

Matt Vonada's Patriot Ancestors

One of the terms that gets thrown around in genealogy is "[Patriot Ancestor](#)". A Patriot ancestor is simply an ancestor who fought for the colonists in the Revolutionary War, signed the Declaration of Independence, or otherwise was really sweet back in the late 1700s. Being able to prove that you're descended from a Patriot allows you membership into groups such as the [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) or [Sons of the American Revolution](#), [Sons of the Revolution](#), or [Children of the American Revolution](#).

Becoming a member of one of those groups is a big deal -- the DAR has approximately 177,000 members according to its website, and the SAR is over 30,000 strong ([Wiki \(accessed 2013\)](#)). They are storehouses of genealogical information and are, in general, charitable organizations.

Be aware, they aren't free: when I looked into joining the SAR, the costs were estimated in their [membership](#) section to be about \$140 for the first year and \$50 thereafter. Since I do genealogy as a hobby and think it ought to be nearly free (except the website, for me), I haven't ponied up yet.

There would also be a large amount of proof you would need to show to join these organizations, and I don't hold as much as I ought to of that proof, I only have the information I've found in papers and censuses along with others' work. Someday I will put it all together as it ought to be.

I think that I have an extraordinary amount of patriots in my ancestry (12 thus far). However, it is somewhat lessened by the fact that nearly all of my ancestors that I have been able to trace back to 1776 were still in the US - people of this age are typically my great x5 or great x6 grandfathers - I should have 64 to 128 male ancestors living in the US during this time, minus the very few lines not yet in America (Sarah Milliken's line from Ireland, Andrew Walker from Ireland, etc.) But a lot of people can't find *one*. I found *twelve*.

Additionally, I don't even include some of the less certain ancestors I have (**Tobias/Baltus Bickel/Pickel** will likely be included some day, as may **Michael Roan/Rhone**). The ones below are my 'good' ones. The ones I'm almost certain of.

Without Further ado, I believe my Patriot ancestors may be (thus far):

#	Name of Patriot	Page	Ancestor of
1	Antes, John Henry	2	Ellen Grove
2	Barnhart, John Philip Sebastian	4	Ellen Grove
3	Bathurst, Lawrence	20	Viola Walker
4	Fought, Michael	19	Norman Walters
5	Heu, Johann Albrecht	15	Mervin J. Vonada
6	Holt, John	5	Ellen Grove
7	Roush, George "Casper"	12	Mervin J. Vonada
8	Roush, John "Jacob"	14	Mervin J. Vonada
9	Stover, Frederick	8	Ellen Grove
10	Stover, William	6	Ellen Grove
11	Von Neida, Johann Phillip	9	Mervin J. Vonada
12	Walter, David	13	Norman Walters

Ancestors of Ellen Grove:

Antes, John Henry – Have you ever heard of **Fort Antes**? My guess is that, unless you grew up in Central Pennsylvania, you haven't, but it was a fort built and used in the years surrounding the Revolutionary War. It was actually built by the Colonel John Henry Antes and his men on his property near Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. Henry Antes and his family are my best, most absolute connection to a patriot. He has been used as a patriot ancestor for several accepted SAR and DAR applications (DAR #**A002859**), and his work has been documented in a book, "**On the Frontier with Colonel Antes**". Col. Antes and I are related through the following descendency:



Figure 1. Col. Antes

1. Elisabeth Antes
2. Jacob Barnhart
3. John Holt Barnhart
4. Sarah Edith Barnhart
5. Madeline M. Johnson
6. Ellen Grove

Bella Blanche Barnhart Grove joined the DAR (member **310500**) using Col. Antes, and she was Sarah Barnhart's sister. All that must be proven for entry into the DAR is the line up to Sarah Barnhart, and proving that she was Bella's sister (John Holt Barnhart's daughter). The two obituaries below (Figs. 3 and 4) should do the trick from Ellen to John Holt Barnhart.

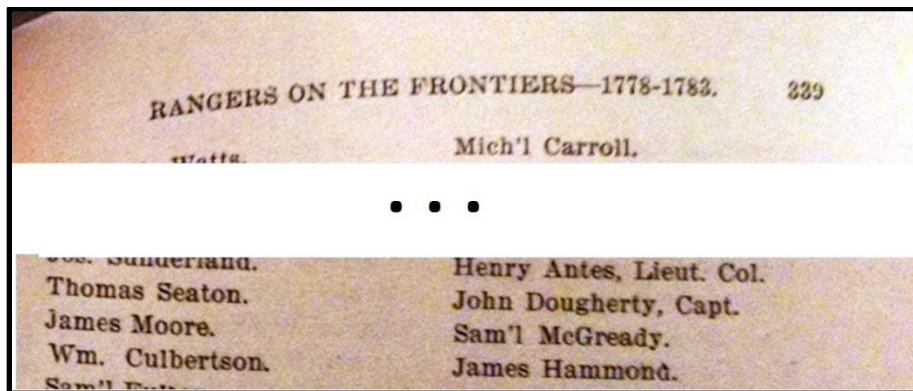


Figure 2. Henry Antes listed as a Ranger on the Frontier in Northumberland County

JOHNSON:—Mrs. Abraham Johnson, former well known resident of Bellefonte, but who for the past number of years has lived near Columbus, Ohio, died at a hospital in that city at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, from the effects of an operation. She was born near Bellefonte, and on January 25, last, observed her 59th birthday anniversary. She was a daughter of John and Martha Barnhart, and in addition to her husband, Abraham Johnson, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Roy Grove, of Columbus, and Mrs. Clement Buck, of Powell, Ohio, and a son Cyrus Johnson, of Columbus, and a brother and three sisters: Harry Barnhart, of Steubenville, Ohio; and Mrs. D. C. Grove, Miss Carrie Barnhart and Mrs. Charles Hassinger, all of Bellefonte. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning and interment was made in Columbus. Mrs. Johnson's death was the third to occur in her immediate family within the past two years. The first of the three was John Barnhart, and more recently Mrs. William McClure, of Bellefonte, passed away.

Figure 3. Sarah Edith (Barnhart) Johnson's obituary mentions her father John, her sister Bella (Mrs. D.C. Grove), and her daughter Madeline (Mrs. Roy Grove)

GROVE.—Mrs. Madeline Grove, wife of Roy W. Grove, died quite suddenly of a heart attack, at her home in Powell, Ohio, at 10:30 o'clock last Wednesday night. The day previous (Memorial day) she had entertained relatives from Centre county and was apparently in the best of health. A daughter of Abram and Edith Barnhart Johnson, she was born at Milesburg on May 26th, 1895. Surviving are her husband and five children, Ellen, Paul, Violet, Melvin and John, all at home. One sister and a brother also survive, Mrs. Clement Buck, of North Columbus, Ohio, and Cyrus Johnson, of Powell, Ohio. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Sunday and taken to the home of deceased's aunt, Mrs. David C. Grove, in Bush's Addition, where funeral services were held at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, by the Rev. H. H. Jacobs, burial having been made in the Shiloh cemetery.

