looked back. Until near the end of life, she continued to make new friends during daily walks in her Reeboks.

Child:

(1) Betty Irene Miller, b. 18 Apr. 1939 at Timberville, m. 10 Aug. 1957 at Timberville Gene Edward Driver, b. 22 Mar. 1934 at Tenth Legion, son of Harry Edwin & Virginia Kathleen (Rhodes) Driver. Children, all born at Timberville:


viii. EUNICE REBECCA MINNICK, b. 16 Oct. 1903, d. 2 Apr. 1977 at Timberville (bur. at St. Paul Cem., Hupp), m. 11 Dec. 1942 at Timberville ALLEN B. MILLER, b. 31 July 1910 in Shenandoah Co., d. 6 Feb. 1974 at Timberville (bur. at Zirkle Family Cem., New Market), son of George W. & Cora Anna
Bell (Fleming) Miller. Eunice resided on a farm in the “Mash” until the last few months of her life. She was very kind and generous to her relatives and neighbors. During the 1930s she often shared her weekly egg money with her two youngest Welch nieces by treating them to a Western movie at the theater in New Market; and she helped raise her nephew Joe Minnick and later his two children. She married fairly late in life and was in her early forties when she gave birth to her own two children. They describe her as the sweetest person they ever knew—a kind, tender, loving mother. Although she didn’t have much education herself, she helped them with their school work and taught them many practical things, especially about gardening and home-making. She worked very hard all her life, performing such chores as cutting firewood for the kitchen store and gardening. A very generous person, she would give others in need her last bag of potatoes or last loaf of bread.

Children:

(1) George Allen Miller, b. 21 Sept. 1943 at Harrisonburg, m. 4 Dec. 1966 Judy Paulette Armentrout, b. 3 June 1947. Children:
   (iii) Nathan Allen Miller, b. 24 Apr. 1979, d. 4 Sept. 1995.

(2) Anna Marie Miller, b. 14 July 1948 at New Market, m. 14 July 1970 Johnny Wayne Hannah, b. 7 Dec. 1947. Children:

ix. Unnamed Minnick, b. & d. 15 Oct. 1906; bur. at St. Paul Cem.

7. Charles Ashton (or Ashby) Minnick was born on 27 Jan. 1861. On 20 Nov. 1883 in Rockingham Co. he married Lydia Ann Lloyd, who was born 2 Aug. 1862, the daughter of John Harrison & Barbara Ann (May) Lloyd of Lee District, Shenandoah Co. Known as “Bob,” he was a Plains District farmer. William Lloyd, Lydiam’s brother, lived next door to them in 1910. In 1920 Charles and Lydia’s son Miller M., along with his wife and two young children, lived with them. Charles died on 21 Feb. 1921 at Timberville and Lydia on 1 Feb. 1930 at Arlington, VA. Both were buried at St. Paul Cemetery, Hupp, as were the two children who died young. Children:
   i. Edgar Lawrence Minnick (twin), b. 30 May 1884, d. 9 Aug. 1884; bur. at St. Paul Cem.
   ii. Effie Florence Minnick (twin), b. 30 May 1884, d. 28 Feb. 1961, m. Charles Julius Kronk.
iii. Welford Lloyd Minnick, b. 9 Sept. 1885, d. 6 Sept. 1886; bur. at St. Paul Cem.

iv. Elizabeth Catherine Minnick, b. 31 Aug. 1888, d. 4 Sept. 1938 at Arlington, VA, m. 10 June 1916 Alexander Henry Miller, b. 20 Aug. 1890 at Saginaw, MI, d. 30 Mar. 1971 at Washington, D.C., son of James & Sarah Jane Miller. Children:
   (1) Doris Faith\textsuperscript{7} Miller, b. 7 Mar. 1922, m. 26 Sept. 1941 at Kensington, MD, Charles Linwood Ralston, b. 10 Jan. 1922, son of Charles Jason & Naomi Frances (Kitchen) Ralston. Children:
      (i) Donald Linwood\textsuperscript{8} Ralston, b. 24 Jan. 1944 at Washington, D.C., d. 3 Apr. 1972, m. 29 May 1971 Mary Inez Knecht.
      (iii) Linda Faith Ralston, b. 7 July 1956 at Arlington, m. 26 July 1985 Thomas Arthur Peterson. Linda provided nearly all of the information presented here regarding the descendants of Charles Ashton and Lydia (Lloyd) Minnick.
   (2) Harold Arden Miller, b. 30 Aug. 1923, d. 29 May 1925.


vi. George Malington Minnick, b. 10 July 1892, d. 25 June 1965, m. c1922 Mary K. Campbell, b. 1901 in VA. In 1930 he was an odd-jobs laborer and lived in the Plains District next door to Delia Minnick, the 55-year-old unmarried daughter of Levi and Lydia A. (Moore) Minnick. Children (1930 census):
   (1) Adelaide J.\textsuperscript{7} Minnick, b. 1924.
   (2) Pasco Anthony Minnick, b. 4 June 1929, d. 27 Apr. 1993.

vii. Miller Marion Minnick, b. 20 Nov. 1893, d. 31 May 1931, m. 23 Feb. 1918 Cora Burkett, b. 1897 in VA. They and their two youngsters lived with Miller’s parents in 1920 in the Plains District. In 1930 they resided at New Market, where he worked as a farm laborer. Children (1920 & 1930 censuses):
    (1) Frances L.\textsuperscript{7} Minnick, b. Dec. 1918.
    (3) W. Allen Minnick, b. 1922.

viii. Walter David Minnick, b. 24 Apr. 1895, d. 20 Aug. 1971, m-1 Martha Salyards, d. 1956, m-2 Mildred Gue. In 1920, not yet married, he boarded with the family of Russell Litten in the Plains District and worked as a farm laborer. He cannot be found in the 1930 census.
Top ("Harvest Time"): Joseph F. Minnick (l), Isabel(Minnick) Miller, "Frank" Minnick, Tom Minnick, Bill Simmons
Bottom ("Hog Butchering Time"): John Golladay, Eunice (Minnick) Miller, Joseph F. Minnick (l), Tom Minnick, "Frank" Minnick, Eva (Minnick) Esque
Top-Left: Welford & Lydia (Minnick) Atcheson and Carrie (Atcheson) Stevens & dau.
Center-Left: Charles A. Minnick
Bottom-Left: Cousin Cora, Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick, Jennie Miller
Top-Right: Martin Minnick and sisters (unidentified)
Bottom-Right: Alice (Minnick) Mills and Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick
Top: Otis and Alice (Minnick) Mills
Bottom-Left: David and Abigail (Minnick) Welch
Bottom-Right: Elmer and Tom Minnick
Top-Left: Eva (Minnick) Esque
Top-Right: Joseph F. ("Frank") Minnick (II)
Bottom: Joseph F. Minnick (III) and Joseph F. Minnick (IV)
Top-Left: Isabel (Minnick) Miller; Top-Right: Eunice (Minnick) Miller
Bottom: Eunice, Isabel, and Tom Minnick in front of old Minnick house
New Minnick House, ca. 1902
Joseph F. & Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick, their seven children, and others
Left to right: Will Everline & wife (both seated), Ben & Grace Baker, Elmer & Tom Minnick, Milton & Sarah Tusing, "Frank" Minnick, Mary Ellen holding Isabel, Abbie Minnick, Joseph F. Minnick (I), Eva and Alice Minnick holding hands
Maria Magdalena Wagner, the wife of Johann George Michael Münch, was the daughter of Joh. Matthias Wagner and Anna Elisabetha Stupp. Maria’s paternal and maternal ancestors, the Wagners and Stupps, will be discussed separately.

A. PATERNAL ANCESTORS: THE WAGNERS

Maria Magdalena Wagner’s father was Joh. Matthias Wagner, who on 29 April 1735 married Anna Elisabetha Stupp. The Lutheran minister John Casper Stoever presided over the ceremony, which was held at Christ (Little Tulpehocken) Church, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The area in which the couple married and subsequently lived was in the part of Lancaster County that in 1752 was set off as the newly-formed Berks County.

His bride, Elisabetha, was born 16 January 1715/16. If Matthias was several years older than Elisabetha, he was born about 1713. The name of his father and the date he immigrated have not been ascertained. Two things, however, are known for sure about Matthias Wagner’s family of origin: (1) he had a brother, probably younger, named Johannes Wagner, and (2) his mother’s
Christian name was **Eva Magdalena** and, after the death of Matthias’s father, she married Wolfgang Miller of Tulpehocken Township.

Wolfgang Miller and his presumed son Jacob disembarked from the ship *Elizabeth* at Philadelphia in August 1733.\(^3\) The passenger list gives Wolfgang’s age as 41 (born 1692) and Jacob’s as 17 (born 1716). The date that Wolfgang married the widow Eva Magdalena (-?-) Wagner has not been discovered. Wolfgang Miller died in Tulpehocken Township at the age of 60 years in December 1752 or January 1753.\(^4\) His will, written in German, instructed that his total estate be divided into three equal shares. The shares were bequeathed to (1) his wife, Eva Madlina, (2) his grandchildren (viz., John, Christina, and Elizabeth Miller), and (3) his step-sons Matthias Wagner and Johannes Wagner. Step-son Matthias Wagner and friend Johannes Trautman were designated as executors. The witnesses were Hans Presler, George Presler, and Bernhard Mots. Eva Magdalena (-?-) Wagner Miller’s death date is unknown. If about the same age as second husband Wolfgang Miller, she was born about 1692, was about 21 when her son Matthias Wagner was born, and was about 60 when Wolfgang died.

\[\text{By virtue of a warrant from the Proprietor dated 12 January 1737, Samuel Lightfoot surveyed for Matthias Wagner a 286-acre tract of land located on Northkill Creek, Tulpehocken Township.}\]  
\[\text{It adjoined a 100-acre tract of land that was surveyed to Matthias’s father-in-law, Martin Stupp, on 19 June 1737 based on a warrant dated 20 April 1737.}\]  

The map on the right was drawn on
21 March 1814 after the land was surveyed and divided for Henry Klien. The Matthias Weigner and John Wagner shown on this map probably were the sons of the original owner's eldest son, Jacob, whose sons Matthias and John were then about 50 years of age. The lower 140.8-acre portion of the larger tract was surveyed to John Weigner on 30 October 1800, and the middle tract of 44+ acres was surveyed to Matthias Weigner on 10 March 1815.7 (This Matthias also owned a 22+-acre tract, surveyed to him on 19 March 1808, that adjoined the western boundary of John's tract.8)

Matthias Wagner died intestate, probably in May 1760 as letters of administration were issued on 2 June 1760 to "Elisabeth Wagner Widow & Relict of Matthias Wagner late of Tulpehocken Township ... yeoman, deceased," with Philip Adam Schurman and John Zerbe of the same township as sureties.9 Matthias was about 47 years old and Elisabetha was 44. They had been married for 25 years and were the parents of eight surviving children.

By 1 June 1762 Elisabetha had married George Kraemer of Greenwich Township. On that date the administrators of Matthias's estate (George Kraemer and Elisabeth his wife, "late Elisabeth Wagner") filed their accounts. The value of the personal estate, after payment of all debts and expenses, was £633. Matthias's real estate consisted of three tracts of land, which were described in court documents in his estate file as follows.

- The plantation and tract of land in Tulpehocken Township containing about 200 acres. (This probably refers to a portion of the 283-acre tract that adjoined Martin Stupp's land and was surveyed to Matthias in 1737.)
- A tract of land over the Blue Mountain in Berks County containing 150 acres, which was surveyed to Matthias in his lifetime.
- An undivided one-sixth part of a plantation and tract of 144 acres of land in Tulpehocken Township devised to Matthias by the will of Wolfgang Miller (Matthias's step-father).

In response to eldest son Jacob Wagner's petition, the real estate holdings were inspected by a committee of twelve men, who found that the tracts could not be divided among the heirs "without spoiling the whole" and estimated the total worth of the land and premises to be £460. (The committee members were Jacob Fisher, Henry Ketner, Adam Smith, Peter Knop, Jacob Miller, Casper Stomp, Jacob Conrad, George Brindle, John Steiner, Nicholas Hawk, John Albert, and Nicholas Hollar.) Jacob acquired the real estate by purchasing his mother's dower share and the shares of his siblings. Samuel Filbert and George Michael Münch were sureties for the bonds entered into on 18 February 1764 for payments to Jacob's mother and his younger siblings.
Johannes Wagner, Matthias’s brother, probably was born about 1715. On 12 January 1737 he obtained a warrant for the survey of 150 acres of land located on Northkill Creek, Tulpehocken Township. (This is the same date as Matthias’s warrant for the same amount of land at the same location.) There is no record, however, of Johannes’s land actually being surveyed for him or patented to anyone.

Johannes died intestate (date unknown, but some time after December 1752) leaving a widow named Catharine and an only son named Joseph Wagner. By deed dated 2 May 1771 Joseph sold the one-sixth interest in the 144 acre-tract of land that was bequeathed to his father by Wolfgang Miller. The purchaser was Jacob Hoffman.

The death date of Anna Elisabetha (Stupp) Wagner Kraemer is unknown. The will of her second husband, George Kraemer, was signed in Greenwich Township on 18 July 1778. It provides for his wife, but she is not named. Elisabetha was then 65 years old.

Court documents regarding Matthias’s estate identify his eight surviving children as Jacob, George, Matthias, Philip, Anna Kunigunda (wife of Michael Sauser), Catherine Margaret (wife of Christopher Kern), Maria Magdalena (wife of Michael Münch), and Catharine. Three of the children (George, Matthias, and Philip) were minors above the age of 14 years and another child (Catharine) was under the age of 14. The guardians of the minor children were Christian Gruber for George, Frederick Weiser for Matthias and Catharine, and Philip Adam Schurman for Philip. Children.

1. Jacob Wagner, born c1737, died 1791, married 29 June 1760 at Bern by Rev. Stoever Maria Apollonia Münch, born 26 Feb. 1736, died 29 Jan. 1815 in Tulpehocken Township (buried at Christ Church Cem., Stouchsburg, Tulpehocken Twp.), daughter of Joh. Simon & Anna Maria Katharina (Schenk) Münch. Jacob’s sister Maria Magdalena Wagner had married Apollonia’s brother Joh. George Michael Münch in May 1760. On 30 May 1762 Apollonia took communion at Little Tulpehocken church, and in 1764 Jacob and Maria Apollonia were sponsors for two baptisms: a daughter of Matthew Mueller and a son of John Jacob and Susanna Catharina Schmidt.

Jacob Waggoner of Tulpehocken died intestate in 1791, letters of administration being granted to Apollonia, the widow, on 3 Mar. 1791. Apollonia was 78 years of age when she passed away. She signed her will, which was written in German, by mark in Tulpehocken on 17 Jan. 1815 and it was proved 1 Mar. 1815. It mentions (1) children John, Matthias, Susanna (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), and Jacob (deceased), (2) Elizabeth, wife of son Matthias, (3) grandson Jacob Wagoner, son of Jacob, and (4) Lovina, daughter of John, “whose godfather he
is.” The executors were son-in-law George Haak and son Matthias; the witnesses were Frederick Brendel and Philip Seyler. The total value of her personal estate, as inventoried by John Weiser and Frederick Brendel, was $703.41. Much of the total ($392.99) was attributable to debts owed by her sons John and Matthias. Home-made linen (142 yards) was valued at $85.42, her wearing apparel at $42.50, and a Bible at $5.33. Children (first three from baptismal records, others from mother’s will):

i. SUSANNA CATHARINE WAGNER, b. 17 May 1761 (bapt. 24 May 1761 at Northkill; sponsors: Matthias Wagner and his wife), d. bef. 17 Jan. 1815, m. 23 Oct. 1788 JOH. GEORGE HAAK.20

ii. JOHN JACOB WAGNER, b. 22 Nov. 1762 (bapt. at Little Tulpehocken 12 Dec. 1762; sponsors: John Jacob Schmidt and wife, Susanna), d. bef. 1815.21 He had a son named Jacob Wagner.

iii. JOHN WAGNER, b. 23 Oct. 1764 (bapt. at Little Tulpehocken 9 Dec. 1764; sponsors: John Miller and Justina Miller).22 He had a daughter named Lovina Wagner.

iv. MATTHIAS WAGNER, b. aft. 1765, m. ELIZABETH .

v. ELIZABETH WAGNER, b. aft. 1765, d. bef. 17 Jan. 1815.

2. ANNA KUNIGUNDA WAGNER born cl738, married cl758 MICHAEL SAUSER (or SAUSZER). Child:

i. CATARINA ELIZABETHA SAUSZER, born 4 Oct. 1759 (baptized 21 Oct. 1759 at Northkill; sponsors: Matthias Wagner and his wife, the child’s maternal grandparents).23

3. CATHARINE MARGARET WAGNER, born cl740. married 16 Apr. 1759 JOHANN CHRISTOPH KERN.24


5. JOH. GEORGE WAGNER, b. 6 Sept. 1743 (bapt. 9 Oct. 1743 at Little Tulpehocken; sponsors: George Wagner and Adelheit Pfaffenger).25


7. PHILIP WAGNER, born c1747.

8. JOHANNES WAGNER, born 22 Apr. 1756 (baptized 30 May 1756 at Northkill; sponsors: John Kaufman and wife, Barbara), died before May 1760.27

B. MATERNAL ANCESTORS: THE STUPPS

Maria Magdalena Wagner's mother was Anna Elisabetha Stupp. Born 16 January 1715/16 in the Schoharie Valley of New York, Elisabetha was the daughter of Martin Stupp and Anna Catharina Schultheis.\(^1\) (The family's surname was spelled a variety of ways in the records, e.g., Stup, Stuep, and Stueb.) Martin Stupp and the Schultheisises were among the Palatines who settled near the Hudson River, New York, in 1710.

Since Martin and Anna Catharina's first child, Anna Elisabetha, was born 16 January 1715/16, the wedding probably took place in 1714. Because her last child was born in 1738, Anna Catharina must have been fairly young when she married. If she was born about 1696, she was about 18 when she married and about 42 when her last child was born. If Martin was about three years older than his wife, he was born about 1693. Thus, he would have been only about 17 when the settlement of Palatines in New York took place in 1710.

In 1709 a large number of Germans, all called Palatines by the English although many were from other regions of Germany, immigrated to England via Rotterdam.\(^2\) These poor people had suffered for many years the devastation caused by war and the burden of excessive taxation. A great impetus for the decision to leave their homes at that time was the extraordinarily severe winter of 1708-09, coupled with a recent advertising campaign for settlers by the proprietors of colonial America and the benevolent and active cooperation of the British government, which wanted to establish a buffer against the French in Canada and to strengthen the Protestant cause in their colonies. Of the 13,000 Germans who reached London in 1709, only about one quarter came on to New York. The others were dispersed to other parts of England, sent to Ireland, returned to Rotterdam, or sent to North Carolina, with a few even going to Jamaica and the West Indies. The idea of settling Palatines in New York was to use them in the manufacture of naval stores (hemp, tar, and pitch) from the pine trees growing in the Hudson Valley. They were to be employed until the profits paid for their subsistence and transportation expenses.

