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of  
Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland**

*News from Fox's Gap*

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# Introduction

**The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland** issues "*News from Fox's Gap*" each June 1 and December 1. Volume One of the newsletter includes Issues One through Ten and covers the period of 1996 through 2000, the first five years of existence for the organization.

An **Index** for each Issue of the newsletter is included at the end of each Issue included in this document.

All individuals who have joined **The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland** from its inception on October 20, 1995, through December 1, 2001, are listed along with their first four ancestor lines after Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland after Issue Ten at the end of Volume 1.

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# News from Fox's Gap

The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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## New Society Formed - First Newsletter

The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland was founded in October 1995 by Curtis Lynn Older of Gastonia, N. C. Membership in the Society is open to all individuals who are descendants of Frederick Fox. A member must only trace their ancestry to an individual listed in *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox, published in 1924. The membership fee is \$5.00 per year. The primary obligation of each member is to make a concerted effort to obtain the membership of at least one individual per year who has not previously been a member of the Society.

Membership in the Society at May 31, 1996, was fifteen and there was one Honorary Member. Present members trace their lineage to three children of Frederick Fox: Mary Magdalena, George, and Daniel Booker. Members of the Society receive an 8 and 1/2 inch by 11 inch Membership Certificate, a copy of the Bylaws of the Society, and a wallet sized membership card upon receipt by the Society of their membership application form.

Objectives of the Society, among others, are: 1) To archive records that document the descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland; 2) To archive records that document the history of Fox's Gap in Maryland; 3) To promote research related to Frederick Fox and Fox's Gap in Maryland, including the ancestors of Frederick Fox, his brothers and sisters, ancestors of his wife, and ancestors of any of the descendants of Frederick Fox; 4) To support those organizations that have a relationship to the heritage of Frederick Fox and Fox's Gap in Maryland.

Curtis L. Older is president of the Society for 1996. An election to determine a President, Vice-president, Archivist, and Secretary - Treasurer will be held December 1, 1996. The new officers will hold their positions for the calendar years of 1997 and 1998.

## First Fox Reunion in Hagerstown

The first Fox Reunion to be held in Hagerstown, Maryland, will be July 4 through 6, 1996. During the Reunion, presentations will be made by Doug Bast of Boonsboro, Maryland; by Steve Stotelmyer of Sharpsburg, Maryland; and by Curtis Older of Gastonia, N. C.

Steve is the author of *Bivouacs of the Dead*, a member of the Central Maryland Heritage League, Inc., of Middletown, Maryland, and has done extensive research on

Fox's Gap. Doug is the owner of the Boonsborough Museum of History and has done much research on the history of early western Maryland. Curt is the author of *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* and President of The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland.

Credit is to be given to Ellen (Mrs. James) Fox of San Antonio, Texas, for the idea to hold a Fox Reunion in Maryland.

## First Honorary Member of The Society

Doug Bast of the Boonsborough Museum of History in Boonsboro, Maryland, is the Society's first Honorary Member. Doug was selected because he has been helpful and

supportive of the efforts of Curtis Older, as well as others, to research the history of the Fox's Gap area in Maryland.

## President's Message

by Curtis Lynn Older

As president of the Society, I recommend to the membership that we consider supporting each of the following three organizations with an annual contribution paid to them by the Society at the first of each calendar year in the amount of \$25.00:

Central Maryland Heritage League, Inc.  
P. O. Box 721  
Middletown, MD 21759

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club  
118 Park Street, SE  
Vienna, VA 22180

Washington County Free Library  
100 South Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Our support for these organizations, all of which are important to the preservation of Fox's Gap in Maryland, can increase over the years as our membership grows. The membership will vote upon the above proposal by a separate ballot at the time of the next election of Society officers.

The following organization has some relationship to the objectives of our Society and may be worthy of our support at some point in the future. Members of our Society may desire to obtain a membership in this organization:

Friends of Fort Frederick  
11115 Fort Frederick Road  
Big Pool, MD 21711

As a descendant of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland, an individual qualifies for membership in the following organizations:

Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge  
P. O. Box 915  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0915

Sons of the American Revolution  
1000 South Fourth St.  
Louisville, Ky 40203

or

Daughters of the American Revolution  
1776 D Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Concerning the election of officers at December 1, 1996, for terms of two calendar years beginning January 1, 1997, I include the following from the Bylaws of the Society:

- \* Any member nominated for any officer position in the Society shall appear on the election ballot.
- \* Nominations shall be made by any member by communicating such nomination to the President of the Society.
- \* Any member may nominate only one member for each officer position each year.
- \* A member may nominate himself or herself for an officer position.

Members should submit their nominations to me by November 1. Ballots will be mailed to members at December 1. Ballots must be returned to a designated vote counter before January 1, 1997, to be counted. Please consult your Society Bylaws for the duties of each Officer.

Members should consult their copy of the Bylaws concerning any proposed changes they wish to make to the Bylaws of the Society.

## **The Mary Magdalena Fox Benner Line**

by William Goudy Benner

The following members of the Society are descended from Mary Magdalena Fox Benner, daughter of Frederick Fox:

William Goudy Benner - Society #0005

Laurel Ann Benner- Society #0006

Brenda Carol Saunders - Society #0007

I am the great-great-greatgrandson of Frederick Fox through his third child Mary Magdalena Fox. She was married to Jacob Benner Sr. who was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Maryland and later to Ohio. In the fall of 1807, Jacob and Mary Fox Benner came to Warren County, Ohio, along with Frederick Fox and three other families and established themselves in this new land. It had been just four short years since Ohio had become the 17th state in the Union.

Dallas, Texas, is my place of birth, however, I have grown up in the Montgomery County, Ohio, Townships of Miami and Washington where I still reside. The homesteads of Frederick Fox and his second wife Susannah Schutt Young Fox, together with the other four families; Benner, Metherd, Brininger, and Leiter who all came to Ohio with him in the fall of 1807, are practically within a "stones throw" of where I now live. Direct descendants of the original Benner/Fox line have resided in this area of Ohio for the last 190 years.

The old St. Johns, or Gebhart, Church Cemetery, as it is now known, just outside Miamisburg, is also just around the corner from here. For me, as it is for many others, visiting this old churchyard is as if you are standing in the midst of a giant "family reunion". From one spot and within a radius of fifty feet you see the names of Fox, Benner, Metherd, Leiter; all of the names familiar to us who have read and re-read the pages of D. B. Fox's book, *The Fox Genealogy*. Nowhere to my knowledge, with the exception of the Hillgrove Cemetery in nearby Miamisburg, is there a greater number of my deceased relatives than in "Gebhart Church". New home development in the past several years has practically made an island out of the lonesome old cemetery. Seemingly few people visit, but on each Memorial Day or "Decoration Day" as it was known in the past, flowers appear on many graves just as they have for more than a century and a half. Still an indication that friends and relatives haven't forgotten the ties to their ancestors.

Next time in this column . . . visiting the estate packets of some of our ancestors.

## The George Fox Line

by Curtis L. Older

The following members of the Society are descended from George Fox, son of Frederick Fox:

Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008  
Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009  
Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011  
Richard Dale Fox Sr. - Society #0015  
Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003

Robert Claude Fox - Society #0004  
William Ernest Fox - Society #0002  
Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010  
Curtis Lynn Older - Society #0001

All of the above are descended from John L. Fox, son of George Fox, and from Daniel Alexander Fox, son of John L. Fox. The wife of George Fox was Elizabeth Ann Link, daughter of John Adam Link II and Jane Ogle. Material on George Fox appears on page 82 of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox. The wife of John L. Fox was Susannah Hilligass. Material on John L. Fox appears on page 94 of *The Fox Genealogy*. The wife of Daniel Alexander Fox was Elizabeth Jane Ricketts. The listing for Daniel Alexander Fox and his children appears on page 96 of *The Fox Genealogy*.

Daniel Alexander Fox was the youngest child of John L. Fox and Sussanah Hilligas. He lived from January 13, 1860 to July 29, 1932. His wife, Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, lived from October 18, 1861 to February 28, 1922. They were united in marriage April 1, 1880. The children of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox were:

- (1) Kenneth B. Fox
- (2) Ernest Daniel Fox
- (3) William Edward Fox
- (4) Ethel Belle Fox (Gouty)
- (5) Ruby Dale Fox (Hines)

Descendants of (2) Ernest Daniel Fox include:

Claude Ernest Fox, father of:

Robert Claude Fox - Society #0004  
William Ernest Fox - Society #0002

Descendants of (3) William Edward Fox include:

Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008  
Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003  
Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010  
Evelyn L. Fox Switzer, mother of

Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011  
Richard Dale Fox Sr. - Society #0015, father of:  
Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009

Descendants of (4) Ethel Belle Fox Gouty include:

Mavis Lorene Gouty Older, mother of:  
Curtis Lynn Older - Society #0001

Proposed future articles for this column, not necessarily in the sequence in which they will appear, include:

- 1) The Descendants of Ernest Daniel Fox, son of Daniel Alexander Fox
- 2) Link Ancestors of Elizabeth Ann Link, wife of George Fox
- 3) Ogle Ancestors of Elizabeth Ann Link, wife of George Fox

## **The Daniel Booker Fox Line**

by Curtis Lynn Older

The following members of the Society are descended from Daniel Booker Fox, son of Frederick Fox:

James Joseph Fox - Society #0012

Raphael Henry John Fox - Society #0013

Judith Fox Smith - Society #0014

No material was submitted for this issue.

## **Descendants of William Edward Fox**

by Dellie Jean (Fox) Craig, daughter of Richard Fox Sr., and grand-daughter of William Edward Fox

The following members of the Society are descended from William Edward Fox, a son of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox:

Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003;  
Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008  
Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010;  
Evelyn L. Fox Switzer, mother of Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011  
Richard Dale Fox Sr.- Society #0015, father of: Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009

William Edward Fox was born on 05 January 1888, in Gessie, Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox. William died on Tuesday 16 April 1974 at his residence in Mound Township and was buried next to his wife at Lower Mound Cemetery, Vermillion County, Indiana. Age 86y 3m 14d.

He was united in marriage to Marguerite Clem on 10 February 1909 at Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois by Henry J. Hall, Justice of Peace. James E. Hughes and Ethel Belle Fox were the witnesses. Marguerite Clem was born 09 March 1894 in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana, the daughter of Augustus Elmer Clem and Melinda Lloyd (Cunningham) Clem. Marguerite died on 25 January 1970 in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. Age 75y 9m 16d. William and Marguerite lived most of their married life around the Gessie and Foster, Indiana, areas. Around Foster they resided on 30 acres in Mound Township on Section 32, T 20N, and Range 9. This was land she inherited from her mother. The land originally belonged to Marguerite's grandfather, Cyrus Cunningham, an early Warren County landowner.

William Fox had been a carpenter for many years and employed at the Neal Gravel Co. and the Indiana State Highway Dept. before retiring in 1950. He enjoyed his garden, sheep, and chicks. After his wife's death he lived in their house until 16 August 1973 when he had a stroke. After he got out of the hospital he resided with his daughter Evelyn and son-in-law Jesse Switzer. Their residence was located next door to William and Marguerite's home. He died in his house in his favorite chair with the radio on.

To this union were born nine children:

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|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1) Reva Winfred Fox born 23 May 1910                    | 6) Elizabeth Jane Fox born 14 April 19227) |
| 2) Evelyn Louise Fox born 15 September 1913             | 7) Wilma Marion Fox born 11 October 1928   |
| 3) Glenn William Fox born 01 February 1916              | 8) Richard Dale Fox born 20 July 1933      |
| 4) Daniel Augustus Fox born 10 December 1917            | 9) James Herbert Fox born 22 January 1937  |
| 5) Melinda Lloyd Fox born 19 Jan 1919, died 03 Feb 1919 |                                            |

- a) Birth recorded for William Edward Fox - Vermillion County, Indiana.
- b) Marriage certificate for William Edward Fox and Marguerite Clem recorded at Vermilion County, Illinois.
- c) Both death certificates recorded at Warren County, Indiana.
- d. Birth dates listed from family bible of William Fox and Marguerite (Clem) Fox.
- e) Obituaries for William Edward Fox and Marguerite (Clem) Fox.
- f) Land location off of land records recorded at Warren County, Indiana, courthouse

Proposed future articles for this column include:

- 1) The Descendants of William Edward Fox, a son of Daniel Alexander Fox
- 2) The Ancestors of William Edward Fox, a son of Daniel Alexander Fox
- 3) The Ancestors of Marguerite Clem, wife of William Edward Fox

## Frederick Fox and Fox's Gap in Maryland Section

by Curtis Lynn Older

Family Line Publications of Westminster, Maryland, published in September 1995, *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* by Curtis Lynn Older. The book documents the passage of General Braddock, George Washington, and Governor Horatio Sharpe through Fox's Gap on their way from Frederick Town in Maryland to Swearingen's Ferry at Sheperdstown, Virginia, on May 2, 1755. The earliest land tracts for the territory from Middletown to Boonsboro and Keedysville are shown. Material on Turner's Gap, one mile north of Fox's Gap, supports the creation of the road through Turner's Gap after 1755 and before 1760. Information also appears for Crampton's Gap and Orr's Gap.

Two hundred copies of the book were made. The author acquired one hundred copies and Family Line Publications acquired the other one hundred copies. The author had sold about 50 copies of the book at May 31 and Family Line Publications had sold about 50 copies. **The book will not be reprinted.** The toll-free number for ordering a catalogue or book from Family Line Publications is 1-800-876-6103. Family Line Publications has a large assortment of genealogical related books. They have many general reference books as well as books on the early records of the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Washington, D. C.

As President of the Society, I would like to recommend for the consideration of the membership, the setting of an objective by the Society to reprint *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox. Few copies of the original book by D. G. Fox are known to be in existence. The few that exist are not in good condition. The Society probably could obtain 100 paperback copies of the book for about \$500, or \$5.00 per book. I recommend we acquire only 100 copies. The fewer copies printed, however, leads to a higher per unit cost. If the Society membership reaches 50 members and each member commits to purchase two copies of the book at \$5.00 each, it should enable us to reprint the book. I submit this proposal as a long-range goal of the Society.

Those members desiring to obtain a copy of *The Land Tracts of Fox's Gap including material on Crampton's, Orr's, and Turner's Gaps*, can obtain a loose-leaf copy from me for the sum of \$50.00, which includes postage. The present version available is the 1996 version. The next version will not be produced until 1998. I continue to work on, and add to, this self-published work.

Utilizing the services of Applied CD Technology in Charlotte, N. C., I can supply Kodak Photo CD-Rom discs at \$10.00 per disc plus 60 cents per image added to the disc. Each disc will hold 100 items. Your attention is directed to the **Photographs Available through the Society** section of this newsletter. I can supply members those items selected from the said list at the above indicated cost. You can access the images on the disc using Windows 95 or Macintosh Operating System 7.0 on a computer with a CD-Rom drive.

I am in the process of creating another self-published book, *Documentation Related to Frederick Fox including material on his Descendants*. This book will include all the images on the Kodak Photo CD-Rom disc entitled "Fox's Gap in Maryland." I hope to have this available for distribution in late 1997.

The following quarterly publication is very useful in researching the western Maryland area:

Western Maryland Genealogy  
P. O. Box 505  
New Market, MD 21774-0505

An annual subscription is \$19.00.

## Archives Section

\*\* The following organizations have a copy of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox:

Washington County Free Library  
100 South Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Maryland State Law Library  
Courts of Appeal Building  
361 Rowe Blvd.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Family History Library  
35 North West Temple Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

Sons of the American Revolution  
1000 South Fourth St.  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Daughters of the American Revolution  
1776 D Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

\*\* *The Land Tracts of Fox's Gap including material on Crampton's, Orr's, and Turner's Gaps*, self-published by Curtis Lynn Older, has been presented to the following organizations:

Washington County Free Library  
100 South Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Frederick County Historical Society  
24 East Church St.  
Frederick, MD 20701

\*\* A Kodak Photo CD-Rom Disc entitled "Fox's Gap in Maryland" has been presented to:

Family History Library  
35 North West Temple Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

Washington County Free Library  
100 South Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

\*\* The following organizations have a copy of *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* by Curtis Lynn Older:

Washington County Free Library  
100 South Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Frederick County Historical Society  
24 East Church St.  
Frederick, MD 20701

Washington County Historical Society  
P. O. Box 1281  
135 W. Washington St.  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Maryland State Archives  
Hall of Records  
350 Rowe Blvd.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
4338 Bigelow Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Fort Necessity National Battlefield  
The National Pike  
RD 2-Box 528  
Farmington, PA 15437

Antietam National Battlefield  
P. O. Box 158  
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club  
118 Park Street, SE  
Vienna, VA 22180

Family History Library  
35 North West Temple Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150



\*\* An objective of the Society is to place on a microfilm roll at December 31, 1997, the following materials:

*The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox  
*The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* by Curtis Lynn Older

*The Land Tracts of Fox's Gap including material on Crampton's, Orr's, and Turner's Gaps* by Curtis Lynn Older

*Documentation Related to Frederick Fox including material on his Descendants* by Curtis Lynn Older

*The Index to "Fox's Gap in Maryland"* Kodak Photo CD-Rom Disc by Curtis Lynn Older

The following material held by The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland:

all Society Membership Application Forms through Dec. 31, 1997

all photos and genealogical information presented to the Society by Dec. 31, 1997

the Society Membership Roster at Dec. 31, 1997

the Society Newsletters

other material held by the Society deemed necessary to archive

## Questions and Answers

(Members may submit questions and/or answers to the Society President for inclusion in this column of the newsletter.)

**Question.** (by Curtis Lynn Older) How do we know our Frederick Fox who lived near Miamisburg, Ohio, was the same one who lived at one time at Fox's Gap in Maryland?

**Answer.** (by Curtis Lynn Older) Beyond any doubt they were one and the same for the following reasons. Land records and marriage records indicate the following individuals and families lived in the immediate area of Fox's Gap in Maryland: Frederick Fox, George Fox, Jacob and Mary Magdalena (Fox) Benner, and George and Christena (Fox) Mettard. George Mettard owned 10 acres near the Reno Monument at Fox's Gap. All of these individuals are buried in the St. John or Gebhart Cemetery in Miamisburg, Ohio. The tombstone of George Fox indicates he was "born March 10, 1781 in the State of Md." The tombstone of John Liter indicates, "from Frederick County Md." The tombstone of Daniel B. Fox, a son of Frederick also buried in the Gebhart Cemetery, indicates, "born in Frederick Co. Md." A land tract record exists for Out Lot to Lot #1 in Sharpsburg, Maryland. The deed was between Frederick Fox of Warren County, State of Ohio, and Peter Ham of Washington County in Maryland.

"This indenture made this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten between Frederick Fox of Warren County - - - in the state of Ohio of the one part and Peter Ham of Washington County state of Maryland of the other part."

A copy of this deed was obtained from Doug Bast of the Boonesborough Museum of History in Boonsboro, Maryland. The deed contains the following section: "Received Sept. 12th 1810 to be recorded and same day receipted in Liber W folios 285 & 286 one of the land records of Wasshington County."

There is a copy of an 1812 letter from Jacob Reel of Sharpsburg to Frederick and Michael Fox of Warren County, Ohio, that discusses the death of their mother Christiana. A copy of the letter was obtained from Robert H. Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio. The letter mentions a "Mr. Widmeyer and wife." A William Widmyer sold a tract of land to Frederick Fox while Frederick lived in Maryland. The deed was for part of two tracts, I Hope It Is Well Done and Shettle. The deed was recorded 21 August 1795 in

Frederick County, Maryland, Land Records. The relationship of Jacob Reel to Michael and Frederick Fox is unknown. Perhaps a sister of Jacob Reel was married to Michael Fox, Frederick's brother.

**Question. (by Curtis Lynn Older) Was Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland a member of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, during the American Revolution?**

**Answer. (by Curtis Lynn Older)** We do not know conclusively the answer to this question. There is nothing I have found to refute that Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland was the same Frederick Fox as the one in the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. On the other hand, it does not seem possible, with the information available to me, to prove beyond any question that they were one and the same Frederick Fox. We should state at the outset that it was not uncommon for men from one state to serve in the Continental Line of another state. The State of Pennsylvania probably had more out-of-state troops in its units than any other state.

In *The Fox Genealogy*, D. G. Fox states, "During the Revolution, Frederick Fox served as a drummer in Lieutenant Colonel Hay's Company, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, from 1777 to 1781." Perhaps Daniel Gebhart Fox relied upon, and had available, information besides material in the Pennsylvania Archives. If he did, his source is unknown to me at this time. Perhaps Daniel Gebhart Fox simply went to the Pennsylvania Archives and came across the name of Frederick Fox listed under the entries for the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. If he merely assumed that the one listed was our Frederick Fox, he could have been wrong in his statement in his book.

There are three Frederick Fox listed in the Pennsylvania Archives as serving during the American Revolution. One was in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, one was in Von Heer's Dragoons, and one was in the Bedford County Militia:

- 1) Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume 3, page 921  
Names of Soldiers of Von Heer's Dragoons, Taken from Pension Papers (a)

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Fox, Andrew, resided in Berks county in 1835.

Fox, [Fuchs], David, Reading, 1778, trumpeter, resided in Berks county in 1835, aged sixty-nine.

Fox [Fuchs], Jacob, Reading, 1778; resided in Pleasant township, Fairfield county, Ohio in 1834.

Fox [Fuchs], Frederick, 1779; brother of the former, resided in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1829.

- 2) The Third Company of the First Battalion of the Bedford County Commanded by Capt. Evan Cissna. (c.) Page 110, probably the Pennsylvania Archives, Associators and Militia.

### 3. Frederick Fox

We know our Frederick Fox was not the Frederick Fox listed in Von Heer's Dragoons because our Frederick Fox did not reside in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1829 and did not have a brother named Jacob. We know our Frederick Fox was not the one listed under the Bedford County troops because he did not live in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, at that time. The Bedford unit would have consisted of local residents.

The Frederick Fox of the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, enlisted April 20, 1777, and served until January 1, 1781. He was a drummer for his unit from early 1777 until his discharge at January 1, 1781. It is very unlikely he could have held the position of drummer throughout his enlistment if he had not obeyed orders and had not been present with the troops when he was supposed to be with them.

Available records of the period that relate to our Frederick Fox do not enable us to disprove he was in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. Our Frederick Fox must have been the Frederick Fox who served as a member of Joseph Chapline's Company of Militia, probably between

1775 and 1777.<sup>1</sup> Our Frederick Fox must have been the Frederick Fox who signed the Patriot's Oath of Fidelity and Support, probably in 1777 or 1778.<sup>2</sup> We also must consider that Mary Magdalena Fox, daughter of Frederick, was born Dec 17, 1778. Let us address these three issues.

The dates of membership of Frederick Fox in Joseph Chapline's Company of Militia are not on record. The muster roll listed in the Maryland Archives does not give a date. The muster roll on which the name of Frederick Fox appears probably was similar to others that included the statement, "do enroll ourselves into a Company of Militia agreeable to the Resolves of the Provincial Convention held at the City of Annapolis this 26th Day of July 1775." Similar muster rolls usually have dates from 1775 to 1777. Even though our Frederick Fox was in a Maryland Militia unit for some period during 1775 to 1777, it does not prohibit him from being the Frederick Fox who joined the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, in April 1777.

The list of men who signed the Patriot's Oath of Fidelity and Support did so as, "Directed by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland Passed the 5th day of Feb. 1777." The list was signed as follows, "Witness my hand and Seal the 2d Day of March, 1778." It is probable our Frederick Fox signed this oath between Feb. 5, 1777, and March 2, 1778. Therefore, either he signed the oath before joining the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, or while he was in the unit.

The Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, was at Valley Forge from December 1777 to May 1778. During this critical period, many troops were not present at Valley Forge for the entire period the army encamped there. It is entirely possible Frederick Fox signed the Patriot's Oath when he was on leave from his unit or when he was in the Fox's Gap area conducting some type of business related to the Pennsylvania Line. Such business might have related to the transportation or requisition of food or supplies. Thus, it is entirely possible Frederick Fox could have signed the oath while he was away from Valley Forge.

This brings us to the last issue. Mary Magdalena Fox, daughter of Frederick, was born Dec. 17, 1778. Doesn't this indicate Frederick Fox was not at Valley Forge with his unit during March or April of 1778? Again, there is no conflict here because many troops were sent out to find food and other materials during the Valley Forge encampment. The troops at the Valley Forge encampment did not spend their entire time sitting around camp freezing to death.

Ohio D.A.R. records indicate our Frederick Fox was in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. The Ohio D.A.R. records could have been submitted by Daniel Gebhart Fox. These records, therefore, do not help us solve the issue before us. Daniel Gebhart Fox may have had other sources of material unknown to us. Such sources might have been the Daniel Booker Fox family Bible or the granddaughter of Frederick Fox he identifies in one of the Appendix to his book. It is possible this unknown source substantiated that our Frederick Fox was the one who served in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line.

Both our Frederick Fox, in various land records of Frederick County in Maryland, and the Frederick Fox of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, signed an "X" for their name. Our Frederick Fox was not in any other Maryland military organization during the years of 1777 through 1781. The force of the American Revolution was so strong, it seems unimaginable Frederick Fox did not continue to serve in some military unit after he served in Joseph Chapline's militia unit at the start of the war. In conclusion, I believe our Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland was the Frederick Fox of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. Daniel Gebhart Fox probably had some information connecting Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland to the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment. He probably went to the Pennsylvania Archives to substantiate this information that was passed down to him.

## Photographs Available through the Society

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1. Daniel Booker Fox, circa 1860, retouched.
2. Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, wedding day, April 1, 1880.
3. Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts Fox Family, circa 1900.
4. Robert William Gouty, Ethel Belle Fox Gouty, Mavis Lorene Gouty Older, circa 1920.
5. Ethel Belle Fox Gouty, Ruby Dale Fox Hines, William Edward Fox, Kenneth B. Fox, circa 1960.
6. Reva Winfried Fox, daughter of William Edward Fox, 1988.
7. Curtis Lynn Older, Linda Sue Osborn Older, and Rachael Lynn Older, 1995.

### Photographs / Maps

101. **Winslows Map of 1736, also known as The "Mayo" Map of 1736-7.** "Messrs. Wm. May, Robert Brook, --- Winslow, and --- Savage appointed surveyors in 1736. The party which performed this work consisted of the four surveyors with thirteen assistants, six of them chain-carriers, employed at three shillings per day. Among the names employed to describe features of Maryland territory may be noticed the following variations from present usage: Monokasy [Monocacy], Kittokton [Catoctin], Conigochego [Conococheague]." Library of Congress, Benj. Winslow. "A Plan of the upper Part of Patomack River called Cohongoroot Survey'd in the year 1736. Geography & Map Div. Collection contains a reproduction, the original map is owned by Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, MD. [U.S. Potomac River (reg.). . 1736 . . Winslow].

102. **Fry and Jefferson Map of 1751, 1755, and 1775.** "The most important map of the Middle British Colonies published during the second half of the eighteenth century was the result of the joint labors of Professor Joshua Fry and Mr. Peter Jefferson. It is probable that the information represented on the map indicates the highest degree of knowledge of the country attainable at that time. The map apparently was completed in the year 1749, although it is dated 1751. The Maryland portion of the sheet does not adequately represent the high character of the map, since there is little indicated besides names and a few roads on the Maryland portion, while Virginia streams and roads are carefully delineated with their names attached. The roads are only such as were main thoroughfares connecting different portions of Virginia with Philadelphia." Library of Congress: Fry, Joshua. A map of the inhabited part of Virginia . . . G3880 1751 .F7 (Negative No. 2802) [1755 ed].

103. **1794 Dennis Griffith Map of Maryland.** Drawn by Dennis Griffith, a Philadelphian, and copyrighted June 20, 1794. "Map of the State of Maryland Laid down from an actual Survey of all the principal Waters, public Roads, and Divisions of the Counties therein; describing the Situation of the Cities, Towns, Villages, Houses of Worship and other public Buildings, Furnaces, Forges, Mills, and other remarkable Places." Library of Congress: [G3840 1794.G72 Vault] Scale a:308,000. size 134 x 79 1/2 cm.

104. **1808 Varle Map.** The map shows Braddock's Gap at the location where today Interstate 70 and Main Route 40 pass over South Mountain. The map shows the name *Ringer* at the location of the Fox Inn. Library of Congress: A map of Frederick and Washington Counties, State of Maryland. 1808, by Charles Varle; engraved, Francis Shallus, Phila. G3843.F7 1808 .V3 1983. 84-691291.

105. **Bond Map.** Frederick County, Maryland. Prepared under the direction of Lieut. Col. J. N. Macomb, Chf. Topl. Engr. for the use of Maj. Gen. G. B. McClellan, Commanding US Army. Drawn from I. Bond's map by E. Hergesheimer. Based on Isaac Bond's map of Frederick County, Maryland, published 1858. Library of Congress G3843 .F7 1861 .H4

### Photographs / Fox's Gap Related

201. **The Wise Farmhouse at Fox's Gap.** The Wise Farmhouse on the old Sharpsburg Road at Fox's Gap, scene of fighting during the Battle of South Mountain, Maryland, September 14, 1862. U. S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013, vol. 120, p. L6199 A.
202. **The Fox Inn.** Photo in 1992 by Susan Flowers.
203. **The Reno Monument at Fox's Gap.** Photo in 1992 by Susan Flowers.
204. **17th Michigan Memorial at Fox's Gap.** Photo in 1992 by Susan Flowers.
205. **The Battle of South Mountain, Md.** Library of Congress. b/w lithograph by Endicott & Co., c1864 by Joseph J. Joel, drawn on stone by A. A. Fasel. LC-USZ62-12926. Sunday, Sept. 14, 1862. The Glorious charge of the 23rd & 12th Ohio volunteers (Col. Scammon) against the 23rd & 12th North Carolina, under the rebel Gen. Garland who was killed in the charge.
206. **Society of Colonial Wars and Maryland Historical Society Marker.** General Edward Braddock. This marker is near the front of the Maryland State Police Barrack B in Frederick on Route 40 (Patrick Street). Photo by Allan Powell.
207. **Maryland Bicentennial Commission and Maryland Historical Society Marker.** Swearingen's Ferry and Pack Horse Ford. This marker is at the Rumsey Bridge on the Potomac River at Shepherdstown. Photo by Susanne Flowers.
208. **State Roads Commission Marker.** General Edward Braddock. This marker is on the square in Sharpsburg. Photo by Susanne Flowers.
209. **The Boulder at Braddock Spring.** Photo by Susanne Flowers.
210. **Letter from Jacob Reel to Frederick and Michael Fox of Warren County, State of Ohio,** dated at Sharpsburg, Maryland, August 9, 1812.
211. **Revolutionary War records for Frederick Fox, 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line,** in the National Archives.

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301. **Frederick Fox, son of John Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland**
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315. **Jacob Benner and Mary Magdalena Fox Benner (a daughter of Frederick Fox)**

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406. Certificate of Birth of Johan Jacob Link, great-grandfather of Elizabeth Ann Link Fox, wife of George Fox
407. Will of John Adam Link II, father of Elizabeth Ann Link Fox
408. Will of John L. Fox, son of George Fox
409. Bible Records of Ethel Belle Fox Gouty, daughter of Daniel Alexander Fox
410. Death Certificate for Daniel Alexander Fox, son of John L. Fox
411. Death Certificate for Elizabeth Jane Ricketts Fox, wife of Daniel Alexander Fox

**Please notify  
the President of the Society  
regarding any errors you find in the current issue of the Newsletter.**

**Topics in the next issue of the Newsletter, December 1, 1996:**

1. Carmen Abernathey writes her remembrances of Daniel Alexander Fox.
2. Valentine Fidler owned the Fox Inn prior to George Fox. Charles Fidler, a descendant of Valentine Fidler, writes about his ancestor.
3. Additional documentation the Road to Conococheague passed by the Fox Inn on its way from Frederick Town to Conococheague in 1754.
4. New deeds identified for several small tracts near the Mountain House at Turner's Gap.
5. Progress on the early land tracts at Crampton's Gap.
6. A visit to Valley Forge and Philadelphia.

## The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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### **Meditation on the Divine Will**

The will of God prevails. In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both *may* be, and one *must* be wrong. God can not be *for*, and *against* the same thing at the same time. In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party--and yet the human instrumentalities, working just as they do, are of the best adaptation to effect His purpose. I am almost ready to say this is probably true--that God wills this contest, and wills that it shall not end yet. By his mere quiet power, on the minds of the now contestants, He could have either *saved* or *destroyed* the Union without a human contest. Yet the contest began. And having begun He could give the final victory to either side any day. Yet the contest proceeds.

Abraham Lincoln, *c. early September 1862*



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# News from Fox's Gap

The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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## The First Fox Reunion in Hagerstown

Credit goes to Ellen (Mrs. James) Fox of San Antonio, Texas, for the idea to hold a Fox Reunion in Maryland. Those in attendance at the Reunion included:

William G. and Shirly Benner of Miamisburg, Ohio; Jeffrey C. Smith (Born Fort Worth, Texas, 12-19-59) and his wife, Judith Fox Smith, born in Evansville, IN, 8-5-1960; Melissa Mae Smith, born San Antonio, Texas, 9-19-1990; Lindsey Elizabeth Smith, born Summit, NJ, 5-10-1995; James Joseph Fox, born Detroit, Michigan, 8-23-1921; Teresa Rose Fox, (Tessie), born in White Plains, NY, 7-4-1962; Curtis, Linda, and Rachael Older of Gastonia, N. C.

A presentation and discussion about the Fox Family and Fox's Gap was held at the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown on Friday, July 5. A completed 100-image Kodak Photo CD-Rom disc entitled *Fox's Gap in Maryland* was presented to the Washington County Free Library at Hagerstown as well as the 1996 version of *The Land Tracts of Fox's Gap including material on Crampton's, Orr's, and Turner's Gaps*.

After the meeting at the library, most of the participants toured Turner's Gap, the Fox Inn, and Fox's Gap. A new monument has been added in memory of Confederate General Samuel Garland.

While I was in Maryland I was fortunate to run across the grave of Joseph Chapline Senior, the founder of Sharpsburg in 1763. He is buried about 100 feet straight in and just to the left of the entrance to the Mountain View Cemetery across the street from the Antietam National Cemetery. He was a Colonel in French and Indian War.

Also while I was in Maryland, Doug Bast and I visited the Moses Chapline Sr. Cemetery on the property of Merwin Hans, about two miles west of Fox's Gap along the old Sharpsburg Road. The cemetery is about one-fourth of a mile north of the old Sharpsburg Road.

No plans for future Reunions exist at this time. However, the possibility of holding the next Fox Family Reunion at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, or in Miamisburg, Ohio, is under consideration. The next Reunion might be held in three to five years.

## A Trip to Valley Forge and Philadelphia

The Older family traveled to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in late June before proceeding to Hagerstown for the First Fox Reunion. The story of Valley Forge is one of the great stories in world history. "Valley Forge was America's darkest hour - but it was also America's greatest." The camp location of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, in which Frederick Fox served, was near the Outer Line Defenses on the south side of the Valley Forge Historical Park. The Tenth Pennsylvania was part of General Anthony Wayne's First Brigade at Valley Forge. It was under the command of Lt. Col. Adam Hubley. The National Memorial Arch pays tribute to the services of all soldiers who suffered at Valley Forge. The National Memorial Arch was under repair during our visit. The battlefields of Brandywine and Germantown are not far from Valley Forge.

A visit to Independence National Historical Park in downtown Philadelphia on Sunday, June 30, provided a wonderful learning experience. The Independence Historical Park is one of the most significant historic areas in America. It has many historic sites identified with individuals and events related to the creation and early life of the United States. The home of Benjamin Franklin was near this area.

## Research Sources in Pennsylvania - A Brief List

A number of research sources are available in Pennsylvania. The David Library of the American Revolution contains a significant collection of material related to the American Revolution. Mr. Steve Zerbe at the Civil War Library and Museum in Philadelphia is a very knowledgeable researcher on Civil War topics. The U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle has a large collection of Civil War material. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission sells a book entitled *The Pennsylvania Line* by John B. B. Trussell, Jr. The book is one of the best available on the history of the Pennsylvania Continental Line during the American Revolution.

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Route 32, River Road  
P. O. Box 748  
Washington's Crossing, PA 18977-0748

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Civil War Library and Museum  
1805 Pine Street  
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Philadelphia, PA 19107

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Valley Forge Historical Society  
Washington Memorial Library  
P. O. Box 122  
Valley Forge, PA 19481

Lancaster County Historical Society  
230 N. President Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603-3125

Penn. Hist. and Museum Commission  
Div. of Archives and Manuscripts  
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## Membership Renewals

Please send your check for \$5.00 for your 1997 Society membership to me by January 1, 1997. This will be the first test of how well we are doing with membership renewals as an organization. I ask for everyone's support in the coming year. We need everyone to renew their membership. It is certain we can achieve more as an organization than as individuals.

## Membership Drive

The main objective of each member of the Society is to recruit at least one new member for the Society each year. The new member should not have been a previous member of the Society.

## **Frederick Fox and Fox's Gap Section**

by Charles E. Fidler

### **The Fidler Family and The Fox Inn**

The following material constitutes the bulk of a letter dated 6 April 1996 received by Curtis L. Older from Charles E. Fidler, 3814 Wildwood Ridge, Kingwood, Texas 77339-2613, telephone 713-358-3612.

For many years I have known my ancestor Valentine Fidler was among the early settlers in the area just east of Fox's Gap in Frederick County, MD, but was never able to determine the actual location of the property he owned there from 1767 to 1786. Needless to say, I was pleased to discover you had been able to establish the location of my ancestor's property. Since Valentine was a wheelwright by trade and no doubt dependent on wagon and coach traffic for his livelihood, I was not surprised to learn his property was located on the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road that passed through Frederick County, MD, connecting Frederick City and Sharpsburg. This road, which crossed South Mountain through nearby Fox's Gap, appears to have been heavily traveled during the years Valentine reside there, and should have provided him with enough customers to maintain a successful business.

Johann Valentine Fidler (1719-86) of Frederick Co., MD, was my 4g-grandfather. He was born in 1719 in Ilbesheim, Rheinland, Germany. The village of Ilbesheim is located west of the Rhine River, some 22 km NW of the city of Worms. Valentine emigrated to America in 1750, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth and their young son George. They arrived at Philadelphia aboard the ship Royal Union on 15 Aug 1750. I suspect Valentine resided somewhere within the German Community of Pennsylvania for several years before migrating to Maryland, but since I have been unable to confirm same, his actual whereabouts between 1750 and 1767 remain unknown.

As you are aware, Valentine Fidler purchased his land near Fox's Gap from Casper Shaff on 16 June 1767 (Liber K, Folio 1373-75). This property, located about 1.8 miles SE of Fox's Gap, actually contained 200 acres, and consisted of 150 acres from the Resurvey on Exchange Survey and 50 acres from the Buble Survey. There is no mention of the Wagon Road in the deed. Valentine subsequently sold 100 acres of same, consisting of 60 acres from the Resurvey on Exchange Survey and 40 acres from the Buble Survey, to Adam Smellser on 2 Nov. 1767 (Liber L, Folio 562-63). According to your findings, the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road passed through this 100 acres tract that was retained by Valentine Fidler. It was on this property Valentine resided and conducted his wheelwright trade for the next 19 years, and it was there he died intestate in 1786. His place of burial is unknown. Valentine and his family had been associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Frederick Co., MD. He was survived by his widow Elizabeth and five children as follows: 1) George, 2) Catharina (Crepill), 3) Anna (Hehl), 4) Jacob, and 5) Elizabeth (Purgit). The oldest son George, who had migrated to Hampshire Co., VA, in 1779, administered the sale of Valentine's property (100 acres) in Frederick Co., MD, to Ludwick Layman on 8 Nov. 1786 (Liber WR-7, Folio 48-49). Following the sale, the widow, Elizabeth Fidler and her two unmarried children, Jacob and Elizabeth, accompanied George Fidler back to Hampshire Co., VA, where they joined his household. I am descended from Jacob, who later migrated to Ross Co., OH.

From your research, you have established that the Fox Inn is located on land once owned by your ancestor George Fox, that said land had been purchased by George Fox in 1805 from Peter Layman, son of Ludwick Layman, and that said land had been purchased by Ludwick Layman in 1786 from George Fidler, son of Valentine Fidler. This property had been owned by my ancestor Valentine Fidler from 1767 to 1786. On pg 98 you have indicated that evidence has been found within the Fox Inn that dates at least part of the structure back to 1777. If that is so, then George Fox may have established the Fox Inn utilizing the same structure that had once served as the residence of Valentine Fidler during the years he had conducted his wagon & coach repair business on the property. Since many of those repair jobs

probably necessitated overnight stays by the customers, Valentine may have constructed his home with some extra rooms that could be used to accommodate those customers needing overnight accommodations.

Valentine's oldest son George also became a wheelwright, and evidently established his own business in the area west of Fox's Gap after he purchased 156 acres in the Seven Mountains Survey of that area from Michael Heirman on 1 March 1769 (Liber M, Folio 73-74) This property, which later became a part of Washington County when that county was created in 1776, may have been located along the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road also, but the deed does not mention the road, and I have been unable to determine the actual location of the property. Even though George Fidler moved to Hampshire Co., VA, in 1779, he did not sell this property until 1787.

The following is taken from *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* by Curtis L. Older and is included for reference by the reader of the above article:

## The Fox Inn

### From Daniel Dulany Sr. (1742) to George Fox (1805) Tract Name - The Exchange

(Note - The 1808 Varle Map identifies the Fox Inn by the name "Ringer")

Reference	Date	Grantee of Deed	Acres
MSA BC & GS #1, 177	10-5-1742	Daniel Dulany Esqr. - survey - The Exchange	100
MSA BY & GS #1, 177	4-29-1749	assignment to Robert Evans - The Exchange	100
MSA BY & GS #1, 177	5-20-1749	assignment to Joseph Chapline [Sr.] - The Exchange	100
FCLR, E-339	12-11-1753	Casper Shaff - The Exchange	75
MSA BY & GS #4, 585-6	5-9-1754	Joseph Chapline [Sr.] - Casper Shaff	275
MSA BC & GS #27, 578	9-29-1765	Daniel [Jr.] and Walter Dulany - patent - The Exchange	100
FCLR, K-1373	7-9--1767	<b>Valentine Fidler - Fidler's Purchase</b>	150
Probably inherited from his father.		<b>George Fidler</b>	150
FCLR, WR-7-48	11-8-1786	Ludwick Layman	100
WR-12-56	11-14-1793	Peter Layman	100
WR-27-543	10-7-1805	<b>George Fox</b>	100

## **The George Fox Line**

by Carmen Dale Hines Abernathy

The following members of the Society are descended from George Fox, son of Frederick Fox:

Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008  
Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009  
Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011  
Richard Dale Fox Sr. - Society #0015  
Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003

Robert Claude Fox - Society #0004  
William Ernest Fox - Society #0002  
Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010  
Mildred F. Metcalf - Society #00016  
Curtis Lynn Older - Society #0001

All of the above members also are descended from Daniel Alexander Fox, who was a grandson of George Fox.

### **Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox**

[The following material was provided by Carmen Dale Hines Abernathy, daughter of Ruby Dale Fox Hines. Carmen is a granddaughter of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts Fox. Ruby was a daughter of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts Fox.]

As the only grandchild to have lived with Daniel A. Fox I will attempt to give some remembrances that I have. I am the only daughter of Ruby Dale Fox Hines and Everett Hines. Ruby was the youngest of Daniel and Elizabeth's five children. My parents lived in Gessie, Vermillion County, Indiana, whereas the grandparents lived on a small farm one mile east and one mile north of Gessie. Prior to that the Fox's had resided in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana.

I have no personal recollection of Grandmother Fox - only that told me by my mother and other family members. Grandmother, Elizabeth Jane Ricketts Fox, died a tragic death. While attempting to start a fire in a cook stove early one morning the fire somehow ignited her lace collar - she ran to the back porch to call Daniel at the barn doing morning chores. I recall my mother saying the only remains she saw where the feet.

Over the years I learned from older cousins that Grandmother Fox was a very stern but lovable person. By neighbors and friends she was known as "Aunt Liz". She was the one to call when one had a sick baby or "call Aunt Liz" if the doctor wasn't available. She had a knowledge of herbs and their potential use.

It was after Grandmother's untimely death (I think in 1922 or 23) that Grandpa came to live in the Hines home. He was a carpenter by trade but a farmer at heart.

He was a very good looking gentleman. Beautiful thick coarse white, wavy hair - always neatly combed. He loved working in wood. I truly value the many hours I've spent in the wood shop at our home in Gessie. There I was allowed to whittle, talk, pound nails, saw etc. I'm sure Grandpa had infinite patience. The only time I remember him ever getting mad was an incident in which I (at about age of 10) managed to walk on a new roof on our "smoke house" - making several holes! This after Grandpa had told me not to climb the ladder and go up on the roof!

Many an hour have I spent riding through a corn field on a cultivator - a seat especially built for me - just Grandpa, me, two horses, and a brown jug of water for refreshment.

Grandpa played the violin and clarinet. The violin I still have. He would go into the south "sitting room" to practice and I, at the age of five or six, would bang on the piano to accompany him. He never scolded - he only wanted me to like music. During my life, thanks to Grandpa, I've enjoyed playing the violin, the piano, the bass viol, and the trumpet. Also I've enjoyed teaching elementary music in the Covington, Indiana, school system for twenty-eight years.

As a carpenter Daniel A Fox was well known in the community. He was the main or head one in erecting the Rileysburg Grade School, Rileysburg, Indiana; also the Perrysville, Indiana, High School. Both schools, built in the late twenties, have since been demolished, due to school consolidation. The large cornerstone from the Perrysville School is located on property in Fountain County, Indiana, formerly owned by his grandson, Richard D. Fox Senior.

Daniel was a man of the community, a neighbor for people to depend on in time of trouble or need and also one for fun. His "Fox Orchestra" played for many social functions - especially barn dances. One son, Earnest, played trumpet, son William played banjo, daughters Ethel and Ruby played violin and piano. Neighbors filled in with trombone, guitar, and saxophone.

Grandpa also, when possible, played with the Newtown, and Covington bands. Perhaps he was most proud of his oldest son, Kennie B. Fox, who worked for more than 50 years with the Starr Piano Factory in Richmond, Indiana. Kennie was especially noted for his outstanding ability as tuner on pianos and organs. He also played clarinet in the Richmond Symphonic Orchestra. His only daughter, Mildred Fox Metcalf, also became a music teacher and outstanding organist in First Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Daniel A. Fox or "Dan Fox" as he was affectionately known died an August morning 1932 after his third heart attack much to the sorrow of this granddaughter. Dan and Liz or Grandpa and Grandma are buried side by side in the Hopewell Cemetery, north of Gessie, about one mile from their beloved home. One of the greatest tributes paid to Grandpa was made by my dad, Everett Hines. Grandpa's casket was placed in our best "sitting room" for two days of mourning. Many people came to express sorrow and sympathy for "Dan". The only time I ever saw my dad cry was at the casket. He sobbed and sobbed . . . to this day that picture and sound remains with me. How many men have had that much admiration and feeling for their father-in-law.

**Current Address:**

Carmen Dale Hines Abernathey  
321 W. Washington Street  
Greenville, Michigan 48838  
Phone: 1-616-225-9374

**A note from Curt Older-**

If you are a descendant of George Fox, son of Frederick Fox, I have available a copy of **The English Origin of John Ogle, First of the Name in Delaware**, by Francis Hamilton Hibbard, Assisted By Stephen Parks, 1967. John Ogle was the earliest Ogle ancestor of Jane Ogle, mother-in-law of George Fox, to reach America. The pamphlet is about 32 pages in length. I can provide a copy to any Society member for \$3.00, that includes postage and handling. Some of the material in the pamphlet will appear in coming issues of this newsletter. The pamphlet will allow you to trace your ancestors back to King Edward I of England who lived from 1239 to 1307. King Edward I is a descendant of Alfred the Great.

## **Ancestors of Marguerite Clem, the wife of William Edward Fox**

by Dellie Jean (Fox) Craig, daughter of Richard Fox Sr., and grand-daughter of William Edward Fox

The following members of the Society are descended from William Edward Fox, a son of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox:

Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003;  
Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008  
Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010;  
Evelyn L. Fox Switzer, mother of Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011  
Richard Dale Fox Sr. - Society #0015, father of Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009

Marguerite Clem was born 09 March 1894 in a log cabin that the original settler and owner of the property was her great-grandfather, Thomas Cunningham. She was the daughter of Augustus Elmer Clem and Malinda Lloyd (Cunningham) and was born in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana. Marguerite married William Edward Fox on 10 February 1909 in Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois. She died on 27 January 1970 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois. They are both buried at Lower Mound Cemetery, Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana.

Augustus Elmer Clem was born 11 October 1868 in Warren County, Indiana, the son of Peter Higard Clem and Phoebe (Kitchen). He married Lloyd (Cunningham) on 03 August 1890 in Warren County, Indiana. He married 2) Effie (Duerpriest). Augustus died on 13 January 1935 at age 67y 4m 2d and is buried at State Line Cemetery.

Malinda Lloyd Cunningham was born 09 December 1865 in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana, the daughter of Cyrus Cunningham and Mary T. (Oliphant). Malinda died 11 November 1912 at age 46y 11m 2d.

Peter Higard Clem was born 05 November 1844 in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana. He was the son of Zachariah P. D. Clem and Elsie Jane (Dixon). Peter married Phoebe (Kitchen) on 01 February 1864. He died 30 August 1906.

Phoebe Kitchen was born 26 September 1845 in Warren County, Indiana, the daughter of Thomas Kitchen and Sarah Ann (Watson). Phoebe died 07 May 1923 in Warren County, Indiana. Both are buried in Upper Mound Cemetery, Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana.

Cyrus Cunningham was born 15 December 1829 in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana, the son of Thomas Cunningham and Eliza (Cunningham). They were first cousins. Cyrus married Mary T. (Oliphant) on 17 December 1855 by Esquire Elisha Rodgers at the old Cunningham house in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana, that was her parents' home. Cyrus died 04 July 1903 at his home.

Mary T. Oliphant was born 02 January 1835 in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas Oliphant and Rhoda (Tanner). Mary died 23 January 1922 age 86y 21d. They are both buried in a private cemetery on their land called Cunningham Cemetery up on a hill over-looking their property. Also, Eliza's parents are buried there plus Malinda Lloyd (Cunningham) Fox and some of her siblings.

### **References:**

- a) Death Certificate of Marguerite (Clem) Fox - Warren County Courthouse
- b) Birth - Malinda Lloyd Cunningham - page 3 - William Edward Fox Bible
- c) Birth - Augustus Elmer Clem - page 3 - William Edward Fox Bible
- d) Death - Malinda Lloyd Cunningham - page 3 - William Edward Fox Bible
- e) Death - Augustus Elmer Clem - page 4 - William Edward Fox Bible
- f) Marriage license - Augustus Clem and Lloyd Cunningham, page 497, Vol 7, Warren County, Indiana
- g) Biography on Augustus Clem and family - Warren County History Book published in 1913



- h) Birth information and parentage Marguerite Clem out of Wabash Valley News-Wed edit. 31 August 1977 by Mary McConnell. See article entitled "LOG CABIN TO BE MOVED, RESTORED!"
- i) Cemetery tombstones, birth and death dates Peter Higar Clem and Phoebe (Kitchen)
- j) Peter Clem Family also listed in book on John Clem pg 66-67
- k) Birth and death dates for Cyrus Cunningham and Mary T. (Oliphant) Warren County Hist 1913
- l) Marriage license - Cyrus Cunningham and Mary T. (Oliphant) Warren County Courthouse
- m) Obituary - Cyrus Cunningham probably out of the Williamsport, Indiana, newspaper.
- n) Obituary - Mary T. (Oliphant) Cunningham pg 1 "Covington Friend" Fri edition, January 27, 1922
- o) Biography of Cyrus Cunningham in Biographical History of Tippecanoe, White, Jasper, Newton, Benton, Warren, and Pulaski Counties - IN Vol II 1899 p 949-950
- p) 7 page unpublished manuscript on CUNNINGHAM GENEALOGY written by Scott Cunningham in 1903 part of info given by Cyrus Cunningham before his death
- q) Some of the above information was given to me by my Aunt Wilma (Fox) Gose.

## President's Message

by Curtis Lynn Older

The following listing gives the results of the September 1, 1996, Membership Survey that was mailed to all Society members. Six members returned surveys to Bill Benner. Curtis L. Older did not respond to the survey:

Issue #1. Election of officers for 1997-1998.

6 votes: all to continue current officer setup with Curtis L. Older serving in all positions.

Issue #2. Nomination of Officers.

6 votes: 2 for Curtis L. Older; 4 with no candidate nominated

Issue #3. Next Fox Family Reunion.

4 votes: 2 for Miamisburg/Cincinnati, Ohio; 1 for a central location to all members; 1 for Valley Forge; year to be held: 2 for 1998; time of year: 1 Summer and 1 Fall

Issue #4. Annual Dues.

6 votes: 4 to keep dues at \$5.00 per year; 2 to raise dues to \$10.00 per year

Issue #5. Donations.

6 votes: 4 for making no donations; 1 for PATC; 1 for when we have more members

Issue #6. Reprint *The Fox Genealogy*.

6 votes: 5 for a reprint; 1 for no reprint; (one of 5 yes votes suggested reprinting an expanded and updated version)

Issue #7. Proposed Bylaws.

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Issue #8. Any topic you care to discuss.

1 response: gave reasons for their vote on above issues.

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## President's Message Continued . . .

My analysis and recommendations related to the member survey are as follows:

1. I will continue to serve in all Officer positions of the Society for calendar years 1997 and 1998.

2. Same as above.

3. I recommend holding a one-day Fox Family Reunion at Miamisburg, Ohio, in 1998, between Memorial Day and Labor day. Frederick Fox and many of his family members are buried in Miamisburg, not far from Dayton, Ohio. Miamisburg/Dayton, Ohio, is about as central a location as we could pick, that has some relationship to Frederick Fox.

I do not recommend Valley Forge as a Reunion site at the present time. Please see the article in the current issue on the two other men named Frederick Fox at the time of the American Revolution. I do not feel at this time, based on the information I have on these two men, that either one was in the Tenth Pennsylvania, Continental line. However, I am awaiting information on the Frederick Fox who was in the Bedford, Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolution and who owned land in Bedford County, Pa. and was on their tax rolls. Bedford is not very far northwest of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Either the Frederick Fox of Bedford, Pennsylvania, must have died before the 1790 Census (somewhat unlikely since he survived Valley Forge if indeed he was the Frederick Fox of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line) or he was the same as one of the three Frederick Fox listed in the 1790 Census. I hope to produce an article entitled, *Individuals Named Frederick Fox at the Time of the American Revolution*, for the June 1 or December 1, 1997 Newsletter.

4. Dues will remain at \$5.00 per year. This seems to be about the right amount per year to cover the present printing and mailing costs of the newsletter and other Society correspondence.

