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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INFORMATION
(A Fact and Discussion Sheet)

KANN, J. NICHOLAS (b: 14 June 1688, Impflingen near Landau, Germany; d: 1764, York County, PA.)

N., MARIA CATHARINA (b: about 1693, Waisheim near Landau, Germany; d: 1764, York County, PA.)

The above information and the following was obtained from "The Kann's of York County, PA", by Gene D. King, 2050 Eastern Blvd., York, PA 17402, dated 1 September 1994, at the York County Historical Society on 24 March 1995.

Nicholas Kann and his family arrived in America on 17 August 1733 on board the ship, SAMUEL, of London, Hugh Percy, Master, from Rotterdam, but last from Deal, from the Palatine. [Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Vol. I, 1727-1775, p. 107, 111, 112, by Strassburger and Hinke, Bait: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2nd Printing, 1980.)

With them were their children: Michael, age 12; Henrick, age 8; Johannes, age 3; Dorothea, age 6 mos. It is assumed that they later may have had, at least, another son, Daniel (and there was also an "Adam married to Sabina" and I don't know where he fits in the picture).

They settled in the Lancaster area, before York County was formed in 1749. After 1749, Michael and Henry are located in York County, and John and Daniel are located in Lancaster City. (I have also found information on a Dorothea married to a Peter Peterman, and it is believed that they lived in York County.)

Gene D. King writes, in "The Kann's of York County, PA":

"Our ancestor, Johann Niclaus Kann, was born in Impflingen, Germany, on 14 June 1688. Johann Niclaus Kann was known as Niclaus and his wife, Marie Catharina, as Catharina. During this period and continuing into the 19th century, a person of German ancestry was known by his second or middle name."

"In the year 1733, the Kann (Kan) family left their homeland of Germany traveling down the Rhine River to Rotterdam, Holland, where there was a brief stay before sailing to America. They boarded the ship "Samuel" under the command of Hugh Percy and after a journey of at least seven weeks arrived in Philadelphia on 17 August 1733."

"The Kann family was of the Reformed German faith and numbered six upon their arrival. Several of their ages as shown on the ship's list are not in agreement with the church records that are included with my presentation. This is due either to the heavy German accent that may have been misinterpreted by the English clerks or an error in recording the ages. The family and ages follows: Niclaus Kann (45), Catharina (40), Michael (18), Hendrick (9), Johannes (3)h, and Dorothea (4 mos.) The other children had either died in Germany or during the rigorous voyage to America. Since his mark (x) appears on the oath of allegiance one can assume that Niclaus was unable to sign his name."

"After leaving Philadelphia, the Kann's settled in Hellam Township which was then a part of Lancaster County. Niclaus was granted 200 acres of land by Thomas Penn on 30 October 1736. Prior to Niclaus' death, this farm was sold to his son, Henry, for 639 pounds."

[Documentation for this land grant was sent to me by Gene D. King on 4 May 1995. Two sources were included: 1. Publications of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Vol. XII, No. 1, March 1933. This was a listing of "Blunston Licenses", a record of "Licenses Granted to Sundry Persons to Settle & take up Land on the West Side of Susquehanna River...Nicolas Coner, 200 a., 1736, Oct. 30." 2. "The Manor of Springettsbury, York County, Pennsylvania, Its History and Early Settlers, York County. Original Land Records, Vol. 6," by Neal Otto Hively.

Survey S-231 Springettsbury-Hellam Township. York Warrant Register: K-83.

Warrant-Blunston License, Oct. 30, 1726, 200 acres to Nicholas Kahn (Coner).

Survey - Sept. 29, 1753, 253.80 acres to Nicholas Kahn, called "Chestnut Level."

Patent - (sp.341) April 13, 1768, 253.80 acres to Henry Kahn (Conn); AA-10-308; L-368 (survey). Quit Rents Release, Aug. 26, 1818, to Andrew Ferree, York Deed, 3-D-151. May 24, 1796, sold by Henry Kann to Andrew Ferree, York Deed 2-6-423.]

"No gravesites can be located in the memory of Niclaus and Catharina, our first generation ancestors from Germany."

"Before a trip to Germany in 1983, I was unaware of the close proximity of the origins of both my father's and mother's families. Their villages were merely nine kilometers from one another. Since both families settled in the same area in York County, it can be assumed that contacts were maintained across the Atlantic between many families from the Palatinate area." (signed: Gene D. King)

Nicklaus and Catharina had the following children:

	Born	Died	Married
Hans Michel	12 Feb 1715	30 May 1757	Maria Barbara, 1744
Johannes	9 Feb 1720	before 1730	
Anna Maria	11 Mar 1722		
Johann Henrich	24 Oct 1723	19 Mar 1798	Anna
Barbara Bortner			17 Feb 1748
Maria Eva	5 Jun 1726		
Maria Catharina	2 July 1728		George Amend
Johannes	18 July 1730	20 Mar 1812	Anna Elizabeth Weisskopf 15 Aug 1758
Maria Dorothea	17 Apr 1733		Peter Peterman?
Daniel?			Regina

