

## Konrad HACKENSCHMIDT, Our Common Forefather

*In this inaugural edition, it is altogether fitting and proper, I believe, to dedicate this newsletter, for the most part, to the progenitor of our family name in the United States of America. You may notice various spellings of surnames for the same person. I will, to the best of my ability, be true to the actual spelling used in the original documents where possible.*

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Conrad HOCKERSMITH. Born, circa 1720, in Europe. Died, before 15 May 1795, in Frederick Co., Maryland. Census: 1790, in Frederick Co., MD. Probate of Estate: 15 May 1795, in Frederick Co., MD. Immigration: 27 Aug 1739, in Philadelphia, PA. Occupation: farmer.

Conrad immigrated to the American colonies in 1739. Aboard the ship "Snow Betsie", Conrad and 191 other European immigrants departed from Rotterdam, Holland and sailed for the port of Deal, England. There Captain Richard Buden allowed additional passengers to board the ship and took on supplies of food and water for the voyage to America. Their crossing took them across the Atlantic ocean and up the Delaware River to the city docks at Philadelphia in the colony of Pennsylvania. The first HOCKERSMITH in America set foot on this continent on August 27, 1739. On this date Conrad made his mark (X) on an oath of allegiance to the crown of England and on an oath of abjuration which renounced any allegiance to any other sovereign.

1743 May 24 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH of Prince George's County, Maryland received a warrant for 100 acres of land located between the two branches of the Middle Creek of Tom's Creek about one and a half miles east of present-day Emmitsburg, Frederick County, Maryland. (Frederick County was formed from Prince George's County in 1748.)

1743 Aug 3 - Conrad HAKESCHMEID and his wife had their son Michael's baptism witnessed by Michael ROHNER and wife. On that day also Conrad and his wife were the witnesses at the baptism of Johanna Magdalena, daughter of Billi and Elizabeth ERBEN. These baptisms were recorded in

the Lancaster Trinity Lutheran churchbook by Rev. John Valentine KRAFT, who worked with STOVER.

1743 Sep 22 - the survey of Conrad HOCKERSMITH's land was recorded as "Low Mill".

1748 Mar 28 - Conrad received a warrant for 50 additional acres of land along Middle Creek called "Long Mile".

1756 Nov 8 - Conrood HACKERSMITH of Frederick Co., Maryland sold to Patrick McGraw a small bay mare, a saddle and bridle, a blue coat, a blue jacket and fighting britches. Price 6 pounds, 10 shillings, witnessed by George Hockersmith and James Patterson. On the same day Patrick McGraw of Frederick County sold to Conrod Hockersmith of the same place a servant named Thomas Amane who had about a year and 7 months to serve. Price 6 pounds, 10 shillings. Witnessed by George Hockersmith and James Patterson.

1757 Dec 22 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH of Frederick County received a warrant for a resurvey and expansion of "Long Mile" and "Low Mill".

1758 Mar 14 - the "Resurvey of Long Mile and Low Mill" was completed and granted to Conrad HOCKERSMITH. Now included the contiguous vacant land to total 650 acres.

1758 May 7 - Michael LEGGETT of Frederick Co, farmer sold Conrad HOCKERSMITH 100 acres of land called "Damhead" containing 100 acres. Price 20 pounds. Witnesses: Jos WOOD and Henry YEA.

1759 Jun 21 - Barnard Michael HOUSEL signed a bond to Conrad HOCKERSMITH of Monocesy Upar hundred for 38 pounds. Witness: William SHIELDS.

1760 Jul 27 - Conrad HAKESHMITT and Johan Georg SCHMIT (the father-in-law of Jacob and Michael) witness of communion at Thomas Creek of Dieter DANNER, Hartman GOERTS, Jacob RAUH, Jacob SHINDLEDEKER, Michael STRIKER and Henry UNGER. Paster: BECK.

1761 Mar 22 - Conrod HACKENSCHMID, John Herman GOERTZ & Deterich DANNER witness to communion at Lutheran Church on the "mittel end of thames creek" of Philip GACK, Jacob GOLLER, Jacob HECKENDOON and Dieterich MOSSNERR. Paster: BECK.

