

Descendants of Carl Christopher Springer, Sr.

Generation No. 1

1. CARL CHRISTOPHER¹ SPRINGER, SR. was born 1592 in Lamstedt, Hanover, Germany, and died May 18, 1669 in Klara Parrish, Stockholm, Sweden. He married (1) ALMA DOROTHEA JACOBI 1645 in Wismar, Sweden¹. She was born Unknown, and died About 1647¹. He married (2) HENRIETTA STULEENRAUCH 1649 in Berlin, Germany¹. She was born Unknown, and died Bef. Oct 15, 1654. He married (3) LADY BEATA JACOBINE HENDRICKSON SALINAS Oct 15, 1654 in Klara Parrish, Stockholm, Sweden, daughter of BALTHASAR SALINAS and ELIZABETH CARLSDOTTER. She was born 1636 in Klara Parrish, Stockholm, Sweden, and died Dec 17, 1693 in Gripsholm Castle, Stockholm, Sweden.

Notes for CARL CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER, SR.:

From "A Genealogical Table and History of the Springer Family in Europe and North America" by M.C. Springer:

The following is the action of the guardians, (or orphans) court upon the last Will and Testament of Christopher Springer, copied from the records at Upsala, Sweden.

"A. D. 1669, June 9th, Peter Carlingh, and Gustav Mathson, Alderman, and John Neilson, Notary Public, were appointed by the Orphan's Court to make an inventory, tax and divide the estate of the late Christopher Springer, Inspector in the Royal Exchequer College, between the widow, pious and virtuous matron, Lady Beatea, and the children of the late husband by the first bed; the book-keeper, Laurentius (Lorentz) Springer; by the second bed, Christina Springer, the wife of John Jacobson, now living in Riga; and of the third bed, five children, with the above mentioned wife, Miss Elizabeth Springer, about fourteen years, Carl Springer, about eleven years, Christopher Springer, eight years, Baltzer Springer, five years, and Jacob Springer, one year old.

The widow and the Crown were represented by the Alderman Zacharias Watraugh, Notary in the Supreme Court, Mr. Lars Morlingh, and her brother, Mr. Baltzer Hendrickson; the book-keeper, John Jacobson, (Christina's husband), was represented by his father, the organist, Jacob Olfson.

A. D. 1669 June 9th, The same day the writings which the late Inspector Christopher Springer had left behind as a testamentary disposition for the surviving family were read.

First.---A division which he had made between himself and his children concerning the maternal inheritance of the first two marriages, which division, the son, Lorentz Springer approved without any objection, and it was laid

Second.---The disposition of the last will of the late husband, which he wished after his death undisputably to be kept. In the first place, relating to the house and garden at Munklagret, which the late husband had promised the widow to inhabit and possess, free of rent, as long as she remained single, about this it was agreed that the widow should keep it on the share of her children (i.e. Elizabeth, Carl, Christopher, Baltzer and Jacob), and herself, yet without depriving the son (Lorentz), and his half-sister (Christina) of any of their rights, especially as they were not willing to consent thereto.

The second clause was concerning the country property which was bequeathed to the widow to possess and use during her life-time, as support of herself and her children, the rent which yearly accrues from the two farms in Upland, Whye and Nybble, and the properties in Westergotland, should be appraised; to this the son (Lorentz), answered, that he reserved for himself and his half-sister their share in this as well as in the house and garden by Munklagret, to which the widow also assented in order to preserve peace and unity.

The third and fourth clause concerning the gold chain and bracelets of the widow, which had been given her by the late husband, and a gold chain to the oldest daughter of the same flock, Virgin Elizabeth Springer, was approved by the son without objection, also that the older sister, now residing in the house, should get a dowry as well as his sister. In the above mentioned manner, they agreed in friendship upon all these points. Thus it has been found agreed, testify the undersigned. Orphan's Court, No. die at superious.

P. Carlingh

Witness, Watraugh. Gustav Mathson

Christopher Springer, was an official at the Swedish court, and in addition to other duties in financial lines, he drew a salary as a musician. He was a naturalized Swede, although he was originally German. He was married three times, first to Alma Dorothea Jacobie, by whom he had a son, Lorentz; second to Henrietta Stulcenrauch, by whom he had a daughter, Christina, who lived in Riga, now in the Russian zone. The third wife was Beata Salina, the eldest daughter of Dr. Balzar Salinus, court physician to King Carl X. The family home was opposite the cast

gate of the sancta Clara Lutheran Church, which the family attended. Christopher bought this property in 1637, and Lorentz, the eldest son, lived there until his death, and is buried in Sancta Clara churchyard.

All reference of Christopher and Beata Salina Springer of Stockholm, and to their son Charles, are documented in the municipal records of Stockholm, and the Royal Archives, but the Springer line back of them in Europe is very shadowy. During the last century it was very easy to buy a family tree for a price, and it appears that the genealogy published in a "History of the Springer family" by Moses C. Springer in 1881, was of this type. It was completely discredited by Courtland Bowker Springer, retired superintendent of mails for the Philadelphia Post Office, who was him self a genealogist of no mean order, who used the years of his retirement in collecting data on the Springer, and who was working on a family history when he died in 1956. He had wide acquaintance with genealogist, some of whom had done much work in Europe; and he said their research showed that somewhere along the line one of the medieval kings had been presented with a child he never had, to provide us with a royal ancestor. Moses was one of the promoters of the "Springers Heirs, Inc." Which flourished in the latter half of the nineteenth century, and into which our grandfather, William McKendree Thompson Springer, and his two brothers, Thomas Ogleaby and Levi Cartwright, sunk a considerable amount of hard earned money. The story was that the land on which the DuPont Powder Works stood was all originally owned by Charles Springer; that a lease for ninety-nine years was stolen just at the end of the effective period, and that the DuPonts had grown fabulously rich at the expense of our relatives. It is not known how the story first started, but the attorneys in Wilmington suddenly found out that advertisements were appearing in newspapers all over the country, offering to the descendants of "Charles Christopher Springer" information to their financial advantage. Chapters of "Springer Heirs" were formed all over the country.

Notes for LADY BEATA JACOBINE HENDRICKSON SALINAS:

Royal housekeeper for the dowager Queen Hedwig Eleonara (widow of King Charles X) at Gripsholms Castle. In 1687 Beata asked that her right to the homestead, free of tax, be valid for life. Her request was granted.

see "Charles Springer's Family in Swedish History" by Baldwin Maull, published by The Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, 1978

Child of CARL SPRINGER and ALMA JACOBI is:

- i. LORENTZ² SPRINGER, b. About 1646, Wismar, Sweden¹; d. 1701, Tiverton, RI².

Child of CARL SPRINGER and HENRIETTA STULEENRAUCH is:

- ii. CHRISTINA² SPRINGER, b. About 1650, Berlin, Germany³; d. Unknown, Riga (now Russia).

