The following records are taken from a letter written by Dr. John W. Wayland, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, to Miss Virginia Riswick Revercomb, on 15 May 1935; they constitute the results of his researches in the Augusta County courthouse at Staunton, Virginia. In the course of his letter he wrote:

"In a short time I was forced to the conclusion that in the Augusta County, Va., records, Halk, Hawk, Haupe, and Hawpe refer to the same families and in some cases to the same persons. The name was originally German, as appears from German signatures and Dutch books in the inventories of estates. I found the name repeatedly in the above forms, but did not find Halk or Hauck. But I looked only in the will records. Some of the Hawpes (Hawks, etc.) lived between Staunton and Greenville, and some in Staunton. Some, no doubt, in other parts of the county. How the name Hauk, Hawk, and perhaps Hau in the German became Haupe and Hawpe I am at a loss to explain, but I do not think there is any doubt that this happened in Augusta County, at least."

The records abstracted by Dr. Wayland follow:

1800, May 3. Henry Hawk gave a bill of sale to his sons John and Abraham, for horses and other personal property. Henry (Heinrich) Hawk signed in German. The German is not very clear in the record, but looks like Heinrich Haug. Witnesses: John Coalter and Jacob Swallow. See Augusta Co. Will Bk. 9, p. 60.

1800, May 5. Henry Hawk, of Augusta County, Va., "advanced in years," made his will: Wife, Catharine; sons, John, Abraham Hawk; sons Jacob and Frederick; son Andrew Hawk; daughters Elizabeth Fogus, Catharine Shoults, Rachel Gregory, Polly Gregory, Catharine Wintemaker (by a former wife). Executors: Sons John and Abraham. Henry signs in German. Witnesses: Michael Garber, Jr., Jacob Swallow, John Coalter. Will probated 26 March 1804. Will Bk. 9, p. 359.
1802, Aug. 15. Rudolph Hawpe of Augusta Co., Va., makes his will. Wife, Catharine; sons Henry, John, and Adam (deceased); grandchildren (the children of Adam Hawpe, deceased), Elizabeth, Rudolph and George Hawpe. Leaves 50 pounds a year to Mary Sights, Betsy Maimer, Susannah Coine, Emanuel Hawpe. The 3 women may have been his daughters and Emanuel may have been a son. Rudolph, the testator, also mentions his daughter-in-law Catharine Hawpe, wife of his son Adam, deceased. Will probated 26 June 1804. Will Bk. 9, p. 369. This Rudolph Hawpe, the testator, apparently had a lease on land in Maryland, since he devised his rights therein to certain of his heirs.

1807, Oct. 28. Emanuel Hawpe makes his will. Leaves all his estate to John Hawpe, who is to pay his debts, etc. Proved 28 March 1808. Will Bk. 10, p. 179.


1820, April court. Record of settlement of the estate of Adam Hawpe, deceased. Catharine Hawpe was named administratrix and John Hawpe administrator. Henry Hawpe was guardian for children of Adam, deceased. The settlement shows a receipt from Rudolph Hawpe, dated 17 March 1820. Will Bk. 13, p. 159.
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1825, May Court. Record of the settlement of Henry Haup, guardian of the heirs of Adam Haup, deceased. Legatees named were Rudolph Haup, George Haup, James Williamson. The widow of the said estate is also mentioned; also William Lyons, who married the widow. Will Bk. 14, p. 242.


1836, Feb. 22. Record of an inventory of the estate of Henry Haup, deceased, by Aaron P. Humphreys, William Steele, David Shultz, Jr. and John McClure. Will Bk. 21, p. 66.

1843, May 7. Abraham Hawk of Augusta Co., Va., makes his will. Makes provision for Polly Weaver, during her lifetime. Bequests to "those children of my Brothers and sisters that may be living at my death." Speaks of 8 brothers and sisters. Bequests to the children of his brother, Jacob; his sister Betsy, who first married Grass and then Fagus; brother Frederick; sister Cath. Shultz; brothers Andrew and John; sister Rachel Gregory; sister Polly, who married Gregory, and then Campbell. Special bequests to my brother John Hawk's daughter, Kitty Susan Doon (Doon ?); my niece Eliza Redifer; my brother John's son, William Hawk, ½ acres for a graveyard. Executors: Joseph Smith, Nicholas C. Kinney, Benjamin Crawford. Witnesses: J.A. Peck, George Wright, Lawson Wright. Probated May Court, 1846. Will Bk. 27, p. 148.
1846, July 14. Record of appraisement list of estate of Abraham Hawk, deceased. The next day was dated the sale bill of Abraham Hawk, deceased. See Will Bk. 27, pp. 338, 340.