The son, Michael Kann, listed above, b: 12 Feb 1715, d: 30 May 1757, Dover Twp., York Co., PA, and wife, Maria Barbara, had the following children:

1. Johann George, b: 17 Mar 1745, bpt: 12 May 1745; d: 29 Aug 1820, Strayers, Dover Twp., York Co., PA; m: Catherina Spangler, 27 Oct 1767.
2. Michael, b: 1746-47; m: Maria Schuetz, 3 Jan 1773.
3. Maria Elizabeth, b: 6 Sep 1748, bpt: 25 Sep 1748, Christ Church, York; m: John David, 3 Jan 1769, First Reformed Church, Lanc.
4. Catherine, b: abt 1750.
5. Johannes, b: 12 Mar 1751.
6. Jacob, b: 2 Dec 1753.
7. Catherine, b: abt 1754; m: Andrew Grass, 1772, ?.

8. Henry, b: 29 Mar 1755.

9. Philip, b: 31 Oct 1756.

10. Peter, b: 28 Nov 1758.

11. Maudlin?

The son, Heinrick Kann, b: 1725, d: 19 Mar 1798, Hellam Twp., York Co., PA, and his wife, Anna Barbara Bortner, were married on 17 Feb 1748 at Christ Lutheran Church in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., PA. She was the daughter of Balthasar Bortner, born in Oberhockstadt, Germany, in 1698, and died in Berks County, Tulpehocken Twp., PA, in 1748. Balthasar immigrated to America on the ship ADVENTURE, and arrived in Philadelphia on 23 Sep 1732. Balthasar married Maria Elisabetha, who was born in 1695, and died about 1750. Their children were: Jacob, 1722; Hanna Mela, 1724; Anna Barbara, 1727; Georg, 1732; Peter, 1734; Maria Elisabeth, 1738 [Early Families of York County, PA, Vol. I, Keith A. Dull].

The children of Heinrick (Henry) Kann and Anna Barbara Bortner are:

1. Anna Elizabeth, b: 24 Dec 1751.

2. John, b: 9 Dec 1753.

3. Anna Barbara, bpt: 13 Jun 1756; m: John Heyer, 8 Apr 1777, (2) Jacob Stohly.

4. Phillip, b: 4 Mar 1759.

5. Maria Magdalena, b: 16 Aug 1762; m: John Kaufmann.

6. Susanna Marie, b: 12 May 1764; m: Michael Dereteen.

7. Catherine, b: c 1749; m: Frederick Ruhl.

8. Mary, m: Philip Decker.

9. Michael, d: 24 Sep 1869, Prospect Hill Cem., NY.

10. Henry.

11. Daniel, b: 2 Oct 1770, d: 17 Apr 1853, Moore's Methodist Church Cemetery,

Fairview Twp.

12. John Jacob, b: 23 Jul 1767.

It is believed that Dorothea Kann, b: 17 Apr 1733, may have married Peter Peterman, b: about 1723. A Peter Peterman arrived on the ship, Patience, Capt. John Brown, 16 Sep 1748, age 25 years, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. [Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Vol. 1, pp. 383, 385, Strassburger and Hinke.] A Peter Peterman is listed [The Manor of Springettsbury, York County, PA, Vol. 6, Neal Otto Hively, p.137] as having a Warrant and Survey for 200.46 acres called "Whiskey Mill" in Windsor-Springettsbury Twps. in 1767. A Michael Peterman is also listed as owning land there.

Peter and Dorothea Peterman were sponsors for John Jacob Kann, b: 23 Jul 1767. [Kreutz Creek (Trinity) Reformed Church, Hellam Twp., York Co., PA: York County Historical Society, 24 March 1995.]]

Peter and Maria Dorothea Peterman were sponsors for Johann Peter Kan, b: 28 Nov, 1758. [Lischy's Private Register, York Co., PA, York County Historical Society, 24 Mar 1995.]

Peter may have had a sister, Barbara Peterman, who married Philip Haun on 8 Feb 1755. [Zion Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Baptisms 1827-1874; Marriages 1835-1874; Burials 1827-1853.]

A Daniel Kann and wife, Regina Mueller, lived in Lancaster and also attended the First Reformed Church in Lancaster. It is surmised that this might be a son of Nicklaus and Catharina who was born in America. The children of Daniel and Regina are as follows:

1. Daniel, b: 19 Feb 1761, bpt: 29 Mar 1761, First Reformed Church.
 2. Daniel, b: June 1766, bpt: 13 Jul 1766, First Reformed Church.
 3. John Christian, b: 20 Apr 1765, bpt: 5 May 1765, First Reformed Church.
 4. Barbara, b: 12 Aug 1769, bpt: 20 Aug 1769, First Reformed Church.
 5. Stephen, b: 12 Sep 1773, First Reformed Church.
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The information on the son, John, is recorded on another sheet.