The Palatines were shipped to New York aboard eleven ships that left England in April 1710. Crowded together on small vessels, they suffered from vermin, poor sanitation, and unhealthy food. The fleet was ravaged by ship-fever (now known as typhus). Arriving in the summer of 1710, they found that New York was by no means the paradise it was advertised to be. Altogether about 470 immigrants died on the voyage or during their first month in New York. Gov. Hunter's record of payments for the subsistence of the 847 Palatine families, roughly 2,500 individuals, has survived. In October 1710 many of the
huts. Gradually, villages were formed on either side of the Hudson: Hunterstown, Queensbury, Annesbury, and Hayesbury on the east side, Elizabeth Town, George Town, and New Town on the west side.

The climate and the variety of pine trees turned out to be ill suited for producing the naval stores desired, and the Palatines were dissatisfied with their inferior subsistence supplies and being treated almost as serfs. Consequently, the program and the subsistence provided were ended in September 1712. Within the next five years many families moved to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or elsewhere in New York. Attracted by the storied claims of the Schoharie Valley, about 150 families moved to Albany and Schenectady in the autumn of 1712. They wintered there, and in the spring moved to Schoharie, settling in seven villages, three of them in what now is the town of Schoharie. A 1718 report places 224 families (1,021 persons) along the Hudson River and scattered areas, while 170 families (580 persons) were in Schoharie.

Maarten Stub (no wife) with three children were on Capt. Jno. Untank’s ship in the 5th party of Palatines in Holland (Rotterdam Lists). Martin Stupp made his initial appearance of the Hunter Subsistence Lists 30 June 1710 with four persons over ten years of age. The family showed three persons over ten years on 25 March 1712 and then four over ten on 24 June 1712. Henry Z. Jones, who has made an extensive study of these settlers, believes there is a good possibility that Martin Stupp “actually was of the 2nd generation, and thus perhaps a Martin Jr. or an elder brother assuming the responsibility of heading a Palatine family in the new world.”

By 1715 Martin Stupp had moved from a Hudson River settlement to one of the Schoharie villages. His and Catharina’s first child was one of the 26 children baptized at Schoharie in late January 1715/16 by Rev. Joshua Kocherthal, the Palatine’s Lutheran pastor. Kocherthal’s entry in the church register, as translated, reads as follows:
Jan. 24th: Anna Elisabetha, born Jan. 16th, child of Martin and Catharina Stupp; sponsors: Johann Jacob Merckel and Elisabetha Schultheis.

A week after this baptism, Martin Steip was naturalized at the Mayor’s Court, Albany. Within the next two years, the Stupps had returned to the Hudson Valley and were living at New Annesbury, one of the so-called East Camp villages. This and other East Camp villages were located at or near what now is the town of Germantown, which is on the bank of the Hudson River in Columbia County nine miles south of the city of Hudson.

The date and place of Martin’s marriage to Anna Catharina Schultheiss, daughter of Johann Georg Schultheiss and his wife, Anna Kunigunda, are unknown. Quite likely, the year was 1714, which was about the time that Martin moved to Schoharie. Whether the wedding occurred before or after the move is unknown.

Johann George Schultheis made his initial appearance on Gov. Hunter’s subsistence lists 1 July 1710 with 6 persons over ten years and 2 persons under ten. (It should be noted that daughter Anna Catharina was born about 1696, and thus was about 14 in 1710.) Subsequent reports on the number of persons above and below ten years of age in the household were 7 & 1 on 4 Aug. 1710, 5 & 1 on 4 Oct. 1710, 6 & 1 on 31 Dec. 1710, 5 & 1 on 24 Dec. 1711, 3 & 1 on 25 Mar. 1712, and 6 & 1 on 13 Sept. 1712. In 1717 Johann George Schultheis and his wife Anna Kunigunda, with two children, resided at New Hayesbury, which was one of the East Camp communities, as was New Annesbury. Jones lists the probable Schultheiss children as follows:

- Johann Jacob Schultheiss. Believed to be the John Jacob Schultz of Hayesbury who was a soldier in 1711.
- Anna Catharina Schultheiss, married Martin Stupp.
- Elisabetha Schultheiss, a sponsor at the baptism of Martin and Anna Catharina’s baby in January 1715/16.

In 1723, at the invitation of Pennsylvania Governor William Keith, fifteen families of Palatines removed from New York to the Tulpehocken area, just east of Swatara Creek in Pennsylvania. By 1725 thirty-three Palatine families had settled there and fifty more came to the Tulpehocken area in 1729.

Martin Stupp had brought his family to Tulpehocken by September 1727. In that month Marden Stub and 35 other residents of Tulpehocken and Oley signed a petition for construction of a road from “the Lutheran Meeting House at Tolpehockan to end in the high road, at ye Quakers Meeting House near George Boone’s Mill in Oley.”

Based on a warrant issued to Martin Steep on 20 April 1737, a 100-acre tract of land situated on both sides of Northkill Creek, Tulpehocken Township,
was surveyed to Martin Stupe on 13 June 1737.\textsuperscript{15} It adjoined a 286-acre tract owned by his son-in-law Matthias Wagoner. (See Section A of this appendix.)

Martin's wife, Anna Catharina (Schultheiss) Wagner, gave birth to her last child in 1738 or 1739 and died shortly afterwards, probably in 1739 or 1740.

On 28 December 1741, Martin and Anna Susanna Wallbort (or Walborn) were married at Tulpehocken by Rev. John Casper Stoever.\textsuperscript{16} Susanna may have been the daughter of Joh. Adam Walborn, who in 1717 resided with his wife (Anna Elisabeth) and six children at New Annesbury, which is where Martin also lived that year.\textsuperscript{17} Adam Walborn had removed to Tulpehocken Township by January 1725/6, when his name appears there on a list of tax assessments.\textsuperscript{18}

In 1743 Martin was one of the witnesses to the cornerstone document of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg.\textsuperscript{19}
The will of Martin Stupp of Tulpehocken Township, farmer, was proved on 18 March 1755, and the following day letters of administration were granted to Susanna Stupp (his widow), Abraham Lauck, and Martin Battorff, the executors. The original will, which was written in German, was translated into English by Conrad Weiser. It was signed by mark ("M") on 20 July 1753. The document’s major provisions are as follows:

- To sons Martinus and Abraham Stupp: my Plantation whereon I now live with the 200 acres thereunto belonging to be divided equally between them; also two horses, a plow, and other specified farm implements.
- To beloved wife Susanna: £30 and one-third of my moveable estate, permission to live in the house and be provided by the owners of the house with specified items for her needs.
- To all my children (names eleven, daughters by married names): equal shares in my moveable estate and the money that comes in for the Plantation.

The total appraised value of his personal estate was £417.0.2. Over one-half of this amount was in gold and various currencies such as Spanish and French pistoles and English guineas. Some of his possessions were wearing apparel valued at £7.0.0, new linen at £14.0.0, a brown mare with two colts and three working horses at £26.0.0, fifteen cattle, nine sheep, and three hogs at 26.10.0, wheat and oats threshed and unthreshed at £22.10.0, plow, harrow, and horse gear at £4.05.0, iron ware, two brass kettles, and kitchen ware at £7.15.0, weaving loom at £2.0.0, and yarn at £2.0.0.

The birth and death dates of his second wife, Anna Susanna (Walborn) Stupp, are unknown. If she born about 1715, she was about 26 when she married Martin in 1741 and about 40 years old in 1755 when he passed away. She must have remarried by 1 September 1764 because a Lancaster County deed bearing that date refers to “Susanna Razor, wife of Matheas Razor of Lancaster and late widow of Martin Stupp of Berks.”

Martin Stupp had twelve offspring, the first ten by Anna Catharina Schultheiss, the last two by Anna Susanna Wallbort/Walborn. The first child was born at Schoharie, the next two or three at Schoharie or a Hudson River village, and the others at Tulpehocken. Children, all but one named in father’s will:

1. ANNA ELISABETHA STUPP, born 16 Jan. 1715/16 (baptized at Schoharie by Rev. Joshua Kocherthal, Lutheran; sponsors: Johann Jacob Merckel and Elisabetha
Schultheis), married 29 Apr. 1735 JOHANN MATTHIAS WAGNER, born c1713, died May 1760. See Section A of this chapter for further information. \(^{24}\)

2. JOHANN FRIEDERICH STUPP, born c1718, married 15 Apr. 1745 ANNA BARBARA KARCHER. \(^{25}\)

3. ANNA KUNIGUNDA STUPP, born 21 Dec. 1721, died 30 May 1799, married 26 Jan. 1742 CHRISTIAN GRUBER, born 18 Oct. 1712, d. 14 Nov. 1781; both buried at Bernville Cem. \(^{26}\) Her tombstone inscription states that she is the “daughter of Martin Stuep, now Stupp, and Anna Catharine Schultz.” Christian’s will was signed at Tulpehocken 7 July 1780 and proved 4 Dec. 1781. \(^{27}\) It provides for Anna Kunigunda. Their children are identified as John George (eldest son), John Adam, Albrecht, Christian, Susanna (married), Catharine, Elisabeth, and Anna Margret. The executors were sons Christian and Albrecht, the witnesses John Albert and Nicholas Haack.

4. CATHARINA STUPP, born c1725, married 4 June 1744 JOHANNES ZERBE/ZERWE. \(^{28}\) Seven children are identified in Rev. Stoever’s baptismal records for Tulpehocken: \(^{29}\) Maria Catarina (born 8 Apr. 1745), Johannes (born 23 Mar. 1748), Christian (born 25 Dec. 1750), Anna Elizabetha (born Oct. 1753), Anna Christina (born 10 Feb. 1756), Catarina Elizabetha (born 6 Jan. 1759), and Maria Margaretha (born 6 May 1761). Her brother Martin Stupp and his wife (Christina) were sponsors at the baptism of Anna Christina.

5. MAGDALENA STUPP, born 24 June 1728 at Tulpehocken, died 11 May 1814, married 28 Nov. 1748 (at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg) GEORG DANIEL SCHNEIDER, “orphan, son of Abraham.” \(^{30}\)

6. GERTRAUD STUPP, born 8 July 1730, died 14 Jan. 1812 (buried at Lutheran Cem., Church Hill, near Ellerton, MD), married 18 Apr. 1751 (at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg) CHRISTIAN PFAFFENBERGER, son of George Pfaffenberger. \(^{31}\) Letters of administration on Christian’s estate were issued 12 July 1784 to his widow, Gertraut, of Bethel Twp. \(^{32}\)

7. MARIA ELISABETHA STUPP, born c1732, married c1753 JOHANN GEORG NEFF. She was confirmed at the age of 16 years 9 Oct. 1748 (Tulpehocken).

8. MARTIN STUPP, born c1733, married CHRISTINA WALBORN. He was an Elder of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, on 25 Sept. 1778 when his son Leonard married Anna Maria Roehrer, daughter of Gottfried. \(^{33}\) Martin Stib is referred to as “brother” when named as co-executor of the will of George Walborn of Tulpehocken, dated 28 Nov. 1770. \(^{34}\)

9. ANNA MARGARETHA CHRISTINA STUPP, born 1736, married 6 Jan. 1757 JOHANN PETER RITZMANN. \(^{35}\) She was confirmed at the age of 16 years on Easter 1752 (Tulpehocken).
10. **Anna Dorothea Stupp**, born c1738. She was confirmed at the age of 14 years on Easter 1752. On 5 Mar. 1755 Dorothea, “now about 16 years of age,” indicated her desire that Philip Weiser of Heidelberg Twp. be appointed her guardian.36

11. **Abraham Stupp**, born c1742. On 5 Mar. 1755 the Berks Co. Orphan’s Court appointed Frederick Weiser the guardian of Abraham, “above 12 years of age.”37

12. **Johann Henrich Stupp**, born 7 July 1746 (baptized 3 Aug. 1746 at Tulpehocken; sponsors: Heinrich Beyer and his wife), died bef. 20 July 1753 (not in father’s will).38
Margaret Crist, the wife of David Minnick, was the daughter of Daniel Crist and Elizabeth Bish. Her paternal grandparents were Andrew Crist, Jr. and Barbara Reiff. Her maternal grandfather was Frederick Bish, whose wife has not been identified. The three identified grandparents will be discussed separately.

A. PATERNAL GRANDFATHER: ANDREW CRIST, JR.
Margaret Crist was of the fifth generation of Crists in this country. (The surname was sometimes spelled Krist or Christ.) Her paternal grandfather was Andrew Crist, Jr. (1768-1839), who was the grandson of Jacob Crist (c1710-1752). Jacob cannot be found in the lists of foreigners entering this country through the port of Philadelphia, so he may have come before 1727, the year that such records began. Jacob resided in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by the mid 1730s when he married Anna Kauffman, the daughter of Andrew Kauffman.

Andrew Kauffman emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1717 from Friesenheim in Oberamt of Neustadt, Palatinate, where he was recorded as a
Mennonite in 1716. He and his family lived on a 200-acre tract of land located near a branch of Little Conestoga Creek in Manor Township, southwest of the town of Lancaster. The land was patented to him in 1737 based on his warrant of 7 June 1735. Andrew died testate in 1744. His will, signed 12 March 1741, names only his present wife (Elizabeth) and two sons (Andreas and Christian Kauffman). The following list of the children, six sons and six daughters, appears much later (about 1761), when a final settlement of the estate was made: Andrew, Michael, John, Jacob, Isaac, Christian, Anna (wife of Alexander Stockslegel), Elizabeth (wife of Christian Meyer), Mary (wife of Christian Shenk), Anna Barbara (wife of Michael Shenk), Magdalena (wife of John Correl), and Veronica (wife of Jacob Witmer). Andrew Kauffman was married twice, his last wife being Elizabeth Kneissle, who died about 1759. Which wife was the mother of Anna is unknown.

Jacob Crist of Manor Twp. died intestate, at a fairly young age, in 1752, leaving a widow (Anna) and six minor children: Andrew, Elizabeth, Jacob, Peter, Mary, and Ann Crist. Letters of Administration were issued to Anna, his widow, on 1 June 1752. John Kagey, Andrew Kauffman (Anna’s brother), and Michael Shank were the sureties. The initial guardians of the children were Andrew Kauffman, Michael Shank, and Jacob Kagey.

Records of a session of Lancaster Co. Orphan’s Court held on 3 March 1763, indicate that the 222-acre tract of land owned by Jacob could not be di-
vided among the children “without injury to & spoiling of the whole” and that the land with appurtenances was worth £800. On motion of Mr. Atlee on behalf of “Andreas Krist Eldest Son,” the Court ordered that Andrew should have the tract of land and make payments in the following manner: (1) retain one-third of the £800 during the life of Anna, the widow, in order to pay her £16 yearly in lieu of her dower, (2) give security for the payment of the shares of the other children after Anna’s death, and (3) divide the residue (£533.6.8) into sevenths, with Andrew Crist receiving two-sevenths and each of his five siblings one-seventh. As of the date of this court session, Andrew and Elizabeth were adults, Jacob and Peter were minors above the age of 14, and Mary and Ann were minors below the age of 14.

Probably a year or two after Jacob Crist’s death, but certainly by the time of the final settlement of Andrew Kauffman’s estate (about 1761), Jacob’s widow, Anna, married Alexander Stocksle. Her death date is unknown.

Children of Jacob and Anna (Kauffman) Crist (Lancaster County Orphan’s Court records):

1. **ANDREW CRIST**, born c1738-c1742, probably was named for his maternal grandfather, Andrew Kauffman. The 222-acre tract of land acquired from his father’s estate was patented to Andreas Krist of Manor Twp. on 13 Jan. 1764. It was described as being in Manor Twp. next to lands of Michael Bixler and Walrick Shaleberger. Later that year, on 30 June 1764, Andrew conveyed it to Benedict Mellinger of Manor Twp.

Andrew married about the time he sold this land or perhaps a few years later. If this was his only marriage, his bride’s name was **Elizabeth** (surname unknown).

On 3 Apr. 1770 he obtained a warrant for 40 acres of land in Shrewsbury Twp., which is in York Co. and is bordered on the south by the Pennsylvania-Maryland line. The land, which was surveyed to him on 4 Nov. 1772, was adjacent to a tract that previously had been surveyed to him.
The Revolutionary War years "witnessed the migration of many German families from Maryland and Pennsylvania to Shenandoah and Rockingham Counties. ... A significant number of the new settlers along Smith's Creek and Linville Creek were members of the Mennonite Church and the Church of the Brethren (Dunkard)." By the mid 1780s Andrew Crist and his family had removed to Rockingham Co., probably to the Linville Creek area. On 10 Dec. 1785 Andreas Crist was one of the "members of the Menonist Church" who signed the following petition "in behalf of themselves and their religious Brethren" (some spelling corrections):

That an Article of Faith established by the said Church forbids the bearing of Arms or shedding of Human blood which Article they conscientiously believe it is their duty to obey. ... Their forefathers and Predecessors came from a far Country to America to Seek Religious Liberty; this they have enjoyed except by the Infliction of penalties for not bearing Arms which for some time lay heavy on them. But on a representation, and their situation being made known to the Honorable the Legislature, [in 1772] they were indulged with an exemption from said penalties until some few years past, when, by a revival of the Militia Law they were again enrolled and are now subject to the penalties aforesaid. Therefore your Petitioners pray that the Honorable Assembly will take their Case into their Wise Consideration and so exempt them from bearing Arms or indulge them with such Militia exemptions as any other Citizens of the Commonwealth are indulged with for Conscience Sake and as far as their Fidelity and good Example shall merit ....

Anthony Rader’s 1784 list of Rockingham Co. heads of families shows that 11 “white souls” resided in Andrew Crist’s dwelling house. A list of Rockingham Co. landowners in 1789 includes Andrew Crest, who then owned 135 acres of land.

Early deed books of Rockingham Co. were damaged by fire during the Civil War. Some deeds were completely destroyed, others partially burned in varying degrees. The following records involving Andrew’s land transactions in that county have survived:

- Feb. 1792. Surveyed for Andrew Crist 10 acres of land on the waters of Linville Creek, adjoining lands of Cornelias Briant and Strock. For 6 Acres he is the assignee of Solomon Matthew and for 4 acres the assignee of James Currie.
- 28 July 1794. Andrew Crist and Elizabeth, his wife, of Rockingham Co. conveyed to Joshua Strock of same county, for £10, ten acres of land in Rockingham Co. on Linville Creek, adjoining lands of Cornelius Briant and Strock.
- 28 July 1794. Andrew Crist and Elizabeth, his wife, of Rockingham Co. conveyed to Godlove Homan of same county, for £110, eighty acres of land in Rockingham Co. on the southeast side of Linville Creek. This land had been first granted to Abraham Miller by patent dated 1 Mar. 1773, conveyed to John Kring 22 Jan. 1776, conveyed to Robert Belsha, and then
(perhaps should be Andrew Crist) 22 Mar. 1784. Andrew signed in German script and Elizabeth by mark.

