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PREFACE

The purpose of The *Groff Book* Volume 2: A Continuing Saga is to connect as accurately as possible the five generations of Groff families presented in 1985 in *The Groff Book Volume* 1: A Good Life in a New Land to the generations of these families who lived in Europe before coming to North America, and also to generations of these families living in 1997.

Volume 1 was the the story of people named Groff (all spellings) who settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, during its first hundred years, 1710 to about 1810. Groff families of other counties were included where they seemed relevant.

Since 1983 much new information has come to the attention of Groff History Associates that corrects and supplements the material in Volume 1. This has been incorporated into Volume 2.

The first three generations of almost all Pennsylvania families in Volume 1 have been repeated in Volume 2, and the narrative relating to each has been summarized for each family.

Generations four and five have been repeated only if additions or corrections were made, or if Extended Lineages to that family have been included in Part 3. Most of the Illustrations, Maps, and Related Items have not been repeated in Volume 2.

In Volume 1, the introduction to the index was accidentally omitted. It should read: All names on pages 1 to 252, except for those on the survey maps, were included in the index. Main topics on the remaining pages were also indexed.

Part 1 European Families is the result of research since 1985 that has answered many questions about how some of these early Groff families may have been related in Europe to each other and to families, such as Bear, Good, Herr, and Meyer, into which they married.

Part 2 American Groff Families is arranged alphabetically by Groff Family Number, not by county as in Volume 1. The numbering system, and spellings are consistent with *Groff Book* 1, except that many of the numbers were changed to reflect new information about birth order.

Part 3 Extended Lineages is a summary of the descendants of people mentioned in Part 2 American Groff Families, extended to the Contributors of the information, who are listed alphabetically by surname beginning on page 206.

Material sent to Groff History Associates has been included in the Groff History Associates Collection at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602. The Collection is arranged by the Groff Family Numbers used in Part 2.

The question mark within bracketed material refers to a question concerning placement of that material at that location in the outline and is not a question concerning the validity of the material within the brackets. Please do not ignore the question mark. Whenever a question mark has occured anywhere in a lineage, this lineage of course has not been proven.

We cannot guarantee the accuracy of all of these varied sources, and combining all sources available on the basis of circumstantial evidence is always a risky business. Please send additions and corrections to Jane Evans Best, 660 Willow Valley Square, M 307, Lancaster, PA 17602-4874, or e-mail: JEBest6.aol.com.

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has corrected the European and the Pennsylvania branches of many early families.

I have attempted to list in the footnotes the names and addresses of the kind people who supplied the information compiled into this update. Together we have been able to see more clearly the truth about the past. Future generations, as well as Groff History Associates, owe all of them gratitude and appreciation for helping to preserve our common heritage.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

b.	born	
bap.	baptized	
bu.	buried	
ca.	about	
Cem.	Cemetery	
Ch.	Church	
ch.	children	
Co.	County	
d.	died	
dau.	daughter of	
d.s.p.	no surviving descendants	
d.y.	died young	
inv.	estate inventory	
£	English pound	
m.	married	
m. (2)	second marriage, to	
MFH	Mennonite Family History	
n.f.r.	no further reference	
р.	page	
РМН	Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage	
Twp.	Township	
w. dat.	will dated	
wp.	will proved	
- F		

EXPLANATIONS

The Numbering System

One or two letters were arbitrarily assigned to represent the progenitor of each Groff or related family. Numbers were assigned for the children in each generation according to birth order when known. "0" was used for the tenth child, "a" for the eleventh child, "b for the twelfth child, etc.

Corrections in birth order were made in this volume which resulted in different numbers for some descendants. Both the new and old numbers have been given the first time the person is mentioned.

Spellings

The spelling of names is that of the source being quoted, sacrificing consistency for authenticity. Otherwise, Groff was used.

Locations

The towns and townships are assumed to be in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, unless otherwise noted. The counties are assumed to be in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted. The location given after the death date in the outlines is the one stated in the probate records, unless otherwise noted.

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PART 1 - EUROPEAN FAMILIES

GROFF FAMILIES

Graf Families of Bäretswil, Zurich, Switzerland

On the Friday before St. Mathias Day 1356, Heinrich Graf of Berolteswile, his son Cunrat Graf, tavernkeeper, and wife Mechthilt, and their son Johan are mentioned among others in a letter written by Brother Heinrich, abbot of the convent at Rüti of the order of Premonstrey in the bishopric of Constance in present Germany. They were to have the use of meadowland, plowed fields, and woodland for as long as they lived, and they were to cultivate it for the benefit of the house of God as the religious organization directed. If there were no living heirs according to the written contract, the church body would take it back and use it for its own service. They were to pay twenty pfunt pfennig in Zurich money, and make an annual contribution of one malter of oats, one half of rye and five schilling pfennig. The Jungherren (titled landowners) brothers Herman and Rudolf of Werdegg in Hittnau apparently had granted partial control of the land to the convent under certain conditions.1

By 1429 Berolteswile had become Beretswil, by 1566 was called Bereschwyl, and is now called Bäretswil in the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland. In 1469 a Graf family is recorded in Bettswil in the parish of Bäretswil, the earliest family there, as far as can be determined. In 1541 at least three families of this kinship were living in three houses there. During the summer of 1525, Conrad Grebel, a leader of the Anabaptists, preached in the church at Bäretswil.²

Hans Graf (GR), who lived in Bäretswil 256 years after Heinrich Graf, the earliest Graf in that area, was probably a descendant. I know of no documentation that the Melchior Graf (GS) or Hans Conrad Graff (GT) families had any connections to Bäretswil, but descendants of both familes lived in the same areas of early Lancaster County where members of the Hans Graf (GR) family lived. Krey and Groh may be lower Rhine adaptations of the name Graf, and members of both these families intermarried into GR families in early Lancaster County.

GR Hans Graf

On March 22, 1612, Hans Graf (GR) of Bäretswil, east of Lake Zurich, Switzerland, nick-named *Gusel*, married Elsbeth Peter of! rüti, in the parish of Fischenthal. They had six children by 1625. The father and two of the children were not included in the 1634 census, and may have died in the 1629 plague.³

When the Anabaptists in the canton of Zurich were required by the government to register in 1633, Elsbeth Peter was a forty-five year old widow who had been an Anabaptist for seven years.⁴ She lived with her four surviving children, aged ten to nine-teen. In 1634 they lived in one of the five households in Betschwyl, now Bettswil, where the plague had struck particularly hard.⁵

On June 21, 1636, Jacob Graf (GR3) married Anna Spörri, daughter of Jacob Spörri of Wolfensberg near Bauma, and in 1637 lived at Bettswil with his wife and infant son, his mother, brother, and two sisters. When Barbara Graf (GR38) was baptized at Bäretswil on December 7, 1645, her uncle, Hans Jacob Graf (GR5) took the child to the church to be baptized because her father was opposed to infant baptism. His own daughter, Regula Graf (GR51), was baptized the same day. Birth dates were not recorded in Swiss church books at this time, and it is safe to assume that all baptisms occurred shortly after birth as required by law.

- ⁴ LDS microfilm 1185140, pp. 702-704.
- ⁵ Sierszyn, Unser Bäretswil, p. 203.

¹ C II 12 No. 167, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich, Zurich. A copy of the original, a transcription into modern German, and a translation by Noah G. Good were given to Groff History Associates on October 8, 1991, by Jay and Jean Kraus, 36 N. Lake St., Ephrata PA 17522.

² A. Sierszyn, *Unser Bäretswil* (Bäretswil, Zurich: 1983), pp. 58, 133, 181, 199, 203, translated by Raymond T. Stoe.

³ H. Schulthess, Postfach 161, Wallisellen, 8304, Switzerland, to Jane E. Best, May 15, 1986. E II 700.6, Census of Bäretswil, 1634-1723, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland. LDS microfilm 0996804, Bäretswil Church Book.