Figure 4. Madeline (Johnson) Grove's obituary mentions parents and daughter Ellen.

Rounding it out with Ellen's obituary: Ellen Walters, 88, of Continental Courts, Bellefonte, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, at Eagle Valley Personal Care Home in Milesburg. She was born May 13, 1921 in Bellefonte, **a daughter of the late Roy W. and Madeline (Johnson) Grove.** On Dec. 31, 1942 in Baltimore, she was married to Norman D. Walters, who preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2006. In 1939, she graduated class valedictorian from Powell, Ohio School, Columbus, OH. Mrs. Walters worked as a cook for Bellefonte Area School District for eleven years prior to her retirement. Ellen was a member of Valley View United Methodist Church, Bellefonte, a past 4- H Leader in Benner Township, a member of the Logan Grange # 109, the State and the National Grange, and the Senior Citizens Club of Bellefonte. She also served as the Publicity Chairman for the PA Association of Retired State Employees, Mount Nittany Chapter. She was also very active in RSVP. In 1976, she received an honorary degree from the Future Home Makers of America. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, and her family. She is survived by four daughters, Thelma Jean Brodzina, of Warriors Mark, Janet Elaine Houser (Ronald), of Bellefonte, Doris Mae Wilson (John), of Tyrone, Ruth Ellen Vonada (Dale), of Spring Mills. two sons, Daniel Willam, of Bellefonte and John Edward (Mary), of Julian: one sister, Violet Gummo, of Munson. two brothers, Paul W. Grove, of Tyrone and Melvin Grove, of Bellwood. fifteen grandchildren. and eight great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a son, James Allen, three infants, Jerry Lee, Donna Marie and Carl Philip. a grandson, John Walters, Jr., and a brother John D. Grove. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, and Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, from 10-11 a.m., at Mark D. Heintzelman Funeral and Cremation Services, 1034 Benner Pike, State College. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Reverend Duane Bardo officiating. Burial in Shiloh Cemetery will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in memory of Ellen Walters to the Eagle Valley Personal Care Home, P.O. Box 8969, Milesburg, PA 16853 or Home Nursing Agency of Centre County, 450 Windmere Drive Suite 100, State College, PA 16801. A guest book can be signed and condolences sent to the family at www.heintzelmanfuneralhome.com Published in Centre Daily Times on October 16, 2009

Barnhart, John Philip Sebastian -- Interestingly enough, this man married Elisabeth, the daughter of Lieut. Antes, or the niece of Col. Frederick (above). According to [a site maintained by Gideon Rensch Kinports](#), "Served two enlistments and was drafted for the third service but hired a substitute. He fought in the battles of Germantown, Brandywine and Valley Forge." His [pension filing](#) indicates the same - four months of service, some under his wife's uncle - but not enough to receive a pension. It's still enough to get you in the DAR though, he's ancestor **A006545**.



Figure 5. Philip Barnhart's grave marker

The line from Philip Barnhart to me is as follows:

1. Jacob Barnhart
2. John Holt Barnhart
3. Sarah Edith Barnhart
4. Madeline M. Johnson
5. Ellen Grove



Figure 6. Top of title page for Philip Barnhart's pension filing

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[Holt, John Sr.](#) -- Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume 6, Page 319; Commissioned Ensign, Fifth Batallion, First Company, Cumberland Co, Militia, July 31, 1777. The "Commemorative biographical record of Central Pennsylvania" (1898) by J.H. Beers and Company notes of John "He gained his title of 'colonel' in the Revolutionary War, and took part in several battles, among them being the engagement at Germantown." He is DAR ancestor number **A057258**, and is also used by Bella Blanche Barnhart Grove

1. Mary Holt
2. John Holt Barnhart
3. Sarah Edith Barnhart
4. Madeline M. Johnson
5. Ellen Grove

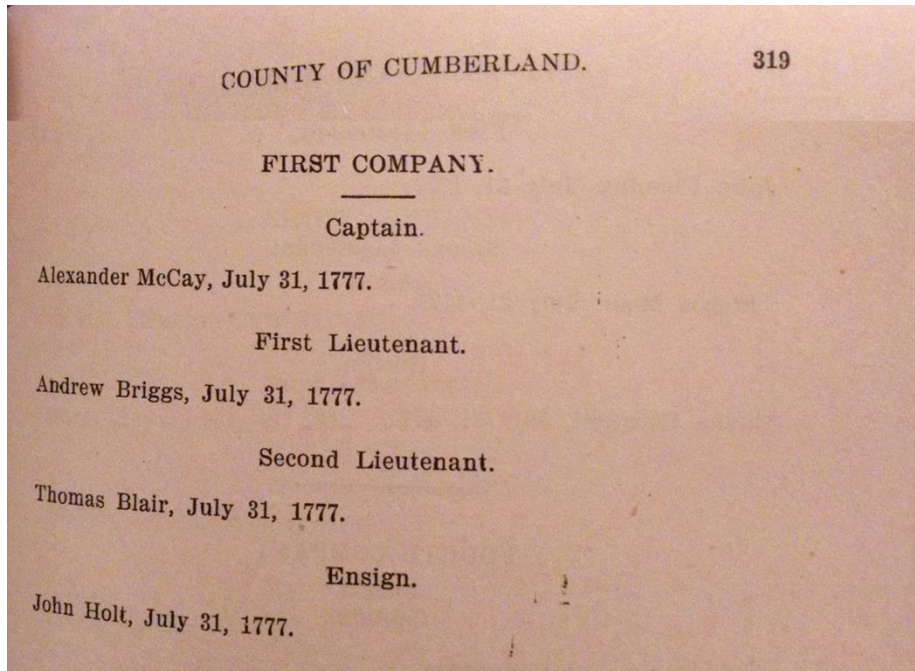


Figure 7. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Vol. 6, p. 319

Stover, William -- William has been accepted as a patriot ancestor for the DAR (ancestor **A206578**), as he's listed as fighting under Captain John Jones, Col. Peter Grubb of the Lancaster Co. Militia, as seen in the PA Archives, Series 5, Vol 7, p. 803. Indeed, Anita (Thomas) Sprankle, born in Bellefonte, PA, used a line down to William Grove, then Nathan Grove, David Calvin Grove's brother. All that would need proven was our connection to David Calvin Grove, which could be completed by using Figures 9 and 10, census records from 1870 and 1910, respectively, along with Ellen and/or Madeline's obituaries above.