I also came across a HISTORY OF YORK COUNTY FROM ITS ERECTION TO THE PRESENT TIME, by W. C. Carter and A. J. Glossbrenner, York, Pennsylvania, 1834, at the Ross Library, Lock Haven, PA 17745. Chapter II, pp. 15-22, is about Springettsbury Manor. It tells the story of how this land originally belonged to the Indians of the Five Nations. In 1696, an agent of William Penn negotiated with the Indians for the land lying on both sides of the river Susquehanna, and the lakes adjacent, in or near the province of Pennsylvania. This deed was again confirmed in 1700. The Conestoga Indians disputed this sale by the Five Nations. In 1736 the dispute was finally resolved, and that is when Nicholas Kan received a grant of 200 acres.

The following paragraph is copied from Chapter I, p. 15: "When Springettsbury Manor was laid out in 1722, this part of Pennsylvania was (with the exception of the Maryland intruders) inhabited by none but Indians. In the year 1736, when the lands west of the Susquehannah were purchased of the Indians, the only white settlements in the county, were firstly, under Pennsylvania rights, within the limits of Springettsbury Manor, and secondly, under Maryland rights, in the southern part of this county, and of what is now Adams county, including the region round about Hanover. The rest of the lands was in the undisturbed possession of the Indians. Even in the white settlements the Indians still had huts.

REFERENCE: In HISTORY OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, 1845, by I. Daniel Rupp, Publ: Gilbert Hills, Prop., Lancaster, PA., Chapter II, pages 547-563, Nicolaus Kan (Kens) was an early German settler of land east of the Susquehanna. He and others were seduced by a "desparado" Thomas Cressap to declare loyalty to Maryland. He was involved in an abduction of two men and later fined 20 lbs. Nicholas later, among 47 others, appealed to the Provincial Council at Philadelphia that they were deceived, through their ignorance to settle under Maryland. Cressap later, tried to entice Irish people to settle on the Germans' lands.

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KANN (Khan), CHRISTOPHFEL

REYFF, VERENA

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A letter in that genealogy record from Aynd H. Kuby, Edenkoben, Germany, 10 September 1991, states:

"The first Khan/Kann who came to Impflingen was Christoph from nearby Billingham. On 24 October 1654, he swears an Oath of Allegiance as a new citizen. In a document of 1657 he is called "Christophel Johann." He died between October 1664 and July 1665, since his wife, Verena Reyff, got remarried 27 February 1666 with Rudolph Stantz from Switzerland (she certainly also was from Swiss origine) and his youngest son Christoph, was born and baptized posthumus (after his father's death) July 23, 1665."

"We know the following children of Christoph(el) Kann: Johannes, m: 10 February 1680; Balthasar, bpt: 21 May 1655; Niclas, bpt: 11 August 1661.

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KANN, JOHN (b: 18 July 1730, d: 20 Mar 1812). Son of J. Nicholas Kan and wife, Maria Catharina N., who arrived in America 17 Aug 1733 on ship SAMUEL.

WEISSKOPF, MARIA ELIZABETH (d: before 1810, since she is not mentioned in husband's will). She is possibly the daughter of Christophel Weisskopf who arrived in America, age 27, on ship SAMUEL in 1743.

John Kan(n) married Elizabeth Weiskop on 15 Aug 1758 in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster City. [Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Church Records of the 18th Century, Vol. 2, by F. Edward Wright.]

John Kann and Elizabeth Weisskopf Kann are the parents of Catharina Kann who married Conrad Sturfels on 5 February 1792 in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA. John is the son of Nicholaus and Catharina Kann who came to America in 1733.

REFERENCE: LANCASTER COUNTY DEED ABSTRACTS & OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE, compiled by R. Thomas Maybill, located at Lancaster County Mennonite Historical Society, 13 Oct 1995: Page 142, L376T. "Lancaster Co. Donegal Nov 22, 1777, I do hereby certify that the persons whose names are underwritten have taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance before me as Directed by an act of assembly of this state given under my hand and seal they day and year above written. James Bayley (Seal). June 30, 1777-John Conn. Again, L380T (2)Witness my hand and seal the 20 day of Aug AD 1778. Wm. Henry (Seal). Feb (, 1778-Paul Sturemfeld, Apr. 15, 1778-John Konn."

REFERENCE: PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES, 3RD SERIES, VOL. XVII, p. 459, 1773. A "John Kam, shom'k" was listed with "one cow" and a tax of 4.0.

John Kann (Kahn) was listed in the 1780 PA Tax List for Lancaster County, Lancaster Borough as a "shoemaker ." (History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men, by Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans, Phila: Everts & Peck, 1883.) A John Kahn and Peter Kahn are listed in the 1790 PA Census for Lancaster County, Lancaster Borough. In the 1800 PA Census, a John, Peter and Henry Kann are listed for Lancaster County, Lancaster Borough. The 1810 PA Census lists a John Konn in Lancaster County, Lancaster Borough, but I'm not sure this is the right person? The 1820 PA Census lists a Mrs. Kann and a Henry Kahn in the same location. On the same Census page, as the name of Henry Kahn, is the name of Conrad Stormfultz who married Catharina Kann in 1792. So this would indicate that they were all living in close proximity.