GR301 _____ Frey, b. ca. 1685; d. 1716; 5 ch.

m. ca. 1709, **Hans Bär/Beer** (BA5173),⁴⁵ bap. Nov. 12, 1682, Hausen; d. 1741, Birkenauer Hof; tenant farmer. He m. (2) her sister Elisabeth.

GR302 Elisabeth Frey, d. before 1726; in 1717 "only dau. of Frey;" 3 ch.

m. 1717, Hilsbach, **Hans Bär** (BA5173), bap. Nov. 12, 1682, Hausen; d. 1741, Birkenauer Hof; widower with 5 ch. He m. (3) and had 6 more ch.

- [?GR3a **Peter Graf**,⁴⁶ b. ca. 1652; in 1687 was a *hofbauer* (tenant farmer) in Ittlingen with 53 morgens of land].
 - [?GR3a1 Johannes Graf (Q),⁴⁷ b. ca. 1675; d. before 1724; in 1714 was hereditary tenant of Grafeneau Castle Hof, now in Ludwigshafen, Germany.
 - GR3a12 Hans Jacob Graff (Q2), b. ca. 1700; in 1724 and 1748 hereditary tenant at Grafeneau;[?BC Hans Jacob Groff (was BUC-A), d. Apr. 1, 1782, bu. near South Perkasie; blacksmith. m. Veronica ____].
- GR4 Adelheid Graf, bap. Feb 1, 1618, Bäretswil;d. Oct. 4, 1675; in 1633 aged 16; in 1634, 1637 lived with mother.

m. June 22, 1637, Baretswil, Nikolaus Pfenninger of Wappenswil, Bäretswil.

- GR5 Hans Jakob Graf, bap. June 15, 1623, Bäretswil; d. by 1683; Anabaptist and citizen of Sinsheim; in 1633 aged 10; in 1634, 1637 lived with his mother; in 1646 lived with his brother's family in Bettswil; in 1649 lived in Bettswil with his wife and 2 ch.; in 1651 emigrated to Palatinate with his wife and 1 ch.
 - m. (1) July 4, 1643, Elisabeth Pfenninger of Waltsberg, Bäretswil, b. ca. 1624; in 1634 aged 10; dau. of Rudolf Pfenninger⁴⁸ and Elsbeth Schurppin.
 - m. (2) Verena ____. She m. (2) 1683, Hans Ruth, son of Hans Ruth of Weiler (Hilsbach).

Children of m. (1)

- GR51 **Regula Graf**, bap. Dec. 7, 1645, Bäretswil; one child emigrated with the parents in 1651.
- GR52 Elisabeth Graf, bap. Feb. 14, 1647, Bäretswil.
- [?GR53 **Samuel Graf**,⁴⁹ b. ca. 1650; d. after July 30, 1717, when he lived at Schaarhof, Schriesheim, Germany].

- [?GR531 Hans Jacob Groff (G),⁵⁰ b. ca. 1695; inv. 1749, Warwick, now Clay, Twp., Lancaster Co.; immigrated by 1727; 3 ch.
 - m. Hannah _____, d. after 1751].

[?GR532 Christian Groff (H),⁵¹ b. ca. 1690;
 d. 1748, Ephrata, Lancaster Co.; immigrated ca. 1725; 5 ch.

- m. Margaret ____].
- GR6 Ulrich Graf, bap. July 5, 1625, Bäretswil, not in 1634 census.

GS Melchior Graf

Joachim Graff (GS11)⁵² was married to his first wife, Apollonia Bauman, in 1643 at Gerabronn, Germany, and had three children, including Balthasar, born about 1644. Joachim Graff was a widower of Rot-am-See nearby when he was married in 1650 at Rot-am-See to Margarite Trump, with whom he had six children who were baptized there between 1652 and 1664.⁵³

Balthasar Graff (GS111 and D) was married at Rot-am-See in 1669 to Barbara Blanck, and they had at least nine children baptized there between 1670 and 1691. According to Annette K. Burgert, three of these children were the fathers or grandfathers of most of the "City" Groff listed as D1 to D9 in *The Groff Book*, Volume 1, pages 25 to 28.

⁴⁵ See pp. 21, 26-28.

⁴⁶ See pp. 55, 192. Diffenbacher, et al, *Schweizer Einwanderer*, p. 200, no. 5210. On Aug. 11, 1750, the ship *Patience* arrived in Philadelphia with Hans Jacob Groff (BC, was BUC-A), Hans Peter Groff, and Peter Groff, who may have been sons or grandsons of this Peter Graf. *Groff Book* 1, pp. 148 and 239.

⁴⁸ Sierszyn, *Unser Bäretswil*, p. 58. After the plague in 1629, Rudi, Mattys, and Heinrich Pfennninger settled in Waltsberg, where 21 people lived in the 3 houses.

⁴⁹ Guth and Mast, Census Lists, p. 22.

⁵⁰ See p. 125 and Groff Book 1, pp. 140-141

⁵¹ See p. 127 and *Groff Book* 1, pp. 142-143.

⁵² Annette K. Burgert, FASG, FGSP, 691 Weavertown Road, Myerstown, PA 17067, to Jane E. Best, May 4, 1993. Her European data was compiled by Carla Mittelstaedt-Kubaseck in 1982 and 1983 in the house of the Dekan in Blaufelden, Germany, in 1983 at Uffenheim, and in 1984 at the parsonage in Gerabronn, Germany.

⁵³ Robert L. Hess, 780 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, CA 94610, to Jane E. Best, May 30, 1995, and Sept. 23, 1995. LDS microfilm 1528600, Rot-am-See church register: bap. 1611-1742; m. 1611-1773; communicants 1640-1677; burials 1612-1773, includes villages of Musdorf, Brettenfeld, Kunhard, Limbach, and Rot-am-See.

⁴⁷ See p. 192 and *Groff Book* 1, pp. 228, 239.

Georg Graf (GS1119 and D9, was D1) was baptized on January 23, 1691, at Rot-am-See. He was buried at Christ Lutheran Church (Tulpehocken), Stouchsburg, Pennsylvania, where his tombstone has the data: born January 23, 1691; died May 16, 1745; married 30 years; had 4 sons and 3 daughters.⁵⁴

When his son George (D91, was D11) died in 1748, he willed his 400 acres to his wife, Maria Magdalena Braumwaehrt, who in 1752 sold it to named relatives.⁵⁵ In *Groff Book* 1, we assumed the named relatives were brothers and sisters of George Graff (GS1119 and D9, was D1). Burgert's research shows that most of them were children of his two brothers, Michael (G1113 and D3) and Johan Andreas (GS1116 and D6). See page 62 for an outline of the D "City" Groff family.

A Michael Groff was on the 1726 and 1727 tax lists of Tulpehocken Twp., Chester County, Pennsylvania.⁵⁶ He may have been the Michael Graf (GS116 and DD) baptized in 1656 at Rot-am-See, a son of the second marriage of Joachim Graf.⁵⁷ The Johannes Christophel Graff listed as D4 in *Groff Book* 1 may have been a son of this Michael Groff, and has been included in *Groff Book* 2 as ?GS1161 and ?DD1. He is mentioned in the 1748 records of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, as is George Graff (D91, was D11). See page 70 for an outline of the DD Michael Groff family.

The Leonard Grav who was elected a deacon of this church on January 5, 1748, may have been the Leonard Graf baptized June 4, 1680, at Rot-am-See, possibly another son of Balthasar and Barbara Graf. Johannes Groff (J), the shopkeeper and blacksmith who died in 1758 in Lancaster city, may have been the Johannes Graf (GS1116.4 and D64),⁵⁸ baptized Mar. 17, 1717, at Rot-am-See. He immigrated by Mar. 4, 1744, became Moravian, and lived at Graeff's Landing, Lancaster. His family was closely associated with the D family.