1. Catherine Stover
2. George Grove
3. William Grove
4. David Calvin Grove
5. Roy William Grove
6. Ellen Grove

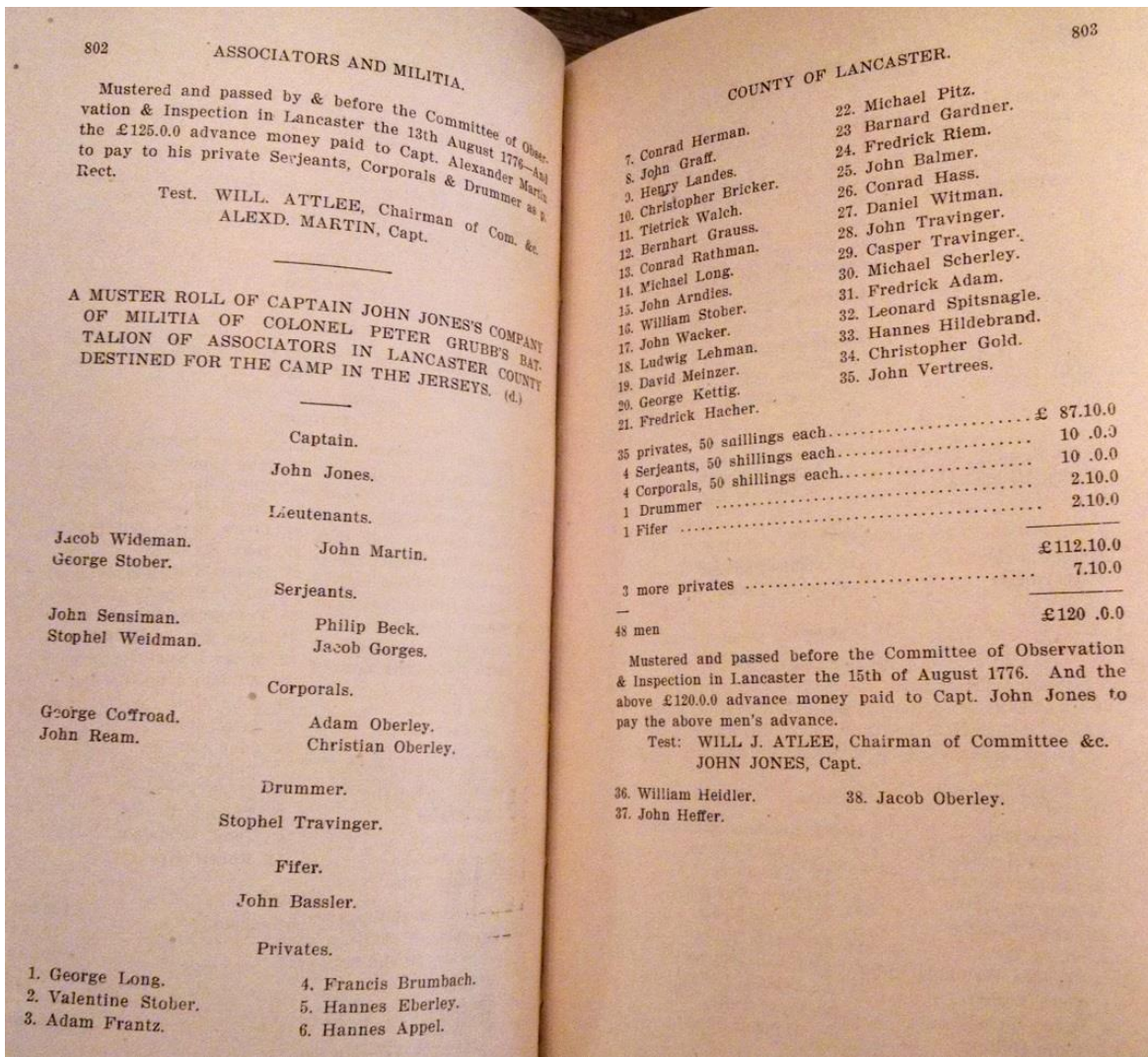


Figure 8. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Vol. 7, pages 802 and 803

Patriot Ancestors of Ellen Grove

22			Walter	6	F	M			
23	141	141	Grove Wm	27	M	Mr	17500	1861	
24			Rosetta	38	F	W	Keeping house		
25			Wm	14	M	Mr			
26			Nathan	12	M	Mr			
27			James	10	M	Mr			
28			Susan	6	F	W			
29			John	8	M	Mr			
30			Calvin	4	M	Mr			
31			Franklin	2	M	Mr			

Figure 9. William Grove with sons Nathan and Calvin (our David Calvin) in the 1870 Census for Harris Township, Centre County, PA

	100		Grove David	Head	W	M	Apr	1866	34	M	10		
			—	Wife	W	F	Oct	1869	30	M	10	2	2
			—	Daughter	W	F	Mar	1891	9	S			
			—	Son	W	M	Dec	1893	6	S			

Figure 10. David Calvin Grove with son Roy W. Grove in the 1900 census in Potter Twp., Centre Co., PA

Stover, Frederick -- An astute reader may ask 'Why do you have William AND his brother Frederick?' And I would reward that astute reader for asking such a good question. Frederick's daughter Elizabeth married William's grandson George. How about that? Frederick has been accepted as a patriot ancestor for the DAR (ancestor **A204132**), as he's listed as a Northumberland County Ranger, as seen in the PA Archives, Series 3, Vol 23, p. 340:

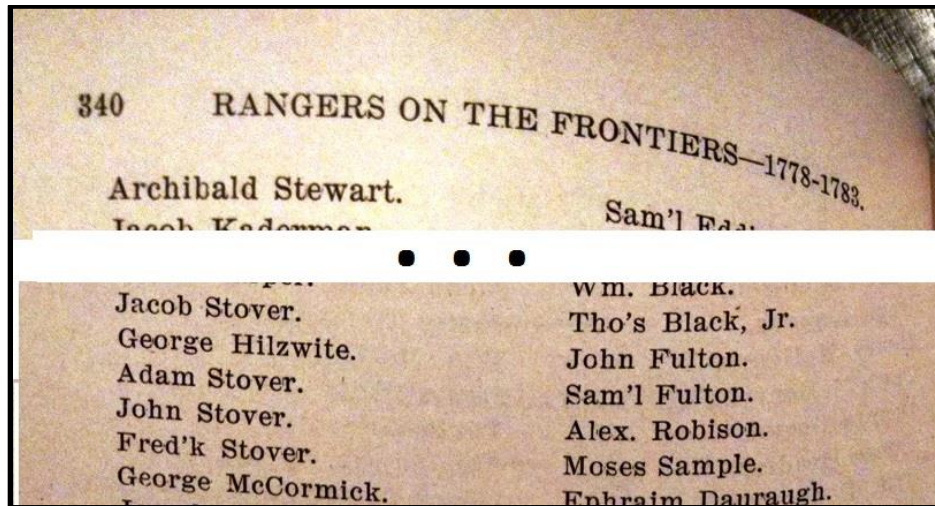


Figure 11. Frederick Stover listed as a Ranger on the Frontier in Northumberland County, PA

Anita (Thomas) Sprankle, born in Bellefonte, PA, used a line down to William Grove for this membership application as well, so again, our task is fairly simple.

1. Elizabeth Stover
2. William Grove
3. David Calvin Grove
4. Roy William Grove
5. Ellen Grove

Ancestors of Mervin J. Vonada:

[von Neida, Johann Philip](#) -- I feel I ought to include my father's side of the family. Although some of his ancestors were in the country by 1776, there seem to have been fewer Patriots. That is certainly not to say they were Tories - they were mostly German and Scotch/Irish, - but they are just seldom mentioned, and most were probably farmers. Johann Philip has been used as a Patriot Ancestor (as Philip Vanada, Ancestor **A116882**) in three applications to the DAR. He is found in the Pennsylvania Archives Series 3, Vol. 6, p. 318 as 'Philip Voneta' in the PA Militia under Capt. John Leshar, and in Series 3, Vol. 19, p. 553 in the Federal Supply Tax list.

