

Biographies of American Revolution Ancestors of Curtis Lynn Older Submitted to the S.A.R in April 2017

1. **John Kerr/Carr** probably was born about 1745 and is thought to be of Irish or Scotch descent. John married Mary Dougherty on 16 September 1765 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Mary was a daughter of John and Lilly Dougherty of Peter's Township, now Franklin, County, Pennsylvania. Mary Dougherty was born about 1747 in Peters Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

John Kerr acquired land in Guilford Township, Cumberland County, which became part of Chambersburg, PA. This area was popularly known as Kerrtown or Kerrstown.

The Kerrtown/Chambersburg house in which the John Kerr family lived stands along the east side of the Conococheague Creek near Hollywell Avenue, just north of Dump Road.

John Kerr's occupation was that of a farmer. John Kerr and his wife, Mary, became the parents of a large family of the Presbyterian faith, consisting of seven children who were highly educated for their time.

Children of John Kerr and Mary Dougherty Kerr:

1) Joseph Kerr, born in 1766, was an Ohio General during the War of 1812 and the 5th United States Senator from Ohio. Two sons of Joseph and Nancy Kerr Sr., Joseph Kerr Jr. and Nathaniel Massie Kerr, died in the Texas Revolution in 1836. Nathaniel died from an unknown cause about February 19th and Joseph Kerr Jr. died March 6, 1836, in the Battle of the Alamo.

2) Jean Kerr married a William McKinley. They settled near Wheeling, Virginia.

3) John Kerr, Jr. was born 15 October 1772. He departed Kerrstown in 1792 for what became the state of Ohio.

4) Sarah Kerr married a Mr. Decamp. They settled near Wheeling, Virginia.

5) James Kerr was born 31 January 1777 in Chambersburg, Cumberland, PA. He was living at Chambersburg in 1858 and 1859 when we was the subject

of two depositions given to support the American Revolution pension claims of a Mary Richardson and her sister, Elizabeth Gilchrist.

6) Mary Kerr was born 1788.

7) Samuel Kerr was born in 1778. He died in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1823. John Kerr appears in a list of Associators and Militia, County of Cumberland, as a Second Lieutenant, Captain William Findley's Company, Eighth Battalion, Seventh Company, First Call, March 1778. John Kerr received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Militia on 23 April 1778.

Lt John Kerr was taken prisoner during the Battle of Crooked Billet, 01 May 1778, about 25 miles east of Valley Forge on the outskirts of Philadelphia. He was sent to Long Island, New York, after a brief period in Philadelphia as a POW, where he remained about three years as a prisoner. He probably was released in 1781.

John Kerr died 02 October 1807 and his wife, Mary (Dougherty) Kerr, died in 1815. They and son James are buried at the Falling Springs Presbyterian Churchyard, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

2. Frederick Fox was born May 10, 1751, in Hesse-Cassel, Germany. He was the son of John Frederick Fox and Christina. The brothers and sisters of Frederick Fox were: Daniel, Magdelin, Michael, and Rachael. John Fox was a skin-dresser by trade. John Fox died between January 17, 1784, when he wrote his will, and December 4, 1784, when his will was probated. Christiana Fox died Aug. 6, 1812, in Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Frederick Fox and his parents probably lived at or near Fox's Gap, Maryland, during the 1760s. Fox's Gap in Maryland is where the Old Sharpsburg Road from Frederick, Maryland, to Sharpsburg, Maryland, crosses the South Mountain.

The Reno Monument, dedicated to U. S. Major Jesse Lee Reno who was killed in the Battle of South Mountain of September 14, 1862, stands at Fox's Gap. On May 2, 1755, the road through Fox's Gap was used by General Braddock, George Washington, and Maryland's Governor Sharpe to travel from Frederick Town to Swearingen's Ferry on the Potomac River during the Braddock Expedition.

Frederick Fox was a farmer and perhaps a tavern keeper. He married Catherine Booker on March 1, 1773, probably at or near Middletown, Maryland. Catherine was a daughter of Bartholomew Booker and Margaret. She was born May 1, 1748.

Frederick Fox served in Joseph Chapline Junior's Company of Militia, Sharpsburg, Maryland, probably between 1775 and 1777. He signed the Patriot's Oath of Fidelity and Support in 1778. Frederick served as a drummer in the Lieutenant Colonel's Company of the 10th Regiment, Pennsylvania Continental Line from April 22, 1777, to January 1, 1781. He probably fought in the battles of Brandywine, Paoli "Massacre", Germantown, and Monmouth and he was at the Valley Forge Encampment.

Frederick was short and of rather stout build and wore his hair in the olden time cue style according to The Fox Genealogy. He was an elder in the Zion Lutheran Church of Middletown, Maryland, from 1787 until 1790.