Outline

The following outline lists the first five generations of the Melchior Graf (GS) family. Part 2 American Groff Families includes five more generations of some branches of the family. Part 3 Extended Lineages, includes generations to the present time for families who have sent us the information.

The question mark within bracketed material refers to a question concerning placement of that material at that location in the outline and is not a question concerning the validity of the material within the brackets. GS Melchior Graff, b. ca. 1565; in 1614 lived in Dermentz/Dörrmenz, Germany.

GS1 Hannss Graff,⁵⁹ b. ca. 1590; d. Oct. 18, 1633, Heroldhausen, Germany.

- m. Dec. 5, 1614, Gerabronn, Apollonia _____ widow of Caspar Volcker.
- GS11 Joachim Graff, bap. Apr. 22, 1618; d. after 1664; 3 ch.
 - m. (1) Jan. 31, 1643, Gerabronn Lutheran, **Apoll(onia) Baumann**, b. 1623; d. May 16, 1649, Rot-am-See, Germany; dau. of Wolff Baumann and Apollonia _____ of Rückershagen; step-dau. of Michael Blum.
 - m. (2) Oct. 22, 1650, Rot-am-See, Margarite Trump, dau. of Hans Trump; 6 ch.
 - GS111 **Balthasar Graf** (D),⁶⁰ b. ca. 1644; bu. Jan. 6, 1696, aged 52; 10 ch.
 - m. Feb. 1669, **Barbara Blanck**, dau. of Georg Blanck, *bauer auf dem Schönhof*.
 - GS1111 Kunigunde Graf (D1), bap. Feb. 12, 1670.
 - GS1112 Michael Graf (D2), bap. Apr. 16, 1673.
 - GS1113 Hanss Michael Graf (D3),⁶¹ bap. July 26, 1674; d. Aug. 9, 1737, Rot-am-See, aged 63; weaver and farmer.
 - m. July 5, 1701, Rot-am-See, Eva Hornung, d. Feb. 25, 1732; dau. of Hanss Hornung, *Gerichts-und Schiedsverwandten*.

⁵⁵ Deeds B-548 (dat. Mar. 29, 1748), and D-369 (dat. Mar. 20, 1752, recorded May 20, 1756), Lancaster.

⁵⁶ Gilbert Cope Collection, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

⁵⁷ LDS microfilm 1528600, Rot-am-See church register.

⁵⁸ See p. 131 and *Groff Book* 1, pp. 145-147.

⁵⁹ Gerabronn Lutheran Church Book, 1585-1660.

⁶⁰ Marriage proclaimed Feb. 16, 1669. Schönhof belongs to Wildentierbach near Niederstetten.

⁶¹ Rot-am-See Church Book, bap. 1611-1742; m. 1611-1773; communicants 1640-1677; burials 1612-1773, includes villages of Musdorf, Brettenfeld, Kunhard, Limbach, and Rot-am-See. LDS microfilm 11528600.

⁵⁴ Charles H. Glatfelter, *Pastors and People*, Vol. 1, (Breinigsville, Pa.; Pa. German Society, 1980), pp. 258-264. Christ Lutheran in the Tulpehocken settlement in present Marion Twp., Berks Co., was formed in 1742 by members of Reed/Reith Ch. who lost control of the property to those sympathetic to the Moravians and who did not want J. C. Stoever as pastor.

GS1113.1 Johann Georg Graf (D31),62 bap. May 29, 1702, Rot-am-See; d. Mar. 10, 1777, bu. Lancaster Moravian Cem.; shopkeeper.

> m. Catharine Graff (D62, was D2),63 b. July 7, 1712, Neuherberg, Germany; d. Jan. 15, 1798; dau, of Andreas Graf (GS1116 and D6).

GS1113.2 Hans Michael Graf, bap. Nov. 7, 1703.

GS1113.3 Eva Graf, bap. Oct. 16, 1705: d. 1706.

- GS1113.4 Eva Graff (D34, was D7), was bap. Mar. 2, 1707; [?Eva Margaret Graf m. Martin Kapp].
- GS1113.5 Eva Barbara Graf (D35, was D5), bap. July 10, 1709.

m. Johan Leonard Holstein. GS1113.6 Jorg Michael Graf,

bap. June 20, 1711. GS1113.7 Andreas Graf (D37,

was D9) bap. Apr. 11, 1713. GS1113.8 Maria Catharina

Graf, bap. Nov. 9, 1715; d. 1717.

- GS1113.9 Maria Catharina/ Maria/Eva Maria Graf (D39, was D6), bap. Mar. 1, 1718.
- GS1113.0 Jorg Friedrich Graf, bap. June 18, 1720.
- GS1113.a Eva Maria Graf (D3a, was D8), bap. Oct. 2, 1723; d. Feb. 11, 1803, bu. Altalaha Lutheran Cem., Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
 - m. Apr. 26, 1742, Heidelberg, by J. C. Stoever, John Georg Emmert, b. 1718; d. Feb. 5, 1796, bu. Altalaha Lutheran Cem.
- GS1114 Barbara Graf, bap. Jan. 6, 1677.
- GS1115 Carolus Graf, bap. 1679; may have been the Conrad who m. May 13, 1704, Apollonia Bauman, dau. of Hans Bauman, citizen of Willholtz.

GS1116 Johan Andreas Graf

(D6),⁶⁴ bap. Feb. 17, 1682; d. Dec. 12, 1720, Neuherberg, aged 38; in 1736 Halbbaurern zu Neuherrberg.

- m. (1) Anna Margaretha b. Oct. 1685; d. Nov. 7, 1712, Neuherberg.
- m. (2) Margaretha _____, d. Mar. 17, 1717, at birth of Johannes.
- m. (3) July 6, 1717, Eva Rutscher, dau. of Hanns Rutscher (d. by 1717). She remarried in 1722. Children of m. (1)
- GS1116.1 Johann Sebastian Graf (D61, was D3),65 b. Jan. 17, 1711, in Offenheim in Anspachischen : d. Oct. 6. 1763, bu. Lancaster Moravian Cem., aged 52/5/16; immigrated Sept. 16, 1736, on Princess Augusta.
 - m. Apr. 30, 1736, Rot-am-See, Eva Weber, b. Sept. 6, 1709; d. Sept. 5, 1768; dau. of Georg Michael Weber, Becken.
- GS1116.2 Catharina Graff (D62, was D2), b. July 7, 1712; d. Jan. 15, 1798, Lancaster, aged 85/6/8, bap. July 8, 1712, Neuherberg.

m. Johann Georg Graff (GS1113.1 and D31), bap. May 29, 1702, Rot-am-See; d. Mar. 10, 1777, Lancaster.

Children of m. (2)

GS1116.3 Anna Margaretha Graf, b. Oct. 31, 1714; bap.

Nov. 1, 1714.

m. Mar. 30, 1734, Uffenheim, Johann Conrad Busch.

⁶² Will C-1-429 (dat. Mar. 28, 1776), Lancaster; names sisters Maria Miller of Heidelberg, Margaret, wife of Martin Kapp, and Eva Maria, wife of Georg Emert; kinsman Sebastian Graff and kinswoman Elisabeth Bush, single.

⁶³ Will G-1-273 (dat. Dec. 13, 1788), Lancaster.

⁶⁴ Appears to have moved to Neuherberg near Uffenheim,

Germany. 65 Wills A-1-236 (dat. Feb. 15, 1763), and A-1-239 (dat. June 2, 1768), and Deed H-290, Lancaster.