5. No donations will be made by the Society or in the name of the Society to any organization. I would like for all members to be aware of the following news from the Central Maryland Heritage League in a most recent letter I received from them:

**This July, CMHL leased and moved into the Lamar Heritage and Cultural Center . . . CMHL is establishing a Civil War museum, organizing exhibits, and developing community outreach programs in the center.**

I do not know the possibility of having material related to Frederick Fox in the museum. It is something I want to look into. I am attempting to convince individuals who are working to preserve Turner's, Fox's, and Crampton's Gaps to include the history of the gaps from their earliest days, and not just as Civil War battlefield sites.

6. I recommend the reprinting of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox as a long-term goal of the Society. In conjunction with the reprint of the book, I recommend that we include any documented information relevant to descendants of anyone listed in the original book by Daniel G. Fox. Inclusion of information on descendants of those individuals listed in *The Fox Genealogy* would allow us to bring forward from 1914 to the present, update if you will, *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel G. Fox.

A reprint of *The Fox Genealogy* that included documented material on descendants of those individuals listed in the original Fox Genealogy would give the Society a reason to solicit new members. We can tell any potential new member that a benefit of joining the Society would include having their own Fox family documented information included in the reprinted version of the book.

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## President's Message Continued . . .

Each Society member need only research his or her own Fox genealogy from the present back to their latest Fox ancestor listed in *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox. All members submitted this information on their Society membership application forms. We could include the information on each membership application form as well as include information on brothers and sisters of ancestors in the Fox line in the reprinted version of the book.

7. Since I have no Bylaw changes to recommend, the Bylaws of the Society will stand as they are.

8. The above comments cover all items included in the member survey.

Please send me any comments you might have on the member Survey results and my interpretation of those results.

### **Turning to other topics, I wish to pass on the following information to the membership:**

As indicated above, I hope to complete, sometime in 1997, a report entitled, *Individuals Named Frederick Fox at the time of the American Revolution*. This report will be something we can send to historical societies in New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, at the least, to clarify who these men were or were not. It should, I hope, resolve the issue of which Frederick Fox served in the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, during the American Revolution.

A new column in this issue of the Society newsletter contains a typed copy of a will related to Frederick Fox and his descendants, ancestors, or related family member lines. The current issue of the newsletter contains the will of John Fox, father of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland.

Within the next year I hope to obtain a photographic quality color printer to go with my Macintosh computer. This will allow me to include photographic quality pictures in the Society newsletter. The pictures of maps related to Fox's Gap that are included in this newsletter are not of the best quality. The maps should give all members a good idea of the location of Fox's Gap and the surrounding area in Maryland, if they are not familiar with it.

Good progress continues on my land tract research into Crampton's Gap. Within the next year or two I should have all the earliest land tracts from Crampton's Gap to Orr's Gap in Maryland. This will include all land that is part of the Battlefield of South Mountain.

Bill Benner regrets that he was unable to submit a report for the Benner Line in this issue of the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Society this past year. Let us continue to work toward the preservation of our family genealogies. If we don't preserve our family heritage, no one else will do it for us.

Best regards to all members and their families,

Curt Older, President

## Frederick Fox Section

by Curtis Lynn Older

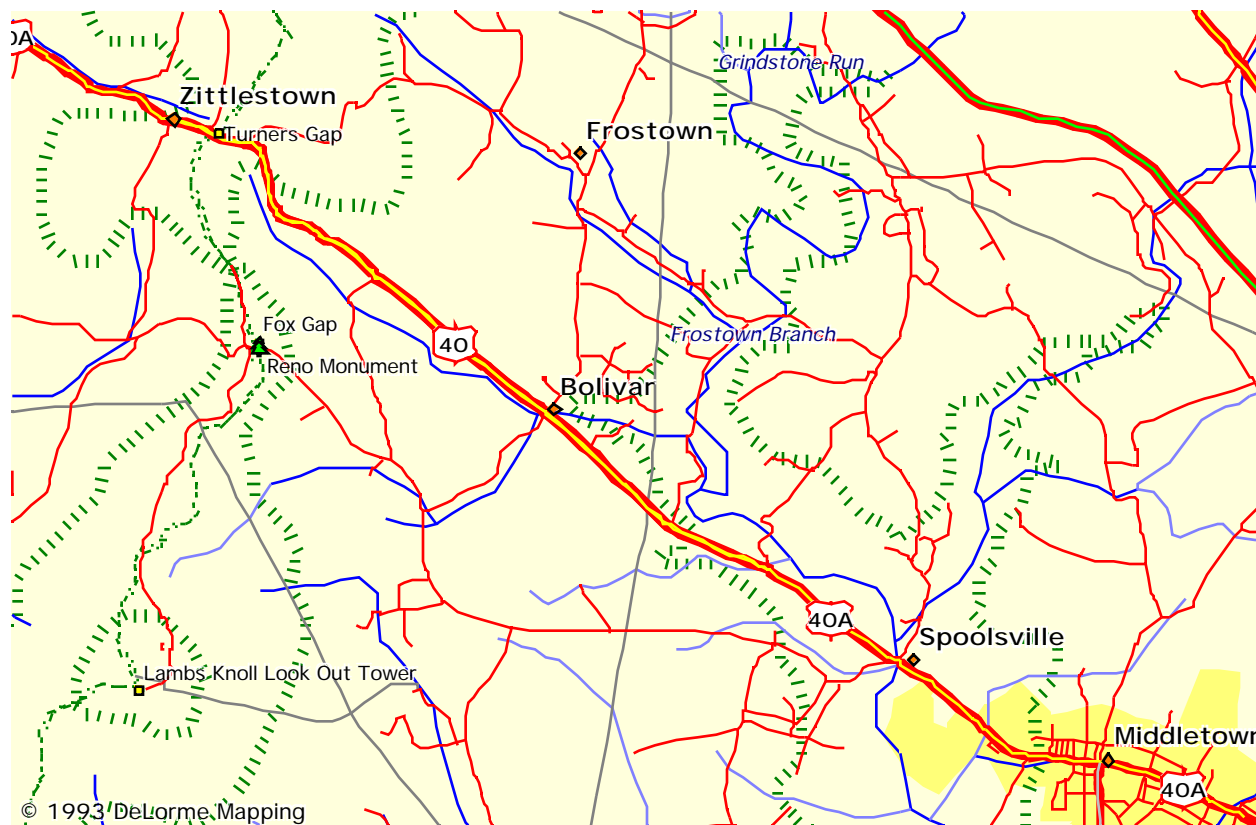
The following page shows the Flonham tract, between Fox's and Turner's Gaps, at the time the tract was sub-divided in 1842 upon the death of Philip Sheffer. Part #2 was "immediately south of the Mountain House". Philip Sheffer, who died in 1842, probably was the son of Philip Jacob Shafer who patented the tract in 1774.

The author is researching the area to the immediate north and west of the Mountain House. The research is being undertaken to determine where the Main Road from Frederick to Fort Frederick crossed the South Mountain. The turnpike road, built in the early 1800s, crossed South Mountain at the Mountain House. The turnpike did not follow the bed of the Main Road from Frederick to Ft. Frederick in the immediate vicinity on the east side of the Mountain House.

The Mountain House was one objective the Union Army sought to reach in the Battle of South Mountain, September 14, 1862. The structure still stands today and is known as the Old South Mountain Inn. It is owned by Russell and Judy Schwartz.

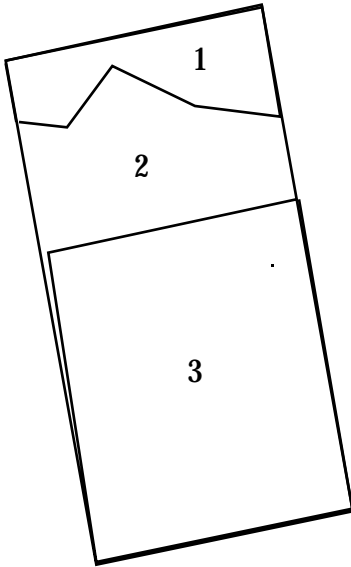
### The South and East Sides of Fox's Gap

Fox's Gap and the Reno Monument are about one mile south of Zittlestown and Turner's Gap  
 Spoolsville is where the old Sharpsburg and old Hagerstown Roads fork at the Catoctin Creek  
 Route 40A is the route of the Old National Pike through Turner's Gap  
 The road leading south from Fox's Gap goes only to the Lamb's Knoll Look Out Tower



### Flonham - From 1770 to 1842

Philip Jacob Shafer I surveys Flonham in 1770, MdHR 17,458, 1-23-4-12, August 27, 1770, 36 acres, and patents the tract in 1774, MdHR 17,455, 1-23-4-9, April 20, 1774, 36 acres, BC & GS #44, 439-40. The will of Philip Jacob Shafer I probably is at the Maryland Archives, in German, not translated, Will Index, GME-3-107, probably filed between Dec. 25 and 29, 1795. The entire tract of Flonham probably was left to Philip Sheffer II.



#### The three parts of Flonham in 1842:

1. Phillip Sheffer II to Henry Miller, 5 acres, 1826, FCLR, JS-25-372.
2. Daniel Sheffer inherits from Philip Sheffer II in 1842, 8 and 3/4 acres.
3. Philip Sheffer III inherits from Philip Sheffer II in 1842, 22 and 1/4 acres.

### Flonham in 1842

**Lot #2 above: (John W. Koogle from Mary Sheffer, Trustee, FCLR, DSB-1, 397.)**  
"part of a tract of land called Flonham of which Daniel Sheffer died seized and possessed situated on south mountain in said county and immediately on the southwest side of the turnpike road leading from Middletown to Boonsborough and adjoining the lands of Daniel Beachley, William Jones and others being and lying also immediately south of the mountain house on said turnpike and containing eight and three quarters acres of land"

**Lot #2 Above: (Madeleine V. Dahlgren from George P. and Amanda D. Sheffer, FCLR, TG-5-194.)** "being on the South Mountain in said County and immediately on the south west side of the turnpike road leading from Middletown to Boonsboro and adjoining the lands of Daniel Beachley, William Jones, the Mountain House property on said Turnpike and others, and containing eight and three quarters acres of land"

#### Lot Number 2 above, from Daniel Sheffer to Madeliene Vinton Dahlgren:

1. Daniel Sheffer inherits the 8 and 3/4 acre tract from his father, Philip Sheffer II. The will of Philip Sheffer II, written in 1841, is found in GME-2-651. "I also give to my son Philip 15 acres of Mountain land lying on the south side of the Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike Road a land called Flonham . . . the residue of my mountain land called as aforesaid Flonham lying on the south side of the turnpike aforesaid I give to my son Daniel and Philip jointly . . ." Philip and Daniel split their common portion - 7 and 1/4 acres to Philip, 8 and 3/4 acres to Daniel.

2. Mary Sheffer, Trustee, transfers "part of a tract of land called Flonham of which Daniel Sheffer died seized" to John W. Koogle, FCLR, DSB-1-397, recorded May 22nd 1867.

3. John W. Koogle transfers the tract to George P. Sheffer, FCLR, TG-3-396, recorded June 1st 1875. "all those parts of tracts of land described in the deed from Mary Sheffer trustee to the said John W. Koogle bearing date on the 22nd day of april 1867 and recorded in Liber D.S.B. No. 1 folio 397"

4. George P. and Amanda D. Sheffer transfer the tract to Madeleine Vinton Dahlgren in FCLR, TG-5-194, recorded April 25, 1876.

## Research Section

by Curtis Lynn Older

### The Great Road to Conococheague through Fox's Gap

Additional support that the Great Road to Conococheague (Williamsport, Maryland) from Frederick Town in Maryland was the same as the road that passed the Fox Inn and went through Fox's Gap appears in the records of the Frederick County August Court of 1755:

Richard Smith's petition for a license to operate his tavern "on the Great Road leading to Conococheague" is also granted.<sup>3</sup>

James Christie state that he lives "on the Great Road that leads from Frederick Town to Conococheague" and asks for a license to keep a public house there. All these petitions are granted.<sup>4</sup>

A tract named Christios (or Christie's) Folly was only a short distance northeast of the Fox Inn. A Richard Smith patented the Christios Folly tract. James Christie probably had some connection to the tract, however, there are no land records for any tract in his name. The following is taken from the transfer of part of Christios Folly from Richard Smith to Peter Beaver:

**Part of Christios Folly, Richard Smith to Peter Beaver, Frederick County, Maryland, Land Records, E-753, recorded June 19, 1755, between Richd Smith of Frederick County in the Province of Maryland Innholder of the one part & Peter Beaver of the same county & province aforesaid of the other part . . . doth fully clearly & absolutely grant bargain & sell alien & confirm unto the said Peter Beaver his heirs or assigns all that tract or parcel of land called part of Christios Folly situate lying & being in the county aforesd being part of a tract of land called Christios folly patented in that name of the aforesd Richard Smith.**

Peter Beaver owned land near the tract named Oxford, just east of the Fox Inn. This property was near the fork of the road through Turner's Gap with the road through Fox's Gap. As the road through Turner's Gap was not built until 1759 or so, the above material gives support that the Great Road to Conococheague from Frederick Town was the same as the old Sharpsburg Road in the area of the Fox Inn and must have passed through Fox's Gap.

Some historians contend the road or trail through Crampton's Gap to Conococheague was the route Dunbar's Regiment took from Frederick Town to Conococheague (Williamsport) during the Braddock Expedition of 1755. I continue to acquire the earliest land tracts in the vicinity of Crampton's Gap. Early research results indicate support for the route shown on the 1794 Dennis Griffith Map between Crampton's and Hess's on the west side of South Mountain. Hess's refers to Jacob Hess's Mill near Keedysville, a building that still stands today. Crampton's refers to Thomas Crampton's home at Crampton's Gap near Burkittsville.

A present road on the east side of South Mountain leads from Burkittsville (Crampton's Gap) and intersects the old Sharpsburg Road at the Fox Inn.

<sup>1</sup> Millard M. Rice, *This Was the Life* excerpts from the judgment records of Frederick County, Md. 1748-1765 (Redwood City, California: Monocacy Book Company, 1979), 166.

<sup>2</sup> Millard M. Rice, *This Was the Life* excerpts from the judgment records of Frederick County, Md. 1748-1765 (Redwood City, California: Monocacy Book Company, 1979), 166.

## Archives Section

by Curtis L. Older

The Library of Congress selected *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* by Curtis Lynn Older for inclusion in its local history holdings. Notification was received by a letter dated June 19, 1996, from Donald P. Panzera of the Library of Congress.

The Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Maryland, added the self-published book by Curtis Lynn Older entitled, *The Land Tracts of Fox's Gap including material on Crampton's, Orr's, and Turner's Gap* to its holdings.

The book may be found under a special collection set up in the Maryland Archives under the name of Curtis Older. The book will be updated over the years as new land tracts become available. Improved master tract drawings also are in process. Current work consists of acquiring and adding those land tracts from the vicinity of Fox's Gap to Crampton's Gap.

The Palatines to America Library, Capital University, Box 101, Columbus, Ohio. 43209-2394, received a copy of *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland*.

**Please notify  
the President of the Society  
regarding any errors you find in the current issue of the Newsletter.**

### **Topics in the next issue of News from Fox's Gap, June 1, 1997:**

1. Occupations of residents along the old Sharpsburg Road in the 1700s
2. Link Ancestors of Elizabeth Ann Link, wife of George Fox
3. Ancestors of William Edward Fox
4. The Frederick Fox of New York and Pennsylvania in the 1790 U. S. Census
5. Land Records Related to Crampton's Gap
6. The will of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland
7. The Battle of South Mountain - Some Newspaper Accounts

**Proposed for 1998:** *Clara Barton and the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam*

## Frederick Fox in the American Revolution

by Curtis L. Older

This new section of the Newsletter will contain material related to the service of Frederick Fox in the American Revolution.

### Patriot's Oaths of Fidelity and Support, 1778 - Sharpsburgh Hundred

Washington County, Maryland. Patriot's Oath, March Court, 1778.

"A List of Persons in Washington County Who Have Taken The Following Oath Before the Different Magistrates Mentioned Below; and Returned by Them to Washington County Court."

The Worshipfull Chrs. Cruso's Returns.

A True Copy of the Free Male Taxibils of Sharpsburgh and Lower Antietam Hundred. I do hereby Certify that the hereafter foloing hath Voluntarily taken and Subscribed to Oath of Allegience and Fidelity as Directed by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland Passed the 5th day of Feb. 1777.

Witness my hand and Seal the 2d Day of March, 1778.

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Cohan, Levy                    | 46. Ham, Peter            |
| 2. Reynolds, Joseph (son of John) | 47. Meyer, Lodowick       |
| 3. Walker, William                | 48. Wilson, Walter        |
| 4. Smith, Joseph                  | 49. Hybargor, Conarod     |
| 5. Reynolds, John Jr.             | 50. Kifer, George         |
| 6. Kupro, Philip                  | 51. Hill, Peter           |
| 7. Baker, Mark                    | 52. Kuhns, Mathias        |
| 8. Wilkins, John                  | 53. Smith, George         |
| 9. Chapline, Moses                | 54. Helfenstone, Nicholas |
| 10. Stewart, James                | 55. Deal, Philip          |
| 11. Smith, Lorance                | 56. Deal, George          |
| 12. Shepard, Thomas               | 57. Power, Edward         |
| 13. Walter, William               | 58. Spangler, Mathew      |
| 14. Tamin, Ambroce                | 59. Batos, Philip         |
| 15. Ewart, James                  | 60. Beall, Basil          |
| 16. Widmyer, William              | 61. Sam, Nicholas         |
| 17. Nervill, William Jr.          | 62. Kiphart, John         |
| 18. Nervill, Joseph               | 63. Hybargor, Abraham     |
| 19. Bradford, William             | 64. Brown, Edward         |
| 20. Jackson, Hugh                 | 65. Dick, Peter           |
| 21. Kuhno, Frederick              | 66. Meyer, Michl. Sr.     |
| 22. Read, William                 | 67. Flick, William        |
| 23. Peek, George                  | 68. Fitch, James          |
| 24. Guselor, Phillip              | 69. Hoffman, Richard      |
| 25. Spang, Leonard                | 70. Hill, James           |
| 26. Waggoner, Phillip             | 71. Tussy, Jaco           |
| 27. McKoy, Thomas                 | 72. Meyer, George         |
| 28. Shop, Jacob                   | 73. Brown, James          |
| 29. Bohrer, George                | 74. Chapline, Jeremiah    |
| 30. Chapline, James               | 75. Meyer, Peter          |
| 31. Hethrick, Vernon              | 76. Pofsenbarger, John    |
| 32. Bremick, Daniel               | 77. Rockenback, Jacob     |
| 33. Fox, George                   | 78. Meyer, Jacob          |



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| 34. Hyms, Andrew          | 79. Meyer, Adam             |
| 35. Marker, Michael       | 80. Piper, Jacob (farmer)   |
| 36. Macsgemer, John       | 81. Kretoor, Leonard        |
| 37. Steward, Thomas       | 82. Pofsenbargor, Valentine |
| 38. McColough, Samuel     | 83. Hershman, Phillip       |
| 39. Baker, Abraham        | 84. Flick, Adam             |
| 40. Knote, John           | 85. Millor, David           |
| 41. Reynolds, Francis     | 86. Sandman, Jacob          |
| 42. Fox, Frederick        | 87. Hyms, John              |
| 43. Norman, James         | 88. Wise, Peter             |
| 44. Neith, Thomas         | 89. Stridor, Kilian         |
| 45. Lingenfelter, Abraham | 90. Yeats, John             |

(Lower Antetom Hundred not included in Listing)

I do Certify that those below mentioned has solemnly, Sincerely, truly and affirm to the Oaths above mentioned. Before me CHR. CRUSO

**Maryland Historical Society Records**  
**Washington County, Maryland**  
**A List of Officers & Men in Capt. Joseph Chapline's Company**

1 Lieut. James Chapline; 2 Lieut Thomas Crampton; Ensign James Stewart  
1st Class: John Norris; George Langanfelder; Lewis Wilson; Jahn Hymes; Peter Wagoner; Peter Hill; Peter Myres; Thomas McKoy; Thomas Jackson; Daniel Beall  
2nd Class: Robert Cammel; William Whitemire; Frederick Cairns; Andrew Hymes; George Deale; James McNutt; James Fitch; William Roberts; William McNutt; William Patterson  
3rd Class: Jacob Tussy; John Duncan; George Bower; Edward Power; William Bradford; Barnard McNutt; Robert Huffman; David Jackson; Thomas Jones  
4th Class: Benadict Igonder; Frederick Fox; David Miller; Peter Wise; Jacob Walter; Robert McNutt; Bennona Swearengan<sup>5</sup>; William Reed; Frederick Mirs (Moss?)  
5th Class: Henry Igonder; Michael Fox<sup>6</sup>; Jacob Sulf; William Renwick; Jacob Saintaman; Alexr. McNutt; James McKoy Junr.; John Ferguson Junr.; Raymon Shanton  
6th Class: Phillip Smith; Philip Deale; William Strider; Conrod Highburger; Frederick Myres; Joseph Morrison; Robert Renwick; Ozias Crampton; Henry Boyer  
7th Class: Michael Marker; Ludwick Crotzinger; John Mahaman; Abraham Highbarger; John Wilkins; thomas Sheapheard; James Norman; Ignatious Thompson; George Myre  
8th Class: Varner Hatnick; Teter Wise; Leonard Spong; Daniel Branch; Jacob Bruner; George Fredk. Waterbager; John McKoy; John Burroughs; Moses Chapline. [Militia Lists of Daus. of Founders and Patriots, held by Md. Hist. Soc.]

[Note: There is no date indicated on the above Muster Roll. It seems likely the roll was taken during the period of early 1775 to early 1777. A similar type of roll on page 243 of the same book contains the following inscription:

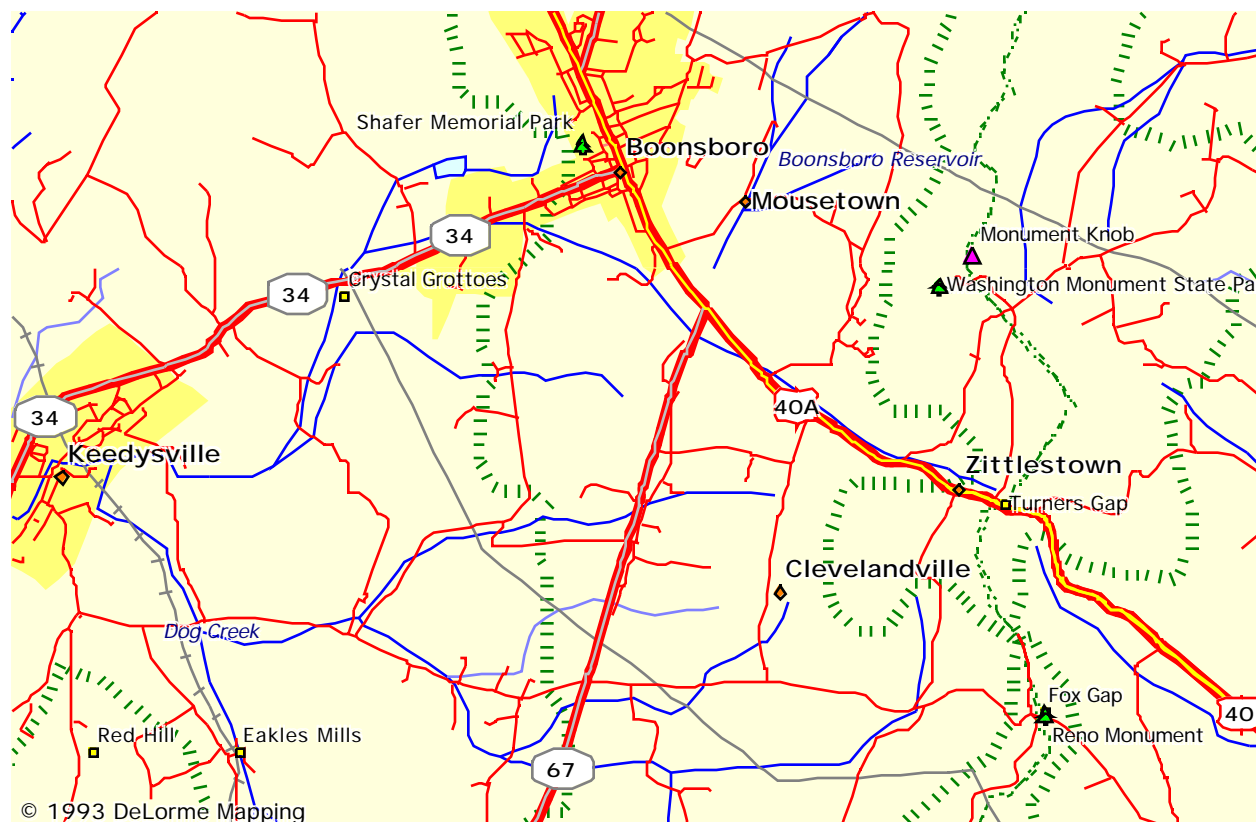
We whose names are thereunto Subscribed do enroll ourselves into a Company of Militia agreeable to the Resolves of the Provincial Convention held at the City of Annapolis this 26th Day of July 1775. We do hereby promise and Engage that we will Respectfully March to such places within this province and at such times as we shall be commanded by the Convention or Councill of Convention or Councill of Safety and there with our whole might fight against whomsoever we shall be Commanded by such Authority as aforesaid -- Witness our hands this 28th Day of August 1776.]

### Footnotes for the Preceding Page

- <sup>1</sup> Probably the owner of Swearingen's Ferry after inheriting it in 1762 on the death of his father, Thomas Swearingen the Elder of the Ferry.
- <sup>2</sup> Probably the brother of Frederick Fox.

### The Area on the North and West Sides of Fox's Gap

Fox's Gap and the Reno Monument appear in the lower right corner  
 Route 40A (Alternate 40) passes through Middletown, Turner's Gap, and Boonsboro  
 Route 40A was the route of the Old National Pike or National Road  
 The old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap passes just south of Clevelandville and Keedysville  
 The route leading south from Fox's Gap goes only to the Lambs Knoll Look Out Tower  
 Fox's Gap and Turner's Gap are on the Appalachian Trail along the mountain crest  
 Washington Monument State Park (first monument to George Washington) is just north of Turner's Gap



## Wills

by Curtis L. Older

This new section of the Newsletter will include one typewritten version of a will that has significance to the preservation efforts of the Society. The first will to be included is the will of John Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland, the father of Frederick Fox.

**Will of John Fox** Washington County, Maryland, Book A Liber 102, (probated December 4, 1784).

In the name of God Amen I John Fox of Sharpsburg Washington County and State of Maryland being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally & first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give devise and dispose of the Same in the following manner and (form?)

First I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Christina all that I do possess of during her Natural life and at her Death it is well that my Son Frederick shall have the Clocke? and one half of the skindressing tools used my son Michael is to have the Young Mare with the Other half of the Aforesaid tools and also my Wearing Apearel Except my fine fure hat which I leave to Frederick, and the remaining and Residue of my Estate I leave and bequeath unto my Children and Grand Children Viz? as follows, Frederick, Magdelin & Michael is to have three fourth of it divided Equally amongst them and the remaining fourth part I give and Bequeath unto my live Grand Children, Elizabeth & Catherine Furtney, and also I leave and bequeath unto my Oldest Son Daniel and my Daughter Rachel five shillings Each to be paid when demanded And also I Constitute and appoint my Wife Christina and my Son Frederick to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly dissallow revoke and dissamert? all and every Other Testaments Wills Legacies bequests and Executove by me in any wise before named Willed and bequesthed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17 day of January in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred & Eighty four?

Signed Sealed published & delivered before  
the Said John Fox as his last Will and

John X Fox (seal)  
his mark

Testament in the presence of us who in his  
presence and in the presence of each other  
have hereto subscribed our names

Peter Dick Mathias Coons Christopher Cruse

## Questions and Answers

(Members may submit questions to the Society President for inclusion in this column of the newsletter. Selected questions and answers, if known, will be published.)

**Question: (by Curtis L. Older)** How many men named Frederick Fox appear in the First Census of the United States in 1790?

**Answer: (by Curtis L. Older)** . The name *Frederick Fox*, while not unique, was rare in the late 1700s. Only three men named Frederick Fox appear in records that survive from the 1790 Census of the United States. Some state records for the First Census of the United States did not survive. Records for Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia, and Georgia were destroyed or lost. The 1790 Virginia Census records have been reconstructed from other sources.

There was a Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town in New York, one in Philadelphia County in Pennsylvania, and our Frederick Fox who lived in Maryland. There was no Frederick Fox listed in the 1790 Census for the following states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Vermont.

### The First Census of the United States - 1790

Pennsylvania -	one Frederick Fox listed for the state on page 203, Philadelphia County
Maryland -	one Frederick Fox listed for the state on page 66, Frederick County (Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland)
New York -	one Frederick Fox listed for the state on page 106, German Flatts Town, Montgomery County
Connecticut -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state
Delaware -	census records for 1790 no longer exist
Georgia -	included the present areas of Alabama and Mississippi, records no longer exist
Kentucky -	part of Virginia in 1790
Massachusetts -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state
New Hampshire -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state
New Jersey -	census records for 1790 no longer exist
Maine -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state (Maine was part of Massachusetts in 1790)
North Carolina -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state
Rhode Island -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state (admitted May 29, 1790, last of original 13)
Tennessee -	part of North Carolina in 1790
South Carolina -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state
Vermont -	admitted to the Union in 1791
Virginia -	no Frederick Fox listed in the state, 1790 census records have been reconstructed

The Frederick Fox listed in the 1790 New York Census, page 106, lived in German Flatts Town, Montgomery County. His household consisted of 2 males above 16 years of age, 3 males less than 16, 5 females, and 2 slaves. The Frederick Fox listed in the 1790 Pennsylvania census, page 203, lived in Philadelphia County. His household consisted of 1 male over 16 years of age and 2 females. Additional material on the men named Frederick Fox who lived in New York and Pennsylvania at the time of the 1790 Census will appear in the next Newsletter. Total United States population in 1790, exclusive of slaves, was 3,231,533.

## Items for Sale Available through the Society

Members are reminded the Society has available for sale, at cost to the Society, many pictures related to Fox's Gap in Maryland as well as pictures of descendants of Frederick Fox. The items available are listed in the June 1, 1996, Newsletter and will appear again in the June 1, 1997, Newsletter.

The Society hopes to acquire within the next few months a picture of the Jacob Ricketts family. Jacob Ricketts was the father of Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, wife of Daniel Alexander Fox.

## Membership Section

### The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

#### New members since the Newsletter of June 1, 1996:

<u>Name Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Date of Membership</u>	<u>Membership Number</u>
Mildred F. Metcalf 1819 Garfield Avenue Salt Lake City, Utah 84108	1-xxx-484-9024	June 1, 1996	0016

Mildred is the daughter of Kenneth B. Fox who is listed on page 96 of *The Fox Genealogy*.

Teresa Rose Fox 6168 Shadow Lane Citrus Heights, California 95621	916-722-4185	June 7, 1996	0017
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Teresa is the daughter of James Joseph Fox, Society member #12, of San Antonio, Texas.

**All members of the Society welcome the latest additions to our membership!**

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# News from Fox's Gap

The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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Remember Freedom!

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## Some Newspaper Accounts Related to the Battle of South Mountain

The following four newspaper accounts describe momentous events in September 1862, i.e., the Battle of South Mountain, the Battle of Antietam, and the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. These articles describe some of the events that transformed Fox's Gap into hallowed ground.

In mid-September 1862, America truly held its breath. The citizens of the North were in a state of great anxiety as the Army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E. Lee invaded Maryland in early September. Until that time, the Union Army had met with many setbacks in the East. Did Lee have his eye set on capturing Philadelphia, Baltimore, or perhaps Washington? Could the rebels be stopped?

The Battles of South Mountain and Antietam ended Lee's invasion. The Battle of South Mountain began at Fox's Gap about 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 14, 1862.

### **Chicago Tribune**

**Friday, September 19, 1862.**

The Great Victory and the Jubilation of the People.

The news of the glorious **victories** at the East, after the long days of feverish anxiety and trembling suspense, lifted a load off the hearts of the people. The splendid aggregate-the victory, the capture of arms, of batteries, of wagon trains, of whole regiments, the death of rebel generals, the environment of the rebel hordes by the hosts of freedom-was like the bursting of the sun through a thunder cloud. It shed a whole stream of light where before had been darkness; it inspired with hope, lifted off the weight of anxiety, and filled all hearts with the buoyant joy of future safety.

The clouds had passed away-The Republic was safe-Treason was in its death throes.

Men walked more erect, breathed freer, and were filled with a calm satisfaction and thorough assurance that the storm had passed over. The old flag was flung out to the breeze again from the house tops. Eager crowds thronged about the bulletins, read the condensed statements of the victory. They spread from lip to lip, and went through the city by the human telegraph almost with the rapidity of lightning. The suddenness of the good news, and its splendid culmination, were fairly stunning, and every man for the nonce was a doubting Thomas. In the midst of all the good news, however much allowance was to be made, the fact of a great victory seemed patent beyond contradiction.

The Tribune shared in the general jubilation. It cared not what troops bore the brunt, whether Eastern or Western; it cared not what general led on those troops, so long as that general planned and those troops won a great victory. All it wanted was a fight, a telling blow at treason, and when the news came that that blow had been struck, after the long months of waiting, of suspense of disaster, it did not stop to ask who struck the blow. The Union was paramount to the General. It only knew that treason had been struck down, and that the Union was triumphant.

Therefore it felt justified in going crazy; in illuminating its windows from roof to basement; in filling the air with fire from rocket and candle. From the roof, Vaas & Dean's splendid Light Guard Band pealed forth as they never did before the national anthems, commanding the involuntary applause of the thousands below them. Our own jubilation was shared by the immense crowds in the street, who were equally confident with us, of victory. We join with them and with everybody in congratulation that we have passed through the valley of humiliation; that we are standing upon the heights of Triumph and can shout Hallelujah.



**Washington Post** (Front page, upper right column.)  
**September 18, 1865**  
**The Battlefield**

The late battle field of Sunday presents a most sickening aspect, the work of burying the dead having not yet been half finished. The field extends over an area of several miles, and a portion of it is thickly dotted with trenches and graves into which the bodies have been thrown, while other positions have not yet been reached by the working parties. Four days having past, ?? hot ?, their condition can be better imagined than described. They lie in all manners of contortions, some of them as black as ink, and swollen up ready to burst. **At one point in a mud road to the left of the turnpike, nearly four hundred bodies are strewn thickly over less than an acre of ground, all of them in the unmistakable Rebel garb.**

The Federal? losses? ??? after the fight, and were comparatively very few in number. Indeed the loss in this great battle on Sunday on our side but trifling ? as less than nine hundred wounded, including several ??? to Middletown, and are now receiving attention in ? large churches and other buildings on the main street. Today fully one half of them were sent to Frederick in ambulances mostly ? with ? slight wounds in their hands and arms.

There are a large number of visitors to the battlefield, and some few ??? close proximity to the lines. The stench, however, is so offensive, that an extensive exploration is not generally deemed very desirable.

(**Author's Note:** The mud road to the left of the turnpike undoubtedly was the old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap. This article indicates the number of Confederate dead at Fox's Gap alone exceeded the number many authors give as the total Confederate death toll in the Battle of South Mountain.)

**Chicago Tribune**  
**probably Monday, September 22, 1862**  
**The Eighth Illinois Cavalry at Boonsboro**  
[Correspondence N. Y. Tribune]  
**Boonsboro, Md, Sept. 15, 1862.**

**The most complete victory of the war was gained yesterday.** We stormed and took the rebel Gibraltar. **Braver and more desperate fighting was never before seen on the continent.** McDowell's corps, now under the command of Gen. Hooker, fully redeemed themselves from their disaster at Bull Run. Forming the right of the army, they had the most difficult task assigned them.

The left wing under command of General Reno, fought with bravery only equal by the that of the right. Generals Cox and Willcox, commanding the divisions engaged managed their troops admirably. Both right and left wings and center slept upon the battleground. This morning as day began to break in the east, it was discovered that the enemy had gone, leaving us his dead and wounded upon the battlefield, his hospitals along the road filled with the wounded and many thousand stand of arms thrown away in their flight. The moment their retreat was discovered the 8th Illinois, Col. Farnsworth, was sent out in pursuit at the rear guard. At Boonsboro - the village in which I am now writing - he came in sight of the 4th Virginia cavalry, drawn up in the main street preparing for a charge. Col. Farnworth, at the head of his men suddenly burst upon them, and drove them through the village, killing and wounding all that remained of that once splendid regiment. One of the officers taken prisoner this moment told me "that the regiment was about gone, that we had finished them." The 8th Illinois cavalry is beyond doubt one of the best regiments in the service. Regular officers who are always slow in bestowing praise upon volunteers speak in high terms of it, and pronounce it equal to their own pet regiments, who, as yet, have done nothing but fancy duty during the war.

(**Author's Note:** This article certainly gives a positive evaluation of the Union effort in the battle. The writer's slant towards the part played by General Hooker's troops in the battle is evident.)

**Chicago Tribune**

**Chicago, Friday, September 26, 1862**

Great Ovation at Washington.

Speeches by President Lincoln, Secretary Chase, and Cassius M. Clay.

Enthusiasm of the people for Emancipation.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

Washington, Sept 24, 1862.

There was a grand popular ovation this evening, over the president's proclamation. The crowd first assembled at the executive mansion, and surrounded the president. Having been cheered and called for, he appeared at an upper window, and spoke as follows:

The President's Remarks

Fellow Citizens: I appear before you to do little more than acknowledge the courtesy you pay me, and thank you for it. I have not been distinctly informed why it is you appear to do me this honor, though I suppose it is because of the proclamation. [Cries of good, and applause.] What I did, I did after a very full deliberation and under a very heavy and solemn sense of responsibility. I can only trust in God I have made no mistake. [Cries of "no mistake," "all right"] I shall make no attempt on this occasion to sustain what I have done or said, by any comment. It is now for the country and the world to pass judgement upon it, and may be take action upon it. I will say no more upon this subject.

In my position I am environed with difficulties, yet they are scarcely so great as the difficulties of those who upon the battlefield are endeavoring to purchase with their blood and their lives the future happiness and prosperity of this county. [Applause, long continued.] Let us never forget them. On the 14th and 17th of this present month, there have been battles, bravely, skillfully, and successfully fought. We do not yet know the particulars. Let us be sure that in giving praise to particular persons, we do no injustice to others. I only ask you, at the conclusion of these few remarks, to give three hearty cheers for all the good and brave officers and men who fought those successful battles."

Cheer after cheer was given, when the president bade the crowd good night, and withdrew.

(**Author's Note:** Please refer to the **Afterword** in *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* by Curtis Lynn Older for additional material on the Battle of South Mountain and related events.)

## Membership Drive

The main objective of each member of the Society is to recruit at least one new member of the Society each year. The new member should not have been a previous member of the Society.

A number of members from 1996 did not renew their membership in 1997. Please see the President's message for a new objective that he has set for the Society. The new objective is one that I hope will give motivation to everyone to help preserve and expand this organization.

## President's Message

by Curtis Lynn Older

My study of history and economics has confirmed my conviction that the following is true:

**When a society has more freedom, it will have more resources;  
when a society has more resources, it will have more freedom.**

I am convinced that you can have no more freedom than the freedom you can obtain under Christianity. Because God is completely free, there is nothing He cannot do. He has unlimited resources.

It was impossible for the South to have more resources than the North at the time of the Civil War. A society that is less free cannot generate the resources of a society that is more free. It is impossible to give citizens less personal freedom and thereby create more resources in the society.

The power of this statement tells us that all we have to do to defeat Communism, or any other foe, is to do what we want to do! What we do must be within the bounds of Christianity.

Although I do not have adequate data available, I am convinced that the United States, on July 4, 1776, was the most powerful nation in the world! A war cannot be won without the resources to do so.

I know of nothing illegal with teaching the above truth in the public school system. We may not be able to pray in public schools but we can teach the inevitable conclusion that comes from the study of world history. Pharaohs, kings, dictators, emperors, communists, and socialists cannot produce the resources in their society that a democracy can produce.

If the American Indians were free, why didn't they produce anything other than teepees and bows and arrows? The American Indian could not have been free. Their mind was not free. They worshiped other gods. Their society was frozen in time.

Let's start a new campaign. I would like to call it, **Remember Freedom!** If we can get across the idea of the importance of freedom, we will see a return to values in our school systems. America is great only because it is under God.

We need to remember Frederick Fox and the American Revolution. In a free market society, every job is an important job. George Washington needed a drummer. Frederick Fox was there. Abraham Lincoln needed a win over the Confederates to free the slaves. Fox's Gap was there.

The following is a proposed schedule for the proposed Fox Family Reunion in Miamisburg, Ohio, Sunday, May 31, 1998.

I would like to propose the following agenda for the Reunion:

7:00 to 8:00 PM	Saturday May 30	Check-in at local motel
8:00 to 9:30 AM	Sunday May 31	Breakfast at a local Miamisburg restaurant
11:00 AM	Sunday May 31	Attend church service at the Gebhart or St. John Church adjacent the cemetery
12:15 to 1:45 PM	Sunday May 31	Lunch at a local Miamisburg restaurant
2:00 to 3:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Visit the St. John or Gebhart Cemetery and the gravesite of Frederick Fox

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3:00 to 5:00 PM	Sunday May 31	A meeting of the participants in the Reunion - Discussion leader will be Curtis L. Older
5:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Depart for home

[Note: Monday, June 1 is the Memorial Day holiday, allowing everyone a day to return home]

The Reunion is scheduled for 1998, not 1997! Please advise me as early as possible if you feel you might attend. I would like some idea as to the number of possible participants.

## The Daniel Booker Fox Line

by Curtis Lynn Older

### A Tribute to Robert H. Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio

(from the Dayton Daily News, Dayton, Ohio, Wednesday, November 27, 1996)

**Robert H. Fox, 85:** A former editor of an AFL-CIO newspaper that served an organized labor audience in the Cincinnati area; Wednesday of complications from emphysema, in Cincinnati.

In 1962, Mr. Fox became editor of the *Cincinnati Chronicle*, the weekly newspaper of the Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council. He left the newspaper in 1967 to become editor of the monthly publication of the Cincinnati-based Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union. He started a career as a freelance writer in the early 1970s.

He died Wednesday at Hospice of Cincinnati. A Mass of Christian burial was Tuesday at St. Mary Church.

He is survived by a son, two daughters, three brothers, a sister and four grandchildren.

Robert H. Fox and I corresponded over two or three years during the period I researched my book, *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland*. Robert was responsible for the picture of Daniel Booker Fox that appeared in my book. The Daniel Booker Fox picture is the oldest known picture in existence of a descendant of Frederick Fox. Robert also sent me a picture of the pitcher said to have been used by George Washington at the Fox Inn.

I was fortunate to learn of Robert H. Fox through a publication entitled *Western Maryland Genealogy* and published by the Catoctin Press in Maryland. I visited with Robert one afternoon at his home in Cincinnati, probably during the summer of 1993. At that time, I took a picture of a gun he owned that belonged to Frederick Fox. Robert received the gun as a gift from Daniel Gebhart Fox, the author of *The Fox Genealogy*.

While I have studied the life and times of Frederick Fox and Fox's Gap in Maryland for the past five or six years, my study has been rather short compared to that of Robert. Robert was a student of the Fox family for many, many years. He probably dabbled in the subject for more than 60 years. He, no doubt, was the single most ardent and knowledgeable student of the John Fox and Frederick Fox families, as well as the Bartholomew Booker family. He corresponded with many individuals interested in the Fox family and related lines. I can say with complete correctness that he leaves a void that will never be filled.

## The George Fox Line

by Curtis Lynn Older

The following members of the Society are descended from George Fox, son of Frederick Fox:

Toni Farol Bice - Society #0018

Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008

Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009

Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011

Richard Dale Fox Sr. - Society #0015

Richard Dale Fox Jr. - Society #0019

Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003

William Ernest Fox - Society #0002

Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010

Mildred F. Metcalf - Society #00016

Curtis Lynn Older - Society #0001

Rachael Lynn Older - Society #0020

All of the above members also are descended from John L. Fox, a son of George Fox, and from Daniel Alexander Fox, a son of John L. Fox.

### Link Ancestors of Elizabeth Ann Link, wife of George Fox

Elizabeth Ann Link (Jan. 28, 1784 - Mar. 9, 1872) of Shepherdstown, Virginia, married George Fox, the owner of the Fox Inn and a son of Frederick Fox, on August 9, 1807.<sup>1</sup> She was born January 28, 1784.<sup>2</sup> She was the daughter of John Adam Link II and Jane Ogle. The will of John Adam Link II mentions his daughter, Elizabeth Fox. Also see the estate papers of George Fox. Elizabeth and a son, Adam, were the executors of the estate of George Fox.

The following material appears in *The Link Family* by Paxson Link of Paris, Illinois, published in 1951:

**John Adam Link II** is worthy of an especial presentation in the history of his people in America. He held high rank in character with his forefathers and moved forward in culture and living standards. While he bore the appellation of Junior in the family circle he received no special favors. Indeed, he came off short with his brothers in the father's 1st testament. As he grew in years he became frugal and sagacious. On the last day in the year 1756, this fifth child was born to John Adam Link I and Elizabeth Miller in their Oley Hill home. On June 29, 1782, he was commissioned Ensign in Captain Peter Barrick's Company, the Catoctin Battalion, Militia of Frederick county, Maryland, in the home of Valentine Creager, a close neighbor of John Adam II. On April 15, 1783, John Adam Link II and Jane Ogle, accompanied by her brother and sister and his father and brother, Jacob, were married in the Frederick Lutheran Church.<sup>3</sup>

**John Adam Link I**, the first child of John Jacob Link and Anna Magdalena Neuwirth, was born in Grossgartach, Germany, October 13, 1721. John Adam I married Maria Elizabeth Miller (Muller) January 31, 1748, according to the Augustus Lutheran Church records. The Hill Church record gives the date as "Second Sunday after Epiphany" in 1748. **Maria Elizabeth Miller**, was a daughter of John Jacob Miller and Maria Magdalene Gerber. They came from Germany on Johnson's "Galley of London," Commander Davis, September 18, 1732.<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth was born May 17, 1728.

**John Jacob Link** (Hans Jacob Linck). John Jacob Link, with Anna Magdalena Neuwirth (Ana Madlena), his wife, and their four children, landed at Philadelphia, August 28, 1733. They came from Grossgartach, Germany. No children of record were born to John Jacob and his first wife, Elizabeth. John Jacob Link was an ancestor of Dwight David Eisenhower, President of the United States.

Please see the section on Items for Sale Available through the Society on page 18. Several pictures are available that relate to the Link family discussed above.

## **The Descent of President Dwight David Eisenhower from John Jacob Link**

1. John Jacob Link and his wife were the parents of John Matthias Link.
2. John Matthias Link and Anna Mary Christina Schmit, had 10 children, one of which was Peter Link who was born in Frederick County, Maryland 26 May 1765.
3. Peter Link had a son William Link, born 24 October 1795 in Augusta County, Virginia.
4. William Link had a daughter, Elizabeth Ida (Juda) Link who married Simon P. Stover.
5. Simon P. Stover and Elizabeth Ida (Juda) Link had a daughter, Ida Elizabeth Stover who married David Jacob Eisenhower.
6. David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover were the parents of Dwight David Eisenhower.

### Letter from Dwight D. Eisenhower

Commander of American Forces in Europe during World War II; President of Columbia University; President of the United States, 1953-61.

Columbia University  
in the City of New York  
New York 27 N Y  
Office of the President

Dear Mr. Link:

You are doing a great work in collecting and preserving for future generations the complete history of the Link family from their first arrival in America to this day. What has been accomplished by that one family through the centuries is an integral part of the American heritage and should not be forgotten. Yet family records and traditions, unless compiled in a permanent and secure form, are fatally subject to the ravages of time. Fortunately, a few men most zealous in the guardianship of our heritage have given years of their lives to the gathering and assembling of American family history. You are one of them, and I salute you for your effort.

(signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mr. Paxson Link  
Paris  
Illinois

## **Descendants of Ernest Daniel Fox**

by William Ernest Fox

The following members of the Society are descended from Ernest Daniel Fox, a son of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox:

William Ernest Fox - Society #0002

Ernest Daniel Fox was born 1 December 1885 near Gessie, Vermillion County, Indiana. He was a son of Daniel Alexander Fox and his wife Elizabeth Jane Ricketts. Ernest Daniel Fox married Lola Frances Jackson on 8 January 1908 in Vermilion County, Illinois. She was born 1 January 1890 and died 28 June 1943. Ernest Daniel Fox died 3 October 1940 at Lakeview Hospital in Danville, Illinois. He is buried at Niccum Cemetery in Vermilion County, Illinois.

The children of Ernest Daniel Fox and his wife Lola Frances Jackson were:

1) Claude Ernest Fox, born 8 January 1910 in Gessie, Indiana; married 14 December 1929 in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana; died 24 June 1962 in Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan; buried in Restlawn Cemetery, Muskegon, Michigan. His wife was Elizabeth Pauline Pearson. She was born 6 April 1911 in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana. Her parents were Francis Marion Pearson and Martha Estel Rayphole.

2) Kenneth Leslie Fox, born 27 November 1912 in Gessie, Indiana; buried in Niccum Cemetery, Vermilion County, Illinois. His wife was Mary Frances Wichman. She was born 25 July 1915 in Danville, Illinois; died 31 August 1994. Her parents were Fred F. Wichman and Matilda Meinke.

3) Ruth Ethel Fox, born 15 June 1914 in Gessie, Indiana; married 26 November 1934 in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana; died 19 June 1987 in Danville, Illinois, buried with her husband. She married Frank Berton Moss. He was born 11 April 1913 in Vermilion County, Illinois; died 2 August 1990 in Danville, Illinois; buried in the Old Walnut Corner Cemetery near Danville, Illinois. His parents were Rolla Oliver Moss and Merle Hoover.



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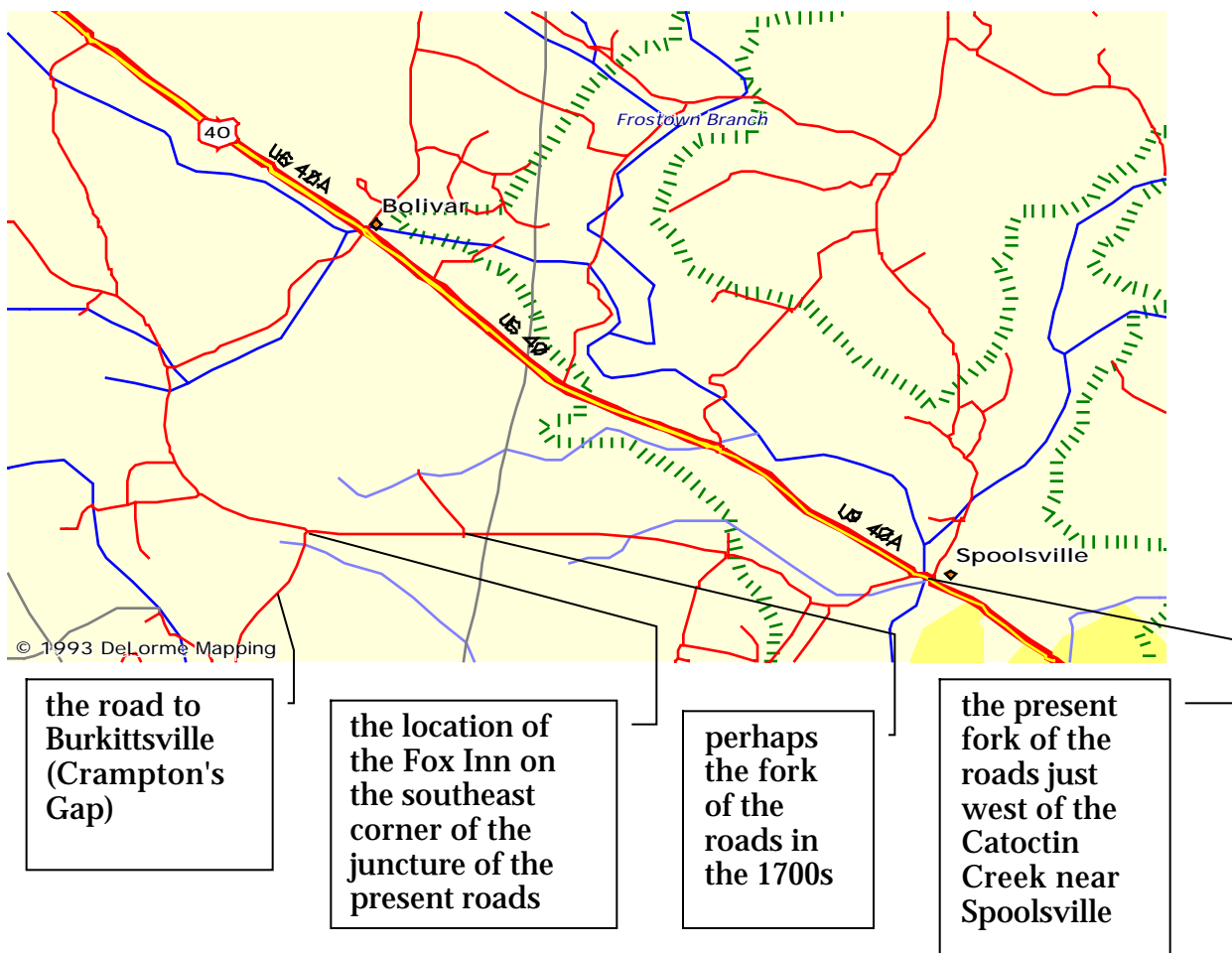
## The Fork of the Roads through Turner's and Fox's Gaps

by Curtis Lynn Older

The material presented on this page and the following four pages identifies the roads and land tracts in the vicinity of the Fox Inn and to the north of the Fox Inn. Land tract records support the conclusion that the road through Turner's Gap in the 1700s, ie., the Main Road from Frederick to Fort Frederick, led out of the road through Fox's Gap, ie., the old Sharpsburg Road. The turnpike, built in the early 1800s, followed the roadbed of the Main Road from Frederick to Fort Frederick for the most part. This statement is supported by the 1792? Map of the road from Williamsport to Turner's Gap that is in the Maryland Archives.

By the time of the Civil War, the turnpike did not meet the old Sharpsburg Road just east of the Fox Inn. Sometime between 1840 and 1860, the turnpike was straightened to take its current route. At the present time, the road through Turner's Gap meets the old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap near the Catoctin Creek, about one mile north of Middletown.

The following is a current map of the area of the Fox Inn.



The old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap meets US 40A, the route of the Turnpike after the 1840s, at the Catoctin Creek just west of Spoolsville. Before 1840, the turnpike road through Turner's Gap met the old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap just east of the Fox Inn. The turnpike originally followed the bed of the Main Road from Frederick to Fort Frederick, except near the east side of Turner's Gap.