As I have recently discovered, John Kann and Conrad Sturfels were both living in

Adamstown, a section of Lancaster City. A book by Edgar A. Musser [Adamstown and Mussertown, Sections of Eighteenth Century Lancaster City, 1982] indicates that John "Conn" lived on Church Street from 1789 to 1804.

Conrad Stormfeltz lived on Howard Street from 1796 to 1799 and then on Church Street from 1815 to 1843. (See Conrad Sturmfel's Notes on where they lived in Lancaster.)

John and Elizabeth (Weisskopf) Kann were members of the First Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pa., because the births of their children were recorded in the Birth and Baptism Records, 1736-1800, of that church. (PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS From the Pennsylvania German Society Proceedings and Addresses (Volume III, 1893) in 3 volumes; Volume 1, 1983, Balt: Genealogical Publ. Co.) Heinrich was baptized in the Trinity Lutheran Church.

John and Elizabeth Kann had, at least, the following children:

1. John George, b: 3 Jun 1759, bpt: 9 Jun 1759, Lancaster City.

2. Peter, b: 1 Jun 1761; bpt: 27 Sep 1761, d: 10 Apr 1805/08, Lancaster City. (Peter was listed as "Peter Hann" in the First Reformed Church Records). Peter married Elizabeth Ackermann on 12 August 1783, First Reformed Church, Lancaster, PA. According to his intestate record, Peter lived in a house on Prince Street in Adamstown in Lancaster City.

Peter and Elizabeth Kann had a son, John, b: 10 Jan 1784, bpt: 26 Jun 1784; a daughter, Elizabeth, b: 16 Feb 1789, bpt: 10 Mar 1789, m: John Nagle; Philip, b: 23 Jun 1794, bpt: 13 Jul 1794 (Trinity Lutheran Church records).

3. Heinrich, b: 18 Feb 1764; bpt: 3 Mar 1764, d: 1824, Lancaster City. (Trinity Lutheran Church records). Henry married Elizabeth Selig on 25 April 1797, First Reformed Church, Lancaster, PA. According to his will, Henry was a Cordwainer and lived in a house in Lancaster, and owned a piece of property on Church Street in Adamstown.

Heinrich and Elizabeth had a daughter, Susan, b: 18 Aug 1797, bpt: 10 Sep 1797, m: Richard Waters; Sarah (Sally), b: 28 Dec 1799, bpt: 6 Jan 1800, d: 10 Jan 1800; Elizabeth; John; Henry; Jacob. (Will Book O, p. 184, Lancaster, PA, Lancaster County Historical Society.)

4. Catharina, b: 28 Oct 1766, bpt: 16 Nov 1766, d: 1824, Lancaster City.
Catharina married Conrad Sturmfels on 5 Feb 1792 in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa. They were the parents of 8 children. (Refer to the notes on Conrad Sturmfels.)

5. Ann Maria, b: 28 Apr 1772, bpt: 13 May 1772 (IGI-PA-LDS-Lancaster First Reformed Church records).

A "Kann's Alley is mentioned July 7, 1801. It seems to have crossed Church Street." This statement was printed on page 173 of Historical Papers and Addresses of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Volume VII, 1902-1903, Lancaster, Pa., 1903. This was an article which mentioned names of places in Lancaster. Church Street was part of Adamstown. Conrad Sturfels lived in Adamstown in 1815.

At this time, I am wondering if there is any connection between the families of John Adam Simon Kuhn, a leading statesman in Lancaster, who married Sabina Schrack, a sister of Catharina Schrack who married Hugh Bradford in 1753. John Kann's grandmother's maiden name was Kuhn. John Adam Simon Kuhn founded Adamstown where the Kann's also lived.

In AN INDEX TO THE WILL BOOKS AND INTESTATE RECORDS OF LANCASTER CO., PA, 1729-1850, WITH A HISTORICAL SKETCH AND CLASSICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY, prepared by Eleanore Jane Fulton and Barbara Kendig Mylin, 1936, the following is listed:

WILLS: KANN, ADAM 1818, bk M, vol 1, p 119.
 KANN, HENRY 1824, bk O, vol 1, p 184.
 KANN, JOHN 1812, bk L, vol 1, p. 167.

I copied these wills on a visit to the Lancaster County Historical Society on 23 March 1995. The will of John Kann mentions that his daughter, Catharina, is married to Conrad Sturfels. In fact, Conrad is an executor of John's will.

INTESTATE:

 KANN, PETER 1808 (Forgot to ask for a copy of this record on my visit.)

