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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

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### Johann Ulrich Swingle of South Canaan, Wayne County, Pennsylvania

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1. KASPAR<sup>C</sup> SCHWENKEL of Jena, Germany settled in Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany.

Child:

- i. MATTHEUS<sup>B</sup>, b. Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany 1638; m. URSULA SAGER.

2. MATTHEUS<sup>B</sup> SCHWENKEL (*Kaspar<sup>C</sup>*), born Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany 1638; died 6 February 1687/86; married Hulben, Germany 13 February 1676/77 URSULA SAGER, baptized ..., Wurttemberg, Germany.

Child:

- i. MATTHEUS<sup>A</sup>, b. Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany Jan 1678; m. (2) MARIA BARBARA DIETERLIN.

3. MATTHEUS<sup>A</sup> SCHWENKEL (*Mattheus<sup>B</sup>, Kaspar<sup>C</sup>*), born Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany January 1678; died Hulben, Germany April 1748; married first Hulben, Germany MARDALENA CHRISTINA GOSSEN; married second Hulben, Germany 2 February 1703/04 MARIA BARBARA DIETERLEN (*Johann Ulrich*), baptized Wurttemberg, Germany 22 May 1685, daughter of Johann Ulrich and Maria (\_\_\_) Dieterlen.

Children:

- i. MATTHEUS, b. 20 Feb 1704/05.

ii. JOHANN ULRICH<sup>1</sup>, b. Hulben, Germany 27 Oct 1706.

4. JOHANN "HANS" ULRICH<sup>1</sup> SCHWENKEL (*Mattheus*<sup>A-B</sup>, *Kaspar*<sup>C</sup>), born Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany 27 October 1706; died [Pennsylvania] about 1772-1774; m. Hulben, Germany 21 April 1730 ANNA BARBARA SCHELL (*Conrad*), baptized Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany, daughter of Conrad and Anna Maria (Külle) Schell, granddaughter of Caspar and Anna Catherine (\_\_\_) Schell and Georg and Anna Barbara (\_\_\_) Külle/Külling.

Johann Ulrich Schwenkel and his wife immigrated from Wurttemberg in 1751; at that time their son, Hieronymous, was "already in America." (Don Yoder, *Pennsylvania German Immigrants 1709-1786: Lists Consolidated from the Yearbooks of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society* [Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, 1990], p. 1)

Ulrich Schwenkel appears on the *List of Taxables for Longswamp Township, 1765* in Berks County, Pennsylvania (Berks County, Pennsylvania Courthouse).

Children:

- i. MATTHEUS, b. Feb 1730/31.
- ii. JOHANN "HANS" ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, b. Hulben, Germany 15 May 1731.
- iii. HIERONYMOUS. Hieronymous Swingle, a "smith," is included in the *1769 Tax List for Lower Douglas Township, Phildephia County* in PA.

5. JOHANN "HANS" ULRICH<sup>2</sup> SWINGLE (*Johann Ulrich*<sup>1</sup>), baptized Hulben, Wurttemberg, Germany 15 May 1732; died South Canaan, Wayne County, Pennsylvania 28 March 1809; buried South Canaan Cemetery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania; married Orange County, New York 1759 MARY "POLLY" SHAFFER, born Hessen-Kassel 1736, died South Canaan, Pennsylvania March 1816, perhaps the daughter of Conrad Shaffer.

Hans Ulrich Swingle was another German, who had settled in the western part of the township a year previous to [Hans] Curtis' arrival. Mr. Swingle married Polly, a daughter [*sic*, sister] of John Shaffer and had six sons and four daughters (558).

The first settler in what is now South Canaan was Hans Ulrich Swingle, who emigrated from Germany prior to the Revolutionary War and settled in Orange County, N.Y. The name was pronounced "Zwingle" but was Americanized in the days of Hans Ulrich Swingle was pronounced and spelled Swingle. Hans Ulrich Swingle was drafted into the Colonial army, but did not serve as he was not a naturalized citizen. In 1783 he came to Wayne County, Pa., and in what is now South Canaan and bought four hundred acres of land in the midst of an unbroken wilderness. Not a tree had been cut, neither were there any roads to or from his possessions. He at once erected a long house and began the work of improvement which he continued until his death which occurred March 28, 1809. His wife, Mary Shaffer, bore him children...

According to an item in *The Wayne Independent* in 1878, ... Hans Ulrich Swingle worked for two and half years in Bucks County, Pennsylvania to pay for the balance of his passage to America (Richard Orvis Eldred, *The Shaffer Family: John Shaffer of South Canaan, Pennsylvania and His Descendants*, [Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., 1991]).