Within the next two years, Andrew and his family moved southward from Rockingham Co. to Augusta Co. By deed dated 17 June 1796, for £204, he purchased a 102-acre tract of land in Augusta Co. from William Brown and is wife, Jean. The land was stated to be on the headwaters of Christians Creek in Beverly Manor and part of the tract that Andrew Crist, Sr. lives on. This places the Crist homestead near Greenville, about 12 miles southwest of Staunton in a part of the Shenandoah Valley that was populated mostly by Scotch-Irish settlers.

Andrew died testate in Augusta Co. between 14 Jan. 1800, when he signed his will, and 22 Dec. 1800, the date it was proved. He was survived by his wife (Elizabeth) and twelve children. The will’s major provisions are as follows:

- To beloved wife, Elizabeth: one bed and bed clothes (meaning the bed on which she usually rests) with all her wearing apparel. Her maintenance as long as she continues to live with son John, who is to pay her £3 yearly.
- To sons Jacob and Andrew: each five shillings sterling.
- To daughters Polly, Barbara, Betsy, Nancy, Mary, Fanny, and Heddy: each five shillings sterling.
- To son John: the plantation whereon I now live with all its appurtenances. And I leave to John all the debts due unto me and allow John to repay all my debts. He is to teach or have taught my two sons Henry and Abram to read and write and allow them to live with him until the age of 18 years, at which time they are to be put to trades that they like best, and when they are 21 to be given a horse, saddle, and bridle worth at least £15.
Son John was appointed sole executor. The witnesses were Samuel Brown, Thomas Brown, and Robert Wilson.

An appraisal of his personal estate was submitted by Mathew Thomson, William Brown, and Thomas Willson on 25 Apr. 1801. The most valuable items were as follows: a black mare (valued at $120.00), three steers and a heifer ($28.50), four cows ($52.00), sheep ($18.33), an old wagon ($33.25), bellows, vice, anvil, hammers, etc. ($30.00), stove and pipe ($15.00), and three beds ($33.00). An unspecified number of books were valued at $7.00.

Andrew Crist’s will names five sons and seven daughters. Birth dates are known for only two offspring: Andrew (born 8 July 1768) and Mary (born 1 Aug. 1782). Two sons (Henry and Abram) were under the age of 18 when Andrew signed his will. Thus, Henry and Abram were born after 1782. It is surmised that Andrew, who married in 1795, and Jacob, who was about to marry, had received their full shares. Therefore, the birth order of the sons is presumed to be Andrew, Jacob, John, Henry, and Abram. The birth order of the seven daughters is presumed to be that in which they are listed in the will (i.e., Polly, Barbara, Betsy, Nancy, Mary, Fanny, and Heddy) and it will be assumed, in most cases, they were about 21 years of age when they married. Note that three of the children (Andrew, Mary, and Fanny) married children of John and Anna (Driver) Reiff and that at least seven of the children were married by Presbyterian ministers. Children (father’s will):

i. **ANDREW CRIST, JR.**, b. 8 July 1768, d. 4 Dec. 1839, m. 31 Jan. 1795 in Augusta Co. **BARBARA REIFF**, b. 4 Mar. 1776, d. 4 Oct. 1843, dau. of John & Anna (Driver) Reiff, both bur. at Hoover Cem., Plains Dist., Rockingham

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**KNOW ALL MEN, by these presents, that we, Andrew Crist, Jr., Robert Brood, Esquire, Governor of Virginia, and his successors, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, and each of our joint and several heirs, executors and administrators jointly, severally, firmly by these presents, dealt with one another, and dated the 31st day of January 1795, in the 19th year of the Commonwealth.**

**THE condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas there is a marriage, shortly to be.**

**Jennified between the above bound Andrew Crist, Jr. and Barbara Reiff, daughter of the John Reiff of Augusta County, if therefore there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.**

**Witnesst**

**Jenny**

**[Signature]**

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When they married, Andrew was 26 years old and his bride was 18. Andrew signed the marriage bond as did Barbara's father.

By 1803 Andrew and "Barbary," as she was called on her marriage bond and gravestone, had moved from Augusta to Rockingham Co. Some time prior to that year, Andrew had come into possession of the 102-acre tract of land on the headwaters of Christians Creek that his father had acquired from William Brown and his wife in 1794. On 24 Oct. 1803 Andrew and his wife, Barbara, of Rockingham Co. sold this land to Philip Fix of Augusta Co. for £400. It was said to be part of the tract that John Crist now lives on. A note appended to the document states that Barbara could not conveniently travel to our county seat (i.e., Staunton) to make acknowledgment of the conveyance.

The previous month, on 14 Sept. 1803, Andrew purchased a tract of land in the Marsh of Rockingham Co. from John Crim. He later acquired at least three other parcels of land in the Marsh: (1) on 17/18 May 1813 from Samuel Hoover, (2) on 17 Aug. 1813 from Barbara Pfifer, and (3) on 26 Dec. 1817 from Samuel Hoover. The total size of these four tracts was 163 acres. The Pfifer tract, the only one for which any details are known, was 8.5 acres and adjoined land of Mathias Minnick and Crist's other land.

The 1810 census shows that the Andrew Crist family resided between the dwellings of Mathias Minnick and Mathias's sister Mary Koch. This record indicates that Andrew and Barbara were the parents of four boys and two girls. The 1820 census indicates that two more boys were born during the past decade, and the 1830 census that they had no more children during the 1820s. Thus, in total, they were the parents of six boys and two girls; namely, two boys born between 1795 and 1800, one boy born 1800-1804, one boy born 1804-1810, two boys born 1810-1820, one girl born 1800-1804, and one girl born 1804-1810.

Andrew Crist died at the age of 71 years on 4 Dec. 1839. His will was among those destroyed by fire during the Civil War.

Barbara survived her husband about four years. The 1840 census lists her as a household head, Mathias Minnick's residence being between her and her son Daniel Crist’s houses. Six males (four under the age of ten) and four females (one under the age of ten) lived in Barbara’s home. At least some of these occupants probably were her son John and his wife and children.

Barbara (Reiff) Crist passed away at the age of 67 on 4 Oct. 1843. Both she and her husband were buried at Hoover Family Cemetery, located on a farm east of Timberville on the bank of the Shenandoah River. The inscriptions of only nine stones could be read in 1967, but the transcriber noted that there may be as many as twenty additional unmarked graves in the cemetery. Andrew’s stone, 170 years after it was erected, is broken, the inscription almost totally illegible. Much of the inscription on Barbara’s stone, however, though faint, still can be read.

Although Andrew’s will was destroyed by fire, a deed dated 4 Dec. 1843, shortly after Barbara’s death, identifies three of the children as Daniel and
John Crist and Elizabeth Shaver, wife of David Shaver of Madison Co., IN. Daniel and John purchased the Shavers’ one-seventh share of the real and personal estate of their deceased parents for $300. This probably indicates that Andrew and Barbara were survived by seven children or their heirs. A second deed, one dated 3 May 1844, involving sale of the real estate, identifies the executor of Andrew’s will as Jacob Minnick, who was the testator’s son-in-law. Daniel and John Crist were the highest bidders for their father’s tracts of land in the Marsh, purchasing the total of 163 acres for the price of $20.28 per acre.

Children:
(1) ? Joseph Crist, d. 1832, m. 24 Apr. 1821 Dorothy A. Bear, b. 14 Dec. 1801, d. 16 Oct. 1880 (bur. at Rader Church Cem.). If he was Andrew and Barbara’s son, he probably was born about 1797. The 1830 census is the only one in which his name appears as household head. There were two adult males in the household, one born 1780-1790, the other 1790-1800. If the former was Joseph, as normally would be presumed, he was too old to have been Andrew and Barbara’s son. An administration bond on Joseph’s estate was granted to Jacob Bare on 19 Nov. 1832, with George Branner as surety. On 1 June 1833 a guardian bond was issued to Jacob Bare regarding Joseph’s children Jacob, Jonathan, Leanna, John, and Mary Ann. Dorothy operated a public house in 1850. Three children then lived at home: Leanna (25 years old), John (23), and Mary Ann (20). Son Jacob (29), who had married Elizabeth May 5 May 1842, lived next door with Elizabeth (28) and their children: Henry (5), Sarah (3), and Leanna (1). Son Jonathan, who married Sarah Frank 8 Jan. 1847, resided elsewhere.
(2) Daniel Crist, b. 1799, m. 9 Nov. 1820 Elizabeth Bish, b. 1803 in VA, dau. of Frederick Bish. Daniel and Elizabeth’s father signed the marriage bond, the latter by mark.

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KNOW all men by these presents, that we Daniel Crist and
Elizabeth Bish, are held and firmly bound unto His Excellency
Esquire, Governor of Virginia, and his Successors, for the use of the
Commonwealth, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to which
payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors
and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed
and dated this 9th day of November, 1820 in the 40th year of the Commonwealth.
The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas a marriage is
shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound
Daniel Crist and Elizabeth Bish Daughters
of Frederick Bish, of Rockingham County if therefore, there shall be no lawful cause to
obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void: other-
wise, to remain in full force and virtue.
Signed, sealed and delivered

Crist-Bish, 1820
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In 1850 Daniel and his brother John resided in adjacent houses near Mathias Minnick’s residence. Both brothers were blacksmiths. The values of Daniel’s and John’s real estate were $4,000 and $3,000, respectively. It is surmised that Elizabeth and some of the children, too, died in the 1850s as neither she nor any of them, except Margaret and Joseph, can be found in 1860 records. It appears that some time in 1850s, Daniel moved to Salem Twp., Delaware Co., IN, where he worked as a blacksmith and lived next door to his brother David Crist and near the Andrew Minnicks. He did not own any real estate there and his personal estate was valued at only $25. Daniel apparently died in the 1860s as he cannot be found in the 1870 census. Children (1850 census):

(i) Margaret Crist, b. 22 Feb. 1824, d. 8 Jan. 1904, m. 8 Nov. 1849 David Minnick, b. 21 July 1826, d. 30 Aug. 1898, son of Mathias & Christina (Drawbond) Minnick. See Chapter 6 for further information.
(ii) Catharine Crist, b. 1829.
(iii) Caroline Crist, b. 1831.
(iv) Joseph B. Crist, b. 1833, d. bet. 1880 & 1900, m. c1864 Charlotte ____ , b. Mar. 1839 in VA, d. aft 1900. He may have been named for an uncle who died in 1832. In 1860, still single, he lived with the family of Siram Henkel, next
door to Edmond Minnick’s house. He was a blacksmith. In 1900, Charlotte, a widow, lived next to Anna Christina (Schneider) Everline, widow of Lewis. Children (1870 & 1880 censuses):


(v) David Crist, b. 1835.
(vi) Andrew Crist, b. 1837.
(vii) Amanda Crist, b. 1844.

(3) John Crist, b. 1 Feb. 1800, d. 29 Dec. 1862 (ae. 62-10-28; hemorrhage of the lungs) at Marsh, m. 10 Apr. 1827 (by Rev. Ambrose Henkel) Catharine May, b. 18 Dec. 1802 in VA, d. 26 Sept. 1874 (bur. Hoover Family Cem.). A blacksmith, in 1850 and 1860 he and his family lived in the Marsh next door to Mathias Minnick’s house. In 1860 his real and personal estate were valued at $5,200 and $800, respectively. In 1870 Catharine, a widow, lived with son John W. Children (1850 census):

(i) William Crist, b. Dec. 1832, m-1 cl 856 Rebecca __, b. 1838 in VA, m-2 cl 875 Hannah (-?) Dermout, a wid., b. Apr. 1847 in OH. A blacksmith, he moved to Jefferson Twp., Henry Co., IN, about 1858 and to Darke Co., OH, about 1875. Children (1860-1900 censuses):

[1] Elizabeth Crist, b. 1857 in VA.
[3] Permelia S. Crist, b. 1861 in IN.
[4] Mary V. Crist, b. 1864 in IN.
[5] Sara A. Crist, b. 1866 in IN.
[7] Nora Crist, b. 1873 in IN.
[8] William Crist, b. 1877 in OH.
[10] Anna Crist, b. Apr. 1882 in OH.
[12] Effie A. Crist, b. Nov. 1886 in OH.

(ii) Andrew J. Crist, b. Sept. 1834, m. c1854 Christina __, b. July 1835 in VA; res. Plains Dist., Rockingham Co. He was a miller (1870) and a blacksmith (1880 & 1900). Children (1860-1880 censuses):


(iii) Jacob Crist, b. 4 Jan. 1837, d. 26 Oct. 1913, m. c1861 Rebecca Wampler, b. 15 Apr. 1840, d. 12 Aug. 1897; both bur. at Timberville Cem. A farmer, he and his family resided next to the family of Lewis and Anna Christina (Schneider) Everline in 1880. Children:


(iv) John W. Crist, b. 8 Feb. 1839, d. 4 Aug. 1903, m. 1874 Sarah C., b. 24 Feb. 1842 in VA, d. 23 Feb. 1911; both bur. at Timberville Cem; res. in Plains Dist., Rockingham Co. He was a blacksmith (1860 & 1880). Sarah reported in 1900 that all of her three offspring were still alive. Children:

[3] Benjamin F. Crist, b. 1868, d. 1941, m. Kittie N., b. 1877, d. 1952; both bur. at Timberville Cem.

(v) Ann Crist, b. 1841.

(4) Elizabeth Crist, b.1800-1804, m. David Shaver; res. (1843) in Madison Co., IN.

(5) David Crist, b. c1804, d. 1860-1870, m. c1824, Susanna, b. 1804 in PA, d. aft. 1870. In 1830 they lived in Rockingham Co. with two sons and a daughter (all three b. 1825-1830). About 1834 they moved to Salem Twp., Delaware Co., IN, where he farmed. His older brother Daniel lived next door to David in 1860. In 1870 David’s widow, Susanna, lived with her daughter Vienna’s family (four children) in Salem Twp. Children (1850 & 1860 censuses):

(i) Mary Crist, b. 1828 in VA.
(ii) Samuel Crist, b. 1832 in VA.
(iii) Elizabeth Crist, b. 1836 in IN.
(iv) Vienna Crist, b. 1840 in IN, m. 12 June 1859 in Delaware Co. Reuban Richmond, b. 1836 in VA.
(v) David P. Crist, b. 1842 in IN, m. 12 Apr. 1863 in Delaware Co. Rebecca A. Burns.

(6) Nancy Crist, b. 30 June 1807, d. 10 Oct. 1876 (bur. Rader Church Cem.), m. 17 May 1829 Jacob Minnick, b. 22 June 1802, d. 30 Dec. 1881, son of Mathias & Catharine (Fertig) Minnick. Maternal grandfather John Rife’s 1824 will states that Nancy was then residing with him in Augusta Co. See Chapter 4 for further information.
(7) Andrew Crist, b. 21 May 1814, d. 23 Nov. 1838; bur. at Hoover Family Cem. On 19 Oct. 1840 Jacob Good was appointed as guardian of Barbara Ann Crist, minor daughter of Andrew Crist, with Jacob Minnick acting as bondsman. On 21 May 1849 Christian Foltz was named as her guardian with Jacob N. Cowan as bondsman.

ii. JACOB CRIST, b. c1770, m. 14 Apr. 1800 LYDIA MOWRY in Augusta Co. (by Rev. William Wilson, Presbyterian), dau. of Lewis Mowry.

iii. JOHN CRIST, b. Aug. 1771, d. 9 Apr. 1860 (cancer) near Mint Spring, Augusta Co., m. 15 Jan. 1807 in Augusta Co. (by Rev. William McPheeters, Presbyterian) MARY MILLER, b. c1786, d. bef. 1850, dau. of Jacob Miller.

Children:


2. John Crist, b. c1810, d. 4 Feb. 1881 in Augusta Co.; unmar. He was a blacksmith.

3. Andrew Crist, b. c1812, d. aft. 1890, m-1 14 Nov. 1836 in Rockingham Co. Elizabeth A. Vigar, m-2 16 Feb. 1854 in Augusta Co. Juliet Ann Andrew, m-3 c1861 prob. in Rockingham Co. Mary S. Rhodes.

4. Samuel Crist, b. c1814, d. 13 Apr. 1876; unmar. He was a blacksmith.

5. Elizabeth Crist, b. c1816, d. 17 Oct. 1894, m. 15 June 1841 William Swink. No issue.

6. Henry Crist, b. c1816, prob. d. c1852; res. (1850) in household of sister Elizabeth Swink.

7. Sarah E. Crist, b. 1822, d. bef. 6 Mar. 1907; unmar.

8. Mary Ann Crist, b. c1824, d. 26 Dec. 1869; unmar.

iv. POLLY CRIST, b. c1776, m. 7 Dec. 1797 in Augusta Co. (by Rev. Archibald Scott, Presbyterian) THOMAS FRAZER.

v. BARBARA CRIST, b. c1778, m. 5 Nov. 1805 in Augusta Co. (by Rev. John McCue, Presbyterian) THOMAS SHEETS.

vi. ELIZABETH ("BETSY") CRIST, b. c1779, m. 21 Sept. 1800 in Augusta Co. (by Rev. Daniel Garber) JACOB SPITLER, JR.

vii. NANCY CRIST, b. c1781, m. 21 June 1802 in Augusta Co. (by Rev. William King, Presbyterian) HENRY SNIDER.

viii. MARY CRIST, b. 1 Aug. 1782, d. 23 Dec. 1865, m. 8 Mar. 1807 in Rockingham Co. JACOB REIFF, b. 1781, d. 26 Apr. 1832 (ae. 50-9-9), son of John & Anna (Driver) Reiff; both bur. at Rife Cem., northeast of Timberville.

ix. FANNY CRIST, b. c1782, m. 28 Feb. 1803 in Augusta Co. (by Rev. William King, Presbyterian) JOHN REIFF, JR., son of John & Anna (Driver) Reiff. They moved to Indiana.

x. HENRY CRIST, b. aft. 1782.

xii. Hetty Crist, b. c1787, m. 25 Feb. 1808 in Augusta Co. (by Rev. William McPheeters, Presbyterian) Christopher Burkholder, b. c1780 in PA, d. 1824 in Rockingham Co. Administration of Christopher’s estate was granted to Hetty on 1 Mar. 1824, and on the same date guardianship also was granted to Hetty for six children: Betsy, Barbara, Francis, Henry, Luna, and Polly. In 1827 guardianships of daughter Ann and son Jacob were issued to Joseph Armentrout and Jacob Burkholder, respectively. Son Henry married Elizabeth Reubush. A miller in Augusta Co., Henry was the ancestor of Andrew L. Leath of Tyler, TX, who was helpful in researching the Crist family.