The following is the area near the Fox Inn as shown on the Varle Map of 1809.



the fork of the roads in 1809 - the Fox Inn is shown by the name Ringer to the left of the fork of the roads

the old Sharpsburg Road crosses the Catoctin Creek

the road through Turner's Gap

The following is from the Civil War map and shows approximately the same area as the Varle Map above.



the old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap

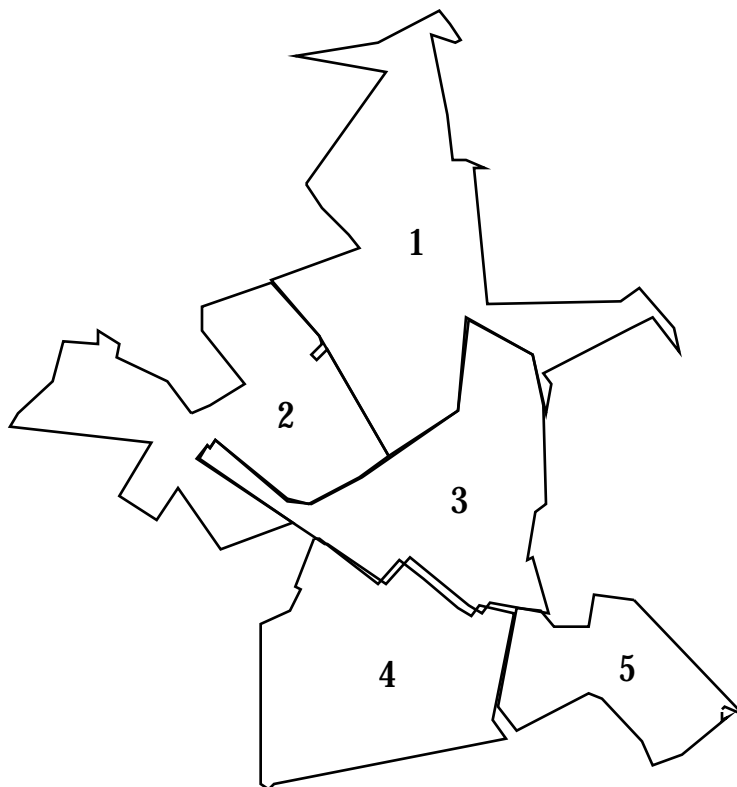
the road to Burkittsville (Crampton's Gap)

the Fox Inn on the southeast corner of the juncture of the present roads

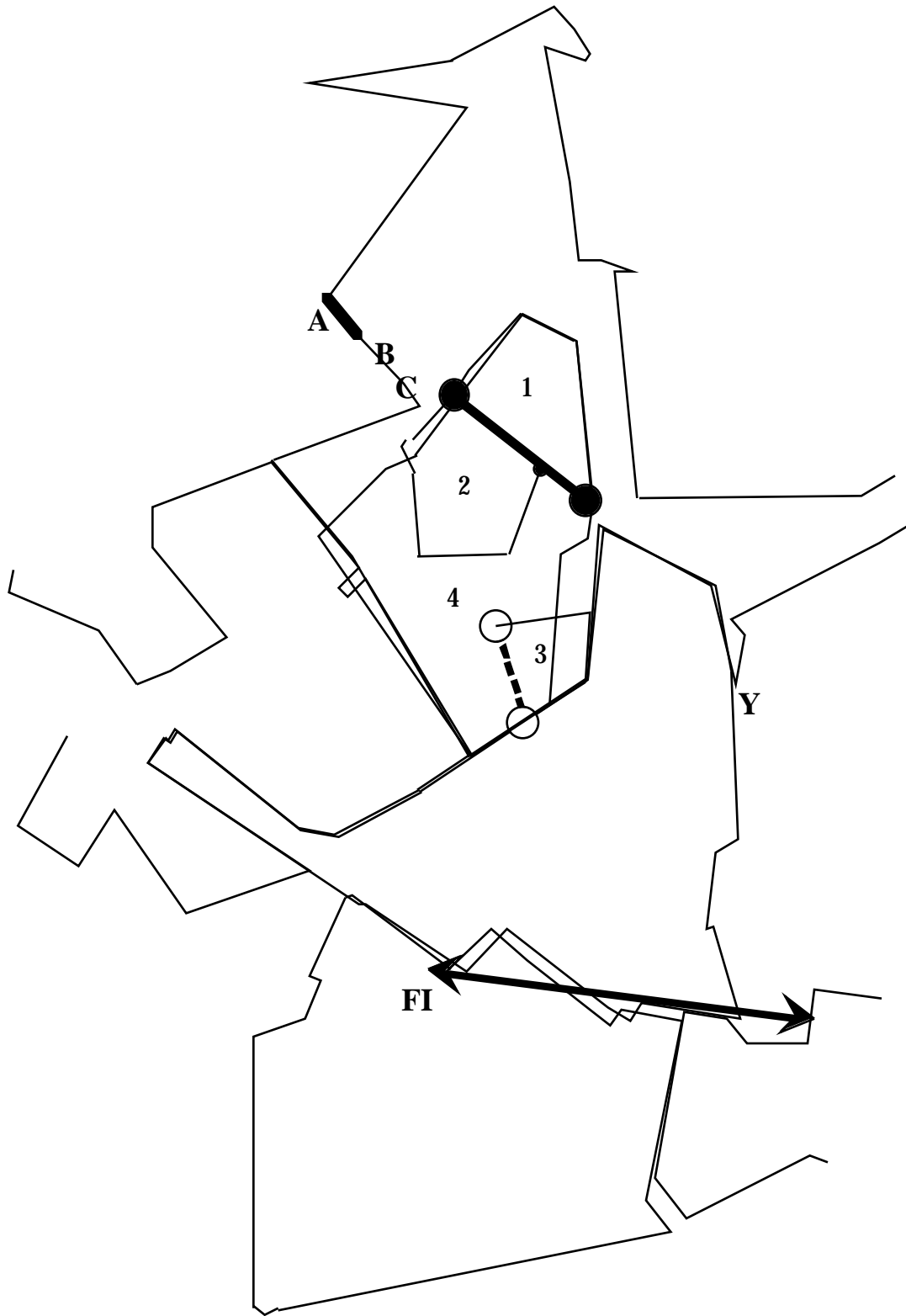
the present fork of the roads near Spoolsville

present route 40A through Turner's Gap




## The Fox Inn Area - Selected Tracts



1. Bartholomew Booker Estate, Frederick County Land Records, WR-12, 358-364, recorded 19 April 1794, 304 acres, "beginning at a bounded white oak tree bounded tree of a tract of land called Johns Delight and running thence by and with the Main Road south 38 degrees East 24 perches". Newspaper notice: "on road from Frederick Town to Williamsport and Hagerstown". The author believes Bartholomew Booker's main residence was on this tract, probably not far from the beginning tree of the tract.
2. Frederick Fox to Henry Ascherman, FCLR, WR 32-63, 1807, recorded 14 October 1807, 199 and 1/2 acres, "part of the several following tracts reduced into one entire tract to wit I Hope Its Well Done, Shettle, Exchange, Piggin All, Turkey Foot, Mount Pleasant & Peters Neglect. "Beginning at stone planted near the main road leading to Sharpsburgh and the beginning of Daniel Bookers land."
3. Now I Know It, Jacob Smith, FCLR, THO-1-220, recorded 17 December 1802, 178 and 1/2 acres.
4. Vincent Sanner to Samuel Ausherman, FCLR, CM-1-582, recorded 14 April 1868, 194 and 1/2 acres, parts of Fidler's Purchase, the Resurvey on Exchange, Bubble, and Deefer Snay. Line 17: "North 22 degrees East 20 perches into the old sharpsburg road." The Fox Inn stands on this tract. The fork of the roads probably was about 130 perches or about 2800 feet east of the Fox Inn.
5. Philip Marshall and Jacob Young, FCLR, WR-6-135, recorded 28 September 1785, 100 acres. The author believes the fork of the road through Turner's Gap with the road through Fox's Gap, from the late 1750s until the 1840s, was near the west side of the Oxford tract.



## Preceding Page:

- FI = Fox Inn
-  = Old Sharpsburg Road from Middletown through Fox's Gap to Sharpsburg
-  = Main Road Leading to Boonsborough (ie. the Main Road from Frederick to Ft. Frederick and the Turnpike road from the early 1800s until at least 1840)
-  = Turnpike Road after 1840
- Tract 1 = FCLR, DSB-1, 398, W. Koogle from George Routzahn, recorded 22 April 1867, Line 4 goes to the middle of turnpike thence (line 5) along said road 84 perches (1386 feet), containing sixteen and a quarter acres, being part of a tract of land called Pickall part of a tract called the Resurvey on Mendall part of I Hope It Is Well Done and part of a tract called Shettle.
- Tract 2 = FCLR, DSB-1-397, John W. Koogle from Mary Sheffer, recorded 22 May 1867, line 4 went to the middle of the turnpike road, line 5 went along road for 58 perches (957 feet), containing twenty three acres, being part of a tract of land called the resurvey on Mendall, part of a tract called Pickall part of a tract called I Hope It Is Well Done part of a tract called Shettle, and part of a tract called Martitaney.
- Tract 3 = FCLR, WR-32-225, Michael Miller to Jacob Smith, I Hope It Is Well Done, recorded 30 Dec 1807, line 1 went to the middle of the main road leading to Boonsborough and with said road (line 2) 50 perches (825 feet), containing ten and one eighth acres.
- Tract 4 = FCLR, WR-36-85, Michael Miller to Jacob Smith, recorded 26 December 1809, containing one hundred and twelve and a half acres of land more or less excepting thereout ten and one eight acres heretofore conveyed the said Jacob Smith.
- Point Y = Near road from Bartholomew Booker's to Peter Beaver's. Resurvey on Mend All, FCLR, F-1077, Bartholomew Booker to Michael Shepfell, 100 acres, recorded 6 July 1760, "all that tract or parcel of land called Shepfell's Purchase being part of a tract of land called the Resurvey on Mend All situate lying and being in the county afsd and begining at a bounded red oak standing by the head of a little spring and near a road that leads from Bartholomew Bookers to Peter Beavers"
- Line A = 24 perches or 396 feet along Main Road. "beginning at a bounded white oak tree bounded tree of a tract of land called Johns Delight and running thence by and with the Main Road south 38 degrees East 24 perches".
- Line B = 32 perches or 528 feet, perhaps along the Main Road as is Line A
- Line C = 14 and 1/2 perches or 239 feet, perhaps along the Main Road as is Line A

Continued on the following page . . .

The following newspaper notice appeared after Bartholomew Booker's death:

101. FTM Aug 28 1792/Margaret Booker, Frederick Fox, exec, to sell farm, late the prop of Bartholomew Booker, decd, 304 a., on road from Fred Town to Williamsport, and Hager's Town, about 3 miles above Middletown/<sup>5</sup>

The following appear in *This Was the Life* by Millard M. Rice:

Sundry inhabitants of the County, who are unnamed, petition the Court that they "conceive a better and nigher road might be made to Fort Frederick for the road to begin out of the road now leading thereto between the Mountains through Curry's Gap by Robert Turner's and by Joseph Holmes, by Dr. Neal's and so into the road by Joseph Volgamot's." The Court appointed Capt. Moses Chapline, Mr. James Smith and Mr. Joseph Tomlinson to lay out the road.

The material presented in this article confirms the above court minutes. The road through Turner's Gap led out of the road through Fox's Gap. It did so from the time of its creation, about 1760, until at least 1840. The fork of the road through Turner's Gap with the old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap was probably one-half mile east of the Fox Inn.

## **Topics in the next issue of the Newsletter, December 1, 1997:**

1. The War Correspondents Memorial Arch at Crampton's Gap - Tracing the deeds from the original owner all the way to the United States Government, the present owner.
2. Ancestors of Jane Ogle. Jane Ogle was the mother of Elizabeth Ann Link. Elizabeth was the wife of George Fox, the owner of the Fox Inn and a son of Frederick Fox.
3. Fredericksburg - Another land tract owned by Frederick Fox.
4. More on the descendants and ancestors of Daniel Ernest Fox.
5. The Ogle/Ogles Family Association.
6. The will of Bartholomew Booker, the father-in-law of Frederick Fox.
7. Other Frederick Fox at the time of the American Revolution.

## The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain

by Curtis L. Older

This new section of the Newsletter will contain material on the land tracts in the vicinity of Crampton's, Fox's, Turner's, or Orr's Gaps. The area included represents the Battlefield of South Mountain.

The Battle of South Mountain at Fox's and Turner's Gaps could well be called the Battle for Addition to Friendship. The tract contained 202 acres. About 125 acres were on the north and east side of Turner's Gap and about 65 acres were on the south side of the old Sharpsburg Road at Fox's Gap. The remaining 12 acres or so connected the two larger portions. The Reno Monument stands on this tract. Most of the 10 acres surrounding the Dahlgren Chapel at Turner's Gap also were part of this tract. The home of John Fox at Fox's Gap must have stood on this tract as well.

### **Addition to Friendship, Frederick Fox, patent, IC P, pp. 672-673, 27 May 1805, [MdHR 17,478, 1-23-4-34]. - (MdHR = Maryland Hall of Records)**

Frederick Fox his patent 202 acres Addition to Friendship - - } The state of Maryland } Know ye that Whereas Frederick Fox of Frederick County on the first day of June seventeen hundred and ninety six obtained out of the western shore land office a special warrant of proclamation to resurvey and affect the vacancy included in a resurvey made for him on the eight day of June seventeen hundred and ninety five by the name of Friendship.

Beginning at the end of the first line of a tract of land called David's Will and running with said line reverse

<b>Line No.</b>	<b>North South</b>	<b>Degrees East or West</b>	<b>Length</b>
1	N	East 22	20 perches to the beginning of said land it being also the beginning of Friendship the present original and running with the original 29 courses viz
2	N	West 29 1/2	55 perches to the end of the last line of Davids Will aforesaid, still with said land reverse
3	S	West 83	63 perches to the 3rd line of Jacob Hess's Resurvey called Security and running with said resurvey 3 courses
4	N		39 perches
5	N	West 26	44 perches
6	N	West 5	66 perches
7	N	West 2	128 perches to the end of the 1st line of a tract of land called Flonham and with it reversed
8	N	East 78	56 perches to the Bounded Tree of said land and with the given line thereof reversed
9	N	West 10	108 perches
10	S	West 78	35 perches to the end of 21 perches on the 3rd line of said Flonham, then
11	N	East 20	63 perches
12	N	East 35	70 perches to the end of the 7th line of a tract of land called Knaves Good Will and with it reversed 5 courses
13	S	East 60	100 perches
14	S	East 7	56 perches
15	S	West 16	20 perches
16	S	West 66	9 perches
17	S	West 35	32 perches
18	S	West 14	12 perches
19	S	East 80	24 perches

- 20 S West 15 45 perches to the 4th line of a tract of land called Turkey Ramble and with it 3 courses
- 21 N West 38 27 perches
- 22 N West 77 65 perches
- 23 S East 18 58 perches
- 24 N West 75 23 perches
- 25 S West 78 41 perches
- 26 S East 2 130 perches
- 27 S East 45 31 perches to the end of the 3rd line of a tract of land called Bowsers Addition and with it
- 28 S East 33 20 perches
- 29 S East 10 5 perches
- 30 S East 70 35 perches to the bounded tree of said Bowsers Addition it being the end of the tenth line of a tract of land called Friendship and with said land reverse 5 courses
- 31 S East 47 62 perches
- 32 S East 41 40 perches
- 33 S East 44 32 perches
- 34 S West 61 1/2 27 perches to a rock marked FF then
- 35 S East 43 23 perches

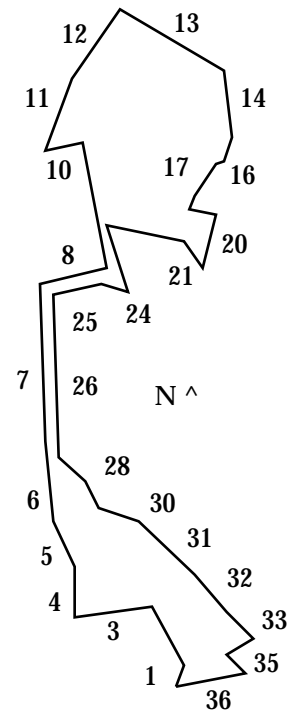
36. then by a straight line to the first beginning containing two hundred and two acres of land bearing date the ninth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety seven, and there remaining ; together with all rights profits, benefits, and privileges thereunto belonging; To have and to hold the same unto him the said Frederick Fox his heirs and assigns forever, - given under the great seal of the state of Maryland this twenty seventh day of may eighteen hundred and five. Witness the honorable alexander contee Hanson esquire chancellor

Robt Bowie (the great seal) A C Hanson Chanr

### Addition to Friendship

202 acres

- Beginning at the end of the first line of a tract of land called David's Will
1. to the beginning of said land it being also the beginning of Friendship the present original
  2. to the end of the last line of David's Will
  3. to the 3rd line of Jacob Hess's Resurvey called Security
  7. to the end of the 1st line of a tract of land called Flonham
  8. to the bounded Tree of said land
  10. to the end of 21 perches on the 3rd line of said Flonham
  12. to the end of the 7th line of a tract of land called Knaves Good Will
  20. to the 14th? line of a tract of land called Turkey Ramble
  27. to the end of the 3rd line of a tract of land called Bowsers Addition
  30. to the bounded tree of said Bowsers Addition it being the end of the tenth line of a tract of land called Friendship
  34. to a rock marked FF



## Wills

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter will include one typewritten version of a will that has significance to the preservation efforts of the Society. Included in this issue is the will of Frederick Fox, the man for whom our Society is named.

**Will of Frederick Fox** Montgomery County, Ohio, Will Book C, case #1444. (Frederick Fox, for whom our Society is named, was a son of John Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland).

In the name of God, Amen, I Frederick Fox of the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio, being far advanced in years but of sound mind and memory considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of this mortal life, and as it hath pleased God to bless me with some worldly estate, and to be better prepared to leave this world, whenever it may please God to call me hence, do make and publish this to be my last will and testament, in manner following that is to say:-

First, I give and devise unto my son Joseph Fox the use and occupence of the south west quarter of Section No. Twenty two, of Township two in Range five, of the land between the Miami rivers, to my said son Joseph Fox, to have and to hold the aforesaid quarter section, except twenty five acres including a certain lease given to Mathias Wolff for payt of the said twenty five acres, to my said son Joseph to have and to hold the aforesaid quarter section except as aforesaid excepted to him and his wife Elizabeth now living during the life of my said son Joseph and his said wife Elizabeth provided that my said son is not to commit any wast by selling or destroying any timber on the aforesaid premises more than for the use & benefit of said premises on forfeiture of the aforesaid devise-

2nd I give and devise unto my grand son Frederick Fox and son of the aforesaid Joseph Fox twenty five acres of land, to be laid off by said Executors herein after named to my ?? in said twenty five acres the lease given Mathias Wolff in the greater section aforesaid to him my said grand son Frederick Fox and heirs and assigns to have and to hold the aforesaid 25 acres for ever

3rd After the death of my said son Joseph Fox and his wife Elizabeth, I give and devise the aforesaid quarter section except as above excepted to my grand children one son and seven daughters share and share equal alike all children of my son Joseph Fox-

4. It is my will and wish that after my death that my executor herein after named will make sale of the north west quarter of section fifteen of Township Two in Range five of the lands between the Miami Rivers, wherein I formerly lived and also to make sale of my house and lot in the town of Franklin in Warren County to the best advantage and the monies arising from the sale of the said premises to be equally divided between my lawful heirs share and share alike that is to say my son George and Daniel B. Fox and my four daughters to wit: Christena Meitterd, Meahany Benner, Rosannah Hoge living in Virginia near Shanodore River, and my daughter Elizabeth Lighterd and to my son Joseph Fox an equal share with all the rest of my aforesaid children to be paid to my son Joseph by my Executor herein named as he thinks the said Joseph stands in need of money at any time or times-

5. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rosannah Hoge's four children that she had by her first husband that is to say one son and three daughters receive of my estate to the amount of the ballance of my daughter Rasannah legacy ?? the amount of my daughter Rosannah shall be equal with all ??? as aforesaid-

And lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my son Daniel B. Fox to this my last will and testament ?? Sole and Sole Executor revoking and ?? annulling all former wills by me heretofore made allowing this and none other to be my last will and testament In Witness whereof I the said Frederick Fox have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Frederick Fox (Seal)

Continued on the next page . . .



Signed, sealed and declared by the testator Frederick Fox to this will to be his last will and testament who called on us who have subscribed our names to witness the same,

John Liter  
Frederick Liter  
James Russell

The State of Ohio

Montgomery County ?? Court of Common pleas, March Term 1837. Personally appeared in open Court John Liter, and Frederik Liter, who being duly sworn depose and say that the paper now before them purporting to be the last will and testament of Frederick Fox now deceased, was by the said Frederick Fox acknowledged, published and declared by him to be his last will and testament in the presence of these deponents, that the said deceased was of lawful age, that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and under no restraint as they verily beleive that they subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the testator and in thr presence of each other,

John Liter  
Frederick Liter

Sworn and subscribed this 20 day of March 1837 in Open Circuit

Edward ? Daniel Clerk

The State of Ohio Montgomery Circuit Ct.

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## Items for Sale Available through the Society

Members are reminded the Society has available for sale, at cost to the Society, many pictures related to Fox's Gap in Maryland, as well as pictures of descendants of Frederick Fox. Recent additions to the collection of pictures available to Society members includes:

1. The home of John Adam Link II and his wife, Jane Ogle, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Photo taken from *The Link Family* by Paxson Link, page 81. John Adam Link II and Jane Ogle were the parents of Elizabeth Ann Link. Elizabeth was the wife of George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox.

2. The home of John Adam Link I in Frederick County, Maryland. Photo taken from *The Link Family* by Paxson Link, page 81.

3. The Commission by the State of Maryland to John Adam Link II as an Ensign in Captain Peter Barrick's Company, the Catoctin Battalion Militia of Frederick County, Maryland, June 29, 1782. Also shown is a picture of his war mess kit, shoe and knee buckles, and cuff links. Photo taken from *The Link Family* by Paxson Link, page 81.

4. The blood leeching kit of John Adam Link II and the Link Family seal. Photo taken from *The Link Family* by Paxson Link, page 81.

5. The pitcher said to have been used by George Washington at the Fox Inn. Also included is a picture of Daniel Booker Fox and two views of the Fox Inn in the 1940s.

## Membership Section

**I would like to welcome all new members to our Society. The following new members joined after the last Newsletter of December 1, 1996:**

<u>Name Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Date of Membership</u>	<u>Membership Number</u>
Toni Farol Bice 10626 Baker Place Crown Point, Indiana 46307	219-663-4451	December 4, 1996	0018
Richard Dale Fox, Jr. P. O. Box 301 Baggs, Wyoming 82321	none	January 1, 1997	0019
Rachael Lynn Older 618 Tryon Place Gastonia, North Carolina 28054	704-864-3879	March 20, 1997	0020

### **The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland**

#### **Membership Roster - May 1, 1997**

<u>Name Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Date of Membership</u>	<u>Membership Number</u>
Curtis Lynn Older 618 Tryon Place Gastonia, North Carolina 28054	704-864-3879	October 20, 1995	0001
William Ernest Fox 13071 Alger Grant, Michigan 49327		October 28, 1995	0002
Reva Winfred Fox 10226 3rd Ave. S. Seattle, Washington	206-762-3845	November 7, 1995	0003
William Goudy Benner 1000 Hidden Ridge Lane Dayton, Ohio 45459	513-433-1365	November 15, 1995	0005
Elizabeth Jane Bucholz 304 14th St. E. Devil's Lake, North Dakota 58301	701-662-3636	November 6, 1995	0008

Doug Bast 109 North Main Street Boonsboro, Maryland 21713	301-432-6969	December 9, 1995	0001H
Dellie Jean Craig 1145 Burberry Dr W Apt 5 Lafayette, Indiana 47905	317-448-9194	December 11, 1995	0009
Wilma Marion Gose P. O. Box 203 Griffith, Indiana 46319-0203	219-322-5269	December 16, 1995	0010
Patricia Jo Edwards 526 Palomino Drive RR #4 Box 94C Danville, Illinois 61832	217-443-4523	January 13, 1996	0011
(membership in wife's name, Deloris Fox) Richard Dale Fox Sr. 1917 Roosevelt Drive Sellersburg, In 47172		January 24, 1996	0015
Mildred Fox Metcalf 1819 Garfield Avenue Salt Lake City, Utah 84108	xxx-484-9024	June 1, 1996	0016
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H - denotes Honorary Member

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<sup>1</sup> Jefferson County, West Virginia, Marriage Records, 1807, page 286. Also see Paxson Link, *The Link Family* (Paris, Illinois: [n.p.], 1951), 81.

<sup>2</sup> *The Fox Genealogy* indicates the date as January 28. *The Link Family* gives the date as January 29.

<sup>3</sup> *Index to Marriage Licenses, Frederick County, 1778-1810*. Married April 14, 1783.

<sup>4</sup> The Hill Church record, page 15 of Hinke's translation, gives the place in Germany as Niederbronn from which John Jacob Miller came to America and the year as 1738.

<sup>5</sup> F. Edward Wright, *Western Maryland Newspaper Abstracts 1786-1798* (Silver Spring, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1985), 1:14.

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December 1, 1997

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## **The First Fox Family Reunion in Hagerstown - July 1996**

*Descendants of George Fox, Daniel Booker Fox, and Elizabeth Fox Benner*



**Front Row:** Melissa Mae Smith (9-19-1990), Curtis Lynn Older, Rachael Lynn Older (3-20-1987), Judith Fox Smith, Lindsey Elizabeth Smith (5-10-1995), and Mrs. William (Shirley) Benner; **Back Row:** Jeffery C. Smith, Teresa R. Fox, James Joseph Fox, unidentified Benner from Boonsboro area, and William Goudy Benner.

Linda Older took the above photo at the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Maryland, during the July 1996 Fox Family Reunion. James Joseph Fox is a descendant of Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox, as are his daughters, Judith and Teresa, and granddaughters Melissa Mae and Lindsey Elizabeth Smith. William G. Benner is a descendant of Elizabeth Fox Benner, a daughter of Frederick Fox. Curtis and Rachael Lynn Older are descendants of George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox.

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## **Occupations of Residents along the Old Sharpsburg Road in the 1700s**

Land tract records provide valuable information about the owners of property along the Old Sharpsburg Road in the 1700s. A review of these records provides us with the occupations of numerous residents along or near the road. Although most of the individuals living along the road in the 1700s probably made their living as farmers, many also worked, at least part time, in various skilled trades.

The various crafts practiced along the Old Sharpsburg Road imply there were enough travelers on the road to support these trades. The route must have been an important thoroughfare. The economy along the road was vibrant. The following review identifies the land tracts along or near the Old Sharpsburg Road from Shepherdstown, Virginia, to Middletown, Maryland, that give the occupation of the tract owner. The discussion attempts to use the chronological date, in the opinion of the author, that someone first occupied the various properties.

James Smith patented **Smith's Hills** for 208 acres on 17 April 1745 [MdHR 17,396, 1-23-2-30, PT 1, pp. 261-263] [MdHR = **Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis**]. The tract had its "beginning at a bounded white oak standing on the side of a hill within a quarter of a mile of the Waggon road that crosses Anteatom". The Smith's Hills tract was not far from the Burnside Bridge on the south side of the Battlefield of Antietam. The patent states ". . . the certificate of survey aforesaid and the land & premises therein mentioned unto a certain **James Smith** of Prince Georges County **planter** . . ." Today the tract is in Washington County. Washington County was part of Frederick County until 1776. Frederick County was part of Prince Georges County until 1749.

A tract named **Shettle** was in the area of the present town of Bolivar, about one mile northeast of Fox's Gap. Daniel Dulany Esquire patented the tract on 9 September 1742 for 50 acres [MdHR 17,408, 1-23-3-1, Y & S, p. 105]. ". . . that I Daniel Dulany within named in consideration of thirty one pounds fifteen shillings and six pence current money secured to be paid to me by **Robert Marks** of Frederick County **Shomaker** have assigned and transferrd and hereby assigns set over and transfer unto him the said Robert Marks the land within mentioned . . ." Robert Marks probably was one of the earliest settlers within a mile or so of what became Fox's Gap. Traffic along the route of the Old Sharpsburg Road apparently justified the presence of a shoemaker by about 1742.

One of the most significant early deeds identifies Richard Smith as an Innholder. **Christios (Christies) Folly** was northeast of the Fox Inn. Court records identify Richard Smith as living on the **Great Road to Conococheague**. See the Newsletter of December 1, 1996, page 13, for a discussion of the Great Road to Conococheague. ". . . between **Richd Smith** of Frederick County in the Province of Maryland **Innholder** of the one part & **Peter Beaver** of the same county & province aforesaid of the other part . . . for and in consideration of the sum of forty six pounds current money . . ." [FCLR, E-753, Part of Christios Folly, Richard Smith to Peter Beaver, recorded 19 June 1755] [FCLR = **Frederick County Land Records at Frederick, Maryland**]. The year 1755 is the earliest point in time at which we can identify an innkeeper along the Old Sharpsburg Road between Shepherdstown and Middletown. Perhaps the presence of an inn was the best indicator of numerous travelers along the road.

Many craftsmen owned tracts along the Old Sharpsburg Road by 1770. Another important tract owner was Casper Shaaf, a merchant. Casper acquired The Exchange tract on which the Fox Inn stands. Casper made a resurvey on The Exchange tract. ". . . between **Casper Shaaf** of Frederick County and Province of Maryland **Merchant** of the one part and **Conrad Young** of said County and Province **farmer** of the other part witnesseth that the said Casper Shaaf for and in consideration of the sum of forty pounds current money of Maryland . . ." [FCLR, E-1026, Resurvey on Exchange, Casper Schaff to Conrad Young, 125 acres, recorded 18 March 1756].

**Grim's Fancy** was one half mile west of Fox's Gap and along the Old Sharpsburg Road. The record for this tract is important in the history of Fox's Gap. It identifies John Fox's house and the Road from Swearingen's Ferry to Frederick Town [FCLR, S-389, Grim's Fancy, Philip Booker from George Common, recorded 28 June 1773]. ". . . between **Philip Booker** of Fredk County and province of Maryland **Farmer** of the one part and **Geo. Common** of said County and province **Black Smith** of the other part . . ."

**John Fox** settled at Fox's Gap by no later than 1760. No land records for him exist, except for tracts in Sharpsburg. Perhaps John Fox was a squatter and never owned land at Fox's Gap. The will of John Fox indicates he owned skin dressing tools [Will of John Fox, Book A, Liber 102, Washington County, Maryland, 17 January 1784]. Daniel Gebhart Fox, in *The Fox Genealogy*, describes John Fox as a **tanner** by trade. The house of John Fox must have been near the site of the Reno Monument at Fox's Gap. The parcel of land on which the Reno Monument stands was part of a tract named Addition to Friendship that was patented by Frederick Fox.

**The Birely Tannery Report** may be of interest to those who seek additional information about the tannery craft of John Fox [Archaeological Data Recovery at the Birely Tannery (18FR575) City of Frederick, Maryland, prepared by M.A.A.R. Associates, Inc. of Newark, Delaware, 1991]. The Birely Tannery began operation in Frederick, Maryland, in the 1760s and remained in business until the 1920s! I was fortunate to learn of the report when I met Mr. Domenic A. Saguto, Master Shoemaker, at Williamsburg, Virginia. Mr. Saguto assisted in the preparation of the report, a copy of which I was able to purchase from the publisher.

A tract named **Boble (Bubble)** was just south of the Fox Inn and the Exchange tract acquired by Casper Shaaf. A transfer in 1761 between Casper Shaaf and Michael Jesserang identifies Jesserang as an Innholder [FCLR, G-17, Boble (Bubble), Michael Jesserang to Casper Schaaf, recorded 4 June 1761]. “. . . made this fifth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty one between **Michael Jesserang** of Frederick Town in Frederick County and province of Maryland **Innholder** of the one part and **Casper Shaff** of same place **merchant** of the other part . . . in consideration of the sum of fourteen pounds ten shillings current money of Maryland . . .”

A tract named the **Resurvey on Chestnut Hill** identified Matthias Ringer as a farmer and Casper Shaaf as a merchant [FCLR, K-758, Resurvey on Chestnut Hill, Matthias Ringer to Casper Shaaf, recorded 2 October 1766]. “. . . between **Matthias Ringer** of Frederick County and province of Maryland **farmer** of the one part and **Casper Shaaff** of the same place **merchant** of the other part witnesseth that the said Matthias Ringer for and in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds current money of Maryland . . .” The Resurvey on Chestnut Hill tract is about a mile south of the Fox Inn and along the road to Burkittsville and Crampton’s Gap.

The **Resurvey on Whiskey Alley** tract was north of Middletown and near the fork of the Old Hagerstown Road and the Old Sharpsburg Road at the Catoctin Creek [FCLR, L-588, Resurvey on Whiskey Alley, Philip Keywaughver to Nicholas Fink, recorded 28 November 1760]. “. . . between **Philip Keywaughver** of Frederick County and province of Maryland **Farmer** of the one part and **Nicholas Finck** of the county and province aforesaid **Taylor** of the other . . . for and in consideration of the sum of eighteen pounds current money . . .”

The **Resurvey on Learning** tract was south of the Fox Inn. A small portion of the tract came up near the old Sharpsburg Road east of the Fox Inn. Henry Lighter (Leiter) was a wheelwright. He purchased part of the Resurvey on Learning tract. A daughter of Frederick Fox married a son of Henry Lighter (Leiter) [FCLR, M-675, Resurvey on Learning, Henry Lighter to Peter Beaver, recorded 12 December 1769]. “. . . between **Henry Lighter** of Hamshire County in the Province of Virginia **wheelwright** of the one part and **Peter Beaver** of the same county and province aforesaid **farmer** of the other part . . .”

The **Goose Cap** tract was at the fork of the old Hagerstown and old Sharpsburg Roads at the Catoctin Creek, about one mile north of Middletown [FCLR, O-540, Goose Cap, Nicholas Fink to Thomas Welch, recorded 2 September 1771] “. . . between **Nichs Fink** of Frederick County in the province of Maryland **Taylor** of the one part & **Ths Welch** of same county & province aforesaid **Surveyor** of the other part . . . for and in consideration of the sum of ninety nine pounds current & lawful money of Maryland . . .”

**Shaaff’s Purchase** was immediately west of the Fox Inn tract [FCLR, O-112, Shaaff’s Purchase, Casper Shaaf to Peter Ruble, recorded 26 March 1771] “. . . between Casper Shaaf of Frederick Town in Frederick County and province of Maryland of the one part and **Peter Ruble** of Frederick County and province aforesaid **Clocksmith** of the other part witnesseth . . .”

The **Bray-face** tract was northeast of the Fox Inn [FCLR, WR-4-531, Bray-face, recorded 25 May 1784]. “. . . between **Peter Beaver** of Frederick County and State of Maryland **Farmer** of the one part: and **Christian Kyser** of the same county and state aforesaid **Miller** of the other Part . . . All that tract or parcel of land called Bray-face, which being part of the **Resurvey on Oxford**. Beginning at the bounded tree of said Brayface, one of the original tracts, and runing thence . . .”

The review of the preceding land records indicates the people living along the Old Sharpsburg Road in the 1700s were industrious and free-market oriented. It seems evident why there were able to unite in a common cause to oppose the British by the mid 1770s.

## President's Message

by Curtis Lynn Older

\* The first item of importance is to encourage every Society member to attend the **Fox Family Reunion in Miamisburg, Ohio, on May 31, 1998. Please contact me as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Proposed Reunion schedule:**

7:00 to 8:00 PM	Saturday May 30	Check-in at local motel.
8:00 to 9:30 AM	Sunday May 31	Breakfast at a local Miamisburg restaurant.
11:00 AM	Sunday May 31	Attend church service at the Gebhart or St. John Church adjacent the cemetery.
12:15 to 1:45 PM	Sunday May 31	Lunch at a local Miamisburg restaurant.
2:00 to 3:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Visit the St. John or Gebhart Cemetery and the grave of Frederick Fox.
3:00 to 5:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Meeting of the participants in the Reunion - Discussion leader will be Curtis L. Older.
5:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Depart for home.

[Note: Monday, June 1, is the Memorial Day holiday.]

\* I was fortunate to receive a gift of six issues of *The Land We Love* from Aaron Boggs (deceased) of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Daniel Harvey Hill published the magazine in Charlotte, North Carolina, after the Civil War. As Major General Daniel Harvey Hill, he was the initial leader of the Confederate forces at Fox's and Turner's Gaps in the Battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862. I donated three issues of *The Land We Love* to the University of North Carolina - Charlotte Rare Book Collection.

\_ Please note the availability of a VCR tape that takes you for a ride along the Old Sharpsburg Road through Fox' Gap. The journey begins about a mile north of Middletown near the Catoctin Creek. The tape ends just west of Fox's Gap. Please refer to page 15 of this Newsletter.

\_ If I am fortunate to have some spare time this next year, I should complete an abbreviated version of my work entitled, *The Land Tracts of Fox's Gap, including material on Crampton's, Orr's, and Turner's Gaps*. The shortened version will be published in a journal.

\_ Less than one dozen copies of *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* remain in my possession. Family Line Publications probably sold all 100 copies they received on publication. Members of the Rudy family of the Middletown, Maryland, area, owners of the Fox Inn, recently bought five copies from me.

\_ I received a letter in mid-July from Gordon C. Baker, who had bought a copy of my Braddock book. He inquired about the tract locations of his ancestor, Peter Baker, in the late 1700s. As it turns out, Peter Baker owned Martsome, part of Raccoon, part of Addition to Middlebough, and part of the Resurvey of Well Done. These tracts are near Boonsboro, Maryland. I was able to identify the location of these tracts for Mr. Baker and was encouraged that my book assisted someone doing research on the area.

\_ Our thoughts and prayers need to be with the family of James and Ellen Fox of San Antonio. One of their daughters remains disabled by a brain tumor that began more than one year ago.



**\* I want your picture! Please send me a fairly recent picture of yourself so that I can archive the picture of every Society member. Family photographs are acceptable substitutes. Please identify everyone in the photograph.**

— Doug Bast, owner of the Boonesborough Museum of History in Boonsboro, Maryland, added a second floor to his museum complex. Doug is an Honorary Member of our Society.

— A recent addition to my computer system is an Apple Color StyleWriter 2500 printer. Page 19 is a reprint of page 10 from the June 1, 1997, Newsletter. The reprint is much sharper than the prior version. Also, a new feature of the Newsletter is the inclusion of a color page. The current color print, no page number, shows the Fox Inn about 1993 along the Old Sharpsburg Road. Also shown is the circa 1885 photo of Wise's Cabin at Fox's Gap, scene of desperate fighting during the Battle of South Mountain.

— You can now request color prints of those photographs you want from the Society collection at a much more affordable price. The enclosed color page was printed on Kodak Photo Weight Premium Glossy Paper. This type of paper is among the highest quality available and costs about 75 cents per sheet. I recommend this type of paper be used to fill any photo requests you might make. I suggest printing no more than four pictures per page using this type of paper. I can produce each page for \$1.50 plus postage and handling of \$.50, a total of \$2.00 per page.

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### **Topics in the next issue of the Newsletter, June 1, 1998**

- 1. The Reno School building along the Old Sharpsburg Road.
- 2. Ancestors of Jane Ogle. Jane Ogle was the mother of Elizabeth Ann Link, the wife of George Fox.
- 3. An evaluation of the Frederick Fox of Pennsylvania who appears in the 1790 U. S. Census.
- 4. Estate papers of George Fox, owner of the Fox Inn and a son of Frederick Fox.
- 5. The Pick All land tract patent of Bartholomew Booker, father-in-law of Frederick Fox.
- 6. Ricketts ancestors of Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, the wife of Daniel Alexander Fox.

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### **Membership Drive**

The main objective of each member of the Society is to recruit at least one new member of the Society each year. The new member should not have been a previous member of the Society. The easy work is over. We now must seek to identify those individuals who are unknown to us and who qualify to join the Society.

## Frederick Fox Section

by William Ernest Fox (edited by Curtis L. Older)

Rosina (Rose or Rosannah) Fox was the only child of Frederick Fox who did not move from Maryland to western Ohio in late 1807 with the other members of the Fox family. Her descendants are not published in *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox.

### *Rosina (Rose or Rosannah) Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox*

*The History of the Descendants of John Hottel, Immigrant from Switzerland to America*, begun by Reverend W. D. Huddle, B. S., and completed by his wife, Lulu May Huddle, Westerville, Ohio. Published by Shenandoah Publishing House Inc., Strasburg, Virginia, in 1930.

The top of pages 726 and 727 in the heading of the book is entitled, History of the Descendants of John Hottel:

3x-h Daniel Hottel, son of George, b. near Mt. Olive, Va., in the seventeen hundred and fifties, and m. twice and probably three times; first, Sept. 16, 1783, Eva Hiser, daug. of Henry. Second, m. May 20, 1804, Rosina Fox, dau. of Frederick, of O., formerly of Maryland, and widow of Christian Wolgemuth, who was a flour miller by vocation and resided at Toms Brook, Va. Rosina d. in 1841. Daniel inherited from his father 220 acres in Hampshire Co., but the tract upon which he spent his life he bought of his brother Henry. It lay on the Shenandoah River near the mouth of Pughs Run, three miles northeast of Woodstock, the seat of Shenandoah county.

second m.:

2409x-e Christina Hottel, b. May 27, 1805

2409x-f Sarah Hottel, b. Feb. 6, 1807

2409x-g Lydia Hottel, b. 1809

William Ernest Fox also provides the following from Shenandoah County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds 1750-1850, the LDS Family History Center, and from Daniel G. Fox, *The Fox Genealogy*.

Rosina was born 9 Sept 1775 in Maryland and died in 1841. She was a daughter of Frederick Fox and Catherine Booker of Fox's Gap in Maryland. She married Christian Wolgemuth before 1804. Christian and Rosina (Fox) Wolgemuth were the parents of: (MBD- Marriage Bond Date)

1. Jacob Wolgemuth MBD 1. 18 Oct 1818, to Mary C. Coffman; 2. 31 July 1832, MBD Mary Shaver

2. Elizabeth Wolgemuth 30 May 1793, 14 July 1853, Va, MBD 6 Jun 1815, Shenandoah Co Va to Jonathan Zirkle

3. Catherine Wolgemuth, 1798, MBD 22 Apr 1814, Shenandoah Co Va to Samuel Gochenour

Rosina (or Rosannah) Fox, a widow of Christian Wolgemuth, next married Daniel Hottel (Huddle). Daniel Hottel was born in 1756 at Mt. Olive, Shenandoah Co Va. Daniel Hottel died 1811-1814 in Shenandoah Co Va. They married 20 May 1804, (MBD) 19 May 1804. The first wife of Daniel Hottel was Eve Hiser. Daniel's father was George Hottel and his mother was Elizabeth. Daniel and Rosina (Fox) Hottel were the parents of:

1. Christina Hottel 27 May 1805, Woodstock, Shenandoah, Va., 21 Dec 1883, MBD 11 Apr 1823, Shenandoah Co., Va., to Jacob Haun

2. Sarah Hottel 6 Feb 1807, Woodstock, Shenandoah, Va., 23 Nov 1875, 20 MBD 1824, to William Spigle (Speigle)

3. Lydia Hottel 6 Aug 1809, Woodstock, Shenandoah, Va., 7 Mar 1885, MBD 17 Jan 1826, Shenandoah Co., Va., to Joseph Borden

## The George Fox Line

by Curtis Lynn Older

The following members of the Society are descended from George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox:

Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008

Robert Claude Fox - Society #0004

Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009

William Ernest Fox - Society #0002

Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011

Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010

Richard Dale Fox Sr. - Society #0015

Mildred F. Metcalf - Society #00016

Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003

Curtis Lynn Older - Society #0001

The above members also are descended from Daniel Alexander Fox, a grandson of George Fox.

## *The Ogle/Ogles Family Association, Inc.*

Jane Ogle was the mother-in-law of George Fox. She was the wife of John Adam Link II and the mother of Elizabeth Ann (Link) Fox. Jane was a daughter of Alexander Ogle and grand-daughter of Thomas Ogle and his second wife, Elizabeth Graham. Jane was a great-grand-daughter of John Ogle of Delaware (1649-1683). John Ogle descended from the Ogles of Eglingham, England. He arrived in America in 1664 at age 15. The Ogles were an ancient Saxon family whose lands were on the border of Scotland. It is recorded on the monument of the Barons Ogles in the Church and Castle of Bothal in Northumberland that William the Conqueror gave to Humphry Ogle the Manor Ogle.

Wayne Ogle is President of the Ogle/Ogles Family Association, Inc. and resides at 4 Oceans West Blvd., Apt. 502-C, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118. Wayne is heading the effort to publish a comprehensive Ogle Genealogy that will contain 80,000 names of descendants of John Ogle of Delaware! I sent Wayne material on the George Fox - Elizabeth Ann Link connection to the Ogle family. The material, in a condensed version, should appear in the book that is soon to be published.

The newsletter published by the Ogle/Ogles Family Association, Inc. is entitled *Ogling for Ogles*. The publication is now on line. It is posted in the files section of the General Newsletters Genealogy Section of America On Line. The electronic version omits mailing addresses and telephone numbers of members. Email may be addressed to the Editor at JLeeO@aol.com. The organization also publishes *The Ogle Genealogist*. Back issues are available for purchase.

A recent Ogle/Ogles Family Convention was held in Salt Lake City, Utah from October 9 through 12, 1997. Previous conventions were in Indianapolis (1979), St. Louis (1988), Wilmington (1991), and Annapolis (1994). There were 73 attendees at the Annapolis event.

The Ogle/Ogles Family Association, Inc. has available to members for the fee of \$63 the monumental work by Sir Henry A. Ogle, first published in 1902, *Ogle and Bothal*. This book traces the Ogle lines back to 1052.

Membership in the Ogle Family Association is \$13.00 per year. Send your annual dues to: O/OFA Treasurer, Jean Godwin, 124 12th Ave., Indianalantic, FL 32903. Membership includes a periodic newsletter and an annual booklet *The Ogle Genealogist*. Annual dues cover the calendar year and are payable the first day of January. The official Ogle Family Library, currently known as "The Ogle Collection," is housed in the Fulton County Museum, 27 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975.

## *Fox Family Facts*

Also of interest to members of the Society may be a publication entitled FOX Family Facts, published by Sally SEAMAN-WILLIAMS, P. O. Box 1035, No. Highland CA 95660-1035. I sent Sally some information on Frederick Fox and Catherine Booker, my book on the Braddock Expedition, and *The Fox Genealogy*. The material appeared in FOX Family Facts, Issue #6, in May 1997.

## Frederick Fox in the American Revolution

by Curtis L. Older

This article continues the investigation that began in the December 1, 1996, Newsletter into the men named Frederick Fox who appear in the First Census of the United States in 1790. Only three such individuals appear in the 1790 U. S. Census. One man named Frederick Fox appears under the state of New York, one under the state of Pennsylvania, and one under the state of Maryland. This article evaluates a portion of the material reviewed by the author in his attempt to prove which Frederick Fox served in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, during the American Revolution.

**Question: (by Curtis L. Older)** What do we know about the Frederick Fox listed under the state of New York in the First Census of the United States in 1790?

**Answer: (by Curtis L. Older)** The Frederick Fox of New York lived in German Flatts Town, New York, at the time of the 1790 Census and can be identified in a number of sources. The New York Historical Society provided the following information:

from *Mohawk Valley in the Revolution, Committee of Safety Papers & Genealogical Compendium*, Maryly B. Penrose, Liberty Bell Associates, Franklin Park, New Jersey, 1978.

**Fox, Frederick**, married Elisabeth Franck, 7/14/1763 (RDSA:172). Elisabeth, born 1746/47; died 1/20/1815, German Flats, Herkimer County, N.Y. (DRH:271). **children: Friederich, born 10/17/1764** (RDSA:51); Elisabeth, baptised 9/16/1766 (DRGF:12); Anna Elisabeth, born 9/22/1768 (RDSA:90); Lena, born 1/30/1778 (DRGF:29); James, born 3/8/1784 (DRGF:83).

Frederick was a member of the Tryon County Committee of Safety from the Germanflats & Kingsland Districts. He was a First Lieutenant in the Eighth Company, Fourth Regiment, of the Tryon County Militia. In 1791, Frederick was Supervisor in the Town of German Flats, Herkimer County, New York.

from *Early Families of Herkimer County New York, Descendants of the Burnetsfield Palatines*, by William V. H. Barker, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore 1986.

**3032: Frederick Fox - born circa 1741; probably died by 1802**; married 1763 Elisabeth Frank (born 1747, died 1815) daughter of Capt. Conrad Frank (Comp. of Amer. Gen., vol 7, page 6) On 1790 GF Census (2-3-5) next to John Frank and John Shoemaker.

**3082: Frederick born SAR 17 Oct 1764** (John Bellingr, M. Cath. Frank)  
SAR = Stone Arabia Reform Dutch Church records (Vosburgh)

from New York State Archives, *New York in the Revolution*, Albany, New York, Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, 1887.

4th Battalion (German Flatts and Kingsland)  
8th Company. 1st Lt., **Fred. Fox**

The dates of service in the 4th Battalion, 8th Company, by First Lieutenant Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town are uncertain. Changes in the membership of the 8th Company appear in the New York Archives for the year 1778. The 8th Company certainly existed as a military unit in that year. The Frederick Fox of the 8th Company in German Flatts Town was an officer, a First Lieutenant. Since he was an officer, it is very likely he could write his own name. The Frederick Fox who served in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment signed his papers of enlistment and receipts for pay by using the mark of an "X" for his name.

The Frederick Fox of the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, was a drummer. It seems unlikely the Frederick Fox of the 8th Company in German Flatts Town would leave his Militia unit where he served as an officer in order to serve as a drummer in the Pennsylvania Line.

The Pennsylvania Archives lists a Frederick Fox in the Bedford County Militia in Pennsylvania. The Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town in New York, 4th Battalion, 8th Company, should not have been the Frederick Fox of the Bedford County Militia in Pennsylvania. Bedford, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, is about 50 miles northwest of Hagerstown, Maryland. One aspect that is interesting in the search for the identity of the Frederick Fox who served in the Bedford County Militia in Pennsylvania is the fact that Bartholomew Booker, father-in-law of Frederick Fox, owned a significant amount of land in Bedford County Pennsylvania at the time of his death.

The Pennsylvania Archives also lists a Frederick Fox in Von Heer's Dragoons in Pennsylvania. The Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town in New York was not the Frederick Fox of Von Heer's Dragoons because: 1) the Frederick Fox of New York died by 1802 and the Frederick Fox of Von Heer's Dragoons was alive in 1829 and lived in Virginia according to Pennsylvania Archives records; and 2) Frederick Fox and his brother Jacob, who were both members of Von Heer's Dragoons, were from Reading, Pennsylvania, according to the Pennsylvania Archives.

The Frederick (Friederich) Fox born 17 October 1764, a son of Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town in New York, according to Stone Arabia Reform Dutch Church records (Vosburgh), was only 12 years old in April 1777. It is extremely doubtful he could have been the Frederick Fox who enlisted in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment in April 1777 and served as a drummer. The drummer of the unit usually gave out the punishment ordered by the military against a disobedient soldier in the unit. Someone who served as a drummer must have been at least in his middle or late teens. Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland was 26 years old in April 1777.

The above discussion leads me to rule out the Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town in New York as being the Frederick Fox who served in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. It is my opinion that the Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town, New York, served out the war as an officer in the 8th Company, German Flatts Town, New York. Additional information may be available at the Herkimer County Historical Society, 400 N. Main St., Herkimer, New York 13350. I did not attempt to access these records and do not know if any records exist there that might be of help.

In summary, none of the records related to Frederick Fox of German Flatts Town in New York lead me to believe that he was the Frederick Fox of the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. Nothing in the New York records disprove that Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland served with the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, from April 1777 to January 1, 1781, during the American Revolution.

I have been unable either to locate or to obtain a copy of one document that might prove useful in this research:

Jameson, Hugh. "The Organization of the Militia of the Middle States During the War for Independence, 1775-1781." PhD dissertation, University of Michigan, 1936.

The next issue of the Newsletter will evaluate the Frederick Fox listed under the state of Pennsylvania in the 1790 United States Census.

## *The War Correspondents Memorial Arch at Crampton's Gap*

The nation's only monument to Civil War correspondents may be better known to Appalachian Trail hikers than to the general public. According to a June 19, 1996, article in *The Frederick Post*, entitled "Gathland Centennial Planned," George Alfred Townsend, who covered the Civil War for the *New York Herald*, lived at the site until the early 1900s on his estate, Gathland, which was later purchased by the state. Townsend deeded the arch and a half-acre of land to the War Department in 1904. It was later transferred to the National Park Service and is now administered by Antietam National Battlefield.

The striking, five-story stone arch straddling the ridge of South Mountain is difficult to find by car but hard to miss from the trail, which runs past it through Gathland State Park. The arch, engraved with the names of 151 Civil War correspondents and artists from the North and the South, was completed in October 1896. The Arch was financed with \$5,000 in contributions from donors including Joseph Pulitzer and Thomas Edison. Gathland was one of 18 state parks closed due to budget constraints in 1990. It is located 18 miles south of Hagerstown and about five miles south of Fox's Gap.