Children of CARL SPRINGER and BEATA SALINAS are:

- iii. ELIZABETH² SPRINGER, b. 1655, Stockholm, Sweden³; d. Unknown, Stockholm, Sweden.
2. iv. CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER, JR., b. 1658, Klara Parrish, Stockholm, Sweden; d. May 26, 1738, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE.
- v. BALTZER SPRINGER, b. 1664, Stockholm, Sweden³; d. Unknown, Sweden.
3. vi. JACOB SPRINGER, b. 1668, Stockholm, Sweden; d. 1731, Burlington, Burlington Co, NJ.

Generation No. 2

2. CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER² SPRINGER, JR. (*CARL CHRISTOPHER*¹) was born 1658 in Klara Parrish, Stockholm, Sweden³, and died May 26, 1738 in Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE^{4,5}. He married MARIA HENDRICKSON Dec 27, 1685 in Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE, daughter of HENDRICK JACOBSSON and GERTRUDE ?. She was born Unknown, and died Mar 15, 1726/27 in New Castle Co., DE.

Notes for CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER, JR.:

A letter to his mother, dated June 1, 1693, from "Pennsylvania on the Delaware River."

"When I was in London, and was of a mind to journey home to Sweden, having learned the English speech and writing and reading. I was kidnapped and against my will taken on board an English ship, carried to Virginia, and sold off like a farm animal and held in very slavery for five years together.

My work was unspeakable. In the summer it was extra ordinary hot during the day, and my work was mostly in the winter, clearing land and cutting down the forest and making it ready for planting tobacco and Indian grain

(corn) in the summer. I had a very hard master. But now to God be praise, honor, and glory! I have overcome it all.

When I had faithfully served out my time I heard, accidentally, that there were Swedes at Delaware River, in Pennsylvania and I made that difficult journey of about four hundred miles. When I got there I beheld the Old Swedes, and they received me very kindly."

From "Charles Springer and his Family" by Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig, ASG, Historian, Swedish Colonial Society; originally published in Swedish Colonial News, Volume 1, Number 19 (Spring 1999)

"The dedication of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church in 1699 was a milestone in the remarkable success story for one of its members, Charles Christophersson Springer, who came from Sweden some 22 years after the Dutch seizure of New Sweden. It was he who wrote the 1693 letter asking for new Swedish ministers on the Delaware. It was he who lent his tireless assistance to pastor Eric Björk in the negotiations necessary to accomplish their goal of constructing the new church. And it was he who Björk singled out as the most important reason for the success of this venture.

Unlike his countrymen in America, Charles Springer came from an upper class household. His father was Christopher Springer, who died in Stockholm in 1669 after 40 years of government service. His mother was Beata Salina, Christopher Springer's third wife, who survived her husband for almost 25 years, serving as royal housekeeper for the dowager queen Hedwig Eleonora, widow of King Charles X.

Charles Springer was born in Stockholm in 1658 and seemed destined to follow in his parent's footsteps as a leader in Swedish society. He was sent as a young man to study in Riga, Latvia (then a province of Sweden). Following this he was sent to London to study English and mathematics. About to return home, Charles Springer, then 21, was kidnapped and carried aboard an English vessel bound for Virginia, where in his own words, "I was sold like a farm animal" and held in "very slavery" for five years. Upon his release as a supposed "indentured servant," he walked 400 miles to the Delaware, where he had heard other Swedes lived.

His initial residence, from 1684 to 1690, was in an area known as "New Stockholm," located on the north side of Raccoon Creek in Gloucester County. On 27 December 1685 he married Maria Hendricksdotter, daughter of Hendrick Jacobsson and his wife Gertrude. Around 1690, Charles Springer and his family moved to Oak Hill, located on the east side of Red Clay Creek in New Castle County. This was his home until his death in 1738.

As one of the few Swedes able to read and write the English language, Charles Springer was frequently called upon to draft wills, deeds and other legal documents for his Swedish compatriots. (The courts wouldn't accept such documents in a foreign language.) His reputation was such that he served as a justice on the New Castle court for 35 years (1703-1738) in addition to his manifold duties for Holy Trinity Church as warden, vestryman and trustee. Earlier, prior to the arrival of Bjork in 1697, Springer also had served as reader at the Swedes' church at Crane Hook.

Charles Springer's last official act was to travel to Gloucester County to prove in court on 24 May 1738 a deed he had witnessed on 9 May 1685, conveying land in "New Stockholm" to Mårten Mårtensson, Sr., and John Archer, two Swedes of Ammansland in Ridley Township. While crossing the Delaware on his return trip, 26 May 1738, Charles Springer died of a stroke. He was then eighty years old. He was buried in the church that he loved.

Maria Hendricksdotter, the first wife of Charles Springer, had been buried at Holy Trinity Church on 15 March 1727. Three months later Springer married Annika, daughter of Johan and Brita Gustafsson and widow of both Matthias MArtensson and Jonas Walraven.

Charles Springer had eleven known children, all born by his first wife, Maria Hendricksdotter:

1. Anna Elisabeth Springer, born c. 1687, married c. 1706 Samuel Hall, an Englishman who died as a weaver in Kennet, Chester County in 1738. His will named his wife Elisabeth, eight daughters (Mary, Sarah, Phoebe, Elisabeth, Hannah, Dinah, Susanna and Margaret) and four sons (George, Samuel, James and Charles).
2. Rebecca Springer, born c. 1689, married c. 1708 Jacob Stille, Swedish, son of Anders Stille. She died in Christiana Hundred after 1764, and had ten children (Jonathan, Andrew, Maria, Peter, Susanna, Elisabeth, Margareta, Rebecca, John and Lydia).
3. Maria Springer, born c. 1691, married on 31 July 1716 William Cleney, probably of French origins. She died

in Christiana Hundred by 1736 after having nine children (Rebecca, William, Charles, Jane, Maria, Hannah, Jane, Samuel and Sarah).

4. Charles Springer, Jr., born in 1693, married in 1722 Margareta Robinson, daughter of Edward Robinson and Anna Walraven. He died in Christiana Hundred and was buried 26 Aug. 1759. They had twelve children (Maria, John, Anna, Charles, Catharina, Edward, Jacob, Gabriel, Margareta, Rachel, Rebecca and Elisabeth).

5. Christopher Springer, born 12 May 1696, married in 1722 his first cousin Catherine Hendrickson, daughter of John Hendricksson and Brita Mattson. Christopher died in Christiana Hundred and was buried 31 July 1755. They had nine children (Charles, John, Brita, Peter, Susannah, Solomon, Abraham, Joseph and Catharina).

6. John Springer, born blind c. 1698, married [1] his first cousin Maria Hendrickson, daughter of John Hendricksson, in 1727, [2] Mary Dempsey, English, 31 August 1736. He died in Christiana Hundred in June 1772. By his first wife, he had four children (Charles, William, Mary and Joseph). By his second wife, six more (Elisabeth, Rebecca, Israel, John, Margaret and Andrew).

7. Anders Springer, born c. 1700, died unmarried in January 1731.

8. Jacob Springer, born in 1703, married c. 1732 Mary Bishop, English, daughter of Nicholas and Dorcas Bishop. He died in Christiana Hundred and was buried 18 December 1763. They had eleven children (Dorcas, Charles, Susanna, Maria, Rebecca, Nicholas, Anna, Elisabeth, Jacob, John and Thomas).