John Kann's will, as listed above, indicates that he left four equal shares to his three children (no John George listed) and the children of his deceased son, Peter, but in addition he bequeathed his "ten plate stove and pipes in addition to her share" to his daughter, Anna Maria, "on account of her careful attendance to me in my old age." He also requested the sale of "my three houses and lots of grounds thereto belonging situate in that part of the Borough of Lancaster called Adams Town together with the appurtenances thereto belonging, and also my household and kitchen furniture...."

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KANN, JOHANNES (1658-4 June 1689)

KUHN, ANNA CATHARINA

Johannes Kann is the son of Christophel and Verena Reyff Kann, born in 1658 in Impflingen, near Landau, in Germany. He died 4 June 1689, only 31 years old.

Anna Catharina Kuhn, a widow of Arnold Fischer, was the daughter of Johannes Chun and Catharina.

They were married on 10 February 1680 according to records [Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche, Impflingen (b.a. Landau), Staatsarchiv Speyer, Protestantischen Archiv]. They had at least two children: Christoffel, bpt: 17 April 1686; Johann Nicklaus, b: 14 June 1688 in Impflingen.

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STURMFELS, CONRAD (b: 25 Aug 1763, d: 22 Jun 1842).

(Stormfoltz, Sturmfeltz, Stormfeld, Sternfels)

Conrad was a passenger on board the Dutch Ship NORD AMERICA, Captain Tys de Haas, from Amsterdam, 10 October 1787, when he arrived in America from Germany.

(Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Strassburger, 1785-1808, Volume II, 1980, Baltimore, Genealogical Publ. Co. He is listed as "Corn. Stonfield.")

KANN, CATHARINA (b: 28 Oct 1766, d: 2 Dec 1824). Catharina was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Weisskopf Kann of Lancaster City. Her birth and baptism, 16 Nov 1766, are recorded in the Birth & Baptism Register, First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., Vol. III, 1893, (Pennsylvania German Church Records From the Pennsylvania German Society Proceedings and Adresses in 3 volumes, Vol. I, 1983, Baltimore, Genealogical Publ. Co.). Conrad and Catharina were married on 5 February 1792 in Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa. (Trinity Lutheran Church Records, 1748-1800, Lancaster, PA, Lancaster County Mennonite Historical Society.) They were the parents of eight children.

Located information on this family in the Lancaster County Historical Society on 18 Jun 1992 when attending a "Palatines to America National Conference" hosted by the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America. There was one file folder in the "vertical files" labeled "Stormfoltz." Copied all of those pages. Also was able to obtain additional information on the "Sturmfels."

As a summary, Conrad Sturmfels arrived in America from Germany on 10 October 1787, according to his naturalization record in the Lancaster County Courthouse, Archives Division, #3 April 1800. He went from Philadelphia to Lancaster City "in a few days."

The Trinity Lutheran Church Records, Lancaster City, indicate the following children of Conrad and Catherine Sturmfels:

1. Johannes (John), b: 10 Oct 1792, Lancaster City; d: 1 Feb 1878, Lancaster City.
2. Heinrich, b: 21 June 1795, Lancaster City.
3. George, b: 16 June 1797, Lancaster City; m: Hannah Morgan, 25 Dec 1829 (Marietta Journal, Lancaster Journals).
4. Peter, b: 10 July 1799, Lancaster City; d: 1886; m: Susan Steitz, 4 May 1823 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster City.
5. Catharine, b: 24 Mar 1802, Lancaster City; d: 25 June 1855, Brookville, Jefferson Co.,

Pa.; m: Edward C. Schultze, 1 June 1828, Lancaster City, by Rev. Schultze.

6. Daniel, b: 15 June 1804, Lancaster City; d: 9 Aug 1882, Lancaster City (New Era, Lancaster, Saturday, August 12, 1882); m: Martha Throther, d: 3 Dec 1886, age 77. Martha lived on S. Lime Street in Ward 3 (Atlas of City of Lancaster, Pa., 1886, by G. Wm. Baist, published by J. L. Smith, Phila.).

7. Jacob, b: 4 Apr 1807, Lancaster City; d: 25 Aug 1884, Lancaster City (New Era, Lancaster, Saturday, August 30, 1884); m: Elizabeth Peish, on 21 Feb 1832.

8. Elizabeth Catharine, b: 4 Mar 1809, Lancaster City.

Heinrich and Elizabeth Catherine must have died at a young age since they weren't mentioned in their father's will in 1842.

Conrad Sturfels appeared in the 1800 Pennsylvania Census as "Stormfel" and in the 1810 Pennsylvania Census as "Stormfeltz."

Received information from Lois Stormfeltz, 16 November 1994, on Conrad Sturfels: Pennsylvania Archives, Series 6, Vol. 9, p. 756, 757. "Miscellaneous Papers" - Statement of Expenditures by John Light, Inspector, 1st Brigade, 4th Division Militia for Marching a detachment from his brigade for defense of Baltimore and General Orders of the Governor of Aug. 1814.

3 Sections: Rations, Hauling, Incidental

Conrad Stormfelty (sic) - Hauling \$4.00 - p. 756

Conrad Stormfeltz - Hauling Arms - \$4.00 - pd. by state as a legitimate expense of the commonwealth - p. 757."

