

John Coleman (1745-1793)
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From Tulpehocken Township, Berks Co. PA. John fought in the Revolutionary War in the Southern campaigns under General Lafayette. He married Susanna in Brothers Valley, Somerset County, PA in 1779 and they had 3 children, Charles (Carl), Hannah, and George Jacob Coleman. John moved to Dauphin Co. (by 1791), was granted a land warrant on October 8, 1792 in Lykens Twp., Dauphin Co. John died a year or two later and his sons, Charles (Carl) and George Jacob settled on the property. In 1828, George Jr. and Sr. were assessed for a stone house and tannery. On April 17, 1832, George Sr. sold the property to John Bauer, and thus the land passed from Coleman ownership. Graveyard records of St. Matthew's (Coleman's) Evangelical Lutheran Church and Cemetery, 1872-1966, show a number of his children and grandchildren, but no record of his or his wife's burial. His land in Lykens Twp. became "Schoolhouse Property" and was dedicated for a schoolhouse and burial ground.

John Coleman moved from Berks Co. to Dauphin Co. sometime after son Carl was born, but early in life. Died Dauphin Co. He served in the Revolution under Lafayette. He was born in Berks Co in 1745.

Issue: Carl, Hannah, George Jacob.

Carl Coleman, b. Berks Co., d. Lykens, Twp., Dauphin Co. in 1839 at the age of 70. He was a farmer and a German Lutheran. He married Barbara Stein and had 6 sons and 7 daughters.

Source is; "Biography and History of Schuylkill Co., Pa. "

1776 Rev. War - Private John Coleman in Capt. Isaac Adams' Company, destined for The Jerseys Aug. 15, 1776. A Muster Roll of Light Infantry of Col. Peter Grubb's Battalion of Associators in Lancaster Co. (source: Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 17, p. 594)

1779 (Wiconisco District) Tax List - John Coleman, 100 acres, 2 horses, 2 cattle, no sheep or blacks. (Source: Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 17, p. 594).

John Coleman paid an Effective Supply Tax in the Wiconisco District, County of Lancaster, 1779 on 100 acres, 2 horses, 2 cattle.

1782 Tax List - Upper Paxton Twp. - John Coleman, 100 acres, 2 horses, 2 cattle, no servants (source: Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 17, p.700)

The Coleman family moved into the Lykens Twp. area of Dauphin Co. by 1791.

Land warrants have been found for that period, made out to John Coleman. These were never patented until 1830, when his 2 sons took out the patents. It is assumed that they were settling the estate at that time. For this reason there have been few deeds found, none of which list any of the heirs. John Coleman did not have a will, nor did his wife. Due to the warrants and patents, you can determine that they had 2 sons. It is also known that Hannah, who married Peter Stein, was a daughter.

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