2. Elizabeth Crist, born c1738-c1742.

3. Jacob Crist, born 1742-1749. Orphan’s Court records of Lancaster Co. indicate that on 3 Mar. 1763, a minor above the age of 14, he chose John Kagey of Manor Twp. as his guardian. He may be the Jacob Crist who was co-executor of the will of Michael Hoh of Rockingham Co., which was signed 23 Apr. 1794. (Abraham Miller, the other co-executor declined.) The legatees were (1) Jacob Crist and his wife, Margaret (Hoh) Crist, of Augusta Co., (2) Elizabeth Hoh, and (3) Catharine Hoh. These legatees, on 15 June 1795 for £140, sold a 70-acre tract of land inherited from Michael Hoh to Abraham Miller of Augusta Co. On the same day, Abraham Miller and his wife (Catharine) then sold the same tract of land for the same amount to Jacob Crist. The land, which adjoined land of Martin Surface, was located near the Middle River of the Shenandoah. In 1811 Samuel Gerber and Mathew Robinson, the executors of the will of a Jacob Crist, sold two tracts of Augusta Co. land.

4. Peter Crist, born 1742-1749. According to Lancaster Co. Orphan’s Court records, on 3 Mar. 1763, a minor above the age of 14, Peter chose Alexander Stockslegle of Manor Twp. as his guardian.

5. Mary Crist, born aft. 1749. On 3 Mar. 1763 the Orphan’s Court of Lancaster Co. appointed Michael Kauffman as her guardian.


B. Paternal Grandmother: Barbara Reiff

Margaret (Crist) Minnick’s paternal grandmother was Barbara (Reiff) Crist, who was born 4 March 1776 and died 4 October 1843. The American progenitor of Barbara’s male line was her great-grandfather Joh. Jacob Reiff, a Mennonite who came to America with two brothers, Hans and Abraham Reiff, at an early date, perhaps about 1717. (The surname sometimes was spelled in other ways, the main variant being Rife.)
By virtue of a warrant dated 4 Sept. 1734, a 300-acre tract of land situated in Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was surveyed for Jacob Reiff 7 Apr. 1736 and later was patented to him. The tract adjoined lands of Herman Long, Jacob Hestant, Isaac Harris, George Hessber, and Christopher Holdeman. Three years afterwards, Jacob Crist also obtained a warrant for a large tract of land in Hempfield Township. (See Section A of this appendix.) These properties were located a few miles west of the town of Lancaster.

Joh. Jacob Reiff of Hempfield Township died in 1756 between 4 January and 9 February, the dates his will was signed and proved. The executors were Jacob Gutt and Henry Nessly. He was survived by a wife, Elizabeth. His land was to be divided equally between sons John and Jacob. Children:

1. JACOB REIFF, married CATHARINE _____. He had a son Joseph who was born at Greenbrier, VA (now WV) in 1758, and was a land trader in the Shenandoah Valley in 1760.

2. JOHN REIFF/RIFE, born 1724, died 1778, married c1744 ANNA GARBER, died c1782, daughter of Nicolaus and Elizabeth Garber. Anna’s mother, Elizabeth Garber, married second Michael Miller, Sr. There is evidence that John moved to the vicinity of Leitersburg, just south of the Pennsylvania line in Frederick (now Washington) Co., MD, where he and his family lived on a large farm (481 acres) purchased from his wife’s mother and her second husband, Michael Miller, in 1765. He and Anna sold this land to Christian Lantz in 1775, and moved to the Linville Creek area of Rockingham Co., VA.

John died in 1778, about three years after moving to Virginia, and Anna died in 1782. Both died testate, but the record books containing their wills were destroyed by fire. William Dunlap and Emmy Riffe were the executors of the estate of John Riffe, and were bonded on 24 Aug. 1778 with David Thompson and Nicholas Shaver as sureties. The executors of Ann Riffe’s estate were Jacob Bowman and Henry Shank with William Dunlap and Godlief Homan serving as bondsmen on 25 Mar. 1782.

Children (father’s will):
1i. MARIA RIFE, b. July 1746 in Lancaster Co., d. 22 Mar. 1788 (ae. 41-8) in Rockingham Co. (bur. at Lindale Cem., Edon, VA), m. 1769 in Lancaster Co. ABRAHAM BRENNEMAN, son of Melchior Brenneman and Ann Good. An executor bond was issued in Rockingham on the estate of an Abraham Brannaman 21 Mar. 1815 to Melchior and Daniel Brannaman.
ii. **John Rife**, b. c1748, d. Apr. 1824 in Augusta Co., m. c1770 Anna Driver, b. c1749, dau. of Ludwig/Lewis Driver (c1725-1772) and Anna Barbara Sprenkle (c1728-1781). John and his brother Jacob are presumed to be the Johannes and Jacob Reiff who, as members of “the Menonist Church,” signed a petition to the General Assembly in 1785. (See Section A of this appendix for text.) Three of John and Jacob’s brother-in-laws also signed this petition (or a similar one submitted in 1784): Abraham Brenneman, Henrich Shang, and Abraham Biery. Anthony Rader’s list of Rockingham Co. heads of families in 1784 includes the following names and the numbers of “white souls” in the household: John Rife (3), Jacob Rife (5), Abraham Branaman (9), Henry Shank (4), and Nicholas Berry, the latter possibly the father of Abraham Beery.¹⁰

In 1799, it is said, John Rife bought a 116-acre farm at Ginner’s Gap (apparently in the general vicinity of Waynesboro), Augusta Co., where he and Anna lived until his death. John Rife of Augusta Co. signed his will (by mark) 5 Apr. 1824, and it was proved 21 days later.¹¹ Son Daniel “of Augusta Co.” was appointed as executor. The witnesses were Philip Hains, Jn⁹ Armstrong, Tho⁵ Armstrong, and James B. Armstrong. Provisions were made for the comfort of his widow, Anna. After her death, the household and kitchen furniture were to be sold and the proceeds divided among all the children. Son Daniel inherited the family homestead with all the farming materials and livestock. Daniel was to pay specified sums of money and items to his brothers John and Jacob and to his sisters Barbara, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Maclelan. Barbara’s daughter Nancy “that lives with me” was to have her mother’s share. Farm animals and equipment accounted for a large portion of the total value of his personal estate, which was about $590. A silver watch was valued at $8.00 and a large Bible at $1.00. Children (father’s will), birth order somewhat uncertain:

1. Mary Rife, b. c1771, m. 1 Mar. (or 25 Dec.) 1792 in Rockingham Co. (by Benjamin Bowman) Abraham Crumpacker.¹²
2. Elizabeth Rife, b. c1772, m. 31 Mar. 1793 (by Archibald Rutherford) in Rockingham Co. Joel Crumpacker.¹³
3. Barbara Rife, b. 4 Mar. 1776, d. 4 Oct. 1843, m. 31 Jan. 1795 in Augusta Co. Andrew Crist, Jr., b. 8 July 1768, d. 4 Dec. 1839; both bur. at Hoover Family Cem. She is identified as the daughter of John in the marriage record. See Section A of this appendix for further information.
4. John Rife, b. c1776, m. 28 Feb. 1803 in Augusta Co. (by William King, Presbyterian) Fanny Crist.¹⁴ They moved to Indiana.
5. ? Nancy Rife, b. c1780, m. 9 Apr. 1801 in Augusta Co. (by William King, Presbyterian) Jonathan Shirley.¹⁵ She is not in her father’s will, but her marriage record identifies her as the daughter of John, who as surety, signed “Johann Reiff.” She apparently had a daughter named Nancy Shirley, born c1819, who resided with her uncle Daniel Rife in 1850 and 1860.
(6) Jacob Rife, b. 1781, d. 26 Apr. 1832 (ae. 50-9-9), m. 8 Mar. 1807 in Rockingham Co. Mary Crist, b. 1 Aug. 1782, d. 23 Dec. 1865, dau. of Andrew Crist; both bur. at Rife Cem., northeast of Timberville.16

(7) Sarah Rife, d. aft. 5 Apr. 1824.

(8) Daniel Rife, b. 1787, d. aft. 1860, m. Susan , b. 1792. He inherited the family homestead, which was in the Waynesboro District near the residence of James Armstrong, one of the witnesses to his father’s will. The 1830 census indicates that a boy 10-15 years of age resided with them. He may have been a only child. In 1850 Magdaline Rife, apparently his unmarried sister, made her home with them as did Nancy Shirley (born c1809), apparently the daughter of his sister Nancy (Rife) Shirley. In 1860 the only other persons in his home were Elizabeth Rife, 30 years old (possibly a daughter-in-law), William A. Rife, 12 (probably a grandson), and Nancy Shirley. His post office address in 1860 was Burke’s Mill, which is near Weyers Cave and the Rockingham Co. line. His place of birth in the 1850 and 1860 censuses is stated to be Pennsylvania, whereas it is thought that his father then lived in Virginia. It should be noted that Mason and Mason have confused him with his first cousin (son of Jacob Rife), 1795-1864, who resided in Rockingham and Shenandoah Co. and was buried at Emanuel Lutheran Church Cem., New Market.17

(9) Magdalena Rife, b. 1794, prob. d. in 1850s. Unmarried, she resided with her brother Daniel in Augusta Co. in 1850.

iii. JACOB RIFE, d. 1816 in Rockingham Co. The executors were Joseph, Jacob, and John Rifee, who were bonded on 19 Mar. 1816 with David and Samuel Bowman and a third man (surname illegible) as their sureties.18 Children:

(1) Joseph Rife.

(2) Jacob Rife.

(3) John J. Rife, m. 23 May 1820 in Rockingham Co. Ann Cline. They moved to Logan Co., OH, about 1820.

(4) Daniel Rife, b. 15 Aug. 1795, d. 27 Oct. 1864, m-1 13 Nov. 1818 Sally Garver, m-2 5 Jan. 1839 Elizabeth Cline, b. 30 Jan. 1807, d. 2 Jan. 1871; he and Elizabeth bur. at Emanuel Lutheran Church Cem., New Market, Shenandoah Co., as are two of their children.19 He had moved to Rockingham Co. and was the father of three children of each sex by 1830. In 1840 two children, both boys, lived at home, one under 5, the other 10-15. By 1860 he, his second wife, and their five children resided at New Market, where he was employed as a “teacher of Common school.”

(5) Ann Rife.

(6) Catherine Rife.

iv. ABRAHAM RIFE.

v. ANNA RIFE, b. 1761, d. 1819, m. HENRY SHANK, b. 1758, d. 1815, a Mennonite Bishop. The administrators of Henry’s estate, who were bonded on 16 May 1815, were Catharine Shank and Jehu Gum.20
vi. MagdalenA RIFe, b. c1766, m. 1786 in Rockingham Co. Abraham Beery, b. 1762. She is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cem., Singers Glen, VA (no inscribed dates visible).\textsuperscript{21}


5. Esther Reiff.

C. Maternal Grandfather: Frederick Bish
Margaret (Crist) Minnick’s maternal grandfather was Frederick Bish, who was born in July 1758 at Strasbourg, Alsace, and died in late 1839 or early 1840 in Brush Creek Township, Highland County, Ohio. Frederick’s father was Theobald Bish. Almost surely, he is the Theobald Bish who arrived in 1770 at the port of Philadelphia on the ship Minerva, Thomas Arnott, Master, which had sailed from the port of Rotterdam.\textsuperscript{1} He was one of the 84 adult male passengers that signed the oath of allegiance required of all such foreign immigrants at “Messieurs Willing and Morris’s Store,” Philadelphia, on 1 October 1770. Theobald signed by mark (“O”). Theobald undoubtedly was accompanied by his twelve-year-old son Frederick and perhaps other children and a wife, but no record of the names of women and children who arrived on the Minerva was kept.

Theobald Bish, according to an unconfirmed report of a family researcher, was born 18 December 1733 at Preuschdorf, which is in the Alsace region of France about 20 miles north of Strasbourg and approximately the same distance west of Karlsruhe, Germany.\textsuperscript{2} His parents are said to have been Hans Diebold Bisch and Anna Marx. It should be noted that Diebold is another spelling of Theobald, and that the name often appears as Dewalt or Dewald, which sometimes has been incorrectly anglicized to David.

By 1778 the Bishes must have resided in Shenandoah County, Virginia, because that is where Theobald’s 19-year-old son Frederick lived when he joined the Continental Army and fought at the Battle of Monmouth on 28 June 1778. Although his name does not appear in the 1784 list of household heads in either Shenandoah or Rockingham County, Theobald’s home was in Rockingham County by 24 September 1792. On that date David Bish purchased 154 acres of land in that county from Henry Paupe(?) and his wife, Elizabeth.\textsuperscript{3} Rockingham County tax listings include Dewald Bish for 1797, the earliest year for which I have transcriptions of such records, through 1805.\textsuperscript{4} His sons Peter and Frederick also appear in these tax listings for various years, Peter first in 1797 and last in 1806, Frederick first in 1798 and last in 1807, the latest year for which I have transcriptions.
By 1800 Theobald's farm had expanded to 205 acres and his son Frederick and his family also lived on the property. On 6 May 1800 father and son signed the following Articles of Agreement by which Frederick would inherit the property provided he cared for his father and his step-mother, Mary, in a number of specified ways (some changes in punctuation and capitalization; emphasis added): 5

Articles of Agreement between Dawald Bish of Rockingham County ... of the one part, and his Son, Frederick Bish of the same place of the other part as follows Viz. ... Dawald Bish hath bargained and agreed upon with his son Frederick Bish to sell unto him his Plantation whereon they both now live ... containing two hundred & five acres of land. Witnesseth that ... Dawald Bish hath sold unto his son Frederick Bish the ... land and plantation with the [provisions that] Frederick Bish shall pay to his father ... yearly ... thirty bushels of wheat, fifteen bushels of rye, twenty bushels of corn, sixteen bushels of oats, and thirty-five pounds of milled hemp and shall yearly plow and sow a quarter of an acre flax ground for him, and shall also give him two wagon loads of hay yearly & two wagon loads of second crop hay.

Item. He shall give him fifty-five pounds of fresh beef yearly & two hundred pounds of fresh bacon, and two bushels of salt.

Item. He shall let his father have the house where he now lives in for himself and his wife as long as they shall live and the garden by the house & the spring-house with the yard by the house & all the fruit trees in the yard by the house, what we now call the little orchard, the yard by the house shall run north ten rods and west as far till it takes in all the fruit trees in the little orchard, westward it shall run to the lane by the barn and south it shall run to the fence joining the woods.

Item. He shall find firewood for his father & his wife ... he shall hawl it to the house & cut it fit for their hearth ....

Item. He shall supply them with shoes yearly as many as they shall want ...and if his father ... should die before his wife, then shall ... Frederick Bish pay to his relict yearly twelve bushels of wheat, seven bushels & a half of rye, & ten bushels of corn, and all the rest of the within mentioned articles, except no oats, and also the house & garden, and spring-house, and firewood and shoes ... and also the yard, except the fruit that she don't want for her house use, that shall ... Frederick make [cider] of and give her the thirds of it, or if his wife should die before him then shall he have the said articles as was mentioned for his wife, also shall ... Frederick Bish build them a good stable in their yard as soon as they shall please to have it ... & also shall ... Dewald & likewise his wife after him have a right to put their cattle in the fields & meadow in pasture where
... Frederick Bish puts his cattle in pasture, and also shall ... Frederick Bish give them straw as much as they want for their cattle. It is further agreed that if ... Frederick Bish shall & doth well & truly pay to his father ... & to his wife all the said articles as are within mentioned yearly ... , then shall he from this date have full possession of the remainder of said plantation, to cultivate & plant, & to live on it as he thinks fit, and after his father's ... & his wife's death, he shall have the said plantation for his right of possession ..., for the sum of one hundred pounds ... which he shall pay after his father's & step-mother's death according to his father's ... last will & testament, it is further agreed that if ... Frederick Bish should fail & not faithfully perform according to all the within mentioned articles to pay his ... father & step-mother yearly ... then shall his father have a full right to call for two or three impartial honest men & make his complaint to them, & the ... men shall instruct ... Frederick Bish to do justice to his father & step-mother according to the meaning of this agreement, and if he then would not perform according to these ... articles, then shall it be in the force & power of two or three justices to make void of this agreement and destroy it and the same right & power shall his wife Mary have after her husband's death ... It is further agreed that if ... Frederick Bish shall pay to his father & stepmother yearly ... according to the true meaning of all these aforesaid articles, then shall the executors ... of ... Dawald Bish's last will & testament make a good & lawful deed of conveyance to ... Frederick Bish for the said land, soon after his father's & stepmother's death for himself and his heirs .... For the true & faithful performance of ... the ... agreements ... Dawald Bish & his son Frederick Bish do bind themselves ... in the penal sum of two hundred pounds ... to be paid by the party falling to him or them that shall keep and observe the same. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals this twenty-sixth day of May ... one thousand eight hundred. 1800.

Both father and son signed by mark. The witnesses were Martin Garber and Rebecca Garber.

Devalt Bish died in Rockingham County probably in early January 1807 because on 20 January 1807 an executor's bond was issued to Frederick Kenestrick, with George Dove as surety.6 (On that same day, Frederick Bish and Henry Eaton were co-sureties for the bond issued to the executors of Henry Fry's estate.7) If Theobald was born in December 1733, as has been claimed, he was 73 years old when he died.

By 1819 Theobald's widow, Mary, resided in Botetourt County, whose seat is at Fincastle, over 80 miles southwest of Harrisonburg. She probably had moved there to live with her step-grandson George Washington Bish, who is
known to have married in that county in 1816. On 1 March 1819, Mary Bish of Botetourt County, for $120 deeded to Frederick Bish "of the same county" all her rights to the plantation in Rockingham County "formerly belonging to her deceased husband Dewalt Bish" and released him from all obligations imposed by an agreement between him and his father dated 26 May 1800. Mary's death date and place are unknown.

Two children of Theobald Bish have been identified; namely, Frederick and Peter. The name of the mother of these children is unknown.

1. Frederick Bish was born in July 1758 at Strasbourg, Alsace, and in the autumn of 1770 came to America with his father on the ship Minerva. Much of what is known about Frederick appears in the following affidavit, which he submitted in connection with his application for a Revolutionary War pension. He signed the document by mark on 19 Nov. 1833, when he was 75 years old and resided in Greene Co., which is in the southwest corner of Pennsylvania adjoining the Virginia (now West Virginia) line. His memory was that he came to America when he was about six rather than twelve. The deposition mentions two battles in which Frederick participated: the Battle of Monmouth, which was fought on 28 June 1778 in New Jersey, and the Battle of Yorktown, which took place between 28 Sept. and 19 Oct. 1781 in Virginia.