9. Israel Springer, born c. 1705, died unmarried in January 1731.

10. Magdalena Springer, born c. 1707, married [1] Jesper Robinson, 11 November 1725; [2] Paul Paulson 19 November 1728; [3] Morton Justis, 5 December 1747. All three were Swedish. She had ten children (Jesper Robinson, Dorothea, Maria, Rebecca, Paul, Charles, Peter, John and Anna Paulson and Helena Justis).

11. Joseph Springer, born in 1709, married in 1731 Annika Justis, Swedish, daughter of Måns Justis and Catharina Walraven. He died in Christiana Hundred in 1799. They had twelve children (Charles, Anders, Beata, Maria, Joseph, Catharina, Sarah, Rebecca, Anna, Rachel, Eleanor and Hannah).

From "Genealogical and Personal History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania"

The Springers of Sweden, from whom the Springers of Delaware, from whom the Springers of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, descend, were descendants of the ancient Germans known as Franks, who appeared on the Lower Rhine about the middle of the third century. The name originated with Louis II, Count of Thuringia, who was imprisoned by his Emperor in the strong castle of Giebichenstein, from which he made his escape by an adventurous leap from the tall battlements of the castle into the water beneath. When the manner of his escape was explained to the Emperor he pardoned him and in sport gave him the surname of "The Springer," which he always retained. His son, Christopher Louis, was knighted by Emperor Henry in 1092, when a year old, as Count Springer, and from him the line traces to Christopher Springer, born in Hanover, Germany, 1592. At the end of the thirty years' war which devastated Germany, France and Sweden demanded indemnity from Germany for the assistance they had given. Part of the territory obtained by Sweden was the city of Weimar, of which Christopher Springer was a resident. He thereby became a subject of the Queen of Sweden. In 1649 he moved from Weimar to Berlin and from there to Stockholm, Sweden, where he held a high position under the Swedish crown. He owned two valuable country seats, property in Stockholm, and nine taxable farms in Westergolland. The most of the family, consisting of his brothers, soon followed him to Sweden, where descendants yet are found. Christopher Springer had three wives, the last surviving him many years. He died in Stockholm, 1669, aged seventy-seven years. By first wife he had Lorentz, born in Weimar, Germany, died at Tiverton, Rhode Island; by second wife, Christina, who died in Riga, now Russia; by third wife, Lady Beatrice Jacobine Hendrickson lady companion to the Queen of Charles X, whom he married in Stockholm, in 1654, he had: Elizabeth, died in Stockholm; Carl, born 1658, died in Wilmington, Delaware; Christopher, died in Germany; Baltzer, died in Sweden; Jacob, born 1668, died in Burlington county, New Jersey, 1731. It is with Carl, eldest son of Christopher Springer by his third wife, that the family history in America begins.

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(I) Carl, son of Christopher Springer, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, 1658, died in Wilmington, Delaware. He was well educated in Sweden, where his father, in high position, gave his family all the advantages of wealth and education. He came to America with the Swedish settlers of Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, locating at Wilmington, where he died. He married and left issue.

(II) Michael, son of Carl Springer, was the first of this branch to settle in Fayette county. He came from Delaware with his family, settling at what is now Belle Vernon, but was prior to the formation of Fayette county in 1783 a part of Rostraver township, Westmoreland county. Michael is buried at Belle Vernon. He married and left issue. (III) Daniel, son of Michael Springer, was born in Delaware, later settling in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he married and died, leaving issue. He was a farmer, and may have been a soldier of the revolution as well as others of this family.

More About CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER, JR.:

Burial: May 28, 1738, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE⁶

Cause of Death: Stroke

More About MARIA HENDRICKSON:

Burial: Mar 15, 1726/27, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE

Children of CHARLES SPRINGER and MARIA HENDRICKSON are:

- i. ANNA ELISABETH³ SPRINGER, b. About 1687; d. Aft. 1738; m. SAMUEL HALL, About 1706; b. Unknown; d. About 1738, Kennett, Chester Co., PA.

Notes for ANNA ELISABETH SPRINGER:

1. Anna Elisabeth Springer, born c. 1687, married c. 1706 Samuel Hall, an Englishman who died as a weaver in Kennet, Chester County in 1738. His will named his wife Elisabeth, eight daughters (Mary, Sarah, Phoebe, Elisabeth, Hannah, Dinah, Susanna and Margaret) and four sons (George, Samuel, James and Charles).

- ii. REBECCA SPRINGER, b. About 1689; d. Aft. 1764, Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE; m. JACOB STILLEY, About 1708; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for REBECCA SPRINGER:

2. Rebecca Springer, born c. 1689, married c. 1708 Jacob Stilley, Swedish, son of Anders Stille. She died in Christiana Hundred after 1764, and had ten children (Jonathan, Andrew, Maria, Peter, Susanna, Elisabeth, Margareta, Rebecca, John and Lydia).

- iii. MARIA SPRINGER, b. About 1691; d. 1736, Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE; m. WILLIAM CLENEAY, Jul 31, 1716; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for MARIA SPRINGER:

3. Maria Springer, born c. 1691, married on 31 July 1716 William Cleneay, probably of French origins. She died in Christiana Hundred by 1736 after having nine children (Rebecca, William, Charles, Jane, Maria, Hannah, Jane, Samuel and Sarah).

4. iv. CHARLES SPRINGER, JR., b. About 1693; d. Aug 1759, Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE.
5. v. CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER, b. May 12, 1696, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE; d. About Jul 1755, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE.
6. vi. JOHN SPRINGER, b. 1698; d. Bef. Jun 15, 1772, New Castle Co., DE.
- vii. ANDERS SPRINGER, b. About 1700; d. About Jan 1730/31, New Castle Co., DE.

Notes for ANDERS SPRINGER:

7. Anders Springer, born c. 1700, died unmarried in January 1731.

More About ANDERS SPRINGER:

Burial: Jan 16, 1730/31, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE⁶

- viii. JACOB SPRINGER, b. 1703; d. About Dec 1763, Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE; m. MARY BISHOP, About 1732; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for JACOB SPRINGER:

8. Jacob Springer, born in 1703, married c. 1732 Mary Bishop, English, daughter of Nicholas and Dorcas Bishop. He died in Christiana Hundred and was buried 18 December 1763. They had eleven children (Dorcas, Charles, Susanna, Maria, Rebecca, Nicholas, Anna, Elisabeth, Jacob, John and Thomas).

More About JACOB SPRINGER:

Burial: Dec 18, 1763

- ix. ISRAEL SPRINGER, b. About 1705; d. Jan 1730/31, New Castle Co., DE.