1844, Sept. 10. John Hawpe (Haupe) of Augusta Co., Va. makes his will. To be interred in the burying ground on the plantation, according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church. Son, John Hawpe, the plantation he now lives on. Son, Adam M. Hawpe, the plantation where he now lives. Son, William S. Hawpe, the plantation I now live on. The sawmill to his 3 sons aforesaid. Daughters, Cath. Shultz, Betsy Shields, and son-in-law Elijah Carson (who married my dau. Polly Hawpe), each $1200. Executors: His 3 sons. Witnesses: John Newton and Hugh Brownlee. 1849, June 9; Codicil to the will. Probated at Oct. Court, 1849. The lands of the testator evidently lay, in part at least, between Staunton and Greenville.

1849, Dec. 8: Inventory of the estate of John Hawpe, Sr., deceased. Will Bk. 29, pp. 412, 517.

1847, Jan. court; Bond recorded in favor of Wm. Hawk, orphan of John Hawk, deceased. Will Bk. 28, p. 212. This must have been another John Hawk (Haupe), prob. John, Jr.

1847, March 22. Adam M. Hawpe, Jr., with Benjamin F. Graham as surety, gave bond as administrator of Elizabeth Hawpe, deceased. Will Bk. 28, p. 516. On 26 April following, he gave additional bond.

1848, Aug. court. Settlement of estate of Elizabeth Hawpe, deceased, by Adam M. Hawpe, admr. In the settlement are mentioned as heirs John F. Hawpe, Henry Hawpe, the heirs of Sarah Miller, the heirs of Cath. Brownlee, Jane Dice, wife of George Dice, and the heirs of Elizabeth Dice.

1865, April 18. Mary Hawk, widow of John Hawk, deceased of the Town of Staunton, makes her will. Son, Alexander Hawk. Son, William Hawk. Daughter, Jane Peer. Her son Alex was appointed executor. Probated 26 Oct. 1865.

Will Bk. 53, p. 156.

1866, April 9. John T. Hawpe, of Augusta Co., Va., makes his will. Wife Eliza to have control of the whole estate until the youngest child reaches 21. David Blackwood was made executor. Witnesses: John Newton and Henry Hawpe. Probated 1 May 1865. Will Bk. 54, p. 401.


From: CHRONICLES OF THE SCOTCH-IRISH SETTLEMENT IN VIRGINIA. COURT
RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, 1745-1800, by Lyman Chalkley.

Vol. 1, p. 509. April 1790: Inquisition at Staunton 19 May. One of the
jurors who signed was Henry Hawk.

Vol. 1, p. 277. Sarah Armstrong, aged 9 yrs. last May, to be bound to
John Hawk. 17 June 1794.

Vol. 2 - Marriage Bonds - Augusta Co. - p. 332. 1790, Jan. 4. Thomas
Gregory and Wm. Redford, surety. Valentine Shevut and Catherine Hawk, dau.


Vol. 2, p. 428. Insolvents and Delinquents, 1801. Frederick Hawk removed
to Kentucky.

and Thomas Gregory, surety. Saml. Gregory and Rachel Hawk, dau. of
Henry Hawk. Jacob Gregory swears Samuel is of age.

and Peggy Myres, dau. of Stophel Myres (German) (consent); surety Michael Garber.

Vol. 2 - Records of marriages in Augusta Co. - p. 357. 1800, Jan. 9, by
Rev. William King. Thomas Gregory and Polly (Mary) Hawk.

Vol. 2, p. 423; Delinquents, Augusta Co. Levy 1779; Jacob Hawk, gone.