### **Names Appearing On Arch And Newspaper Affiliation Of Some Who Are Known**

Finley Anderson  
J. N. Ashley  
Adam Badean  
T. Barnard  
Geo.W. Beumaw  
H. Bentley  
W. D. Bickham  
A. H. Bodman  
Geo. C. Bower  
H. V. Boynton  
J. H. Brown,  
    New York Tribune  
S. T. Bulkley  
A. H. Byington  
S. Cadwallader  
S. M. Carpenter  
T. M. Cash  
F. G. Chapman  
F. P. Church  
W. C. Church  
G. W. Clarke  
John A. Cockerill  
C. C. Coffin,  
    Boston Journal  
R. T. Colburn  
J. Cook  
T. M. Cook  
E. Crapsey  
Creighton  
L. L. Crouse  
E. Cuthbert  
N. Davidson  
W. E. Davis  
E. F. DeNyse  
J. P. Dunn

D. B. M. Eaton  
C. H. Farrell  
J. C. Fitzpatrick  
R. D. Francis  
T. B. Glover  
T. C. Grey  
C. H. Griffen  
Chas. G. Halpine  
C. Hannem  
B. Harding  
G. H. Hart  
J. Hasson  
John Hay  
S. Hayes  
L. A. Hendricks  
A. R. Henry  
F. Henry  
V. Hickox  
A. S. Hill  
G. W. Hosmer  
E. H. House  
A. Houston  
W. P. Isham  
D. R. Keim  
W. H. Dent  
Thos. W. Knox,  
    New York Herald  
R. C. Long  
P. T. McAlpin  
Richard C. McCormick  
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J. E. Norcross  
C. S. Noyes,  
    Washington Star

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B. S. Osbon,  
    New York World,  
    later Herald  
B. F. Osborn  
C. A. Page  
Nat'l Paige  
U. H. Painter  
Count De Paris  
A. Paul  
E. A. Paul  
E. Peters  
Henry J. Raymond,  
    New York Times  
Whitelaw Reid,  
    Cincinnati Gazette, later  
    New York Tribune  
Albert D. Richardson,  
    New York Tribune  
W. H. Runkle  
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 J. S. Ward  
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 F. Watson  
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 A. F. Laycock  
 H. Bensacon  
 A. Berghaus  
 A. McCallum  
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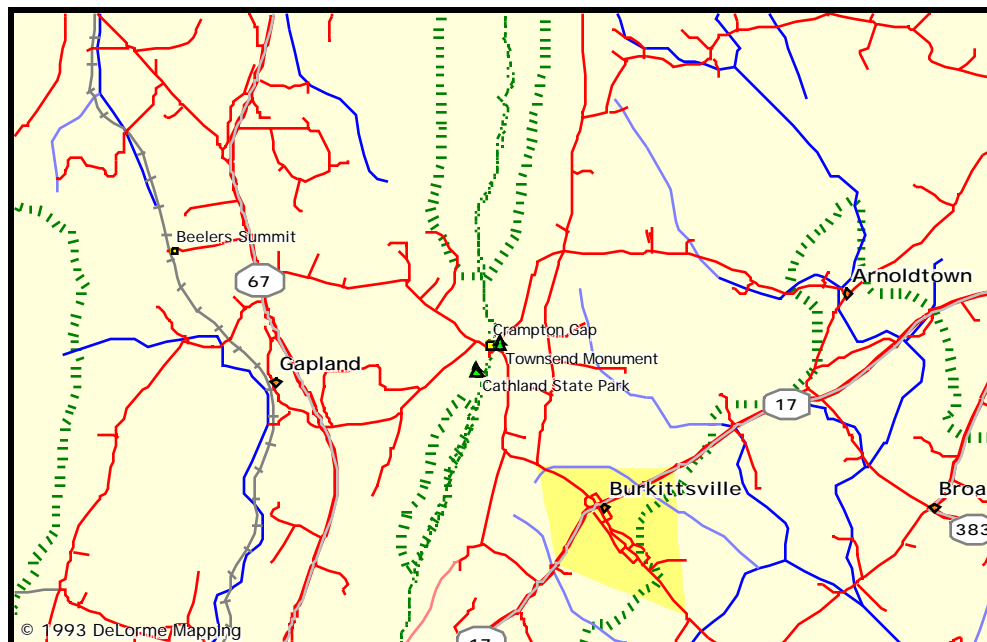
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**Crampton's Gap on Current Map**

## The War Correspondents' Memorial Arch at Crampton's Gap

### From Fielder Gannt and Peter Gaver to the United States Government Tract Name - Fielderia Manor and Gaver's Recovery

Reference	Date	Grantee of Deed	Acres
MdHR BC & GS #47, pp. 1-12	18 May 1770	Fielder Gannt - Fielderia Manor <sup>8</sup> (25 acres of Fielderia Manor became part of the resurvey called Gaver's Recovery)	10,471 & 1/4
MdHR IC #E pp. 702-704	8 Dec 1789	Peter Gaver - Gaver's Recovery <sup>9</sup>	197
Estate of Peter Gaver	Death of Peter Gaver	Michael Bruner, Daniel Booker, John Cain, David Gaver, and others <sup>10</sup>	195
FCLR WR-26-569	11 April 1805	Joshua Harley	195
FC Equity HS-2-92	7 Mar 1831	Equity Case #945, Ezra Slifer, Trustee <sup>11</sup> (Joshua Harley Sr., a lunatic)	195+
FCLR JS-44-393	1833	David Mullendore	220 1/2
(unrecorded)	about Sept 1835	Tilghman Biser and Mary Ann Biser his wife (see FCLR AF-9-541 for reference to the transfer from Mullendore to Biser)	(unrecorded)
FCLR ES-3-57, 58	12 April 1853	Ezra Williard & William Carroll, in trust	All Real Estate In Trust
FCLR ES-5-252	12 April 1853	David Arnold and John Arnold Jr.	168 & 3/4
No Deed	1856	From Trustees to William F. Gitings <sup>12</sup>	16
No Deed	1856	From William F. Gitings to George W. Padget	16
Estate of George Padget	Death of George Padget	Mary A. E. Koontz	16
FCLR CM-7-381	6 May 1869	William M. Feaga, Collector	16
FCLR CM-7-381	12 Oct 1871	David Arnold	16

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Reference	Date	Grantee of Deed	Acres
FCLR AF-9-541	15 Dec 1884	George Alfred Townsend <sup>13</sup>	12 acres, 3 roods, and 17 square perches
FCLR STH-267-367	24 Sep 1904	United States Government <sup>14</sup>	28 & 1/8 square perches

(Curtis L. Older prepared the preceding documentation that gives the lineage of the land tracts of the War Correspondents' Memorial Arch at Crampton's Gap.)

An article of particular interest related to Crampton's Gap appears in *the Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Volum 29, No. 3 (Summer, 1988), pp. 252-266. Timothy J. Reese, a local authority on Crampton's Gap, wrote an article entitled, Coming Home: The Deardorff Family in Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland, 1769-1803. Reese identifies many of the earliest tracts in the area of Crampton's Gap.

An article on George Alfred Townsend appears in "Frederick, The Magazine for Mid-Maryland," October 1996. The magazine probably is part of the Frederick city newspaper.

Additional information on Crampton's Gap is available from:

**Mrs. Marge Magruder**  
**6516 Morningside Court**  
**Middletown, Maryland 21769**  
**(home phone: 301-371-6923)**

**The Friends of Gathland State Park**  
**P. O. Box 192**  
**Burkittsville, Maryland 21718**

Material on Crampton's Gap also will appear in future issues of the Newsletter.

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**Please notify**  
**the President of the Society**  
**regarding any errors you find in the current issue of the Newsletter.**

## Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes a survey, patent, or deed related to the land tracts in the vicinity of Crampton's, Fox's, and Turner's Gaps. These three gaps in South Mountain represent the main area contested by the Union and Confederate Armies in the Battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862.

**Frederick County Land Records, HGO-1-156, Frederick Fox, Fredericks Burgh, surveyed 6 July 1792, 75 acres.**

The State of Maryland to wit, By virtue of a Common Warrant for ?? Granted? out? of the land office for the western ?? to Frederck Fox of Frederick County bearing? date June the 11th 1792 being due to him by virtue of an assignment from Thos. Van Swearingen for that quantity granted him the 26th May 1791 I therefore certify that I have carefully surveyed for & in the name of him the said Frederick Fox all that tract of land lying & being in the County aforesaid beginning at the end of the 12th line of a tract of land called Pickall granted Bartholomew Booker in or about the 25th day of March 1766 and running thence

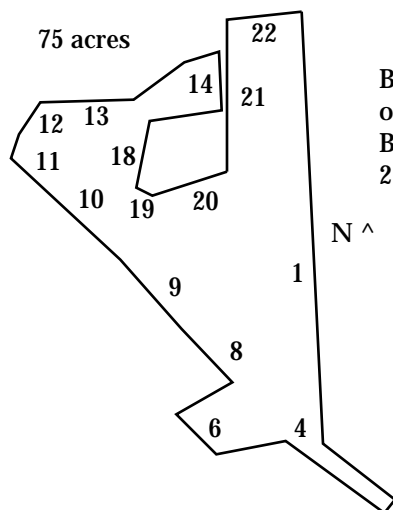
Line No.	North South	Degrees East or West	Length
1	S	East 3	180 perches
2	S	East 51	37 perches
3	S	West 40	6 1/2 perches
4	N	West 54	50 perches
5	S	West 79	30 perches
6	N	West 43	23 perches To a stone marked FF
7	N	East 61 1/2	27 perches <u>to the main road</u> , then with said road 3 courses
8	N	West 44	32 perches
9	N	West 41	40 perches
10	N	West 47	62 perches to the bounded? tree? of a tract of land called Bowers Addition
11	N	East 21 1/2	11 perches
12	N	East 31 1/2	16 perches
13	N	East 88	40 perches
14	N	East 53	24 perches to a stone marked HB growing in the root of a black oak tree
15	N	East 70	14 perches
16	S	East 4	25 perches
17	S	West 81 1/2	30 perches
18	S	West 13	27 perches
19	S	East 64	8 perches
20	N	East 71	32 perches then
21	N		63 perches
22			then by a straight line to the beginning containing 75 acres of land.

Amtg? 75 acres? of land surveyed 6th of July 1792 & called "Fredericks Burgh" Jo.? Swearingen? ??? ??? for Saml Davall? ?? ?? F County?

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Beginning at the end of the 12th line of a tract of land called Pickall granted Bartholomew Booker in or about the 25th day of March 1766 and running thence

lines 8, 9, and 10 are along main road, "6th line of Long Dispute Ended"



### Fredericks Burgh

Beginning at the end of the 12th line of a tract of land called Pickall granted Bartholomew Booker in or about the 25th day of March 1766

- 6. To a stone marked FF
- 7. To the main road, then with said road 3 courses
- 10. to the bounded tree of a tract of land called Bowser's Addition

Noted on deed: "lines 8, 9, and 10 are along main road. 6th line of Long Dispute Ended."

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## *Now Available from the Society!*

### "A Trip along the Old Sharpsburg Road"

Are you unable to make the trip to Fox's Gap in Maryland? Would you like to take a drive along the old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap without having to leave your home? Now you can. William G. Benner of Miamisburg, Ohio, filmed a short documentary from his car while driving along the road through Fox's Gap.

The VCR tape, entitled "A Trip along the Old Sharpsburg Road", is now available for the use of members for a period of up to two months for just the price of postage. Just request a copy of the tape from Curtis Older and submit with your letter the sum of \$3.00 for postage. You will receive the tape which you may use for up to two months before it must be returned at your expense.

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### Items for Sale Available through the Society

Members are reminded the Society has available for sale, at cost to the Society, many pictures related to Fox's Gap in Maryland as well as pictures of descendants of Frederick Fox. The photos available are listed in the June 1, 1996, Newsletter and will be listed again in the June 1, 1998, Newsletter.

## Wills

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes one typewritten version of a will that has significance to the preservation efforts of the Society. Included in this issue is the will of Bartholomew Booker, the father-in-law of Frederick Fox.

### **Will of Bartholomew Booker** Frederick County, Maryland, Register of Wills Records, GM-2-431.

In the Name of God Amen I Bartholomew Booker of Frederick County and State of Maryland, being in sound Mind and memory, but weak in body calling to Mind all Men must die, do make this my last Will and Testament, recommending my Soul into the Hands of the Almyhty God, who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like manner by my Executors, and touching my Worldly Estate. I dispose of the same in the following manner and form - first, that all my Just debts be paid by me Executors; Item I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Bartholomew and Mathias their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, one Tract of land containing about the quantity of Three hundred and seventeen acres lying in Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania Know by the Name of the Yellow Spring to be equally divided Between the yeilding and Paying to my Estate or to the Executors thereof the Sum of Two hundred and Sixty pounds Lawfull money - Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Peter during his Natural Life one hundred and twenty acres of land lying in Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania to be taken off at the lower End of my Land near Rippleogles Plantation where one Green lives and after his decease to be the Right and Estate of the Heirs of my said son Peter's for Ever he yeilding and paying to my Estate or the Executors thereof the Sum of one hundred and twenty pounds Lawfull Money; Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Daniel his Heirs and Assigns for ever, two hundred acres of land lying in Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania to be taken off my Land adjoining my Son Peters Land above mentioned he yeilding and paying to my Estate or the Executors thereof the sum of two hundred pounds Lawfull money Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son John his Heirs and Assigns for Ever the remaining part of the said Tract of Land lying in Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania know by the name of Rippleogles Plantation at the upper end thereof and adjoining my Son Daniel part above mentioned containing two hundred acres he yeilding and paying to my Estate or the Executors thereof the sum of two hundrd pounds Lawfull money Item I give and bequesth unto my Daughter Leah her Heirs and Assigns one Feather Bed and funiture one Cow, a Heifer and a side Saddle; Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Rachel heirs and assigns one feather bed and Furniture, one cow and a side saddle - Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary her Heirs and Assigns one Cow, one Feather Bead and Furniture, Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Salome one Feather Bead, and one Cow to her and her Heirs and assigns with the furniture to said bed, Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah her Heirs and Assigns one Feather Bed and furniture and one Cow. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret, her Heirs and Assigns, one Cow, Item I Give and Bequeath my Daughter Barbara her Heirs and Assigns one Cow - Item. It is my Will that all the remaining part of my Real and Personal Estate be sold by my Executors to the best advantage, and I give and bequeath the one third part of the money so arising from the same to my beloved wife Margaret, with the one third part of all my Bills, Bonds, Notes, and Accounts. Except the money's payable from my five sons, Bartholomew, Mathias, Peter, Daniel, and John with one Feather Bead and furniture and her side saddle to her and her Heirs and assigns for ever Item I also give to said wife Margaret my House Clock during her Natural Life. then to be the right and Estate of my son John his Heirs and Assigns - Item It is also my Will that all the remaining part of my estate not heretofore Devised when sold by my Executors, and the moneys to arising with all the remaining part of all my bills, bonds, notes

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and accounts with the different sums of monies payable from my five sons Bartholomew, Mathias, Peter, Daniel and John, be equally divided between all my sons and daughters share and share alike that is Catharine, Daniel, Peter, Margaret, Bartholomew, Leah, Matthias, Rachel, Barbara - Elisabeth, Mary, Solome, John and Hannah -  
 and Lastly I Nominate and Appoint my Beloved Wife Margaret and Frederick Fox my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament Revoking all other Wills by me formerly made In Witness whereof I have herunto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal this Twenty first day of October In the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One --  
 Signed Sealed Published and Declared by Bartholomew Booker to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto the day and year first above written  
 Philip Jacob ???? ???? Sfmidt Jo. Swearingin

Frederick County May the 1st 1792 then came Margaret Booker and Frederick Fox Executors of Bartholomew Booker Deceased and Solumly Affirmed and Declared that the aforegoing Instrument of Writing is the True and Whole Will and Testament of the said Bartholomew Booker late of Frederick County deceased. That hath come to their Hands an apoprfcion?? and that they doth not know of any other --

Geo. Murdoch Reg.

Frederick County ?? May 1st 1792 then came Philip Jacob Shafer and Henry Smith two of the Subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Bartholomew Booker late of Frederick County deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will that they heard him publish pronouce and declare that same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and that they did also see Joseph Swearingin the other Subscribing witness sign his name as a Witness thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and all in the presence of each other --

Geo. Murdoch Reg.

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## Membership Section

**There are no new members of the Society since June 1, 1997.**

**The following are new addresses of existing members.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Phone</u>
<u>Address</u>	
Richard Dale and Deloris Fox Sr. P. O. Box 64 Covington, In 47932	765-793-3674
Dellie Jean Craig 1624 Arlington Road Lafayette, Indiana 47904	317-448-9194

## Footnotes to Pages 12 and 13

# *The War Correspondents' Memorial Arch at Crampton's Gap*

<sup>1</sup> "Fielderia originally on the 6th day of September anno domini 1763 granted unto the said Fielder Gannt for 8151 acres"

<sup>2</sup> "Gavers Recovery by resurvey made the 8th day of December 1789." "in the following tracts or parts of tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the county aforesaid and contiguous to each other viz nineteen and a half acres part of the resurvey on Dawsons Purchase originally on the fifth day of October seventeen hundred and fifty two granted Thomas Dawson for two hundred and fifteen and three quarters acres eighty nine acres part of I Got It At Last originally on the fifth day of November seventeen hundred and fifty four granted Thomas Hawkins for one hundred acres The Mountain originally on the nineteenth day of October seventeen hundred and sixty granted Thomas Hawkins for thirty acres and twenty five acres part of a tract of land called Fielderia Manor originally on the fifteenth day of January seventeen hundred and seventy two granted Fielder Gannt for ten thousand four hundred and seventy one and a quarter acres, contiguous to which lands he has discovered some vacancy and being desirous to add the same and to reduce the whole into one entire tract"

<sup>3</sup> "Michael Brunner and Elizabeth Brunner his wife Daniel Booker and Catherin Booker his wife Samuel Gaver John Cain and Mary Cain his wife Henry Beeler and Hannah Beeler his wife Jacob Parson and Huldak Parson his wife Gedion Gaver David Gaver Samuel Landis and Arsenith Landis his wife John Bizer and Lydia Bizer his wife, all heirs and representatives of Peter Gaver deceased"

<sup>4</sup> "by a decree of Frederick county court setting as a Court of Equity bearing date the seventh day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty one the above named Ezra Slifer was appointed a trustee and authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of all the real estate of Joshua Harley Senr then a lunatic"

<sup>5</sup> "said Trustees in execution of said trust did about A. D. 1856 did sell said lot to William F. Gittings but did not give any deed for the same, though the purchase money was paid, & the said Gittings did about A. D. 1856, sell the same lot to one George W. Padget now deceased of the same county intestate, and whose sole child and heir is the said Mary A. E. Koontz and whereas after the death of said Padget intestate, said lot was sold at Public Sale for Taxes due thereon for the years 1866 & 7 by William A. Fenga Tax Collector for the County aforesaid on the sixth day of May A. D. 1869 to the said David Arnold"

<sup>6</sup> "It being part of the same land which was conveyed to said George Alfred Townsend by a deed executed by David Arnold and his wife dated December 15, 1884, and which is recorded in Liber A. F. No 9 folio 541 one of the land records of Frederick County, Maryland."

<sup>7</sup> "all that triangular tract or parcel of land lying in the forks of the road leading from the summit of South Mountain to Arnoldstown and Burkittsville respectively being in Frederick County state of Maryland and more particularly described, as beginning at a point near the dividing line between Frederick and Washington counties Maryland and in the middle of the road leading from Burkittsville to Gapland Station said point being S 10 degrees west 1 & 1/10 perches from a stone planted on the north side of said road and near the stone fence, and running thence with the middle of the road"

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# News from Fox's Gap

The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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**Remember Freedom!**

June 1, 1998

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## Reunion at Miamisburg, Ohio, May 31, 1998

A number of families representing descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland will meet on Sunday, May 31, 1998, in Miamisburg, Ohio.

7:00 to 8:00 PM	Saturday May 30	Check-in at local motel.
8:00 to 9:30 AM	Sunday May 31	Breakfast at Bob Evans restaurant, Exit #44, I-75.
11:00 AM	Sunday May 31	Attend church service at the Gebhart or St. John Lutheran Church adjacent the cemetery.
12:15 to 1:45 PM	Sunday May 31	Lunch at a local Miamisburg restaurant.
2:00 to 3:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Visit the St. John or Gebhart Cemetery and the grave of Frederick Fox.
3:00 to 5:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Meeting of the participants in the Reunion - Discussion leader will be Curtis L. Older.
5:00 PM	Sunday May 31	Depart for home.

Don Smith, the newest member of the Society, probably will have the largest contingent of Fox descendants at the Reunion. Don, who lives in Indianapolis, has many relatives who live in Ohio and who descend from Frederick Fox. Those who expect to attend the Reunion include: Dellie Jean Craig, Dick and Delores Fox, Bill Benner and wife, Don Smith and wife, Curt Older and wife Linda and daughter Rachael, and perhaps up to 10 or so relatives of Don Smith.

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## President's Message

by Curtis Lynn Older

- \*\* Welcome to new Society member Donald Smith of Indianapolis, Indiana. Don and his wife, Joan S. Smith, plan to attend the reunion at Miamisburg, Ohio. Curt came across Don when he was reviewing the 1997 Sons of the American Revolution Directory and noticed Don's name listed under descendants of Frederick Fox.
- \*\* The Frederick County Library, Frederick, Maryland, recently purchased three copies of *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland*. The Carlyle House, also known as the Braddock House, in Alexandria, Virginia, also recently purchased a copy of the book.
- \*\* *The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain* is almost ready to send to the publisher. Family Line Publications of Westminster, Maryland, will publish the book. The book will run about 225 pages and is an abbreviated version of my "Long Version" of the same title. I hope this book will permanently serve to identify the earliest land tracts in the battlefield area.



## **The George Fox Line**

by Dellie Jean Craig

The following members of the Society descend from George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox:

Elizabeth Jane Bucholz - Society #0008

Dellie Jean Craig - Society #0009

Patricia Jo Edwards - Society #0011

Richard Dale Fox Sr. - Society #0015

Reva Winfried Fox - Society #0003

William Ernest Fox - Society #0002

Wilma Marion Gose - Society #0010

Mildred F. Metcalf - Society #00016

Curtis Lynn Older - Society #0001

Don Smith - Society #0021

### **Jacob and Melissa Ricketts, parents of Elizabeth Jane Ricketts**

Dellie Jean Craig submitted the following picture of the family of Jacob and Melissa Ricketts.



Front row: Jake Ricketts, Melissa Barnard Ricketts, Jacob Ricketts, and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts. Back row: Daniel Ricketts, Frederick Ricketts, Hiram Ricketts, Joseph Ricketts, Dave Ricketts, and Abraham Lincoln Ricketts. Not in photograph: Nan Ricketts.

Jacob and Melissa Ricketts were the parents of Elizabeth Jane Ricketts. Elizabeth married Daniel Alexander Fox. Daniel and Elizabeth Fox were the parents of Kenneth, Ernest, William, Ethel, and Ruby Fox. (See Application for Letters of Administration, 23 January 1924, on the death of Melissa Ricketts. Also see the 1870 and 1880 United States Census records for Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana. Pension papers of Jacob Ricketts appear in the National Archives under Union Army, Company D, 57th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, 1864 to 1865, Certificate 703568; Pensioner: Melissa J.; Widow of Veteran: Jacob Ricketts; Can No: 561621; bundle No.: 3.)

The following list identifies records placed on a Kodak Photo CD-Rom disc by Curtis L. Older that relate to Jacob Ricketts and his wife, Melissa Jane Barnard:

1. Pension paper dated 29 February 1904, at Danville, Illinois, for Jacob Ricketts of Company D, 57th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.
2. Declaration of Pension, Jacob Ricketts, dated 25 February 1907.
3. Original Invalid Pension, Jacob Ricketts, dated 30 April 1890.
4. Application for Letters of Administration, 23 January 1924, on the death of Melissa Ricketts. Lists children as Abraham L. Ricketts, Joseph, Nancy Ricketts Dixon, Hiram, Fred, and Jacob. Lists grandchildren as Kenneth Fox, Ernest Fox, William Fox, Ethel Fox Gouty, and Ruby Fox Hines.
5. Department of Pensions, Jacob Ricketts, gives wife as Melissa Jane Ricketts, married March 20, 1860, at Danville, Illinois. Jacob Ricketts had a previous wife who died in 1850.
6. Map of Land Owners in 1872, Highland Township, Indiana, The township was between the Wabash River and the Illinois State Line.
7. Landowners of Highland Township, Indiana.
8. Marriage record that acknowledges existence of marriage license for Jacob Ricketts and Melissa J. Barnard on 21 March 1861.

The father of Jacob Ricketts was John Ricketts. (See the death certificate for Jacob Ricketts. Also see the 1840 United States Census records for Vermillion County, Highland Township, Indiana.) The father of John Ricketts was Robert Ricketts. (See January Term 1856, page 397, Ohio County, Indiana, that lists the heirs of Robert Ricketts. Robert died February 14, 1853. The first beneficiary listed for Robert Ricketts is "John Ricketts's heirs." John preceded his father, Robert, in death. John died February 23, 1843, in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana.

The above chain of descent, from Robert Ricketts to John Ricketts to Jacob Ricketts to Elizabeth Jane Ricketts appears to be correct. However, additional records to prove the line of descent will be sought in the coming months. A more in-depth discussion of the ancestors of Jacob Ricketts will appear in the December 1, 1998, Newsletter.

National Archive Microfilm Publications contain information about Robert Ricketts under No. S 17,047, Pennsylvania. The material appears to be from pages 0146 through 0156 of the microfilm. Also see Pennsylvania Archives, Series III, v. 23, p. 453. Page 0156 of the National Archive microfilm consists of the following letter:

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section

May 7, 1927

Mrs. W. H. Shonts  
203 E. Marion St.  
South Bend, Indiana

Madam:

I have to advise you that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 17047, that Robert Ricketts was born January 15, 1765, near Hagerstown, Maryland. He enlisted in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1780 as a private in Captain James Johnson's Company in Colonel Piper's Pennsylvania Regiment and served three months. While living in Kishacoquillas Valley, Pennsylvania, he enlisted in 1782 and served three months and seven days as a private in Captains Robert's Samuel's and Bowls' Pennsylvania Companies. 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, leaving a widow and eleven children, their names not stated. His widow died February 20, 1853.

Respectfully,  
Winfield Scott  
Commissioner

## Frederick Fox in the American Revolution

by Curtis L. Older

### The Frederick Fox of Pennsylvania in the 1790 U. S. Census

There is a Frederick Fox listed in *Emigrants of Pennsylvania*, Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1978, Baltimore, Maryland:

April 14, 1773, Record of servants & apprentices bound & assigned before Hon. John Gibson, Mayor of Philadelphia, Dec. 5th, 1772 - May 21, 1773.

Frederick Fox with consent of his step mother Eliza Fox, apprentice to Conrad Alster of Phila Cordwainer.

Since the Frederick Fox who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1773 was apprenticed to someone who lived in Philadelphia, it seems likely this Frederick Fox was the one who resided in Philadelphia County in the 1790 census. Because he must have been rather young, he received his step mother's consent to be an apprentice. Perhaps he did not serve in the Revolutionary War.

The 1791 Philadelphia Directory lists a "Fox Frederick, cordwainer, St. John's St. above Poplar lane, No. Lib." The Frederick Fox who appears in the following record in 1773 perhaps was the same Frederick Fox listed as a cordwainer in 1791 in Philadelphia. This is not completely certain however. There is no listing of a Frederick Fox in the 1785 MacPherson's Directory For The City and Suburbs of Philadelphia or in the 1795 Philadelphia Directory published by Edmund Hogan.<sup>1</sup>

This Frederick Fox cannot be ruled out as serving in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line.

The following letter, dated August 16, 1996, was received from Domenic A. Saguto, Master Shoemaker, Manager, Leather Trades Programs, Department of Historic Trades, Presentations & Tours, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Older:

Thank you for your letter of 5 August, and the pleasant comments about your visit to the Shoemakers' Shop last year at Thanksgiving. I am glad I was able to assist you then, and I shall try again with your latest questions.

The "Bierly Tannery" report I referred you to is: Archaeological Data Recovery at the Bierly Tannery (18FR575) City of Frederick, Maryland, 1991, by M.A.A.R. Associates, Inc., 9 Liberty Plaza, Newark, DE 19715. This is a very important site, as it began operations in the 1760s or before, and stayed in continual use until the 1920s. If you wish to actually see the shoes and other leather artifacts, they were last reported to be on display at the public library in the city of Frederick, about one hour's drive north from Washington, D. C., but I'd recommend you call them first to be certain.

Your question regarding the age of Frederick Fox in 1773 is not so simple. If he required his stepmother's permission to be apprenticed off to Conrad Alster between December 1772 and May 1773, he must have been a minor. In Virginia, at least, this would suggest he was under twenty-one. Since there is no length of apprenticeship given, we have no idea exactly how much younger than twenty-one he was.

Typically an apprenticeship ranged from five to seven years, and for males had to end upon turning twenty-one (eighteen for females in Virginia). Some "orphans" were put off to trade at a very young age, some as young as six or seven; others as late as sixteen or older. Apprenticeship was seen

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<sup>1</sup> Per research of William B. Brown, III, Genealogist, in late 1996.

here, by the courts at least, as a handy way of finding foster-parents for "orphans" (which usually meant the child of a widowed mother who did not have the estate or income to support them).

Given this situation, there were "apprentices" and there were "apprentices". Some served a full term of six or seven years to become journeymen in the traditional way. Others were "apprenticed" for an abbreviated period of time and only with the intent of keeping them out of mischief until they reached their majority. One embittered New Jersey writer of the 1750s commented on the effects of such abbreviated apprenticeships -- which required no more than three years -- calling the journeymen so produced "Rather Jobbers and Cobblers than Workmen," and it is "almost incredible to think what a Number of such Insects infest this Country."

Contrary to English law, which limited the number of apprentices one master could take on to three, there were no such constraints in Virginia, and probably elsewhere in the Colonies, where masters could accept as many apprentices as they felt they could feed. This also changed the face of apprenticeship in colonial America away from the traditional Old World arrangements, and gave rise to such abuses as related above in New Jersey.

Traditionally, shoemaking apprenticeships by the later 18th-century in England had grown to a minimum of seven full years, though it is often stated in several books to the young would-be apprentice shoemaker, that more like ten years was necessary to develop enough proficiency to make a good living at it.

From what we know about the shoemaking trade itself, it was always one of the largest occupations in any city. Philadelphia, in particular, where the shoemakers had been organized earlier in the 18th century into "Labor" and "Management" camps with societies for the masters and others for the journeymen, was no exception. Where numbers were high like this, competition was ferocious, and only the best journeymen could find and maintain employment. The inferior workmen drifted out of the countryside, or took up the ridiculed occupation of shoe repair as a "Cobbler."

The shoemakers of Philadelphia led the 1788 Grand Federal Procession, with the largest contingent of tradesmen and a horse-drawn float representing a shoe shop with six men actually at work on it, followed by the standard bearer and over three hundred shoemakers, marching six abreast, each wearing white leather aprons embellished with the company's arms richly painted -- such was the state and prosperity of the shoe trade in 18th century Philadelphia.

Since Fox was apprenticed off by his stepmother, not stepfather, I would suspect that his father (or stepfather) was deceased or else he would have been acting as the guardian in this case.

As to whether he served in the military during the War for Independence, that question would be even more difficult to answer with any certainty. I do not know the proportion of Loyalists, Rebels, and neutrals in Philadelphia, but what is generally thought is that only about one-third of the American population played a combative role in the conflict. Of this one-third, some joined provincial, Loyalist units, or the American Army. If Fox had only just arrived, presumably from England in 1772, and depending on the political bent of his master, Alster, there's an equally good chance he could have served in a Loyalist regiment. I wouldn't automatically assume that if he took part in the war he would have necessarily been in the Continental Army.

Furthermore, Philadelphia was, by 1770, a major center for the manufacture of boots and shoes "in this as [in] the neighboring Provinces and the West Indies which are mostly supplied from hence," producing very fine work up to London standards. During war time the shoe trade finds unparalleled prosperity in supplying footwear to the military, so another distinct possibility is that Fox road out the war making shoes. Another scenario is that Fox, if he did indeed enlist in the Continental Army, might have been assigned to work in the Continental Army Shoe Factory established in Newark, New Jersey, with operated at least through 1777/8.

The Continental Army also organized a Corps of Artificers, and other sub-organizations of craftsmen who, while enlisted in the service, were used to support the war effort as tradesmen rather than combat soldiers.

This is all speculation in the case of your Frederick Fox, of course, but all are distinct possibilities for you to investigate. The city directories for Philadelphia are very useful, and I would suggest you start there to try and find Alster's dates of operation and reference to Fox, who may have

gone on to run his own business. Rosters for several of the Pennsylvania regiments might survive too, as well as Loyalist claims, so you might want to search these out in your research.

If you want to read more about the shoemakers of 18th-century Philadelphia, I can recommend: Quimby, Ian J., "The Cordwainers Protest: A Crisis in Labor Relations", Winterthur Portfolio, Volume III, 1967.

Smith, Billy G., The Lower Sort: Philadelphia Laboring People, (no date, but recently published).

Smith, Billy G., "The Material Lives of Laboring Philadelphians, 1750-1800," The William and Mary Quarterly, Volume XXXVIII, Number 2, April 1981.

I appreciate your kind offer to reimburse me financially for my reply, but that is not necessary, nor ethical. As a museum we are committed to research and education in the public trust, and I am glad to be able to assist your research as part of my job. If you wish to make a contribution either to the ongoing work of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, or specifically the work of the Shoemaking Program, please feel free to either call me directly (757-229-1000, ext. 2543) or contact our Director for Development, Mr. Barry Dress (757-220-7226).

If I can be of any further assistance, don't hesitate to write or call.

Sincerely,

D. A. Saguto, Master Shoemaker  
Manager, Leather Trades Programs  
Department of Historic Trades,  
Presentations & Tours

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**Records in the National Archives, Washington, DC, for Frederick Fox, 10th  
Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line**

**Heading Card**

sent with the below mentioned cards:

Fox, Frederick

10 Pennsylvania Reg't.

(Revolutionary War.)

Drumr & fifer      Drummer

Card Numbers.

1. 37404176

2. 4837

3. 37188278

4. 39144421

**Card One**

F 10 Pa.

Frederick Fox

Drum.

Appears as shown below in an

Account

of what Monies Received & paid by William Feltman

Lieut Paymaster. To Lieut. Col. Samuel

Hay's Company Tenth Pennsya Regt To the

Officers & Privates of said Regt

(Revolutionary War.)

Account dated

not dated, 17 .

Name, Frederick Fox drum

Sum paid, Dollars, 90ths

Sum reced for pay &

Subsistance as Pr

pay Roll. January 52, Dollars, 90ths

February & March

1780,

We the Subscribers do Acknowledge to have

reced the sums Annex'd to our Names Respectively,

Fredk. X Fox's mark

Remarks:

Number of record:

6 ??VP Ripley??

(545i) copyist

**Card Two**

F 10 Pa.

Frederick Fox

Drummer, 10 Regiment Pa

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears in a book\*

Compiled from Rolls

of the organization named above, under the head

of "State of Pennsylvania against United

States for Depreciation on Pay of the Army."

Sum charged L91 - s7 - d8

Sum admitted

Remarks: Inlistd 26 April 77

\*This book appears to have been compiled (from original rolls) in the Office of Army Accounts under the Paymaster General, U.S.A., who was authorized by Congress, July 4, 1783 to settle and finally adjust all accounts whatsoever between the United States and the officers and soldiers of the American army. (Journal American Congress, Vol. 4, page 237.)-R. & P. 436,786.

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(someone's name)

(575) Copyist

**Card Three**

F 10 Pa.

Frederic Fox

, Tenth Regiment, 1780.

Appears in a

Book\*

under the following heading:

"We and each of us whose names are hereunto subscribed do acknowledge to have received from Major Thomas B. Bown and Captain Ercurius Beatty, Agents for the late Pennsylvania Line, the several sums opposite to our names, respectively, in certificates dated July 1, 1784, bearing Interest at Six Per cent. fro January 1, 1781, Signed by John Pierce, Commissioner, and described as below, being for a Balance of a settlement between the United States and us for Pay To January 1st 1781." (Revolutionary War.)

Date of Issue , 17 .

No of Certificate 67913; Letter P.

No of voucher

Sum 36 Dollars 60 90ths.

Signer Deld??

Remarks:

\*This book bears the following Certificate: "I Certify that this Book (Containing 200 hundred and eleven pages) is a correct Copy of Pay Roll Book 'B' one of the Books of pay rolls of the agents of the United States for the settlement of the pay of the Pennsylvania Line in the Revolutionary War. Witness my hand and seal of Office at Harrisburg the twenty first day of September, A.D. 1818?? - Geo. Bryan, auditor Gen. State of Pennsylvania."

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Riverson??

(547) copyist

**Card Four**

F 10 Pa.

Frederick Fox

Appears with the rank of Drumr & fifer on a Roll

of Lieut Colo. Hubley's Company 10th Pennsyla.

Regimt Commanded by Colo Richd Humpton

Enlisted During the War-

(Revolutionary War.)

Roll dated

Sept 10, 1778.

Remarks: In the field

signed name of someone??

(555) Copyist

## Frederick Fox and Fox's Gap Section

by Curtis Lynn Older

### The Reno School Building along the old Sharpsburg Road



A 1996 photograph of the former Reno School building. The school was named after United States Major General Jesse Lee Reno who was killed at Fox's Gap during the Battle of South Mountain. The building probably was built in late 1865. It has been used as a house since 1924. Edna I. Toms owned the building in early 1997. Photo by Susanne Flowers.

### The Reno School Building Land Tract Records

From Bartholomew Booker, 1764, to Edna I. Toms, 1997  
Tract Name - Pick All

MdHR = Maryland Hall of Records at Annapolis, Maryland  
FCLR = Frederick County Land Records, Frederick, Maryland

Reference	Date	Grantee of Deed	Area
MdHR BC & GS 30 pp. 214-216	3 Feb 1764	Bartholomew Booker, Patent for Pick All A Resurvey on Mendall and Small All	1224 acres
FCLR L-71	16 Oct 1767	Bartholomew Booker to George Shidler, Long Dispute (Shidler's Dispute and part of Pick All)	200 acres
FCLR P-651	22 Mar 1773	George Shidler to Henry Smith, Long Dispute (Shidler's Dispute and part of Pick All)	200 acres
FCLR WR-8-662	20 Oct 1789	Henry Smith to Peter Hutzal, Long Dispute (Shidler's Dispute and part of Pick All)	200 acres



Reference	Date	Grantee of Deed	Area
FCLR JS-17-504	7 Apr 1823	Ex of Peter Hutzel to Jacob Hutzel	160 acres
FCLR JS-19-6	1 Dec 1823	Jacob Hutzel to John Hutzel	160 acres
FCLR BFG-6-569	1 Apr 1861	John Hutzel Estate to Ezra Warenfeltz (Adam Hutzel, Samuel Hutzel, and Vincent Sanner, executors)	162 and 1/2 acres and 17 perches
FCLR BGF-6-680	7 May 1861	Ezra Warenfeltz to William J. Kepler and Anna M. Kepler, his wife	162 and 1/2 acres and 17 perches
FCLR BGF-7-561	30 June 1862	William J. Kepler and Anna M. Kepler, his wife, to John Mentzer and Martha E. Mentzer, his wife	3 acres and 66 perches
FCLR AF-11-311	27 Aug 1865	John Mentzer and Martha E. Mentzer, his wife, to County School Commissioners of Frederick County (the Reno School)	1 acre
FCLR 368-32	25 Aug 1928	Board of Education to George L. Miller (the Reno School building became a private residence)	1 acre
FCLR 421-320	12 Sep 1939	Orpha M. Miller, widow of George L. Miller, to Everett Moser (Mount Reno School Lot)	1 acre
FCLR 438-345	19 Apr 1943	Everett Moser to Murvil L. and Edna I. Toms (Reno School House Lot)	1 acre, also 5 acres

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## Topics in the next issue of the Newsletter, December 1, 1998

- \* 1. The deed for the transfer of the Reno Monument from the Society of the Burnside Expedition to the United States Government.
- \* 2. Ancestor Chart for John Ogle, First of the Name in Delaware.
- \* 3. Frederick Fox at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78.
- \* 4. The will of John Adam Link II.
- \* 5. The land record for the Bowser's Addition tract at Fox's Gap.

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## Membership Drive

The main objective of each member of the Society is to recruit at least one new member of the Society each year. The new member should not have been a previous member of the Society. The easy work is over. We now must seek to identify those individuals who are unknown to us and who qualify to join the Society.

# Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes a survey, patent, or deed related to the land tracts in the vicinity of Crampton's, Fox's, and Turner's Gaps. These three gaps in South Mountain represent the main area contested by the Union and Confederate Armies in the Battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862.

Maryland Hall of Records 17,441, 1-23-3-41, BC & GS 30, pp. 214-216, Bartholomew Booker, Pick All, resurveyed 3 Feb 1764, 1224 acres. "1224 acres. completed 10-2-95. i."

Bartholomew Booker, his cert 1224 a Pickall, pattd 25th March 1764 rent ? ann l2.g sterling charged to the rent roll -- } Frederick County ? By virtue of a special warrant granted out of his lordships land office of this province to Bartholomew Booker of the county afsd bearing date by renewment the 8th September 1763 to Resurvey part of two tracts of land lying in the county afsd and contiguous to each other viz 146 acres part of a tract or parcel of land called Mendall originally on the 21st day of December 1758 granted him for 546 acres under new rent and one quarter of an acre part of a tract or parcel of land called Small-all originally on the 24th day of June 1759 granted unto the said Bartholomew Booker for 25 acres under new Rent to Resurvey the afsd land to amend all errors to add the contiguous vacancy I therefore certify as deputy surveyor under his excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor of Maryland that I have carefully resurveyed the afsd lands and find that the afsd Tract of land called Mendall that there appears to be the quantity of two hundred and four acres remaining in possession of said Booker and I also find that the other tract called Small All has been all conveyed to certain George Shidler but about one quarter of an acre which quarter lays in the first original and I have added three pieces of contiguous vacancy containing one thousand and twenty acres and have reduced the whole into one entire tract which will appear by the platts below lastly beginning for the out lines of the whole by virtue of the before mentioned warrant at the beginning tree of a tract of land called Johns Delight patented to James Wardrop which tree is a white oak standing by the side of the main road that leads from Frederick Town to Fort Frederick and running thence

Line No.	North	Degrees	Length	Line No.	North	Degrees	Length
	South	East or West			South	East or West	
1	S	38 east	66 perches	22	S	81 east	64 perches
2	N	70 east	80 perches	23	S	21 east	30 perches
3	S	45 west	148 perches	24	N	44 east	100 perches
4	S	86 west	100 perches	25	N		80 perches
5	N		34 perches	26	S	80 east	75 perches
6	N	69 east	140 perches	27	S	25 east	17 perches
7	S	79 1/2 west	148 perches	28	N	80 east	96 perches
8	N	10 west	57 perches	29	S	19 west	162 perches
9	N	36 west	60 perches	30	N	76 west	36 perches
10	N	51 east	52 perches	31	S	88 west	26 perches
11	N	62 1/2 west	80 perches	32	N	7 west	13 perches
12	S	88 west	20 perches	33	S	74 west	24 perches
13	S	3 east	180 perches	34	S	8 west	27 perches
14	S	51 east	98 perches	35	N	75 east	22 perches
15	S	9 east	10 perches	36	S	16 east	46 perches
16	S	60 west	40 perches	37	S	40 east	20 perches
17	S	3 west	67 perches	38		east	40 perches
18	S	33 west	28 perches	39	N	8 east	10 perches
19	S	49 east	41 perches	40	N	89 east	63 perches
20	N	34 east	94 perches	41	N	35 east	40 perches
21	S	51 east	78 perches	42	N	11 1/2 east	154 perches

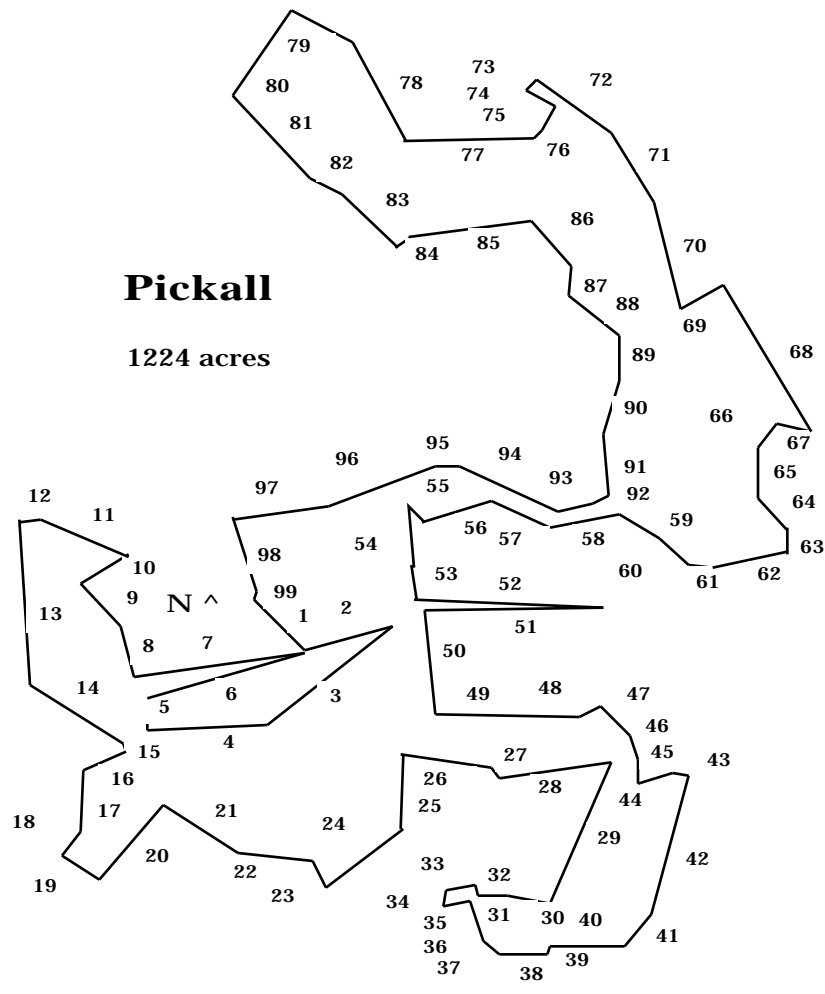
Line No.	North South	Degrees East or West	Length	Line No.	North South	Degrees East or West	Length
43	N	80 west	13 perches	71	N	25 west	83 perches
44	S	71 west	31 perches	72	N	46 west	88 perches
45	N		22 perches	73	S	36 west	15 perches
46	N	11 west	27 perches	74	S	53 east	30 perches
47	N	39 west	40 perches	75	S	21 west	28 perches
48	S	60 west	20 perches	76	S	40 west	12 perches
49	N	88 1/2 west	110 perches	77	S	88 west	104 perches
50	N	4 west	113 perches	78	N	22 west	117 perches
51	N	88 east	147 perches	79	N	58 west	60 perches
52	N	87 west	156 perches	80	S	28 west	106 perches
53	N	4 west	37 perches	81	S	36 east	110 perches
54	N	1 1/2 west	74 perches	82	S	60 east	30 perches
55	S	32 east	20 perches	83	S	38 east	74 perches
56	N	66 east	60 perches	84	N	41 east	19 perches
57	S	60 east	56 perches	85	N	82 east	100 perches
58	N	79 east	60 perches	86	S	36 east	60 perches
59	S	54 east	40 perches	87	S	5 west	30 perches
60	S	40 east	40 perches	88	S	44 east	60 perches
61	S	82 east	22 perches	89	S		50 perches
62	N	76 east	66 perches	90	S	12 west	60 perches
63	N		28 perches	91	S	3 east	64 perches
64	N	38 west	40 perches	92	S	43 west	17 perches
65	N		55 perches	93	S	81 west	30 perches
66	N	30 1/2 east	31 perches	94	N	60 west	94 perches
67	S	72 east	30 perches	95	S	88 west	20 perches
68	N	25 west	175 perches	96	S	64 west	99 perches
69	S	55 west	44 perches	97	S	81 west	82 perches
70	N	11 west	116 perches	98	S	13 east	80 perches
				99		then with a straight line to the beginning	

containing and now laid out for one thousand two hundred and twenty four acres of land to be held of Conogocheigue Manor by the name of Pickall  
February 22d 1764 Examined & passed Resurveyed the 3d day of February 1764.  
U Scott Examr      ? John Murdock

on the back of the foregoing certificate was the following receipt viz - I have received two pounds eighteen shillings for the within surplus fifty two pounds thirteen shillings for the vacancy added four shillings ? nine pence for four years ? nine months rent ? Small All to sady? day 1764 ? four pounds six? pence for improvements patent may therefore issue with his excellency's approbation Edwd Lloyd  
20th February 1764 approved H Sharpe

(Author's Note: lines 41 and 42 are contiguous to lines 6 and 7 of Christies Folly; line 44 is the same as line 39 of the Resurvey on Oxford)

The Reno School building, as noted in the previous article, stands on part of the Pick All tract.




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**Please notify**  
**the President of the Society**  
**regarding any errors you find in the current issue of the Newsletter.**

## Wills

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes one typewritten version of a will that is significant to the preservation efforts of the Society. Included in this issue are the Estate Papers of George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox. George Fox owned the Fox Inn along the Old Sharpsburg Road northwest of Middletown, Maryland, from 1805 to 1807.

**The Estate Papers of George Fox** Obtained through the Warren County Genealogical Society, 300 East Silver Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Elisabeth Fox and Adam Fox Adm of George Fox Decd In acct with the widow and Heirs of said Estate.

### Debtor

Amounts found remaining in the hands of said Admrs are final settlement at the October Term 1850  
\$ 2591.54 1/2

### Credit

Vouchers No. 1 to 7 inclusive Elisabeth Fox widow of said Decd	930.51
Vouchers No. 8 to 12 inclusive Adam Fox	184.63
Vouchers No. 13 to 17 inclusive Frederick L. Fox	184.63
Vouchers Nos. 18 to 22 inclusive Daniel L. Fox	184.63
Vouchers Nos. 23 to 28 inclusive George L. Fox	184.63
Vouchers Nos. 29 to 33 inclusive John L. Fox	184.63
Vouchers Nos. 34 to 38 inclusive Alexander Fox	184.63
Vouchers Nos. 39 to 42 inclusive Elisabeth L. Fox	184.63
Vouchers Nos. 43 to 46 inclusive Mary L. Fox (now deceased)	184.00
Vouchers No 47 John Fox guardian of Elisabeth Ann & David M. Fox	184.63

State of Ohio Warren County

Personally appeared in open court Adam Fox one of the administrators of George Fox Decd and was duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that the foregoing accounts & vouchers therein referred to is last & correct to best of his knowledge & belief and he further saith that after they had paid out to each of the heirs at law (except the two minors entitled to one share) that Mary L. Fox died intestate and without issue and then the small balance remaining in the hands of the Adms was divided among the remaining heirs & saith he saith not sworn to & subscribed in open court this 23rd Nov 1850 } Adam Fox  
A W Stokes Clk

## George Fox Estate Receipts

Received of Elisabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decs. the sum of seventeen dollars & fifty cents part of the above named Estate.

February the 24th 1849

John L. Fox (signed)

Received of Elisabeth Fox and Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox decd the sum of fifty dollars, part of the above - named Estate

January 4th 1848

Susannah Fox for John L Fox (signed)

June 23rd 1849.

Received of Adam Fox one of the administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decd, the sum of fifty dollars part of the above named Estate due the widow.

Elisabeth Fox (signed)

Springboro June 15th 1847

The estate of George Fox deceased to C F Farr

? 1 coffin & attendance \$18.00

Received of Adam Fox one of the administrators of the estate of George Fox decd the goods and chattel set off to me as the widow of said Decd by the appraisal amounting to one hundred nine dollar and ten cents also forty dollars and ninety cents in cash as a further sum set off for the same purposes in all one hundred and fifty dollar

\$150

Elisabeth Fox (signed)

Oct 2nd 1847

\$10.00

Rec'd Feby 7 1849 of Adam Fox admr of the Estate of Geo Fox decd. Ten dollars being the two last installments in full of the subscription to the Ev. Lutheran Seminary at Columbus O. made by sd. decd. & not pd. during his life time.

John Donley Sp. agent (signed)

\$1.50

Received March 25th 1848 of Adam Fox one of the administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decd ? one dollar & fifty cents for the subscription to Rev George Tony made by the said Geo. Fox

Joseph Gottschull (signed)

Decd George For or order Eight Dollars for Boards and Cider, for value recd Miamisburg April 8 18??

John Heiser

Paid to George L. Fox the sum of fourteen dollars to buy his saddle that he was to have from his Father before his death but never got it till now not to be charged to the undersigned

Sept. 21st 1849

George L. Fox (signed)

Received of Elisabeth Fox & Adam Fox Administrators of the Estate of George Fox Dec. the sum of forty five dollars for a marble tomb stone for the grave of said George Fox decd.

La Dow & Hamilton (signed)

Jnry 8 1848

Received of Elisabeth Fox and Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decd the sum of one hundred and eighty four dollars & sixty three cents it being paid as the distributive share of Elisabeth Ann. & David. M. Fox minor heirs of Catharine L. Fox Decd and heirs at Law of said George Fox Decd. Also nine dollars and fifteen cents interest received thereon.

Nov 11th 1850

John Fox (signed)  
Guardian of Elisabeth  
Ann & David M. Fox

Received of Elizabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decd the sum of sixteen dollars & fifty cents part of the above named Estate.

June 23rd 1849

Mary L Fox (signed)

Received of Elizabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decd. the sum of Eighty five dollars part of the above named Estate.

Sept 4th 1848

Daniel L Fox (signed)

Received of Elisabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the estate of George Fox Decd, the sum of sixteen dollars & fifty cents part of the above named estate.

June 23rd 1849

Daniel L Fox (signed)

Received of Elisabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox decd., the sum of seventeen dollars & fifty cents part of the above name Estate

February 24th 1849

Elizabeth L Fox (signed)

Received of Elizabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decd. the sum of twenty four dollars for value received

Sept the 16th 1847

George L Fox (signed)

Received of Adam Fox one of the Administrators of the Estate of George Fox dd. sum of two hundred and sixty three dollars and fifty one cents the widows third of the money on hand at this time

Sept ?nd 1848

Elisabeth Fox (signed)

Received of Adam Fox one of the administrators my note of the amount of property taken at the appraisement the sum of one hundred and eighteen dollars & forty nine cents.

Sept ?nd 1848

Elisabeth Fox (signed)

Received of Elisabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the Estate of George Fox decd. the sum eighty five dollars on my sale notes part of the above named estate

Sept. 4th 1848

Frederick L. Fox (signed)

Received of Elisabeth Fox one of the administrators of the Estate of George Fox Decd the sum of seventeen dollars & fifty cents part of the above named estate.

February the 24th 1849

Adam Fox (signed)

Received of Elisabeth Fox & Adam Fox administrators of the estate of George Fox Decd. the sum of eighty five dollars part of the above named Estate

Sept 4th 1848

Alexander Fox (signed)

## George Fox Estate Newspaper Notices

The State of Ohio Warren County

Personally appeared Adam Fox one of the admrs of George Fox decd and on oath says that the attached notice was published for three consecutive weeks beginning on the 27th day of August 1847 in the Sober Second Thought a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Warren where said George Fox last dwelt:-

Sworn to & subscribed before } Adam Fox  
me October 28, 1847

### ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of George Fox, decd, late of Clear Creek township, Warren County, Ohio. All persons therefore having claims against said estate are requested to present them, legally attested for settlement, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

ELIZABETH FOX, } Administrators AUGUST 27, 1847  
ADAM FOX, }

### Notice

To all whom this may concern There will be an appraisment and inventory of the chattel property of George Fox Late of the County of Warren State of Ohio Decd. at his late residence two miles North of Springborough County & State aforesaid those interested may attend on the 6th of Sept Next at 9 o'clock AM if they see proper

Elizabeth Fox } Administr

Adam Fox

Monday August 30th 1847

State of Ohio Warren County}

Adam Fox one of the admins of the Estate of George Fox deceased make solemn oath that the above notice was duly served on all the heirs of said George Fox decd residing in the said County of Warren and was also set up in two of the most public places in Clear Creek Township in said County, in which the said Fox died & last resided at least five days before the taking of said inventory.

### ----- New Members of the Society since December 1, 1997.

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Membership</u>	<u>Membership</u> <u>Number</u>
Donald A. Smith 7 E. Hill Valley Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46227	317-865-7761	10 March 1998	0021

### Address Changes since December 1, 1997.

Dellie Jean Craig 406 Vandalia Court Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933	765-361-2891	11 December 1995	0009
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**The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland**

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<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Membership</u>	<u>Membership</u> <u>Number</u>
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**Remember Freedom!**

December 1, 1998

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## **Reunion at Miamisburg, Ohio, May 31, 1998**

A rather small but enjoyable Fox Family Reunion was held on Sunday, May 31, 1998, at Miamisburg, Ohio. The participants all had a very good time discussing their backgrounds and their common bond with Frederick Fox. Four descendants of Frederick Fox attended: Bill Benner, Don Smith, Rachael Older, and Curt Older.