- GS1116.4 Johannes Graf (D64),⁶⁶ b. Mar. 17, 1717; bap. Mar. 17, 1717; [?J, wp. Sept. 10, 1758, Lancaster; immigrated by Mar. 4, 1744; became Moravian; lived at Graeff's Landing; 9 ch. m. Catharine].
- Child of m. (3)
- GS1116.5 Michael Graf, b. Nov. 5, 1720; d. Neuherberg. m. 1743, _____.
- GS1117 Balthasar Graf, bap. Oct. 28, 1684; *Köbler*.
 - m. Apr. 22, 1710, **Apollonia** _____, b. 1681; d. Feb. 1719; was widow of Hans Weckler, *Köbler*.
- GS1118 Margaretha Graf, bap. Oct. 20, 1687.
- GS1119 Georg Graf (D9, was D1),⁶⁷ bap. Jan. 23, 1691; d. May 16, 1745, bu. Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg., m. 30 years, had 4 sons and 3 dau.; on Mar. 2, 1740, patented 150 acres in Heidelberg Twp.
 - m. [?**Margaretha Graff**, d. 1748, bu. Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Cem.]; bu. Feb. 11, 1748, aged 67.
- GS1119.1 Hans George Graff (D91, was D11),⁶⁸ b. 1718; d. Mar. 29, 1748, bu. Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Cem.; wp. Apr. 9, 1748, Heidelberg Twp.; d.s.p.
 - m. Mar. 27, 1739, by J. C. Stoever, Maria Magdalena Braumwaehrt,⁶⁹ She m. (2) June 21, 1748, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Nicholas Seisinger.

GS1110 Veit Graf, bap. Mar. 31, 1694.

GS112 Graf

- GS113 Graf
- Children of m. (2)
- GS114 Nicholas Graf, bap. Oct. 13, 1652, Rot-am-See.
- GS115 Johannes Graf, bap. Feb. 15, 1654, Rot-am-See.
- GS116 Michael Graf (DD), bap. (unreadable month and day) 1656, Rot-am-



This gravestone of Georg Graf (GS1119 and D9, was D1) in the Christ Lutheran Cem., Stouchsburg, showing Jan. 23, 1691, as his birthdate, proves the link between Rotam-See, Germany, where he was baptized on that date, and Lebanon County, Pa., where he is buried.

See; [?on 1726 and 1727 tax lists of Tulpehocken Twp., Chester Co.].
[?GS1161 Johannes Christopl Graff (?DD1, was D4),⁷⁰ b. ca. 1690; d. May 9, 1748, Bethel Twp.; yeoman; [?immigrated 1728 on Goodwill with John Caspar Stoever]; in 1744 called Hans; in 1752 called Hans, deceased; 4 ch.

66 See p. 131 and Groff Book 1, pp. 145-147.

⁶⁷ Vivian Taylor, "Lancaster Co. References in Philadelphia Co., Pa. Wills," *Lancaster County Connections* 2:1 (1985), p. 66. Will H-30, no. 13 (dat. Nov. 3, 1737), Philadelphia. Patent A-10-243, Harrisburg. Apparently his other 6 ch. d. before 1737.

⁶⁸ Ray Diffenbach, 218 N. Maple St., Elizabethtown, PA, to Jack Gale, Jan. 10, 1983. Deeds B-539, D-369, Lancaster. Will G-222 no. 166 (dat. Jan. 8, 1745/6), Philadelphia.

⁶⁹ Records of Christ Lutheran Ch., Stouchsburg, Marion Twp., Berks Co., p. 563.

⁷⁰ Deed D-369 (dat. Mar. 20, 1752), Lancaster. See p. 70.

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New Light on the D "City" Groff Family

Joachim Graff (GS11)⁸⁷ was married to his first wife, Apollonia Bauman, in 1643 at Gerabronn, Germany, and had three children, including Balthasar, born about 1644. Joachim Graff was a widower of Rot-am-See near Blaufelden when he was married in 1650 at the Rot-am-See Lutheran Church to Margarite Trump, with whom he had six children who were baptized there between 1652 and 1664.⁸⁸

Balthasar Graff (GS111 and D) was married at Rot-am-See in 1669 to Barbara Blanck, and they had at least nine children baptized there between 1670 and 1691. According to Annette K. Burgert, three of these children were the fathers or grandfathers of most of the "City" Groffs.⁸⁹

Georg Graf (GS1119 and D9, was D1) was baptized on January 23, 1691, at Rot am See, the ninth child of Baltasar Graf (GS111) and his wife, Barbara Blanck. He is buried at Christ Lutheran Church (Tulpehocken), Stouchsburg, Pennsylvania,⁹⁰ where his tombstone has the data: born January 23, 1691; died May 16, 1745; married 30 years; had 4 sons and 3 daughters. In his will he granted his land to "my only son and heir, Hans George Graff."

When Hans George (D91, was D11) died in 1748, he willed these 400 acres to his wife Maria Magdalena Braumwaehrt, who on June 21, 1748, was married to Nicholas Seisinger. On March 29, 1748, she sold the 400 acres to listed relatives, who sold it to Peter Weiser in 1752 after her death.⁹¹

A Michael Groff was on the 1726 and 1727 tax lists of Tulpehocken Twp., Chester County, Pennsylvania.⁹² He may have been the Michael Graf (GS116 and DD) baptized in 1656 at Rot-am-See, a son of the second marriage of Joachim Graf.⁹³ The Johannes Christophel Graff listed as D4 in *Groff Book* 1 may have been a son of this Michael Groff, and has been included in this volume as ?GS1161 and ?DD1. He is mentioned in the 1748 records of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, as is George Graff (D11).

The Leonard Grav who was elected a deacon of this church on January 5, 1748, may have been the Leonard Graf baptized June 4, 1680, at Rot-am-See, possibly another son of Balthasar Graf (D and GS111).

Outline

The following outline shows the first three generations of this family, based on the above assumptions. Generations four and five are included here only for those for whom there were additions or corrections to the family as shown in *Groff Book* 1, pages 25 to 28, or for whom extended lineages are included in Part 3 of this volume.

The question mark within bracketed material refers to a question concerning placement of that material at that location in the outline and is not a question concerning the validity of the material within the brackets.

- D Balthasar Graf (GS111),⁹⁴ b. ca. 1644; bu. Jan. 6, 1696, Rot am See, Germany, aged 52; son of Joachim Graff (GS11) (b. 1618) and Apoll(onia) Baumann (1623-1649).
 - m. Feb. 1669, **Barbara Blanck**, dau. of Georg Blanck, *bauer auf dem Schönhof*.
- D1 Kunigunde Graf (GS1111), bap. Feb. 12, 1670, Rot-am-See.
- D2 Michael Graf (GS1112), bap. Apr. 16, 1673, Rot-am-See.
- D3 Hans Michael Graf (GS1113), bap. July 26, 1674; d. Aug. 9, 1737, Rot-am-See, aged 63; weaver and farmer.
 - m. July 5, 1701, Rot-am-See, Eva Hornung,
 d. Feb. 25, 1732; dau. of Hanss Hornung, Gerichts-u. Schiedsverwandten.

⁸⁸ Robert L. Hess, 780 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, CA 94610, to Jane E. Best, May 30, 1995, and Sept. 23, 1995. LDS microfilm 1528600, Rot-am-See church register. See p. 9.

⁸⁹ Groff Book 1, pp. 25-28, 308-312, 352.

⁹⁰ Charles H. Glatfelter, *Pastors and People*, Vol. 1 (Breinigsville, Pa.; Pa. German Society, 1980), pp. 258-264. Christ Lutheran in the Tulpehocken settlement in Marion Twp., Berks Co., was formed in 1742 by members of Reed/Reith Ch. who lost control of the property to those sympathetic to the Moravians and who did not want J. C. Stoever as pastor.

⁹¹ Deeds B-548 (dat. Mar. 29, 1748), and D-369 (dat. Mar. 20, 1752, recorded May 20, 1756), Lancaster. The relatives were "all of the said County of Lancaster and of the next of kin to the said George Graf, deceased."