State of Pennsylvania, Greene County
On the 19th day of November in the year ... one thousand eight hundred & thirty-three personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Frederick Bish, a resident of Greene County, Pennsylvania aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn ... doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

Informant was born in Strasburg in Germany in July 1758 and removed to America when he was about six years of age. He has no knowledge of any record being kept of his age & only knows it by verbal information from his father.

Deponent first entered the service of the United States about two years before peace was declared, as a substitute for Leonard Mowry, who was drafted for three months in the company commanded by Capt. Crookshank in the regiment of Col. Brown. Deponent then lived in Shenandoah County, Virginia. During the above three months of service, deponent was in the Battle of Monmouth. After serving out his three months ..., deponent was discharged, but has since lost his discharge.

About one month afterwards Deponent again engaged as a substitute for Samuel Rodeheffer, who was drafted for three months in the company commanded by Capt. Lewis in Col. Archibald Rideford's regiment and marched from his home in Shenandoah County, Virginia to Norfolk, Va., where deponent served out his three months & was discharged, but has since lost his discharge.
Deponent then returned home & after remaining three months again started as a substitute for Matthias Loving, who was drafted for three months in the company of Capt. Welsh in Col. John Brown’s regiment. Deponent marched to Yorktown and served in that Battle during these three months service. After his three months mentioned above was served out, he immediately enlisted for and during the war under Captain Kelly in the regiment commanded by Col. Bowman. He served in the above regiment till peace was declared between Great Britain and the United States of America.

Deponent has no documentary evidence of his services, and now knows of no person living by whom his services can be proved.

Deponent recently removed from the eastern part of Virginia to a remote part of Greene County, Pennsylvania, in which there is no clergyman to whom he can refer but he refers to Mr. Abijah N. Johnston and Daniel Hook, Esqrs. to prove his veracity & reputation and belief of his having been a Revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

The response of the Pension Office to a query made in 1937 states that the pension was granted (Certificate No. 25903 issued 27 Jan. 1834) in the amount of $30 per annum. It further states that in 1839 Frederick was living in Highland Co., OH, where he had moved to be close to his children, son Jacob being the only child mentioned.

Frederick was 23 years old when he completed his military service. He probably married about 1784, but the exact date and place and the name of his spouse are unknown. The event does not appear in the documented marriage records of Rockingham or Shenandoah County, the most likely places of its occurrence. The Articles of Agreement discussed previously states that Frederick resided with his father on a 205-acre farm in Rockingham Co. in 1800, and he was taxed in that county at least from 1798 through 1807. His wife apparently died between 1811, when she gave birth to her last child, and 15 Dec. 1818, when he married in Shenandoah Co. Barbara Weatherholtz, daughter of Henry Jacob Weatherholtz and Mary Sceifert. Frederick then was 60 years old. Barbara, who would give birth to her last child in 1835, was considerably younger. Census data indicates she was born between 1794 and 1800, which would mean she was between 18 and 24 when she married Frederick.

As previously mentioned, Frederick’s step-mother, Mary, on 1 Mar. 1819 relinquished to Frederick her rights to the Bish 205-acre homestead. The following month, on 6 Apr. 1819, Frederick and Barbara sold two tracts of land totaling 11 acres, located on “the Timberridge near the north fork of Shenandoah River,” for $120 to John Stolph. The conveyance states that Frederick had purchased the land from John Lincoln on 25 Jan. 1815.

For a short period of time after their marriage, Frederick and Barbara resided in Botetourt Co., but by 1820 they lived in Rockingham Co. as did his recently married son Peter. Frederick was in the over 45 years age category and Barbara in the 16-26
group. Living with them were three males (one each in the 16-26, 10-16, and 0-10 categories) and two females (one each in the 16-26 and 0-10 categories). By 1830 they had moved to Center Twp., Greene Co., PA. Frederick, who was 72 years old, fell in the 70-80 age group, Barbara in the 30-40 category. Five youngsters resided in their home: one boy 10-15, one boy and two girls 5-10, and one boy 0-5. In the 1830s, in order to be close to his son Jacob and possibly other children, Frederick moved his family to Brush Creek Twp., Highland Co., in southwest Ohio. But he had passed away in late 1839 or early 1840 before that year’s census was taken. The 1840 census shows Barbara living next door to Jacob Bish. She fell into the 40-50 age category, and four persons lived with her: one young man 15-20, a boy and a girl 10-15, and one girl 5-10.

If Frederick's death occurred between July 1839 and July 1840, which is quite likely, he was 81 years old when he died. Remarkably, he seems to have fathered seven children by Barbara, the last one born in 1835 when he was about 77. Barbara's death date is unknown; she cannot be found in the 1850 or later censuses.

Children of earlier wife (name unknown):

i. WILLIAM BISH. He may be the William Bish who appears in the 1850 census for Rush Co., IN, as a 69-year-old farmer whose place of birth was Pennsylvania. His wife was MARY, who was born in 1784 in Virginia. It should be noted that in 1781 his reputed father, Frederick, resided in Shenandoah Co. and in the fall of that year participated in the Battle of Yorktown.

ii. FREDERICK BISH. Said to have been born in 1786, he cannot be found in census records.

iii. JOHN BISH, b. 20 Jan. 1788 in VA, d. 20 Aug. 1866 in Wayne Co., IN, m. 23 Nov. 1810 in Rockingham Co., VA (bondsmen: Wm. Campbell and Thomas Hanney) ANNE ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, b. 1791, d. aft. 1860. A farmer, he had moved to Ohio by 1824 and by 1850 to Clay Twp., Wayne Co., IN. Children (1850 census):

(1) George W. Bish, b. 1824 in OH.
(2) Eleana Bish, b. 1831 in OH.
(3) David Bish, b. 1835 in OH.

iv. JACOB BISH, b. 1789 in Rockingham Co., VA, d. 1864 in Brush Creek Twp., Highland Co., OH, m. 24 Sept. 1818 in Rockingham Co. MARY KELLEY, b. 1795 in VA, d. aft. 1860. By 1820 he and his bride had moved to Brush Creek Twp., Highland Co., OH. Census records for 1840, when they lived next door to his father’s widow, indicate they had a son and two daughters.

v. GEORGE WASHINGTON BISH, b. 23 Mar. 1794 in VA, d. 1 May 1869 in Davis Co., IA, m. 10 Sept. 1816 in Botetourt Co., VA, SUSAN M. NOFSINGER, b. 1796 in VA. By 1820 they had moved to Lewisburg, Muhlenberg Co., KY, where the lived next door to John Nofsinger. They had a boy and a girl under the age of 10 years. By 1850 they had moved to Miller Twp., Scotland Co., MO, where they still resided in 1860. His half-brother Abraham moved to Scotland Co., MO, in 1854.
   (1) Sarah Bish, b. 1826 in OH.
   (2) Noah Bish, b. 1828 in OH.
   (3) Mary Bish, b. 1829 in OH.
   (4) Sophia Bish, b. 1832 in OH.
   (5) Andrew Bish, b. 1834 in OH.

vii. DEWALT BISH, b. 1798, d. aft. 1860, m. 20 Feb. 1821 in Rockingham Co. MARY DRAWBOND, b. 1800 in VA, d. aft. 1860, dau. of Conrad and Mary (Zigler) Drawbond. (See Chapter 3 for information regarding Mary’s parents and siblings.) By 1840 they resided in Violet Twp., Fairfield Co., OH, as did Dewalt’s brother Peter. A farmer, he and Mary continued to live in Violet Twp. in 1850, but by 1860 had moved to Truro Twp., Franklin Co., OH. Children (1850 & 1860 censuses):
   (1) Haney Bish, b. 1831 in OH. (An 1850 census note states that Haney is “insane.”)
   (2) Amanda Bish, b. 1834 in OH.
   (3) Jackson Bish, b. 1836 in OH.
   (4) George W. Bish, b. 1837 in OH.
   (5) Sarah Bish, b. 1841 in OH.
   (6) Lydia Bish, b. 1843 in OH.

viii. JOHN PETER BISH, b. c1800 in VA, d. bet. 1842 & 1846 in Fairfield Co., OH, m. 3 Apr. 1820 in Rockingham Co. SOPHIA GROVES, b. 1805 in VA, d. aft. 1850. By 1840 they had moved to Violet Twp., Fairfield Co., OH, as had Peter’s brother Dewalt. Some time after Peter’s death, Sophia moved to Blanchard Twp., Hancock Co., OH, where she lived with several of her children in 1850. Children (1850 census):
   (1) Andrew Bish, b. 1827 in VA.
   (2) Henry Bish, b. 1833 in OH.
   (3) Catharine Bish, b. 1837 in OH.
   (4) Leannah Bish, b. 1840 in OH.
   (5) Peter Bish, b. 1843 in OH.

ix. ELIZABETH BISH, b. 1803 in Rockingham Co., m. 9 Nov. 1820 in Rockingham Co. DANIEL CRIST, b. 1799, son of Andrew Crist & Barbara Reiff. See Section A of this appendix for further information.

Children of Barbara Weatherholtz:

x. ABRAHAM BISH, b. 13 Oct. 1819 in VA, d. 12 Dec. 1902 in Santa Rosa, CA, m-1 1840 in Sinking Springs, Highland Co., OH, SUSAN SHIPLEY, b. Sept. 1822 in PA, d. 5 Oct. 1857, m-2 1859 CYNTHIA (-?-) BURTON, a widow, b. 1821 in VT, d. aft. 1880. In 1854 he moved from Highland Co., Ohio to Scotland Co., Missouri, which is where his half-brother George W. lived, and in 1864 to Jackson Co., Oregon. He was a farmer. The 1880 census states that his father was born in Holland. Children, all by Susan:

1. William Griffin Bish, b. 1841 in OH.
2. Sarah A. Bish, b. 1843 in OH.
3. Ann M. Bish, 1845 in OH.
4. Sildon Weber Bish, b. 1848 in OH.
5. Allen W. Bish, b. 1850 in OH.
6. Austin Wilkins Bish, b. 14 Mar. 1852 in OH, d. 5 Aug. 1914 at Stettler, Alberta, Canada.
7. Thomas B. Bish, b. 1854 in MO.
8. Lewis W. Bish. b. 1855 in MO.
9. Martha Bish, b. 1857 in MO.

xii. ISAAC BISH, b. 1823 in VA, d. c1847 in Highland Co., OH.

xiii. LYDIA ANN BISH, b. 16 July 1821 in VA, d. 1866 in Highland Co., OH, m. 19 Mar. 1840 DANIEL BUTLER, b. 1816 in DE; res. in Brush Creek Twp., Highland Co., OH (1850 & 1860). He was a farmer. They had five children, born 1841-1850: Leonard, Sarah, Henry, Jacob, and Frederick Butler.

xiv. SUSANNA BISH, b. 25 Oct. 1824 in Greene Co., PA, d. 1880 in Highland Co., OH.

xv. ANDREW JACKSON BISH, b. 1833 in Greene Co., PA, d. 1860s, m. c1850 CATHARINE ___, b. 1832 in OH. A laborer, he lived in Concord Twp., Highland Co., OH, in 1860. By 1870 he had died and Catharine had married William White. Children (1860 & 1870 censuses):

1. George W. Bish, b. 1852 in OH.
2. Levi Bish, b. 1854 in OH.
3. Francis M. Bish, b. 1856 in OH. He lived with the George W. Butler family in 1870.
4. Sarah J. Bish, b. 1859 in OH.
5. Lydia A. Bish, b. 1861 in OH.

xvi. RACHEL BISH, b. 1835 in Greene Co., PA, d. 17 May 1895 in Hancock Co., OH, m. 2 Nov. 1856 in Highland Co., OH, JOHN J. PEABODY. John died, probably in the mid 1860s, and in 1870 Rachel lived in Brush Creek Twp., Highland Co. Children, born 1856-1859: Francis M. and James Peabody.

2. PETER BISH was born in Pennsylvania in 1778, eight years after his father arrived at Philadelphia. He married 12 Sept. 1797 in Rockingham Co. (John Welsh, minister) PHEBE BLAZER. Peter was only 18 or 19 years of age, so consent was given by “Tewalt Bish, father of groom.” Jacob Blazer was surety for the bond. Peter is listed in
Rockingham Co. tax records for 1797 and 1806. The 1810 census for that county shows that, 13 years after their marriage, they had three sons and two daughters.

By 1820 Peter had moved to Christiansburg, Montgomery Co., VA, about 120 miles southwest of Harrisonburg. He and his wife were in the 26-45 age category, and they had three more children, all sons, born 1810-1820. In 1830 they still resided in Christiansburg, but by 1840 they had moved somewhat further southwest to Newbern, Pulaski Co., VA. That year (1840), both fell in the 60-70 age category.

Peter died in Pulaski Co. at the age of 63 or 64 years on 26 Mar. 1842. Census data indicate that he fathered six sons and two daughters, who were born between 1798 and 1820. These children have not been identified.
MARY ELLEN (EVERLINE) MINNICK (1864-1944)

Mary Ellen Everline, the wife of Joseph Franklin Minnick (I), was the daughter of Lewis Everline and Anna Christina Schneider, both of whom were born in Germany. Lewis Everline’s parents have not been identified, but Anna Christina’s parents are documented in the Kirchenbuch (church book) of the village of Weissenhasel, Germany.¹

Anna Christina Schneider, her parents, her grandparents, and probably at least several earlier generation were born at Weissenhasel, a small town on the Hasel River. The present jurisdictional orientation places it in the Landkreise (new county) of Rotenburg, Kassel Administrative District, state of Hessen. The nearest large city is Kassel, 27 miles to the northwest.

Because of political repression and economic misery caused by poor agricultural yields, overpopulation, decline in mining, and low activity in weaving of linen and production of flax, emigration from Weissenhasel to North America began in 1835.² The most popular port of debarkation was Baltimore. It is estimated that about 25% of the Weissenhasel population emigrated to the United States in the 19th century.³

Anna Christina’s father was Johann George Schneider (hereafter called George), the son of Johann Martin Schneider (hereafter called Martin) and
Anna Christina Schmidt. This couple (Martin and Christina) were married on 13 June 1791, and George was born nine months later—on 11 March 1792.

Weissenhasel area, recent map (grid lines are approx. 4.65 miles apart)

George Schneider, for an unknown period of time (probably during the later years of the Napoleonic Wars, which ended in 1815), was a grenadier (infantryman) in a battalion commanded by “von Cosberg.” On 7 November 1819 George married a widow, whose maiden name was Anna Maria Saur. Her first husband, Balzer Siebert, had died without issue in 1817.

A census of Weissenhasel taken in 1834, when Anna Christina was eleven years old, indicates that the George Schneider household included three girls under the age of 15, two males and three females 15-60, and no persons over 60. The total population of the town was 694 (253 under the age of 15, 398 between 15 and 60, and 43 over 60).

According to the Weissenhasel Kirchenbuch, George and Anna Maria Schneider had three children, all daughters:

1. Anna Catharina Schneider was born 26 June 1820. She married 19 July 1845 at Weissenhasel Johann Mengel, Jr., a carpenter, who was born 16 Oct. 1824. In 1853 they emigrated to America with their three young children. By 1860 John and Catharine resided at Martinsburg, Berkley Co., VA (now WV), where he worked as a carpenter, and had two more offspring. The parents cannot be found in the 1870 or 1880 censuses. Children, the first three born at Weissenhasel:
   i. Marie Mengel, b. 17 Aug. 1846.
   ii. Johann Heinrich Mengel, b. 16 Oct. 1849. He may be the John Mingle who married c1870 Hannah __, born 1849 in VA and in 1880 lived at
Martinsburg, WV, where he worked as a laborer. Children (1880 census): Fanny (b. 1872 in MD) and Charles (b. 1878 in WV) Mingle.

iii. ANNA CHRISTINE MENGLIL, b. 22 Jan. 1852.

iv. SUSANNA MENGEL, b. 1854. In 1870 she worked as a domestic servant in the home of Ferdinand Gerling, a Martinsburg, WV grocer.

v. REGINA MENGEL, b. 1858.

2. WILHELMINA SCHNEIDER was born 12 February 1822 and died the same day.

3. ANNA CHRISTINA SCHNEDIER was born 25 April 1823 at 1 o’clock in the morning. She was named in honor of her grandmother Anna Christina (Schmidt) Schneider, who was the witness at her confirmation on 4 April 1837. In 1848, at the age of 25 years, Christina was one of 28 residents of Weissenhasel who emigrated to North America. They first had to travel overland about 200 miles north to the port of Bremen. From there they sailed to Baltimore on the ship Marianne, F.G. Warkmeister,

Weissenhasel Emigrants on “List of 180 Passengers on board the Bremen ship Marianne from Bremen, burden 472 tons, built at Bremen, bound for Baltimore, by F.G. Warkmeister, Master”—Arrival Date: 2 June 1848

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Master. The total number of passengers carried by this ship, whose burden was 472 tons, was 180. All of the Weissenhasel emigrants were between deck rather than cabin passengers. The ship arrived at Baltimore on 2 June 1848.

The manifest contains the following information about each passenger: Christian name, surname, place of last residence, profession, age, baggage, and place of destination. The facts reported for the Weissenhasel travelers are given in the preceding table. Three family groups contained a total of 20 persons: (1) Hein: George, a 54-year-old farmer with his wife and six children, (2) Martin Braun, a 35-year-old farmer with his wife, three children, and apparently his mother-in-law and two sisters-in-law, and (3) Agnes Sandrock, apparently a widow, with three children. Of the persons unattached to families, three were young women, all listed as servant maids, and five were young men, three of whom were weavers, one a shoemaker, and one a joiner. The relationships of Christina to Heinrich Schneider and Heinrich Schmidt, two of the unattached men, are unknown. Christina brought all of her possessions in one box. (See later photo in this appendix.)

For some unknown reason, a number of these passengers, including Christina, gave Tennessee as their destination; the others stated it to be Baltimore. According to Christina’s obituary,

Thirty [of the passengers] walked to New Market, Va., learning there were Germans in this section. They came plainly and scantily clad, without money and friends, unable to speak our language, foot sore, weary, but full of faith.

The winding roads they traveled made their journey much longer than the straight line distance of 120 miles between Baltimore and New Market. Some of the newcomers may have continued up the Shenandoah Valley toward the Tennessee line, 260 or more miles further to the southwest. At least one of Christina’s fellow passengers, Conrad Linhoss, undoubtedly was aware of the German community in the vicinity of New Market since two of his brothers, Henry and Frederick Linhoss, had come to Virginia in the late 1830s and settled near Dayton, Rockingham County.