1. Heinrich Vonada
2. John H. "Hairy John" Vonada
3. Israel Vonada
4. George W. Vonada
5. Jay Lee Vonada
6. Mervin J. Vonada

ACCOUNTS OF LIEUTENANTS.	
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Sixth Battalion.	Andrew Voght, 46 0 0
Capt. LESHAR'S Company.	Michael Swartz, 87 0 0
First Class.	Peter Woleben, 10 0 0
Henry Lebo, 12 7 6	Philip Kaderman, 8 0 0
Peter Defenbach, 35 0 0	John Anspach, sen., 25 0 0
Jacob Read (Nich. son), 40 0 0	Frederick Deek, 15 0 0
Carried over, 87 7 6	John Christman, 10 0 0
	Philip Voneta, 20 0 0
	Jacob Switzer, 15 0 0
	Nicholas Knose, 10 0 0
	Carried over, 1157 2 6

Figure 12. 'Philip Voneta' in Capt. Leshar's Company. From Pennsylvania Archives Series 3, Vol. 6

Really, the interesting part about this is that I graduated with several of my 6th cousins, connected through Heinrich. This would allow a significant portion of the Penns Valley Area (in Centre Co., PA) to be a member of one of these groups.

The connections are not all simple, however.

The Heinrich to John to Israel connection is supported by the wills of Heinrich (Henry) and Phillip (John's brother), which both mention John but give money directly to his children.

Heinrich's will reads:

"Secondly, I direct that all my household and kitchen furniture be sold and equally divided amongst my six children, share and share alike, to-wit:

1. David Venada, one share;
2. Philip Venada, one share;
3. Henry Venada, one share;
4. Catharine, intermarried with John Haus, one share;
- 5. And the heirs of my son John Venada, one share;**
6. and Adam Venada, one share

John's brother Philip's will reads:

"All the rest and residue of my property and estate whether real, personal or mixed shall be my executors hereinafter named converted into money and the same shall then be divided into two equal shares, the one share or moiety, I hereby give and bequeath to my legal heirs the other share or moiety, I hereby give and bequeath to the legal heirs of my wife Susan Tibbens, deceased, **excepting and provided that my brother John Vonneada shall have and receive five dollars and no more** and provided further that the children of my said brother John Vonneada shall have and receive jointly as much as one of my other brothers – less the five dollars bequeathed to my brother John Vonneada."

When the money was paid, the account records in the same estate file read:

" (4)
John Vonada and his children, 1 share
John Vonada ----- \$5.00
Elias Vonada ----- \$740.17 1/3
Israel Vonada ----- \$740.17 1/3
Catherine Caris ----- \$740.17 1/3"

The obituaries in Figures 13-15 should get you from Israel to Jay Lee (aka "Lee") – more evidence is available but less simple to include here. Figure 16 shows Jay Lee and Mervin in the 1930 census, proving that link.

Rev. Vonada Buried.
 Rev. Israel Vonada, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of the north precinct of Gregg township, died Friday of last week, from the result of an apopleptic stroke. Deceased was 56 years, 9 months and 19 days old at the time of his death. He leaves a wife, two sons, Pierce and George, and one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Roohan, to mourn his loss. The funeral took place Sunday last, interment being made in Yearick's cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. Aurand, of Madisonburg, pastor in charge Centre circuit, Evangelical association. Rev. Vonada was a local preacher in said denomination.

Figure 13. Israel's obituary mentions George.

George W. Vonada, who was ill with typhoid fever for about three weeks, died on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Previous to his death the fever abated, but inflammatory rheumatism set in, which was the immediate cause of his death. He was about 37 years of age, and leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. The funeral was held at Yearick's church on last Thursday forenoon, services being conducted by Rev. J. R. Brown, of the Rebersburg Reformed church.

Millheim Journal Nov 21, 1895

Figure 14. George's obituary is not terribly useful

DEATHS
 VONADA.—Mrs. Edith Vonada died on Tuesday of last week at the home of a daughter, Mrs. William Krader, near Penns Cave, from where interment was made on Saturday in the cemetery formerly connected with the Yearick church, now razed. Services were conducted by Rev. D. R. Keener, pastor of the local Reformed church.
 The deceased was the widow of Geo. Vonada, who died thirty-three years ago. She was born at Jacksonville, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Reisli) Smith. There survive these children: Mrs. Charles Duck, Millinburg; Mrs. Merrill Kessinger, Nittany; Mrs. William Krader, Penns Cave; Lee Vonada, Centre Hall, R. D. 2; and Mrs. D. W. Houser, Corry, Erie county. Mrs. Herbert Hettinger, Spring Mills and Mrs. Wilbur Lucas, Centre Hall, R. D. 2, are sisters, and Frank Smith, Los Angeles, California, is a brother of the deceased.
 Mrs. Vonada was aged 67 years and 4 months.

Centre Reporter, Dec 6, 1928

Figure 15. Edith's obituary mentions George and children, including "Lee Vonada" in Centre Hall

78	100	102	Vonada Jay H	Head	R	13		M	W	39	M	20	70	Yr	Reber
79			Vonada Anna	Wife	H		x	F	W	38	M	18	70	Yr	Reber
80			Vonada Mervin	Son			x	M	W	2	5		70		Lucas
81			Mottz Herbert	Son			x	M	W	16	5		44	Yr	Reber

Figure 16. The 1930 census of Gregg Township, Centre County, PA has Jay Lee with son Mervin.

Roush, George "Casper" -- George is listed in "The Roush Family in America" as a member of the Northumberland Rangers. This book states that more can be found in the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Vol. 23, p. 256 as a member of these Rangers, 1778-1783. An image of this page is below. He has been used in over 15 applications to the DAR, and is ancestor number **A098963**

1. Jacob Roush
2. Frederick Roush
3. Susanna Roush
4. George W. Vonada
5. Jay Lee Vonada
6. Mervin J. Vonada

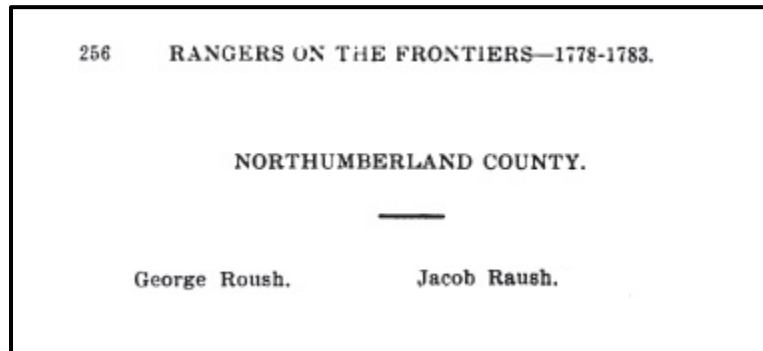


Figure 17. George and Jacob Roush in the Rangers. Note that I have re-arranged the names on what was a much larger page for the sake of formatting.