⁹² Gilbert Cope Collection, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

⁹³ LDS microfilm 1528600, Rot-am-See church register. See pp. 12-13.

⁹⁴ Rot-am-See Church Book, bap. 1611-1742; m. 1611-1773; communicants 1640-1677; burials 1612-1773, includes villages of Musdorf, Brettenfeld, Kunhard, Limbach, and Rotam-See. Marriage proclaimed Feb. 16, 1669. Schönhof belongs to Wildentierbach near Niederstetten, Germany.

⁸⁷ Annette K. Burgert, FASG, FGSP, 691 Weavertown Road, Myerstown, PA 17067, to Jane E. Best, May 4, 1993. See pp. 9-11.

- D31 Johann Georg Graf,⁹⁵ bap. May 29, 1702, Rot-am-See; d. Mar. 10, 1777, bu. Lancaster Moravian Cem.; merchant; immigrated Sept. 16, 1736, on *Princess Augusta*. with Sebastian Graff (D61); willed land in upper Paxton Twp. to 4 ch.; 9 ch., with 2 sons and 2 dau. surviving him.
 - m. Nov. 10, 1739, Catharine Graff (D62, was D2),⁹⁶
 b. July 7, 1712;
 d. Jan. 15, 1798;
 bap. July 8, 1712, Neuherberg Lutheran, Germany;
 dau. of Andreas Graf (D6 and GR1116).
 - D311 Conrad Graf (was D23), b. Aug. 20, 1744; d. Aug. 11, 1784, intestate; bap. Sept. 9, 1744, Lancaster, by L. T. Nyberg, sponsors Conrad Schwartz and wife.
 - m. Jan. 25, 1775, Susan Schwartz, widow; b. July 6, 1750; d. Aug. 7, 1811. She m. (3) William Reichenbach, surveyor.
 - D312 Anna Cather. Graf (was D21), b. Nov. 13, 1746; bap. Nov. 16, 1746, Lancaster, by L. T. Nyberg, sponsors Conrad Schwartz and wife; 3 ch.

m. by 1777, William Van Pheel.

- D313 Sebastian Graf (was D25), b. Dec. 30, 1747; d. Apr. 16, 1752, aged 4 years; bap. Jan. 3, 1748, Lancaster, by L. T. Nyberb, sponsors Sebastian Graf and wife.
- D314 Georg Graff (was D22), b. ca. 1749; d. 1785.
 - m. Sarah Swett. She m. (2) _____ Nicholson, in 1787 lived in West New Jersey.
- D315 Michael Graff (was D24), b. Jan. 29, 1751, d. 1751, aged 7 mo.
- D316 Andrie Graff (was D26), b. Sept. 20, 1754; d. Sept. 26, 1754.
- D317 Eva Graff (was D27), b. 1760; d. 1801; 4 ch.

m. Valentine Krug, tanner.

- D32 Hans Michael Graf, bap. Nov. 7, 1703; d. 1732.
- D33 Eva Graf, bap. Oct. 16, 1705; d. 1706.
- D34 Eva [?Margaret Graff] (was D7), bap. Mar. 2, 1707; [?d. between 1776 and 1799]; lived in Heidelberg Twp.
 - m. by 1745, **Martin Kapp**,⁹⁷ b. ca. 1710; wp. Feb. 16, 1799, Abbottstown, York Co.; may have been a brother of Frederick Kapp. He m. (2) Eva Maria Graff (D39), widow of Frederick Kapp and Christian Miller.

- D341 Magdalena Kapp
- m. Geo. Diffenbach.
- D342 Eve Kapp
- m. Henry Ziegler.
- D343 Margaret Kapp
- m. Jacob Slagle.
- D35 Eva Barbara Graf (was D5), bap. July 10, 1709; [?Eva Barbara Graff,⁹⁸ b. ca. 1715
 - m. Johan Leonard Holstein, lived in Heidelberg Twp.].
 - D351 George Holstein, b. Oct. 11, 1733; d. Mar. 11, 1805.
 - m. Maria Elisabeth Lauer, dau. of Christian Lauer and Anna Catharina Seibert/Stephan.
 - D3511 Anna Catharina Holstein, b. July 23, 1760; bap. Aug. 17, 1760, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Christian Lauer and wife.
 - D3512 Elisabeth Holstein, b. Apr. 17, 1763; bap. May 22, 1763, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsor Catharina Lauer.
 - D3513 Eva Magdalene Holstein, b. June 30, 1765; bap. Aug. 4, 1765, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Michael Ley and wife.
 - D3514 John George Holstein, b. Feb. 2, 1767; bap. Feb. 5, 1767, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors John George Nef and wife.
 - D3515 Eva Barbara Holstein, b. Apr. 1771; bap. Apr. 28, 1771, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Peter and Eva Barbara Shultz.
 - D3516 Maria Catharina Holstein, b. June 23, 1773; bap. June 25, 1773, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsor Catharine Haeffner.

⁹⁶ Will G-1-273 (dat. Dec. 13, 1788), Lancaster.

⁹⁷ Will K-35 (dat. May 14, 1791; wp. Feb. 16, 1799), York, Pa. Gloria Aughenbaugh, 1185 Irving Avenue, York, Pa. 17403-3363, to Jane E. Best, Jan. 6, 1993, and May 23, 1993.

⁹⁸ She may have d. before 1776, as she was not named as a sister of Hans George Graff (D31) in his will. M. I. DiNinni, *Legacy of Life* (Baltimore, Md.: 1986), pp. 151-152. Mrs. DiNinni's address is 6801 Clearfield St., Harrisburg, PA 17111.

⁹⁵ Will C-1-429 (dat. Mar. 28, 1776), Lancaster; names sisters Maria Miller of Heidelberg, Margaret,wife of Martin Kapp, and Eva Maria, wife of Georg Emert; kinsman Sebastian Graff and kinswoman Elisabeth Bush, single. Lancaster Moravian Burial records.

- D3517 Maria Christina Holstein, b. Jan. 1, 1776; bap. Feb. 4, 1776, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Christian and Catharine Seibert.
- D3518 Leonard Holstein, b. Jan. 8, 1778; bap. Jan. 30, 1778, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors John and Anna Elisabeth Lauer.
- D3519 Eva Maria Holstein, b. Feb. 2, 1781; bap. Mar.1781, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Franz and Eva Maria Seibert.
- D3510 **Sophia Holstein**, b. May 8, 1785; bap. June 26, 1785, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Christian and Christina Lauer.

D36 Jorg Michael Graf, bap. June 20, 1711.

- D37 Andreas Graf (was D9),99 bap. Apr. 11, 1713; wp. Feb. 13, 1775, Heidelberg Twp.
 - m. Mar. 26, 1739, Tulpehocken, by J. C. Stover, Maria Magdalena Kreutzer.
 - D371 Catharine Margaret Graff (was D92), b. ca. 1744; confirmed Whitsunday 1758, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, aged 13 1/2.
 - m. June 12, 1787, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, John Adam Kempel.
 - D372 Andreas Graaf (was D91), b. Mar. 26, 1750; d. 1820; bap. Apr. 6, 1750, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg.
 - m. (1) June 18, 1775, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Cath. Seibert, b. ca. 1757; d. ca. 1792; dau. of Jacob Seibert of Tulpehocken.
 - m. (2) after 1789, Maria Elisabeth _____
 - D3721 Andreas Graf (was D913), b. Nov. 20, 1776; bap. Nov. 24, 1776, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Andreas and Catharina Strickler; 2 ch.
 - D3722 Catharine Graf (was D912), b. Oct. 30, 1782; bap. Nov. 10, 1782, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Christian and Catharine Seibert. m. Thomas Run.
 - D3723 Johannes Graef (was D914), b. Nov. 18, 1789; bap. Jan. 1, 1790, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Christian and Catharine Seibert. m. Elizabeth _____.
 - D373 Barbara Graff (was D93), b. ca. 1752 m. by 1775, Andreas Strickler.