Frederick Fox and his second wife, Susannah, are buried at the Gebhart Church Yard Cemetery in Miamisburg, as well as George Fox and his wife, Elizabeth Link; Daniel Booker Fox and his wife, Susannah Christman; George Methard and his wife, Christiana Fox. Michael Hilligass and his wife, Anna, also are buried at the Gebhart Cemetery. They were the parents of Susannah Hilligass, who was the wife of John L. Fox. John L. Fox and Susannah Hilligass were the parents of Daniel Alexander Fox, from whom a number of Fox Society members are descendants.

The Fox tombstones, like many of the tombstones in the Gebhart Cemetery, are very large. Most of the tombstones remain in good condition, given the passage of over 150 years of time, in many cases. Some of the tombstones have been repaired at some point in the past. The tombstone of Frederick Fox appears to have been broken in half at some point in time and then been joined together again with the aid of metal bars.

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## **From Fort Sumter to Fox's Gap**

The following information about Lieutenant Colonel George Sholter James, Confederate States of America, (1829 - 1862) appears on the Internet site of the Central Maryland Heritage League, Inc.:

James was born in Laurens County, South Carolina. At age 17 he ran off to fight in the Mexican War with the Palmetto Regiment. Upon his return home he entered the South Carolina College. Unsatisfied with student life, James soon left college for the United States Army. He served in the U. S. Artillery from 1856 to 1861. When South Carolina seceded from the Union, James resigned his commission and offered his services to his native state. In April 1861, Captain James commanded two Confederate batteries of 12-in mortars at Fort Johnson on James Island in Charleston Harbor. On the morning of April 12, 1861, James received and executed orders to open fire on Fort Sumter. He had, in effect, started the American Civil War.

On September 14, 1862, Lieutenant Colonel James commanded the 3rd South Carolina Infantry Regiment at Fox's Gap. As a part of Drayton's Brigade, his severely outnumbered men made a last desperate stand that afternoon. Just as night approached and the firing began to cease, James received a fatal chest wound. His body was buried near Wise's Cabin, but the wooden headboard noting the site was missing in 1874 when South Mountain's Confederate dead were reinterred at Hagerstown, Maryland. It is assumed that James rests with the unknowns in the city's Rose Hill Confederate Cemetery.

## President's Message

by Curtis Lynn Older

- \*\* Election of officers at December 1, 1998 for two year term of 1999 and 2000. Unless three or more members call for an election for the two year term of 1999 and 200, I do not intend to have a vote by members this time. I will continue serving as Society President and editor of the Newsletter. If you feel we should hold another election, please notify me promptly.
- \*\* The George Fox Section of the Newsletter contains an article on Robert Ricketts and his service in the American Revolution. Robert Ricketts probably was the grandfather of Jacob Ricketts. Jacob Ricketts was the father of Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, wife of Daniel Alexander Fox.
- \*\* Papers documenting the service of Robert Ricketts in the American Revolution, and other papers related to him, have been added to the CD-Rom collection of the Society.
- \*\* My latest book, *The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain*, will help preserve the history of the area of Fox's Gap in Maryland. The book is almost complete. It probably will be sent to the publisher by March 1, 1999.
- \*\* The Library of Congress call number for *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland*, by Curtis L. Older, published in 1995 by Family Line Publications is: E199 .057 1995

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### Fox's Gap on the Internet

If you have access to the Internet, be sure to visit the Central Maryland Heritage League site:

<http://www.cmhl.org/html/fox.html>

The CMHL Internet site devotes two full pages of text and pictures to Fox's Gap. Photographs related to Fox's Gap show; the Reno Monument; the Garland Monument (dedicated September 11, 1993); Fox's Gap in 1912; and the Wise Cabin of Civil War fame in the early 1880s. The Internet site also contains material on Turner's Gap, the Dahlgren Chapel, the Lamar Sanitarium, Reenactments, Preservation Efforts, Unique Gifts, and other related information.

**The CMHL is currently working with the Appalachian Trail Conference, the Appalachian Trail Club, and the National Park Service on a Fox's Gap management plan that will restore the area to its Civil War condition.**

A Civil War Reenactment of the Battle of South Mountain took place on September 12 and 13, 1998. The Internet site provided information on Registration for the event and Rules and Regulations regarding the event.

The CMHL uses the Lamar Sanitarium, now known as the Lamar Heritage and Culture Center, for its headquarters. The Center serves as a central depository for South Mountain Battlefield materials, including regimental histories, letters, diaries, and artifacts for display to the public. The State of Maryland has pledged \$100,000 to purchase the site if the community raises the same amount of funds. The Center is located at 200 West Main Street in historic Middletown, Maryland.

The E-mail address of the Central Maryland Heritage League is: [INFO@CMHL.ORG](mailto:INFO@CMHL.ORG)

**Also on the Internet:****Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report  
on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields**

Check out the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields on the Internet at:

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/tvii.htm>

The report was prepared for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives, The Secretary of the Interior. The Civil War Sites Advisory Commission was established by public law on November 28, 1990.

Some 10,500 armed conflicts occurred during the Civil War ranging from battles to minor skirmishes; 384 conflicts (3.7 percent) were identified as the principal battles and classified according to their historical significance. Class A and B battlefields represent the principal strategic operations of the war. Class C and D battlefields usually represent operations with limited tactical objectives of enforcement and occupation.

45 sites (12%) were ranked "A" (having a decisive influence on a campaign and a direct impact on the course of the war;

104 sites (27%) were ranked "B" (having a direct and decisive influence on their campaign);

128 sites (33%) were ranked "C" (having observable influence on the outcome of a campaign);

107 sites (28%) were ranked "D" (having a limited influence on the outcome of their campaign or operation but achieving or affecting important local objectives)

A unique reference number was assigned to each site. A Preservation Priority designation was made by the Commission based on the level of historical significance, the integrity of the remaining battlefield features, and the level of threat to the battlefield's existence. For example, IV.1 (Class D) means that the Commission determined that a particular battlefield site was Priority IV: Fragmented Battlefields, All Military Classes, Poor Integrity. (See Table 7, pages 49-53 in the Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields, for the preservation priority of all the battlefields studied.

The Battle Summary given in the Commission Report lists the result of the battle as a Union Victory. The Principal Commanders are given as Major General George B. McClellan [US] and General Robert E. Lee [CS]. Estimated Casualties are listed as 4,500 total.

The Preservation Priority for the Battlefield of South Mountain is I.3 (Class B). The CWSAC Reference # is: MD002. The Battlefield of South Mountain is the only battlefield on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. This is very fortunate for Fox's Gap. With continued efforts of interested individuals and groups, the area of Fox's Gap will be preserved as a national historic site for future generations.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a 2,158 mile footpath along the ridge crests and across the major valleys of the Appalachian Mountains from Katahdin in the central Maine wilderness to Springer Mountain in a designated wilderness area in north Georgia. Primary use is by weekend or short-term hikers. The Trail is managed by volunteers in 32 local clubs under Appalachian Trail Conference auspices through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. More than 98% of the Trail is now on public land.

**Mailing address for visitor information:**

Appalachian Trail Conference  
P. O. Box 807  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807  
Telephone: 304-535-6331

**Mailing Address for N.P.S. Project Office:**

Appalachian National Scenic Trail NPS Project Office  
c/o Harpers Ferry Center  
P. O. Box 50  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0050  
Telephone: 304-535-6278

Fox's Gap was blessed through the years to retain much of its original look and feel. The area has remained relatively undisturbed compared to many other historic sites. Let us hope the efforts of the National Park Service, The Central Maryland Heritage League, The Appalachian Trail Conference, The Appalachian Trail Club, and other interested parties continues to meet with success in preserving Fox's Gap and the Battlefield of South Mountain.

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**A Couple of Cemetery Locations  
and  
Some Library Reference Materials about Those Cemeteries**

**Lower Mound** - The Lower Mound Cemetery, in Vermillion County, Indiana, is on Road 200 East, just south of Interstate 74. It is north of Perrysville in Highland Township. The location is west of Covington, Indiana, and not far from Gessie, Indiana. It is south of Route 136.

Jacob Ricketts and his wife Melissa, parents of Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, are buried at this cemetery. Two children of Daniel Alexander Fox and his wife Elizabeth Jane Ricketts are buried in this cemetery. The two children are Ethel Bell (Fox) Gouty, wife of Robert William Gouty, and Ruby Dale (Fox) Hines, wife of Everett Hines.

Information on this cemetery may be found under the two following library call numbers:

G pf 977.201 V526 pam no.3  
GENEAL pam 977.201 Vuncat

**Hopewell** - The Hopewell Cemetery, in Vermillion County, Indiana, is on Road 900 West near Gessie, Indiana. It is west of Covington, Indiana, and just south of Interstate 74.

John L. Fox and wife Susannah Hilligass and Daniel Alexander Fox and wife Elizabeth Jane Ricketts are buried at this cemetery.

There are a number of cemeteries in Vermillion County, Indiana, that have Hopewell as part of their name. I believe the following reference material relates to the above Hopewell Cemetery. Information on this cemetery may be found under the three following library call numbers:

G pam 977.201 V526i p19-45  
G pf 977.201 V526 v.4  
G pf 977.201 V526 no.3



## Information Included In Each Census

by Curtis L. Older

Each Census taken every 10 years in the United States usually collects different information than the prior census. These records are very helpful in doing genealogy research. A sample of some of the information you will find in the Census records follows:

### 1790

- the name of the head of the family
- the number of free white males 16 years and older
- the number of free white males under 16 years old
- the number of free white females
- the number of all other free persons
- the number of slaves

### 1860

- the name, age, and sex of each individual in the household
- whether each individual was white, black, or mulatto
- the profession, occupation, or trade of each male over 15
- the profession, occupation, or trade of each female over 15
- the value of the real estate owned by each individual
- the value of the personal property owned by each individual
- each individual's state, territory, or country of birth
- whether or not an individual married within the year
- whether or not an individual attended school within the year
- whether or not an individual can read and write, if over 20
- whether an individual was deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, a pauper, or a convict

### 1900

- the street name and house number in cities
- then name and sex of each individual in the household
- the relationship of each individual to the head of household
- the color or race of each individual
- the month and year of birth of each individual, and their age at their last birthday
- whether an individual is single, married, widowed, or divorced
- number of years that an individual has been married
- number of children born to female individuals, and the number of those children still living
- each individual's place of birth
- each individual's mother's place of birth
- each individual's father's place of birth
- an individual's year of immigration to the United States
- the number of years that an individual has resided in the United States
- whether or not an individual is naturalized
- the profession, occupation, or trade of each male over 10
- the profession, occupation, or trade of each female over 10
- number of months in the year that the individual was not employed
- whether or not an individual attended school within the year
- whether or not an individual can read and write
- whether or not an individual can speak English
- whether or not the family owns or rents their home, whether or note the home is mortgaged, and whether it is a farm or a house

**The George Fox Line**  
by Curtis L. Older

Nine members of the Society descend from Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts. Daniel was a grandson of George Fox. Elizabeth Jane Ricketts was a daughter of Jacob Ricketts who served in the 57th Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

**Robert Ricketts, a grandfather of Jacob Ricketts**

National Archive Microfilm Publications contain information about Robert Ricketts under No. S 17,047, Pennsylvania. The material appears to be from pages 0146 through 0156 of the microfilm. Page 0146 indicates he was issued a certificate of pension on 28 August 1833 under a Revolutionary Claim by Act of June 7, 1832. He was entitled to 20 dollars and 77 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831. The record, filed in Dearborn County, Indiana, indicates he was a private in the company commanded by Captain Johnson of the regiment commanded by Col. Piper in Pennsylvania, serving a period of six months and seven days.

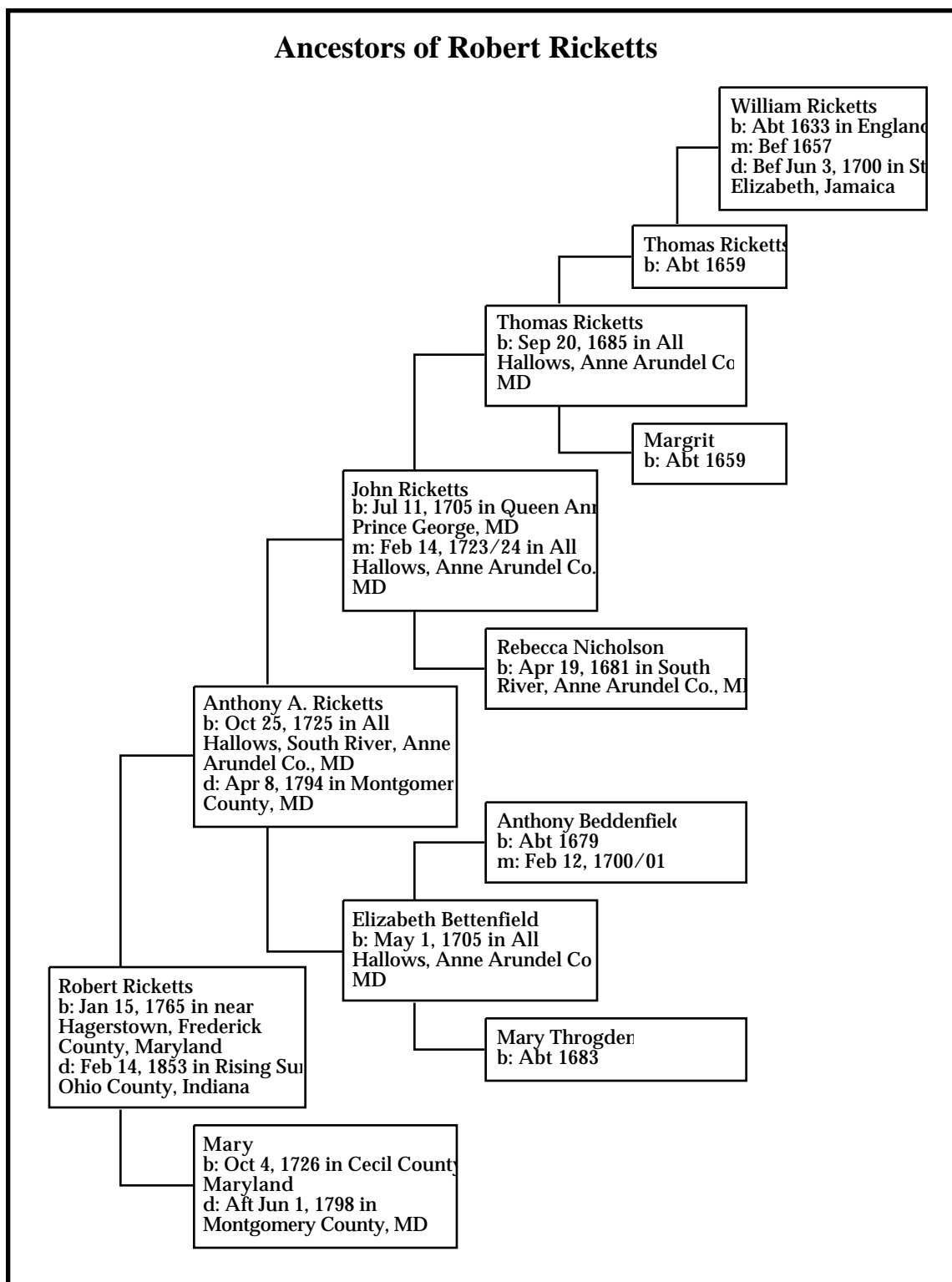
Page 0148 indicates Robert Ricketts served in 1780 for a period of three months as a private under Captain Johnson and Colonel Piper. It also indicates he served about two months in 1781 or 1782 under Capt. Robt Samuels as a private. Page 0148 gives his residence as Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, at the time he entered the service. Page 0148 gives his age as 67 at the time of the preparation of the form. Page 0148 is entitled, "Brief in the case of Robert Ricketts of Dearborn County in the State of Indiana (Act 7th June, 1832). The declarations on the form were made in a court.

Pages 0150 and 0151 consist of a number of sworn statements and answers given to questions: In the matter of Robert Ricketts} An applicant for a pension, under the act of Congress of June 7, A. A. 1832 Recorded in Book F, page 80 Edwd Patton clerk. The state of Indiana, Switzerland county, SS: On the eighteenth day of September A. D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the honorable the Circuit Court of the county aforesaid being a court of record, Robert Ricketts a resident of Dearborn county Indiana aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his said oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress, passed the 7th of June A. D. 1832 - that he, the said Robert Ricketts entered the service of the United States, during the AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated -- That he, the said Robert served in 1780 in a company of Pennsylvania Militia commanded by Capt. James Johnson of Col. Pipers regiment - again in 1781 or 1782 in a company commanded by Capt. Robert Samuels of the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania Militia.

1. Where, and in what year were you born? I was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, in January 15 AD 1765.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? I have no record except the one I made when I went to school from my mother's information.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; and where do you now live? I lived in Pennsa. After the revolution I lived in Pennsylvania about ten years then I removed to Kentucky and was about 15 years - since that I lived in Indiana.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted - did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute, for whom? I enlisted for three months and volunteered once.

Page 0152 gives a page long answer to question number five, State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. Page 0153 consists of a sworn statement by Nathan Ricketts which states he knew Robert Ricketts since his birth in 1765 and served with him in 1780.

The author has not documented the accuracy of the following information:



**Frederick Fox and Fox's Gap Section**

by Curtis Lynn Older

Frederick Fox originally owned the land on which the Reno Monument stands at Fox's Gap. Fox's Gap became famous during the Battle of South Mountain, September 14, 1862. At the time of the battle, Daniel Wise owned the land in the immediate vicinity of the gap. Daniel and his two children, John and Matilda, lived in the cabin at Fox's Gap at the time of the battle. The following deed is the transfer of the Wise property at Fox's Gap from John W. Wise and his wife Lana Wise to Jonas Gross. The monument 40 foot by 40 foot square of the Reno Monument property was entrusted to the perpetual care of the United States of America in 1899.

**Reference: Frederick County, MD, Land Records, John W. Wise to Jonas Gross WIP-9-149.**

Ex and delivered to  
Grantee June 13, 1889

At the request of Jonas Gross, the  
following deed is received for record and  
recorded April 5, 1889 at 9 o'clock AM

Test, W. Irving Parsons, Clerk

This Deed made this ninth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy nine by us, John W. Wise and Lana Wise his wife of Wood County in the State of West Virginia. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of fifty five dollars, we the said John W. Wise and Lana Wise his wife do grant unto Jonas Gross of Frederick County in the State of Maryland, all that lot and portion of ground situated in Frederick County, Maryland, and which is more particularly described in a deed from Joel Keller and wife to the said John Wise and Matilda Wise, dated on the seventh day of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight, reference to said deed being had for courses and distances will fully and at large appear, excepting and reserving thereunto a road as stated in said deed and the said John W. Wise covenants that he will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed

Test  
Attest R. P. Caldwell

Witness our hands and seals  
John W. Wise (Seal)  
her  
Lana X Wise (Seal)  
mark

State of West Virginia, Wood County Court

I hereby certify that on this ninth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy nine before the subscriber a notary public of said county, personally appeared John W. Wise and Lana Wise his wife and did each acknowledge this foregoing deed to be their respective act.

Place In testimony whereof I have affixed my hand and seal this 9th day of June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy nine.

Seal

W. T. Sensensy  
Notary Public

**The Reno Monument Deed**

Frederick County, Maryland Land Records, page 316

Executed and delivered to Grantee February 9th 1899

At the request of the United States of America the following deed is received for record and recorded January 24th 1899 at 1 o'clock 50 minutes past. Test: Douglass H. Hazzett Clerk.

This deed, made this 11th day of Sept. in the year one thousand and ninety eight, between Orlando B. Wilcox, James Wren and W C Hansell, Trustees for the Reno Memorial of the Society of the Burnside Expedition and of the Ninth Army Corps, parties of the first part and the United States of America party of the second part.

Whereas, at a regular business meeting of the Society of the Burnside Expedition and of the Ninth Army Corps held at Niagara Falls, New York on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, it was resolved, that whereas by a resolution of the Society of the Burnside

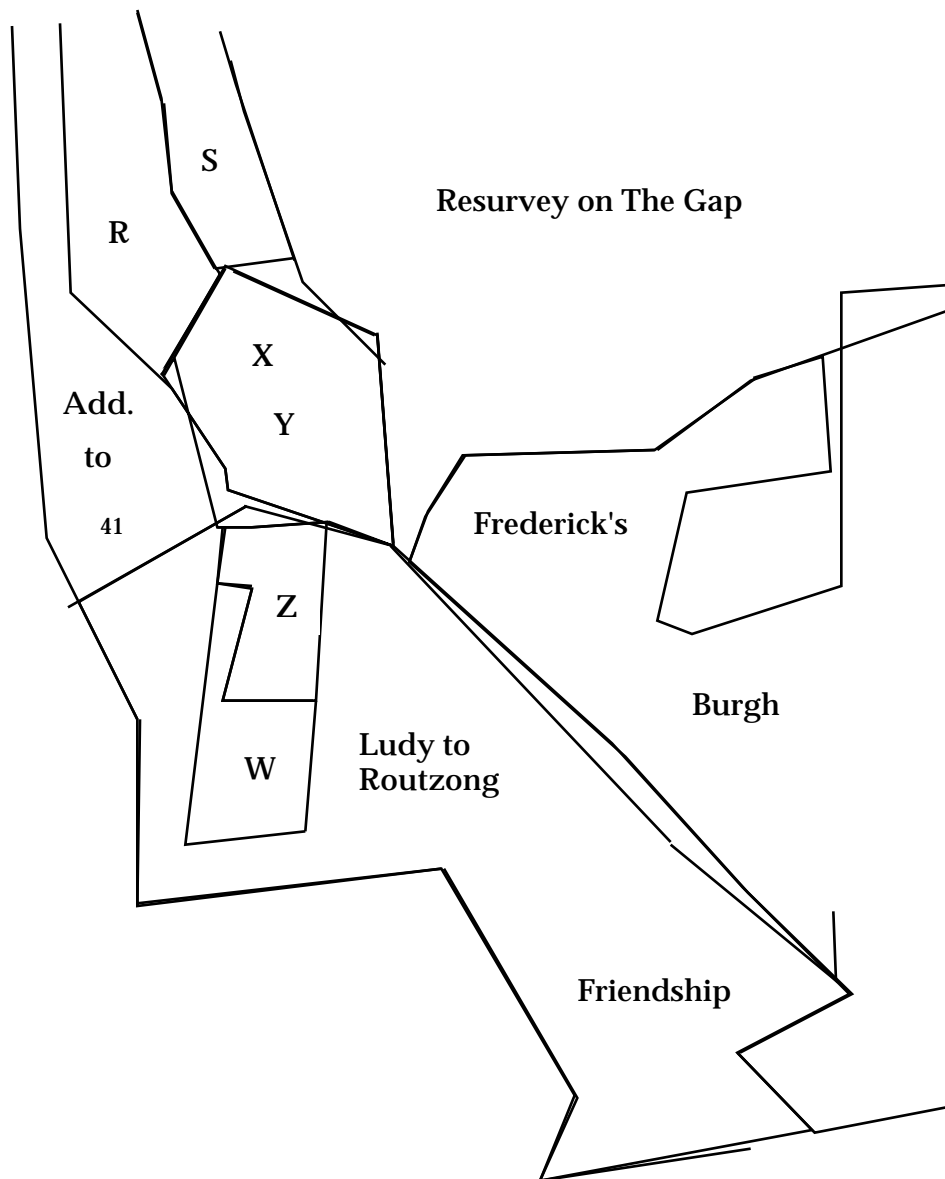
Expedition and of the Ninth Army Corps dated the second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, it was resolved that the deed of the Monument site upon the? South Mountain Battlefield, then about to be purchased should be made to Orlando B. Wilcox, James Wren and H. C. Hansell, as trustees to hold said lot as said trustees until such time as they can convey said site to a custodian who shall be authorized by some competent authority to accept perpetual charge and care of said site with the Monument to be thereafter erected thereon and whereas the said lot of land was by deed of Jonas Gross conveyed to said Orlando B. Wilcox, James Wren and W. C. Hansell, as trustees of the said Society of the Burnside Expedition and of the Ninth Army Corps for the above named purpose by a deed dated the twenty third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine, recorded on the Nineteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety in Liber W I P No. 11, Folios 8, 9 and 10, one of the land records of Frederick County, Maryland, and whereas the Monument is now erected it from said lot or site, and Whereas, The United States of America have agreed to accept perpetual charge and care of said site and the Monument thereon, Resolved, that Orlando B. Wilcox, James Wren and H. C. Hansell trustees for this Society of the Reno Memorial at South Mountain, Maryland be authorized and directed to convey by deed to the United States of America for perpetual custody and care the land with the Monument therein erected to the memory of Jesse L. Reno, under and by resolution of this Society, at a business meeting on the second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, said land being described in a deed, dated the twenty third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight nine, of Jonas Gross, and others, to said trustees and recorded the nineteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety, in Liber W. B. P. No. 11, folios 8, 9, and 10, one of the land Records of Frederick County, Maryland. Now therefore, in consideration of the promises the said parties of the first part do hereby grant and convey unto the said party of the second part all the following real estate, etc., to wit. All the following tract or parcel of land situated in Middletown Election District in Frederick County in the State of Maryland, along the Old Sharpsburg Road leading from Sharpsburg in Washington County in the State aforesaid to the pike near Middletown in said Frederick County, said land being on the South Mountain and fronting forty feet on said Old Sharpsburg Road and running back with uniform width at right angles to said road, a distance of forty feet, being a tract of land forty feet square upon which is now erected a Monument in memory of General Reno, said Monument being near the center of said lot of ground, said land being a part of the same land that was conveyed to said Jonas Gross by John W. Wise and wife by a deed dated the 9th day of June AD 1879, and recorded in Liber W I P No. 9, folio 149, one of the land record books for said Frederick County, to which reference is hereby made, the North western corner of the land hereby conveyed being a distance of one hundred and seventeen feet (117 ft) from the beginning front of the aforesaid deed, and the North eastern corner of said lot of ground being two hundred and twenty six feet (226 ft.) from the end of the second line of said deed, together with all the rights, roads, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages to the same in any wise appertaining, in fee simple, and together with the Monument erected on said premises, for the purpose of taking perpetual charge and care of said lot or site with the Monument erected hereon. Being the same premises which were conveyed by the aforesaid Jonas Gross and others to the aforesaid parties of the first part by deed, dated the twenty third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine, and recorded in Liber W. I. P. No. 11, folios 8, 9 and 10, one of the land records of Frederick County, Maryland, heretofore mentioned. To have and to hold the above described premises unto the said party of the second part for the purposes herein before mentioned forever. In Witness Whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals respectively the day and year first above named.

Witness, C. I. Bundy

L. J. Wyeth Trustee (seal)

Orlando B. Wilcox

### Fox's Gap in Maryland



- R = The Resurvey on The Gap - Henry Beakley, MSA, IC N, pp. 467-468, special warrant, examined and passed 16 Jul 1798, [MdHR 17,476, 1-23-4-32].
- S = Apple Brandy - Jacob Fulwiler, ID D, p. 75, surveyed 31 Oct 1791, [MdHR 17,487- 1, 1-23-4-44].
- X = Bowser's Addition - Christian Baer to Jacob Routzong, FCLR, WR-46-312.
- Y = Susan Miller et al to John Miller - Bowser's Addition and three and one half acres of Addition to Friendship - FCLR, WBT-1-100.
- Z = The Wise Tract of Civil War Fame - The Reno Monument stands on this tract - Joel Keller to John Wise, 7 May 1858, FCLR, WR-42-550.
- W = George H. Kefauver to Jonas Gross - 13 Feb 1880, FCLR, WIP-9-148.
- 41 = Last line of the Road from Swearingen's Ferry to Fox's Gap - 1791 - [MSA G1427-507, B5-1-3].

## Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes a survey, patent, or deed related to the land tracts in the vicinity of Crampton's, Fox's, and Turner's Gaps. These three gaps in South Mountain represent the main area contested by the Union and Confederate Armies in the Battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862.

**092. FCLR JS 38, 480-481, Peter Brengle, Sheriff to Henry Miller, Bowser's Addition, recorded 7 Apr 1832, 10 acres.**

Examined and deld grantee } At the request of Henry Miller the following deed is April 19th 1833  
} recorded April 7th 1832.

This Indenture made this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two between Peter Brengle Sheriff of Frederick county Maryland of the one part and Henry Miller of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part; witnesseth that whereas on the 25th day of May? eighteen hundred and thirty one a certain writ of the State of Maryland of Fieri Facia did ? forth and of the county court of the county aforesaid to the disputed ? that ?? County Court begin & held at the Court House in Fredericktown in aforesaid county.

Sheriff of said County on the first Monday of August in eighteen hundred and twenty seven a certain Peter? Philip Hauptman by judgment of the same recovered against a certain Jacob Routzahn as ? the ? of six hundred & thirty nine Dolls current money a certain debt as two thousand for his damages which he has sustained as well by reason the detention of that Routzahn is convict as it appears of record. Therefore, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels lands and tenements of the said Jacob Routzahn being in your bailiwick ? to the made the debt damages ? and ?

? before the judges of the next county court to be held at the court house in Frederick County and for said county on the fourth Monday of February next to render unto the said farmer & Hauptman the debt damages cost and charges aforesaid and whereas also said writ came to the hands of said Sheriff and in pursuance of the command therein contained the said Sheriff laid the same upon all the right title interest and estate of said Jacob Routzahn in and to a Tract of Land called Bowser's Addition situate lying & being in the county and state aforesaid together with all and singular the buildings improvements and appurtenances hereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining it being the same land heretofore conveyed to the said Jacob Routzahn by a certain Christian Baer? by deed bearing date on or about the 21st March 1814 duly executed recorded in Liber I.L. folio 312 & 313 and of the land records of the County aforesaid and containing Ten acres of Land more or less and whereas also after due notice being given of the same the said Sheriff did on the 19th day of January eighteen hundred and thirty two experience ? title interest and estate of him the said Jacob Routzahn of ? to the land & premises open to public sale to the highest bidder and the ? the there in before named Henry Miller be ? the highest bidder and purchases of the said Land & premises with the appurtenances The ? belonging for the sum of Twenty one Dollars fifty cents and hath since paid the said purchase money to the said Sheriff and is now desirous of obtaining title to the same in consequence thereof Now this Indenture Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollar current money of the United States to the said Peter Brengle Sheriff aforesaid in hand paid at before the sealing and delivery of these presents the ? whereof is thereby acknowledged the said Peter Brengle Sheriff hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and use unto the said Henry Miller his heirs and assigns the said land & premises as aforesaid to him by virtue of the writ of Fieri Facia aforesaid and so as aforesaid enforced to sale in on ? of said write, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and to hold the same unto the said Henry Miller his heirs and assigns to the ? for ? and ? of him the said Henry Miller his heirs and assigns forever . In witness whereof the said Peter Brengle Sheriff as aforesaid hath hereunto ? and affixed his seal the day & year first herein before written.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of ? Shriver} Peter Brengle (seal) Which is thus endorsed to

with State of Maryland Frederick County to wit. Be it remembered that on this twenty sixth day of March eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me the subscribers ? of the ? judges of the fifth judicial district of the state of Maryland Peter Brengle Sheriff Fredk Cty. ? and acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be his act and deed according to the due intent and meaning of the ? and the act of ? in ?? provided  
 Acknowledged before ?? Shriver

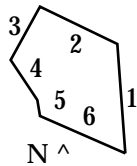
**155. FCLR, WR-46-312, Christian Baer to Jacob Routzong, Bowser’s Addition, 10 acres.**

all that tract or lot of land called Bowser’s Addition lying situate in Frederick County aforesaid beginning at a bounded white oak standing near the top of the South Mountain on the side of the main road leading from Frederick Town to Sharpsburgh and running thence

Line No.	North	South	East or West	Length
1	N		4 west	46 perches
2	N		65 west	35 perches
3	S		29 west	24 perches
4	S		33 east	20 perches
5	S		10 east	5 perches

6. then by a straight line to the beginning containing ten acres more or less together with all and singular the appurtenances and described land and premises with its appurtenances

(Author's Note: Lines 4, 5, and 6 above are the same as lines 28, 29, and 30 of Addition to Friendship)



**Bowser's Addition**

10 acres

Beginning at a bounded white oak standing near the top of the south mountain on the side of the main road leading from Frederick Town to Sharpsburgh

**185. FCLR, WBT-1-100, Susan Miller, et al, to John Miller, recorded 1 Apr 1845, 13 and 1/4 acres.**

(Author's Note: Bowser's Addition and Addition to Friendship; - This tract is contiguous to the Wise tract of Civil War fame at Fox's Gap.)

At the request of John Miller, the following deed was recorded April 1 1845. This Indenture made this seventh day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four between Susan Miller of Washington County and state of Maryland (Widow of Henry Miller late of said County decd) John W. Derr and Elizabeth Derr his wife, Phineas Williams and Mary Ann Williams his wife, Adam Koogle and Catharine Koogle his wife, of Frederick County and State of Maryland, Henrietta Williams, Joseph Nyman and Jane Rebecca Nyman his wife of Washington County and State of Maryland, (heirs at law of the said late Henry Miller deceased) of the one part and John Miller of Frederick County and state aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred & five dollars and thirty cents current money to them in hand paid by the said John Miller at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained and sold aliened enfeoffed and



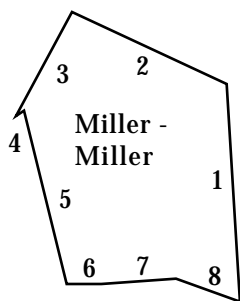
confirmed and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the said John Miller his heirs and assigns all that of land called Bowers Addition and part of a tract called Addition to Friendship lying and being in Frederick & Washington County and state aforesaid and included within the following courses and distance metes and bounds Beginning at a large white oak tree standing on the top of the South Mountain on the north side of the main road leading from Middletown to Sharpsburg and running thence

Line No.	North	South	East or West	Length
1	N		4 west	46
2	N		65 west	34
3	S		29 west	24 perches then
4	N		55 east	2 8/10 perches
5	S		13 1/2 east	37 1/2 perches to a large chestnut tree standing on the north side of the aforesaid road then by and with the said road
6			east	7
7	N		86 east	16 perches
8	S		67 east	16 perches to the place of beginning containing thirteen and one fourth acres of land more or less. ETC.

Susan Miller  
 John W. Derr  
 Elizabeth Derr  
 Phineas Williams  
 Ann M. Williams  
 John Miller of H

Susan Miller  
 Adam Koogle  
 Catherine Koogle  
 Henrietta Miller  
 Joseph Nyman  
 Jane R. Nyman

(**Author's Note:** This tract consists primarily of Bowser's Addition and is contiguous with the north side of the Wise Tract & Reno Monument. Lines 6 and 7 are the same as two lines of the Keller-Wise deed.)



The Wise tract, upon which the Reno Monument stands, is contiguous to a 13 and 1/2 acre tract on the north side of the road, transferred from Susan Miller to John Miller, consisting of ten acres of Bowser's Addition and three and one-half acres Addition to Friendship. See Frederick County Land Records, WBT-1-100. Bowser's Addition (MdHR 17,448, 1-23-4-2, Bowser's Addition, surveyed April 10, 1765, 10 acres. MSA BC & GS #37, 138-9), "by the side of the wagon road leading from Sharpsburg to Frederick Town and on top of South Mountain," was surveyed in 1763. The Bowser's Addition tract offers proof the road through Fox's Gap crossed the mountain at the same point in 1763 as it does in 1995.

## Wills

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes one typewritten version of a will that is significant to the preservation efforts of the Society. Included in this issue is the will of John Adam Link II, the father of Elizabeth Ann Link and father-in-law of George Fox.

**Will of John Adam Link II** Will Book 8, pages 88, 89, and 90, Jefferson County Court House, Charles Town, West Virginia, (son of John Adam Link I), (in part), (the father-in-law of George Fox, son of Frederick Fox).

### Last Will & Testament of

In the name of God amen, I Adam Link senior. of Jefferson County Adam Link senior. decd.

& State of Virginia, being weak in body, but of sound & perfect mind & memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make & publish this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following, that is to say, First . . . And I also give & bequeath to my wife Jane two hundred dollars annually during her natural life, to be paid her by my son Adam Link Jr. as P. agreement with him, in the arrangement & division of my whole estate, made by myself and wife \_

Next, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Fox, a bond for one thousand dollars executed to me, by my son Adam Link Jr. with his brother Alexander Link as security.

Next, I give & bequeath to my daughter Catharine Ramspark, a bond for one thousand dollars, executed to me, by my son Adam Link Jr. with his brother Alexander Link as security.

Next, I give & bequeath to my daughter Martha Link a bond for five hundred dollars . . . Next, I give & devise to my daughter Mary Crowl a certain tract of land, the same purchased of David Hess & Anna his wife (& gave in payment therefor a bond for one thousand dollars, executed to me by my son Adam Link Jr. with his brother Alexander Link security) situate, lying & being in Sandusky, Sandusky County & state of Ohio, as will fully appear by reference to the deed now of record in said county: to have & to hold to her & her heirs & assigns forever-

Next, I give & bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Demery, a bond for five hundred dollars . . . Next, I give & bequeath to my son Alexander Link a black boy named Aaron & Negro girl, slaves, to get the latter after the death of my wife Jane, to whom I give the girl for life, called Adaline . . .

Next, I give & bequeath to my son Adam Link Jr. . . . and I also give & bequest to my son Adam Link Jr. my eight day clock & best large family Bible-

Next, I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Ellen Link, to her heirs & assigns forever a female, child of Agnes, a twin & slave for life- & I also give & bequeath a male twin child of Agnes & slave for life, to my grand son Alexander Link to him & his heirs forever.

And next, it is my will & desire & I hereby direct the balance or residue of my estate not herein specifically bequeathed, to be equally divided among my seven children, namely Elizabeth Fox, Catharine Ramspark, Marth Link, Mary Crowe, Rebecca Demory, Alexander Link & Adam Link jr. . . .

Lastly, I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend Edward Lucas Jr. executor of this my last will & testament: hereby revoking all other aforesaid wills or testaments by me heretofore made\_In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this thirtieth day of October 1834.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by

the above named Adam Link senior. to be Adam Link senior. [seal]

his last Will & Testament in the presence

of us, who have hereunto subscribed our

names as witnesses in the presence of the testator -

Edward Lucas / Robert Lucas

Jefferson County ?:

At a court held for said county, on the 19th day of October, 1835, The foregoing Last Will and Testament of Adam Link senior. decd. was proved by the oaths of Edward Lucas & Robert Lucas, two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded: and on the motion of Edward Lucas junior.?, the executor therein named, who made oath according to Law & with Robert Lucas, Wm. Lucas, Adam Link and Alexander Link, his securities, entered into & acknowledged a Bond, in the penalty of \$15,000, conditioned according to Law, certificate is granted him for obtaining probate in due form.

Test\_ Lam. J. Cramer j.c.c.?

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## **New Additions to Photographs Available through the Society**

The Battle Flag of the 57th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Film of Road through Fox's Gap by Bill Benner

The tombstone of Michael and Anna Hilligass in the Gebhart Cemetery

Joseph P. Gouty and Luella M. Hartman

Tombstones of Jacob and Melissa Ricketts

Tombstone of Robert Ricketts

Documentation related to Robert Ricketts and Jacob Ricketts

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## **Topics in the next issue of the Newsletter, June 1, 1999**

- \* 1. The newest book by Curt Older, *The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain.*
- \* 2. Jacob Ricketts and the 57th Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.
- \* 3. More information on the ancestors of Elizabeth Ann Link, wife of George Fox.
- \* 4. The will of John L. Fox.
- \* 5. The land record for the tract on which the Fox Inn stands.

**The proposed Table of Contents from the next book by Curtis L. Older, *The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain*:**

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# *News from Fox's Gap*

The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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## **The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain**

My second book, *The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain*, should be ready to go to the publisher in the next few months. The new book will preserve the land tract records of the Battlefield of South Mountain. A copy of the Table of Contents from the new book is included in this Newsletter.

The book should sell for about \$30. It will be available to all members of the Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland at cost. Cost should be 60% of the retail price. Postage and handling will be an additional \$3 or \$4. Perhaps only 100 copies of the book will be printed. Therefore, if you are interested in obtaining a copy, please let me know so that I can estimate how many copies of the book to order for distribution. Presently, I plan to order 20 copies for myself and will distribute about 10 of those copies to research institutions.

The land tract book will have a Library of Congress number. The Braddock Expedition book, which is in the Library of Congress, did not have a Library of Congress number printed on it. The new book should permanently preserve the land tract history of the Battlefield of South Mountain area. Researchers will no longer have to reinvent the wheel each time they begin to study the land tracts of the area from the time of the earliest settlers.

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## **A Short Newsletter**

The current Newsletter is much shorter than my normal 20 page version. I have spent a lot of time the past few months working on my latest book and have not spent the time necessary to prepare my standard length Newsletter. Instead, I have chosen to include along with this Newsletter a copy of a brochure published by the Central Maryland Heritage League, the American Battlefield Protection Program, and the National Park Service. The Battlefield Guide is entitled "Fire on the Mountain". It represents a concise review of the Battle of South Mountain, September 14, 1862, and includes a map of the area. The guide is enclosed along with this Newsletter and consists of 13 pages.

All members of The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland should be interested in this Battlefield Guide. This guide gives a vivid reason why Fox's Gap in Maryland should be preserved for the ages. Fox's Gap in Maryland is hallowed ground. As Shelby Foote, noted Civil War historian has so aptly stated, "Any understanding of this nation has to be based . . . on an understanding of the Civil War. It was the crossroads of our being, and it was a hell of a crossroads."

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### Partnership of John Mansberger

**MdHR 17,473, 1-23-4-29, IC K, pp. 343-344, John Mansberger, Partnership, resurveyed 20 Aug 1794, 685 acres. (A resurvey of Newcomer's Purchase that was a resurvey of Fox's Last Shift)**

John Mansberger his Certificate 685 acres} The State of Maryland ? By  
Partnership Patd ? 23 Nov 1795 } virtue of a special warrant of Resurvey bearing date the 17th day of May 1794 granted John Mansberger of Washington County to resurvey a tract of Land called Newcomer's Purchase lying in said county on the 16 day of May 1794 granted said Mansburger for 101 acres to amend all errors in the original and add any vacant land contiguous thereto. I hereby certify that I have carefully resurveyed for and in the name of him the said John Mansberger the aforesaid tract of land and find it lies clear of elder surveys and contains 101 acres the quantity for which it was originally granted and I have added thereto one piece of vacancy containing 584 acres and have reduced the whole into one entire tract as appears by the annexed plat. Lastly beginning for the outlines of the resurvey by virtue of the aforesaid warrant at a stone marked 1794 standing at the original beginning it being also the beginning tree of a tract of land called Swearingen's Disappointment and running thence

Line No.	North	Degrees	Length
	South	East or West	
1	N	43 west	30 perches to the end of the last line of said land and still with said land reversed
2	S	52 west	14 perches
3	N	36 west	56 perches
4	N	8 east	31 perches
5	N	20 east	80 perches
6	S	76 east	38 perches
7	S	14 west	21 perches
8	S	42 east	20 perches
9	S	18 east	178 perches
10	S	65 west	25 perches
11	N	65 west	40 perches
12	N	59 west	40 perches
13	N		12 perches

(Land record continued on the next page.)

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14	N	73 east	27 perches to the beginning of the present resurvey
15	N	43 west	30 perches
16	S	50 west	173 perches to the end of the tenth line of a tract of land called Lucky Bit surveyed for Samuel Baker and running with said land reversd
17	S		62 perches to the seventh line of a tract of land called Fox's Last Shift and with said line
18	S	23 west	43 perches to the end thereof
19	S	89 east	103 perches
20	S	54 west	43 perches to the end of the third line of Lucky Bit aforesaid and with the same reversed
21	S	88 west	90 perches
22	N		77 perches to the end of the third line of a tract of land called Birds Bill and with the same reversd
23	S	45 west	48 perches
24	S	15 west	68 perches to the seventh line of Boocker's Resurvey on Well Done and with the same reversd
25	N	88 east	217 perches to the end of the sixth line of said resurvey
26	S?		100 perches to the end of the eighth line of a tract of land called Security resurveyed and with the same reversd
27	S	89 east	49 perches
28	N	16 east	80 perches
29	N	8 d east	460 perches
30		west	180 perches
31	N	14 east	128 perches to the end of the sixth line of a tract of land calld Stoney Point and with the same
32	N	79 1/2 west	74 perches to the end of the fourth line of a tract of land called Raccoon and with the same reversd
33	S	25 west	151 perches
34	S	75 west	10 perches
35	S		121 perches
36	S	80 west	69 perches tothe beginning tree of said land then
37	S	57 east	86 perches to the end of the first line of a tract of land called Boon Forrest and with the same reversed
38	S		10 perches to the beginning thereof
39	S	5 west	80 perches then
40		west	20 perches to the seventy second? line of a tract of land called the Resurvey on Well Done and with the same
41	S	16 west	35 perches to the end thereof then
42	N	72 1/2 east	70 perches to the end of the sixteenth line of this present resurvey and with the same reversed
43	N	50 east	173 perches then
44			by a straight line to the beginning containing and now laid out for six hundred and eighty five acres of land more or less to be held by the name of Partnership Resurveyed the 20th day of Augt 1794

May 14 1795 Examd & passed by Joseph Sprigg P W Coty  
Wm Hansen Examr Genl

On the Back of the foregoing certificate was the following receipt ? Recd May 14, 1795 one hundred nine pounds ten shillings ? caution and five shillings for Impts. Tho Harwood Jr.



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**Fox's Gap on the Internet**

If you have access to the Internet, be sure to visit the Central Maryland Heritage League site:

<http://www.cmhl.org/html/fox.html>

The E-mail address of the Central Maryland Heritage League is: [INFO@CMHL.ORG](mailto:INFO@CMHL.ORG)

**Wills**

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes one typewritten version of a will that is significant to the preservation efforts of the Society. Included in this issue is the will of John Adam Link I.

**Will of John Adam Link I** - taken from pages 777 and 778 of *The Link Family* by Paxson Link. (Printed here as it appears in context, spelling, and punctuation in the Frederick County, Maryland records.)

In the Name of God Amen I Adam Link, Senior, of Frederick County & State of Maryland, being in perfect Health of Body & of Disposing mind & Memory considering the uncertainly of life's duration, the certainty of Death & the great propriety of a seasonable arrangement of our concerns temporal & Eternal Do make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form following Vizt:

**Imprimis** I Earnestly recommend my Soul to the mercy of Almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, hereinafter named & after my funeral charges & debts are paid I devise & bequeath as follows Vizt:

**2ndly.** To my daughter Elizabeth I give & bequeath the sum of thirty pounds lent by me to her first husband (Henry Stoner deceased) on the twentieth day of March Anno - - Seventeen Hundred and Seventy One together with the interest thereon & Sundry Other Articles received by her as her full portion & in full of her claim of Inheritance from me. **Item** to my son Thomas Link I give and bequeath twenty five acres of land part of the tract called The Four Friends to be laid off across the roads to Annapolis and Baltimore from Frederick Town. **Item** to my son George I Give and bequeath the like quantity of twenty five acres of land of said tract to be laid off in manner aforesaid. **Item** my wish & desire is that the remainder of the tract aforesaid fifty acres more or less be considered as appertaining to the Home Place on Israel's Creek & sold or retained therewith but of the two twenty five acre lots aforesaid my son Thomas is to have the first choice. **Item** To my grand daughter Elizabeth Boyer I give and bequeath thirty six pounds specie which I lent her father in November Seventeen Hundred & Eighty Six to be paid to her when she shall arrive at her sixteenth year on the payment whereof I acquit & release said Jacob Boyer her Father of the interest thereof & the sum of four pounds the price of a cow sold to him & the Furniture received by my daughter Catherine when first married.

**Item** to my youngest son Daniel I give & bequeath my feather bed, bedstead, curtains, sheets, blankets, & all appendages to it.

**Item** After my Decease I order my Executors, hereinafter mentioned to sell and dispose of all my real & personal property not already Devised or bequeathed Vizt: my Plantation on Israel's Creek also the remainder of my tract of land called The Four Friends herein before mentioned together with my lot in The Addition to George Town lately in the Tenure & Possession of George Murdock, Esqu.

**Item** to my four grand children Adam Boyer, Elizabeth Boyer, Ferdinand Boyer, and Rebecca Boyer, I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred pounds by equal shares but if any of them die without Issue their protion shall be equally divided among the survivors of them.

**Item** to my son Jacob I give and bequeath one hundred pounds specie to be paid by my Executor as soon as possible after the sale of my estate as aforementioned. And I will and desire that the remainder of my Estate be equally shared among my four sons Adam, Thomas, George, & Daniel. And Lastly I do constitute & appoint my Sons Daniel & Thomas Joint Executors of this my last will and Testament which alone I do ratify and confirm as such hereby revoking & disannulling all my other former Wills Legacies and Bequests by me heretofore in any wise made left or bequeathed.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Three.

**Continued on the next page--**

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the Testator to be his last Will & Testament in our presence who signed the same at his request & in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Abraham Haff, Senr.  
Edw. Salmon  
Saml. Cock.

Before Signing or Sealing the within mentioned Will & testament I have added the following Codicil or Schedule Vizt: That my oldest Negro boy Harry shall become the sole property of my son Daniel, the second eldest Davy the property of my son George, & the youngest Ben the property of my son Thomas. In confirmation whereof I have hereunto set my hand

& affixed my seal this Twenty Sixth day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & three.

Adam Link (Seal)

Probated May 25, 1805

**John Adam Link I**

John Adam Link I was born October 13, 1721, in Grossgartach, Germany. John Adam Christ from Biberach, Lorenz Flinspach, a wagonmaker, and Max Eckstein were godparents. He died April 24, 1805, in Frederick County, Maryland. He married Mary Elizabeth Miller January 31, 1748, in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Mary Elizabeth Miller was the daughter of John Jacob and Mary Magdalene (Gerber) Miller and was born May 17, 1728, in Niederbronn, Germany. She died March 18, 1786, in Frederick County, Maryland.

The birth date of John Adam Link I is from the record of the St. Lorenz Protestant Church, Grossgartach. The birth date for Mary Elizabeth Miller and death dates for John Adam Link I and Mary Elizabeth Miller are from their tombstones at the Frederick Lutheran Church in Frederick, Maryland. Both are buried under the Frederick Luthern Church building because the church building was extended over their graves.

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**Welcome New Members**

Four new members joined the Society in the past six months! **The Society of the Descendant's of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland** welcomes the following new members:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Society Number</u>
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Michael J. Fox 524 Elm Tree Court Cincinnati, Ohio 45244	telephone not known	May 17, 1999	0024
Kurt D. Graham 3448 Valley Vista Road Smyrna, Georgia 30080	telephone not known	May 20, 1999	0025

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## Questions and Answers

**William Fox of Michigan seeks answers to the following questions that he poses for our membership.**

1. Does anyone have any information on the brothers or sisters of Frederick Fox, other than what appears in *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox?
2. Is it possible that the Jacob Reel of Sharpsburg, Maryland, who wrote to Frederick Fox and Michael Fox in Ohio about the death of "our aged mother," was married to one of Frederick's sisters?
3. Does anyone have any information on Michael Fox after he went to Ohio?

### **Note from Curtis L. Older regarding questions by William Fox of Michigan:**

1. This would be a great topic for someone to research for our society. See the will of John Fox, the father of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland, for the listing of his children. This will was published in a prior Newsletter. The children of John Fox who are listed in his will are: Daniel, Frederick, Magdelin, Michael, and Rachel.

2. A few years ago I obtained a copy of the will of Jacob Reel of Sharpsburg. I came to the conclusion that Jacob was not married to a sister of Frederick Fox, at least at the time he wrote the letter to Frederick and Michael in Ohio. I feel that he probably used the word "mother" in a broad context, perhaps referring to their relationship as members in the family of God.

Jacob Reel died in 1844 in Sharpsburg. His will is found in ?, pages 547-552, in Washington County Records. He mentions Christina Fox twice in his will, both times in reference to the 1/2 of Lot #6 in Sharpsburg which he purchased from her. He gives his wife's name in the will as Elizabeth. On an 1877 Map of Sharpsburg, 1/2 of Lot #66 was owned by a D. Reel. Although this property was left by Jacob Reel to his daughter, ??, it could have come into the hands of one of his sons, David Reel.

"Item. To my daughter Nancy Michael, wife of Adam Michael, I give and devise the half lot and premises in the town of Sharpsburg Washington County Maryland adjoining Crise and Beard and which was purchased of Christina Fox etc."

"To my beloved wife Elizabeth I give, bequeath and devise for and during her natural life the following property viz. half a lot of ground in the town of Sharpsburg Washington County Maryland adjoining Crise and Beard which was purchased of Christina Fox, also the house and lot on which I now live situate in the said town of Sharpsburg and which I purchased from Jacob Houser etc."

3. According to Robert H. Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio, Michael Fox preceded Frederick Fox and his family to western Ohio by three years. Michael Fox appears in militia records along with Frederick Fox for the militia Company of Joseph Chapline Junior in Sharpsburg, Maryland, probably in 1775 or 1776.

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## **Significant Research Findings on The Battle of South Mountain**

(Note by Curtis Older: We are honored to present for our readers the following article by Kurt Graham. I was fortunate to run across Kurt on the Internet. The following material provides new evidence regarding the battle at Fox's Gap in Maryland on September 14, 1862. In the June 1, 2000, Society Newsletter, Kurt will provide us with another significant research article on Drayton's Brigade at the Battle of South Mountain. Both of Kurt's articles are thoroughly researched and provide primary sources from which he obtained his information. Kurt retains all copyright privileges related to his articles.)

Kurt Graham retired from IBM in 1991 and lives in Vinings, Georgia with his wife, Mary, and sons Griff and Jack. His lifelong love affair with American history was fueled by a father and grandfather who "had dragged him across every Civil War battlefield by the time he was ten." Kurt is an enthusiastic supporter of battlefield preservation and collector of military art and books. He is currently researching the history of the Phillips Georgia Legion and co-authoring a book on this little known Georgia unit. He maintains a website for this unit at [www.angelfire.com/tx/RandysTexas](http://www.angelfire.com/tx/RandysTexas) and encourages interested parties to contact him at (e-mail) [kdgraha@attglobal.net](mailto:kdgraha@attglobal.net).

## **Lost Legion The Phillips Legion Infantry Battalion at Fox's Gap, Maryland September 14, 1862**

by Kurt Graham

This story begins in a rather unusual manner back in 1996. I was getting a haircut from my barber and friend Dick Flannagan, and the subject turned to my interest in American history and the Civil War (or War for Southern Independence as it's termed here in Georgia). Dick mentioned that his wife, Regina, was an avid genealogist with an

interesting Civil War mystery in her family. Her great great grandfather, Alfred Arwood, had enlisted in Company O of the Phillips Legion's Infantry Battalion during the spring of 1862 and marched off to war. His company had gone to South Carolina and had trained there until July, when they were placed in a brigade with two other Georgia units (the 50th and

51st) and two South Carolina units (the 15th and the 3rd Battalion) and sent north under Brigadier General Thomas F. Drayton to join the Army of Northern Virginia at Richmond, Virginia. That fall, Alfred's wife received word that Alfred had fallen in battle during Lee's first invasion of the north in September and that was the last ever seen or heard of Alfred Arwood. Regina had often wondered just where Alfred had fallen and been buried. Dick asked if I might like to probe the mystery.