George and Jacob fought in the Revolutionary War, there is little to doubt that. "The Roush Family in America," a 4-part book series, has all of the connections required but I have not retrieved the original source documentation. It states:

FREDERICK ROUSH, son of Jacob and Barbara Elizabeth Wittenmyer Roush, born April 13, 1788, in Pennsylvania Township, Northumberland County, Pa.

He was a shoemaker by trade and lived in Freeburg, Pa., where he conducted his business. In 1832, he and family moved to Centre County, Pa., and settled at Madisonburg, where he continued the business of making shoes and boots until a few years before his death. He was a Lutheran and held office as deacon and elder for many years and died in 1848, and is buried in the Reformed Cemetery, Madisonburg, Pa.

His wife was Dorothy Nagle, of Perry County, Pa., who lived to be ninety-two years, passing away, April 18. 1889. She was born Nov. 30, 1798. Eight children were born to them...

The connection between Susannah and Frederick was a little tenuous, but Susannah and Israel's daughter Enyalena's (Angelina's) baptismal certificate makes the connection nicely. Given the connections made above up to Israel Vonada and the baptismal certificate making the link to Frederick, the older information is the most questionable part. According to the Roush books though, this information is all

available in the Lancaster and Northumberland (now Snyder and Union) County records, including a baptismal record for Jacob.

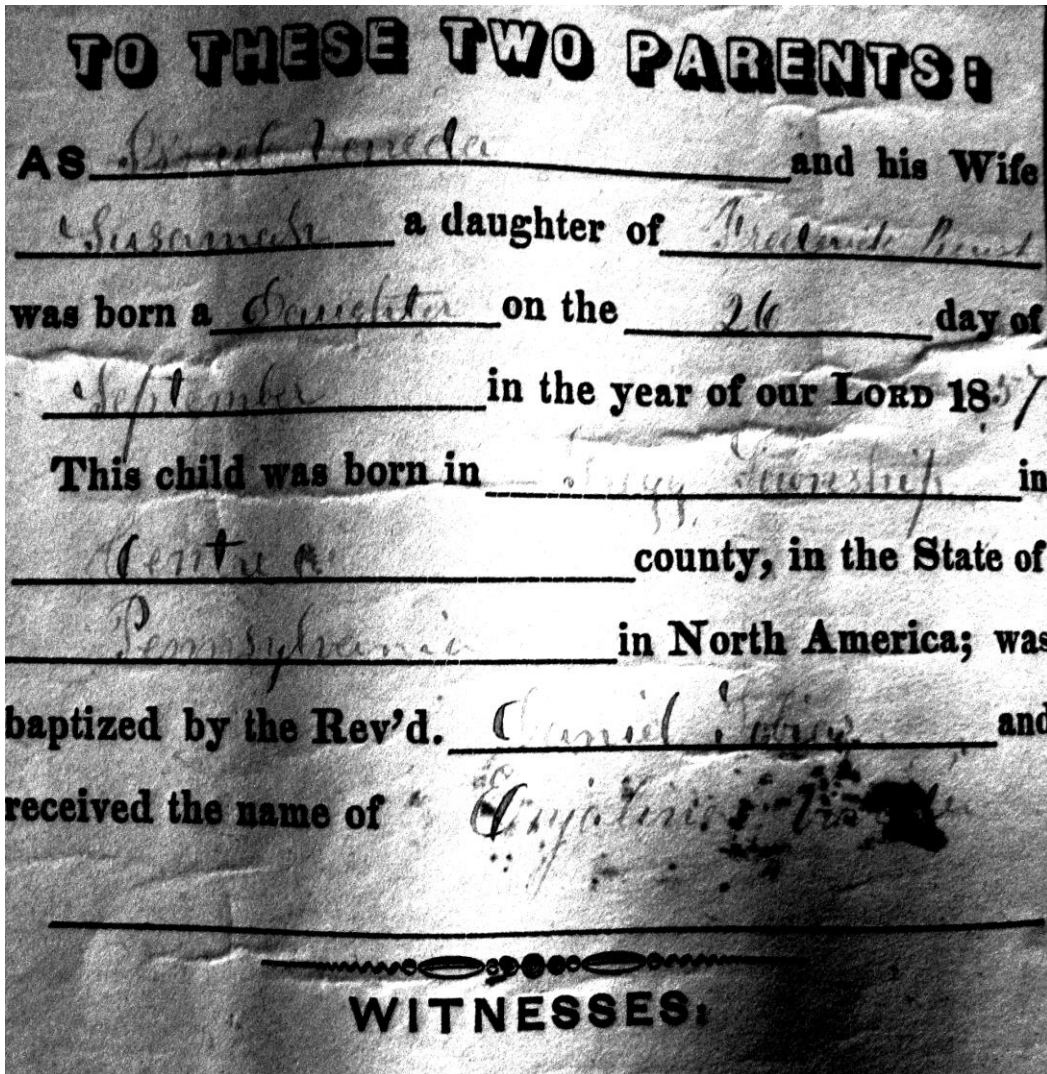


Figure 18. Baptismal certificate for Enyalena (Angelina) Vonada, daughter of Israel and Susannah (Roush) Vonada

Roush, John "Jacob" -- Jacob fought with his father in the war as part of the Northumberland Rangers. Again, "The Roush Family in America" states that more can be found in the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Vol. 23, p. 256 as a member of these Rangers, 1778-1783. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Vol. 2, p. 352 and Vol. 4 p. 131, Jacob is listed as a private in the Third Pennsylvania Regiment from June 1, 1777 to 1781. Jacob has been accepted as a patriot and is ancestor **A098979** in the DAR's database, but none of those applications use his son Frederick, so the entire line needs proved.

1. Frederick Roush
2. Susanna Roush
3. George W. Vonada
4. Jay Lee Vonada
5. Mervin J. Vonada

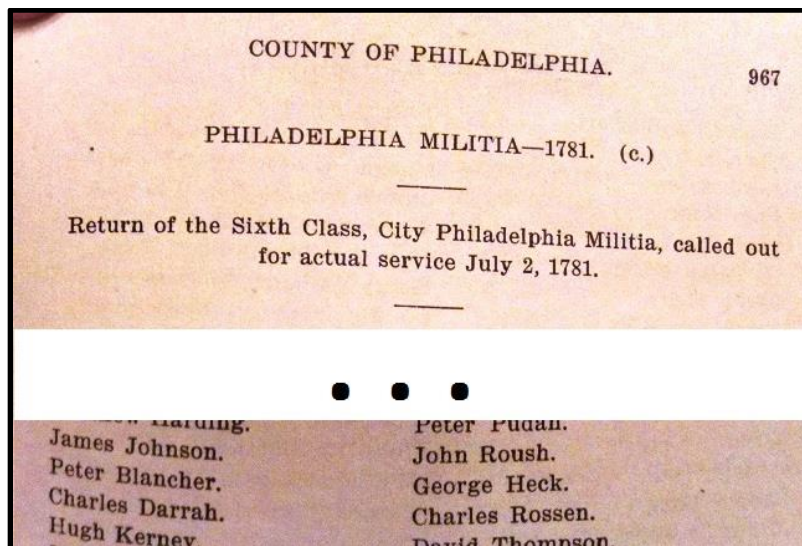


Figure 19. From the Pennsylvania Archives.