Notes for ISRAEL SPRINGER:

9. Israel Springer, born c. 1705, died unmarried in January 1731.

More About ISRAEL SPRINGER:

Burial: Jan 24, 1730/31, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE⁶

- x. MAGDALENA SPRINGER, b. About 1707; d. Aft. Dec 05, 1747; m. (1) JESPAR ROBINSON, Nov 11, 1725; b. Unknown; d. Bef. Nov 1728; m. (2) PAUL PAULSON, Nov 19, 1728; b. Unknown; d. Bef. Dec 1747; m. (3) MORTON JUSTIS, Dec 05, 1747; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for MAGDALENA SPRINGER:

10. Magdalena Springer, born c. 1707, married [1] Jesper Robinson, 11 November 1725; [2] Paul Paulson 19 November 1728; [3] Morton Justis, 5 December 1747. All three were Swedish. She had ten children (Jesper Robinson, Dorothea, Maria, Rebecca, Paul, Charles, Peter, John and Anna Paulson and Helena Justis).

7. xi. JOSEPH SPRINGER, b. About 1709; d. 1799, Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE.

3. JACOB² SPRINGER (*CARL CHRISTOPHER*¹) was born 1668 in Stockholm, Sweden^{7,8}, and died 1731 in Burlington, Burlington Co, NJ^{9,10}. He married PHOEBE HIOBE. She was born Unknown, and died About 1726.

Notes for JACOB SPRINGER:

From "Genealogy of the Springer Family" by Coha J. Jolliffe, 1894:

Came to America in 1692. On the fly leaves of his mother's Bible are the following entries written in the Swedish language, dated & signed by his mother only a short time before her death.

1. Our son Jacob has left his service in the Royal Marine & now commands a ship for a ship owner in Rotterdam (Holland) & saile as Captain between Rotterdam & America. (Signed) Beatea Jacobine Springer, Born as Hendrickson July 4, 1689

2. The life of our son Jacob on shipboard is ended. Today he goes from Rotterdam to America to find my brother Baldwin. God grant that he find him. My blessing attend him. So departed the fifth & last of my children, & I, poor old woman, remain alone. Beatea Jacobine Springer, Born as Hendrickson May 7, 1692

This is the last mention of him that can be found in that country. His next appearance is at or near Williamsburg on Long Island, New York. His family appears in East New Jersey, Burlington Co, in 1731, the year in which he died. But whether he died in New York or New Jersey remains to be found out. His will is said to be on file at Albany, NY with several others of the names who died about that time, who were living under the administration of the Penns. East New Jersey was at 1 time controlled or governed by the Duke of York, which accounts for the New Jersey papers filed in New York. From that I would conclude that he died in New Jersey, as his will is among the New Jersey papers. I saw a record of wills filed at Albany in the Colonial Records Office, London, but was never able to see the will. Many of the German settlers on Lang Island NY moved to New Jersey about that time because of the arbitrary laws of the Duke of York in NY. It is presumed that Jacob married his wife in the county, but who she was is not known.

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The Springer's, of Uniontown, and the Springer's, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, trace from a common ancestor, Christopher Springer, born in Hanover, Germany, 1592, and his third wife, Lady Beatrice Jacobine Hendrickson. For a more extended history of Christopher Springer and his family (xxxvi gen.), of Louis II, Count of Thuringia, of "The Springer," xviii gen.), and of Christopher Louis, Count Springer, (xix gen.), see preceding narrative concerning the Springer family of Connellsville, which descends from Carl, born 1658, son of Christopher Springer, who settled in Delaware.

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The Uniontown family herein recorded descends from Jacob Springer, a younger brother of Carl Springer (q. v.), who settled in New Jersey. Carl and Jacob Springer were the emigrant ancestors of the two lines, coming to America with the Swedish emigration that figures so largely in the early settlement of Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The genealogical history is traced in male line to A. D. 427, the present being the forty-fifth generation. Springer as a surname did not prevail until the eighteenth generation and was bestowed in consequence of a daring leap made by Louis II, Count of Thuringia, as described in the preceding sketch. The genealogy of this branch of the family, attending its immigration to America, follows in detail.

(I) Jacob Springer, son of Christopher Springer (q. v.), was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1668, died in Burlington county, New Jersey, 1731. He had all the advantages of education the wealth and position of his father could bestow, but forsook his native land with its life of ease to come to America. The brothers, Jacob and Carl, probably came together with other Swedes, although they soon separated, Carl remaining in Delaware, where the first Swede settlement was made, Jacob settling in New Jersey, dying in Burlington county in that state. He was of the thirty-seventh generation of his family in Europe and of the first in America. This covers the period from the second century of the Franks in the Rhine county in Germany to the emigration to Sweden, twelve centuries later, and after one generation in Sweden to the shores in America, where the family has flourished and spread all over the United States. Jacob Springer married and left issue.

(II) Dennis, son of Jacob Springer, the emigrant, was born in 1712, died in the state of Kentucky in 1760. He married Ann Prickett and left issue.

(III) Dennis (2), son of Dennis (1) Springer, was born June 23, 1748, died April 6, 1823. He came to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, from the state of Kentucky in 1768 and settled on what is now the Greenberry Crossland farm just east of Uniontown, where he became a large landowner, and died. He married Elizabeth Small and left issue.

(IV) Jacob (2), son of Dennis (2) Springer, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1777, died December 6, 1852. He resided in Fayette county all his life; was a farmer and large landowner, part of his possessions now being the site of Uniontown. He married Elizabeth Jenkins and left issue.

SPRINGER, Jacob

Birth Date: 1668 Birth Place: Swe, New Jersey

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Reference: Gen. Column of the " Boston Transcript": 6 Apr 1927, 5403

See "Springer Families, From Adam to Present" by Joseph R. Armentrout, 1984, pg 163.

Child of JACOB SPRINGER and PHOEBE HIOBE is:

8. i. BENJAMIN³ SPRINGER, b. About 1706, Burlington Co., NJ; d. Aft. 1785.

Generation No. 3

4. CHARLES³ SPRINGER, JR. (*CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER*², *CARL CHRISTOPHER*¹) was born About 1693, and died Aug 1759 in Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE¹⁰. He married MARGARETA ROBINSON 1722. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown.

Notes for CHARLES SPRINGER, JR.:

4. Charles Springer, Jr., born in 1693, married in 1722 Margareta Robinson, daughter of Edward Robinson and Anna Walraven. He died in Christiana Hundred and was buried 26 Aug. 1759. They had twelve children (Maria, John, Anna, Charles, Catharina, Edward, Jacob, Gabriel, Margareta, Rachel, Rebecca and Elisabeth).

More About CHARLES SPRINGER, JR.:

Burial: Aug 26, 1759, Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE

Children of CHARLES SPRINGER and MARGARETA ROBINSON are:

- i. CHARLES⁴ SPRINGER, b. 1728, New Castle Co., DE¹⁰; d. Unknown; m. SUSANNA SEEDS, 1752¹⁰; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

More About CHARLES SPRINGER:

Residence: Frederick, Frederick Co., MD¹⁰

- ii. JACOB SPRINGER, b. Feb 09, 1736/37, New Castle Co., DE¹¹; d. Unknown.

More About JACOB SPRINGER:

Baptism: Mar 20, 1736/37, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE¹¹

- iii. CHILD SPRINGER, b. Unknown, New Castle Co., DE; d. About Mar 1735/36, New Castle Co., DE.