N.S. 30 - Bill, 1814. Joseph Hassler (in 1790 living in York, Pennsylvania) died,
leaving widow Mary, who had married James Hamilton, and children: Joseph, Daniel,
Jacob, Mary, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Dorothy, Christopher Moier of Augusta died,
testate, leaving children: Henry Moier, Barbara (wife of Henry Vanncole (?)),
Margaret (wife of Jacob Hawk), Mary (wife of Andrew Hawk); Rosanna (wife of
Jeremiah Davis); Catherine (wife of John C. Gilaspie); Susanna (wife of Jacob
Davis), and widow Barbara. Christophel Myer was from Easthensberry Twp.,
Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania.
The name of Henry Hawk appears in the roll of Capt. Henry Fister's Co., in the German Battalion. Commanded by Col. Nicholas Huseoker, 1776.

The name of George Michael Hawk appears enrolled in Capt. Maitz's Co. Passed by C. Beatty, July 13, 1776.

Archives of Maryland, Journal & Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 - Oct. 26, 1779, p. 22124; Saturday, 6 June 1778: Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Hawk sixteen pounds ten shillings.

The following data were communicated to Miss Virginia R. Reverecomb by Dr. John W. Wayland on 30 July 1935:

Obituary of Joseph Peter Houck, Harrisonburg, 1908.

Joseph Peter Houck was born in Allentown, Pa., April 6, 1839, son of Peter Houck and his wife Henrietta Kern; grew up in Pottsville, Pa., came to Shenandoah Iron Works, now Shenandoah City, Page Co., Va., in 1866, with his wife and his brother-in-law, Hon. William Hilmes, and other Methodists. On June 18, 1862, he had married Mary A. Jones of Pottsville, Pa.

In 1880 came to Harrisonburg, where he became wealthy and prominent. Here he was a merchant and active in the J.P. Houck Tanning Company. He died in Harrisonburg, June 16, 1908. His wife and a daughter had died 18 months before. He was survived only by his son Joseph T. Houck, who lives in Harrisonburg. The latter has three children, Dr. Joseph Houck of the University of Virginia Hospital, Miss Frances Houck, and Miss Janet Houck, both of Harrisonburg. The wife of Joseph T. Houck died several years ago.
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Tombstone inscriptions from the Lutheran graveyard at
Strasburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia:

Charles Houck; born 28 Jan. 1789; died 16 July 1853
Catharine, wife of Charles Houck; born 4 Oct. 1801; died 17 Dec. 1874
Mary Houck; born 1791; died 10 May 1766
Margaret, wife of Dr. George M. Houck; died 20 Jan. 1841 (?), aged 84 (?) yrs., etc.
George F. Houck; died 27 April 1880, aged 54 yrs. 11 mos. 27 dys.
James Houck; born 11 Feb. 1821; died 12 June 1896
Harrison H. Houck; born 18 June 1822; died 4 Nov. 1906.

"In the old church book of the Lutheran Church at Strasburg I found a record of the baptism on June 8, 1845, of Houck, son of Charles and Catherine Houck. The minister’s name, I think, was Rev. Campbell.

"It is possible that this old book may contain other Houck items."

Hauk (Haup) Marriages, Augusta Co., Va. 1785-1845. (There are very few Augusta marriages before 1785 recorded in Staunton):

1796, Aug. 20. James Hoge and Anne Gregory; by Rev. Wm. Wilson
1796, Sept. 15. Rachel Hauk and Samuel Gregory; by Rev. Arch. Scott
1800, Jan. 9. Polly (Mary) Hauk and Thomas Gregory by Rev. Wm. King
1805, May 9. Catherine Hauk & Wm. Lyons; by Rev. John McCue
1816, Feb. 12. Wm. Revercomb & Patsy Connell; by Rev. Wm. Cravens
1823, Feb. 7. Henry Haupe & Elizabeth Deake; by Rev. Francis McFarland
1840, Nov. 10. Mary Haupe & Jacob Kershner; by Rev. John C. Hensell
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- **1841, Feb. 15.** William Hawpe & Maria Jane Shultz; by Rev. D. F. Bittle
- **1842, Aug. 14.** Susan Hauke & Henry Dorm; by Rev. John C. Hensell
- **1845, June 2.** John C. Rivercomb & Rebecca Ann Hottle; by Rev. P. Shickel

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**Land sales from Hauks, Hawks, Hawpes, etc. in 1745-1839.**

In Augusta Co., Va., with references to deed books.