The 1815 Direct Tax lists Conrad Sturfels in the Borough of Lancaster, possessing a "one dwelling house of part brick situated on Adamstown front street, of one story 31 feet in length, by 24 feet in depth, one other house of stone adjoining the above of one story, 25 feet front by 24 feet deep. One stable of wood. The lot on which the buildings are erected being 104 feet front, by 205 feet in depth. Valued at \$800."

(Adamstown was that section of Lancaster, between King and Rockland streets and Church and Middle streets, that belonged to Adam Simon Kuhn, and was named for him, Adam's town. - "The Borough Fathers," Historical Papers and Addresses of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Volume XLVI, 1942, p. 80.)

Conrad died on 22 June 1842 (Lancaster Co., Pa., 1842-T-1-83). He does not mention a wife, only six children. He requested the sale of his estate as his wife, Catharina Kann, died on 2 December 1824. On 25 Mar 1994, at the Lancaster County Historical Society, obtained a copy of the Inventory of Conrad Stormfeltz, 1842. "A true and perfect Inventory, and just

appraisement, of all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of Conrad Stormfels, late of the City of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster and state of Pennsylvania (deceased).

1 stove	\$8.00
1 cupboard	3.00
1 bed	4.00
1 chest	1.00
1 set tools	.50
2 ladders	.75
1 straw cutter	.50
1 chest	.12 1/2
1 wind mill	1.00
1 chain	.25

Taken and appraised by us the subscribers, the twenty-third day of July A.D. 1842.

Exhibited into the Register and Martin Foltz
Appraisals Sworn & Subscribed Jacob Gable
Samuel B. Ferree, Reg. Henry Steigenwalt

By Peter Stormfeltz
John Stormfeltz"

On 24 April 1995, visited the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and located the following book: ADAMSTOWN AND MUSSERTOWN, SECTIONS OF EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LANCASTER CITY, by Edgar A. Musser, 1982.

There is a map of Lancaster which shows where Adamstown and Mussertown are located next to each other. Adamstown was laid out in 1744 and its boundaries were the streets now called Church Street to the northwest, Rockland Street to the southwest, Locust Street to the southeast and South Plum Street to the northeast.

The author, Edgar A. Musser, indicated the following information from his research, and I, of course, am only including information on the Kann's and Sturmfel's.

Adamstown Lot No. 25 - Nos. 225 to 231 Howard Avenue.

Ground rent: 7 shillings.

Granted by Adam Simon Kuhn to George Andrew Miller, November 15, 1744.

Front on Middle Street, 64 feet.

Depth to John Musser's land, 255 feet.

Rent by: Conrad Sturmfeltz, 1796-1799.

Adamstown Lot No. 23 - Nos. 231 to 237 Church Street.

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Ground rent: 5 shillings.

Granted by Adam Simon Kuhn to George Andrew Miller, November 16, 1744.

Front on Church Street, 64 feet.

Depth to Middle Street, 205 feet.

Rent by: John Cohn, 1789-1804.

Con. Stormfield, 1815-1843.

This lot is on the east corner of Church and Rockland Streets.

FEDERAL DIRECT TAX 1815.

Conrad Stormfelt. Adamstown.

One-story, part-brick dwelling house, 31 feet in length by 24 feet deep. Also one other house of stone adjoining the above, one-story, 25 x 24 deep. One stable of wood. Lot 64 (104) x 205 Total value, \$800.

Adamstown Lot No. 22. Nos. 225 1/2 to 229 Church Street.

Ground rent: 5 shillings.

Front on Church Street - 39 feet.

Depth to Middle Street - 205 feet.

Granted by Adam Simon Kuhn, December 10, 1744, to Lawrence Opmeyer.

Rent by: John Cohn, 1784-1804.

Conrad Stormfield, 1815-1843.

Adamstown Lot No. 21. Nos. 221 to 223 Church Street.

Ground rent: 3 shillings & 6 pence.

Front on Church Street, 32 feet.

Depth to Middle Street, 205 feet.

Granted 1744 by Adam Simon Kuhn to Laurence Opmyer.

Rent by: John Cohn, 1784-1804.

Conrad Stormfield, 1815-1843.

Jacob Stormfield, exec. of Conrad Stormfield, 1869.

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Adamstown Lot No. 40. 401 to 423 S. Shippen Street (NE half Shippen St.)

Ground rent: 7 shillings.

Front on Middle Street, 64 feet.

Depth to John Musser's land, 255 feet.

Granted November 14, 1744, by Adam Simon Kuhn to Jacob Lutman.

Rent by:

Adam Messencope, 1790.

Adam Cohn, 1795.

John A. Messencope, 1843-1851.

Adam Messencope, 1857-1859.

John A. Messencope, 1862-1881.

John A. Messencope, ext. 15 Middle Street.

Charlotte Messencope.

Charlotte Messencope, 1886.

John A. Messencope, 1890-1893.