Frederick Fox and Catherine Booker Fox were the parents of seven children: Christiana, Rose, George, Daniel Booker, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalena, and Joseph. Catherine Booker Fox died November 1, 1800, and was buried in the Middletown, Maryland, area.

Sometime between 1800 and 1807 Frederick Fox married a widow, Susannah (Schutt) Young. She was born April 19, 1754 and died November 13, 1831. Frederick Fox and many of his relatives moved to Ohio in the fall of 1807. Frederick Fox died February 27, 1837, in Miamisburg, Ohio, and was buried in the Gebhart or St. John Cemetery in Miamisburg.

Frederick Fox appears as a head of household in the 1790 Maryland Federal census for Frederick County. The 1800 Maryland Federal census lists Frederick Fox as a head of household in Frederick County. The 1809 Ohio state census for Warren County, Franklin Township, lists Frederick Fox as does the 1810 Ohio Federal census for Warren County, Franklin Township. The 1830 Ohio Federal Census lists the Frederick Fox household of Warren County, Clear Creek Township.

3. John Gouty is said to have been born about 1738 in Dorchester County, Maryland, was probably the oldest of four children of Jacob Gootie and Margery Pritchett.

John Gouty married first Elizabeth Pritchett on November 17, 1769 in Dorchester County, Maryland. Elizabeth Pritchett was born about 1736 and

she probably died about 1775 to 1785. She was the daughter of Phunback Pritchett and his wife.

John Gouty and family moved to Caroline County, Maryland, from Dorchester County, Maryland, in the late 1770s. There was no Gootee surname listed in the 1776 Maryland Census for Caroline County. There is a record of the 1778 Fidelity Oath by John Goutee in Choptank Hundred, Caroline County, Maryland. The 1783 Caroline County tax assessment of Caroline County lists John Gootee as the owner of two land tracts, Gootees Lott and Laynes Venture, both in Lower Choptank District Hundred.

John Gouty died in Caroline County, Maryland, on or about August 4, 1818. John Gouty made his will on 28 October 1815 in Caroline County, Maryland. The will was probated 21 August 1818 in the Caroline County Court. Azel Stevens was one of three witnesses and William Stevens was the executor.

U. S. Census records for Caroline County, Maryland, in 1790 and 1800 exist for a John Gouty (or Goutee).

Pritchett Gouty, a son of John Gouty and Elizabeth Pritchett, would marry Mary Griffith, a daughter of Alexander Griffith. Alexander Griffith is listed adjacent to John Gouty in the 1783 tax assessment as the owner of land in Caroline County, Maryland.

John Gouty and Elizabeth Pritchett were the parents of at least five children:

- 1) Rhoda Gouty, apparently married an Eaton. She died on 21 January 1836.
- 2) Abel Gouty, born about 1765 to 1770, probably in Dorchester County, Maryland. Abel Gootee died in August 1842 in Caroline County, Maryland. Abel married three times.
- 3) Britannia Gouty was born about 1765. She married Richard Willis on January 22, 1788 in Caroline County, Maryland. Britannia died January 3, 1826 in Caroline County, Maryland.
- 4) Pritchett Gouty was born July 4, 1765. He married Mary Griffith about 1800.
- 5) Cynthia Gouty probably was born about 1780. She married John Nicols on January 15, 1799, in Caroline County, Maryland. John Nicols died before October 20, 1815.

John Gouty's second marriage was to Jemima Brohawn with whom he had two children:

6) Violetta (or Vility) Gouty was born about 1780. She married William Stevens on January 3, 1803, in Caroline County, Maryland.

7) Zachariah Gouty probably was born about 1778. He married first Lucretia Andrew on December 20, 1797, in Caroline County, Maryland.

4. Alexander Griffith was born about 1745 and he died in late 1810 or early 1811 in Caroline County, Maryland.

The will of Alexander Griffith is in the Maryland Archives and listed under index Liber J. R. No. C, page 188. The will was dated August 11, 1810 and it was probated March 5, 1811

Individuals named in the will of Alexander Griffith include:
wife Mary

Sons: Alexander, Abraham and Abel

Daughters: Sophia (wife of Aaron Lewis)

Sarah (wife of Joshua Hobbs)

Mary (wife of Pritchett Gouty)

Nancy Todd

Grandchildren:

Henry and Thomas Griffith (sons of Thomas Griffith, deceased)

John and Levi Griffith (sons of Abel Griffith)

Alexander, William and Betsy Griffith (children of Aaron Griffith, deceased)

Daughter-in-laws:

Dorcas Griffith (widow of son Thomas Griffith)

Nancy Griffith (widow of son Aaron Griffith)

Elihu Shearman, son of Mary Shearman

The Sons of the American Revolution allows membership under an individual who paid the 1783 Caroline County, Maryland, Supply Tax if they lived in Lower Choptank Hundred.