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See 1765: I am not certain that Jacob Hoge is Jacob Hawk (Haug) but I believe so.
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Comments by Miss Virginia Riswick Reevercomb

A cousin of my mother's, whose mother was also a Riswick, tells me that the first Riswick, or Riswicks, came from Holland and settled in New York State before the Revolutionary War, and that the name was originally spelled Van Reswyoke. The cousin tells me that my great-grandfather, Edward Riswick, was named Charles Edward Riswick III, but I have never come across the Charles.

It seems that some years ago, she learned this through a late cousin, Thomas Paynter, who was then a U. S. Senator and having some work done on his family. I wrote the cousin recently asking her to give me all her notes, as she told me some time ago that she never expected to go any further with them herself. I was too late; she had given them to the genealogist who did the work for Senator Paynter. Since then the genealogist has died, and so far she hasn't been able to get the notes back from whoever has his things in charge. In the U. S. Catalogue I notice a Painter genealogy, but no Payner one — possibly they are the same.

It is also alleged that a relationship existed between the Riswicks and the Van Buren family, but this has not been verified.

My great-grandfather, Edward Riswick, was born in Charles Co., Md., about 1790. He was a hatter and at one time lived in Richmond, Va., but I don't know when or how long. My grandmother, Virginia Ann Riswick, married William H. Halk in Staunton, Augusta Co., Va., 9 April 1867, so the family was there then. She was born 25 Aug. 1832, but am not sure where and my mother never remembers having heard her say, though she is sure part of her childhood was spent in Louisa County and in Richmond, having heard her mother speak of both places often.
Abstract of a letter from Winfield Scott, Commissioner of Pensions, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D. C., to Miss Virginia R. Revercomb, Charlottesville, Va., 20 September 1927:

From records in the Bureau of Pensions it appears that Edward Riswick was born in Charles Co., Md. He served as a private in Capt. Joseph Hook's Company, 36th Regiment Infantry, U. S. Infantry, from 23 July 1814 until discharged 30 March 1815. In 1861 he was 59 years old and residing in Staunton, Va. He died 16 or 17 July 1864, at Staunton. He was married in Oct. 1829 in Louisa Co., Va., to Harriet E. Nolan, Nolan, or Nolan. She applied for pension (Widow's Cert. 34463) on 24 June 1880, while a resident of Staunton, aged 75 years. She died 1 Dec. 1896. It is stated they had 5 or 6 children, only name given being Julia.

From the Clerk of Louisa County Court, Virginia:

Edward Riswick and Harriet Nolan were married in Oct. 1829 by Rev. W. Y. Hitter.

Harriet Elizabeth Nolan Riswick died in Staunton, Va., 1 Dec. 1896, aged 88 years. Edward Riswick died near Staunton, Va., in 1864, aged 64 years. (These dates are from the cemetery records and do not tally with the pension records noted above. Also the same source states that Harriet was born in Spottsylvania Co., Va. I have been informed that her mother was a Shackelford, but have no proof of it. V.R.R.

(Also I should have added that the Louisa clerk stated he did not find the name on his will book, deed books, or the old Law Order Book with Revolutionary War records. V.R.R.)
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Records of the War Dept. supplied to Miss Virginia R. Riswick Revercomb:

Joseph Riswick served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Capt. Davidson's Company, 2nd Maryland Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas Price. He enlisted 30 May 1778 for 9 months, and his name last appears on the company muster roll for Nov. and Dec. 1778, dated at Camp Middlebrook, 21 June 1779.

Records of the Maryland Military Department at Annapolis:

Joseph Riswick enlisted 30 May 1778 as a private in the 2nd Regiment Maryland Line. He was discharged 3 April 1779.

The name of Joseph Riswick also appears in a list of the return of Substitutes, Drafts and Vagrants from St. Mary's Co., Md., 10 June 1778. His name also appears in "An Alphabetical List of discharged soldiers of the two Battalions of Militia raised to serve in the Continental Army in the year 1781."

From Miss M. Genevieve Van Ryswick, 612 Farragut St. N.W., Washington, D.C.,

to Miss Virginia R. Revercomb, 9 Nov. 1928:

I really know very little about my ancestors but my Aunt tells me that my great-great-grandfather came from Holland, and his name was John Thomas Van Ryswick and he made his home in Maryland, near Leonardtown. He had two brothers, one was named John Thomas on and he came to Washington and the other whose name I do not know, disappeared and they never knew what became of him.
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From the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles Co., La Plata, Md., 24 September 1927, to Miss Virginia R. Revercomb:

I find no land transfers of Riswick or Van Riswick. The name does not appear in our records. There are no early marriage, birth, or death records prior to 1865.