D374 George Michael Grof (was D94),¹⁰⁰

b. Mar. 28, 1756, d. after 1815, when he was 59/9/6; bap. Apr. 4, 1756, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors George and Evan Maria Emmert; in 32 years of married life had 4 sons and 2 dau.; called George.

m. 1783, Maria Noll.

- D3741 Maria Elisabeth Graff, b. Dec. 28, 1783; bap. Jan. 1, 1784, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Johannes and Maria Elisabeth Noll.
- D375 George Michael Graff (was D95), b. ca. 1758; d. by Jan. 20, 1775, Md.; cooper; called Michael.

D3751 John Graff, single in 1775.

- D376 Maria Magdalena Groff,¹⁰¹ b. Feb. 1, 1759; d. by 1775; bap. Feb. 4, 1759, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Martin Kapp and wife.
- D377 Johannes Graff (was D96), b. July 18, 1761; d. after 1775; bap. Aug. 2, 1761, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Johannes Knoll and wife.
- D378 Joh. Peter Graaf (was D97), b. Jan. 23, 1765; d. after 1775; bap. Jan. 27, 1765, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, sponsors Peter Schutz and wife.
 - m. Nov. 29, 1785, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Margareth Gauscher, dau. of Nicol Gauscher.
- D38 Maria Catharina Graf, bap. Nov. 9, 1715, Rot-am-See; d. May 17, 1717.
- D39 Maria Catharina Graf/Maria/Eva Maria (was D6),¹⁰² bap. Mar. 1, 1718, Rot-am-See; d. after 1799.
 - m. (1) Feb. 26, 1739, Berks Co., by J. C. Stover, Johann Frederick Kapp, b. ca. 1712; d. Apr. 2, 1749, Heidelberg Twp., Berks Co., bu. Rieth's Cem.; immigrated 1732 on *Pennsylvania* as George Frederick Capp; [?son of Michael Capp].
 - m. (2) Nov. 14, 1749, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Christian Muller, d. after 1759.

⁹⁹ Will B-1-670 (dat. Jan. 20, 1775), Lancaster. Ray Diffenbach to Jack Gale, Jan. 10, 1983.

¹⁰⁰ Lebenslauf owned by Lillian Seibert Haak.

¹⁰¹ She is not mentioned in her father's will.

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¹⁰² Jean Kopp, 25982 Via Del Norte, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, to Jane E. Best, Dec. 1, 1987. Deed B-548, Lancaster. Jean Kopp, "Looking Forward, to Yesterdays" (Jan. 1989), pp. 1-31.

m. (3) by 1799, Martin Kapp, wp. Feb. 16, 1799, mentions widow Eva Maria and 3 stepchildren; widower of her sister, Eva Margaret Graf (D34).

Children of m. (1)

- D391 John Frederick Kapp, b. Oct. 25, 1740, Heidelberg Twp.; d. Apr. 17, 1823, Heidelberg Twp., bu. Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Cem.
 - m. (1) Maria Barbara Catherine Strickler, d. Oct. 20, 1806, Heidelberg Twp.
- m. (2) Christina Newman, widow
- D3911 Andrew Kopp, b. Feb. 25, 1782, Newmanstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Dec. 31, 1844, bu. Newmanstown.
 m. Apr. 30, 1805, Maria Elizabeth Miller, b. Jan. 19, 1793, Millcreek, Lebanon Co.; d. Aug. 27, 1867, bu. Newmanstown; dau. of Johann George Miller (1756-1804) and Maria Catharine Moyer (1759-1827).
 - D392 John George Kapp, b. ca. 1743; d. 1794, Paradise Twp., York Co.
 - m. Nov. 15, 1768, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Susanna Margaret Snyder.
 - D3921 Eva Marie Kapp, b. Mar. 7, 1772; d.y.; bap. Mar. 27, 1772, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg.
- D3922 Marie Magdalena Kapp, b. Nov. 14, 1774, bap. Dec. 11, 1774, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg.
 - D3923 Eva Marie Kapp, b. Feb. 29, 1776; bap. Feb. 24, 1776, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg.
 - D3924 Marie Catherine Kapp, b. July 20, 1779; bap. Aug. 1799, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg.
 - D3925 Andrew Kopp,¹⁰³ b. Oct. 13, 1781, Berks Co.; d. Sept. 14, 1875, Frankstown, Twp., Blair Co., bu. Geeseytown Cem.; gunsmith, maker of the Pa. long rifle; bap. Nov. 11, 1781, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg; moved from York Co. to Frankstown, Huntingdon, Co., now Blair Co.
 - m. Elizabeth _____, b. 1788, Pa.; d. June 2, 1850, bu. Geesey Cem.

D3926 Elizabeth Kapp, b. ca. 1784.

D3927 George Leonard Kapp, b. Oct. 6, 1784, bap. Dec. 25, 1784, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg.

- D3928 John Jacob Kapp, b. Jan. 1, 1788; bap. Feb. 6, 1788, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg.
- D393 George Michael Kapp, bap. Dec. 25, 1745, at *Grafins*, 5 weeks, sponsors Geo. and Mar. Magd. Graf (parents Geo. Fred. and Eva Maria Kapp).
- Children of m. (2)
- D394 Martinus Miller, b. June 27, 1752; bap. July 5, 1752, sponsors Martin Kapp and wife.
- D395 **Sophia Miller**, b. Oct. 3, 1754; bap. Oct. 6, 1754, sponsors Peter Werner and wife.
- D396 John William Miller, b. Mar. 20, 1757; bap. Apr. 3, 1757, sponsors John Wilhelm Schaefer and wife Maria Cath. Kuhorin.
- D397 Christian Miller, b. Sept. 19, 1759; bap. Oct. 7, 1759, sponsors George Emmert and wife.
- D30 Jorg Friedrich Graf, bap. June 18, 1720, Rot-am-See; [on May 4, 1758, he and wife Elisabeth sponsored a Medard bap. at Frederick, Md., Lutheran].
- D3a Eva Maria Graf (was D8),¹⁰⁴ bap. Oct. 2, 1723, Rot-am-See, Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. Feb. 11, 1803, bu. Altalaha Lutheran Cem., Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
 - m. Apr. 26, 1742, Heidelberg, by J. C. Stoever, Johann Georg Emmert, b. 1718; d. Feb.
 5, 1796, Bethel Twp., Berks Co.; bu. Altalaha Lutheran Cem.; immigrated 1732 on Loyal Judith; naturalized Sept. 15, 1751.
 - D3a1 **Georg Leonardt Emmert** (was D81),¹⁰⁵ b. Sept. 15, 1745, Berks Co., Pa.; d. 1804, Washington Co., Md.
 - m. Apr. 1, 1771, Maria Catherine Gunckle, bap. May 15, 1749; d. before 1804.

¹⁰³ See p. 210; Groff History Associates Collection D3925.11233, William David Kopp.

¹⁰⁴ Annette K. Burgert to Jane E. Best, Aug. 23, 1993. Marion J. Roth, 6032 Holland St., Arvada, CO 80004, to Clyde L. Groff, Feb. 28, 1991. Marie J. Peer, Box 1021 Craig, CO 81626, Oct. 1, 1990.

¹⁰⁵ Lyman Cole, 2807 Carmac Road, Rockford, IL 61103, to Clyde L. Groff, June 18, 1983.

D3a11 Benjamin Emmert (was D811),¹⁰⁶ b. Feb. 28, 1772 ; 1 ch.