1761 Aug 10 - Conrad HAWKERSMITH bought all his "stor goods" from John COPERSMITH of Frederick County. Price 60 pounds lawful money of Pa.

1761 Sep 4 - Johan Hermer GOERTZ, Jacob MATHEW & Dieterick DAMER witness to communion at Mitte Creek Lutheran church of Jacob AMBROS, Conrad HACKERSCHMID, an elder in his church, Andreas RAU, Georg SCHMID and Henrick UNGER. Paster: BECK.

1761 Sep 9 - Conrad HACKERSCHMIDT (an elder in his church) was naturalized in Frederick Co., MD after taking communion on September 4 1761. According to the Naturalization Statute of 1740, Parliament finally took notice of the flow of non-English immigrants into the American colonies and adopted a measure under which those immigrants could acquire almost the same status as British subjects. Section I of the Act, 13 Geo. II c.7, provided that those aliens who resided in America for seven consecutive years, without an absence that exceeded two months in duration, and who swore the anti-catholic oath of abjuration (Quakers could affirm) before a colonial provincial court between 9 a.m. and noon, could be granted essentially all the rights of citizenship for a fee of two shillings. Section II required each applicant, except Quakers and Jews, to present a certificate at court, attested by two witnesses, that he had been administered a Protestant communion within the preceding three months.

1762 Apr 8 - Conrad HACKENSHMID, George SCHMID & Andreas RAU witness to communion at Lutheran church on the Ambrosis Creek of Henrich ZOLL. Paster: BECK.

1762 Sep 16 - Conrad HOCKENSMITH of Frederick County, farmer, sold to James AGNEW 161 acres from "the Resurvey on Low Mill and Long Mile". Price 20 pounds. Signed with his mark (KHS). Witness John

Ludera BECK [the Lutheran minister] and Thos NORRIS.

1763 Nov 15 - Mark HARMON recorded the following: "This note certifies that I Lorentz BROTZMAN doth confess that Mark HARMON hath not killed any of my cattle. By Conrad HOCKERSMITH, Jacob MATTHEW, Lorentz GREEGER & John WELLER which was as arbitrators between us, Mark HARMON and Lorentz PROTZMAN, as witness by hand, Lorentz PROTZMAN. Signed in German script Lorentz KREIGER, by his mark, Conrad HOCKERSMITH, in German script by Jacob MATTHES, and John WELLER." [from abstracts of the Frederick County, Maryland Land Records, Liber G & H (1761-1763)].

1764 May 3 - Michael WYSOR and Conrod HOCKERSMITH surieties of 100 pounds sterling for bonds of Mary FURRY and Henry FURRY, exers of Abraham FURRY.

1764 May 31 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH bought lots 50, 92, 80, 82, 84 in Taneytown from Raphel TANEY. He agreed to build a house on the lots and finish by 1 May 1765.

1765 Jan 18 - John Lodewick PECK, minister wrote his will. Executors Conrad HOCKENSMITH and Jacob MATTHEWS. Witnesses: Andrew ROWE, George HOCKENSMITH, George SMITH (the father-in-law of Jacob and Michael)

1765 Mar 25 - bond by Conrad HOCKERSMITH and Jacob MATHIAS with George SMITH their sureity of 100 pounds as excrs of John Lodwick PICKS.

1765 Apr 2 - Thomas MCCLEAN sold all his household goods, 2 hogs, a sow & barrow, a brown cow, a black & white heifer and about 30 acres of land "McClains Mill" with nearly 4 acres of rye in ground to Conrad HOCKERSMITH. Witnesses: Samuel EMMET & Robert RAMSAY.

1765 June 19 - Robert JAMISON, cordwainer and wife Sarah sold 25 acres called "Samuel.s Grievance" to Conrad HOCKENSMITH. Price 30 pounds.

1767 Mar 19 - Unkle UNCLES sold tract called "Chance Medley" to Conrod HOCKERSMITH. Price 30 pounds. Witnesses: David LYNN, Evan SHELBY.

