

Johan Phillip Klinger Sr. (11 July 1723-30 September 1811)
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He served in Captain Albright Deibler's Company of Associators and Militia of Lancaster County during the Revolutionary War. This Associators unit was raised in Upper Paxtang and Hanover Townships. It was in active service for nearly a year, beginning in March 1776, returning home in January 1777. A portion of the command was captured at the battle of Long Island, and not released from captivity until sometime in 1778 (most men were imprisoned in the infamous Sugar Houses in lower New York City). Captain Albright Deibler's company of Associators of the Fourth Battalion, commanded by Colonel James Burd, Esq., March 14 1776. Information from Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series.

John Philip Klinger (Clinger) paid an Effective Supply Tax in Wiconisco District Lancaster County 1779. Philip Clinger (sic) paid Upper Paxtang Continental Tax in the Wiconisco District in 1777.

He immigrated on the ship Neptune, landing in Philadelphia in September 1751. His first wife, Anna Elizabeth Heist died aboard and is buried in Trinity Church Cemetery in Philadelphia. He migrated northwest to Reading, established a home on Penns Avenue and in 1753 returned to Germany where he married his 2nd wife, Eva Elizabeth Beilstein. He and Eva returned to PA in 1754. At the time of the Revolutionary War, Philip followed the Tulpehocken Path to his land on the banks of the Pine Creek, south and east of Klinger's gap in the Mahantango Mountain. It is believed that he lived in a dugout on the north slope of the hill on which the church building and cemetery are now located and later built a log dwelling at the foot of the hill. The hill is referred to locally as the Church Hill. He owned over 1000 acres of land in Dauphin County and had plans for a community in that area. Early documents show that he was a civic-minded person who set aside land for a church, cemetery, and school. The cemetery was known in the early days as the Philip Klinger Cemetery. During the Revolutionary War he also served in the Berks Co. Militia under Captain Charles Gobin from 13 June 1780 to 15 January 1781. He died on 30 September 1811 in Dauphin Co., PA, at age 88. He is buried in Zion (Klinger's) Church Cemetery, Dauphin Co., PA on Row 7, Stone #11.

DAR records show: KLINGER, JOHN PHILIP Ancestor #: A066071
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