Maryland Records, Colonial, Revolutionary, County and Church from Original Sources, by Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh:

16 Apr. 1849: Joseph Van Reswick & Mary E. Simms

From Mrs. Joseph Van Ryswick, Leonardtown, Md., to Miss Virginia R. Revercomb, 15 April 1937:

My husband's grandfather about 1846 married a Miss Betty Simms and of that marriage there were three children but my husband's father was the only one who raised a family. My husband's father was John Thomas Van Ryswick and I believe the grandfather also bore that name.

From Mrs. Mary A. Van Ryswick to Miss Virginia R. Revercomb, 23 April 1937:

I believe I told you in my other letter that I thought my husband's grandfather was a John Thomas but as I see by your chart he was Joseph. My husband had an uncle who lived to be eighty years old, only died a few years back and I have heard him speak of Uncle Tom which was this John Thomas, also of an Aunt Liz, he called her, which was Mrs. Newman. This Uncle Tom died single and Aunt Lizzie had two children. The daughter died about the time she was grown and the son lived to be I would say fifty or more but never married. I do not know any of these dates.
From Mrs. Joseph Van Ryswick to Miss Virginia R. Revercomb, 23 April 1937:
(Enclosure)

Joseph Van Ryswick
m. Mary E. Simms

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As this family residing at Leonardtown, St. Mary's Co., Md., were members of the Roman Catholic Church, Mrs. Van Ryswick suggested to Miss Revercomb on 28 July 1937 that she address the Custodian of the Archives, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., for baptismal records. This Miss Revercomb did, but received no reply to her inquiry.)

From Henry Van Ryswick, New York City, to Miss Virginia R. Revercomb, 17 May 1937:

As far as I recollect, the oldest name is Jan-Cornelius Van Ryswyck, who must have been born around the years 1760 or 1770, and who was quite a figure in the city of Antwerp, Belgium. The son was Theodoor Van Ryswyck, the Flemish poet you mentioned in your letter, who was my father's grandfather.
ABSTRACTS OF WILLS

John Reswick, of St. Mary's County, Maryland, Gent. Will dated 18 Nov. 1766:

Children: Thomas
          Joseph
          Francis
          Elizabeth
          Mary

Wife: Appelonia

 Executors: Wife, Appelonia, and daughter, Elizabeth Reswick.

Witnesses: Bennet Hopewell
          Edward Spinks
          Joshua Sissell (signed by mark).

Will proved 5 March 1767.

Monica Reswick, daughter of Thomas and Ann Reswick, born in St. Mary's Co. Will undated. Signed by mark.

Brother: Wilfred Reswick

Witnesses: Ignatius Cissell (signed by mark)
          James Taylor

Proved 5 August 1773.
Wilfred Riswick, of St. Mary's Co., Md. Will dated 22 June 1788:

Wife: Elinor Riswick
Daughters: Monica Reswick (described as "little daughter")
Brother-in-law: Augustin Medley
Executrix: Wife, Elinor
Witnesses: P. Ford
Joseph Airman
Joseph Stone
Proved 23 Sept., 1788

Julia Van Ryswick, of St. Mary's Co., Md. Will dated 19 Feb., 1846:

Eldest son: John Thomas Van Ryswick
Second son: Joseph Van Ryswick
Daughter: Mary Elizabeth Van Ryswick (under 18)
Executors: Sons, John Thomas and Joseph Van Ryswick
Witnesses: Rebecca Leach
W. Woodward
A. B. Holmes
Proved 30 Dec., 1846.
John Thomas Van Riswick, of St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Will dated 24 July 1859:

Legacy to: Mrs. Matilda Yates

Legacy to: Mrs. Owings

Legacies to: Joseph Enders and James Cotton

Wife (?): Elizabeth

Children of my brother: Joseph Van Riswick

Children of my deceased brother: William S. L. Abell

Executors: Friend, George Combs.

Witnesses: J. F. Magill

Wm. Mason

Wm. W. Drury

Proved 6 August 1859.