Alexander Griffith qualifies as such. See Maryland State Archives Citation: State, General Assumbly, Assissment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-33, Location 01/04/05/046, on microfilm SCM 871-27.

See Caroline County Assessors' Returns and Minutes of the Commissioners of the Tax. 1783. Sharf Collection.

A Return by Stephen Flaharty, Assessor in the Lower Choptank District in Caroline County agreeable to the act to ?rai? the Supplies for the Year 1783.

Children (**Griffith**), probably all born in Maryland:

- i. Alexander Junior
- ii. Abraham
- iii. Abel
- iv. Sophia (wife of Aaron Lewis)
- v. Sarah (wife of Joshua Hobbs)
- vi. Mary (wife of Pritchett Gowty)
- vii. Nancy (wife of William Todd)
- viii. Thomas (deceased by August 11, 1810)
- ix. Aaron (deceased by August 11, 1810)

5. John Adam Link II was born December 31, 1756. He was the fifth child of John Adam Link I and Elizabeth Miller and he was born in their Oley Hill, PA, home. His grandfather, John Jacob Link, was an ancestor of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

John Adam Link II was baptized in St. Joseph's Church, January 16, 1757, near Oley Hill, Pennsylvania. He grew up at his parent's home on Israel's Creek in Frederick County, Maryland. John Adam Link II was confirmed in the Lutheran Church of Frederick, Maryland, on May 25, 1775.

He was commissioned on June 29, 1782, as an Ensign in Captain Peter Barrick's Company, the Catoctin Battalion, Militia of Frederick County, Maryland.

John Adam Link II married Jane Ogle, a daughter of Alexander Ogle and Martha of Frederick, Maryland, in the Frederick Lutheran Church on April

15, 1783. Jane Ogle and her twin sister, Martha, were born September 23, 1761.

John Adam Link II, his wife Jane Ogle, and their first child, Elizabeth Ann Link, moved across the Potomac River in 1784 to take possession of Jane's inheritance.

The Link Family book includes pictures of the house of John Adam Link I near Frederick, Maryland, where John Adam Link II grew up, a picture of his Shepherdstown area home, a picture of the commission of John Adam Link II as Ensign in Captain Peter Barrick's Company, the Catoctin Battalion, Militia of Frederick County, Maryland, John Adam Link II's war mess kit, shoe and knee buckles and cuff links, and a picture of his blood leeching instrument, box, and the Link seal.

John Adam Link II was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Shepherdstown, Virginia (now West Virginia). John Adam Link II and Jane Ogle were the parents of seven children.

The oldest, Elizabeth Ann Link, born January 29, 1784, married George Fox on August 9, 1807, at Shepherdstown, Virginia, now West Virginia. George was the oldest son of Frederick Fox and Catharine Booker. Frederick was in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, during the Revolution.

John Adam Link II died September 28, 1835, in Shepherdstown, Virginia (now West Virginia).(23) He was buried near the brick wall of the old St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Jane (Ogle) Link died October 7, 1836, in Shepherdstown, Virginia (now West Virginia).

The will of John Adam Link II lists "my seven children, namely Elizabeth Fox, Cahtarine Ramspark, Martha Link, Mary Crowe, Rebecca Demory, Alexander Link & Adam Link Jr."

Children (**Link**):

- i. Elizabeth Ann, born January 29, 1784
- ii. Maria Catherine, born December 18, 1785
- iii. Martha, born October 23, 1787
- iv. John Alexander, born March 7, 1790
- v. Mary, born December 11, 1792
- vi. Rebecca, born February 11, 1795
- vii. John Adam III, born September 14, 1797

6. Alexander Ogle - The following information was obtained mostly from *The Link Family* by Paxson Link.

Alexander Ogle was born May 21, 1730, and he was baptized in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church near New Castle, Delaware. Ogleton, Delaware, near New Castle, Delaware, was named after Alexander's father, Thomas Ogle. Alexander was the youngest of the six children of Thomas Ogle and his second wife, Elizabeth Graham.

Alexander lost both of his parents to death by age four. Grandfather and grandmother Graham became his guardians. At age fifteen Alexander became an apprentice under a wheelwright named David Robinson. At age eighteen Alexander worked under John Springer of Wilmington, where he completed his training at twenty-one years of age.

In 1752 he married Martha, followed his trade and built a house in New Castle. Martha's last name is unknown. Alexander Ogle and his family moved to Frederick County, Maryland, and he made his first purchase, a tract of 250 acres named "Williams Project," on December 16, 1763.