Information regarding these three Linhoss brothers and a fourth one (Philip), who emigrated in 1854, is summarized below.

i. HENRY LINH OSS, b. 20 July 1810, d. 8 Feb. 1895, m. 30 June 1840 in Rockingham Co. (by Rev. Jacob Bachtel) CATHARINE WETZEL, b. 7 Nov. 1811, d. 22 July 1873. He came to America in 1838 and moved to the Dayton, VA area shortly after his marriage. A shoemaker, he lived with his son Adam in 1880. Children who did not die young:

(1) David H. Linhoss, b. 31 Oct. 1841, d. 18 Nov. 1864.
(2) Elizabeth Linhoss, b. 8 Dec. 1844, d. 20 Nov. 1906.
(3) Mary Francis Linhoss, b. 25 May 1848, d. 28 Sept. 1875.
(4) Adam Linhoss, b. 16 Sept. 1850, m. 18 Dec. 1874 Elizabeth ___, d. 24 Nov. 1906.
(5) Frederick Linhoss, b. 25 May 1851, d. 24 Oct. 1863.

ii. PHILIP LINH OSS, b. 13 Jan. 1816, d. 10 Apr. 1896, m. c1843 BARBARA ROSS, b. 18 Mar. 1818, d. 19 Jan. 1904; both bur. at Bank Mennonite Cem. near Rushville, Rockingham Co. After an eleven-week voyage on the ship George out of Bremen, Philip, his wife, and their three children arrived at Baltimore in Aug. 1854. A linen
weaver, he settled his family near Dayton, VA, and joined the Mennonite church. Twin boys, Philip and Carl, died in Germany. Other children:

1. George Linhoss, b. 24 Nov. 1845, d. 1922; unmar. He operated a furniture store at Dayton and was in the real estate business.

2. Adam Linhoss, b. 30 Nov. 1849, d. 16 May 1931, m. 11 June 1874 Eve Wenger, b. 10 Sept. 1849, d. 7 June 1817. A carpenter, he resided near Dayton.

3. Conrad Linhoss, b. 1851 or 1852.


iii. CONRAD LINHOSS, b. 31 Dec. 1817, d. 1899, m. 24 July 1848 in Shenandoah Co. (by John Snyder) SUSANNA BEARD (or BARRETT), b. 31 Dec. 1825, d. 10 Apr. 1901 at New Market. He arrived from Weissenhasel at Baltimore on the Marianne on 2 June 1848. Susanna, who was not from Weissenhasel, was a passenger on the same ship. They settled near New Market, where they belonged to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. In 1880 Susanna, a widow, lived with her daughter Emma V. Funkhouser.

Children:

1. Lewis Linhoss, b. 1848, d. bef. 1860.

2. Adam Henry Linhoss, b. 16 Sept. 1850, d. 25 Oct. 1920, m. Elizabeth, b. 8 Dec. 1844, d. 24 Nov. 1906; both bur. at the Dayton, VA, cem.

3. John Conrad Linhoss, b. 15 Dec. 1855, d. 1937, m. Anna Aurelia, b. 8 Aug. 1855, d. 20 May 1920; res. at New Market. He was a pall-bearer at the funeral of Christina (Schneider) Everline in 1910.

4. Louise Catharine Linhoss, b. 22 Jan. 1857, d. 6 Dec. 1939, m. 1880 Silon A. Henkel, b. 1852, d. 1926, son of Paul & Caroline (O'Roark) Henkel.


6. Mary Ellen Linhoss, b. 4 Oct. 1862, d. 17 May 1945, m. 1881 Abram Funkhouser, b. 1859, d. 1941.

iv. FREDERICK LINHOSS, b. 29 May 1823, d. 18 May 1894, m-1 ETTA B. GARBER, d. 1876, m-2 1878 FRANCES SPITZER, b. 1830. He is buried at Brethren Church Cem., Linville (near Broadway). He arrived at Baltimore from Weissenhasel in 1839. A soldier in the Mexican War and the Civil War, he lived with his brother Henry in 1860 and in 1880 resided near the farm of John Minnick (son of Mathias, Jr.) in the Plains Dist., Rockingham Co. Child, by Etta:


Christina’s obituary describes the reception she and her ship-mates received upon their arrival at New Market:

As we learn from some of our old citizens, they assembled at the “doctor-shop” of the late Dr. Solomon Henkel. Here they found some who could speak the language of the “Fatherland,” and manifested friendly feelings. The sons and daughters of “grandmother” Henkel and others hurriedly constructed a rude table in the lot, just across the street from our [printing] office and bountifully fed them. Then the girls—some now grandmothers and others gone to their reward—busied themselves in making clothing for these wandering Germans in a strange land. Some of them wore wooden shoes, which are yet in our town as evidences of the time “when the Germans came.” But this was not the
end. Homes for them, among honorable people, must be found. "Grandmother" Henkel selected a girl, and told her children to pick out the one they thought best, without consulting or telling each other. Each said Christina, for her pure, honest face, and quiet, humble, thankful demeanor won all. Then she and the late Frederick Offman became the inmates of this home, whilst some went into related and other families, and others to the adjoining country of Rockingham.

Christina won the heart of her fellow-countryman, Lewis Everline. He lived with the late Dr. Godfrey, a son of "grandmother" Henkel, who in no uncertain words admonished the youthful Lewis, that if he wasn’t good, kind, and faithful, she would forthwith bring Christina back home. Mrs. H.’s daughter-in-law, Mrs. S.P.C. (Maria) Henkel, whose first son, Dr. Miller A. Henkel, of Winter Park, Fla., Christina nursed, made the latter’s wedding dress. The marriage took place in the parlor with as much consideration and love, as if Christina had been a daughter.

Lewis Eberline and Christina Schneider’s marriage bond was dated 22 Dec. 1849, about a year and a half after Christina’s arrival at New Market, and they were wed on Christmas Day by Rev. Ambrose Henkel. Christina was 26 years old. Lewis (or Ludwig), who was born 28 July 1824 at “Eba Kur-Hessen, Germany,” was 25. He settled in the New Market area after emigrating through the port of Baltimore in 1844.

Eba or Iba is the name of a section and village in the landkreise (new county) of Rotenberg in the administrative district of Hessen. The village of Iba is only about six miles southwest of Weissenhasel, so it is entirely possible that Lewis already was acquainted with Christina or some of the other newly arrived Marianne passengers.

The name “Ludwig Eberline” appears on a 9 Jan. 1848 list of subscribers that raised $422.40 for the construction of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Market.

Lewis Everline had a brother (Conrad) and a sister (Catharine). Quite possibly, one or both of them emigrated with Lewis in 1844.
APPENDIX C

i. CONRAD EVERLINE/EBERLINE, b. 1816 in Kur-Hessen, Germany, d. 11 Nov. 1885 in 70th year, married c.1848 ELIZABETH, b. 20 July 1824 in Virginia, d. 5 Jan. 1900; both bur. at St. Mary’s Pine Church Cem., two miles west of Mount Jackson. His name is spelled Everline in the 1850 census and on his daughter Leanah’s marriage bond, but Eberline in other censuses and on his gravestone. A farmer, he resided in the Ashby Twp., Shenandoah C. Children (1850, 1870, 1880, & 1900 censuses):

(1) Caroline Eberline, b. 1850.
(2) Leanah Everline, b. Mar. 1852, m. 3 July 1901 in Shenandoah C. John W.M. Fry, b. 1853 in VA, a widower, son of John & Elizabeth Fry.17
(3) Catharine Everline, b. c.1854.
(4) Julia A. Everline, b. July 1855; unmar. (1900).
(5) William M. Everline, b. 5 Aug. 1857, m. 1885 Caroline, b. 12 Nov. 1854, d. 13 Sept. 1919; stone for both in New Mount Jackson Cem. does not contain his death date.18 No children lived at home in 1900. He attended the funeral of Christina (Schneider) Everline in 1910.
(6) Andrew J. Everline, b. Jan. 1867, m. c.1898 Ida, b. Nov. 1878 in VA. He attended the funeral of Christina (Schneider) Everline in 1910.

ii. CATHARINE EVERLINE, b. 1 Jan. 1820 in Kur-Hessen, Germany, d. 2 May 1898, married 1 April 1846 GIDEON P. TUSING, born 27 Mar. 1819 in Virginia, d. 4 Apr. 1898; both buried Solomon’s Church Cemetery, near Forestville, Shenandoah County.19 A tailor, in 1860 Gideon lived near Forestville next door to Lewis and Christina Everline. Children (1850-1880 censuses):

(1) John M. Tusing, b. 4 Jan. 1847, d. 1 June 1869; bur. at Solomon’s Church Cem.20
(2) Martha J. Tusing, b. 27 July 1851, d. 1 Feb. 1932, m. Amos Moore, b. 7 Apr. 1843, d. 12 May 1908; both bur. at Grace United Church of Christ Cem. near Mount Jackson.21 She attended the funeral of Christina (Schneider) Everline in 1910.
(3) Milton F. Tusing, b. 8 June 1855, d. 16 Mar. 1935, m. c.1880 Sarah, b. 1849, d. 1923.22
(4) Cornelius Tusing, b. 1861.

On 31 Dec. 1852, three years after marrying Christina, Lewis purchased from Thornton and Catharine Rolls, for $300, a 0.84-acre lot with a small house in the village of Forestville, about six miles north of New Market.23 The lot adjoined lands of his brother-in-law Gideon Tusing and the road from Forestville to Solomon’s Church. In 1859 he bought another lot at Forestville, which he and Christina sold two months later for a small profit.24 In 1869 he sold a small strip of his lot at Forestville to his neighbor Gideon Tusing, retaining the privilege of “hauling all his provender” to his own stable through Tusing’s gate.25 Lewis’s signature in German script appears to be written “Ludwig Eberline.” On 7 May 1881 Lewis and Christina, signing by marks, conveyed their house and lot, for $300, to Solomon T. Shutters. The lot is described as adjoining lands of G.P. Tusing, Charles Shulter, and Joseph Burkett on the south side of the road between Forestville and Solomon’s Church.

Although they retained ownership of the Forestville property until 1881, by 1870 they had moved to the Plains District of Rockingham Co., and in 1880 they resided in an area called “the marsh.” The 1880 census indicates that the only house
Top-Left: Inscription on box of "Anna Christina Schneider Weissenhasel 1848"
Center-Left: The Schneider house, demolished ca. 1979
Bottom-Left: Descendants from Christina's family
Right: Emilie Welch

Note: All photos were taken in 1984, the box in the house of Joseph F. Minnick (III), the others during a visit to Weissenhasel by Fred Welch and his wife, Emilie
between theirs and David Minnick’s was the dwelling of John Knupp. Jacob Crist, first cousin of Margaret (Crist) Minnick, resided on the other side of them. Their four daughters, all unmarried, lived at home, and 17-year-old John Tusing, a servant, also was a member of the Everline household. Within the next five years, two of the daughters (Margaret and Mary Ellen) would marry young men of the neighborhood (Samuel H. Moyers and Joseph F. Minnick). In the words of Eva (Minnick) Esque, daughter of Joseph F. Minnick (I) and Mary Ellen Everline,

... the Everlines moved to what we call the mash [sic], lived in a large brick house that was where the small brick house is today. It was built from the same bricks by a Mr. Minnick [Mathias Minnick] from Penn[sylvania]. It is within sight of Grandfather [David] Minnick’s home place. That is how Mama and Papa met, living so close.27

On 9 June 1881, a month after selling the Forestville property, Lewis purchased for $1,142.50 a 28.6-acre tract of land situated on the north side of “New Market and River Bridge Turnpike” adjoining lands of C. Shirley, Moses Kipp, and John P. Zirkle.28

Good records of Rader Lutheran Church communicants and confirmants exist for the five-year period Oct. 1877 through Nov. 1882, but are sparse or non-existent for the periods of time earlier in the 1870s and later in the 1880s. From Oct. 1877 through Nov. 1882, Lewis’s name appears nine times in these records, Christina’s six times, son Haller’s twice, and each of the four daughters from five to eight times.29

Probably shortly after purchasing the property in June 1881, Lewis, Christina, and their two unmarried daughters moved to the 28.6-acre farm near New Market where the Advent Academy was built.

Lewis Everline, “being of sound memory but weak in body,” signed his will on 12 April 1899.30 He devised all of his estate to his “beloved wife Christina,” requesting that she take care of unmarried daughters Catharine and Maria “as we have both done during our married life.” Upon his wife’s death, C.W. Bennick and M.A. Price were bequeathed, in trust, the entire estate for the maintenance of these two daughters. After their deaths, the trust was to be terminated and the remaining estate divided among all the heirs. During their lives, the two unmarried daughters were to have possession of the house, garden, and yard.

Lewis died on 25 June 1899 at his home near New Market. He was buried at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, New Market.31 Three family members later would be interred in the same plot: daughter Maria in 1904, widow Christina in 1910, and daughter Catharine in 1938. His obituary reads as follows:32

Lewis Everline departed this life at his home near New Market, Virginia, June 25, 1899 aged 74 years, 10 months and 27 days. He was born July 28, 1824, at Eba Kur-Hessen, Germany. He came to America in 1844, landing at Baltimore, Maryland; thence he came to New Market, Virginia, where he has since resided. His illness was not long; in fact, he was not sick. His death was sudden. He was a good Christian gentleman respected and honored for his uprightness and integrity. For years he has been a consistent member of Emmanuel Lu-
theran church, in whose faith he departed. He was a lover of the German Bible, as all Germans are. He was found dead kneeling by the bedside, so his last thoughts were a communion with his Redeemer. He will be sadly missed. Such men are a genuine loss to both church and community. To mourn his departure he leaves a wife, four children, and one sister. His body was laid away in Emmanuel cemetery, June 26, 1899, funeral by his pastor, Rev. E.H. Kohn; sermon, Psalm 31, 1.

The 1900 census identified Christina, then 77 years old, as a farmer. Christina died on 16 December 1910, having survived her husband by over eleven years. In 1910, the year of her death, she lived with her daughter Catharine in the family home near New Market. Their next door neighbor was Edward O’Roark, who later that year would be one of the pall-bearers at Christina’s funeral. The portion of her obituary, titled “Death of an Aged Lady,” that was not previously quoted reads as follows:

Bowed down with the infirmities of age and some ailments, Mrs. Christina Everline died rather unexpectedly at her home, near New Market, Va., Friday morning, Dec. 16, 1910, at 9 o’clock; aged 87 years, 7 months, and 21 days. Her funeral took place from Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. Enoch Hite, pastor, on Sunday at half-past ten o’clock a.m., in the presence of an attentive congregation.

Messrs. Thomas I. Zirkle, Ed. O’Roark, John C. Linhoss, Thos. M. Rice, Samuel Arehart and D.J. Bowman were the pall-bearers. Mr. J.C. Linhoss is a son of two Germans who came to the United States, with the deceased in 1847 or ’48.

Mr. A.J. Everline [son of Conrad Everline], of Mt. Jackson, and Mrs. Martha Moore [daughter of Catharine (Everline) Tusing] and Mr. W.M. Everline [son of Conrad Everline], of that neighborhood, near relatives, among others, attended the funeral.

The deceased is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Samuel (Margaret) Myers and Mrs. Joseph (Ella) Minnick, of Hupp; and Miss Kate Everline, near town. Her only son Haller, died in 1879; her husband June 25, 1899, at the age of 74 years, 10 months, and 27 days, and a grown, sorely afflicted daughter, Anna Maria, about 1904.

Mrs. Everline (nee Schneider) deserves more than a passing notice, and her life shows what may be accomplished by faith, patience, and perseverance amidst the most adverse circumstances. She was the daughter of “poor but respectable parents,” and born in the little village of Weisenhausen, Cur Hessen, Germany. In her girlhood days, she and other Germans embarked in a sail vessel, as second-class passengers, for the United States, seeking to better their conditions and find homes. They were many long weeks, (when it now takes days) on the ocean, suffering many discomforts. They landed at the port of Baltimore in 1847 [sic].

...There was a genuine, sympathetic feeling, which continued to this day. Mrs. Henkel is still living at the age of 84, whilst all of these (30) sturdy hard-working thrifty Germans have gone from earth to where toils and troubles have
ceased. They helped develop and make this section better; lived simple, chaste lives; respected and obeyed the laws of the land; reverenced the church, being full of a living faith and piety, and raised respectable, industrious families. Have others done as much, even under more favorable circumstances? Peace abide with them.

In the words of granddaughter Eva (Minnick) Esque,

[Grandmother Everline] did and lived like they did in Germany. Conditions were not good in Germany. She was a Christian woman and wanted to live in peace. She read her Bible and lived it and discussed it with her neighbors. I remember going in through the fields to her house, which was always neat and clean.³⁴

Children:

i. **Anna Maria Everline**, b. 1 Apr. 1851, d. 18 July 1904; unmar.; bur. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cem.³⁵ She is described in her mother's obituary as "sorely afflicted."

ii. **Margaret E. ("Maggie") Everline**, b. May 1854, d. 1931, m. 9 Apr. 1884 Samuel H. Moyers, b. Sept. 1857 (or 1859), d. 1931; both bur. at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem. See Chapter 5 for further information.

iii. **Catharine Everline**, b. 8 Dec. 1857, d. 4 Jan. 1938; unmar.; bur. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cem.³⁶

iv. **Haller (or Heller) Everline**, b. 21 Aug. 1860, d. 5 May 1879 (ae. 18 yrs.); unmar.; bur. at Rader Lutheran Church Cem.³⁷ He was confirmed at Rader Church on 21 Oct. 1877 and was a communicant on 20 Oct. 1878.

Chapter 1. Johann Peter Münch (1698-1766) & Johann Simon Münch (1700-1782) of The Palatinate, Germany, and Tulpehocken, Pennsylvania

A. The Palatinate, Germany (pages 1-7)

1. Evangelische Kirche Gommersheim (BA. Landau) Kirchenbuch, 1686-1794. LDS Microfilm #0488531. Entries in this and other church books pertaining to persons or families that emigrated to Pennsylvania first appeared in the study "Amerika-Auswanderer des 18. Jahrhunderts aus südpfälzischen Gemeinden" in the supplement entitled Mitteilungen zur Wanderungsgeschichte der Pfälzer edited by Dr. Fritz Braun and Dr. Friedrich Krebs, of the periodical Pfälzische Familien- und Wappenkunde, Volume II, Nos. 5 and 6 (1956). The study was translated from German by Dr. Don Yoder and published in the 1957 Spring issue of The Pennsylvania Dutchman as "Pennsylvania Dutch Pioneers from South Palatine Parishes." To increase its availability to researchers, it was reprinted under the title "German Emigrants from Palatine Parishes" in The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 25 (1967-68).


4. Evangelische-Reformierte Kirche Gommersheim (BA. Landau) Kirchenbuch, 1665-1796. LDS Microfilm #0193869. This film contains entries for Freisbach as well as Gommersheim.


7. Ibid.

8. Ibid.


10. Elliott, Blue Book of Schuylkill County, 387.


12. Ibid., 248-252.

B. Journey to Philadelphia (pages 7-11)

5. Ibid. xlvi-xlvii.
8. Ibid., xli.
9. Ibid., 4-6.
10. Ibid., 171.
12. Ibid., 81-82.

C. Tulpehocken, Pennsylvania (pages 11-14)

1. In 1819 the town of Bernville was built by Thomas Umbenhaur on land that his grandfather had acquired after immigrating from Bern, Switzerland, in 1737. In the year 2000 the population of the borough of Bernville was 865. The borough, only 0.4 square miles in size, is bordered by Jefferson Township on the west and by Penn Township on the north, east, and south.
3. Ibid., 139.
4. Ibid., 260-261.
5. Ibid., 250-251.
6. Ibid., 76.