City Directory: John A. Messencope was a supervisor on Middle Street, 1843.

From REVOLUTIONARY DAYS by Samuel M. Sener, Esq. (Lancaster County Historical Society Journal, Vol. 6, p. 19.) "The barracks was located on Middle Street and the building stood until in 1886, when Shippen Street was opened through it. Among those who had charge of the militia at the Barracks during 1781 were John Hubley, John Messencope, Stephen Hager, Casper Shaffner, and George Leonard, the latter being the great-great-grandfather of the writer (Samuel M. Sener).

In the same book listed above, Adamstown and Mussertown, in regards to Lot No. 40 in Adamstown, Deed Book M, p. 97, 4 August 1766, a mortgage is recorded from Reimer Landt, and wife Eve, of Lancaster Borough, to JACOB LOESER, of Lancaster Borough, SCHOOLMASTER 25 pounds. This was land granted by Adam Simon Kuhn on 12 November 1744 to Jacob Luttman, etc.

This is the same JACOB LOESER who was the schoolmaster in Providence, Philadelphia County, when Reverend Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was the minister. Jacob Loeser was then hired by the people in Lancaster as their schoolmaster. In the Muhlenberg Journals, Rev. Muhlenberg refers to Squire Kuhn of Lancaster City; this was Adam Simon Kuhn who was married to Sabina Schrack of Providence, sister of Catharine Schrack who married Hugh Bradford in 1753. Their father, Johann Jacob Schrack who came to America in 1717 is given credit as being the original settler of Trappe, Providence, Philadelphia County, PA. J. Jacob Schrack is one of the men who was responsible for writing to Germany in search of a preacher to bring to America. Muhlenberg was the preacher who was sent in response to their request. Adam Simon Kuhn's tombstone is located in the front wall of the Trinity Lutheran Church on Duke Street in Lancaster.

Conrad Sturmfels and John Kann also lived in Adamstown. John Kann's daughter, Catharina, married Conrad Sturmfels; Conrad's daughter, Catharina, married Edward Charles Schultze; Edward and Catharina's daughter married Noah Bradford, the great-grandson of Catharina Schrack, and also the grandson of Samuel and Anna Maria Lower Bradford who worked closely with Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Edward and Catharina Schultze were married by a Rev. C. Schultze, whom I am surmising was the grandson of

Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. I am trying to establish that possibly there was a relationship among all of these people, and it wasn't by chance that Edward C. Schultze's daughter, Henrietta married Noah Bradford in Clinton County?????

On 13 Oct 1995, drove to Lancaster to attend a Palatines to America Fall Conference, and went to Church Street, in former Adamstown. Located corner of Church Street and Rockland Street where Conrad Sturmfels lived from 1815 to 1843, when he died. This is according to ADAMSTOWN AND MUSSERTOWN, SECTIONS OF 18TH CENTURY LANCASTER CITY by Edgar A. Musser, 1982, where the houses numbered 231 through 237 Church Street are located. Conrad's father-in-law, John Kann (Conn, Cohn, Kohn) lived there from 1789 to 1804. Also, there was a house built about 1798 (or earlier?) at 217-219 Church Street which was designated as a historical site. (Took pictures of all of this. #235-237 were end houses--located at corner of Church and Rockland.)

According to a paragraph in the above booklet, "The following is a description of Adamstown and Mussertown by John Pearson in 1801 (Lancaster County Historical Society Journal, Volume 61, page 52), 'In one of the southern angular streets I counted 54 one-story houses and only one solitary two-story house in the street; almost all of them were built on the south side of the street, consequently the fronts were extremely cold. In the next street in the same angular direction there were about 37 houses of the same kind and generally fronting in like manner, without a single two-story house among them.'"

According to the above booklet, Conrad Sturmfels lived on lot #25 which was #225 to #231 Howard Street from 1796 to 1799. John Kan owned lots #21, 22, 23 in Adamstown on Church Street. In his will dated 1812, he requested the sale of his three properties and houses, etc. It is assumed that Conrad Sturmfels must have bought these properties since he lived there from 1815 to 1843 according to the above booklet.

A "Kann's Alley is mentioned July 7, 1801. It seems to have crossed Church Street." This statement was printed on page 173 of Historical Papers and Addresses of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Volume VII, 1902-1903, Lancaster, PA, 1903.

In the 1886 map of the same area, a Mary Eve Geiger is indicated as living in the same area where Conrad Sturmfels lived. A Michael Geiger, 1853-1869, and a Mary Eve Geiger, 1874, are listed in the "Adamstown" booklet as living in the same area as Conrad. There is a possibility that the Geigers, Kann's and Sturmfels are related because of entries in the First Reformed Church Records. They were listed interchangeably as sponsors for each other which could indicate a relationship and usually does.

This is information that I neglected to enter earlier. Lois Stormfeltz gave me the following information on 16 Nov 1994. This is what she had compiled on the Stormfeltz family.