It is probable that the first school regularly maintained in the township was that started by Jonathan Nickerson [*sic*, Johnathan Loveland Nicholson, Hans' son-in-law] in a portion of Hans Ulrich Swingle's house in 1812... The Nickerson school was kept up for several months and had an attendance of about twenty pupils (Alfred Mathews, *History of Wayne, Pike, and Monroe Counties, Penn.* [1886]).

The first religious meetings in the township were held at the house of Hans Swingle who was a Lutheran and conducted the services himself. Afterwards meetings were held at John Swingle's and others of the neighborhood. ... The Swingle family were all religiously inclined and prayer meetings were quite regularly kept up, until the first church, a German Reformed congregation was formed. The first members of the church were Joseph, Daniel, Mary and John Swingle and a few others. Afterwards, as it grew in strength its denominational preferences changed and it was finally merged into the Methodist Protestant Church..

John Shaffer was an immigrant from Hessen-Kassel, Germany, who settled in June 1786 along Middle Creek in what is now South Canaan Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. (Richard Orvis Eldred, *The Shaffer Family: John Shaffer of South Canaan, Pennsylvania and His Descendants*, [Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., 1991], p. v)

Children:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> MORILLA, m. HENRY CURTIS.
- ii. JOHN, m. (1) CATHERINE MOORE.
- iii. JEREMIAH, m. (1) PATIENCE BUNTING; m. (2) SUSANNAH \_\_; ancestor of Alvah R. MacLaughlin.
- iv. CONRAD, m. LUCY "SALLY" BUNTING.
- v. CAHTHERINE "KATE".
- vi. HENRY, m. ELIZABETH ENSLIN.
- vii. CHRISTINA, m. SILAS WOODARD.
- viii. FREDERICK, m. SUSANNAH ENSLIN.
- ix. JACOB, m. EVE SHAFFER, dau. of John and \_\_ (Forbes) Shaffer.
- x. MARY, m. MOSES SHAFFER, son of John and \_\_ (Forbes) Shaffer.

6. JOHN<sup>3</sup> SWINGLE (*Johann Ulrich*<sup>2-1</sup>), born about 1763; died South Canaan, Wayne County, Pennsylvania 1831; buried South Canaan Cemetery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania with the inscription, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" [Psalm 116:15]; married

CATHERINE MOHR/MOORE (*Jacob*), born "Caharina Mur" in Montgomery, (then Precint of Hanover, Ulster County, now) Orange County, New York on 27 May 1769 (*Harrison Meeting House Records*, Hebron Lutheran Church), daughter of Jacob and \_\_\_ (Schaeffer) Mohr/Moore; married CATHERINE SHORTER Thompson Ridge, Orange County, New York 6 December 1796 (Records of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Thompson Ridge, New York); married third BARBARA BURLEIGH.

John Swingle, the eldest [child of Hans Ulrich Swingle], married Catherine Moore, and settled where Hanson McMin now lives. His children were Elizabeth, the wife of Jonathan Nickerson [*sic*, Johnathan Loveland Nicholson] ... (558).

There was also a school on the John Swingle farm, now occupied by Harrison McMin, which was first taught by Miss Polly Potter.

Children, by Catherine Moore:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> "BETSEY," c. "Harrison Meeting House" in Montgomery "Germantown," Orange Co., NY 22 \_\_\_ 1786; d. Howard, Steuben Co., NY 11 Aug 1845; m. as his 1st wife, probably in Wayne Co., PA [on 4 July 1804 or "early in 1805"] JOHNATHAN LOVELAND NICHOLSON (*Francis, Ambrose, Henry, [Henry], ...*), b. Glastonbury, Hartford Co., CT 14 Oct 1783, d. Hornell, Steuben Co., NY 1 Jan 1869, son of Francis and Rachel (Loveland) Nicholson of Hartford, CT and Salem, PA; direct ancestors of the compiler; see *Henry Nicholson of Hartford, Connecticut* for more information.
- ii. JOHN, d. 1843.
- iii. EVE, b. "Germantown" Montgomery, Orange Co., NY 22 Oct 1790; bapt. Brick Reformed Church, Montgomery, NY; m. JUSTUS COBB, son of Joseph Cobb.
- iv. CONRAD.

Children, by Catherine Shorter:

- v. ANDREW.
- vi. POLLY, m. JOSEPH LONDON.
- vii. CATHERINE, m. PETER MANES.
- viii. CHRISTINA, m. JOHN TURNER.
- ix. SUSAN, m. SAMUEL MCLEAN, probably the son of James and Catherine (Shaffer) McLean.
- x. SARAH, m. STEPHEN SHARSTINE.
- xi. JOSEPH.

Children, by Barbara Burleigh:

- xii. EPHRAIM.
- xiii. BENSON.
- xiv. MARGARET, m. ALFRED FOOT.
- xv. CALEB.
- xvi. JOSHUA.
- xvii. ANSON.
- xviii. WESLEY.
- xix. JANE, m. JONES SEELEY.

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