D. Peter Münch and His Children (pages 14-24)

2. The baptism date is given as 5 Sept. 1742 in the book of Stoever’s records and as 24 Jan. 1741 in Weiser's translation.
4. Warrants M-655 and M-656, Lancaster Co. Warrant Registers, 1733-1957, RG-17, Records of Land Office, Pennsylvania State Archives. No information regarding survey return or patent for Peter’s tract is provided.
5. Berks Co. Deed Book 21:51. The consideration was £20.
6. Ibid.
7. Simon Minnich’s Lessee vs. Enoch Weaver regarding ejectment for 300 acres of land in Pinegrove Twp., proceedings held 5 March 1805. A photocopy of the court documents and a typed transcription thereof was provided by Debbie Kandybowsk 14 May 1995.
8. Ibid.
9. Ibid.


14. Peter Minich Estate File, Berks County Courthouse, Reading.

15. Prothonotary Court papers, Reading, regarding arbitration of the case Minnich vs. Minnich, 29 Nov. 1774. A copy of the abstract of the case was provided by Debbie Kandybowski 29 Apr. 1995.


28. Ibid., 76.

29. Ibid., 44.


32. Ibid., 76.


35. Ibid.


39. *Abstracts of Berks County Wills, 1752-1785*, 50. The executors were Mathias Wagner and friend Johannes Trautman; Hans and Geo. Presler and Bernhard Mots were the witnesses.

40. History recited in Berks County Deed Book 4:298.

41. Berks County Deed Book 4:298.


47. Minnich, "Short Minnich Genealogy."


49. Berks County Deed Book 15:419.


51. Ibid., 373.

52. Ibid., 368.

53. Ibid., 371.


57. Ibid., 366.

58. Warrants M-161, M-202, M-206, and M207, Berks Co. Warrant Registers. Also see Elliott, *Blue Book of Schuylkill County*, 368-370 for further information regarding those tracts acquired by deed and the sale by Conrad of some of the tracts. Elliott cites Berks County Deed Book 9:123 and 9:400 for the first two of these purchases.

59. Ibid., 371; and *Pennsylvania Archives*, Third Series, Volume 6, 281.


63. Newspaper items provided by Debbie Kandybowski, 29 Apr. 1995.

64. "Letters of Administration, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania." Issued 12/4/1807 to Conrad Menich. The sureties were Joseph Alter and John Geist.


66. Ibid., 377.

67. Pleas before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, April Term 1793 (Loeser XXI, 69). A copy of an abstract of the case was provided by Debbie Kandybowski, 29 Apr. 1995.

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E. Simon Münch and His Children (pages 24-29)


7. "Tombstone Inscriptions, Bernville, Pa.," 47.

8. Ibid.

Chapter 2. Johann George Michael Münch (c1740-1798) of Berks & Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania

A. Berks County, Pennsylvania (pages 30-31)

1. Early Lutheran Baptisms and Marriages by Rev. Stoever, 68.
2. Weiser, Tulpehocken Church Records, 1730-1800, 16. This record includes the obscure statement "11 Canter" in reference to Mathias Wagner. Frederick S. Wieser, the translator of Stoever’s records, in reply to my letter of 13 Dec. 1985, said that he never figured out what it means.
3. Early Lutheran Baptisms and Marriages by Rev. Stoever, 68.
4. Elliott, Blue Book of Schuylkill County, 379. The deed was not recorded.
7. Warrant M-226, Berks Co., Warrant Registers, 1752-1957 The patent is recorded in Book P19:205; the survey is copied in Book C122, p. 72.
NOTES AND REFERENCES


B. Franklin County, Pennsylvania (pages 31-38)
1. Franklin County Deed Book 3:74. The witnesses were George Hetich and Christopher Oyster.
2. The history of the church is from the web site for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chambersburg.
3. Franklin County Deed Book 6:360.
4. George Michael Minich Estate File (will, inventory, vendue, accounts), Estate File #467, Franklin County Courthouse, Chambersburg.
5. Franklin County Deed Book 4:524. The witnesses were John Reitzel and Josiah Crawford.
6. Matty Minich Estate File (inventory, accounts), Estate File #725, Franklin County Courthouse, Chambersburg.
7. Franklin County Deed Book 8:169.

C. Children of George Michael & Magdalena (Wagner) Munch (pages 38-55)
1. Elliott, Blue Book of Schuylkill County, 383; and Berks County Marriages, 1730-1800, Volume 1, 17. The surnames are spelled Peenedom & Muenchin in the marriage record.
3. Ibid., 2-3.
4. Estate File of Barbara Benethum (letters of administration, inventory), Berks County Courthouse, Reading. The inventory was taken by Philip Schalm and David Steach.
6. Ibid. All of the information is from this source unless otherwise indicated.
7. Mary Susan Cunningham, "Benedum," Foor Genealogy Website.
8. Berks County Marriages, 1730-1800, Volume 1, 67; and Benadum, The Benadum Benedum Bennethum Family, 92. The surnames are spelled Binneton and Munch in the marriage record.
11. Ibid., 2-3.
12. Fairfield County Deed Book E, 256, as abstracted in Benadum, The Benadum Benedum Bennethum Family, 93.
15. C.M.L. Wiseman, Pioneers of Fairfield County, 109, as abstracted in Benadum, The Benadum Benedum Bennethum Family, 93.
17. George Benedum/Benadum Estate File (Case #1607), Fairfield County, OH, as abstracted by Jean Collier, Fairfield Co. Chapter OGS and published in 1998, p. 43.
19. Elliott, Blue Book of Schuylkill County, 381.
20. Franklin County Deed Book 8:168.
21. Abstracts of Franklin County Wills and Administrations, Franklin County Historical Society.
22. Nissen Family Genealogy Website.
23. Berks County Marriages, 1730-1800, Volume 1, 80.
24. Ibid., 78.
26. Ibid., 21.
27. Ibid., 20. This page includes the births of David and Magdalena Koch's four children.
28. Ibid., 21.
29. Ibid., 22.
31. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 21.
32. Berks County Marriages, 1730-1800, Volume 1, 87; and Elliott, Blue Book of Schuylkill County, 383. The surnames spelled Jeckel & Muench in the marriage record. His surname was spelled a variety of ways including Yeakel or Yeakle.
33. Mathias "Yeagly" Estate File (will, codicil, inventory, vendue, accounts, distribution) Berks County Courthouse, Reading.
34. Elliott, Blue Book of Schuylkill County, 381; and Nissen Family Genealogy Website. One or more date on the gravestone or the transcription thereof quite likely is in error. It is suspicious that the month and day of death (26 Oct.) are the same for both Michael and his wife and also are same as the months and days in Michael's age at death (10 mos. 28 dys). It also is noted that Michael's birth date, as calculated from the stated death date and age at death, is 30 Nov. 1771, which is only ten months and several weeks after the birth date for his sister Elizabeth. For these reasons, I have used just a year (namely, 1772) for Michael's birth date.
35. Michael "Minnig" Estate File (Case No. 5465), Franklin County Courthouse, Chambersburg.
36. Nissen Family Genealogy Website. This source does not include Margaret, wife of Charles Evans.
37. Elliott, Blue Book of Schuylkill County, 381. The Nissen Family Genealogy gives her death year as 1866, but 1856 seems to be correct as she is not in the 1860 census.
38. History of tract recited in Rockingham County Burnt Deed Book BDB 000:209.
39. Rockingham County Burnt Deed Book BDB 000:209. The witnesses were Jacob Rife, Ezekiel Harrison, and Henry Stofle.
40. Rockingham County Burnt Deed Book 0000:175.
42. Christopher Henry Droegemuller, trans., Record Book of Rader Lutheran Church, Timberville, Virginia (1762-1889 with interruptions), revised by William A. Rader & edited by June L. Rader (Sarasota, FL: William A. Rader, 1990), item #137. The information regarding the births and baptisms of six children of John and Elizabeth Minnich was found "on a loose paper in back of the Record Book."
44. Ibid., 127; and survey in Rockingham County General Deed Book A: 128. The 33 acres were on the North Branch of the Shenandoah adjoining Ketner's and his own land.
With regard to the 40-acre tract, John Minick as the assignee of George Rader and it was a part of George Huston's 1793 warrant for 1,000 acres. It was described as "lying between the lands of Andrew Andes Crumbougher and the North Mountain in a place called the forest.

45. Droegemuller, Record Book of Rader Lutheran Church, item #14.


47. Rockingham County Burnt Deed Book 0000:373, 375. References are made to George Minick's having purchased 302 acres from Peter Zetty 21 Dec. 1813 and to Brock's Gap.


49. History recited in Rockingham County Burnt Deed Book 0000:332. The land was conveyed by Gad Gillman.

50. Rockingham County Burnt Deed Book 0000:332, 494. His spouse's name is given as Betsy on one deed and Elizabeth on the other. She signed both documents by mark.

51. Gravestone Inscriptions, Salem Stone Church Cemetery, Lower Frankford Twp. Cumberland County Cemeteries website; and Nissen Family Genealogy Website.

52. Abstracts of Wills and Administrations, Franklin County; Franklin County Historical Society, Chambersburg.

53. Cumberland County Deed Book Q, Vol. 1, 538, as abstracted by Benadum, The Benadum Benedum Bennethum Family, 92. George's wife's name is given as "Mary," which probably indicates her full name was Maria Magdalena.


56. Ibid.

57. Leonard Minich Estate File (will), Cumberland Co. Courthouse, Carlisle.


59. Gravestone Inscriptions, Salem Stone Church Cemetery and Possum Hill Church Graveyard, Cumberland County Cemeteries website.

60. Nissen Family Genealogy Website.


63. Unless otherwise indicate, the information is from Bowman and Parson, George Bowman and His Descendants, 150-157.


65. Vogt and Kethley, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, 256.

66. Ibid., 213.


68. Ibid., 189.

69. Vogt and Kethley, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, 218; and Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 23.
NOTES AND REFERENCES

76. Ibid., 174.
77. Ibid., 184.
78. Ibid., 184.
79. Ibid., 184.

Chapter 3. Mathias Munch/Minnick (1776-1860) of Pennsylvania and Rockingham County, Virginia

A. Marriage to Catharine Fertig (pages 56-59)
3. Rupp, *Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania From 1727 to 1776*, 334. The listing for this ship is of inhabitants from Franconia, the Palatinate and Zweibrücken—seventeen Roman Catholics, twenty-five Mennonites—554 passengers.
6. Ibid. Also see Leonard Munch section of Chapter 2.
10. Except as otherwise indicated, the information is from Charles H. Fattig's letters of 11 May 1986 and 3 Oct. 1987. Mr. Fattig is a descendant of Jacob Fertig (c1782-1853).
12. Bordon, *Tombstone Inscriptions*, 179. The inscription, in addition to providing her birth and death dates, states that she was born in Cumberland Co., PA.
13. Stewart and Wust, *Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845*, 34. The source indicates that a "fraktur file of Shenandoah History" contains a fraktur giving the birth dates of two children: Catherine and Andrew.

B. Move to Rockingham County, Virginia (pages 59-62)
5. Tax records, microfilm, Virginia State Archives, Richmond.
river a mile or more below Timberville at the original Hoover tract." A map prepared by Strickland in 1930 has The Mash written in along the banks of Long Glade. Another local historian, Nancy B. Hess, states that the Marsh is "the rich lowlands east of Timberville, [which] provided good homestead for early Valley settlers," and that a resident of the neighborhood had informed her that "the Marsh is an area just north of Concord and that the stream there is sometime referred to as the Mash." See Nancy B. Hess, comp., The Heartland "Rockingham County" (Harrisonburg, VA: author, 1976), 153, 159.

10. Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 177. Her age is stated to be 37 years, 2 months, 24 days.

C. Marriage to Christina Drawbond (pages 62-68)

2. Ibid., 416.
3. Rockingham Co. marriage records, Courthouse, Harrisonburg; and Edna M. Bentz, DecipherGermanic Records (San Diego, CA; author, 1982), 7.
6. Ibid., 52. John Nave was surety.
9. Ibid.
10. Ibid., 414.
11. Ibid., 283
12. Ibid.
15. Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 177.
16. Ibid. The notation by the transcriber is "Stone broken and age cannot be read."
17. J. Robert Swank, comp., A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., including a few in neighboring Augusta and Shenandoah Counties (Singers Glen, VA: author, 1967) original hand-written manuscript, 380-381. This record reads, "d 20 Dec 1873, 79th yr." If this reading of her age is correct, she was 78 years old when she died, which means she was born in 1795 (or the last ten days of 1794).
18. Typed copy of original letter written by Lydia (Minnick) Atcheson provided by Linda Sechrest in 1992. She had acquired it from Raymond Minnick, Jr., a grandson of George Leonard Minnick (see Chapter 5).

D. Partition of Real Estate (pages 68-74)

1. Rockingham County Chancery Court, Order Box No. 46, copies of all documents provided by Mary K. Berg.
2. The division of the land, including a plat map, also is recorded in Rockingham County Deed Book 1:195.
Chapter 4. Descendants of Mathias Minnick and Catharine Fertig

1. Michael⁴ Minnick (pages 75-81)

1. The obituary is from a scrapbook kept by Michael's youngest daughter, Sophia Knupp, which now is held by the Middletown Public Library. The newspaper name and date are unidentified. It and subsequently mentioned Henry Co. records were provided by Mary K. Berg of Coon Rapids, MN in the mid 1980s and in 2010.
2. Henry County 1857 Wall Map Atlas: Fall Creek Township.
4. Ibid., p. 621.
5. Settlement of Mathias Minnick Estate, Rockingham Co. Chancery Order Box No. 46.
6. Photograph of gravestone, Miller Cemetery, Henry Co.
7. Sophia Knupp Scrapbook, Middletown Public Library, newspaper name and date unidentified.
11. The information regarding children and later generations is from family group sheets and other records provided by Mary K. Berg, as supplemented by census records.

2. John⁴ Minnick (pages 81-84)

1. Calculated by subtracting age of death from death date as reported on his death certificate.
2. Rockingham Co. Marriage Bond and Consent. These documents and other information were provided by Galen Willis of Seattle, WA in Aug. 1988.
3. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 11. Two children of Johannes Bär and his wife (Elisabeth) also were baptized in May 1806.
4. Droegemuller, Record Book of Rader Lutheran Church, items #295 and #302.
5. Ibid., items #296 and #300.
11. Holsinger, Descendants of David Holsinger of Virginia, 64, 147.
13. Ibid., Marriage Book I:33. The information about the groom and the children is from Holsinger, Descendants of David Holsinger of Virginia, 50, 109, which carries forward the lines of each child that had offspring.
NOTES AND REFERENCES

3. Mathias Minnick (pages 84-88)

1. Stewart and Wust, *Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845*, 22. The entry includes his birth date.
2. Marriage Return to Court Clerk, Rockingham Co.
3. By subtraction of age at death (85-9-16) from date of death (30 June 1892) as inscribed on gravestone in Rader Church Cem.
5. Vogt and Kethley, *Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850*, 84. Elizabeth is stated to be the daughter of Jacob Stoutemire.
7. Ibid., items #173A and #317.
8. Rockingham Co. Burnt Deed Book. No details are available regarding the transaction.
10. Ibid., 150-151. The letter was published 24 Mar. 1865.
12. Rockingham Co. Will Book 3:224, Courthouse, Harrisonburg. Small amounts also were bequeathed to his two daughters. The witnesses were S.F. Dingedine, Franklin M. Bowman, and Samuel B. Arehart.
17. Rockingham Co. Marriage Returns as transcribed by O.P. Minnick (Sheet E); and Family Group Sheets provided 11 Feb 1997 by Mary Martin of Vienna, VA.
18. Family Group Sheets provided 11 Feb 1997 by Mary Martin of Vienna, VA.
27. Ibid., 186.
28. Ibid., 177.
29. Ibid., 177.

4. Jacob Minnick (pages 88-89)

1. This is the birth date stated in his baptismal record. His gravestone, however, gives the date as 21 Jan. 1802.
4. The date is from the inscription on her gravestone.
NOTES AND REFERENCES

5. Andrew ⁴ Minnick (pages 89-91)

1. Calculated by subtracting age at death from date of death as inscribed on his gravestone.
2. Shenandoah County Marriage Bonds, 1772-1850, 153.
3. Ibid., 264.
5. Specific marriage dates and death dates are from "Index to The Delaware County Marriage Records, 1827-1920," and "Delaware County Cemetery Burial List," Delaware County INGenWeb Project.

6. Peter ⁴ Minnick (pages 91-92)

1. Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 135. Birth and death dates are inscribed.
4. Shenandoah County Marriage Bonds, 1772-1850, 135. The bondsman was Peter Knuf.
5. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 20. The entry includes her birth date, which agrees with the date inscribed on her gravestone.
6. Ibid.
8. Ibid., 136.

7. Elizabeth ⁴ Minnick (pages 92-94)

1. This estimate is mid way between the dates of birth of her parents' sixth child (Peter, born 22 Jan. 1805) and eighth child (Maria, born 18 Aug. 1807).
2. Copies of consent and bond provided by Gene Dear of Springfield, VA, and Gardena, CA.
3. Sandi Evilsizer Koscak, Index to Champaign Co. Surnames, Champaign Co. Genealogy Web Site. The source of her information that his father was Simeon Dear, born 1781, is not cited.
4. Rector-Gard Cemetery Gravestone Inscriptions, Champaign Co. Genealogy Web Site. The stone gives her age at death as 35 rather than 34 years.
5. This and Fountain's last two marriages are from Clark Co. marriage records provided, along with other information, by Gene Dear in Aug. 1988.
7. Fountain Dear record sheets provided by Gene Dear.
8. Ibid. and Koscak, Index of Champaign Co. Surnames.

8. Maria ⁴ Minnick (pages 94-95)

1. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 22. The entry includes her birth date.
2. Champaign Co. Marriages Prior to 1850, Champaign Co. Web Site. His surname is spelled Lutholts; her name is written Polly Minnick.
4. Death dates are from Henry Co., IN, Death Records as recorded in the County Health Department, Henry Co. Genealogical Services Web Site.
9. George

1. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 22. The entry includes his birth date.
4. Susanna Buroker item in Koscak, "Index to Champaign Co. Surnames."
5. Ibid.
6. "Champaign Co. Marriages Prior to 1850." The slightly different date in the 1881 biographical sketch is incorrect.
8. Rockingham County Chancery Court, Order Box No. 46.
9. Ibid.
10. Denise Kay Mahan Moore, Nettie Creek Cemetery, Champaign Co. Genealogy Web Site. The surname is transcribed as Minnic on their gravestones as well as on the ones for all of their children.
11. Ibid. and Koscak, "Index to Champaign Co. Surnames."