1770 May 12 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH farmer sold "Samuels grievances" to Stephen BURNNER, tanner. Signed with mark (KHS). Witnesses: Jos WOOD, Thos PRICE. Wife Maria Christiana HOCKERSMITH relinquished right of Dower.

1771 Nov 14 - Benjamin BIGGS sold 50 acres, part of "Resurvey on Benjamin's Good Luck" to Conrad HOCKERSMITH. Price 30 pounds. Witnessed: William BLAND, Jos WOOD.

1774 Nov 20 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH yeoman sold "Chance Medley", 92 acres and "Resurvey on Benjamin's good Luck" to Christian KEEFER, farmer for 400 pounds. Signed with mark (KHS). Mary wife, released dower right.

1775 Sep 12 - 1776 Oct 24 - from the List of Associators of the Committee of Observation of the Middle District of Frederick Co MD,: Geo HOCKERSMITH, C. HOCKERSMITH, Jr., C. HOCKERSMITH Sr., Jacob HOCKERSMITH

1776 Apr 22 - Jacob MATHIAS wrote his will. Witnesses: Wm. BLAIR, Conrad HOCKENSMTIH, John PHARES. Conrad signed with his mark (KH).

1778 - Conrood HOWKERSMYTH was taxed as a nonresident for 100 acres in Bethel Twp, Bedford Co. Pa.

1779 - Conrood HAWKERSMITH taxed as a nonresident for 100 acres in Bethel Twp, Bedford Co, Pa. *Starting in 1782 Conrad's son, Jacob was taxed for this land.*

1780 Apr 15 - John LOGSDON, age 64, Conrad HOCKERSMITH aged 60, Jonathan HAYS aged 50, Michael STRICKER and Michael HOCKERSMITH, aged 38 testified about a survey made 18 or 19 years earlier for John and Abraham WHITMORE.

1780 Aug 28 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH transferred all goods purchased 2 April 1765 from Thomas MCCLAIN to William MCCLAIN. Signed with mark (KHS).

1782 - Conrad HOCKENSMTIH (could be Jr.) took communion at Jacob's Charge (Apples) Lutheran church.

1782 May 7 - Jacob MATHIAS (Conrad's life-long friend) died at age 77 and was buried at the Apples church cemetery.

1782 Jun 20 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH and John PHARES proved will of Jacob MATHIAS.

1782 Oct 24 - Anna Christina WINHOLTS (Conrad's second wife) executor of Frederick WINHOLTS gives final account.

1785 Dec 1 - Conrad HACKENSMTIH bought lot 6 in Emittsburg from William EMMIT and agreed to build one snug house not less than 16 ft square with a stone or brick chimney by 5 Feb 1788. Witness Jn GWINN Jr. & John MCALISTER.

1787 Aug 16 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH received a special warrant to resurvey 116 acres of "Resurvey of Long Mile and Low Mile" and add the adjacent vacant lands.

1788 Jul 22 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH received the patent for the land of the 1787 warrant, 145 acres called "Family Study".

1788 Aug 16 - Conrad HOCKERSMITH sold "Family Study" to Conrad HOCKERSMITH Junior. He signed it with his mark (KHS). Witness was Jacob HACKENSMTIH.

1790 Frederick County census - Conrol HOCKENSMTIH 1 free white male 16 and over, 1 free white female

1791 - Anna Christina HOCKERSMITH executor of Frederick WINHOLTZ gives final distribution: widow, Frederick, Elizabeth, Catharine, Barbara, Mary.

1793 May 31 - Conrad HOCKENSMTIH of Tom's Creek writes his will. Mentions wife Mary, sons George, Michael, Jacob, and Conrad. Exc. sons George and Jacob HOCKENSMTIH. Witnesses: Wm. MURDOCK, Alexander CALDWELL, Jas STEVENSON. Signed by his mark (KH).

1795 May 15 - Will of Conrad HOCKERSMITH proved.

1795 May 25 - Goods of Conrad HOCKERSMITH appraised by Christian SMITH and Michael ROW at 54 pound, 6 shillings and 8 pence. George HOCKENSMTIH and George HOCKENSMTIH identified as nearest kin. Debts due from Henry SOOK, Valentine HOWMAN and George HOCKENSMTIH Jr.