As it turns out, I love a good mystery, and jumped on the opportunity to learn something new and possibly make someone else happy. I figured, look at a few works on the 1862 Maryland campaign to get the Legion's movements figured out, a trip to the state archives to look over Alfred's compiled service records and then some research on burials once I had the location of Alfred's death nailed down. So, move to step one and look at the reference works. What's this! The Phillips Legion Infantry does NOT exist during the 1862 Maryland campaign. All published works reviewed covering this period (including the extensive Official Records) show them present and in action on August 30, 1862, with Drayton's brigade at the battle of Second Manassas, then . . . POOF! They vanish, not to reappear until late November of 1862 when they are reassigned to T. R. R. Cobb's Georgia brigade upon the dissolution of Drayton's brigade. After some unproductive flailing around, I decided to move to step two and have a look at Alfred's compiled service record at the Georgia State Archives.

These microfilm records were done around the turn of the century by the Federal government when it was discovered that many of the original paper records were deteriorating beyond usability. A small army of "compilers" sifted through original Federal and Confederate muster rolls, pay records, hospital records, POW records, death claims, requisitions, etc. They produced a multiple card file for each soldier who fought in the war. Microfilm copies of these cards were eventually distributed to the various southern states for their respective soldiers. Sure enough, Alfred was there. His records show his enlistment in the Legion's Infantry Battalion in April of 1862 and end with a chilling notation on a December muster roll which states 'killed at Sharpsburg

(southern name for Antietam) September 17, 1862.'

So now we DO have a good mystery. How does soldier get himself killed in a battle where his unit is not present? A friend suggested I take a look at the records at the Georgia Room of the Cobb County Library. Several companies of the Infantry Battalion had been recruited from Cobb County and they might have something. Sure enough, they have a Phillips Legion folder and contained in these folders were some rosters of men who had served in companies C, M, and O of the Infantry Battalion. Of immediate interest was the fact that these listings showed a number of soldiers killed or wounded at Boonsboro (the southern name for the battles at Fox's and Turner's Gaps on South Mountain, Maryland) September 14, 1862, and at Sharpsburg, Maryland, on September 17, 1862. The source of these rosters is shown as the State Archives, so back there we go. The nice folks at the Archives quickly identify these rosters for me as a work product of the 1906 Georgia Roster Commission. This Commission was formed in an attempt to have all the old surviving Confederate veterans provide information on just who was in their various units. At this point, the Federal government had not yet given copies of the captured wartime records back to the southern states. The southern states had, by the 1890s, begun providing pensions for their soldiers and were having a most difficult time sorting valid pension applicants from fraudulent ones. They had to write to Washington and wait months for someone to try to find a record of the individual applicant's military service records.

Thus it was that the Roster Commission idea came about in an attempt to build some local record of just who had served in the various Georgia units. As you would expect, some units had formed reunion groups and had very good records and others had little or no information available. When these attempts at reconstructing a 45 year old unit roster were attempted it was inevitable that clouded old memories would misspell names, show people killed in the wrong battles and often simply forget many men.

So what this told me that my new found, exciting rosters showing Phillips Legion casualties in the 1862 Maryland campaign were interesting, but not concrete evidence that they



had been there. Now came a tough decision. I knew that I had found what appeared to be good solid evidence for Alfred Arwood's death during the Maryland campaign in his actual service record. Therefore, I could do the same for the entire Infantry Battalion IF I were willing to scroll through the eight or nine reels of microfilm containing copies of the untold thousands of card records for all members of the unit. Sounds easy? These card records were handwritten and the writing styles of the compilers varied widely. Many wrote in the frilly cursive of that period. Bottom line was that this was going to be a several hundred hour task.

I was almost ready to stop at that point, tell Dick and Regina that it appeared that Alfred HAD been killed in Maryland in September of 1862, and to heck with the Phillips Legion Infantry. I then figured that I should at least take a shot at finding out where Alfred had been buried and moved along to step three. I vaguely recalled that I had once seen a nice book at the Antietam National Visitor's Center which covered the subject of what had happened to those who fell at the battles of South Mountain (Boonsboro) and Antietam (Sharpsburg).

In trying to find out how I might obtain a copy, I ended up contacting it's author, Steve Stotemyer. Steve, who lives in Sharpsburg, Maryland, patiently listened to my tale and then told me that he had something that he thought would be of interest to me. He then read me an article by one Reverend George Gilman Smith, chaplain of the Phillips Legion, that had been published in an 1886 anthology titled "Campfire Sketches and Battlefield Echoes." This article describes in very precise detail the actions of the Phillips Legion Infantry Battalion at the battle of Fox's Gap on South Mountain, September 14, 1862. The reverend makes it clear that they are there as part of Drayton's brigade, and that they took significant casualties; one of which was himself. At the climax of the fight, Smith is shot in the neck and the wound, at first thought to be mortal, cripples him for life.

I will now let Chaplain Smith speak for himself. We pick up his account on the morning of September 14 at Hagerstown, Maryland. He states that, "On the Sunday morning on which the battle of South Mountain began, we were in camp at Hagerstown. We

were expecting quite a time of repose when the order came to return towards Boonsboro. I had not the remotest dream of any hot work, nor do I think any of us had, for we had no idea that the Army of the Potomac could be reorganized and mobilized so soon. We thought the assault upon our lines was merely a feint of cavalry. This was evidently General Lee's opinion, or else he would not have allowed Jackson to have crossed the Potomac; but it was soon evident from the rapid motion of the artillery and infantry that hot work was before us. My regiment had gone and I ambled off as rapidly as I could toward the front.

Somehow I got the name of "fighting chaplain" and candidly I did not like it, for it was neither just nor complimentary. I did not go to the army to fight; I did not fight after I got there. I had as little stomach for fighting as Falstaff had. I went to the army as a chaplain, and as a chaplain I did my work, and yet that day I got a bullet through my neck. I ought not to have gone where the bullets were flying, but I did go and I got hit, and this is how it came about. I found Generals Lee, Longstreet, and Jones standing at the base of the pass, and with them was one of the staff officers of our brigade, Captain Young. Inquiring of him for my regiment, he told me that it was behind a stone fence on the right of the Boonsboro and Frederick Pike, and I immediately repaired to that place. A battery of light artillery (Bondurant's) was firing overhead and we lay quietly looking toward the south (his direction was off, this should read east). Suddenly the order came to change front. We were now to face toward the west (again his direction is off, this should read south). The turnpike (Old Sharpsburg Road) was narrow, and the enemy were upon us. The change of position called for a change from line of battle to column and then from column into line. My own regiment did beautifully and for a moment we looked to the woods expecting the Federals to charge upon us, but instead we were ordered to leave the protection of the stone wall (bordering the south side of the Old Sharpsburg Road) and to charge into the woods. As we entered the woods I saw a poor fellow fall and heard him say, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit." I went to him and said, "My friend, that's a good prayer, I hope you feel it." He answered, "Stranger, I am not afraid to die; I made my peace with God over thirty years ago." Just at that moment I

heard Cook (Lt. Col. Robert T. Cook), our commander say in a loud voice, "For God's sake don't fire; we are friends!" I turned and saw a body of our troops about to fire. I said, "I will go back colonel, and stop them." As I ran back to the fence, I looked down the very road we had left, and saw a body of Federals moving upon us (the 800 man 17th Michigan regiment). Something must be done and I ran to General Drayton, our commander, and told him the position. A feint certainly must be made; if the Federals should know that the stone fence was abandoned, they would sweep upon the fence and thus capture the last man. Major Gest (Major William Gist, 15th SC), when he saw how matters were, placed the few men he had in position, and I started for my regiment. As I came to the pike, I saw a soldier shooting toward the east. It took but a moment for me to see that the Federals were east, south, and west of us.

The firing was now fierce, but I felt that my regiment must be brought out of that pocket at all hazards, and I started to warn it, when I found it retreating. Poor Ellis (Ellis Williams, Co. D, KIA) a Welchman, had run the gauntlet and given them a warning, and the regiment was now retreating in a broken and confused manner. One of the boys, Gus Tomlinson, said in tears, "Parson, we've been whipped; the regiment is retreating." "And none to soon either," said I, "for we are surrounded on all sides but one." Just then I felt a strange dizziness and fell, my arm dropping lifeless by my side. I knew that I was hit, and I thought mortally wounded. But where was I hit? Was my arm torn off by a shell? No, here that is? Was I shot through the breast? Or - yes, here it was - blood gurgling from my throat. The dear boys rushed to me, laid me on a blanket and bore me off the field."

This was evidence enough to pull me deeper into the mystery, so I decided to go ahead and invest the time required to pore through the compiled service records of the Legion at the State Archives. This ended up taking several months, working as time was available. **The results were amazing. This unit, which, according to published history, wasn't even in the Maryland campaign, had managed to suffer 113 casualties at Fox's Gap on September 14, 1862. These consisted of 31 men killed or mortally wounded, 39 wounded, and 43**

**captured. Pretty devastating losses for a unit that is not supposed to be there!**

Further evidence supporting their presence there has continued to trickle in. One of the casualties from Company C, William Dobbins, was last seen on the battlefield, shot through the chest. His father, a moderately well-to-do planter back in Habersham County, Georgia, began a frantic letter writing campaign trying to find out what had happened to his son. The Dobbins papers are currently archived at Emory University and contain a response from Captain Alex Erwin dated December 1862 which describes young William's loss at Boonsboro (as the Confederates dubbed the battles at South Mountain on September 14) and the fact that he has not been seen or heard from since. In fact, that's the last anyone ever heard of William as he died on the field and was either buried in a shallow grave by a Federal burial detail on September 15th or was possibly one of 58 dead Confederates dumped into a well at Daniel Wise's farm at the gap.

An October 4th, 1862 letter (copy in Georgia Archives) from A. J. Reese of the Infantry Battalion states "We have heard nothing of the four boys we lost in Sunday's fight. I expect they war (sic) kill. I hope not though." The only recent Sunday fight for the Legion would have been the Sunday September 14th fight at Fox's Gap.

A short historical sketch of the Phillips Legion written by it's quartermaster, Major S. M. H. Byrd and published in the May 5-6, 1914 Cedartown Standard states, "We moved with the army into Maryland. Drayton's brigade bore a prominent part and suffered very heavily at Boonsboro Gap (the Confederate's name for Fox's Gap). The Legion lost a good many men in killed, wounded, and missing; Major Barclay, Capt. Daniel, Lieut. Col. Cook, Chaplain Smith, wounded; Lieut. A. Jones killed. The loss was so heavy in officers that the command fell upon Lieut. Price of Co. E. At Sharpsburg, the Legion was again hotly engaged. Among the wounded was Capt. Hamilton of Co. E."

I am certain that one reason for the absence of the Phillips Legion in the historical records for this campaign is the fact that neither General Drayton nor any of his regimental commanders appear to have filed after action reports. This has created a real

vacuum of information relative to the strength, composition, and actions of Drayton's brigade at Fox's Gap that persists to this day. One thing that we CAN now be certain of, however, is that the Phillips Legion's Infantry Battalion was engaged in a vicious holding action at Fox's Gap on the afternoon of September 14th, 1862. Their sacrifice, and indeed that of their entire

brigade, bought just enough time to hold McClellan's huge army back one additional day and this, in turn, allowed Stonewall Jackson to force the surrender of the 12,000 man garrison at Harpers Ferry on September 15. This, in turn, set the stage for the bloody battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg on September 17, 1862.

**A map provided by Kurt Graham of the action involving the Phillips Legion Infantry Battalion at Fox's Gap appears on page 8.**

The following list details the casualties suffered by the Phillips Legion at Fox's Gap, Maryland, September 14th, 1862, as obtained from the compiled service records and 1906 Georgia Roster Commission records at the Georgia State Archives:

Company A	Capt. Oliver Daniel	WIA
	C. H. Miller	WIA*
	Musician Joseph B. Walker	KIA
	William F. Williams	MIA later declared KIA
Company B	August Abraham	WIA/CAP
	J. A. Blanton	WIA/CAP (shoulder)
	Marcellus F. Broyles	CAP
	Lyman Chapman	CAP
	William Cowan	KIA
	J. C. Currenton	CAP
	W. R. Davis	WIA (lost arm)
	Joseph C. England	CAP
	Darling P. Glover	KIA
	James W. Hawkins	CAP
	S. J. Henderson	MIA presumed KIA
	William B. Lynch	MIA later declared KIA
	James H. Mitchell	MIA later declared KIA
	Monroe Mitchell	MIA later declared KIA
	W. P. Mitchell	CAP
	Cpl. Charles H. Quinn	CAP*
H. L. Russell	CAP	
John W. Samples	CAP	
Richard P. Stone	KIA	
F. M. Turner	CAP	
Company C	James S. Alley	CAP
	Capt. Elihu S. Barclay	WIA/CAP
	William H. Dobbins	MIA later declared KIA
	Henry W. Dodd	MWIA dies at Winchester, Va. 11/12
	Jonas Mills	MIA later declared KIA
	J. J. A. Powers	CAP*
	J. B. F. Red	WIA
	Thomas J. Roman	KIA
	J. T. Spruell	CAP
	J. N. Taylor	WIA/CAP
Hunter Vandiver	KIA	

Company D	John T. L. Baldwin	WIA (lost fingers)
	David H. P. Barton	WIA/CAP (left leg & right side)
	John A. Brooks	WIA
	R. H. Echols	WIA*
	Lt. Abraham Jones	KIA
	Frank B. Luke	WIA*
	Sgt. Major Jno. A. Mathias	WIA
	T. H. McElroy	MWIA dies at home 11/1/62
	J. M. Murphy	WIA/CAP
	John F. Murphy	MIA later declared KIA
	John A. Scott	KIA
	James W. Spratling	KIA
	John M. Steward	CAP
	W. J. Sumner	CAP
	Samuel Turner	WIA/CAP
	E. C. Williams	CAP
	Ellis E. Williams	KIA
Sgt. Augustus Wimberly	CAP*	
James Springer Wood	CAP	
Company E	James Blackwell	CAP
	Jesse Blackwell	CAP
	M. V. Collins	CAP
	James M. Dempsey	WIA (back)
	Capt. Joseph Hamilton	WIA
	James W. Roberts	CAP
	Noah White	WIA
Company F	William Carroll	WIA/CAP
	Bernard C. Conway	CAP
	Richard Deignan	CAP
	Lt. John W. Duggan	KIA
	Richard Furlong	MIA later declared KIA
	Patrick G. Gary	WIA/CAP
	Richard G. Gillespie	WIA (arm & side)
	James Lawler	CAP
	Lt. Patrick M. McGovern	CAP
Lt. Michael S. Walsh	CAP	
Company L	Andrew J. Alexander	CAP
	Henry C. Bryant	CAP
	Isaac Campbell	CAP
	William J. Eslar	CAP
	Clement J. Hunt	CAP
	Newton J. Ivey	KIA
	Capt. James M. Johnson	WIA/CAP
	Doctor L. Malone	WIA/CAP
	Ira F. McClellan	CAP
	William Pilgrim	WIA
	J. B. Richardson	WIA (lost arm)
	Solomon Sanders	CAP
Mitchell Walraven	CAP	
Harrison Wilmoth	CAP	

	Clement J. Hunt	CAP
	Newton J. Ivey	KIA
	Capt. James M. Johnson	WIA/CAP
	Doctor L. Malone	WIA/CAP
	Ira F. McClellan	CAP
	William Pilgrim	WIA
	J. B. Richardson	WIA (lost arm)
	Solomon Sanders	CAP
	Mitchell Walraven	CAP
	Harrison Wilmoth	CAP
Company M	William Bannister Sr.	WIA (lost arm)
	Cpl. William Bannister Jr.	KIA
	John Pleasant Bryan	CAP
	Charles B. Collins	CAP
	Hiram Folds	KIA
	John W. Hodge	CAP
	Andrew J. Inzer	WIA
	Henry E. McKee	WIA
	Malachi W. Pitts	CAP*
	Daniel H. Ponder	CAP
	W. H. Sauls	WIA/CAP (lost arm)
	John W. Sewell	WIA (head wound)
	James E. Smith	CAP
Company O	Thomas C. Austin	CAP
	Lt. Theophilus G. Bowie	WIA*
	Emsley J. Childers	MIA later declared KIA
	Zell Conger	WIA
	Andrew Davis	WIA/CAP
	Samuel E. Fields	MIA later declared KIA
	Hiram A. Harrison	CAP
	John Ransom Hawkins	KIA
	Charles P. Henderson	WIA
	Jesse M. Jackson	MIA later declared KIA
	Robert Moore	WIA/CAP
	Sgt. Allen H. Summers	WIA/CAP
	William G. Taylor	WIA
	Lt. William O. Watson	KIA
	Rufus W. West	KIA
	Chaplain George G. Smith	WIA

KIA = Killed in Action

MIA = Missing in Action

WIA = Wounded in Action

MWIA = Mortally Wounded in Action

CAP = Captured

\* Denotes casualty where location and date are not certain. Could be either Fox's Gap on 9/14, Sharpsburg 9/17, or in the case of captures, somewhere in between.

Map provided by Kurt Graham to accompany his article on The Phillips Legion Infantry Battalion at Fox's Gap on September 14, 1862

**See the maps on pages 3, 5, 7, and 9 of Issue #9, Volume 1 of *News from Fox's Gap* and look for The Phillips Legion on each map.**

# South Mountain State Battlefield Initiative

by Julie Maynard, publisher: *The Citizen Newspaper*

(IN PART - from the *Heritage Chronicle*, Volume 9, Number 1, Summer 1999, of the Central Maryland Heritage League)

Maryland State Delegate Louise Snodgrass sees tourism in this area's future. And she sees establishing the First State Battlefield Park atop South Mountain as a way to capitalize on Maryland's assets of history and natural beauty.

Earlier this year she worked to set up a task force to study the feasibility of a new park. That task force has been signed into existence, and the next step is gathering ideas to prove a State battlefield makes sense here.

In the long run creating a battlefield park will be a matter of convincing the State legislature that the expense of a new park is justified and then convincing the tourist industry to put South Mountain on its map.

## House Joint Resolution 12 By: Washington County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 1999

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

### A House Joint Resolution concerning South Mountain Battlefield Historic Tourism Initiative Task Force

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the South Mountain Battlefield Historic Tourism Initiative; providing for the membership of the Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before a certain day; and generally relating to the creation of a Task Force on the South Mountain Battlefield Historic Tourism Initiative.

WHEREAS, On September 14, 1862, the Union and Confederate forces fought a fierce battle over a 7 mile stretch of the South Mountain Range which was the first major Civil War battle in the State; and

WHEREAS, The results of that fateful day helped to shape the events and the outcome of the Battle of Antietam that was fought 3 days later; and

WHEREAS, The State wishes to forever remember the ultimate sacrifice made by those brave soldiers, their families, and their communities, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Natural Resources, the Central Maryland Heritage League, the Friends of Washington Monument State Park, county and municipal government, tourism offices, private landowners, and others have worked closely in protecting and managing lands and interpreting Civil War events within the historical boundaries of the South Mountain Battlefield, and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and right to provide Maryland's citizens and visitors to this State with an opportunity to see, to learn, and to appreciate the important role that the Battle of South Mountain played in this Country's history; and

WHEREAS, Promotion of this important battle in American history will encourage tourism in Frederick County and Washington County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State of Maryland strongly supports the Department of Natural Resources' effort to study the establishment of a State park at South Mountain that encompasses the battlefield known as South Mountain, including Turner's Gap, Fox's Gap, and Crampton's Gap; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a Task Force on the South Mountain Battlefield Historic Tourism Initiative be established to assist the Department of Natural Resources in studying the establishment of a State park at South Mountain and to ascertain the efficacy of establishing a State park at South Mountain; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of:

(1) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) One representative from the Department of Natural Resources, appointed by the Governor;

(3) One representative from the Department of Transportation, appointed by the Governor;

(4) One representative from the business community of Washington County; and

(5) One representative from the business community of Frederick County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor designate the chairman of the Task Force from among the members of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be staffed by the Department of Natural Resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 19, 2000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable David P. Gray, President, Board of County Commissioners, Frederick County; and the Honorable Gregory I. Snook, President, Board of County Commissioners, Washington County.



## **Bound Copies of *The Fox Genealogy* are Available and also *The Link Family***

You may order hard-bound and soft-bound copies of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox and/or *The Link Family* by Paxon Link, from Blairs' Book Service. To order copies, please read this page carefully.

Internet site address: <http://www.glbco.com/default/order.html>

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FOX Genealogy, including the Metherd, Benner \* Leiter descendants, giving biographies of the first & second generation with sketches of the third generation [Frederick Fox of Prussia & Maryland & descendants], by D. G. Fox. 172 pages 1924. \$27.50 This book is a quality reprint with sturdy paper binding. Hardbound is available for an additional \$10. This book is print-to-order; please allow 8-12 weeks, plus an additional 2 weeks for hardbound.

## Re-enactment of the Battle of South Mountain

The Central Maryland Heritage League has been instrumental in creating a re-enactment of the Battle of South Mountain the past few years. A re-enactment was held again this year on September 11 and 12.

The e-mail address of the Central Maryland Heritage League is: [INFO@CMHL.ORG](mailto:INFO@CMHL.ORG)

If you have access to the Internet, be sure to visit the Central Maryland Heritage League site:

<http://www.cmhl.org/html/fox.html>

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## New Members

Due to the fact there are many individuals who have an interest in Fox's Gap in Maryland and the Battle of South Mountain, I have opened up membership in our Society to include anyone with an interest in joining the Society. In this way, we have the best opportunity to preserve the history and heritage of Fox's Gap in Maryland.

Kurt Graham  
3448 Valley Vista Road  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Kurt has a tremendous interest in Fox's Gap and the Battle of South Mountain.

Randy Howald  
418 Kelly Court  
Duncanville, Texas 75137-2511

Randy had an ancestor in the Battle of South Mountain. He maintains a Civil War website on the Internet.

George D. Fox  
1308 Mound Avenue  
Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

Ann Schulz Trimmer  
58 Riverview Terrace  
Belle Mead, New Jersey 08502  
e-mail: [ann@trimmer.net](mailto:ann@trimmer.net)

A descendant of Frederick L. Fox, who was a brother of John L. Fox of Gessie, Indiana.

## Change of Address

William E. Fox II  
8126 W. 10 Mile Road  
Bitely, MI 49309

William E. Fox of Grant, Michigan  
e-mail: [wefox@mail.ncats.net](mailto:wefox@mail.ncats.net)

## **President's Message** by Curtis Lynn Older

\*\* My latest book, *The Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain*, is now available from Willow Bend Books, 65 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157-5036. Their toll free number is 1-800-876-6103. The book sells for \$36.50 from the publisher. Society members may purchase the book directly from me for \$18.00 plus \$4.00 postage, a total of \$22.00.

The book is 259 pages in length with individual drawings for 328 tracts. Two fold-out pages from the book, the "Author's Master Road Map" and the "Author's Master Tract Map", are included as pages 19 and 20 at the end of this Newsletter. Both maps are 11" by 17".

The International Standard Book Number, ISBN, for the book is: 1-58549-066-0

The Willow Bend Books website is: [www.WillowBend.net](http://www.WillowBend.net)

\*\* Kodak Photo CD-Rom Disc - "Fox's Gap in Maryland" is now being distributed free to all Society Members. If you have not received your copy of the computer disc and would like to receive one, please let me know and I will be happy to send you a copy. Copies of the disc are now in the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, Maryland, as well as the Frederick and Washington County Historical Societies in Maryland.

\*\* The 6th Ogle/Ogles Family Association Convention will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, September 21-23, 2000. A block of 80 sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Gatlinburg Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort at discounted room rates. Call the hotel direct at 423-436-9201 and tell them you are part of the Ogle/Ogles Family Convention in order to receive the discounted room rate.

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**Please notify**

**the President of the Society**

**regarding any errors you find in the current issue of the Newsletter.**

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### **Topics in the next issue of the Newsletter, June 1, 2000**

- \* 1. Drayton's Brigade at Fox's Gap in the Battle of South Mountain, by Kurt Graham.
- \* 2. The Third Generation of descendants of Frederick L. Fox, a son of George Fox.
- \* 3. How Middletown Celebrated Birthday of George Washington in 1932.
- \* 4. The will of John L. Fox of Gessie, Indiana, the father of Daniel Alexander Fox.
- \* 5. From The Bookshelf - A review of several Civil War books recently read by Curt Older.

## **George Fox Line** by Curtis L. Older

Nine members of the Society descend from Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox. Daniel was a son of John L. Fox of Gessie, Indiana, and a grandson of George Fox.

The following article, which appeared in *The Citizen*, December 15, 1994, is a copy of material that was from *The Valley Register*, December 14, 1894. This article seems to give the impression that the Battle of South Mountain, at least through the eyes of the writer, may have had a more significant impact on the issuance of The Emancipation Proclamation than most writers give it credit.

### **The Latest from the Last** **\* C \* E \* N \* T \* U \* R \* Y \***

#### **Pleasant paragraphs About Those Who Come and Those Who Go**

(In part) **\*From The Valley Register, December 14, 1894**

I call the attention of the people of the larger "Pleasant Valley," which extends from Beeler's summit, above Gapland Station, to Sandy Hook and Weverton, to the propriety of giving their beautiful vale a name which will not confound it with any other locality. The most obvious name for our Potomac "Pleasant Valley" is *Gapland Valley*, as well as for the creek which threads it, which is now called Israel's creek.

The chosen people have also left their name upon Solomon's Gap, which I suggest should be called *McLaws' Gap*, after the rebel general McLaws, who forced his cannon up that height by hand and opened the road out to the point over Harpers Ferry, the only event in the history of that mountain, which is misnamed 'Elk Ridge' and 'Maryland Heights,' confusingly. As it is the true Blue Ridge of Virginia, and the Northern conclusion thereof, it ought to be called *Maryland Blue Ridge*.

The tall summit of South Mountain between Bolivar and Rohrer'sville has no other name than the 'White Rock,' a poor name, and there is also a 'White Rock' on Catoctin Mountain. The finger-board at Gapland tollgate calls this mountain locality 'Mt. Gath,' but as President Lincoln after these battles of three days issued his emancipation proclamation, the noble promontory might be called 'Mount Emancipation.'

The great instep of Catoctin mountain, northeast of Middletown, now sometimes named High Knob, might be named in honor of General Hayes, who lay wounded in Middletown, *President mountain*.

The way to adopt these changes is in the first place, to favor them; in the next place to finger-board them on or about the places.

A finger-board society would be no injury to our hidden nooks of Western Maryland.

## Frederick L. Fox Line

sent so Newsletter by Alice Takase

written by Suella Fenton, a great-granddaughter of Samuel Fox

A new member of the Society, Alice Takase, is a descendant of Frederick L. Fox. Frederick L. Fox was a son of George Fox and Elizabeth Ann (Link) Fox. He was a brother of John L. Fox of Gessie, Indiana. Alice Takase's address is: PO Box 6945, Fort Bliss, Texas 79906-0945.

## Descendants of Frederick L. Fox

(A son of George Fox and a grandson of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland)

### Generation No. 1

1. Frederick L. Fox was born February 28, 1810, in Montgomery County, Ohio, and died November 20, 1851. Buried at the St. John (or Gebhart) Church Cemetery, Miamisburg, Warren County, Ohio. He married Anna Maria Zehring March 28, 1833. She was a daughter of Johann Zehring and Frances Garst.

Frederick L. Fox was married to Maria Zehring III, by Henry Awyer, Justice of Peace. They resided one or two years in the cabin in which his parents resided prior to the erection of the brick dwelling. They then moved to Preble County, Ohio, residing there about two years, then returned to the cabin, where they resided until 1851. They then moved on the tract which was his portion of his father's estate, it being the northwest corner of his father's tract.

The seven children of Frederick L. Fox and Anna Zehring:

2. 1. Samuel Fox, born September 28, 1840, Ohio; died November 2, 1917, Warren County, Ohio.
2. George Fox
3. Lavinia Fox
4. John P. Fox
3. 5. Frances A. Fox, born about 1848
6. Elizabeth Fox
4. 7. Jacob "Job" Henry Fox, born October 9, 1851, Woodburn, Montgomery County, Ohio; died October 2, 1929, Montgomery County, Ohio.

### Generation No. 2

Samual Fox (Frederick L. Fox, George Fox, Frederick Fox, John Fox) was born September 28, 1840, in Ohio, and died November 2, 1917, in Warren County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Ware Russell October 13, 1870, in Warren County, Ohio, daughter of James Russell and Rachel Ware.

Children of Samuel Fox and Elizabeth Russell are:

5. i. Francis "Frank" Marion Fox, born March 18, 1873; died March 5, 1955, Waynesville, Ohio.
6. ii. Mary Sophia Fox, born July 7, 1874, Franklin, Warren County, Ohio; died 1956, Springboro, Warren County, Ohio.
7. iii. Elmira "Myra" R. Fox, born August 17, 1875; died April 19, 1914.
8. iv. Orissa J. Fox, born April 8, 1877, Warren County, Ohio; died January 13, 1963, Springboro, Warren County, Ohio.
9. v. Walter Scott Fox, born May 26, 1880, Warren County, Ohio; died July 8, 1917, buried in Springboro Cemetery, Warren County, Ohio.

3. Frances A. Fox (Frederick L. Fox, George Fox, Frederick Fox, John Fox) was born About 1848. She married David L. Brown.

Notes for David L. Brown:

Information on the Brown family came from notes found in my mother's effects after her death and from Becky (Brown) Coker and Barbara (Taylor) Roberts, both of Ohio.

Children of Frances Fox and David Brown are:

10. i. Clarence David Brown, born April 18, 1883, Ohio; died January 23, 1972, Carlisle, Ohio.
11. ii. Florence E. Brown
12. iii. Harriet M. Brown

4. Jacob "Job" Henry Fox (Frederick L. Fox, George Fox, Frederick Fox, John Fox) was born October 9, 1851, in Woodburn, Montgomery County, Ohio, and died October 2, 1929, in Montgomery County, Ohio. He married Phoebe Angeline Brelsford December 31, 1878, daughter of Thomas Brelsford and Anna (Brelsford).

Notes for Jacob "Job" Henry Fox:

Information for Jacob "Job" Fox family was given to me by a report given to my brother (Glenn Leis), by Melvina (Montgomery) Null of Ohio.

Children of Jacob Fox and Phoebe Brelsford are:

- i. Harry Ervin Fox, born November 12, 1879, Warren County, Ohio; died June 12, 1964, Montgomery County, Ohio; married Rosa Vanderwater.
12. ii. Laura Etta Fox, born July 24, 1881, Warren County, Ohio; died May 10, 1955, Montgomery County, Ohio.
13. iii. Anna Marie Fox, born November 20, 1882, Warren County, Ohio; died 1960, Montgomery County, Ohio.
14. iv. John "Henry" Fox, born September 5, 1884, Warren County, Ohio; died 1968, Montgomery County, Ohio.
- v. Copra E. Fox, born September 30, 1884, Warren County, Ohio; died September 4, 1947, Warren County, Ohio; married Elmer Sheets.
15. vi. Edwin E. Fox, born November 4, 1888, Warren County, Ohio; died November 21, 1969, Montgomery County, Ohio.
- vii. Ralph "Ernest" Fox, born August 4, 1890, Warren County, Ohio; died January 9, 1975, Warren County, Ohio.
16. viii. Lucy May Fox, born April 4, 1892, Warren County, Ohio; died December 28, 1974, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
17. ix. Katheryn Myrtle Fox, born October 25, 1893, Warren County, Ohio; died May 22, 1994, Warren County, Ohio.
18. x. Lydia "Liddy" Z. Fox, b. November 04, 1895, Montgomery County, Ohio; d. 1962, Montgomery County, Ohio.
19. xi. Cloyce "Wilford" Fox, b. June 04, 1899, Warren County, Ohio; d. October 30, 1976, Warren County, Ohio.

**The next issue of the Fox Society Newsletter will contain information on Generation No. 4 of the Descendants of Frederick L. Fox.**

## Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes a survey, patent, or deed related to the land tracts in the vicinity of Crampton's, Fox's, and Turner's Gaps. These three gaps in South Mountain represent the main area contested by the Union and Confederate Armies in the Battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862.

The following material relates to a small tract about a mile west of Fox's Gap called Mountain. This tract helps identify the route of the Old Sharpsburg Road west of Fox's Gap. The survey record for the tract bears a date of September 27, 1745.

**MdHR 17,400, 1-23-2-34, TI 3, pp. 236-237, John Baley, Mountain, surveyed 27 Sep 1745, 50 acres.**

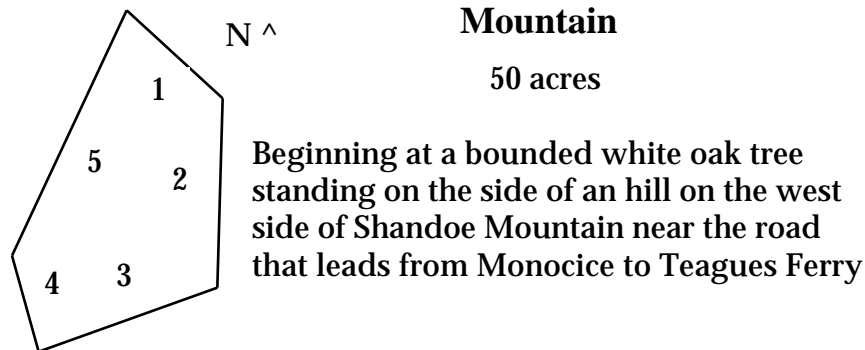
John Baley's Patent 50 acres the Mountain} Charles ? Know ye that whereas Joseph Chapline of Prince Georges County in our said Province of Maryland had surveyed and laid out for him a tract of land called the mountain situate & lying and being in the county afsd containing fifty acres by virtue of a warrant for seven hundred acres granted him by renewal the ninth day of April seventeen hundred and forty five as appears in our land office but before he sued out our grant for the same he did on the twenty second day of June seventeen hundred and forty seven assign over all his right title interest claim and demand whatsoever of in and unto the certificate of survey afsd and the land and premises therein mentioned unto a certain John Baley of Prince Georges County and desired Patent might issue in his name for the same which we have thought fit to condescend unto and upon such conditions and terms as are expressed in our conditions of Plantation of our said Province - bearing date the fifth day of April sixteen hundred and eighty four & remaining upon record in our said province together with such alterations as in them are made by our father conditions bearing date the fourth day of December sixteen hundred and ninety six together also with the alterations made by our instructions bearing date at London the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and registered in our secretary's office of our said province together with a paragraph of our instructions bearing date at London the fifteenth day of December seventeen hundred and thirty eight and registered in our land office we do therefore hereby grant unto him the said John Baley all that tract or parcel of land lying in the county afsd called the Mountain beginning at a bounded white oak tree standing on the side of an hill on the west side of Shanandore Mountain (author: South Mountain) near the road that leads from Minococie (author: Monocacy) to Teague's Ferry (author: at Shepherdstown) running thence

Line No.	North	Degrees	Length
1	S	48 east	54 perches thence
2	S	2 west	80 perches then
3	S	70 west	80 perches then
4	N	15 west	42 perches

5 then by a straight line tot he beginning tree containing and now laid out for fifty acres of land more or less according to the certificate of survey thereof taken and returned into our land office bearing date the twenty seventh day of September seventeen hundred and forty five and there remaining together with all rights profits benefits and privileges there unto belonging royal mines excepted to have and to hold the same unto him the said John Baley his heirs and assigns for ever to be holden of us and our heirs as of our manor of Conegochieg (author: Conococheague or Williamsport) in free and common soceage by fealty only for all manner of services yielding and paying therefore yearly unto us and our heirs at our receipt at our city of St. Mary's at the two most usual feasts in the year vizt. the feast of the annunciation of the blessed virgin Mary and St. Michael the arch angel of fry? even and equal portion the rent of two shillings sterling in silver or gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcel thereof one whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept in discharge thereof at the

choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers asfd provided that if the said sum for a fine for alienation shall not be paid unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers asfd. before such alienation and the said alienation entered upon record either in the provincial court or county court where the same parcel of land both within one month next after such alienation then the said alienation shall be void and of no effect given under our great seal of our said province of Maryland this twenty second day of June anno dom seventeen hundred and forty seven witness our truly and well beloved Samuel Ogle Esq. Lieutenant General and chief governor of our said province of Maryland Chancellor and Keeper of the great seal thereof.

Sam (the great seal) Ogle Chan.



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## The Ogle / Ogles Family Association

**Web site: [www.ogles.org](http://www.ogles.org)**

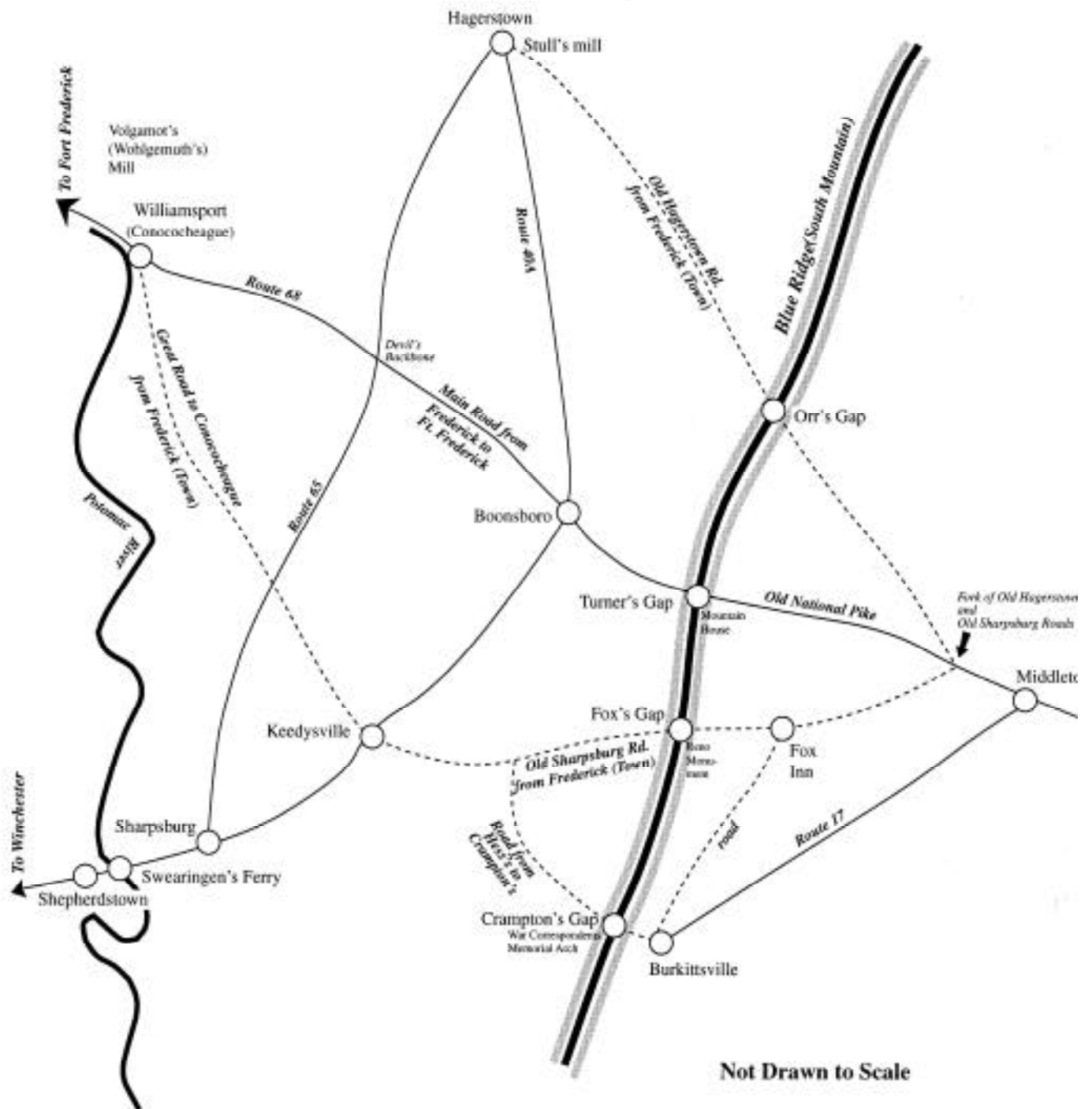
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## An Internet Site for all Fox related genealogy

The following site on the Internet contains genealogy information and forums related to all Fox families across the United States.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~fox/index.html>



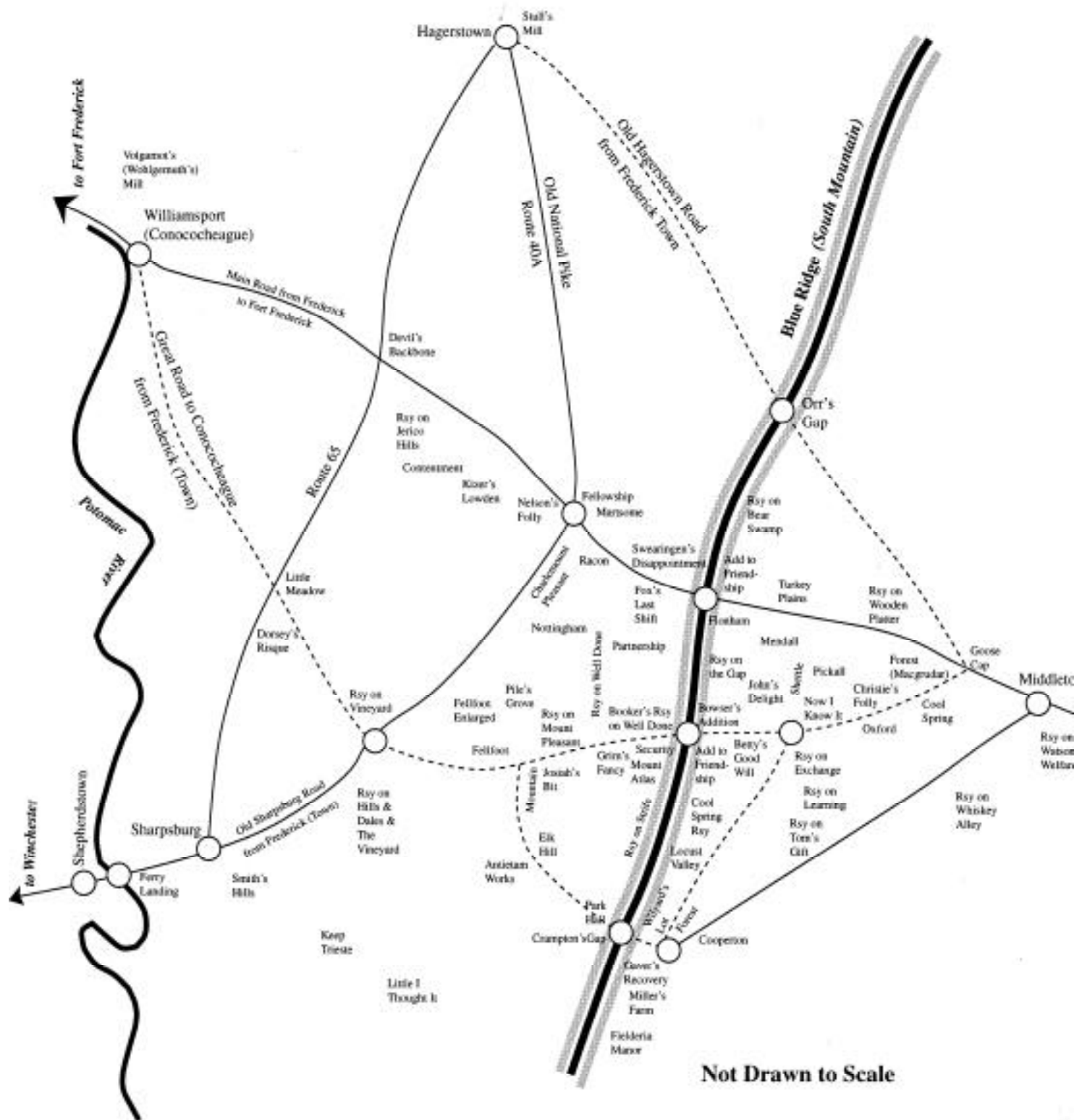


## Author's Master Road Map

- **Battlefield of South Mountain** - includes the areas of Turner's, Fox's, and Crampton's Gaps
- **Key landmarks on the Battlefield of South Mountain** - Mountain House at Turner's Gap, Reno Monument at Fox's Gap, and War Correspondents Memorial Arch at Crampton's Gap

### Points Along the Roads

- **Old Sharpsburg Road** – Frederick, Middletown, Fox's Gap, Sharpsburg
- **Old Hagerstown Road** – Frederick, Middletown, Orr's Gap, Hagerstown
- **Great Road to Conococheague** – Frederick, Middletown, Fox's Gap, Keedysville, Williamsport
- **Main Road from Frederick to Fort Frederick** – Frederick, Middletown, Turner's Gap, Boonsboro, Devil's Back Bone, Williamsport, Fort Frederick
- **Old National Pike** – Frederick, Middletown, Turner's Gap, Boonsboro, Hagerstown
- **Great Philadelphia Wagon Road** – Winchester, Shepherdstown, Sharpsburg, Fox's Gap, Middletown, Frederick, Philadelphia
- **Route 40A** – Frederick, Middletown, Turner's Gap, Boonsboro, Hagerstown
- **Road from Frederick Town to Swearingen's Ferry** – Frederick, Middletown, Fox's Gap, Sharpsburg, Shepherdstown



## Author's Master Tract Map

1. This map is identical to the Author's Master Road Map on page three as far as the lines that show roads, towns, the Potomac River, the Blue Ridge, Swearingen's Ferry, or other locations. Comparison of the Author's Master Tract Map with the Author's Master Road Map should give the reader the ability to identify the approximate location of those tracts shown on the Author's Master Tract Map.
2. The location of tracts is only approximate on this map. Please refer to Master and Sub-Master drawings for the detail of a tract and its surrounding tracts. Only selected tracts appear on the above map.
3. Sub-Master Tract Drawings that appear on the following pages include: Fellfoot Enlarged Master; Resurvey on Hills and Dales and (The) Vineyard Master; Resurvey on (The) Gap Master; Resurvey on Well Done Master; Contentment Master; Resurvey on Oxford Area;

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## Significant Research Findings on the Battle of South Mountain

We are honored to present to our readers the following article by Kurt Graham. The material provides new evidence regarding the battle at Fox's Gap in Maryland on September 14, 1862. It presents documented casualty counts of Confederate forces under General Drayton during the battle. Kurt's article is thoroughly researched and provides primary sources from which he obtained his information. Kurt retains all copyright privileges related to his article.

Kurt Graham retired from IBM in 1991 and lives in Vinings, Georgia, with his wife, Mary, and sons Griff and Jack. His lifelong love affair with American history was fueled by a father and grandfather who "had dragged him across every Civil War battlefield by the time he was ten." Kurt is an enthusiastic supporter of battlefield preservation and collector of military art and books. He is currently researching the history of the Phillips Georgia Legion and co-authoring a book on this little known Georgia unit. He maintains a website for this unit at [www.angelfire.com/tx/RandysTexas](http://www.angelfire.com/tx/RandysTexas) and encourages interested parties to contact him at (e-mail) [kdgraha@attglobal.net](mailto:kdgraha@attglobal.net).

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## Death of a Brigade

### Drayton's Brigade at Fox's Gap September 14, 1862

by Kurt Graham

In the process of doing the research required to establish the presence of the Phillips Legion's Infantry Battalion at Fox's Gap, September 14, 1862, as part of Thomas F. Drayton's brigade (see article "Lost Legion" in the December 1999 "News from Fox's Gap"), it became evident to me that no one who has ever written about this action had a very good idea of the specific actions of Drayton's brigade in it. There is a very good reason for this "vacuum" of knowledge. Neither Drayton nor any of his five unit commanders filed after-

action reports or, if they did, these have been lost to history. The only major published account of any member of Drayton's command is that of Major W. G. Rice of the 3rd South Carolina Battalion in Dickert's "History of Kershaw's Brigade". Major Rice's account concentrates solely on the actions of the 3rd and does not mention the other four units of Drayton's command. Historians apparently have taken this to mean that these four units had little or no major impact in this fight.

As an example, J. M. Priest in his book, "Before Antietam", presents a scenario where the relatively small 3rd South Carolina Battalion attacked southeast across the wide field south of the Old Sharpsburg Road while the remainder of the brigade was dug in on the Wood Road north of the Old Sharpsburg Road with their only offensive action being the impromptu charge of 50 or so rebels east from the Wood Road some 600 to 800 yards. He goes on to credit Drayton's troops with having "fought with the ferocity of a division before melting away from the double stone walls (of the Wood Road) in front of the 17th Michigan." Other authors simply lump Drayton's brigade together with those of G. T. Anderson and G. B. Anderson and state that the aggregate command fought well (with the support of two of John Hood's brigades) until nightfall. If one has an interest in their battle history at a "micro" level they are quickly disappointed in the accounts of the afternoon action at Fox's Gap.

At any rate, having established that the Phillips Legion Infantry had been there as part of Drayton's command and having come to a good understanding of their actions, I decided to take a crack at figuring out exactly what happened to and with the entire brigade.

Returning to Mr. Priest's work, one thing that he had ascertained very clearly was that Drayton's brigade was alone at the gap between 3 and 4 PM when the afternoon action exploded again into violent combat. This was the result of a conference that had taken place earlier in the afternoon between Major General D. H. Hill, commanding the South Mountain defense and the four brigade commanders at Fox's Gap. The first of these was George B. Anderson, whose command was first to arrive at the gap following the rout of Samuel Garland's brigade in the morning. The timely arrival of Anderson's North Carolinians stalled the attack of General Jacob Cox's IX Corps "Kanawha Division" just south of the gap. Cox pulled his exhausted troops back behind the woods south of Wise's four acre field and the two sides took an uneasy pause to regroup and reinforce. Next to arrive at the gap was the mixed Georgia, North Carolina brigade of Roswell Ripley. Ripley went into position to G. B. Anderson's left and Anderson extended his

line down the Old Sharpsburg Road west of the gap. Longstreet's first two units to arrive at the top of the mountain at Turner's Gap were George T. Anderson's small 500 man Georgia brigade and Thomas F. Drayton's 1,300 man, mixed Georgia, South Carolina brigade. D. H. Hill had personally escorted G. T. Anderson and Drayton to Fox's Gap and planned to use their brigades (with the two brigades already there) in an attack designed to sweep the Federals off the mountain south of the gap and back down the east face.

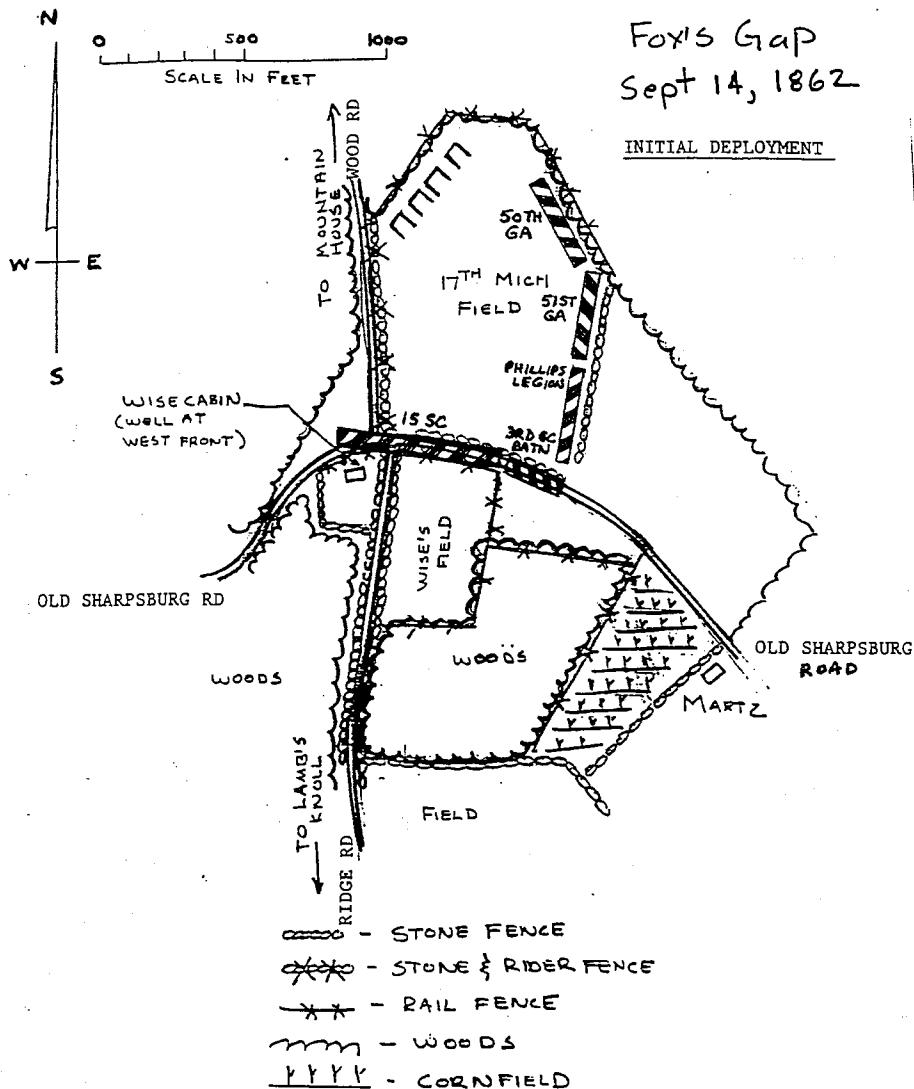
Hill envisioned the deployment of these four brigades in a line running down the west side of the mountain. Once in position, they would charge forward in a huge left wheeling attack with Drayton's brigade at the gap serving as the "hinge". G. B. Anderson and Ripley were told to move farther west down the Old Sharpsburg Road to make room for the new arrivals. G. T. Anderson was told to file off to the west following Ripley and Drayton was instructed to deploy his men at the gap itself. Having given his orders, D. H. Hill placed the senior brigade commander, Roswell Ripley, in command and hurried back to Turner's Gap to oversee the action developing on his left.

Things went wrong almost from the moment Hill departed. The three brigades ahead of Drayton's moved too far west down the Old Sharpsburg Road and a 300 yard gap opened up between G. T. Anderson's left and Drayton's right. When Anderson heard firing erupt back at the gap he attempted to rectify this situation by moving back towards the gap, but discovered that Federals had moved into this opening. G. B. Anderson's leading brigade moved south into the tangled, rocky woods and struggled to get into position to attack. Ripley's own brigade shifted southwest completely off the mountain. When Ripley's men turned east and began to reascend the mountain, their skirmishers reported another force moving across their front. These were, in fact, G. B. Anderson's troops working southeast up the slope, but Ripley somehow decided that they were a Federal force and retreated with his men off the mountain and out of the battle.