10. Israel

1. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 22. The entry includes his birth date.
2. "Champaign Co. Marriages Prior to 1850."
3. Koscak, "Index to Champaign Co. Surnames."
4. Ibid.
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid.
7. History of Champaign County, Ohio.

11. Catharine

1. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 22. (A transcription of her gravestone gives her birth date as 4 July 1819, but says she died 8 Mar. 1881, ae. 67-8-4, which would mean she was born 4 July 1813.
2. Vogt and Kethley, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, 357.
3. Cemetery gravestone inscription information (death dates and birth dates or ages at death) are from the Madison County Area Cemetery Online Database, Rushville Public Library.

12. Nancy

1. Stewart and Wust, Davidsburg Church Baptisms, 1785-1845, 22. (A transcription of her gravestone gives her birth date as 4 July 1819, but says she died 8 Mar. 1881, ae. 67-8-4, which would mean she was born 4 July 1813.
2. Vogt and Kethley, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, 357.
4. Droegemuller, Record Book of Rader Lutheran Church, item #201.
6. Droegemuller, Record Book of Rader Lutheran Church, item #201.
8. Ibid., 183.
9. Ibid., 189.
10. Ibid.
11. Ibid. The name inscribed is Dr. Rufus M.A. Bowman.
12. Ibid., 189. The 1900 census gives her birth date as Dec. 1883.
13. Ibid., 197.
14. Ibid., 177.
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14. William^4 Minnick (pages 106-110)

1. State of Virginia Pension File, Rockingham County No. 128, for William Minnick, which includes the following forms: "Application of Soldier, Sailor or Marine for a Pension Disabled by Reason of Disease or Other Infirmities," "Application of Soldier, Sailor, or Marine, who is on the Pension Rolls of Virginia, classed as partially disable, to be re-rated and placed on said Rolls under the class of totally disabled pensioners," and other papers.

7. Transcription provided by O.P. Minnick.
10. State of Virginia Pension File, Rockingham County No. 128, for William Minnick.
15. Ibid., Marriage Book 3:59; and Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society On-line Surname Search Results.

15. Mahala^4 Minnick (pages 110-111)

1. Swank, A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., 406.
5. Ibid., 407.
6. Ibid.
7. Ibid., 406-407; and Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 177.

16. Leanna^4 Minnick (pages 111-113)

1. Her age is given as 19 years in the 1850 census and as 30 years in the 1860 census. A fairly recent new (2004) inscription on her grave stone gives her year of death as 1831. This year may be suspect if, as has been surmised, her brother Levi was born about 20 Jan. 1831. One possible explanation is that Leanna and Levi were twins.
3. Vogt and Kethley, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, 145 (surname spelled Lore); and Holsinger, Descendants of David Holsinger of Virginia, 59.
4. Vogt and Kethley, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, 149.
6. Ibid., 36.
7. Ibid., 59. Most lines are continued.
8. Ibid.

17. Levi^4^ Minnick (pages 113-116)

1. By subtraction of age at death from date of death as given in Rockingham Co. Death Records. (Died 12-20-1886, ae. 55 yrs. 11 mos.)
2. Marriage Bond, Rockingham Co. Courthouse, Harrisonburg; and 1900 census.
6. Bordon, *Tombstone Inscriptions*, 35. The death date and age at death yield a different birth date than the 1900 census.
9. Ibid., 205.
10. Ibid., 204.
11. Birth dates are from the 1900 census. Other information, including his previous marriages, is from "The Lytton Study Group," data base, Ancestry.com.
13. Ibid.
15. Ibid., Marriage Book 3:100; and Bordon, *Tombstone Inscriptions*, 4. Cora's death date was not on the gravestone when Bordon made the transcriptions.

18. Lucinda^4^ Minnick (pages 116-118)

1. Birth date is from 1900 census.
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4. Will of Lucinda Scothorn, Courthouse, Harrisonburg. The witnesses were Jos. F. Flory, Jos. F. Driver, and Wm. J. Tussing. No executor was mentioned.

5. Holsinger, Descendants of David Holsinger of Virginia, 140.

6. Ibid.

19. Edmond Minnick (pages 118-119)

1. Birth date is from 1900 census.
2. Copy of marriage return provided by Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society; and 1850 and 1860 censuses, which give Sally's age as 9 and 19, respectively.
3. Driver, 10th Virginia Cavalry, 143. Included in this source are his record of imprisonment and his physical description.

20. Samuel Minnick (pages 119-126)

1. Swank, A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., 405-406. The birth date is inscribed on his gravestone.
2. Minister's Return of Marriage and attached Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, Dayton. The certificate gives the husband's age as 24 yrs., 10 mos., 10 days and the wife's as 23 yrs., 4 mos., 5 days.
3. Swank, A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., 405-406. The birth date is inscribed on her gravestone. Her mother's maiden name is from Family Group Sheet provided by O.P. Minnick.
4. Driver, 10th Virginia Cavalry, 143. Included in this source are his military record and his physical description.
5. Swank, A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., 405-406.
6. Ibid.
7. Unless otherwise indicated, in addition to census records, the information regarding the descendants of Samuel Minnick is from family group sheets prepared by O.P. Minnick and dated 8 Feb. 1973. These sheets include dates and places of birth, names of spouses and dates and places of marriages, and dates of death and places of burial. Other information is primarily from census records.
9. Ibid., Marriage Book 2:39; and Holsinger, Descendants of David Holsinger of Virginia, 98.
14. The birth dates of their sixth through ninth children are given in Rockingham Co. Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society On-line Surname Search Results. The full names of the children and their birth and death dates were provided in letters written 15 May 1992 and 19 Nov. 2010 by Linda Sechrest of Jacksonville, FL.
17. Ibid., 133, 370.
21. Harvey⁴ Minnick (page 126)

1. Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 177.
2. Driver, 10th Virginia Cavalry, 143.

Chapter 6. David and Margaret (Crist) Minnick and Their Descendants

A. David⁴ and Margaret (Crist) Minnick (pages 127-132)

5. Driver, 10th Virginia Cavalry, 143; and David Minnick compiled service record, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
6. David Minnick compiled service record, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
7. "Reflections of Long Ago as Told to Isabel's Daughter During the Last Year She Lived and Some Personal Observations of Betty Miller Driver," 2. This is an informal 16-page undated manuscript based primarily on information given by Isabel (Minnick) Miller, 1902-1994, to her daughter, Betty (Miller) Driver, copy provided to author in 2010. Hereafter cited as, "Reflections and Observations."
9. Ibid.
10. Ibid.
12. Ibid.

B. Descendants of David⁴ and Margaret (Crist) Minnick (pages 132-158)

1. The dates of birth, death, and marriage for this couple are from "Reflections and Observations," 9.
2. 1900 census and "Reflections and Observations," 9.
3. Birth and death years for this couple are from gravestone inscriptions. See Swank, A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., 406-407.
6. Ibid.
8. The information concerning her life is from "Reflections and Observations," 2, 3, 7.
9. Swank, A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., 406-407. This record states her birth date and age at death.
13. Ibid.
14. Ibid.
15. Good, Shadowed by the Massanutten, 129-132. The source includes photographs of three of the sons (Herbert, Frank, and George W. Minnick).
19. Droegemuller, Record Book of Rader Lutheran Church, item #214.
20. Ibid., items #219, #225, #227, #229, and #230.
21. This and all subsequent information relating to the church and its members is from Celebrating Our First 100 Years of Memories: Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Timberville, Virginia, 1890-1990 (n.p., n.d.)
24. Ibid., 11.
25. Ibid., 4.
27. Ibid., 7, 11.
29. Photocopy of letter.
31. Photocopy of obituary, name of newspaper unidentified.
32. The information regarding children and later generations is from family group sheets and other records provided, for the most part, by grandchildren or great-grandchildren of Joseph F. and Mary Ellen (Everline) Minnick.
33. Swank, A Record of Burial Places West of Rte. 11 in Rockingham County, Va., 406.
34. Ibid., and Rockingham Co. Marriage Book 1:248, abstract of Minnick marriages 1783-1937 made at County Clerk's Office by Otis Price Minnick.
36. Ibid.

Appendix A. Ancestors of Maria Magdalena² (Wagner) Münch (1741-1804)

A. Paternal Ancestors: The Wagners (pages 159-163)

4. *Abstracts of Berks County Wills*, 1752-1785, 50. The will was written 29 Nov. 1752 and proved 29 Jan. 1753. Written in German, it was translated by Conrad Weiser.


9. Mathias Wagner Estate File (administration, guardianships, partition of land, accounts, etc.), Berks Co. Courthouse, Reading.


13. Ibid.

14. *Abstracts of Berks County Wills*, 1785-1800, 31. The will was proved 22 Oct. 1787. It mentions sons Stoffel and George Adam Kraemer and daughters (like his wife, unnamed). The executors were George Michael Leiby and Henry George.

15. For more information than presented here regarding most of the siblings of Maria Magdalena (Wagner) Münch, see the web site STUPP—Cox High Speed Internet Customer Support.


19. Apollonia Wagner Estate File, Berks County Courthouse, Reading; and *Abstracts of Berks County Wills*, 1800-1825, 240.

20. *Early Lutheran Baptisms and Marriages by Rev. Stoever*, 49. Matthias as a sponsor may be an error; administration of the estate of Apollonia’s brother Mathias Wagner of Tulpehocken was granted a year earlier, on 2 June 1760, to Elizabeth Wagner, widow.


22. Ibid.


24. Ibid., 67.


26. Ibid.


28. Ibid.

**B. Maternal Ancestors: The Stupps (pages 164-170)**


4. Ibid.

5. Ibid., 1024.


8. Ulrich Simmendinger, *True and Authentic Register of Persons Still Living, by God’s Grace, who in the Year 1709, Under the Wonderful Providences of the Lord Journeyed from*
Germany to America or New World and there seek their Piece of Bread at various places, Reported with Joy to all Admirers, especially to their Families and Close Friends (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1962), 18. Simmendinger states that the names given are all who were established here at the time of his departure in 1717.

10. Simmendinger, Register of Persons Still Living, 17.
13. Ibid., 207.
17. Simmendinger, Register of Persons Still Living, 18.
20. Martin Stupp Estate File (will, inventory), Berks Co. Courthouse, Reading; and Abstracts of Berks County Wills, 1752-1785, 52.
23. For more information than presented here regarding most of the siblings of Anna Elisabeth (Stupp) Wagner, see the web site STUPP—Cox High Speed Internet Customer Support.
26. Ibid., 59; and "Tombstone Inscriptions, Bernville, Pa.,” in The Penn Germania, Jan. 1913, 46.
27. Abstracts of Berks County Wills, 1752-1785, 141.
29. Ibid., 30.
31. Ibid., 3.
32. Abstracts of Berks County Wills, 1752-1785, 169.
34. Abstracts of Berks County Wills, 1752-1785, 72.
37. Ibid.
38. Early Lutheran Baptisms and Marriages by Rev. Stoever, 34.

Appendix B. Ancestors of Margaret Crist Minnick (1824-1904)

A. Paternal Grandfather: Andrew Crist (pages 171-183)
2. Ibid., xxvi.
3. Ibid., xxvii.
4. Ibid., xxviii.
5. Ibid., 1.
6. Warrant G-137, Lancaster Co. Warrant Registers, 1733-1957. The patent is recorded in volume AA, no. 4, p. 404; the survey is copied in book A89:230. The warrant to accept was dated 27 Sept. 1743 in the name of Jacob Grist.
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8. Lancaster County Historical Society Family File Folder, as transcribed by Dolores C. Rutherford of Carmichael, CA. The widow was incorrectly called Agnes. She signed by mark (“A”).

9. Three-page typed transcript of Orphan’s Court record extracted from LDS film #021370 by Dolores C. Rutherford of Carmichael, CA.


11. Lancaster Co. Deed Book K:139b, as transcribed by Dolores C. Rutherford.


20. Augusta Co. Deed Book 28:206 (handwritten notes), Courthouse, Staunton. Also see Deed Book 28:196 for another version of the same transaction.

21. Augusta Co. Will Book 9:87-88 (will) and 103-104 (inventory), Courthouse, Staunton.


25. Ibid.


27. Swank, Burial Places in Rockingham County, typed copy, 582.

28. Ibid.

29. Rockingham Co. Deed Book 17:481.

30. Rockingham Co. Deed Book 17:234. The deed lists only four tracts, but states there were five.


33. Ibid., 59.

34. Vogt and Kethley, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, 73.

35. Ibid.

36. Ibid., 74. The groom’s name is indexed as Crut.

37. Ibid., 66; Rockingham Co. Death Records; and Swank, Burial Places in Rockingham County, typed copy, 582. The groom’s name is indexed as Christ. Both birth dates are by subtraction of age at death from date of death.


39. Ibid.

40. Ibid., 199.
41. Ibid.
42. Rockingham Co. Deed Book 17:481.
44. Delaware Co. Marriage Book C4:258.
45. Burial Places in Rockingham County, typed copy, 582.
47. Ibid., 66.
49. The information regarding John Crist and his family is from research done by Mrs. Wm. Bushman of Staunton, VA, a professional genealogist, and acquired by Dolores C. Rutherford. This and other records from the files of Mrs. Rutherford were provided by Andrew L. Leath of Tyler, TX, in 1989.
51. Ibid.
52. Ibid.
53. Ibid.
56. Ibid., 67.
57. Ibid., 265.
59. Ibid., 56.
60. Ibid., 3. The executor bond was signed 23 June 1794 in Rockingham Co.
63. Augusta Co. Deed Book 36:379, 381.

B. Paternal Grandmother: Barbara Reiff (pages 183-187)
1. Swank, Burial Places in Rockingham County, typed copy, 582. The birth date was calculated by subtracting age at death from the death date.
4. Abstracts of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Wills, 1732-1785, 187; and Fulton and Mylin, Index to the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1729-1850, 36. The name is given as John Reiff in the abstract and John Jacob Reiff in the index.
5. Floyd R. Mason and Kathryn Garst Mason wrote a nine-page typed manuscript with the heading "Three brothers came to America ca. 1717: Hans George [sic] Reiff, John Jacob Reiff, Abraham Reiff," undated. On 31 Aug. 1994, Harry E. Reiff, at their request sent them a review of their manuscript and provided me with a copy of the review. Unless otherwise indicated, the information regarding the children is based on this manuscript as corrected by Harry E. Reiff and the material provided by him in 1989. Mason and Mason carry forward many of the lines for several generations. Reiff/Rife researchers also will find quite a bit of apparently reliable material on this family in a long manuscript titled "Linville Creek Timeline" in Iman Family Notes, which is available on the internet.
7. Ibid.
11. Augusta Co. Will Book 14:417-419 (will) and 419-421 (inventory).
13. Ibid., 379.
15. Ibid., 384.

C. Maternal Grandfather: Frederick Bish (pages 187-195)
2. Larry R. Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 8 Jan. 2009.
3. Deed book and page number not recorded, photocopy, Courthouse, Harrisonburg.
7. Ibid.
11. Vogt and Kethley, Shenandoah County Marriage Bonds, 1772-1850, 53; and Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 5. Henry Weatherholtz was bondsman.
13. The list of names of the children is based largely on Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 6.
16. Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 6.
17. Ibid., and Vogt and Kethley, Shenandoah County Marriage Bonds, 1772-1850, 53.
20. Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO message board, 6.
21. The list of names of the children is based largely on Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 5-6. I omitted a child listed as Ike, who probably is the same person as one listed as Isaac.
22. Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 5. This source gives Abraham's place of birth as Kanawha Co. (now WV), which is hard to believe because father Frederick married Dec. 1818 in Shenandoah Co. and in 1820 lived in Rockingham Co. It also is suspicious that a biographical sketch of Abraham says that he was about eight when his father died (J.A. Bish, History of the Name Bish for 150 Years, 1926). Actually, this person would have been twenty when Fredrick died.

23. Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 6.

24. Ibid.

25. Ibid.

26. Ibid., 7. Another brother, Adam, is named in this source, but no information is provided and my own research has found none.


28. Bish, posting on Scotland Co., MO, message board, 7.

Appendix C. Ancestors of Mary Ellen\(^5\) (Everline) Minnick (1864-1910) (pages 196-206)

1. The information from the Kirchenbuch pertaining to Anna Christina Schneider and her siblings, parents, and grandparents was provided in letters written in 1984 and 1985 by Herbert Wenk of Weissenhasel—in particular, those dated 29 May 1984 and 20 Sept. 1984. Mr. Wenk is the author of a book about the history of Weissenhasel, titled Zur Geschichte des Dorfes Weissenhasel, which was first published in 1981. A revised and expanded version was published under the same title in 1985. The new edition includes a 13-page chapter concerning emigration, headed "Auswanderungen," which was written by Herbert Wenk and the present author's brother-in-law Fred Welch. It contains several pages of information regarding "Die Auswanderin Christina Schneider," including a photo of the trunk she brought with her, and a table incorporating the information provided by this author regarding the content of the manifest for the ship Marianne. Also of some interest is a short section regarding "Die Auswanderer Philip und Barbara Linhos," who settled in the Shenandoah Valley as did three of Philip's brothers.


5. Census of Weissenhasel, 9 pages, dated 7 Mar. 1834, copy provided by H. Wenk.


9. "Linhoss History," a typed nine-page document provided by H. Wenk, 4 Apr. 1985. The author and date written do not appear on the document. It is believed, however, to have been written by Elizabeth Linhoss-Cochran of Memphis, TN.


14. Vogt and Kethley, Shenandoah County Marriage Bonds, 1772-1850, 85; and Shenandoah Co. Marriage Register, 1781-1850. Wm. S. Arthur was bondsman.

15. Obituary of Lewis Everline (newspaper and date unstated), Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, Dayton, VA.


18. Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 263.

19. Ibid., 108.
20. Ibid. The 1850 census lists him as John William Tusing.
21. Ibid., 270.
22. Ibid., 108.
23. Shenandoah Co. Deed Book 1:316, Courthouse, Edinburg, VA.
24. Ibid., 1:459 and 6:4-5.
26. Ibid., 20:328.
27. See Chapter 6 for full text.
28. Ibid., 21:69. The seller was L.A. Walker, the executor of the estate of Catharine M. Sommers, widow of Jacob Sommers.
29. Droegemuller, Record Book of Rader Lutheran Church, items #214-219, #223, #225, and #227-230.
30. Will of Lewis Everline, Shenandoah Co. Will Book 26:120, Courthouse, Edinburg, VA.
32. Obituary of Lewis Everline (newspaper and date unstated), Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, Dayton, VA, copy provided by Joseph F. Minnick (III).
34. See Chapter 6 for full text of letter.
35. Bordon, Tombstone Inscriptions, 58.
36. Ibid.
37. Ibid., 170.
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