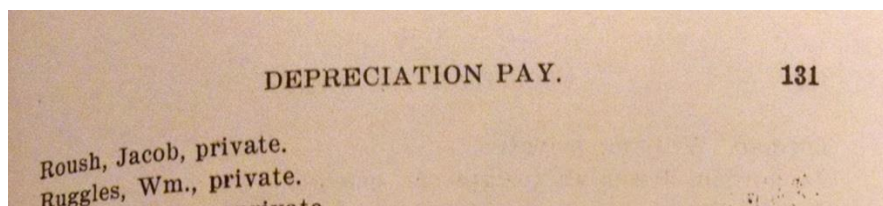


Figure 20. From the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Vol 4, page 131

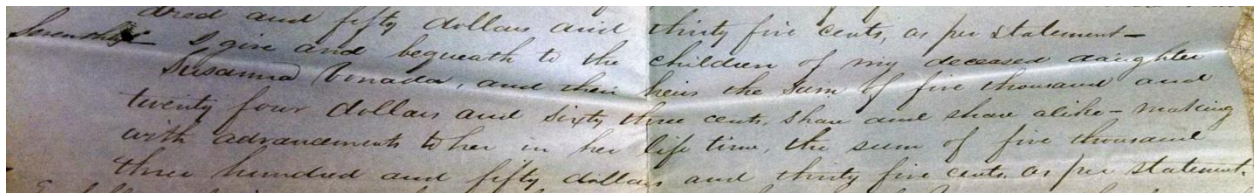
Heu, Johan Albrecht – DAR number **A058867** as "Albert Hoy." Arrived in the country in 1751, would have only been in his late 30's and early 40's for the war. He is not listed as a soldier, but is listed as taking the Oath of Allegiance May 25, 1778 before Peter Spyker

1. George Albert Hoy
2. Susannah Hoy
3. Israel Vonada
4. George W. Vonada
5. Jay Lee Vonada
6. Mervin J. Vonada

There are many pieces of evidence that will need to be furnished to get accepted using this line – Mary Alice Hoy Miller's (member # **M277416**) application only lists children Elizabeth and Philip, so we will need to prove George is Albert's son. I can't do that here and now.

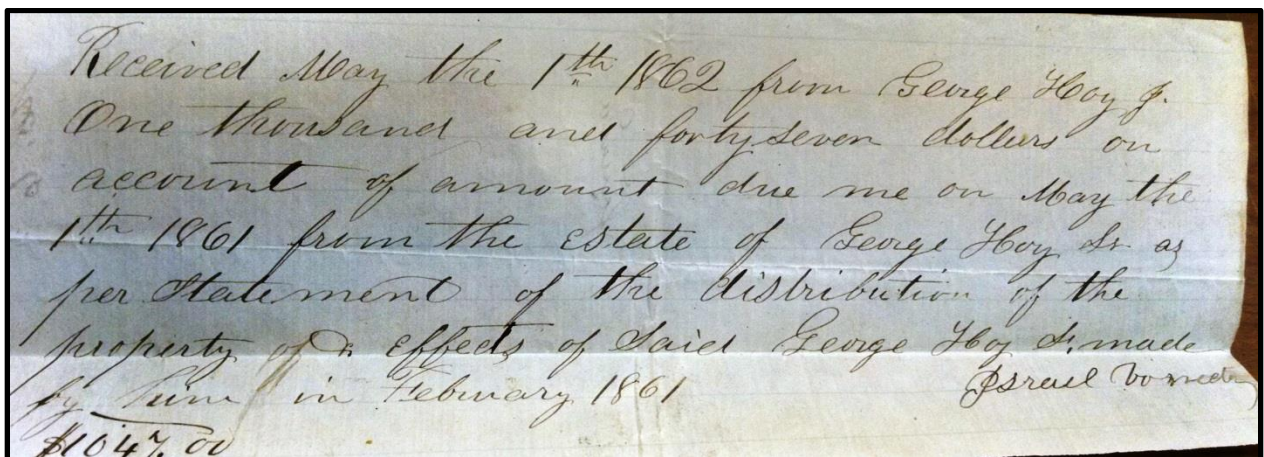
Figures 13-16 above get you from Israel to Mervin J. Vonada. Figures 21 and 22 are from George Albert Hoy's estate files note that Susannah (Hoy) Vonada is dead by the will's writing (1861) and the fact that Israel and Elias are collecting monies from George's will shows some connection. *The Matricul* – baptism records of Brush Valley Union Church in Rebersburg, PA - also forms the Susannah/George connection. It reads:

HEU, Georg and wife Elisabeth: Susanna, born 16 Dec 1808, bap. 12 Feb 1809



And and fifty dollars and thirty five cents, as per statement—
I give and bequeath to the children of my deceased daughter
Susanna Vonada, and their heirs the sum of five thousand and
twenty four dollars and sixty three cents, show and show alike—making
with advancements to her in her life time, the sum of five thousand
three hundred and fifty dollars and thirty five cents, as per statement.

Figure 21. George Hoy's will mentions his deceased daughter Susannah Vonada



Received May the 1th 1862 from George Hoy Jr.
One thousand and forty seven dollars on
account of amount due me on May the
1th 1861 from the estate of George Hoy Sr. as
per statement of the distribution of the
property of effects of said George Hoy Sr. made
by him in February 1861
Israel Vonada

Figure 22. A receipt from Israel's collection of monies from George Hoy's estate. A similar one exists for Elias, Israel's brother

Ancestors of Norman D. Walters:

Walter, David -- David's [pension file](#) is available on [mattvonada.com](#). The evidence for David is solid, as he did receive a pension from the US Government after three stints in the militia, at least one of which was through a draft. He has been accepted into the DAR as ancestor **A120137** (David Walters), but none of the applications are through the line of Philip Walter(s). Accordingly, the entire line up to David must be proven. Lucky for you, I think I got this.