More About CHILD SPRINGER:

Burial: Mar 07, 1735/36, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE¹¹

5. CHRISTOPHER³ SPRINGER (*CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER², CARL CHRISTOPHER¹*) was born May 12, 1696 in Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE, and died About Jul 1755 in Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE. He married CATHERINE HENDRICKSON Aug 1720, daughter of JOHAN HENDRICKSSON and BRITA MATTSON. She was born About 1696 in Christian Hundred, Newcastle Co., Delaware, and died Unknown.

Notes for CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER:

5. Christopher Springer, born 12 May 1696, married in 1722 his first cousin Catherine Hendrickson, daughter of John Hendricksson and Brita Mattson. Christopher died in Christiana Hundred and was buried 31 July 1755. They had nine children (Charles, John, Brita, Peter, Susannah, Solomon, Abraham, Joseph and Catharina).

More About CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER:

Burial: Jul 31, 1755, Holy Trinity Churchyard, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE

Cause of Death: Hernia

Child of CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER and CATHERINE HENDRICKSON is:

9. i. SUSANNAH⁴ SPRINGER, b. Nov 10, 1731, New Castle Co., DE; d. Bef. 1779.

6. JOHN³ SPRINGER (*CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER², CARL CHRISTOPHER¹*) was born 1698, and died Bef. Jun 15, 1772 in New Castle Co., DE. He married (1) MARIA HENDRICKSON About 1727 in New Castle Co., DE, daughter of JOHAN HENDRICKSSON and BRITA MATTSON. She was born About 1703, and died Bef. Aug 31, 1736. He married (2) MARY DEMPSY Aug 31, 1736 in Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE. She was born Unknown, and died Nov 20, 1746. He married (3) MARY WELSH Nov 20, 1746 in New Castle Co., DE. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown.

Notes for JOHN SPRINGER:

6. John Springer, born blind c. 1698, married [1] his first cousin Maria Hendrickson, daughter of John Hendricksson, in 1727, [2] Mary Dempsey, English, 31 August 1736. He died in Christiana Hundred in June 1772. By his first wife, he had four children (Charles, William, Mary and Joseph). By his second wife, six more (Elisabeth, Rebecca, Israel, John, Margaret and Andrew).

The Will of John Springer was written 4 Oct 1770, proved 15 Jun 1772, recorded in New Castle Co. Wills K: p.

35, and transcribed as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I John Springer of Christianna Hundred and county of Newcastle being weak in Body yeat of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Allmighty God for the Same and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die this I make as my last will and Testament and first of all I render my Soul to God who give me the same and my body I order to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner nothing doubting the care of my Executors in the Same and as tuching my worldly Estate I do have and Constitute William Fillips and Alexander Moore Executors of this my last Will & testament and first of all I leave and bequeath to my well beloved wife the sum of Six pounds together with her bed and Cloaths thereunto belonging. ITEM I leave and bequeath to my Son Charles Springer the sum of five Shillings ITEM I leave and bequeath to my son William Springer the sum of five Shillings. ITEM I leave and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Springer the sum of five shillings, ITEM I have bequeath to my son Israel Springer the sum of five Shillings. ITEM I leave and bequeath to my Daughter Rebeca Springer the sum of five Shillings, ITEM I leave and bequeath to my son John Springer the sum of one hundred pounds. ITEM I do also leave and bequeath to my Son in Law John Agustis to him his Heirs and Assigns forever all that tract or persall of land I am now possess'd of with all the appurtainances thereunto belonging lying and being in Cristeanna Hundred and County of New Castle and it is my will and I do hereby order and apoint that he the said John Agustis shall for and in Consideration of this my Real Estate keep my wife and my Daughters viz Mary and Rebeca Springer during their natural life and find them in Meat Drink washing Aparal and Lodgings and at his own proper Expence or Cost out of his my Real Estate also at their or either of their Deseace bury them in a Cristian and decent like manner and farther it is my will and I do hereby order and apoint that he the said John Agustis shall pay unto my son John Springer the Hunder,d Pounds above said in three years after my deceas Devided into three Equal Galls and farther I leave and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Augustus all that may remain of my Movable or personal Estate after my just Debts and funeral Charge is paid and last of all I do hereby order and apoint or impower my Executors of this my last will and Testament to make a full Conveance of my real Estate to my Son in Law John Augustis acording to an Article that he the said John Agustis has under my hand and this I do allow to be my last Will and Testament disalowing disanuling and revocking all other Wills and Testaments as Wittness my Hand and Sale the Day and year above Written. John Springer (his mark) Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presents of John Bishop, Robert Galbreath, Alexdr McKim" proved 15 Jun 1772

More About JOHN SPRINGER:

Medical Information: Blind from birth

Will Dated: Oct 04, 1770

Will Proved: Jun 15, 1772

Children of JOHN SPRINGER and MARIA HENDRICKSON are:

- i. CARL⁴ SPRINGER, b. Jul 21, 1728; d. Unknown; m. ANNA OGLE, Apr 09, 1752; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- ii. MARY SPRINGER, b. Aug 18, 1731, New Castle Co., DE¹¹; d. Aft. 1770.

More About MARY SPRINGER:

Baptism: Jan 31, 1731/32, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE¹¹

Medical Information: Blind from birth

- iii. JOSEPH SPRINGER, b. Mar 28, 1736; d. Aug 17, 1750.

Child of JOHN SPRINGER and MARY DEMPSY is:

10. iv. REV. JOHN⁴ SPRINGER, b. Sep 08, 1744, New Castle Co., DE; d. Sep 02, 1798, Wilkes Co., GA.

7. JOSEPH³ SPRINGER (*CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER*², *CARL CHRISTOPHER*¹) was born About 1709, and died 1799 in Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co., DE. He married ANNKA JUSTIS 1731. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown.

Notes for JOSEPH SPRINGER:

11. Joseph Springer, born in 1709, married in 1731 Annika Justis, Swedish, daughter of Måns Justis and Catharina Walraven. He died in Christiana Hundred in 1799. They had twelve children (Charles, Anders, Beata, Maria, Joseph, Catharina, Sarah, Rebecca, Anna, Rachel, Eleanor and Hannah).

Children of JOSEPH SPRINGER and ANNKA JUSTIS are:

- i. CHARLES⁴ SPRINGER, b. Sep 03, 1732, New Castle Co., DE¹¹; d. Unknown.

More About CHARLES SPRINGER:

Baptism: Sep 18, 1732, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE¹¹

- ii. ANDERS SPRINGER, b. Unknown; d. Jul 17, 1734, New Castle Co., DE¹¹.

More About ANDERS SPRINGER:

Burial: Jul 18, 1734, Holy Trinity (Old Swede's) Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE¹¹

8. BENJAMIN³ SPRINGER (*JACOB*², *CARL CHRISTOPHER*¹) was born About 1706 in Burlington Co., NJ, and died Aft. 1785. He married (1) JERUSHIA TYLER. She was born About 1708, and died Unknown. He married (2) ANN CLAPGUT BUDD Dec 29, 1731 in Burlington, NJ, daughter of THOMAS BUDD and DEBORAH LANGSTAFF. She was born 1712 in Northampton Township, Burlington Co., NJ, and died Bef. 1747.