In the meantime, Drayton had initially deployed his brigade in an inverted L shaped formation at the gap. The 550 men in his two South Carolina units were in the Old

Fox's Gap  
Sept 14, 1862

INITIAL DEPLOYMENT



Deployment of Forces at Fox's Gap

Approximately 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

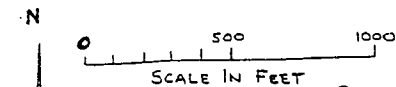
Sharpsburg Road facing south and the 750 soldiers in the three Georgia units were posted facing east at a stone wall overlooking a deep ravine some 200 yards east of the Wood Road. This deployment made sense for a number of reasons. First, it placed Drayton's two most combat experienced units (the 15th SC on the right and the 3rd SC Battalion on the left) facing south against the perceived strength of the Federals who had been attacking from that direction earlier in the day. The most experienced of the Georgia units was the Legion and it was formed at a right angle to the 3rd SC Battalion and connecting to its left flank where the stone wall intersected the Old Sharpsburg Road. The other two "green" Georgia units (the 50th and 51st) formed along the stone wall to the Legion's left. Another reason this deployment was sound relates to the topography of the gap. The Wood Road, which runs into the Old Sharpsburg Road from the north, lies **behind** the military crest of the east side of South Mountain. The "military crest" is that point at which one can see down the face of the forward slope. If one deploys troops behind the military crest of a position, he permits an approaching enemy to get within a short distance of his position without being seen.

So, how do we know this is how Drayton initially deployed? The first clue lies in the Chaplain George Smith account. The chaplain served with the Phillips Legion and, although severely wounded in this fight, left a wonderfully detailed account of the battle. This account was presented in the "Lost Legion" article in the 12/99 Newsletter. In it he states that "a battery of light artillery (Bondurant's) was firing overhead and we lay quietly looking toward the east." Previous research by Steve Stotelmyer which is presented in the book "From Selma to Appomattox" (A history of the Jeff Davis Artillery AKA Bondurant's battery) has established that this battery had moved to a position in the north end of the field north of the Old Sharpsburg Road and east of the Wood Road by mid afternoon. Therefore, there is no way that a battery could have been firing over the heads of the Legion Infantry if they had been deployed in the Wood Road as the battery would have been in front of them. Further evidence of the lower stone wall's

having been the location where Drayton's Georgians originally deployed comes from the regimental history of the 35th Massachusetts. It states that when the firing finally died out after dark, "we then marched into the field north of the sunken road (Old Sharpsburg Road) and stacked arms with orders to rest behind the stacks but be ready for action at any moment." The account goes on to describe the restless, uneasy night spent in this field adjacent the Wood Road. In the morning the tired and hungry Federals began to look around for something to eat. The account states, "Down the east side of the hill, in our rear, **WHERE THE CONFEDERATE LINE OF BATTLE HAD LAIN THE DAY BEFORE**, along a stone wall, the ground was gray with the knapsacks and blankets they had thrown off in the fight and left behind in their hasty departure."

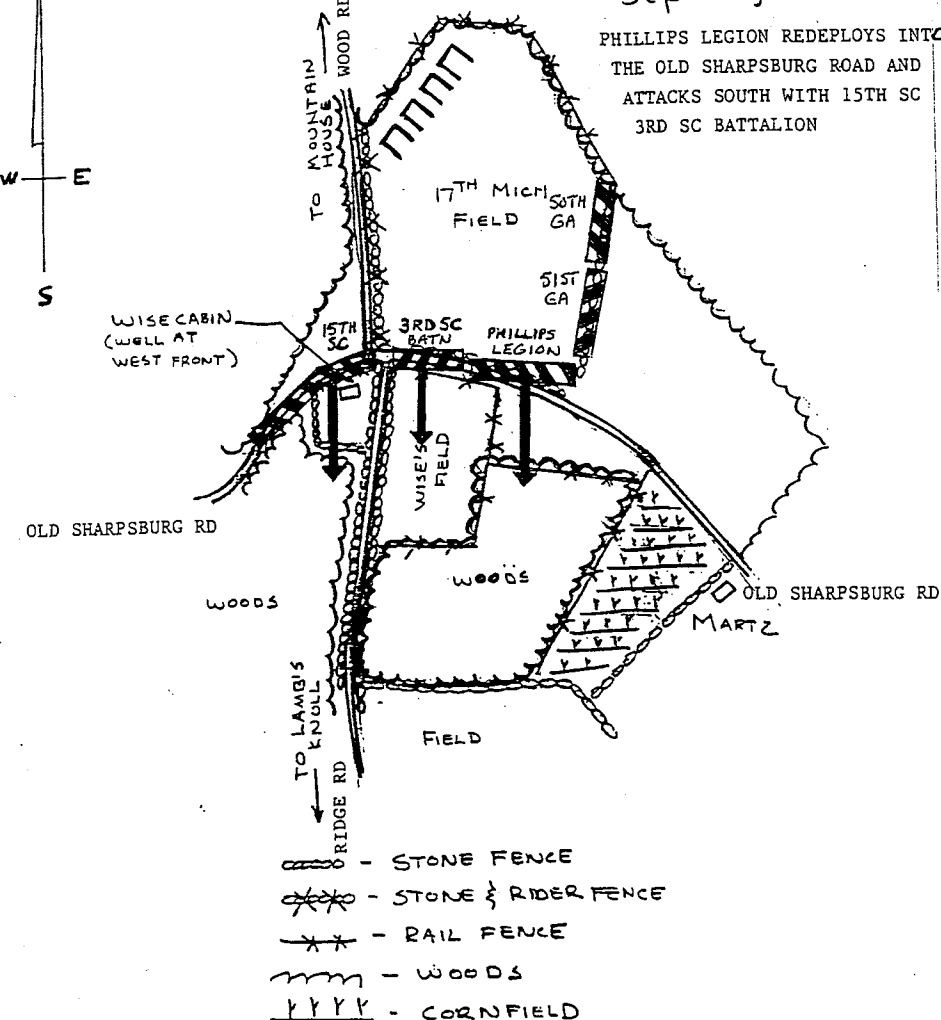
As the gap opened between Drayton's right and G. T. Anderson's left, Drayton took action to rectify this situation by shifting his command farther west. He did this by moving the 15th SC and 3rd SC Battalion west on the Old Sharpsburg Road and moving the Legion into the Old Sharpsburg Road. Again, the Chaplain tells how it happened . . . . "Suddenly orders came to change front. We were to now face toward the south. The turnpike (Old Sharpsburg Road) was narrow and the enemy were upon us. The change of position called for a change from line of battle into column and then from column into line. My own regiment did beautifully and for a moment we looked to the woods expecting the Federals to charge upon us.

In the meantime, Drayton had sent a company of the 3rd SC Battalion south across Wise's field south of the Old Sharpsburg Road to reconnoiter. Captain D. B. Miller's Company F spotted large numbers of Federals and scrambled back to advise Drayton. Knowing that he had orders to attack, Drayton launched his three units in the Old Sharpsburg Road southward across Wise's field with most of the 15th SC on the right, the 3rd SC Battalion in the center and the Legion on the left. How do we know this? Again to Chaplain Smith. "We entered the pike, crossed it and entered a wood. As we did, I found the enemy were in our front." The accounts of Private Sam Puckett and Major Rice of the 3rd Battalion also confirm this



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PHILLIPS LEGION REDEPLOYS INTO  
THE OLD SHARPSBURG ROAD AND  
ATTACKS SOUTH WITH 15TH SC  
3RD SC BATTALION



Attack South of Old Sharpsburg Road by Phillips Legion, 3rd SC and 15th SC

Approximately 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM



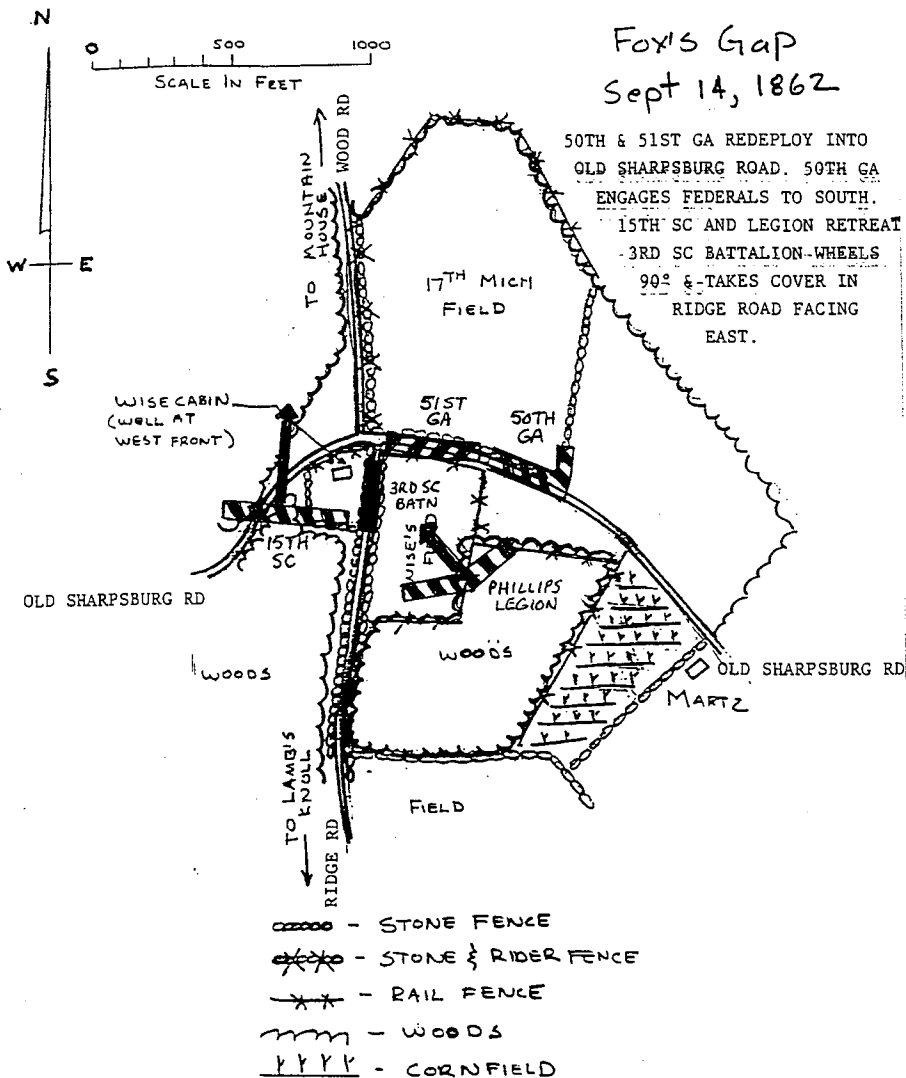
attack. Puckett says, "We were then ordered to vacate the cut (the Old Sharpsburg Road) and charge the enemy." Major Rice states, "General Drayton ordered the command to forward and drive them (the Federals seen by Captain Miller's recon) from the woods." The Puckett account further reinforces the fact that the initial direction of the attack was to the south as he states, "Colonel James (Lt. Col. George James), seeing the enemy to be too strong, wheeled the battalion to the right between two rock fences, where we attempted to check them." The position he describes is the rock walled Ridge Road, which runs north/south through Wise's field. If James "wheeled" his men into the Ridge Road, they had to have initially been headed south. Major Rice also confirms the direction of the attack with his statement that, "There was a low rock wall running at RIGHT ANGLES to the battle line, and behind this the battalion sought to protect itself."

As the 800 soldiers in the Old Sharpsburg Road moved south to attack, General Drayton, having observed no Federal activity to the east, ordered the 51st and 50th Georgia to execute the same movement that the Legion had previously performed; a shift from the stone wall facing east into the Old Sharpsburg Road facing south. This would provide Drayton with either a second attack wave to launch south or a defensive line should the attack of the South Carolinians and Legion infantry be repulsed. How do we know about this shift? Lt. William O. Fleming, commanding Company F of the 50th Georgia penned a superb account of this fight shortly after the battle. This account was subsequently published in the Savannah Republican during October 1862. In it, Lt. Fleming tells us that, "While forming in line of battle so as to be in position to make the assault we were exposed to a most dreadful rifle and musket fire from the enemy. The 50th Georgia who were on the extreme left towards the enemy, and the last to form on the right by file into line, were under the hottest fire. Our position was in a narrow road between an embankment eight feet in front as we were faced and a stone wall on an embankment about four feet high in the rear. The embankment in front of us gradually declined on the left, until it gave us no

protection at all from the balls of the enemy. Our company (F) was the last that could take its position in line, and this took some of our men entirely from under cover. It was painful to see our men shot down while taking their positions. O. Trawick, near me on the right of the company, was shot down while about to file into his place. He was shot in reach of me. The ball passed through his thigh breaking the bone. I mention him, as he was the first one of our company shot. Many others soon shared the same fate."

Even today, one can stand in the Old Sharpsburg Road and easily locate the spot so clearly described by Lt. Fleming. The embankment to the south of the Old Sharpsburg Road drops away to the east to road level today just as it did 138 years ago. The remnant of the stone wall to their rear on the north side of the road is still there. There is simply no other place on this field that fits the Fleming description. There was initially one major problem with fitting the account to this location and it was only a stroke of luck that allowed this to be resolved. To understand this problem, we will continue with the Fleming account . . . . "The enemy were posted behind a fence and trees, not over sixty or seventy yards from us, pouring their deadly volleys into us in comparative security. Some of the boldest of the enemy would come out into the road and fire down it. Our boys acted nobly, loading and firing as fast as they could; but I am afraid, though, they aimed when the enemy were concealed - very few of their bullets struck a Yankee."

The problem we had in completing the identification of the 50th according to Fleming lay in the fact that period maps seemed to show woods adjoining the south side of the Old Sharpsburg Road at this point yet Fleming is clearly talking about a gun battle being fought over a small field some sixty yards across from north to south. While discussing this problem with my friend Steve Stotemyer, the preeminent expert on the Fox's Gap battlefield, he suggested that we dig through his extensive files. It was in the course of this "digging" that I came across an aerial photo of the battlefield that had been taken in 1936. Unbelievably, the small field described by Fleming was clearly visible. It even fits the 60 to 70 yard width



Phillips Legion and 15th SC retreat - 3rd SC wheels 90 degrees into Ridge Road

Approximately 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

specified by Fleming perfectly. Apparently this field has grown up into forest (as has the Wise field to its west) since 1936. With this discovery, the Fleming account was now an exact match.

As one can see from looking at the maps which accompany this article, the attack launched by Drayton sent three units south down the length of Wise's field with the Legion soon entering woods on the left and the 15th SC with its right in the woods to the west of Wise's cabin. The 3rd SC Battalion in the middle went down the left center of the field. What Drayton did not know was that Orlando Willcox's 3600 man IX Corps division had arrived on the field and was massed ready to launch an attack just beyond the forest to the Legion's left front. The Federals charged northwest into the woods and pushed the Legion out of the woods into Wise's field. Willcox's Federals quickly reached the edge of the woods facing the 50th Georgia in the Old Sharpsburg Road and the fight described by Fleming ensued. The 30th Ohio of Cox's division had also charged forward south of Wise's field and, in conjunction with Willcox's troops now at the eastern edge of Wise's field, forced the 3rd SC Battalion to spin 90 degrees and drop into the "protection" of the Ridge Road.

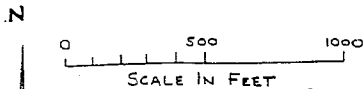
As all this occurred, a "friendly fire" incident almost took place as the Legion emerged from the woods into Wise's field. Legion Chaplain Smith relates, "I heard Cook, my Lt. Colonel, cry out, "For God's sake, don't fire, we are friends." I saw a body of our men about to fire on us thinking we were Federals. I ran back to check them and was pointing out the position of the troops when I looked up the road we (the Legion) had abandoned, and saw a body of Federals moving behind us."

This information allows us to determine where the chaplain ran to as being at or near the Old Sharpsburg Road's intersection with the Ridge Road which ran south and formed the western boundary of the Wise field. If he had run west back to the Ridge Road, he would not have been able to look down the Old Sharpsburg Road. It is likely that the troops who almost fired at the Legion were those of the 51st Georgia who had already moved into the Old Sharpsburg Road ahead of the 50th

and would have been located in that road (and possibly the Ridge Road near the intersection as well).

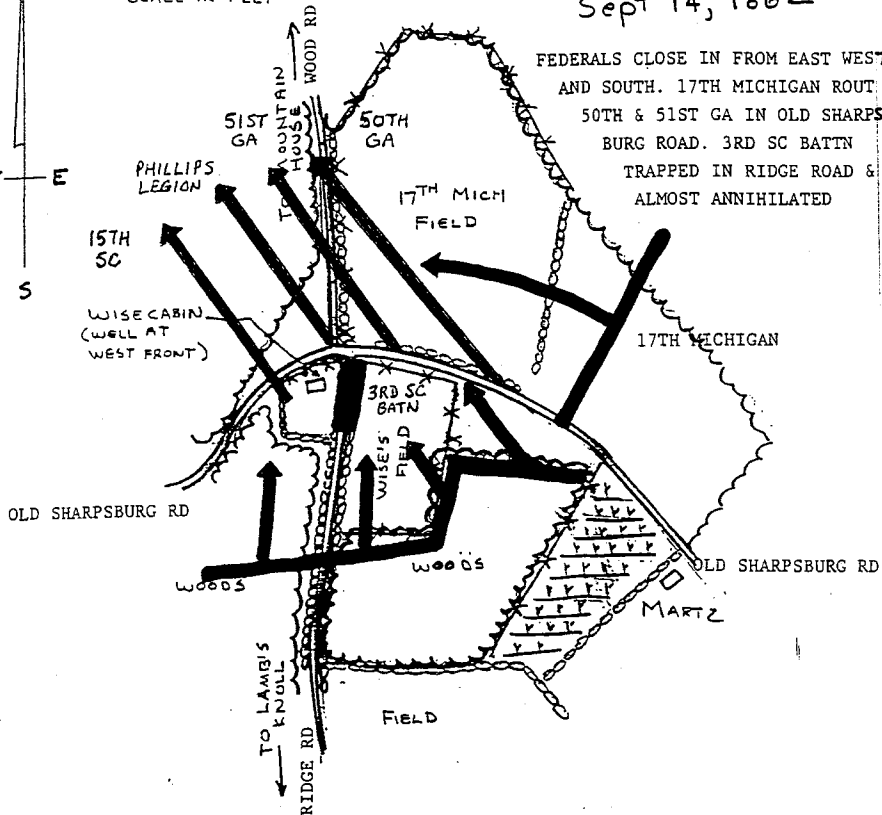
This body of Federals was the large, 800 man 17th Michigan regiment of Willcox's division, which had been sent by Willcox to get behind the Confederate's left (eastern) flank. Chaplain Smith continues, "I saw their line of battle was moving upon the stone fence we had left (the east facing stone wall where the three Georgia units had originally deployed), but it struck me from the way they moved that they did not know that it was abandoned. I ran to the General (Drayton) and told him about it. He ran up to the fence and said something about charging, but there was nobody to (make the) charge. Major Gest (Major William Gist, commanding a rear guard detachment of the 15th SC) when he saw how matters were, placed the few men he had in position and I started for my regiment." The flanking attack of the 17th Michigan is also part of Lt. Fleming's account. He continues his story, "We had been exposed to this fire (from across the small field to their south) about twenty minutes, when a Yankee regiment made its appearance suddenly in our rear about 80 yards distant. The command was given to charge and they came towards us at the charge bayonet about 20 or 30 yards and stopped. I directed my men to fire at them, which the few that were left did, with some effect, I know. About this time, there was a general move out of the lane, and we followed. I carried into this action with me 38 men, and brought out 10."

Federals had now almost surrounded Drayton's men. The 45th Pennsylvania and 46th New York were pouring in volleys from the east side of Wise's field. The 30th Ohio was firing from the south end of the field and elements of Cox's division were working through the woods to the west. Meanwhile the 17th Michigan had moved around behind the Confederate left (eastern) flank and was charging up the fields north of the Old Sharpsburg Road. The trap was closing fast. Chaplain Smith relates, "As I came to the Pike, (on the way back to the Legion after leaving Major Gist and General Drayton) I saw a soldier shooting toward the east. It took but a moment for me to see that the Federals were east, south, and west of us. The firing was now



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FEDERALS CLOSE IN FROM EAST WEST  
AND SOUTH. 17TH MICHIGAN ROUT.  
50TH & 51ST GA IN OLD SHARPS  
BURG ROAD. 3RD SC BATTN  
TRAPPED IN RIDGE ROAD &  
ALMOST ANNIHILATED