1. Philip Walter
2. Daniel C. Walter
3. Jeremiah Walters
4. John Wellington Walters
5. Norman Donald Walters



Figure 23. David's tombstone, from [findagrave.com](#)

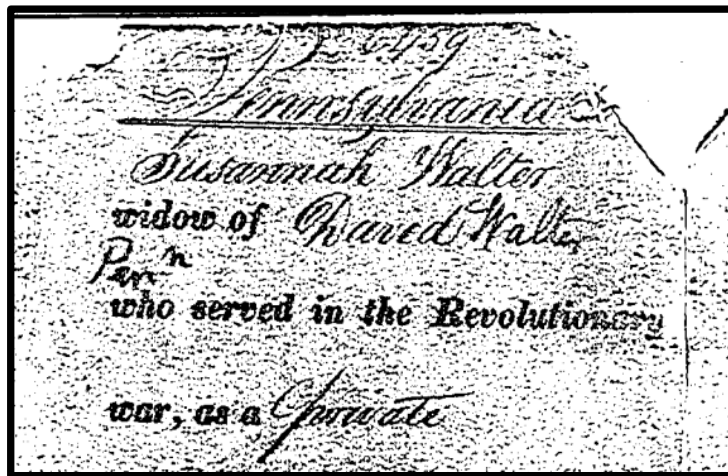


Figure 24. From David Walter's Pension File

The connection from David to Philip is made in a pension filing by Susannah, where she lists her children (there are many, I snipped out David, Philip, and Simon):

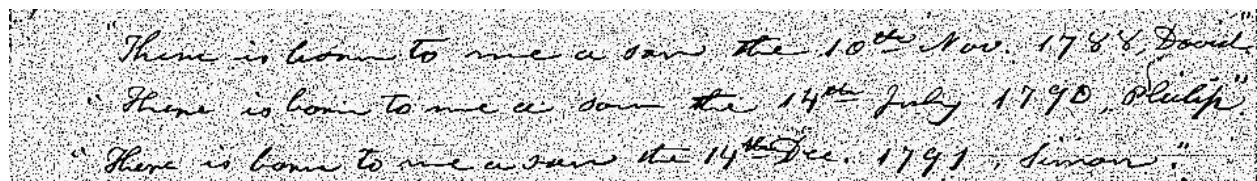


Figure 25. From David's pension file, page 12. Note the second line - Philip was born July 14, 1790 to David and Susannah. We will want to refer to this again because Simon, line 3, is used in another application

I can get you from Philip to Daniel using the 1850 census record:

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Centre Township in the County of Union, State of Pennsylvania enumerated by me, on the 28th day of August 1850. Israel Gubelins Ass't Marshal

Dwellings—houses—in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		George do	41 m			do.					
208, 330		Daniel Walter	28 m			Laborer.					
		Elizabeth do	25 f						1		
		Abraham do	5 m								
		Henry do	7 m								
		Phillip Walter	61 m			Farmer	100				
		Susanna do	30 f								
		Jacob do	18 m			Farming				1	
		Abraham do	17 m			do.				1	
		Joseph do	10 m			do.				1	
			27 m								12
			15 f								
1		Napoleon Walter	8 m								
2		Elizabeth do	4 f								

Figure 26. "Phillip" in the home of his son Daniel in the 1850 US Federal Census for Centre Township, Union County, PA. This only makes that one connection, however.

The Daniel to Jeremiah link can be made using the 1860 census:

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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Centre Township in the County of Snyder, State of Pennsylvania enumerated by me, on the 25th day of June 1860. Franklin Perriok Ass't Marshal
Post Office Penn's Creek

Dwellings—houses—in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
23	878 914	Daniel Walter	38 m			Day laborer	30	25	"			1
24		Elizabeth "	28 f						"			1
25		Abraham "	15 m						"		1	
26		Henry "	11 m						"		1	
27		Moses "	10 m						"		1	
28		William "	7 m						"			
29		Jeremiah "	4 m						"			
30		Isacharias "	4 m						"			

Figure 27. 1860 census for Centre Twp., Snyder Co., PA makes the link from Daniel to Jeremiah

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And I can get you from Jeremiah to John W. using the 1900 census (Fig. 26), and from John to Norman using the 1940 Census (Fig. 27) and Norman's obituary.

1900 census form for Logan Twp., Blair Co., PA

Name	Rel. to Head	Sex	Birth	Age	Marital Status	Age at marriage	Living Children	Born	Father Born	Mother Born	Occupation
Marie	Daughter	F	Oct 1885	12				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	
73 73 Thelma	Daughter	F	Nov 1887	12				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	
74 74 Daisy A.	Daughter	F	Nov 1887	12				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	
75 75 John W.	Son	M	Feb 1893	7				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	

Figure 28. This 1900 census gets us from Jeremiah to John W. Walters

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940
POPULATION SCHEDULE 163

NAME	RELATION	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY OR OCCUPATION	EMPLOYMENT STATUS
Walters John W.	Head	M	Feb 21 1923	Tipton, Pennsylvania	High School	Farmer	Full-time, year-round
Rhoda M. Walters	Wife	F	Nov 17 1893	Baltimore, Maryland	High School	Farmer	Full-time, year-round
Norman D. Walters	Son	M	Jan 8 1926	Baltimore, Maryland	High School	Farmer	Part-time, occasional

Figure 29. 1940 census record from Ferguson Twp., Centre Co., PA showing John and Norman

Norman's obituary reads: Norman D. Walters, 82, of Bellefonte, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Centre Crest Nursing Home. He was born Feb. 21, 1923, in Tipton, to the late John Wellington and Eva Mae Walker Walters. On Dec. 31, 1942, in Baltimore, he married Ellen Grove, who survives at home. He graduated from State College Area High School in 1940 and from Lincoln Mechanics School in Tyrone in 1941. He worked at Penn State University for 30 years, retiring as supervisor of Dairy Barns. He attended the Valley View United Methodist Church. He was past president of the Pa. Association of Retired State Employees, past president of Senior Citizens Club of Bellefonte, past advisor of the Centre County Young Patrons of Husbandry, State Treasurer of YMCA Senior Citizens, a member of the Logan Grange #109, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Professional Volunteer of Centre County, and a volunteer of the Food Pantry. He received the Dairyman of the Year Award in 1983 from the Penn State Dairy Club. He enjoyed camping at the Grange Fair, working with people, gardening, family reunions, picnics and his dog, Lady. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Thelma Jean Brodzina, of Warriors Mark, Janet Elaine Houser and her husband, Ronald, of Bellefonte, Doris Mae Wilson and her husband, John, of Tyrone, Ruth Ellen Vonada and her husband, Dale, of Spring Mills. three sons, James Allen, of Crescent City, Fla., Daniel William, of Bellefonte, John Edward and his wife, Mary, of Julian. a sister, Marie Marcella Cherry, of Tipton. 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a step- mother, Rhoda M. Deters Walters. three infants, Jerry Lee, Donna Marie and Carl Philip. and three brothers, Dan, Dick and Clair. A visitation will be from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006 and from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at the Mark D. Heintzelman Funeral and Cremation Services PC, 1034 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at the funeral home, with Rev's. Robert Ludrowsky and Duane Bardo officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Valley View Church, 1438 Buffalo Run Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823 or to the Fillmore Food Pantry, 126 Apple St., Bellefonte, PA 16823

Fought, Michael -- Michael is DAR Ancestor Number **A040179** as "Michael Foght" and is used on several DAR applications, with reference to PA Archives Vol 14, P 342 - Pvt. Michael Fought, Sept 26, 1776 - 4th Battalion - 1st Company - Capt. John Clark Northumberland Co - Col. Philip Cole. The fun part about this family is that the family all moved west except Hannah, who stayed behind to be with her man, my great x4 grandfather Philip Walter(s). While most family histories seem to forget Hannah, May Gillier Engler's DAR application does not, and lists Philip as well.