- m. Ann M. Harbaugh, b. Mar. 9, 1774.
- D3a12 **John Emmert**,¹⁰⁷ b. July 15, 1778, Washington Co.; d. Apr. 26, 1820, Washington Co.
 - m. Nancy Avey, b. May 6, 1784;
 d. June 27, 1866, Mt. Carroll, Carroll Co., Ill.

D3a2 Barbara Emmert m. Christian Houtz.

D3a3 Eva Maria Emmert, b. Mar. 13, 1748;

- d. Jan. 1, 1805.
- m. ca. 1770, **Daniel Hoffman**, b. Aug. 21, 1748.
- D3a31 Georg Hoffmann,¹⁰⁸ b. Feb. 5, 1771.
 - m. 1793, Rebecca (Margaretha) Kunsman.
- D3a4 Magdalena Emmert, b. Sept. 6, 1750; d. before 1788.
 - m. Dec. 12, 1775, Henrich Holzmann.

D3a5 Eva Margaret Emmert, b. Mar. 7, 1753 m. Apr. 11, 1775, Herman Knebel/ Knebler.

D3a6 Andreas Emmert, b. Jan. 16, 1756; d. before May 10, 1785.

- m. Jan. 14, 1783, Elisabeth Mechlin. She m. (2) John Zehring.
- D3a7 Eva Catharina Emmert, b. Jan. 7, 1759.
 - m. Dec. 18, 1781, Joh. Wendel Schott.
- D3a8 Martin Emmert, b. Aug. 3, 1762; d. 1812.
 - m. Catharine ____
- D3a9 Maria Elisabeth Emmert, b. Feb. 15, 1768.
- D4 Barbara Graf (GS1114), bap. Jan. 6, 1677, Rot-am-See.
- D5 Carolus Graf (GS1115), bap. Dec. 21, 1679; may have been the Conrad who m. May 13, 1704, Apollonia Bauman, dau. of Hans Bauman, citizen of Willholtz.
- D6 Johan Andreas Graf (GS1116),¹⁰⁹ bap. Feb. 17, 1682, Rot-am-See; d. Dec. 12, 1720, Neuherberg, aged 38; in 1736 called deceased *Halbbaurern* zu Neuherrberg.
 - m. (1) Anna Margaretha _____, b. Oct. 1685;
 d. Nov. 7, 1712, Neuherberg, aged 27 years 19 days.
 - m. (2) Margaretha _____, d. Mar. 17, 1717, at birth of Johannes.

- m. (3) July 6, 1717, **Eva Rutscher**, dau. of Hanns Rutscher (d. by 1717). She remarried in 1722. Children of m. (1)
- D61 Johann Sebastian Graf (was D3),¹¹⁰ b. Jan. 17, 1711, in Offenheim in Anspachischen; wp. Oct. 1, 1763, bu. Lancaster Moravian Cem.; notation in Rot-am-See church book states they went to Pa. after the m.; immigrated Sept. 16, 1736, on Princess Augusta. with John George Graff (D31); in 1752 called Gentleman; lived on King St., Lancaster.
 - m. Apr. 30, 1736, Rot-am-See Lutheran, Eva
 Weber, b. Sept. 6, 1709; d. Sept. 5, 1768;
 dau. of Georg Michael Weber, *Becken*.
 - D611 Joh. Georg Graf, b. June 30, 1737; d. by 1763; bap. July 3, 1737, Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster, by J. C. Stoever, sponsor Joh. Geo. Graf, Jr. (D91).
 - D612 Georg Michael Graf (was D31),¹¹¹
 b. Dec. 2, 1738; wp. Mar. 6, 1768, Lancaster Borough; physician; bap. Dec. 16, 1738, Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster, by J. C. Stoever, sponsors Mich. Immel and Georg Mich. Hillegass, replaced by Joh. Leonh. Lutz.
 - m. Dec. 10, 1761, Lutheran, Elizabeth
 Zimmerman, b. Nov. 16, 1733; d.
 Mar. 30, 1805; dau. of Emmanuel
 Carpenter (1702-1780).
 - D6121 George Graff (was D311),¹¹² b. Jan. 13, 1764; d. Feb. 24, 1809; hatter; 3 ch.
 - m. 1785, Lutheran, Sabina Hubley.
 - D6122 Eve Graff (was D312), b. Aug. 28, 1762; d. May 18, 1835; lived at Graeff's Landing.
 - m. Oct. 12, 1777, John Georg Graff (D648, was J8), b. Mar. 1, 1756; d. Nov. 13, 1823; hatter.

106 See p. 210; Groff History Associates Collection D3a11.11111, Lyman H. Cole.

107 See p. 211; Groff History Associates Collection D3a12.11111, Marie J. Peer.

¹⁰⁸ See p. 211; Groff History Associates Collection D3a31.11111.1, Annette Kunzelman Burgert.

¹⁰⁹ Appears to have moved to Neuherberg near Uffenheim, Germany.

¹¹⁰ Wills A-1-236 (dat. Feb. 15, 1763), and A-1-239 (dat. June 2, 1768), Lancaster. Deed H-290, Lancaster. Lancaster Moravian Burial records. On the same ship were Hannes Graff (?D64 and ?J), the Durst Thommen family, and Jacob Kese.

¹¹¹ Wills A-1-237 (dat. Mar. 3, 1768), and H-1-629 (dat. Jan. 20, 1804), Lancaster.

¹¹² Deeds Y-6-455, 6-371, Lancaster.



This home of Andrew Groff (D613, was D32) on N. Conestoga Drive near Riverside Ave., Lancaster, was built in 1767 on land purchased in 1738 by his father, Sebastian Groff (D61) from Dr. John Henry Neff (NF1313.4).

- D613 Andreas Graff (was D32), b. Sept. 4, 1740; d. Jan. 15, 1816, Lancaster; Judge; bap. Sept. 17, 1740, Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster, by J. C. Stoever; 7 sons and 9 dau.
- m. June 19, 1762, Lancaster Reformed, Catharine Grafford, dau. of Christopher Graffert.
 - D6136 John Graff (was D326),¹¹³ b. Oct. 31, 1769; d. Feb. 10, 1850; ca. 1830 moved to Lower Allen Twp., Cumberland Co.
 - m. Mar. 4, 1812, Jackson Twp., Lebanon Co., Mary Witmer, b. Sept.
 9, 1776; d. June 6, 1862; dau. of Abraham Witmer and Mary Herr.
 - D614 Maria Magdalena Graf (was D33),
 b. Mar. 22, 1742; bap. Apr. 15, 1742,
 Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster, by J. C.
 Stoever, sponsors Mich. Immel's wife,
 Maria Barbara and Joh. Gerhard Brenner's wife, Louisa Sophia; in 1801 lived in Nazareth, Pa.

m. by 1801, John Dealing.

D615 Sebastian Groff (was D34),¹¹⁴ b. Mar.
22, 1744; d. July 2, 1791, Manheim Twp.,
bu. Lancaster Moravian Cem.; farmer;
in 1791 in Pa. Legislature.

- m. Catharine Jung, b. 1748; administrative bond Aug. 15, 1811, Fredericktown, Md.
- D6151 son, b. Sept. 10, 1766, stillborn.
- D6152 Maria Magdalena Graff, b. 1768; d. 1769.
- D6153 Sebastian Graff (was D343),¹¹⁵ b. Apr. 24, 1770; d. after 1791; by 1811 lived in Frederick, Md.
 - m. (1) Feb. 18, 1793, **Eleanor Cockey**, d. after Aug. 14, 1801; dau. of Capt. John Cockey and Chloe Cromwell.
 - m. (2) Elizabeth _____, widow of Dr. Edward Johnson.
- D6153.1 Marcus T. Graff (was D3431).

m. Nov. 9, 1818, Maria Hurston.

¹¹³ Phillip E. Bedient, "Descendants of Benjamin Witmer of Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: Part 2," *PMH* 14 (July 1991): 25.