Pre-1900 Stormfeltz Family History: The Stormfeltz ancestors came here in 1766 and settled in Philadelphia. The first one was Johann Georg Sturfels who came from a village in Hessen called Klein Umstadt. It's about 25-30 miles southeast of Frankfurt. He came with his wife Margarete.

We are all descendants of his nephew, Conrad. If Georg had children, they did not live to inherit in his will. Besides Georg's wife, Margarete, Conrad is the principal heir. Georg was a baker in Philadelphia and evidently made a good living, as there is a record of his having purchased land that had been seized from an Englishman after the Revolutionary War.

Georg also paid a good amount of taxes. Those old tax records show an early change in the spelling of the last name. English ears were hearing a German tongue say Sturfels and Stormfeltz or a variation of it was an early spelling. Johann Georg arrived in America Nov. 4, 1766 and died Nov. 16, 1789. (Dad once mentioned that the first Stormfeltz in Phila. was a well-to-do baker but lost his place in a fire.) He also mentioned that the Stormfelt's that stayed in Pennsylvania were the ones with the money. One of Conrad's sons had a lumber mill which stayed in the family for several generations.

I found the original will of Johann Georg Sturfels in the Philadelphia Court House. In the will, the town in Germany was mentioned where two of his brothers still lived at that time. I wrote to Darmstadt looking for information about Sturfels and received this answer.

The Magistrate
The City of Darmstadt
Germany

High Honored Miss Stormfeltz"

In looking for Klein-Umstadt, this means Klein-Umstadt near Gross-Umstadt. Until 1803, it belonged to the government seat of Gross-Umstadt and became wholly Hessian in 1803. It has been the earldom or principality Hessen-Darmstadt. We have given your request to the Evangelical Pastorate at 6111 Klein Umstadt (county Dieburg). The Lutheran church records of the 18th century are in his possession. We advise you to turn to them.

The family name of Sturfels is prevalent in the above mentioned district. In the directory of the city of Darmstadt for the year 1966-1967, there are ten families by that name.

With best wishes,

Hoferichter (name of man)
City Archives Inspector

In 1968, I received this answer (in German) from the church in Klein Umstadt, Germany (June 26, 1968).

Eileen Bradford Livingston

November 07, 1997

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Dear Miss Stormfeltz,

I'm sorry but it is not possible to adequately answer your questions.

1. Conrad's father: The church record book from Klein Umstadt was put away safely in the Hessian state archives in Darmstadt in order that it might survive the war. There it was burned on Sept. 12, 1944. In this church book, Conrad kSturmfels was possibly registered (1756-1807) and his parents names. Since there were several Sturmfels in Klein Umstadt at that time, it is impossible to reconstruct who the father was. The brothers and sisters of the (Johann) Georg Sturmfels, born Jan 23, 1728 were: Appolonia, born 1720; Johann Henrich, 1723; Georg Adam, 1724; Georg Daniel, born 1730, died 1804; Anna Margaretha, 1733; Henrich, 1725; Anna Margaretha, 1738; and Anna Maria, 1741.

It can also not be explained why Conrad immigrated to the U.S.A. with his uncle, Johann Georg [Actually, Lois Stormfeltz had this idea all wrong; Conrad Sturmfels didn't immigrate to the USA until 1787].

2. The earliest church book from Klein Umstadt begins with the year 1568. In the year 1581, for the baptism of Hans Neher, a Hans Sturmvel, son of Velten Sturmvel, served as sponsor [godfather].

3. Today there are still 12 families in Klein Umstadt with the name Sturmfels.

4. Concerning the origin of the name, there is no explanation which can be proved.

From the homeland of your ancestors, I send heartfelt greetings,

Sincerely, Claar - (The pastor's name was Alexander Claar.)

("V" in German is pronounced "F" so Sturmvel would be pronounced Sturmfel.

[Lois Stormfeltz included more information in her letter, and that is on file.]

On 25 April 1995, I checked the German telephone books that were available at the Palatines to America Conference, and there were ten Sturmfels families listed in Gross Umstadt and Klein Umstadt.

On 8 Nov 1995, I came across the following reference at the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh: EIGHTEENTH CENTURY REGISTER OF EMIGRANTS FROM SOUTHWEST GERMANY (to America and other countries), edited by Professor Werner Hacker, 1994, Closson Press, Appolo, PA, page 451:

Emigrant last name	First name	Place of Origin	Emig.	Source
Sturmfels	Johann Georg	Umstadt	1734	x14958
Sturmtal	Anna Margarete	Klein Umstadt	1791	x14959

Also, in my "Conrad Sturmfels" file, I came across the following notation: In PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN PIONEERS, Vol. I, by Ralph Beaver Strassburger and Wm. John Hinke, 1980 2nd printing, Balt: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. is listed: Johann Georg Stormfels arrived on the ship SALLY, Philadelphia, 4 Nov 1766, and Paul Sturmfels arrived on the ship KING OF PRUSSIA, Philadelphia, 9 Oct 1775.

The relationships among the above people have not been established.

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