1. Hannah Fought/Vogt, married Philip Walter
2. Daniel C. Walter
3. Jeremiah Walters
4. John Wellington Walters
5. Norman Donald Walters

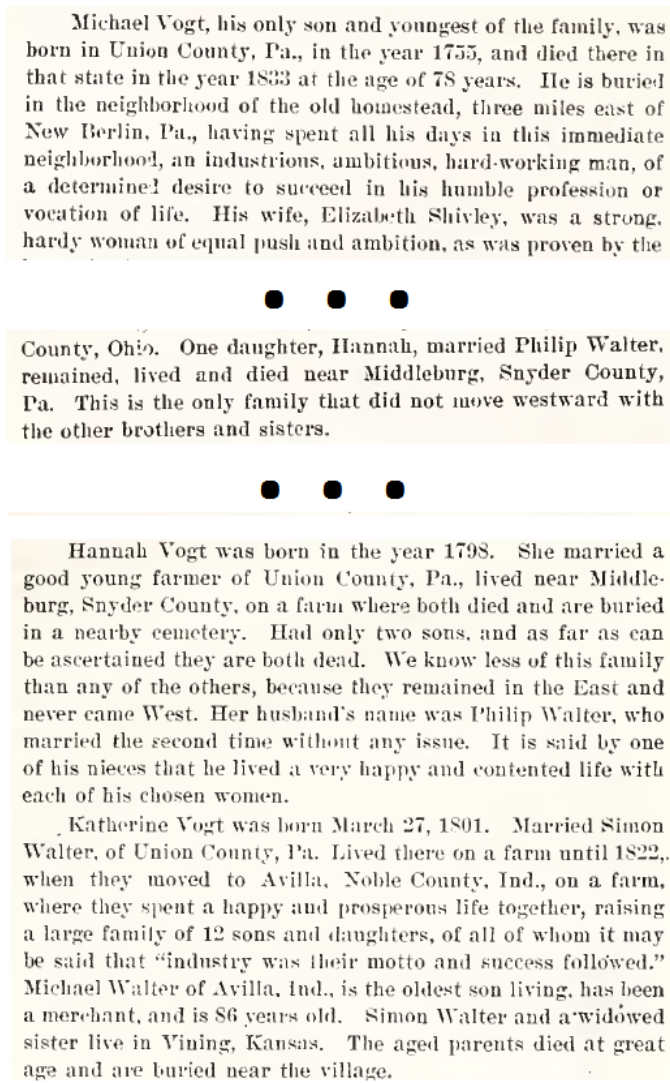


Figure 30. Clips from 'Vogt History 1750-1911' by Jacob Weimer Vogt, Dayton, Ohio, 1911.

Beyond that, we refer to the David Walters record above, where census records take you the remainder of the way to Norman.

Ancestors of Viola R. Walker:

Bathurst, Lawrence – The sole Patriot thus far found on my grandmother Vonada’s line is Lawrence Bathurst, who is DAR Ancestor Number **A007528** as “Lawrence Bathhurst.” He is found in the Pennsylvania Archives 3rd Series, Vol 14, p 693 as being under Captains Francis, Hamilton, and Rees Roberts, and is used on several DAR applications. Many of those use his son Archibald, and his son Lawrence. The difficult part is that Lawrence’s son Reuben and his first wife Catherine Carter appear to have divorced soon after marrying, so proving some of the links may be tedious work. This line was quite respectable in England until Lawrence was reportedly disinherited for fighting in the Revolutionary War.

1. Archibald Bathurst
2. Lawrence Bathurst
3. Reuben Bathurst
4. Olive K. Bathurst married Abednego Stine Walker
5. Ralph Stine Walker
6. Viola Rebecca Walker

There’s some difficulty to this line, and it took me a while to put it together. I’m still working out some of the details, as you’ll see.

Given that Lawrence (the one in bullet #2) is already accepted, we can start with the connection between him and Reuben, which can be accomplished using the 1850 Census:

Household No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation
135	Lawrence Bathurst Sr	48	m	
	Catherine Bathurst	37	f	
	Reuben J Bathurst	19	M	Laborer
	Margaret O Bathurst	17	f	
	Samuel Bathurst	13	M	
	Hannah Bathurst	11	f	
	Julian Bathurst	9	f	
	Francis Bathurst	7	f	
	Martha Bathurst	5	f	
	Mary Bathurst	3	f	
	William L Bathurst	1	M	

Figure 31. 1850 census for Howard, Centre County, Pennsylvania showing the connection between Lawrence and Reuben

The part I can’t prove yet is that Reuben is Olive’s father. Reuben Bathurst and Catherine Carter were not married for very long, perhaps only a couple years. Olive can be found as a Bathurst in a Jameson family in Pine Grove Mills in 1870 and with her grandparents, all (grandparents, mother, Olive, and sister) listed as Carters, in Ferguson Township in 1860. By 1880 she was married and went by Walker.

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For some reason, the belief (not just mine) is that Reuben left for Illinois in 1860. We are unsure why. I will continue to hunt down this thread, but we are fairly certain the connection is correct. The remainder is achieved through Abednego's obituary and a 1930 census record for Ralph Walker:

Abednigo, Stine Walker

Abednigo Stine Walker died at his home in Pine Grove Mills at 1 p.m. yesterday from complications, following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Walker was 90 years, one month and three days old at the time of his death.

The son of Andrew and Kathryn Stine Walker, he was born in Huntingdon County on November 19, 1847. On July 4, 1871 he married Olive Bathurst, who preceeded him in death in 1891. Mr. Walker was a member of the Pine Grove Mills Lutheran church and had been affiliated with the Pine Grove Mills Lodge of the I. O. O. F. for more than 60 years.

The following children survive: Mrs. Bessie Miller of Stoystown; Homer, Mrs. Jessie Elden and Mrs. Maude Markle of Pine Grove Mills, Harry N. of Bellwood and Ralph of Pennsylvania Furnace. Miss Clara Walker of Baltimore, Maryland, and Miles Walker of Bellefonte are a surviving brother and sister.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Pine Grove Mills Lutheran church with Rev. J. S. English in charge of the services. Interment will be made in Meek's cemetery at Fairbrook.

Figure 32. Abednego Walker's obituary, connects Olive Bathurst to Ralph Stine Walker

307	320	Walker	Ralph S.	Head	R		yes	M	W	39	M	21	no	yes	P
			Mary A.	Wife-H			X	F	W	42	M	24	no	yes	P
			Olive H.	Daughter			X	F	W	17	S		yes	yes	P
			Dorothy B.	Daughter			X	F	W	13	S		yes	yes	P
			Lammie S.	Son			X	M	W	11	S		yes	yes	P
			Karsh E.	Daughter			X	F	W	3 1/2	S		no		P
			Viola B.	Daughter			X	F	W	1 1/2	S		no		P
			William R.	Son			X	M	W	2 1/2	S		no		P

Figure 33. 1930 census record for College Twp., Centre Co., PA, getting us from Ralph Stine Walker to Viola