Notes for BENJAMIN SPRINGER:

Owned 2944 acres of land at Indiana Hill, New Jersey; it is assumed Ann Clapgut Budd died there.

See "Springer Families, From Adam to Present" by Joseph R. Armentrout, 1984, (929.273 Sp83a, Salt Lake City F.H.C.) pg 163.

"Archives of the State of New Jersey" Marriage Records, 1665-1800, (929.9 B49a, Salt Lake City F.H.C.) VOL XXII, pg 58.

Marriage Notes for BENJAMIN SPRINGER and JERUSHIA TYLER:

Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey

Marriage Licenses. The Marriage Ceremony; Males. S

Divorces By the Court of Chancery. page 356

Springer, Benjamin, Northampton, and Jerushia Tyler, Northampton 1747 Mar. 9

Notes for ANN CLAPGUT BUDD:

See "Springer Families, From Adam to Present" by Joseph R. Armentrout, 1984, (929.273 Sp83a, Salt Lake City F.H.C.) pg 163.

"Archives of the State of New Jersey" Marriage Records, 1665-1800, (929.9 B49a, Salt Lake City F.H.C.) VOL XXII, pg 58.

"The Budd Family Book" by The Budd Family Association, 1981

Child of BENJAMIN SPRINGER and ANN BUDD is:

- 11. i. ELIZABETH⁴ SPRINGER, b. Oct 12, 1735, Mount Holly, Burlington Co., NJ; d. Sep 02, 1798, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., PA.

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9. SUSANNAH⁴ SPRINGER (*CHRISTOPHER*³, *CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER*², *CARL CHRISTOPHER*¹) was born Nov 10, 1731 in New Castle Co., DE, and died Bef. 1779. She married REV. JOHN SPRINGER Feb 18, 1762 in New Castle Co., DE, son of JOHN SPRINGER and MARY DEMPSY. He was born Sep 08, 1744 in New Castle Co., DE, and died Sep 02, 1798 in Wilkes Co., GA.

Notes for SUSANNAH SPRINGER:

See "Charles Springer of Cranhook-on-the-Delaware His Descendants and Allied Families" by Jessie Evelyn Springer

See "Early Church Records of New Castle Co." by Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD

More About SUSANNAH SPRINGER:

Baptism: Nov 21, 1731, New Castle Co., DE

Notes for REV. JOHN SPRINGER:

See "Early Church Records of New Castle Co." by Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD

More About REV. JOHN SPRINGER:

Baptism: Oct 01, 1744, New Castle Co., DE

Occupation: Minister

Children of SUSANNAH SPRINGER and JOHN SPRINGER are:

12. i. SARAH⁵ SPRINGER, b. Apr 27, 1762, New Castle Co., DE; d. 1800, Wilkes Co., GA.
- ii. DAVID SPRINGER, b. Mar 06, 1765; d. Unknown.
- iii. SALLY SPRINGER, b. Unknown; d. Unknown; m. WILEY PETERMAN; b. 1801; d. Unknown.

10. REV. JOHN⁴ SPRINGER (*JOHN³, CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER², CARL CHRISTOPHER¹*) was born Sep 08, 1744 in New Castle Co., DE, and died Sep 02, 1798 in Wilkes Co., GA. He married SUSANNAH SPRINGER Feb 18, 1762 in New Castle Co., DE, daughter of CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER and CATHERINE HENDRICKSON. She was born Nov 10, 1731 in New Castle Co., DE, and died Bef. 1779.

Notes for REV. JOHN SPRINGER:

See "Early Church Records of New Castle Co." by Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD

More About REV. JOHN SPRINGER:

Baptism: Oct 01, 1744, New Castle Co., DE

Occupation: Minister

Notes for SUSANNAH SPRINGER:

See "Charles Springer of Cranhook-on-the-Delaware His Descendants and Allied Families" by Jessie Evelyn Springer

See "Early Church Records of New Castle Co." by Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD

More About SUSANNAH SPRINGER:

Baptism: Nov 21, 1731, New Castle Co., DE

Children are listed above under (9) Susannah Springer.

11. ELIZABETH⁴ SPRINGER (*BENJAMIN³, JACOB², CARL CHRISTOPHER¹*) was born Oct 12, 1735 in Mount Holly, Burlington Co., NJ, and died Sep 02, 1798 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., PA. She married ADONIAH PEACOCK Sep 28, 1751 in Trenton, Mercer Co., NJ, son of JOHN PEACOCK and ELIZABETH PRICKETT. He was born Aug 05, 1724 in Mount Holly, Burlington Co., NJ, and died Jan 19, 1777 in Medford, Evesham Township, Burlington Co., NJ.

Notes for ELIZABETH SPRINGER:

See "Brief History & Genealogy of The Peacocks, Hollinsheads, Stocktons, & Iricks of New Jersey" by William R Hillary, 1943, (Film # 526997, Item #4 (Bk #FP 316) Salt Lake City F.H.C.) pg 2a.

see also "The Genealogical Magazine of NJ", 1928, by Genealogy Society, (974.9 B2g, Salt Lake City F.H.C.) VOL IV, pg 29.

More About ELIZABETH SPRINGER:

Burial: 1798, Peacock Family Burying Ground, Chairsville, Burlington Co., NJ¹²

Cause of Death: Yellow Fever

Notes for ADONIAH PEACOCK:

from Medford History by the Medford Historical Society, found online at

<http://www.medfordtownship.com/history.htm>:

1767 - Medford, then known as Upper Evesham, began to resemble a village with a schoolhouse that was also used as the Friends Meeting. The Shamong Trail (which we now know as Stokes Road) had grown from the footpath that the Indians used to become a narrow, sandy, soggy and sometimes impassable road between Burlington and the busy seaport of Clamtown (Tuckerton). The Village continued to develop through the 1780's largely due to the founding of the Etna and Taunton furnaces by Charles Read. Etna furnace (Medford Lakes)

went out of blast in 1773 but the grist and sawmill operated into the 20th century. The Taunton furnace supplied shot and shell to the Continental armies and Adonijah Peacock manufactured gunpowder for Washington's armies at his farm on what is now Branin Road. On January 20th, 1777, according to John Hunt's diary, Adonijah was killed when gunpowder he was drying in his kitchen exploded. Excerpts from Hunt's diary report "It was said that the roof of the house was blown off and very much shattered to pieces with the blast of the powder heard for ten miles around." Adonijah is buried in the Peacock graveyard in Chairville.

from Medford History by the Medford Historical Society, found online at
<http://medfordnj.com/history/notusedhistory.html>
"SANDTOWN AND CHAIRVILLE AREAS

Many generations of the Prickett family lived in this area and called it Prickettown. Several houses in this area date to the 18th century. To our left is the Peacock Cemetery. Adonijah Peacock, who died at his farm one day manufacturing gunpowder for Washington's army, lies here among several generations of his descendants. One of them is David Peacock. Charles Newbold invented, in 1797, the iron, or moldboard, plow. David Peacock was granted a patent on April 1, 1807 for an iron plow. He was sued by Newbold for patent infringement who was awarded \$1500 in damages. Newbold's plow was one piece and made of cast iron. Peacock's was three pieces, so if the point broke by striking a root, the entire plow had to be discarded. With Peacock's plow, the point could be replaced. It was followed by improved models and was a major breakthrough in modern agriculture.