Alexander, about 1770, erected a large stone house on a prominence, a large bank barn, spacious corncrib, walled cave, cisterns, and out-sheds. Just at the foot of the elevation on which stands the house flows Fishing Creek. Here he engineered the mill race for water power and constructed and ran a flour mill and sawmill.

In March 1778, Alexander took and signed the oath of Allegiance to the Cause of the American Colonies, and began supplying the Maryland troops with flour. His only son, Alexander Ogle Junior enlisted in the Continental Army. Alexander Ogle Senior was a patriot of the American Revolution.

Alexander and Martha Ogle were the parents of nine children according to Paxson Link, author of *The Link Family*.⁽¹⁵⁾ The will of Alexander Ogle, dated February 20, 1783, names only Alexander's wife and six of his children. Three of the nine children of Alexander and Martha apparently died before 1783.

i) Elizabeth was born July 26, 1753. Elizabeth died May 2, 1800.

ii) Rebecca was born May 17, 1755. She died on March 23, 1805.

iii) Susannah was born December 9, 1756. She was not named in the will of Alexander Ogle.

iv) Alexander Junior was born December 25, 1759.

v) Martha, a twin of Jane, was born September 23, 1761.

vi) Jane, a twin of Martha, was born on September 23, 1761. She married John Adam Link II.

vii) Mary was born October 30, 1763. She married Samuel Cook on December 15, 1783.

viii) Jemima was born October 20, 1766. She was not named in the will of Alexander Ogle.

ix) David was born August 6, 1770. He was not named in the will of Alexander Ogle.

Alexander Ogle signed his will on February 20, 1783, and it was probated on March 21, 1783. Martha signed her last testament September 15, 1805, and it was probated January 25, 1806. She was laid to rest beside Alexander in the home burial plot.

7. Robert Ricketts Senior was born January 15, 1765, near Hagerstown, Maryland, according to his Revolutionary War pension claim as confirmed in a letter from Commissioner Winfield Scott to Mrs. W. H. Shonts on May 7, 1927. Also confirmed in the same letter by the Commissioner, "He was allowed pension on his application executed September 18, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Dearborn County, Indiana". He died February 14, 1853. His widow died February 20, 1853.

Robert Ricketts Senior served during the American Revolutionary War. At the time he entered service, Robert Ricketts Senior lived in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Robert Ricketts Senior is buried in the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Aberdeen, Ohio County, Indiana, in section 22, grave number 117.

Robert married Susannah Willson. She was a daughter of Robert Wilson and his wife Mary Douglas and was born about 1767.

The Estate Papers of Robert Ricketts Senior lists the names of his thirteen heirs as:

- 1) John Ricketts's heirs
- 2) Phebe Sheridan
- 3) Hannah Buchanan, who is dead, leaving nine heirs
- 4) William Ricketts
- 5) Susanna Moulton
- 6) Robert Ricketts Junior
- 7) Isaac Ricketts
- 8) Edward Ricketts
- 9) Elizabeth Blankenship (formerly Elizabeth Larew)
- 10) Rebecca Winings
- 11) Margaret Kelso's heirs
- 12) Sarah Winings
- 13) Vienna Mouton

John Ricketts was born February 1, 1787, and died February 23, 1843, in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana.

Phebe (Pheobe) Ricketts was born in 1788 or 1789 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. She died about 1866 in Cave-in-Rock, Hardin County, Illinois.

Hannah Ricketts was born in 1790 or 1791 and died February 13, 1853 at Brown Township, Ripley County, Indiana.

William Ricketts was born January 26, 1792, in Mason County, Kentucky. He died April 1, 1874, at Washington, Woodford County, Illinois.

Susannah Ricketts was born February 21, 1794, in Mason County, Kentucky. She died December 10, 1861, in Decatur County, Indiana.

Robert Ricketts Junior was born July 14, 1795, in Mason County, Kentucky. He died April 6, 1864, in Moorefield, Pleasant Twp., Switzerland County, Indiana.

Isaac Ricketts was born September 15, 1798, in Mason County, Kentucky. He died September 27, 1875, in Paradise, Coles County, Illinois.

Edward Ricketts was born in 1798 or 1799 in Mason County, Kentucky. He died July 19, 1885, in Greensburg, Washington Twp., Decatur County, Indiana.

Elizabeth Ricketts was born January 18, 1801 in Mason County, Kentucky, and died July 14, 1865, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Rebecca Ricketts was born January 3, 1803, in Mason County, Kentucky, and died December 23, 1885, at age 82 in Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana.

Margaret Ricketts was born April 24, 1806, in Dearborn County, Indiana, and died March 3, 1854, in Versailles, Ripley County, Indiana.

Sarah Ricketts was born December 24, 1807, in Dearborn County, Indiana.

Vienna Ricketts was born about 1810 in Dearborn County, Indiana.