1806 Nov 17 - Christianna HOCKERSMITH's will written; mentions daughters Elizabeth LANDER, Catharine

WHITE, Mary ORR, heirs of Frederick WINHOLT, and granddaughter Elisabeth MESLER.

Conrad married, first, an unknown woman. They had the following children:

- i. Jacob,
- ii. George,
- iii. Johann Michael,
- iv. Conrad HOCKERSMITH Jr.

Conrad married, second, Maria Anna Christiana WINHOLTS, widow of Frederick WINHOLTS, who died circa 1782.

Although the exact date of Conrad's death is not known, we can determine that it occurred within a 1-year and 349-day span - between the time his will was written and when it was proved.

Conrad was a Lutheran in his service to God, and no doubt a devout Christian. The Lutheran religion was one of the first in the Restoration movement and placed much emphasis on obeying the Holy Scriptures. Thus, the fact that Conrad was ordained as an elder in his church, signifies that he was indeed a righteous man. This fact is demonstrated in some of the facts described herein - notice that in April of 1765, Conrad bought all the household goods, livestock, and land of Thomas MCCLAIN. Then 15 years later, gave it back to Thomas' son, William. Truly the act of a Christian heart!

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#### **WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE GOT THERE**

##### **¾ ARKANSAS ¾**

The first member of our family to enter the boundaries of the state of Arkansas was Alfred R. HOCKERSMITH. The second son of Conrad R. HOCKERSMITH and Rachel GROVES, he was born on Monday, 22 Feb 1813 in Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He moved to Saline County, Arkansas circa 1837, but some accounts place him there as early as 1833. About 1837, Alfred erected a building and entered into merchandising (this was a drug store). He was elected as Circuit Clerk from 1846 until 1852 and then served a two-year term as State Representative (1854-55). He was again elected as Circuit Clerk in 1864 and served until 1866.

Alfred first married Susanna E. WRIGHT on Tuesday, 7 Jul 1840 in Saline Co., AR. This wedding was performed by James A. HICKS, Justice of the Peace. Susanna was born on Monday, 16 Feb 1824 in Logan Co., KY and was the daughter of Lilbourn and Mary WRIGHT. Susanna died on Thursday, 2 Feb 1865 in Saline Co., AR, having lived only 40 years and 352 days, and is buried next to her mother in the Lee Cemetery there. Although married for over 24 years, Susanna and Alfred had but one child, a daughter, Mary Tucker HOCKERSMITH, born in Saline County on Sunday, 21 Jan 1855.

Alfred second married Mary Ann Elizabeth LEE on Thursday, 31 May 1866 in Saline Co., AR. This wedding was performed by Finis LEACH, Minister of the Gospel. Mary Ann was born in Tennessee on Wednesday, 29 Mar 1843. Mary Ann is listed as being added to membership of the First Presbyterian Church of Benton, AR in 1883. She died on Monday, 21 Feb 1910 in Saline County, being 66 years and 329 days old, and is buried next to Alfred in the Lee Cemetery.

Alfred and Mary Ann had nine children, listed below;

- i. John W., born 1 Mar 1867,
- ii. David C., born 30 Mar 1868,
- iii. Mary Francis, born 1870,
- iv. Tilford Lee, born 18 Apr 1872,
- v. Alfred Rice, born 13 Feb 1874,
- vi. James A., born 21 Dec 1875,
- vii. Isabella Rachel, born 1877,
- viii. Henry Lamb, born & died 23 Jun 1879,
- ix. Job, born Sep 1881.

Alfred died on Sunday, 28 Aug 1887, being 74 years and 187 days old.

In the fall of 1847, Alfred's older brother Tilford G. HOCKERSMITH, a blacksmith and farmer, also moved with his family, to Benton, Saline Co., AR.