Near this area of Route 70 was a small village called Chairville in the 19th century. Chair parts, such as spindles, rungs and legs of chairs were made here. The village started with the building of a turning mill built by John Prickett prior to 1844. The parts were carted to a Philadelphia warehouse for distribution to chair factories. Older Medford residents recall the wagon loads passing through town.

from "A History of the Peacock Family" by George F. Peacock:
Adonijah Peacock born August 5, 1724 in Chairville, NJ Died January 19, 1777 and buried in the Peacock Cemetery in Chairville, N.J. (Near) Medford, N.J. (Burlington County) He manufactured gunpowder for the Revolutionary Army under General Washington, for which purpose he burned maple wood into charcoal in a separate building from his residence. Then back to his residence, after grinding it by some contrivance, mixed and dried it.

It was in this way that he met his death, which happened January 19, 1777, when he was 53 years of age. Traditions say that he had been hurried by Washington to send powder to the Army, and that it was returned as not being sufficiently dried. He was in the act of drying it in a pot over the fire in the powder house when it exploded. His daughter had just brought him his dinner and was standing in the doorway of the powder house at the time.

She was thrown some distance but escaped injury. He was blown thru the air a considerable way and injured so badly that he died the next day.

He remained on the family homestead until his death.

South Jersey News, Feb. 4, 2001
Medford war hero's demise confounds historians
by Jennifer Wahl, Courier-Post staff
MEDFORD-- Tall gravestones rise from the cold ground at the Chairville Cemetery here. Many are stained gray, some are disfigured by the snow, rain and hail that have pelted them for more than 200 years. Of the 100 or so graves of Burlington County residents long past, there is one that marks a man who, to a faithful few, is a hero. But to many others, he is a joke that packs a powerful punch. Adonijah Peacock was a surveyor by trade, but his belief in a united America during the Revolutionary War ran so strong, he decided to teach himself how to make gunpowder. Peacock quickly became a trusted gunpowder maker for Gen. George Washington's troops in Valley Forge, Pa. But in January 1773, Peacock received a batch back from his boss; it was green. That meant he hadn't completely dried the powder. Deeply embarrassed by his error, Peacock attempted to redry the gunpowder. A spark from a nearby stove inside his tiny workshop caught the powder and then Peacock. Peacock's daughter was standing in the doorway with a supper plate in hand. She was blown back through the doorway as if by a hurricane. The explosion's searing heat destroyed her hair, and it was said not a single strand ever grew back. But at least she survived the blast. Her father wasn't so lucky. What remains of him lies in the cemetery.

The blast was heard and felt some 30 miles from the Peacock hom on Branin Road. Women's ironing tables in

nearby homes trembled. But at least they still had a home. The Peacock home and workshop were gone. The only sign that a house had existed was a blackened crater where the cellar once was.

Many people, including local historians, find it hard not to mock Peacock, especially because he was making the powder indoors next to a stove.

"Guess Washington didn't get his gunpowder that day, huh?" said local historian Betty Trumbower.

Even his own ancestors admit in their genealogy book that Peacock, while inventive in that he could make his own compass, couldn't get the dial to point north.

Many local Peacocks seem hesitant to concede any blood tie.

"My wife and I aren't really related to him," said Bob Peacock of Medford.

Bob Peacock had visited the cemetery but just to see it, he said. "Besides, who wants to be related to a guy who blew himself up?" he asked.

Despite the easy humor derived from Peacock's story, other, more somber facts about Peacock make him an important part of American history, said local historian Tom Chavis.

After Peacock's death, gunpowder making came to a halt here, Chavis said.

"Washington had to find another place to process the powder. It was a scarce resource then," Chavis said.

The Quaker influence in Medford was a powerful one. Many men didn't fight because their religion didn't allow them to bear arms. It's unknown whether the Peacocks were Quakers, but more than 23 Peacocks, all of whom were related to Adonijah, fought under Washington.

While the only ones who regularly visit Adonijah Peacock's grave are township workers who trim the lawn, he could receive at least one new visitor come spring. Shirley Peacock of Riverside said she is probably unrelated to Adonijah. But after learning about him, she wanted to pay her respects, she said.

"I will definitely go. I think he was a man of conviction. He put his life on the line for Washington."

PEACOCK, ADONIJAH

State: NJ Year: 1774

County: Burlington County Record Type: August Tax List

Township: Evesham Township Page: 127

Database: NJ Tax Lists Index 1772-1822

from PERSI:

Adonijah Peacock, Medford patriot, NJ

Surname: PEACOCK Record Type:

Volume: 17 Number: 3 (July 1988)

Periodical Title: South Jersey Magazine

See also "Brief History & Genealogy of The Peacocks, Hollinsheads, Stocktons, & Iricks of New Jersey" by William R Hillary, 1943, pg 2a.

"The Genealogical Magazine of NJ", 1928, by Genealogy Society, Vol. IV, pg 29

"Adonijah's family bible" in possession of Medford Historical Society, Burlington Co, NJ.

from DAR Patroit Lookup:

PEACOCK, Adonijah

Birth: NJ 5 Aug 1724

Service: NJ

Rank: PS

Death: NJ 19 Jan 1777

Patriot Pensioned: No Widow Pensioned: No

Children Pensioned: No Heirs Pensioned: No

Spouse: (1) Elizabeth Springer

More About ADONIJAH PEACOCK:

Burial: 1777, Peacock Family Burying Ground, Chairsville, Burlington Co., NJ²

Children of ELIZABETH SPRINGER and ADONIJAH PEACOCK are:

- i. ANN BAIRD⁵ PEACOCK, b. Mar 03, 1753; d. Unknown.
- ii. ELIZABETH PEACOCK, b. May 21, 1756; d. Unknown.
- iii. ADONIJAH PEACOCK, b. Sep 16, 1757, Burlington Co., NJ; d. Aug 25, 1831; m. SARAH VORHEES; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- iv. JOHN PEACOCK, b. Jan 11, 1759; d. Unknown.
- v. BENJAMIN PEACOCK, b. Sep 24, 1760; d. Unknown.