¹¹⁴ Will F-1-309 (dat. July 1, 1791, wp. Sept. 3, 1791), Lancaster.

¹¹⁵ Marilyn Roth to Jane E. Best, Jan. 11, 1986. Records of Frederick Co., Md. in 1817 show Eleanor left minor ch., with father as guardian.

D6153.2 John C. Graff D6153.3 Ann C. Graff D6153.4 William Graff (was D3432), lived in Frederick Co., Md. D6153.5 George Graff D6153.6 Caroline Graff D6153.7 Mary E. Graff

- D6156 Sarah Graff (was D346),¹¹⁶ b. June 18, 1778; d. after 1791. m. Jan. 22, 1799, Frederick Co., Md., William Cromwell.
- D6157 George Graff (was D347), b. Feb. 19, 1781; d. after 1811; by 1801 lived in Frederick, Md.
- D6158 Anna Maria Graff (was D348), b. Mar. 25, 1783; d. after 1791. m. George Musser.
- D6159 **Catharine Graff** (was D349), b. Oct. 28, 1786; d. after 1791. m. by 1811, ____ **Cackey**.
- D616 Margaret Graff (was D35), b. after 1742; d. after 1768.
 - m. John Cockey.
 - D6161 Elizabeth Cockey
- D617 **Catharina Graff** (was D36),¹¹⁷ b. after 1742; wp. Mar. 21, 1814; Moravian; lived in Bethlehem, Pa.; single.
- D62 Catharina Graff (was D2),¹¹⁸ b. July 7, 1712; d. Jan. 15, 1798, Lancaster, aged 85/6/8; bap. July 8, 1712, Neuherberg; 7 ch.
 - m. Johann Georg Graff (D31 and GT1113.1), bap. May 29, 1702, Rot-am-See; d. Mar. 10, 1777, Lancaster; immigrated Sept. 16, 1736, on *Princess Augusta*.

Children of m. (2)

- D63 Anna Margaretha Graf, b. Oct. 31, 1714; bap. Nov. 1, 1714; in 1734 called dau. of deceased Johan Andreas Graf.
 - m. Mar. 30, 1734, Uffenheim, Germany, Johann Conrad Busch.
 - [?D631 Elisabeth Bush, single in 1776 when she was mentioned as kinswoman in will of George Graf (D31)].
- D64 Johannes Graf,¹¹⁹ b. Mar. 17, 1717; bap. Mar. 17, 1717; [?(J), w. dat. Sept. 8, 1758, Lancaster Borough; Moravian; blacksmith; immigrated by Mar. 4, 1744; on Sept. 24, 1746, purchased land from Benedict Brackbill.
 - m. by 1744, Catharine _____, d. after 1758].
 D641 Anna Margareta Greff (was J1),
 b. Feb. 6, 1744; bap. Mar. 4, 1744, by

L. T. Nyberg, Lancaster; not mentioned in father's will.

D642 Catharine/Elizabeth Greff (was J2), b. Mar. 13, 1745; bap. Apr. 4, 1745 by L. T. Nyberg, Lancaster; d.s.p.

- D643 **Catharine Greff** (was J3), b. May 17, 1746; bap. June 29, 1746, by L. T. Nyberg, Lancaster.
 - m. Francis Thomas, b. 1732, Germany;
 d. 1822; joiner, moved to Bethlehem,
 Pa., son of Johannes Thomas and
 Christian Catharina Frantz.

D644 Matthaus Greff (was J4), b. Nov. 19, 1747; d. 1787; bap. Nov. 22, 1747, by L. T. Nyberg, Lancaster.

- m. Feb. 8, 1780, Margaret Moore, b. June 3, 1748; d. Mar. 25, 1789. She m. (2) John Okely.
- D645 Christiani Groff (was J5), b. Oct. 31, 1749; d. after 1778; lived in Lancaster Borough; 3 ch.

m. Stephen Sutton, joiner.

- D646 Johannes Groff (was J6), b. Nov. 26, 1751; d. 1803; gunsmith.
- D647 Johan Jacob Groff (was J7), b. Dec. 17, 1753, tanner; 10 ch.

m. _____ Trissler, d. 1814.

- D648 Joh. George Groff (was J8), b. Mar. 1, 1756; d. Nov. 13, 1823; hatter; lived at Graeff's landing; 7 ch.
 - m. Oct. 12, 1777, Eve Graff (D6122, was D312), b. Aug. 28, 1762; d. May 18, 1835.
 - D6481 John H. Grove (was J81),¹²⁰ b. June 7, 1782; d. 1851; hatter; 8 ch. m. **Betsy Carr**, b. 1790; d. 1863.

D649 Peter Graeff (was J9), b. Feb. 13, 1758.

¹¹⁶ H. W. Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry, IL; Brumbaugh's Maryland Records.

¹¹⁷ Will K-1-469 (dat. Aug. 23, 1813), Lancaster.

¹¹⁸ Wills G-1-273 (dat. Dec. 13, 1788, wp. Jan. 29, 1798), and C-1-429 (dat. Mar. 28, 1776, wp. Apr. 14, 1777), Lancaster. Smith and Weiser, *Trinity Lutheran Church Records*, p. 419.

¹¹⁹ Will B-1-251 and Deed R-500, Lancaster. Smith and Weiser, *Trinity Lutheran Church Records*, p. 414.

¹²⁰ John Prugh, 20 Magnolia Circle, Shrewsburg, PA 1731, to Jane E. Best, Apr. 2, 1995. See p. 211 and Groff History Associates Collection D6481.32311.

Child of m. (3)

D65 Michael Graf, b. Nov. 5, 1720; d. Neuherberg. m. 1743

- D7 Balthasar Graf (GS1117), bap. Oct. 28, 1684, Rot-am-See.
 - m. Apr. 22, 1710, Apollonia ____, widow Weckler.
- D8 Margaretha Graf (GS1118), bap. Oct. 20, 1687.
- D9 Georg Graf (GT1119) (was D1), ¹²¹ bap. Jan. 23, 1691, Rot-am-See, Germany; d. May 16, 1745, bu. Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg: "m. 30 years, had 4 sons and 3 dau."; immigrated 1728 on *Goodwill*; on Mar. 2, 1740, patented 150 acres in Heidelberg Twp.; in 1742, 172 additional acres patented; both tracts willed to son Hans George Graff.
 - m. 1715, Margaretha Graff, b. 1681; bu. Feb. 11, 1748, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, aged 67.
- D91 Hans George Graff (was D11),¹²² b. 1718; d. Mar. 29, 1748, Heidelberg Twp., bu. Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Cem.; yeoman; willed land to wife; d.s.p.
 - m. Mar. 27, 1739, by J. C. Stover, Maria Magdalena Braumwaehrt,¹²³ Shem .(2) June 21, 1748, Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, Nicholas Seisinger.

D0 Veit Graf (GS1110), bap. Mar. 31, 1694.



Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, was organized in 1742 by members from the Reed's church nearby when it became sympathetic to Moravians. George Graf (D9) was buried in its cemetery in 1745.

¹²¹ Will H-30 no. 13 (dat. Nov. 3, 1737, wp. Aug. 16, 1745), Philadelphia. Vivian Taylor, "Lancaster Co. References in Philadelphia Co., Pa. Wills," *Lancaster County Connections* 2:1 (1985), p. 66. Patent A-10-243, Harrisburg. Apparently his other 6 ch. d. before 1737.

122 Will G-222 no. 166 (dat. Jan. 8, 1745/6, wp. Apr. 9, 1748), Philadelphia. Ray Diffenbach to Jack Gale, Jan. 10, 1983.
Deeds B-539, B548, D-369, Lancaster.

¹²³ Deed B-539 (dat. Mar. 29, 1748), Lancaster, granted 2 tracts to George Graff (D31) et al.