Tilford was born on Friday, 2 Feb 1810 in Logan County, Kentucky. He moved at an early age with his parents to Quincy, Illinois. *(I believe this move was between 1826 and 1829. There is no record of Conrad R., Tilford G., or Alfred R. HOCKERSMITH in Kentucky between 1826 and 1830. However, in 1830 Conrad R. is listed back in*

Logan Co. KY and Tilford G. is enumerated in Illinois.) It was in Quincy that Tilford met and married Elizabeth E. WRIGHT on Tuesday, 24 Apr 1838. Elizabeth was the daughter of Benjamin WRIGHT, Jr. and Elizabeth Parish JENKINS and was born on Tuesday, 3 Jun 1817 in Hardin Co., KY. She died on Thursday, 7 Apr 1881, having lived 63 years and 308 days.

Tilford and Elizabeth had nine children, listed below;

- i. Alfred Conrad, born 7 Feb 1839,
- ii. Benjamin Isaac, born 25 Feb 1841,
- iii. Tilford Decatur, born 3 Jan 1843,
- iv. Elizabeth Rachel, born 7 Jan 1845,
- v. Elbert Leonidas, born 14 Aug 1849,
- vi. Mary Cresida, born 27 Jan 1852,
- vii. Susannah Eliza, born 28 May 1854,
- viii. Lilburn Addice, born 14 May 1857,
- ix. Hattie Olivia, born 31 Aug 1860.

Tilford died on Thursday, 20 Dec 1877 in Saline County, being 67 years and 321 days old. He is buried in the Hockersmith Cemetery in Benton, Arkansas.

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#### CURRENT FAMILY RESEARCHERS

**James Lee HOCKERSMITH.** Born on Tuesday, 4 Mar 1924 in Benton, Saline County, Arkansas. He is the son of Alfred Gann HOCKERSMITH and Nellie Mae LAWRENCE. Alfred was the s/o Alfred Conrad, s/o Tilford G., s/o Conrad R., s/o Edward HOCKERSMITH, who died in Jessamine Co., KY in 1808. Jim is a chemist for Union Carbide. He and his wife Greta Ray LOTHROP were married 7 Jun 1958 and live at 1801 Claiborne, League City, TX. 77573.

**Peg KWADRAT.** Margaret Jean (Peg) HOCKENSMITH was born on Thursday, 3 Feb 1944 in Johnstown, Cambria Co., PA., the daughter of Chester Ray HOCKENSMITH and the former Ethel Mae HUNT. Chester was the s/o Joseph Nevin, s/o Caleb Bailey, s/o Obediah, s/o Samuel, s/o George, s/o Conrad. She married Carl Frederic KWADRAT on 20 Dec 1972. They both work for E-Systems. They reside at 11676 Post Mills Lane, Reston, VA 22094. Peg is the family historian for the HOCKENSMITH family.

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#### QUERIES

Peg KWADRAT has recently discovered some possible kinfolk who reside in New Orleans.

In the 1860 Louisiana census, she found David J. HOCKENSMITH, 39, whose occupation was "Mills" living in a tavern in the 3rd ward of New Orleans. His place of birth was given as Wurtenburg! There were also six other German men living at the same location. Their birthplaces were given as Prussia, Bavaria (2 of them), Sardine, Hanover and Bremin.

David wasn't in the 1870 census, but there was a Wm HOCKERSMITH, 39, laborer, in the 3rd ward of New Orleans. Wm's birthplace was listed as Ireland!

In 1880 there was Thomas GOSLIE, 59, pilot, at 179 St. Claude St., New Orleans. His household included his wife Ermanse, 36; 5 children; mother-in-law Delphine MARC; sister-in-law Olympe HOCKERSMITH, 38; and the following HOCKERSMITH nieces and nephews: Gabrielle, 19; Blanche, 13; Stella, 11; and Daniel, 8. Birthplaces for Olympe and all the HOCKERSMITH children were given as Louisiana. They also all gave Louisiana as the birthplace for both of their parents.

Peg also discovered that on 10 May 1892 Daniel J. HOCKERSMITH married Alix LOBRE in Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

Could this be another HOCKENSMITH or HOCKERSMITH immigrant from Germany?

If anyone has any information on any of these people, please contact Peg KWADRAT. Her address is given on page 5.

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