- vi. THOMAS PEACOCK, b. Jul 06, 1763; d. Unknown.
- 13. vii. SAMUEL V. PEACOCK, b. Jun 06, 1764, Medford Twp., Burlington Co., NJ; d. Oct 12, 1802, Great Egg Harbor, Gloucester Co., NJ.
- viii. GEORGE PEACOCK, b. May 21, 1766; d. Unknown.
- ix. DAVID PEACOCK, b. Feb 02, 1768; d. 1822; m. SARAH HOLLINGSHEAD, Jun 16, 1801; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- x. JOHN JACOB PEACOCK, b. Dec 08, 1769; d. Unknown.
- xi. LEVI PEACOCK, b. Dec 1773; d. Unknown.
- xii. DEBORAH PEACOCK, b. Sep 16, 1775; d. Unknown.
- xiii. GRACE PEACOCK, b. Sep 16, 1777; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 5

12. SARAH⁵ SPRINGER (*JOHN⁴, JOHN³, CHARLES CARL CHRISTOPHER², CARL CHRISTOPHER¹*) was born Apr 27, 1762 in New Castle Co., DE, and died 1800 in Wilkes Co., GA. She married GEORGE WASHINGTON PETERMAN 1779, son of GEORGE PEYTERRMANN and CATHERINE BRIETTA. He was born 1740 in Hardin Co., KY, and died 1837 in Timothy, Overton Co., TN.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON PETERMAN:

He married four women named Sarah, first Sarah Springer in Delaware or Pennsylvania about 1779, second Sarah Jones (a Chicksaw Indian) in Georgia about 1800, third Sarah Lincoln in Overton County, Tennessee in 1818, and fourth Sarah Elizabeth Doss in Overton County about 1825. He built a large house of poplar logs in Overton County in 1806, which was torn down in 1936 during the construction of Standing Stone State Park. He offered Sarah Elizabeth Doss land so she would marry him. Altogether George Washington Peterman had sixteen children by his four wives. The fourth child of George Washington Peterman and Sarah Springer was Benjamin F. Peterman. George Washington Peterman was ninety years old the day his youngest child was born. He died in Wilkes County, Georgia, in the 1850's (estimated). Some say he died in Timothy, TN, in 1836.

More About GEORGE WASHINGTON PETERMAN:

Military service: Bet. 1811 - 1812, Fought with Andrew Jackson in the Indian Wars in Florida and Georgia

Children of SARAH SPRINGER and GEORGE PETERMAN are:

- i. MICHAEL⁶ PETERMAN, b. 1780; d. Unknown.
- ii. JACOB PETERMAN, b. 1782, New Castle Co., DE; d. Jul 23, 1866, Johnson Co., IL; m. MARY LUDICE STEVENS, 1820, Overton Co., TN; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- iii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PETERMAN, b. Sep 22, 1785, New Castle Co., DE; d. 1890, Shorterville, AL; m. MALINDA DOWDY; b. 1790, Georgia; d. Aft. Sep 20, 1850.

More About BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PETERMAN:

1850 Census: Sep 20, 1850, Oglethorpe Co., GA - Benjamin Peterman, 65, M, \$3000 RE, DE¹³

More About MALINDA DOWDY:

1850 Census: Sep 20, 1850, Oglethorpe Co., GA - Malinda Peterman, 37, F, GA¹³

- iv. GEORGE PETERMAN, b. 1786, Georgia; d. May 27, 1858, Madison Co., MO; m. (1) ELIZABETH MOORE, About 1817, Overton Co., TN; b. Unknown; d. Bef. Dec 02, 1838, Madison Co., MO; m. (2) MORNING NANCY SMITH, Dec 02, 1838, Madison Co., MO; b. About 1816; d. Unknown.

More About GEORGE PETERMAN:

1850 Census: Sep 26, 1850, Madison Co., MO - George Peterman, 57, M, Farmer, \$500 RE, GA¹³

More About MORNING NANCY SMITH:

1850 Census: Sep 26, 1850, Madison Co., MO - Morning Peterman, 34, F, MO, cannot read or write¹³

- v. WILLIAM SAMUEL PETERMAN, b. 1789, Wilkes Co., GA¹⁴; d. About 1880; m. MAHALA STEPHENS; b. 1800, Georgia¹⁴; d. Aft. Jul 13, 1860.

More About WILLIAM SAMUEL PETERMAN:

1860 Census: Jul 12, 1860, Township 11S, Range 2 E, Vienna P.O., Johnson Co., IL - William Peterman, 70, M, farmer, \$600 RE, \$375 PE, GA, cannot read or write¹⁴

More About MAHALA STEPHENS:

1860 Census: Jul 12, 1860, Township 11S, Range 2 E, Vienna P.O., Johnson Co., IL - Mahala Peterman, 59, F, Housekeeper, GA, cannot read or write⁴

13. SAMUEL V.⁵ PEACOCK (*ELIZABETH⁴ SPRINGER, BENJAMIN³, JACOB², CARL CHRISTOPHER¹*) was born Jun 06, 1764 in Medford Twp., Burlington Co., NJ, and died Oct 12, 1802 in Great Egg Harbor, Gloucester Co., NJ. He married (1) SARAH BAKER Nov 22, 1787 in New Jersey, daughter of THOMAS J. BAKER. She was born 1768 in Burlington Co., NJ, and died May 20, 1793. He married (2) MARY GANT Mar 07, 1794. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown. He married (3) JEMIMA DELANEY Apr 08, 1795. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown. He married (4) PRUDENCE ENGLISH Jul 31, 1801. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown.

Children of SAMUEL PEACOCK and SARAH BAKER are:

- i. WILLIAM H.⁶ PEACOCK, b. Aug 17, 1788, Medford Twp., Burlington Co., NJ; d. Mar 23, 1842, Randolph Co., IN; m. CATHERINE EDMONDS, Apr 14, 1811, Burlington Co., NJ; b. Nov 22, 1789, Burlington Co., NJ; d. Nov 16, 1861, Wayne Co., IN.

Notes for WILLIAM H. PEACOCK:

1820 Federal Census West River Twp, Randolph Co, IN, pg326.

1830 Federal Census West River Twp, Randolph Co, IN, pg18.

More About WILLIAM H. PEACOCK:

Burial: Wayne Co., IN

Notes for CATHERINE EDMONDS:

1820 Federal Census West River Twp, Randolph Co, IN, pg 326.

1830 Federal Census West River Twp, Randolph Co, IN, pg18.

More About CATHERINE EDMONDS:

Burial: Wayne Co., IN

- ii. THOMAS PEACOCK, b. Nov 22, 1789, Medford Twp., Burlington Co., NJ; d. Nov 06, 1861, Pittsgrove, Salem Co., NJ; m. MARY HARRIET RANDOLPH, Nov 1814; b. Feb 04, 1792, Manahawkin, Ocean Co., NJ; d. Feb 04, 1863, Waynesville, Warren Co., OH.

More About THOMAS PEACOCK:

Occupation: Sheriff of Cumberland Co., NJ

Notes for MARY HARRIET RANDOLPH:

see "The Genealogical Magazine of NJ", 1928, by Genealogy Society, Vol. IV, pg 29

More About MARY HARRIET RANDOLPH:

Burial: Peacock Family Burying Ground, Chairsville, Burlington Co., NJ

- iii. MARGARET PEACOCK, b. Nov 14, 1791, Medford Twp., Burlington Co., NJ; d. Apr 01, 1837, Waynesville, Warren Co., OH; m. JOSEPH ROGERS, About 1813; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Endnotes

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