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- X — X — X - STONE & RIDER FENCE
- X — X - RAIL FENCE
- ~~~~~ - WOODS
- Y — Y — Y - CORNFIELD

Confederate Forces Overwhelmed by Federals

Approximately 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

fierce, but I felt that my regiment must be brought out of that pocket at all hazards and I started (forward) to warn it, when I found it retreating."

Not everyone made it out. Stubborn Lt. Colonel George James of the 3rd Battalion refused to retreat and kept his unit between the stone walls of the Ridge Road. This proved to be a fatal error, as 136 of his 160-man unit became casualties. James was shot in the chest and died on the field later that evening. Many other pockets of dazed and exhausted rebels were scooped up by the victorious Federals. The "horror story" was not over for many of the wounded men of the 50th and 51st Georgia who lay in the Old Sharpsburg Road. George Hitchcock, a private in the 21st Massachusetts who came on the field just after the Confederate collapse wrote in his diary, "The sunken road (Old Sharpsburg Road) is literally packed with dead and dying rebels who had held so stubbornly the pass against our troops who have resistlessly swept up over the hill. Here the horrors of war were revealed as we see our heavy ammunition wagons go tearing up, right over the dead and dying, mangling many in their terrible course. The shrieks of the poor fellows were heartrending."

**This account may help to explain the incredible ratio of wounded to killed among the Southerners in this battle. An examination of the casualties of most battles of the Civil War shows that the normal ratio of wounded to killed was in the area of four or five to one. This vicious fight produced 206 men killed or mortally wounded and 227 wounded in Drayton's brigade an almost unprecedented one to one ratio! An additional 210 men were captured unwounded. Casualties ranged from 85% of the surrounded and overwhelmed 3rd SC Battalion, 76% of Lt. Fleming's battered 50th, 60% of the 51st, 40% of the Phillips Legion, to 25% of the 15th SC (probably by virtue of its position on the far right of the command). The entire brigade suffered a staggering 51% loss.**

What did this sacrifice buy the Southern army? Lt. Fleming asked his regimental commander, Colonel Manning, "Why we were left in such a place?" Manning replied "that he could not understand it." Major Rice of the 3rd Battalion criticized Drayton for ordering the attack, saying, "The road (Old

Sharpsburg Road) in which the brigade was stationed was as all roads crossing hills, much washed and worn down, thus giving the troops therein stationed the advantage of first class breastworks. I do not know that the 15th SC and the other portion of the brigade were thus sheltered - have heard indeed that all were not - but within my vision the position was most admirable, now almost impregnable with good troops to defend to. To leave such a place was suicidal, especially when we were ordered to march through open ground and attack the enemy sheltered behind trees and rocks. This is my estimate at least, and the result proved most disastrous to the brigade and General Drayton himself, as he was soon afterwards relieved of his command." Of course, Major Rice ignores the fact that Drayton had orders from D. H. Hill to attack. At the battle of Second Manassas just two weeks earlier, General Drayton had delayed the ordered forward movement of his brigade to a critical point due to rumors of a Federal cavalry attack on his flank. He had been severely criticized for the delay in responding to orders and one can only surmise that he wasn't going to let this happen again.

The several hours "bought" by the sacrifice of Drayton's brigade did have the effect of allowing General Hood's two brigades to move into position north and west of the gap thus blocking any further Federal advance on the 14th. The time so dearly purchased allowed General Stonewall Jackson to force the surrender of the 12,000 man Harpers Ferry garrison on September 15th. This, in turn, set the state for the bloody battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg on September 17th, 1862.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Mr. Steve Stotelmyer for providing the Fleming and Smith accounts as well as the key 1936 aerial photo of the gap. Steve was also generous with his time in spending a day with me examining the ground at the gap. I am also indebted to Mr. Jim Clary and Mr. Sam Davis for providing the casualty figures for the 15th SC and the 3rd SC Battalion. As I have done with the three Georgia units, these figures were compiled by detailed examination of the compiled service records as well as letters, diaries, and casualty reports from period newspapers.

## President's Message

by Curtis Lynn Older

- \* **South Mountain becomes Maryland's first state battlefield!**

Please see the last page of this Newsletter for information on this great event in the history of Fox's Gap and the Battlefield of South Mountain.

- \* **Braddock Road Chronicles, 1755** compiled and annotated by Andrew J. Wahll. This book is from diaries and records of members of the Braddock Expedition and others arranged in a day by day chronology. Wahll mentions my book, *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland*, in his book. Published in 1999, 489 pp., illus., maps, paper, \$39.00, #W034, from Heritage Books, Inc. I have not seen this book but hope to view a copy on my next trip to Maryland.

- \* **The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland** by Curtis L. Older will again be available in print. Willow Bend Books in Westminster, Maryland, will schedule a reprint of the book sometime during the remainder of this year.

### Kodak Photo CD-Rom Computer Disc - "Fox's Gap in Maryland"

- \* Several years ago I created a 100 photograph Kodak Photo CD-Rom disc entitled, "Fox's Gap in Maryland." The disc contains photos related to members of the Frederick Fox family and some of their descendants. It includes photos of the Fox Inn, the Reno Monument, copies of wills, maps related to western Maryland, and tombstone photographs, among many other items. Within the past year I have been able to obtain a CD-Rom Writer that will duplicate the disc inexpensively. During the past year, I started a campaign to distribute the disc to individuals and organizations that indicated they would like to receive a copy. I also distributed along with the disc an archive quality printout of the Index, which is included on the disc. The Index describes all the items that appear on the disc.

The following organizations or individuals received a free copy of my Kodak Photo CD-Rom Computer Disc entitled, "Fox's Gap in Maryland":

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***If you are a member of the Society and have not received a free copy of the disc and would like to receive one, please let me know. I will be happy to send one to you.***

- \* Included within this issue of the Newsletter, beginning on page 19, is an article on "The Children of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts". The article lists all descendants of Ethel Belle Fox, Ruby Dale Fox, and Kenneth Benjamin Fox. The listings for the descendants of William Edward Fox and Ernest Daniel Fox are not complete. I hope to include the remainder of their descendants in an article in the December 2000 Newsletter.

#### **Bound Volume of the First Ten Fox Society Newsletters to be made available in December**

- \* After publication of the Fox Society Newsletter Issue 10, Volume 1, December 1, 2000, I will bind all of the first ten Newsletters published by the Society into a single volume. Please contact me if you would like to purchase a copy of the bound volume that will contain these first ten Newsletters. I estimate the price will be about \$10.00, plus the cost of postage and packaging. I will create a Master Index for the first ten Newsletters that will be at the end of the bound volume. I am not sure at this time how the ten issues will be bound, but I am presently thinking about some type of spiral binding. The Newsletter for June 1, 2001, will be Issue 1, in Volume 2.

#### **Six New Members Join the Society the Past Six Months!**

- \* The year 2000 got off to a great start with the addition of six new members. See the following page for the names, addresses, and ancestors of our newest members.

### Welcome New Members!

We extend a hearty welcome to six new members of the Society who joined since our last Society Newsletter on December 1, 1999. These members represent a number of new lines of descent from Frederick Fox not previously represented in the Fox Society. This is a great way to start the new year.

Robert Benner is a descendant of Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox, who married Jacob Benner II. Information on Mary Magdalena Fox and Jacob Benner II appears on page 57 of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox.

Terri A. Woods is a descendant of Christiana Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox, who married George Mettert or Metherd II. Her ancestors include Chancy Chrisman and Bertha Stiver who appear on page 22 of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox.

Gerald Robert Fox is a descendant of George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox. Information on George Fox and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Link, appears on page 82 of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox.

Suella Jane Fenton is a descendant of George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox. Her ancestors include Frederick L. Fox, a brother of John L. Fox of Vermillion County, Indiana.

Peggy Ellen Gallahue is the mother of Terri A. Woods and descends from Christiana Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox, who married George Mettert or Metherd II.

Anne Elizabeth Edgecombe is a descendant of Elizabeth Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox, who married John Leiter. Information on John Leiter and Elizabeth Fox appears on page 138 of *The Fox Genealogy* by Daniel Gebhart Fox.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Member #</u>
Robert Eugene Benner 8677 Cook Street Montague, Michigan 49437	xxx-894-6651	December 1, 1999	0029
Terri A. Woods 970 E. College Ave. Westerville, OH 43081-2509	xxx-xxx-xxxx	February 18, 2000	0030
Gerald Robert Fox 506 N 300 E Valparaiso, IN 46383	219-531-2852	February 22, 2000	0031
Suella Jane Fenton 325 San Miguel Ct. #3 Milpitas, CA 95035	408-263-8348	February 24, 2000	0032
Peggy Ellen Gallahue 1263 Richmond Drive Wabash, IN 46992	xxx-563-1459	March 24, 2000	0033
Anne Elizabeth Edgecombe 973 Buchon St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	xxx-594-1891	April 5, 2000	0034



**Frederick L. Fox Line**

Listing of descendants researched by Suella Fenton. Material submitted by Alice Takase.

**Frederick L. Fox was a son of George Fox and Elizabeth Ann (Link) Fox. He was a grandson of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland. He was a brother of John L. Fox of Gessie, Indiana.**

**Descendants of Frederick L. Fox**

**Generation No. 3**

5. Francis "Frank" Marion<sup>6</sup> Fox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born March 18, 1873, and died March 05, 1955 in Waynesville, Ohio. He married Grace F. Johnson January 03, 1900.

Children of Francis Fox and Grace Johnson are:

20. i. Marion Johnson<sup>7</sup> Fox, b. January 03, 1901.
21. ii. Kenneth Lynn Fox, b. November 23, 1903.
22. iii. Leonard Orville Fox, b. June 03, 1907.
23. iv. Grace "Jeannette" Fox, b. July 12, 1910.
24. v. Harold C. "Bus" Fox, b. April 19, 1913.  
vi. Verdena Arlene Fox, b. October 10, 1914; m. Jack Mardis.
25. vii. Marvin L. Fox, b. October 08, 1917.
26. viii. Lyle Scott Fox, b. June 09, 1924.

6. Mary Sophia<sup>6</sup> Fox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born July 07, 1874 in Franklin, Warren Co., Ohio, and died 1956 in Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio. She married Rufus Hamilton Taylor April 17, 1901.

Children of Mary Fox and Rufus Taylor are:

- i. Grace Eliza<sup>7</sup> Taylor, b. April 18, 1902.; d. September 21, 1994.  
Notes for Grace Eliza Taylor:  
Never married.
- ii. Lawrence Hugh Taylor, b. June 30, 1903; d. February 14, 1998, Montgomery County, Ohio.  
Notes for Lawrence Hugh Taylor:  
Never married. Had Alzheimers, was put into a nursing home with sister Grace.
- iii. Nellie Viol Taylor, b. August 16, 1904; m. Charles Hutchinson.
27. iv. Merle Rufus Taylor, b. august 20, 1905.
- v. Calvin Jesse Taylor, b. December 05, 1906; d. 1907, infancy.  
Notes for Calvin Jesse Taylor: Died in infancy.
- vi. Lester Samuel Taylor, b. May 23, 1908; m. Helen Leiter Eyer.
- vii. Roy Elmer Taylor, b. December 13, 1910; d. 1911, infancy.  
Notes for Roy Elmer Taylor: Died in infancy.

7. Elmira "Myra" R.<sup>6</sup> Fox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born August 17, 1875, and died April 19, 1914. She married James K. Wright.

Children of Elmira Fox and James Wright are:

28. i. Ruth Irene<sup>7</sup> Wright, b. January 01, 1908.  
ii. Hazel Gladys Wright, b. February 26, 1909.

8. Orissa J.<sup>6</sup> Fox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born April 08, 1877 in Warren County, Ohio, and died January 13, 1963 in Springboro, Warren County, Ohio. She married William Everett Hayner April 06, 1904 in Warren County, Ohio, son of John Hayner and Julia Kesling.

Notes for William Everett Hayner:

William Everton Hayner, known as Everton was born on a farm owned and built by his parents, John Puter & Julie (Kesling) Hayner. He lived there and farmed the land until his death. He went to Salem School, a one room school house, in Clearcreek Twp., Springboro, Warren County, Ohio. He helped his Uncle Asher Borden farm his land in Franklin, Ohio. There he met the neighbor, Orissa Fox, whom later became his wife. Orissa helped his Aunt Fannie with the housework and cooking. Everton had a stroke, was feeling better and got up and moved around for a short period of time, then later had another stroke and never recovered from it.

Children of Orissa Fox and William Hayner are:

- i. Verna Mae Hayner, b. March 11, 1905, Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio; d. December 28, 1970, Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio; m. George Anderson Sidenstick, October 28, 1933, Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio.

Notes for Verna Mae Hayner:

Verna went to Salem School, a one room school, through the eighth Grade. Then she went to Springboro High School and graduated in 1923. She helped her father on the farm. She worked at the Mutual Furniture Company, in Miamisburg, Ohio, 1926-1933. She married George Sidenstick at the Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Ohio,. They lived on several farms throughout Springboro, until Verna's mother (Orissa) bought a farm on Crossley Road, from the money she received from her mother Eliza Fox's estate. George & Verna farmed this land until George got a job working for D. P. & L. Recreation Park as a grounds care-taker. At that time, 1944 - Lawrence & Ruby (Hayner) Leis, Verna's sister, moved onto the farm, which is still (1997) in the possession of their seven children. Later George bought a corner lot (across the road from Verna's parents) from Ira Kesling. They lived there until her mother died, and they moved into her house, and sold their own home. The farm built by John Puter & Julie (Kesling) Hayner on Red Lion Five-Points Road, is still (1997) in the possession of their seven great-grandchildren. Verna was a very good gardener and artist. She died with cancer, in 1970. George later married her cousin Ester Brown.

29. ii. Ruby Jeanette Hayner, b. August 07, 1906, Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio; d. December 28, 1983, Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio, buried in Springboro Cemetery.

9. Walter Scott<sup>6</sup> Fox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born May 26, 1880 in Warren County, Ohio, and died July 08, 1917. Buried in Springboro Cemetery, Warren County, Ohio. He married Agnes Mae Voegele December 28, 1905.

Children of Walter Fox and Agnes Voegele are:

i. Walter Scott<sup>7</sup> Fox, Jr.

Notes for Walter Scott Fox, Jr.: Died in infancy.

30. ii. Dorethea Eliz Fox, b. July 03, 1907.

31. iii. Woodrow Wilson Fox, b. March 03, 1913.

iv. Wintella Mae Fox, b. March 03, 1913.

Notes for Wintella Mae Fox: Died in infancy.

10. Clarence David<sup>6</sup> Brown (Frances A.<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born April 18, 1883 in Ohio, and died January 23, 1972 in Carlisle, Ohio. He married Ardella Mae "Della" Metherd March 09, 1909 in Luthern Church, Franklin, Ohio by Rev. C. F. Marker, daughter of Isaac Metherd and Bena Hahn.

Notes for Clarence David Brown: Clarence as the father of Goldie Metherd, born in 1912.

Goldie is the daughter of Lola, a sister of Ardella, the wife of Clarence.

Children of Clarence Brown and Ardella Metherd are:

32. i. Lewis Marion<sup>7</sup> Brown, b. April 30, 1910, southeast of Miamisburg, Ohio; d. January 25, 1998, Ohio.

33. ii. Ada Luella Brown, b. April 14, 1912, southeast of Miamisburg, Ohio.

34. iii. Ester Esterlla Brown, b. August 30, 1913, Springboro, Warren County, Ohio.

35. iv. Ethel May Brown, b. August 30, 1913, Springboro, Warren County, Ohio.

36. v. Walter Howard Brown, b. January 23, 1918, Carlisle, Ohio.

37. vi. Lester Isaac "Ike" Brown, b. May 16, 1920, Carlisle, Ohio; d. August 09, 1967.

38. vii. Raymond Brown, b. December 28, 1924, West Carrollton, Ohio.

39. viii. Mary Kathryn Brown, b. April 08, 1926, west Carrollton, Ohio.

11. Florence E.<sup>6</sup> Brown (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>). She married Daniel "1" Eckhart.

Children of Florence Brown and Daniel Eckhart are:

i. David<sup>7</sup> Eckhart.

ii. Daniel "2" Eckhart.

iii. Liddy Eckhart.

iv. Elizabeth Eckhart.

12. Laura Etta<sup>6</sup> Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born July 24, 1881 in Warren County, Ohio, and died May 10, 1955 in Montgomery County, Ohio. She married Herbert Weidel.

Children of Laura Fox and Herbert Weidel are:

40. i. Harry R.<sup>7</sup> Weidel.

41. ii. Hazel Weidel, b. 1899; d. 1965.

42. iii. Irvin Weidel.

43. iv. Carl Z. Weidel, b. December 21, 1904; d. August 14, 1980, buried Butler Memorial Park, Trenton Rt. 73, Ohio.

13. Ana Marie<sup>6</sup> Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born November 20, 1882 in Warren County, Ohio, and died 1960 in Montgomery County, Ohio. She married William R. "1" Chenewoth.

Children of Anna Fox and William Chenewoth are:

44. i. Reber<sup>7</sup> Fox, b. 1904; d. 1976.  
 45. ii. Jack A. Chenewoth, b. January 21, 1919.  
 46. iii. William R. "2" Chenewoth, b. March 15, 1928.

14. John "Henry"<sup>6</sup> Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born September 05, 1884 in Warren County, Ohio, and died 1968 in Montgomery County, Ohio. He married (1) Belle Montgomery. He married (2) Linnie Heelman.

Child of John Fox and Belle Montgomery is:

- i. Harold<sup>7</sup> Fox, b. 1909; d. 1920, Drown.

15. Edwin E.<sup>6</sup> Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born November 04, 1888 in Warren County, Ohio, and died November 21, 1969 in Montgomery County, Ohio. He married (1) Mary (Fox). He married (2) Eva Irene Robinson April 10, 1915.

Child of Edwin Fox and Eva Robinson is:

47. i. James Norman<sup>7</sup> Fox, b. March 29, 1918.

16. Lucy May Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born April 04, 1892 in Warren County, Ohio, and died December 28, 1974 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She married Charles William "1" Beachler April 15, 1913, son of George Beachler and Catherine Heitman.

Notes for Lucy May Fox: Information on Lucy (Fox) Beachler family was given to me by Dorothy (Beachler) Hoskins of Arizona.

Children of Lucy Fox and Charles Beachler are:

48. i. Dorothy May<sup>7</sup> Beachler, b. January 26, 1914, Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio.  
 ii. Oscar Edwin Beachler, b. June 10, 1915, Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio; d. July 07, 1969, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.  
 49. iii. Charles Monroe Beachler, b. June 24, 1917, Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio; d. December 11, 1986, Sarasota, Florida.

17. Katheryn Myrtle<sup>6</sup> Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born October 25, 1893 in Warren County, Ohio, and died May 22, 1994 in Warren County, Ohio. She married Alpha "Harold" Montgomery May 22, 1915.

Children of Katheryn Fox and Alpha Montgomery are:

- i. Gladys Angeline<sup>7</sup> Montgomery, b. March 08, 1916, Warren County, Ohio; d. Warren County, Ohio; m. (1) Shirl Stanton, March 18, 1939; m. (2) Frank Norton, June 21, 1973.  
 ii. George Glen Montgomery, b. November 20, 1918, Warren County, Ohio; d. December 08, 1918, Warren County, Ohio.

- 50.     iii. Harold Everett Montgomery, b. May 16, 1921, Warren County, Ohio.
- 51.     iv. Robert Eugene Montgomery, b. September 11, 1926, Warren County, Ohio.

18. Lydia "Liddy" Z.<sup>6</sup> Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born November 04, 1895 in Montgomery County, Ohio, and died 1962 in Montgomery County, Ohio. She married Millard Degler.

Child of Lydia Fox and Millard Degler is:

- 52.     i. Robert Degler.

19. Cloyce "Wilford"<sup>6</sup> Fox (Jacob "Job" Henry<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born June 04, 1899 in Warren County, Ohio, and died October 30, 1976 in Warren County, Ohio. He married Mary Irene Bennett April 26, 1926 in Warren County, Ohio.

Child of Cloyce Fox and Mary Bennett is:

- 53.     i. Kenneth Wilfred<sup>7</sup> Fox, b. December 25, 1927.

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## **Fox's Gap Section**

by Curtis L. Older

# **The North Carolina South Mountain Monument**

A new monument is destined for Fox's Gap. The North Carolina South Mountain Monument is well on its way toward realization. Headed by the Living History Association of Mecklenburg, Inc., the North Carolina South Mountain Monument Fund is raising \$60,000 to erect a monument to the soldiers from North Carolina who fought in the Battle of South Mountain, September 14, 1862. The monument will be placed not far from the Reno Monument at Fox's Gap and will be the first monument on the battlefield that will honor Confederate troops at South Mountain. North Carolina troops at Fox's Gap included the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments and the 1<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Artillery, Manly and Reilly Batteries.

Rex Hovey, President of the Board of Directors of the Living History Association of Mecklenburg, Inc., recently spoke to the Piedmont Civil War Round Table in Charlotte, NC. He described the Battle of South Mountain, with emphasis on the fighting at Fox's Gap, and the efforts of his organization to raise the \$60,000 necessary to build the monument at Fox's Gap. The area of Fox's Gap is presently being restored to the condition it was in at the time of the battle. Few trees were in the area of what is today the Reno Monument at the time of the battle. A pathway is planned to connect the various monuments at Fox's Gap. The use of highway markers will lead visitors along a route that will enable them to tour the entire battlefield, from Turner's Gap all the way to Crampton's Gap.

## **George Fox Line**

by Curtis L. Older

A number of Society members descend from Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox. Daniel Alexander Fox was a son of John L. Fox of Gessie, Indiana, and a grandson of George Fox. Daniel and Elizabeth Jane Fox had five children: Ruby Dale Fox, Ethel Belle Fox, Kenneth Benjamin Fox, William Edward Fox, and Ernest Daniel Fox. The following article lists all of the descendants of Ethel Belle Fox, Ruby Dale Fox, and Kenneth Benjamin Fox. The listings for the descendants of William Edward Fox and Ernest Daniel Fox are not complete. I hope to include the remainder of the descendants of William Edward Fox and Ernest Daniel Fox in an article in the December 2000 Newsletter.

### **The Children of Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts**

**Ruby Dale Fox** was born Dec. 13, 1896, in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana, and died Nov. 12, 1990, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She married Everett Hines on Apr. 10, 1920, in Covington, Indiana. He was born July 30, 1894, and died Apr. 5, 1963. Both are buried at Lower Mound Cemetery west of Covington, Indiana. Everett and Ruby Hines had one daughter, Carmen Dale Hines, born Apr. 21, 1921, in Gessie, Indiana. Carmen Hines married Wayne Lawson Abernathy on Nov. 16, 1940, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the son of Harrison Abernathy and Mary Lawson. He was born Oct. 7, 1918, in Cates, Wabash Township, Fountain County, Indiana. He died April 14, 1957, in Covington, Indiana. Wayne and Carmen Abernathy adopted one daughter, Waynette Dale Abernathy, who was born July 4, 1955, in Danville, Illinois. Waynette married Michael Brandt. Waynette and Michael Brandt had one son, Carter Brandt.

**Ernest Daniel Fox** was born Dec. 1, 1885, near Gessie, Vermillion County, Indiana. He married Lola Frances Jackson on Jan. 8, 1908, in Vermilion County, Illinois. She was born Jan. 1, 1890, and died June 28, 1943. Ernest died Oct. 3, 1940, at Lakeview Hospital in Danville, Illinois. He is buried at Niccum Cemetery in Vermilion County, Illinois. The children of Ernest Daniel Fox and his wife Lola Frances Jackson were: Claude Ernest Fox, Kenneth Leslie Fox, and Ruth Ethel Fox.

Claude Ernest Fox, born Jan. 8, 1910, in Gessie, Indiana; He married Elizabeth Pauline Pearson on Dec. 14, 1929, in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana. Her parents were Francis Marion Pearson and Martha Estel Raypole. She was born Apr. 6, 1911, in Snoddy's Mill, Fountain County, Indiana. Claude Ernest Fox died June 24, 1962, in Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan. He is buried at Restlawn Cemetery, Muskegon, Michigan. Claude and Elizabeth Fox had two sons: Robert Claude Fox, born Sept. 29, 1930, in Perrysville, Indiana; and William Ernest Fox, born March 25, 1936, at Gessie, Indiana.

Kenneth Leslie Fox was born Nov. 27, 1912, in Gessie, Indiana. He is buried in Niccum Cemetery, Vermilion County, Illinois. Kenneth married Mary Frances Wichman. She was born July 25, 1915, in Danville, Illinois. She died Aug. 31, 1994. Her parents were Fred F. Wichman and Matilda Meinke. Kenneth and Mary Fox had one child, Larry Harold Fox, born Dec. 18, 1934.

Ruth Estel Fox was born June 15, 1914, in Gessie, Indiana. She married Frank Berton Moss on Nov. 26, 1934, in Covington, Indiana. She died June 19, 1987, and is buried with her husband. Frank Berton Moss was born Apr. 11, 1913, in Vermilion County, Illinois. He died Aug. 2, 1990, in Danville, Illinois, and is buried in the Old Walnut Corner Cemetery near Danville. His parents were Rolla Oliver Moss and Merle Hoover. Frank and Ruth Moss were the parents of one child: Marcia Marlene Moss, born May 3, 1937.

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**William Edward Fox** was born Jan. 5, 1888, and died Apr. 16, 1974. He married Marguerite Clem on Feb. 10, 1909, in Danville, Illinois. She was born Mar. 9, 1894, in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana. She died Jan. 27, 1970, at Danville, Illinois. Her parents were Augustus Elmer Clem and Malinda Lloyd Cunningham. William and Marguerite are both buried at the Lower Mound Cemetery west of Covington, Indiana. William and Marguerite Fox had the following children: Reva Winfred Fox, Evelyn Louise Fox, Glenn Fox, Daniel Augustus Fox, Melinda Lloyd Fox, Elizabeth Jane Fox (Bucholz), Wilma Marion Fox (Gose), Richard Dale Fox, Sr., and James Hebert Fox, Sr.

Reva Winfred Fox was born May 23, 1910, in Gessie, Indiana, and did not marry.

Evelyn Louise Fox was born Sept. 15, 1913, in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana, and died Oct. 9, 1991, at Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana. She married Jesse Frank Switzer on Aug. 13, 1933. He was born July 17, 1911, in Baltimore Maryland, and died Apr. 26, 1991. Both are buried at Lower Mound Cemetery. Children of Evelyn Fox and Jesse Switzer are: Barry Monroe Switzer, born Dec. 5, 1934; Chester Dean Switzer, born Sept. 29, 1936, and Patricia Jo Switzer, born Sept. 19, 1938.

Glenn Fox was born Feb. 1, 1916. He died Aug. 12, 1975, in Denver, Colorado. He married Betty Dune on Dec. 11, 1943, in Newfoundland. The child of Glenn Fox and Betty Dune is Glenna Joe Fox who was born June 9, 1944.

Daniel Augustus Fox was born Dec. 10, 1917, in Gessie, Indiana, and died Jan. 13, 1954, at Wallace, Fountain County, Indiana. He married Stella Marie Gooding on Jan. 17, 1939, in Covington, Indiana. She was the daughter of Monroe Gooding and Laura Sackmire. She was born Apr. 1, 1918, in Wallace, Fountain County, Indiana. The child of Daniel A. Fox and Stella Gooding is Daniel Wayne Fox, Sr., born Jan. 24, 1944, in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Melinda Lloyd Fox was born Jan. 19, 1919, and died Feb. 8, 1919.

Elizabeth Jane Fox was born Apr. 14, 1922. She married Alvin Joseph Bucholz on Nov. 17, 1944, in Rossville, Walker County, Georgia. He was the son of Ferdinand Bucholz and Mary Schubert. He was born Nov. 17, 1912, in Sarles, Dash Township, Towner County, North Dakota. Children of Elizabeth Jane Fox and Alvin Bucholz are: Jerry Lee Bucholz, born Sept. 29, 1945, at Ft. Oglethorpe, Walker County, Georgia; Bonnie Leah Bucholz, born Oct. 31, 1946, at Devils Lake, Ramsey County, North Dakota; and Larry Leo Bucholz, born Feb. 8, 1960, in Cando, Towner County, North Dakota.

Wilma Marion Fox was born Oct. 11, 1928, at Foster, Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana. She married Anton Keith Gose on Jan. 11, 1946, in Covington, Indiana. He was the son of Anton Gose and Opal Cunningham. He was born May 22, 1923, in Covington, Indiana, and died Feb. 7, 1979, in Chicago, Illinois. Children of Wilma Fox and Anton Gose are: Anton Keith Gose, Jr. born Jan. 5, 1947, in Danville, Illinois, and died July 30, 1973, in Griffith, Indiana; Toni Farol Gose, born Apr. 10, 1948, in Danville, Illinois.

Richard Dale Fox, Sr. was born July 20, 1933, in Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana. He married Deloris Mae Jenkins on Sept. 26, 1952, in Cates, Fountain County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Delbert Jenkins and Jennie Jones. She was born Aug. 7, 1933, in Catlin, Vermilion County, Illinois. Children of Richard and Deloris Fox are: Dellie Jean Fox, born Nov. 8, 1953, in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana; and Richard Dale Fox, Jr., born Jan. 28, 1955, in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

James Herbert Fox was born Jan. 22, 1937, in Covington, Indiana, and died May 18, 1995, in Lakewood, Jefferson County, Colorado. He married Vere Joan Wynn on Aug. 30, 1958. Children of James Fox and Vere Wynn are: James Herbert Fox, Jr., born Jan. 30, 1959; Carl Timothy Fox, born July 12, 1960; Kelly Joan Fox, born Nov. 28, 1961, in Danville, Illinois, died Apr. 29, 1962, in Danville, Illinois; and Brian Anthony Fox, born Dec. 31, 1963, in Illinois.

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**Ethel Belle Fox** was born October 6, 1892, on the Daniel Alexander Fox farm one mile north east of Gessie, Indiana. She married Robert William Gouty on February 2, 1917. Robert was the son of Joseph P. Gouty and Luella M. Hartman. Robert William Gouty was born August 26, 1889, near Gessie, Indiana. Robert and Ethel (Fox) Gouty had one child, Mavis Lorene Gouty. Mavis was born April 11, 1918, on the Daniel Alexander Fox farm. Robert William Gouty died June 4, 1949, at Lakeview Hospital in Danville, Illinois, from spinal meningitis. Ethel Belle (Fox) Gouty died January 25, 1971, after spending a number of years in a nursing home due to a stroke.

Mavis Lorene Gouty married Truxton James Older on September 1, 1938, in Danville, Illinois. Truxton was the son of Roy Burton Older and Ethel Leona (Worth) Older. He was born September 28, 1911. Truxton and Mavis (Gouty) Older had one son, Curtis Lynn Older, who was born November 5, 1947, in Danville, Illinois, at Lakeview Hospital. Mavis Lorene (Gouty) Older died August 17, 1986.

Curtis Lynn Older married Linda Sue Osborn on May 5, 1979, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Linda is the daughter of Harold Emerson Osborn and Patty Lou Pennington. She was born February 24, 1954, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Curtis and Linda (Osborn) Older have one daughter, Rachael Lynn Older who was born March 20, 1987, in Duluth, Minnesota.

**Kenneth Benjamin Fox** was born Nov. 17, 1882, in Gessie, Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. He died Sept. 30, 1971, in Richmond, Indiana. He married Virgie Butche on March 26, 1910. Virgie Butche was born Aug. 4, 1885. She died Nov. 2, 1983, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kenneth and Virgia Fox had one daughter, Mildred Fox, who was born Oct. 3, 1912. Mildred Fox married John Winthrop Metcalf on June 18, 1936. John Winthrop Metcalf was born Nov. 4, 1910, and died May 19, 1984. John Metcalf and Mildred Fox had two sons: Donald Warren Metcalf and Thomas James Metcalf.

Donald Warren Metcalf was born Mar. 12, 1940. He married 1st: Ramona Ortega, April 6, 1960. Divorced, 1972. Two sons from first marriage: Thomas Arthur Metcalf, born Oct. 20, 1961; John Albert Metcalf, born Dec. 15, 1963. He married 2nd: Rikki Watts, Sept. 16, 1982. One daughter: Erin Jeanne Metcalf, born Oct. 21, 1985.

Dr. Thomas James Metcalf was born Oct. 14, 1942. He married Karen Mae McClain, Sept. 21, 1968. Two sons and one daughter: Ian Todd Metcalf, born May 20, 1971; Timothy Sean Metcalf, born Oct. 11, 1972; and Sarah Lynn Metcalf, born Apr. 25, 1974, adopted from Korea on 3rd birthday in 1977. Dr. Thomas Metcalf graduated from Stanford Medical School.

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**Please notify**

**the President of the Society**

**regarding any errors you find in the current issue of the Newsletter.**

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**Topics in the next issue of the Newsletter, December 1, 2000**

- \* 1. An Index for the first 10 Society Newsletters.
- \* 2. From the Bookshelf - A new section devoted to book reviews.
- \* 3. The will of John L. Fox of Vermillion County, Indiana.
- \* 4. Names of Confederate casualties in Drayton's Brigade during the Battle of South Mountain.
- \* 5. Obituary notices from newspapers related to descendants of Frederick Fox.



# **South Mountain becomes Maryland's first state battlefield**

For years, South Mountain has been regarded as one of Maryland's most unrecognized historic sites. Increasingly threatened by development, it has also been designated by the federal government as one of the country's most endangered historic sites.

Maryland lawmakers took what they hope will be the first step toward preserving the battlefield and paying tribute to the soldiers who fought there by passing a bill to make South Mountain Maryland's first state battlefield.

Most of the land to be designated a state battlefield is already owned by Maryland state government and is encompassed in Gathland State Park and Washington Monument State Park.

Members of the Washington and Frederick county delegations say they don't intend to make any major changes to the current landscape or to the Appalachian Trail, which runs through the battlefield. Instead, they hope to improve access and signage at the battlefield while increasing public awareness of South Mountain.

Delegate Louise V. Snodgrass, a Frederick/Washington County Republican, said the delegations preferred designating South Mountain as a state battlefield rather than a national battlefield or park because the two state parks encompassing most of the historic area already operate with minimal budgets.

"We wanted to keep it named a battlefield and not a park because we didn't want to conjure up images of swing sets and pools. And we wanted to keep the respect" for those who died in the battle, Snodgrass said.

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# *News from Fox's Gap*

The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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**Remember Freedom!**

December 1, 2000

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## **North Carolina South Mountain Symposium August 17, 18, and 19, 2001 Boonsboro, Maryland**

**by Rex Hovey, N. C. South Mountain Monument News**

(Note by Curtis Older: The North Carolina South Mountain Fund will place a \$60,000 monument at Fox's Gap within a few years in memory of N. C. troops who fought in the Battle of South Mountain.)

It is with great honor that we announce the North Carolina South Mountain Symposium, August 17, 18, and 19, 2001. It will be centered at the American Legion Hall in downtown Boonsboro, Md. Proceeds go to the North Carolina South Mountain Monument Fund. The Living History Association of Mecklenburg, Inc. (Charlotte, N.C.) and The Central Maryland Heritage League is presenting it.

Friday will start with tours of the Boonsboro Museum of History; the best collection of artifacts from South Mtn. Doug Bast will have the museum open for early arrivals to the symposium. Friday night is when we honor all the ancestors at a reception in Middletown, Md. Make plans to attend this special event.

Saturday begins at the Legion Hall with a full slate of nationally known speakers and authors. The following are scheduled to speak: Ed Bearss, Scott Hartwig, Steve Stotelmeyer, John Michael Priest, Kurt Graham, Clint

Johnson, Lawrence Laboda and Paul Martin, III. Others have expressed an interest. Time will be available to have books signed by the authors. After an evening break, we will be served a dinner buffet of Southern food. Mr. Stan Clardy of Statesville, NC will perform his music and play.

Sunday starts at 8:30 AM at the Legion Hall in Boonsboro as we board buses for a tour of all three Gaps (Turner's, Fox's, and Crampton's). Many of the speakers above will host the tours. You will be able to get out and walk the field at each stop. Tour is over at 1:00 PM with buses returning to the Legion Hall. You have the rest of the afternoon to return to your favorite gap.

Rooms are now blocked at two hotels in the area (there are none in Boonsboro): The Four Points Sheraton in Hagerstown and the Holiday Inn, Patrick Ave., Frederick. Ask for the special rate under LHAM at each location. More information to come.

## Fox Family Reunion - August 2001

A Fox Family Reunion will be held at or near Boonsboro, Maryland, on or about Friday, August 17, or Sunday, August 19, 2001. This is the same weekend as the North Carolina South Mountain Symposium. Please contact Curt Older if you think you might be able to attend. Your ideas, suggestions, and attendance are needed.

Attendance at the North Carolina South Mountain Symposium is not required in order to attend the Fox Reunion. The Symposium has an attendance fee of \$175. The only cost to attend the Fox Reunion will be your expense of food, motel, and travel.

We could have a Fox Reunion luncheon and meeting on either Friday

or Sunday, or even both days. If you would like to visit the Fox Inn, along the Old Sharpsburg Road, I can probably arrange a visit for you through the owner of that property.

Fox's Gap is off the beaten path. However, as part of Maryland's first State Battlefield Park, it is beginning to receive the recognition it deserves. Road signs to direct one around the Battlefield of South Mountain have been installed or are supposed to be installed. I will be happy to provide maps to help you find your way around the area.

If you have not visited Fox's Gap, the Fox Inn, and the Battlefield of South Mountain, I hope you can make your first visit in August 2001.

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## Welcome New Members!

We extend a warm welcome to two new members of the Society who joined since our last Society Newsletter of June 1, 2000. It has been an outstanding year with the addition of eight new members.

Homer Carr Hendrickson is a descendant of Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox, who married Susannah Christman. His most recent ancestor who is listed in *The Fox Genealogy* is Harry Fox Hendrickson who is buried in the North Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Butler County, Ohio.

Beth Ellen Davis is a descendant of Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox, who married Jacob Benner. Her most recent ancestor who is listed in *The Fox Genealogy* is Daniel Benner who is buried in Hicks Cemetery, Perrysville, Indiana.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Member #</u>
Homer Carr Hendrickson 876 West Turtlecreek Union Road Lebanon, Ohio 45036	513-932-6577	August 30, 2000	0035
Beth Ellen Davis 8355 Camfield Circle Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920	719-282-9741	October 7, 2000	0036

**President's Message**  
by Curtis Lynn Older

- \* Can you name the President of the United States who held the office immediately before Abraham Lincoln? If you are unsure of the events during the six months that lead up to the start of the American Civil War, I recommend that you read **Days of Defiance - Sumter, Secession, and the Coming of the Civil War** by Maury Klein. My review of this book appears on page 4. You'll find out about the battle for Washington, the battle over secession, the battle over Fort Sumter, and you'll find out who was President of the United States immediately before Lincoln.
  - \* We are fortunate to present, on pages 22 through 30 of this Newsletter, another great article by Kurt Graham on the Battle of South Mountain. This is the third article Kurt wrote for us. We are pleased to present his latest research findings on the battle.
  - \* A number of obituaries from Covington, Indiana, area newspapers are included in this Newsletter. Unfortunately, I do not know the newspaper or newspapers these obituaries appeared in nor their date of publication. They are presented because they provide published information about ancestors of some of our Society members.
  - \* This Newsletter, which is Issue 10, Volume 1, is the last Newsletter that will be included in Volume 1. The next Newsletter, June 1, 2001, will be Issue 1 of Volume 2. All of the first ten Newsletters that make up Volume 1 will be bound into a single volume.
- The bound volume of the first ten Fox Society Newsletters will contain a Master Index that will enable readers to find key words within any of the 10 Newsletters. I am not sure at this time how the ten issues will be bound, but I am thinking about some type of spiral binding. I estimate the price will be about \$10.00, plus the cost of postage and packaging. I anticipate donating copies of the first bound volume to several libraries or historical societies in Maryland.
- \* Copies of **The Fox Genealogy** by Daniel Gebhart Fox are available. See page twelve of this Newsletter for information on how to obtain a copy.

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**From The Bookshelf**  
by Curtis L. Older

**Days of Defiance**  
**Sumter, Secession, and the Coming of the Civil War**  
by Maury Klein

If you seek a splendid review of the key individuals and events during the six months leading up to the initiation of hostilities in the American Civil War, this is probably about as good an account as you will find. Klein reviews the period of time from the election of Abraham Lincoln to the surrender of Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor, a period of approximately 5 months. He divides his work into three major sections: The Battle for Washington, The Battle Over Secession, and The Battle Over Fort Sumter. The first section reviews events in Washington, DC, during November and December of 1860. The Battle Over Secession covers events in January and February of 1861 and The Battle Over Fort Sumter describes the events of March and April of 1861 and the outbreak of hostilities.

What is an American? *Days of Defiance* addresses this question by focusing on individuals and their beliefs at the time of the greatest crisis in American history. Klein describes in clear detail the thoughts and views of many key individuals who took part in the events leading to our national Civil War. This is a great book for anyone who wants to identify those key individuals, their beliefs, and the events that propelled the nation through the final months that led to the start of the war.

Few Americans seem to be able to name the President of the United States who served immediately prior to Abraham Lincoln. The man was James Buchanan. President Buchanan was a man of compromise at a time when the nation, both North and South, was no longer willing to compromise. The issue of slavery, which the founding fathers of the nation had tiptoed around in the late 1700s, had come front and center stage. The nation was split into two camps, one pro-slavery and the other anti-slavery. Neither section of the nation, North nor South, wanted to yield control of the United States Senate, or for that matter control of anything else, to the opposing section of the nation.

Northerners called them the "chivalry". The chivalry ruled the South. "The cult of chivalry assumed many forms: cults of manners, of women, of the military, of oratory, of medieval pageantry, and of the code duello." There was one salient point that lay at the foundation of chivalry; it always came back to race. The South had come to view itself as a nation of the right people, by the right people, and for the right people.

Ward Lamon, Lincoln's law partner in Danville, Illinois, accompanied the new president to Washington. With his inauguration, Lincoln was faced immediately with both the threat and the reality of Southern states claiming to secede from the Union. South Carolina was at the forefront of the movement. Would other border states, such as Virginia, secede?

Events of early 1861 moved the nation into the quandary of having to deal with two major issues, slavery and secession. "Negotiation could not succeed because there was nothing to negotiate, on either slavery or secession. On these intractable issues opponents remained as far apart in March as they had in November."

Major Robert Anderson, the Union commander at Fort Sumter, was thrust, like Lincoln, into the national spotlight when the South Carolina government demanded surrender of his fort. Events at Fort Sumter came to a crescendo with the firing of the first shot of the war by Captain George S. James, at 4:30 AM, Friday, April 12, 1861. (Later, on September 14, 1862, James would be killed at Fox's Gap during the Battle of South Mountain.)

Perhaps the thoughts of Abner Doubleday, second in the Union command at Ft. Sumter, represented the view of the North. "To me it was simply a contest, politically speaking, as to whether virtue or vice should rule."

The end of slavery in the United States was a monumental achievement of the war. However, a case can be made that no result of the war was more important than the destruction of the idea of secession.

**Land Tracts of the Battlefield of South Mountain**  
by Curtis L. Older

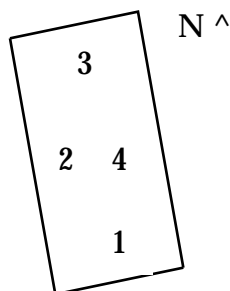
Each Newsletter includes a survey, patent, or deed related to the land tracts in the vicinity of Crampton's, Fox's, and Turner's Gaps. These three gaps in South Mountain represent the main area contested by the Union and Confederate Armies in the Battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862.

Previous issues of the Society Newsletter contain descriptions of the following tracts:

June 1, 1997	Addition to Friendship of Frederick Fox
December 1, 1997	Fredericksburgh of Frederick Fox
June 1, 1998	Pick All of Bartholomew Booker
December 1, 1998	Bowser's Addition of David Bowser
June 1, 1999	Partnership of John Mansberger
December 1, 1999	Mountain of John Baley
June 1, 2000	no tract included in Newsletter

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**The Flonham survey record and patent record are presented in this Newsletter. The Mountain House, presently known as the Old South Mountain Inn, at Turner's Gap stands on the Flonham tract.**



**Flonham**  
36 acres

Beginning at a bounded white oak standing about a perche from the head of a spring on the south side of the Shannondore Mountain on the right hand of the main road leading from Frederick Town to Fort Frederick.

**The Survey for Flonham - MdHR 17,458, 1-23-4-12, BC & GS 47, pp. 496-497, Philip Jacob Shafer, Flonham, surveyed 27 Aug 1770, 36 acres.**

Philip Jacob Shafer his cert 36 acres Flonham patented 20th April 1774 Rent ? 1/5/2 stg charged to the rent roll} Frederick County by virtue of a warrant granted out of his lordships land office unto Philip Putman of said county for thirty six acres of land bearing date the 17th day of March 1770 and which said warrant being assigned unto Philip Jacob Shafer of the county afsd I certify as Deputy surveyor of Frederick County under George Lee? Esquire surveyor general of the western shore of Maryland that I have carefully surveyed and laid out for and in the name of the aforesaid Philip Jacob Shafer all that tract or parcel of land called Flonham lying and being in the county aforesaid beginning at a bounded white oak standing about a perch from the head of a spring on the south side of the Shannondore Mountain on the right hand of the main road leading from Frederick Town to Fort Frederick and running thence

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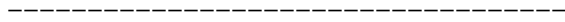
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Witness Thomas Brooke Phillip Birude Mont. (seal)

I have received two shillings and one half penny for rent to March 1772 patent may therefore issue with his Excellency's approbation

6th April 1772 Danl of N? Thos Jenifer



**The Patent for Flonham - MdHR 17,455, 1-23-4-9, BC & GS 44, pp. 439-440, Philip Jacob Shafer, Flonham, patented 20 April 1774, 36 acres.**

Philip Jacob Shafer his patt 36 acres Flonham} the right honourable Henry Harford Esqr Know ye that for and in consideration that Philip Jacob Shafer of Frederick County hath due unto him thirty six acres of land within our said province by virtue of an assignment of a warrant for that quantity from Philip Putnam granted the said Putman the seventeenth day of March seventeen hundred and seventy as appears in our land office according to Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore his Instructions to Charles Carroll Esqr his then agent bearing date at London the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and registered in our secretary's office afsd in said province together with a paragraph of our instructions bearing date at London the fifteenth day of December seventeen hundred and thirty eight and registered in our land office we do therefore hereby grant unto him the said Philip Jacob Shafer all that tract or parcel of land called Flonham lying and being in the county aforesaid beginning at a bounded white oak standing about a perch from the head of a spring on the south side of the Shannondore Mountain on the right hand of the main road leading from Frederick Town to Fort Frederick and running thence

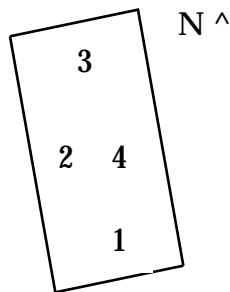
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according to the certificate of survey thereof taken and returned into our land office bearing date the twenty seventh day of August seventeen hundred and seventy and there remaining together with all rights profits benefits and privileges thereunto belonging royal mines excepted to have and to hold the same unto him the said Philip Jacob Shafer his heirs and assigns forever to be ? in ? of us and our heirs as of our manor of Monocacy in free and common soccage by fealty only for all manor of services yielding and paying therefore yearly unto us and our heirs at our receipt at our city of Saint Marys at the two most usual feasts in the year vizt the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the archangel by even and equal portions the rent of one shilling and five pence half penny sterling in silver or gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcel thereof one whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs such officer or officers as shall be appointed by discharge thereof at the choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid provided so that if the said sum for assigns for alienation shall not be paid unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid before such alienation and the said alienations entered upon record either in this provincial court or county court where the same parcel of land lieth within one month next after such alienation then the said alienation shall be void and of no effect and provided also and it is the true intent and meaning of these presents that the same is subject and liable to the following express conditions that is to say, that the said Philip Jacob Shafer his heirs or assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid the rent herein reserved according to the tenor of these presents by the space of thirty days next after is shall become due and after demand made thereof by the former or other person who shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same given under our great seal of our said province of Maryland this twentieth day of April Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy four witness Robert Eden Esquire governor and commander in chief in and over our said province of Maryland Chancellor and Keeper of the great seal thereof -

Robt (the Great Seal) Eden



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## **George Fox Line** by Curtis L. Older

The newspaper items presented on this and the following two and one-half pages are included in this Newsletter because they provide documentation for some of the ancestors of members of our Fox Society. They probably appeared in either a Danville, Illinois, or Covington, Indiana, newspaper.

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### **Obituary of Mrs. Lola Fox (from a newspaper account)**

Funeral services for Mrs. Lola Fox, 53, 613 Bensyl Ave., former resident of Union Corner vicinity, who died Monday at St. Elizabeth Hospital, were at 2 p. m. Thursday at Union Corner Church, southeast of Danville. Interment in Niccum Cemetery with Shelby Undertakers of Covington in charge.

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### **Obituary of Claude E. Fox (from a newspaper account)**

PERRYSVILLE, Ind. (CNS) - Claude E. Fox, 52, a former resident of the Perrysville and Gessie communities, died Sunday (June 24, 1962) following a heart attack at Muskegon, Mich. He had resided there for the past 21 years.

Born Jan. 8, 1910, in Gessie, Ind., he was the son of Ernest and Lola Jackson Fox. He was married at Perrysville to Pauline Pearson, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons; Robert of Muskegon and William stationed with the Army in Germany; a sister, Mrs. Frank Moss of Danville Route 3; a brother, Kenneth of Danville; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p. m. Wednesday at the Clock Funeral Home in Muskegon with burial there.

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### **Daniel A. Fox Will Probated (from a newspaper account)**

The will of the late Daniel A. Fox, life long resident of Highland township, was probated Monday. The instrument was written May 6, 1927 and was witnessed by Edgar Prather and Geo. D. Sunkel. It contained four items, which briefly, are as follows:

Item 1. - Just debts, expense of last sickness and funeral expenses to be paid by executor out of first money coming to his hands.

Item 2. - All real estate and personal property shall be sold at public or private sale. After payment of all debts as provided in item 1, the residue of the moneys left in hands of the executor shall be divided share and share alike between the following children: Ruby Hines, Ethel Gouty, Kenneth B. Fox and William Fox.

Item 3. - I make no provision in this will for my son Ernest Fox, as I have heretofore paid out for him as much or more than what I should deem to be his interest in my estate and for that reason I am giving him nothing by this will.

Item 4. - I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend, John W. Carithers, executor of this will.

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## **Obituary of William Edward Fox (from a newspaper account)**

Covington, Ind. (CNS) - William E. Fox, 86, died Tuesday (April 16, 1974) at his home. He had been ill since August. Born Jan. 5, 1888, in Highland Township, Vermillion County, he was the son of Daniel A. and Elizabeth Ricketts Fox. He was married Feb. 10, 1909, to Marguerite Clem, who died Jan. 25, 1970.

A life resident of the Foster and Gessie communities, he had been a carpenter for many years and was employed at the Neal Gravel Co. and the Indiana State Highway before retiring in 1950.

Survivors include four daughters, Miss Reva Fox of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Evelyn Switzer of Covington Route 2, Mrs. Elizabeth Bucholz of Rock Lake, N. D. and Mrs. Wilma Gose of Griffith; three sons, Glenn of Englewood, Colo., Richard of Covington and James of California; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Hines of Covington; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

A son, a daughter, a sister, two brothers and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Friday at the Bodine & Shelby Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jerry Kinninger officiating. Burial will be in Lower Mound Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home after 2 p. m. Thursday.

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## **Obituary of Robert William Gouty (from a newspaper account)**

Robert W. Gouty 59, Dies at Lake View, Rites Held On Monday

Funeral services for Robert William Gouty, age 59, well know farmer of the State Line neighborhood who died last Saturday morning, were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Benson Chapel.

Mr. Gouty died at 7:30 a. m. at Lake View Hospital, Danville, Ill., where he had been a patient for the past three weeks. Death was attributed to meningitis. He had been in ill health for some time following an attack of the flu.

He was born August 26, 1889 near Gessie, Ind., the son of Joseph and Luella Hartman Gouty. He as married February 3, 1917 to Ethel Fox, who survives.

Mr. Gouty was a member of the Fountain Lodge 274, F. & A. M., of Covington and was well known in this community, having lived near here all his life.

Surviving beside the widow are: a daughter, Mrs. Mavis Lorene Older, Danville, Ill. one grandson, Curtis Lynn; two brothers, Ezra of State Line Route, and Leslie, of Covington, and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Remster, Villard, Minn., Mrs. Ida Saltgaver, Danville, Ill., and Miss Inez Gouty of Indianapolis.

Dr. A. F. Bremicker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Danville, Ill., and the Rev. J. W. Knight of Perrysville officiated. The pallbearers were Earl Strawser, Russell Patton, Archie Fields, Jerd Crouch, Regan Mallett and Lawrence Vickery. Musical selections were by Clifford Martin. Burial, with Bodine & Shelby in charge, was in the Lower Mound Cemetery.

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## **Obituary of Ethel Belle (Fox) Gouty (Danville Commercial News)**

Mrs. Ethel B. Gouty, 78, of 1705 E. Main, died at 4:50 a. m. Monday (Jan. 25, 1971) at Lake View Memorial Hospital. She had been ill three and a half years.

Born Oct. 6, 1892, near Gessie, Ind., she was the daughter of Daniel A. and Elizabeth Ricketts Fox. She was married on Feb. 3, 1917 to Robert W. Gouty, who died June 4, 1949.

Former resident of Warren County, Ind., she had resided on E. Main for 16 years. She was a member of the Howard Chapel Church and attended the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Truxton J. Older of Danville; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Hines of Covington, Ind.; two brothers, William E. Fox of Covington, Ind. Route 2 and Kennie B. Fox of Richmond, Ind.; and a grandson, Curtis L. Older, with the Navy.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. EST Wednesday at the Bodine and Shelby Funeral Home in Covington, with the Rev. Oliver C. Starns officiating. Burial will be in Lower Mound Cemetery in Covington. Friends will be received at the funeral home from 2-4:30 and 7-9 p.m. EST Tuesday.

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## **Obituary of Ernest D. Fox**

Former director of the local Municipal and Moose Bands many years, Ernest D. Fox, 54, Route 5 Danville, died at 10 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 3, 1940 at Lake View Hospital where he had been two weeks.

Death resulted from a cerebral hemorrhage. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Fox, he was born Dec. 1, 1885 near Gessie, Ind., and was married in 1908 to Miss Lola Jackson. He was also a mechanic and had lived in the Danville and Gessie communities all his life.

Surviving are his widow; three children, Claude, of Perrysville, Kenneth of Danville and Mrs. Ruth Moss, Alvin; a brother, Kenneth, of Richmond, Ind., and William of Covington; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Gouty, Danville, and Mrs. Ruby Hines, Perrysville.

The body is at Shelby's Funeral Home in Covington. Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Sunday at Union Corner Church, east of Danville.

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## **Covington Friend Newspaper, May 11, 1923:**

Dan Fox who has been in Richmond for several weeks with his son Kenny Fox and family has returned.

## **Covington Friend newspaper, May 10, 1922:**

Dan Fox Improving - Dan Fox, of North Vermillion, who was terribly burned about the hands and forearms, and who received a terrible nervous shock when Mrs. Fox was burned to death on Tuesday of last week is reported to be improving as rapidly as could be expected. The entire community surely greatly sympathizes with Mr. Fox and his family on their awful misfortune.

## **Reel #182072 Covington, Indiana, Covington Republican, January 1931 - December 1932:**

August 5, 1932

Daniel A. Fox, age 70 yr., native of Vermillion County, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Everett Hines at Gessie, Indiana, Friday July 29th. His funeral was held at Howard Chapel, Sunday July 31st, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. H. A. Lashbrook officiating. Interment was made at Hopewell Cemetery, with the Masonic burial service at the grave.

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## Obituary Notice for Elizabeth Jane (Ricketts) Fox

(from the Covington, Indiana. Republican Newspaper, front page, column one, probably about March 1, 1922)

Mrs. Daniel Fox Meets Awful Death - Clothes Catch Fire When Kerosene Explodes, Gasoline Adds Fuel to the Flames. Clothes Burned From Body - Our people were almost paralyzed Monday morning by the announcement that Mrs. Dan Fox, the family living on a farm about one and a half miles north east of Gessie, had been burned to death at an early hour. Statements regarding the terrible affair from the family are as follows: The family had set apart Tuesday to do the butchering. Mr. Fox had arisen early, set a fire in the cook stove and under the kettles to heat the water out of doors and gone to the barn to feed and do the morning chores. Mrs. Fox arose and on going to the kitchen stove found the fire had not burned. She threw in kerosene to hasten the fire and it exploded setting her clothing on fire. In her excitement she ran out onto a back porch where she stumbled and fell upon a bottle of gasoline setting there, which broke at once enveloping her in flames. Her screams brought her husband to her aid but in her suffering and terror he could do nothing with her, nothing being at hand to wrap her in, until her clothes were practically burned from her body, death resulting before she could be removed from the porch and within a few minutes. Mr. Fox himself was also terribly burned. Mrs. Elizabeth Ricketts - Fox was sixty years old and is survived by her husband, Dan Fox, three sons, Kenneth, Earnest, and William, and two daughters, Ethel and Ruby, together with eleven grandchildren, an aged mother, living at Foster, and six brothers, High, Jos, Jacob, Dan, Fred, and Link, a twin brother, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Dixon. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. Cyrus Briles was held from the Howard M. E. Church of which she was a member at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, interment following in Hopewell Cemetery.

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## The Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunion

**October 13, 14, and 15, 2000**  
**The Carter House, Franklin, Tennessee**

Descendants of Jacob Ricketts, the father of Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, should plan to visit the Carter House and the Battlefield of Franklin, in Franklin, Tennessee. I had the pleasure of attending this event that covered parts of three days. Several entertainers who sang Civil War style songs provided music. About 100 descendants attended the event, which was presented by The Carter House.

The Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, was one of the great battles of the Civil War. It was an overwhelming Union victory in terms of casualties suffered by the Confederates under General John Bell Hood. Hood also was in the Battle of South Mountain at Fox's Gap. General Jacob Dolson Cox, also in the Battle of South Mountain at Fox's Gap, was one of the Union commanders in the Battle of Franklin. His headquarters were at The Carter House, at the center of the battle.

A photograph hangs in the Museum at the Carter House that shows the 1909 Reunion of the 57th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. This is the unit Jacob Ricketts was in at The Battle of Franklin. I am still trying to figure out if he is in the picture which was taken in Muncie, Indiana, one year before his death in 1910. All the surviving members of the 57th Indiana were treated that day to their first automobile ride. For additional information please contact:

The Carter House	phone: 615-791-1861
1140 Columbia Ave.	fax: 615-794-1327
P. O. Box 555	
Franklin, Tennessee 37065-0555	

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FOX Genealogy, including the Metherd, Benner \* Leiter descendants, giving biographies of the first & second generation with sketches of the third generation [Frederick Fox of Prussia & Maryland & descendants], by D. G. Fox. 172 pages 1924. \$27.50 This book is a quality reprint with sturdy paper binding. Hardbound is available for an additional \$10. This book is print-to-order; please allow 8-12 weeks, plus an additional 2 weeks for hardbound.

## **Frederick L. Fox Line**

by Suella Jane Fenton

(material submitted by Alice Takase)

Suella Jane Fenton and Alice Takase are members of the Society. They are descendants of Frederick L. Fox who was a grandson of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland. Frederick L. Fox was a son of George Fox and Elizabeth Ann (Link) Fox. He was a brother of John L. Fox of Gessie, Indiana.

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# **Descendants of Frederick L. Fox**

**A son of George Fox and a grandson of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland**

## **Generation No. 4**

20. Marion Johnson Fox (Francis "Frank" Marion, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Frederick Link<sup>4</sup>, George "1"<sup>3</sup>, Frederick, "1"<sup>2</sup>, John "1" Frederick<sup>1</sup>) was born January 03, 1901. He married Esther P. Iversen.

Child of Marion Fox and Esther Iversen is:

54. i. Melinda Fox, b. February 08, 1939

21. Kenneth Lynn Fox (Francis "Frank" Marion, Samuel, Fredrick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1", Frederick) was born November 23, 1903. He married Lillian Watkins Crane.

Child of Kenneth Fox and Lillian Crane are:

55. i. Lonnie Lee Fox, b. June 28, 1947.

56. ii. Larry Lynn Fox, b. June 28, 1947.

iii. Frances Ann Fox, b. September 14, 1949; m. Francis Ousley.

Notes for Francis Ann Fox:

Married 1st Joseph Scarpiello, 2nd Francis Ousley.

22. Leonard Orville Fox (Francis "Frank", Marion, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1", Frederick) was born June 03, 1907. He married Crystal Huston.

Children of Leonard Fox and Crystal Huston are:

57. i. Leonard Orville Fox Jr., b. August 08, 1930.

58. ii. Marion Huston Fox, b. January 14, 1932.

23. Grace "Jeannette" Fox (Francis "Frank", Marion, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1", Frederick) was born July 12, 1910. She married Harold Hutchinson.

Children of Grace Fox and Harold Hutchinson are:

i. Nancy Jean Hutchinson, b. March 21, 1939.

Notes for Nancy Jean Hutchinson:

Never married

59. ii. Charles Richard "Dick" Hutchinson, b. October 10, 1943.

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24. Harold C. "Bus" Fox (Francis "Frank", Marion, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born April 19, 1913. He married Virginia Lackey.

Children of Harold Fox and Virginia Lackey are:

60. i. Kathleen Lynn "Kitty" Fox, b. February 13, 1942.
61. ii. Jerold Curtis Fox, b. August 30, 1943.
- iii. Rita Jean "Jeannie" Fox, b. January 25, 1947; m. John Cooper.

Notes for Rita Jean "Jeannie" Fox:  
Married 1st, James Barney - divorced  
Married 2nd, John Cooper

25. Marvin L. Fox (Francis "Frank", Marion, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born October 08, 1917. He married Naomi Bodenberg.

Children of Marvin Fox and Naomi Bodenberg are:

- i. Sarah L. Fox, b. January 04, 1944; m. Martin Roth
- ii. Peggy L. Fox, b. February 14, 1946.
62. iii. Michael M. Fox, b. May 04, 1951.

26. Lyle Scott Fox (Francis "Frank", Marion, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born June 09, 1924. He married Ellen West Moss.

Children of Lyle Fox and Ellen Moss are:

63. i. Karen Kay Fox, b. July 21, 1951.
- ii. Jon Hartley Fox, b. June 08, 1953.

27. Merle Rufus Taylor (Mary Sophia Fox, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born August 20, 1905. He married Martha Comer.

Child of Merle Taylor and Martha Comer is:

- i. Ray Taylor

28. Ruth Irene Wright (Elmira "Myra" R. Fox, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born January 01, 1908. She married Thomas Green are:

Children of Ruth Wright and Thomas Green are:

- i. Susan Lee Green.
- ii. Ruth Ann Green.
- iii. James Green.

29. Ruby Jeanette Hayner (Orissa J. Fox, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born August 07, 1906 in Springboro Warren Co., Ohio, and died December 28, 1983 in Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio, buried in Springboro Cemetery. She married Lawrence DeWitt Leis June 10, 1936 in Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio, son of William Leis and Lillie Heistand.

Notes for Ruby Jeanette Hayner:

Ruby went to Salem School, a one room school, through the eighth Grade. Then she went to Springboro High School and graduated in 1925. She helped her mother and father on the farm. She also, like her sister Verna, worked at the Mutual Furniture company, in Miamisburg, Ohio, 1926-1936.

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She met Lawrence Leis at a dance in Germantown, in 1935. They got married at the Springboro Reformed church by Rev. Jerome Schulz, in 1936. They lived in Jackson Twp., New Lebanon, Montgomery County, Ohio until 1944 when they moved into the farm owned by her mother, Orissa (Fox) Hayner. The farm on Crossley Road is still (1997) in possession of their seven children. The oldest son, Delbert Leis, never married and still lives there.

Ruby also inherited the farm on Red Lion Fives-Points Road, upon the death of her sister, Verna, in 1970. This farm is also still (1997) in the possession of her children.

Ruby was very active in the Springboro Garden Club and the United Church of Christ (formerly the German Reformed Church), where she and Lawrence were in charge of communion. She served as leader of Springboro Eager Workers 4-H Club for 22 years. Ruby played the piano, but her hobby was drawing.

Children of Ruby Hayner and Lawrence Leis are:

- i. Delbert Hayner Leis, b. October 07, 1938, New Lebanon, Montgomery Co., Ohio.
64. ii. Bernard Adam Leis, b. February 16, 1940, New Lebanon, Montgomery Co., Ohio.
65. iii. Frieda Irene Leis, b. August 24, 1941, New Lebanon, Montgomery Co., Ohio.
66. iv. Lenora Margaret Leis, b. February 16, 1943, New Lebanon, Montgomery Co., Ohio.
67. v. Glenn Ervin Leis, b. March 20, 1944, Springboro, Warren County, Ohio.
68. vi. Suella Jane Leis, b. March 18, 1946, Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio.
69. vii. Kermit Paul Leis, b. April 08, 1948, Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio.

30. Dorethea Eliza Fox (Walter Scott, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born July 03, 1907. She married Oscar Michel.

Children of Dorethea Fox and Oscar Michel are:

- i. Carolyn Michel

Notes for Carolyn Michel:  
Adopted

- ii. Marcia Michel

Notes for Marcia Michel:  
Adopted

31. Woodrow Wilson Fox (Walter Scott, Samuel, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born March 03, 1913. He married Ruth (Fox).

Children of Woodrow Fox and Ruth (Fox) are:

- i. David "2" Fox.
- ii. Dianne Fox.

32. Lewis Marion Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born April 30, 1910 in Southeast of Miamisburg, Ohio, and died January 25, 1998 in Ohio. He married Ruth Goodman.

Children of Lewis Brown and Ruth Goodman are:

- i. Charles Brown, b. 1937.
- ii. Donald Brown, b. September 1938.
- iii. Mary "2" Brown, b. Abt. 1940.

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33. Ada Luella Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born April 14, 1912 in Southeast of Miamisburg, Ohio. She married (1) William Noland. She married (2) Ralph Taylor August 30, 1930 in Kentucky, son of Edison Taylor and Ida Phol.

Children of Ada Brown and Ralph Taylor are:

72. i. Clarence Edwin Taylor, b. January 12, 1931, Franklin, Warren County, Ohio; d. March 29, 1995, Middletown, Butler County, Ohio.
73. ii. Barbara Taylor, b. May 07, 1933, Franklin, Warren County, Ohio.
- iii. Larry Taylor, b. September 14, 1914, Red Lion, Warren County, Ohio; m. Barbara Davis, June 24, 1967, Middletown, Butler County, Ohio.

34. Ester Estella Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born August 30, 1913 in Springboro, Warren County, Ohio. She married (1) Harry Berger. She married (2) George Anderson Sidenstick.

Children of Ester Brown and Harry Berger are:

- i. Donald Berger.
- ii. Nancy Berger, m. (1) Calvin Zinck; m. (2) (Husband) Raney.

35. Ethel May Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born August 30, 1913 in Springboro, Warren County, Ohio. She married (1) Raymond Bullock Bef. 1936, son of Homer Bullock and Buelah (Bullock). She married (2) Robert Wetzel April 14, 1945, son of William Wetzel and Odie Greenfield.

Children of Ethel Brown and Raymond Bullock are:

- i. Darrell Bullock, b. November 12, 1936; m. Marjorie Legitt, May 28, 1958.
74. ii. Robert Bullock, b. September 06, 1940, Middletown, Butler County, Ohio.

36. Walter Howard Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born January 23, 1918 in Carlisle, Ohio. He married Florence Elisabeth Sprow September 29, 1938 in West Carrollton, Ohio.

Children of Walter Brown and Florence Sprow are:

75. i. Janet Rose Brown, b. September 03, 1939.
76. ii. Betty Lou Brown, b. October 12, 1942.
77. iii. Carolyn Sue Brown, b. April 18, 1945.
78. iv. Walter Howard Brown, Jr., b. November 04, 1950.
79. v. David Lewis Brown, b. September 30, 1952.
80. vi. Becky Lynn Brown, b. December 06, 1958.
81. v ii. Patty Ann Brown, b. September 07, 1960.
82. viii. Edward Lee Brown, b. February 08, 1962.

37. Lester Isaac "Ike" Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born May 16, 1920 in Carlisle, Ohio, and died August 09, 1967. He married Doris Leach.

Children of Lester Brown and Doris Leach are:

- i. Michael Brown.
- ii. Cathy Brown, m. John W. Wahsum.
- iii. Norma Brown.
- iv. Brenda Brown, m. Kenneth Davis.

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38. Raymond Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born December 28, 1924 in West Carrollton, Ohio. He married Mildere Irene Whisman, daughter of John Whisman and Goldie Cable.

Children of Raymond Brown and Mildere Whisman are:

- 83. i. Ricky Brown, b. July 26, 1962, Franklin, Warren County, Ohio.
- 84. ii. Vicki Brown, b. April 16, 1963, Franklin, Warren County, Ohio.

39. Mary Kathryn Brown (Clarence David, Frances A. Fox, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born April 08, 1926 in West Carrollton, Ohio. She married Clifford Burns May 1946 in Kentucky>

Children of Mary Brown and Clifford Burns are:

- i. Paul W. Burns, b. July 22, 1947, Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio.
- ii. Charlotte Burns, b. October 20, 1948, Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio; m. Doug Berger, October 20, 1967, Carlisle, Ohio.
- iii. Edward Burns, b. April 16, 1951, Franklin, Warren County, Ohio.
- iv. Margaret Burns, b. December 27, 1957, Franklin, Warren County, Ohio; m. Len Rose.

40. Harry R. Weidel (Laura Etta Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick).

Child of Harry R. Weidel is:

- 85. i. Eilen Weidel, b. 1925; d. 1993.

41. Hazel Weidel ( Laura Etta Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born 1899, and died 1965. She married Floyd Routzahn.

Children of Hazel Weidel and Floyd Routzahn are:

- i. Russell Routzahn.
- ii. Elmer F. Routzahn.
- iii. Mary Etta Routzahn, m. Paul Schell.
- iv. Mildred Routzahn, m. Louis A. Hein.

42. Irvin Weidel (Laura Etta Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick). He married (1) Mary Stamm. He married (2) Ester Elizabeth Stine.

Children of Irvin Weidel and Ester Stine are:

- i. Francis Weidel.
- ii. Frederick Weidel.
- iii. Robert Weidel.

43. Carl Z. Weidel (Laura Etta Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born December 21, 1904, and died August 14, 1980. He was buried in Butler Memorial Park, Trenton Rt. 73, Ohio. He married Estella Veidt.

Children of Carl Weidel and Estella Veidt are:

- i. Leroy Weidel.
- 86. ii. Lowell E. Weidel.
- 87. iii. Eugene Weidel, b. June 14, 1945.
- iv. Kathy Weidel, m. Danny Philpot, July 30, 1948.

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44. Reber Fox (Anna Marie, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Fredrick) was born in 1904, and died in 1976. He married Marguerite Hammiel.

Children of Reber Fox and Marguerite Hammiel are:

- i. Mary Rose Fox.
88. ii. John Richard Reber Fox, b. May 18, 1943.

45. Jack A. Chenewoth (Anna Marie Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born January 21, 1919. He married Dolorbs Hartshona.

Child of Jack Chenewoth and Dolorbs Hartshona is:

89. i. Stephany Ann Chenewoth

46. William R. Chenewoth (Anna Marie Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born March 15, 1928. He married Martha Jeanne Harden February 23, 1952.

Child of William Chenewoth and Martha Harden is:

90. i. Steven Chenwoth, b. September 19, 1955.

47. James Norman Fox (Edwin E., Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born March 29, 1918. He married Dorothy Baker.

Children of James Fox and Dorothy Baker are:

91. i. Linda Christine Fox, b. 1948.
- ii. John Charles Fox, b. 1953; m. Cheri Hitt.

48. Dorothy May Beachler (Lucy May Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born January 26, 1914 in Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio. She married Courtney Joseph Hoskins February 28, 1942.

Children of Dorothy Beachler and Courtney Hoskins are:

92. i. Alice Louise Hoskins, b. October 22, 1946, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
93. ii. Bruce Courtney Hoskins, b. February 29, 1948 Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
94. iii. Eugene Paul Hoskins, b. July 08, 1951, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

49. Charles Monroe Beachler (Lucy May Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born June 24, 1917 in Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, and died December 11, 1986 in Sarasota, Florida. He married Mabel Bridge August 13, 1944.

Children of Charles Beachler and Mabel Bridge are:

- i. Charles William Beachler, b. October 25, 1945; m. Marjorie Gail Ferguson, October 1969.
95. ii. Jessie Luicinda "Cindi" Beachler, b. October 27, 1948.

50. Harold Everett Montgomery (Katheryn Myrtle Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born May 16, 1921 in Warren County, Ohio. He married Jeanette Martha Robinson June 22, 1946 in Warren County, Ohio.

Child of Harold Montgomery and Jeanette Robinson is:

96. i. Richard Harold Montgomery, b. September 10, 1947.

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51. Robert Eugene Montgomery (Katheryn Myrtle Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born September 11, 1926 in Warren County, Ohio. He married Melvina Null May 14, 1948.

Children of Robert Montgomery and Melvina Null are:

- 97. i. Ronald Eugene Montgomery, b. September 07, 1950.
- 98. ii. Debra Ann Montgomery, b. December 13, 1956.

52. Robert Degler (Lydia "Liddy" Z. Fox, Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick). He married Yvonne (Degler).

Children of Robert Degler and Yvonne (Degler) are:

- i. Roy Degler
- ii. Ray Degler

53. Kenneth Wilfred Fox (Cloyce "Wilfred", Jacob "Job" Henry, Frederick Link, George "1", Frederick "1", John "1" Frederick) was born December 25, 1927. He married Barbara Jean Murphy.

Children of Kenneth Fox and Barbara Murphy are:

- 99. i. Kenneth Michael Fox, b. January 03, 1952.
- 100. ii. Timothy Wilford Fox, b. December 08, 1952.
- 101. iii. Patrick Alan Fox, b. October 04, 1954.
- 102. iv. Thomas Daniel Fox, b. December 29, 1956.
- 103. v. Mary Ann Fox, b. October 16, 1958.

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## Wills Section

by Curtis L. Older

Each Newsletter includes one typewritten version of a will that is significant to the preservation efforts of the Society. Included in this issue is the will of John L. Fox who was a son of George Fox and a grandson of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland. He was the father of Daniel Alexander Fox. The wife of John L. Fox was Susannah Hillegass. John L. and Susannah Fox are buried at Hopewell Cemetery west of Covington, Indiana.

Previous issues of the Society Newsletter contained copies of the following wills and estate papers:

December 1, 1996	will of John Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland
June 1, 1997	will of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland
December 1, 1997	will of Bartholomew Booker, father-in-law of Frederick Fox
June 1, 1998	estate papers for George Fox, the oldest son of Frederick Fox
December 1, 1998	will of John Adam Link II, the father-in-law of George Fox
June 1, 1999	will of John Adam Link I, the father of John Adam Link II
December 1, 1999	no will included in newsletter
June 1, 2000	no will included in newsletter

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## Will of John L. Fox

John L. Fox  
Vermillion County, Indiana  
Court House, Newport

520

John L. Fox

### WILL RECORD

In the name of God, Amen:

I John L. Fox of the County of Vermillion and State of Indiana being weak in body and of sound mind, memory and understanding but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit:

First, - It is my Will and I do order that all my just debts and Funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease,

Second, -

Item, - I give unto my Daughter Margaret Ricketts (\$5.00) Dollars.

Item, - I give unto my son John A. Fox Five (\$5.00) Dollars.

Item, - The balance of my Estate shall be equally divided between my Daughters Anna E. Goff, Mary Burnett and **Daniel A. Fox**.

The said Margaret Ricketts and John A. Fox have already received more of my estate than their shares.

And, lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint W. H. Goff of Gessie Ind. To be the Executor of this, my Will, hereby revoking all other Wills, legacies and bequests by me heretofore made, and declaring this, and no other, to be my last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8 day April, in the year 1898.

John L. Fox (seal)

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Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said John L. Fox as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Alexander Swisher (seal)

Jacob B. Swisher (seal)

State of Indiana, Vermillion County, SS:

Before me, John T. Lowe Clerk of the Vermillion Circuit Court, personally came Jacob B. Swisher one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of John L. Fox late of Vermillion County, Indiana, deceased, and being duly sworn on oath says that he was present at the execution of said last will: that the same was duly executed: that said testator requested said Jacob B. Swisher and Alexander Swisher to sign said will as Witnesses thereto, which they accordingly did in the presence of said testator, and in the presence of each other as subscribing witnesses thereto.

Jacob B. Swisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1899,

John T. Lowe clerk

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VERMILLION COUNTY, INDIANA

State of Indiana } SS:  
Vermillion County }

I John T. Lowe Clerk of the Vermillion Circuit Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing last will and testament of John L Fox late of Vermillion County State of Indiana deceased was this day duly admitted to probate and record and the proof thereof duly made by Jacob B. Swisher one of subscribing witnesses thereto which said Will together with such proof have been duly recorded in Record of Will Lo 3 Page 520 in this office

Witness my name and the seal of said Court this 28th day of Jany 1899

John T. Lowe Clerk

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## **Fox's Gap Section**

By Kurt Graham

### **Significant Research Findings on the Battle of South Mountain**

Kurt Graham honors us to present to our readers the following article. The material provides new evidence regarding the battle at Fox's Gap in Maryland on September 14, 1862. It presents documented casualty counts of Confederate forces in the 50th Georgia Regiment under General Drayton during the battle. Kurt's article is thoroughly researched and provides primary sources from which he obtained his information. Kurt retains all copyright privileges related to his article.

Kurt Graham retired from IBM in 1991 and lives in Vinings, Georgia, with his wife, Mary, and sons Griff and Jack. His lifelong love affair with American history was fueled by a father and grandfather who "had dragged him across every Civil War battlefield by the time he was ten." Kurt is an enthusiastic supporter of battlefield preservation and collector of military art and books. He is currently researching the history of the Phillips Georgia Legion and co-authoring a book on this little known Georgia unit. He maintains a website for this unit at [www.angelfire.com/tx/RandysTexas](http://www.angelfire.com/tx/RandysTexas) and encourages interested parties to contact him at (e-mail) [kdgraha@attglobal.net](mailto:kdgraha@attglobal.net).

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## **Casualties in the 50th Georgia Regiment at the Battle of South Mountain September 14, 1862**

**by Kurt Graham**

The Battle of South Mountain, as it was known in the North, included the battles fought in the areas of Crampton's, Fox's, and Turner's Gaps in South Mountain west of Frederick, Maryland. The South referred to the battles at Turner's and Fox's Gaps and the area just north of Turner's Gap as the Battle of Boonsboro. The South referred to the Battle of Crampton's Gap as a separate battle under that name.

Some veterans of Drayton's brigade, who were posted at Fox's Gap, actually thought they fought at Crampton's Gap and left postwar accounts to this effect. The accounts of the battle written in the late 1800s by J. S. Wood and George Fahm state that the Phillips

Legion and 50th Georgia Regiment fought at Crampton's Gap under the command of General McLaws. Their memories had gotten fuzzy because (1) McLaws did not become their division Commander until late November 1862 and (2) the only Georgians at Crampton's Gap were Howell Cobb's ill fated Cobb Legion, and the 10th, 16th, and 24th Georgia.

The Battle of South Mountain took place September 14, 1862. Three days later on September 17, 1862, the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest single day of battle during the Civil War, took place five miles west of Fox's Gap along the Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg. The Battle of Antietam was known in the South as the Battle of Sharpsburg.

A variety of sources were used to prepare the Casualty List for the 50th Georgia Infantry at the Battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862. The Compiled Service Records at the George State Archives are the single best source as they are a direct extract from actual wartime documents, i. e., muster rolls, POW records, hospital records, etc. These microfilm records were done around the turn of the century by the Federal government when it was discovered that many of the original paper records were deteriorating beyond usability. A small army of "compilers" sifted through original Federal and Confederate muster rolls, pay records, hospital records, POW records, death claims, requisitions, etc. They produced a multiple card file for each soldier who fought in the war.

Microfilm copies of these cards were eventually distributed to the various Southern states for their respective soldiers. The reels of microfilm contain copies of the untold thousands of card records for all members of each unit. These card records were handwritten and the writing styles of the compilers varied widely. Many wrote in the frilly cursive of that period.

The Georgia State Archives also contains the 1906 Georgia Roster Commission rolls. This Commission was formed in an attempt to have all the old surviving

Confederate veterans provide information on just who was in their various units. At this point, the Federal government had not yet given copies of the captured wartime records back to the Southern states. The Southern states, by the 1890s, had begun providing pensions for their soldiers and were having a most difficult time sorting valid pension claims from fraudulent ones. They had to wait months for someone in Washington and to find a record of the applicant's military service records.

The Roster Commission idea came about in an attempt to build a local record of who had served in the various Georgia units. As you would expect, some units had formed reunion groups and had very good records while others had little or no information available. In attempting to reconstruct a 45-year-old unit roster, it was inevitable that clouded old memories would misspell names, show people killed in the wrong battles and often simply forget many men. Therefore, the 1906 Georgia Roster Commission rolls were used only as a corroborative source in preparing the Casualty List.

Other sources of information from which the Casualty List was compiled include period letters, diaries, and newspapers. The Lt. Francis L. Mobley letter that appears at the end of the Casualty List is found in the North South Trader Magazine, Vol. XXVII, #2.

### Abbreviations used in the Casualty List:

<b>ADM</b>	Admitted (to hospital)
<b>AWOL</b>	Absent Without Leave (from 50th Georgia unit)
<b>CAP</b>	Captured (by Union forces)
<b>EXC</b>	Exchanged (returned by Union forces to the Confederates)
<b>FRD</b>	Frederick, Maryland
<b>MOC</b>	Mt. Olivet Cemetery (grave number follows)
<b>POW</b>	Prisoner of War (held in a Union prison camp)
<b>RH</b>	Richmond Hospital (Confederate) - a consolidated name representing various Confederate hospitals in Richmond, Virginia
<b>USGH</b>	United States General Hospital - (a Union hospital, city follows)

### Clarification of other items appearing in the Casualty List:

**Mt. Olivet Cemetery** - in Frederick, Maryland, was the place of burial for many Confederates

**Richmond Hospital** - any of a number of Confederate hospitals in Richmond, Virginia, including Chimborazo #1 and #2, GH 1-24, Winder hospital, Howard's Grove, Mayo Island, and others.

The name of the specific hospital unit in Richmond may be found for each veteran in the Compiled Service Records at the Georgia State Archives.

## Notes to the Casualty List for the 50th Georgia Infantry at the Battle of South Mountain

(1) Casualties fall into three categories:

- (a) Men captured in Frederick, Maryland, on September 12, 1862. It is likely that these men were left behind, too sick to move with the army when it moved west on September 10th.
- (b) Battle casualties from the September 14th fight at Fox's Gap
- (c) Men who were captured September 15th with Longstreet's ordinance wagon train between Hagerstown and Williamsport by Federal cavalry escaping from Harpers Ferry.

(2) Status codes are abbreviated as follows:

**KIA** - Killed in Action  
**WIA** - Wounded in Action  
**MWIA** - Mortally Wounded in Action (died from wounds)  
**MWIA/CAP** - Mortally Wounded in Action and Captured  
**WIA/CAP** - Wounded in Action and Captured  
**CAP** - captured  
**MIA** - Missing in Action

(3) An asterisk (\*) next to the Status code means that it was impossible to determine whether the casualty took place at Fox's Gap on September 14, at Sharpsburg, Maryland, on September 17, or, in the case of captures, somewhere in between.

(4) The 50th Georgia's battle casualties at Fox's Gap are as follows:

Present - Approximately 230 (per Lt. William Fleming's account)

KIA	52
MWIA	20
WIA	48
WIA/CAP	28
CAP	30
MIA	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	184

(5) The ratio of killed to wounded (72:76, or roughly 1:1) is virtually unprecedented for any regiment in any Civil War battle. Typically, there were three to five men wounded for each man killed. This gives mute testimony to the tenacity of the 50th's soldiers and the savagery of this battle. An additional contributing factor is an account from a private in the 21st Connecticut who claims that he witnessed Federal ammunition wagons being driven over wounded Confederates in the Old Sharpsburg Road. These would have been the wounded of the 50th and 51st Georgia regiments.

Name	Company	Status	Comments
Allen, George W.	A	WIA/CAP	EXC 12/18/62
Altman, Jasper S.	A	MIA/CAP	CAP in FRD 9/12/62
Altman, Samuel	A	MWIA/CAP	Died at USGH Philadelphia 10/11/62 from head wound
Collins, George W.	A	WIA	ADM to RH 9/27/62
Dowling, David A.	A	MIA/CAP	CAP 9/12/62 near FRD; EXC during Oct 1862
Dowling, Lt. Aaron	A	WIA/CAP	EXC Oct 1862; ADM to RH 10/8/62
Eddenfield, William	A	MIA/CAP	CAP at Middletown, MD; EXC during Oct 1862
Fletcher, John W.	A	WIA	Feb 1863 roll states "sent to hospital 9/14/62"; no further record
Gooding, William A.	A	WIA	
McElhaney, John T.	A	KIA	
Minshew, Sgt. Wryan F.	A	MIA/CAP	EXC during Oct 1862
Oberry, Robert G.	A	WIA	
Stone, George R.	A	KIA	
Stone, William H.	A	MIA/CAP	EXC during Oct 1862
Thomas, Jackson	A	MIA/CAP	CAP at FRD, 9/19/62; died from disease 10/8/62
Thomas, James F.	A	KIA	
Thomas, Lewis R.	A	MIA/CAP	ADM to RH 9/27/62 with gun shot wound
Thomas, Sgt. Edmund	A	MIA/CAP*	In USGH FRD 9/19/62; died from disease in prison
Tippens (Tippins) James	A	WIA	
Waldron, Benjamin D.	A	WIA/CAP	EXC 10/17/62; RH 10/23/62 with shoulder wound
Wilson, Captain John T.	A	MWIA	Not on rolls after battle; death claim filed Jan 1863
Anderson, James	B	WIA	ADM to RH 9/25/62
Bailey, Sgt. James S.	B	MIA/CAP	CAP at FRD 9/12/62; EXC in Oct 1862
Brewton (Bruton), David	B	WIA/CAP	CAP at FRD 9/12/62; USGH 9/18/62; EXC in Oct 1862
Lee, George	B	WIA	
Morgan, Isaac	B	MIA/CAP	CAP 9/15/62 at Hagerstown; EXC in Oct 1862
Music, Mills	B	MWIA/CAP	USGH FRD with elbow wound; dies Dec 1863 at Fort Delaware
Phillips, Gordon J.	B	WIA/CAP	USGH Philadelphia 9/27/62 with head wound; EXC Dec 1862
Pitman, Sgt. Noah	B	WIA*	RH 10/14/62 with wound; furloughed 10/23/62; never returns
Rowland, R. L.	B	MWIA	Died at Staunton, VA 10/31/62
Rowland, William N.	B	WIA/CAP	RH 10/62; had not returned to unit by Dec 1862
Walker, Cpl. Joel	B	WIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
White, Cpl. George	B	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
White, Van A.	B	MIA	Dec 1864 roll states "left sick on March 9/62, supposed to have died"
Carver, James A.	C	WIA/CAP	EXC 10/17/62; RH with broken arm 10/24/62
Carver, James J.	C	MWIA/CAP	Died 9/28/62 at Boonsboro, MD
Cato, William R.	C	WIA/CAP	EXC 10/19/62; RH 10/23/62 with arm wound
Dent, Cpl. John A.	C	MIA/CAP	EXC 12/18/62
Eady (Eddy), William F.	C	KIA	
Hargraves, Christopher	C	WIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862

Name	Company	Status	Comments
Joiner, Cpl. Jacob	C	KIA	
Joiner, Hardy Sr.	C	WIA	
Kirkland, Zean W.	C	WIA/CAP	USGH FRD 10/22/62 with leg wound. EXC Jan 1863
McCafferty, Dominic	C	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Merritt, Benjamin	C	KIA	
Miller, Cpl. William M.	C	KIA	
Moore, Sgt. Edward H.	C	WIA/CAP	Paroled 9/25/62
Nettles, Alexander	C	WIA	Feb 1863 roll shows him on wounded furlough
Passmore, Nathan C.	C	KIA	
Ricketson, Ivey	C	KIA	
Ruis (Rewis), James J.	C	WIA	Dec 1862 roll shows him on wounded furlough
Smith, Henry	C	KIA	
Smith, William	C	WIA	ADM RH 10/7/62; then on wounded furlough
Teston, Henry J.	C	WIA	ADM to RH 10/18/62
Teston, James	C	WIA	EXC 10/11/62; RH 10/17/62; at hospital 12/62
Thigpen, Stafford	C	KIA	
Vining, James	C	MIA/CAP	EXC 10/17/62
Ward, John F.	C	WIA	ADM to RH 9/27/62 with facial and shoulder wounds
Wooten, Simon L.	C	WIA/CAP	EXC 10/19/62 and ADM to RH
Wright, Cpl. Riley	C	WIA/CAP	USGH Philadelphia 9/27/62; took Oath of Allegiance 10/18/62
Briggs, Sgt. William H.	D	MIA/CAP	CAP 9/15/62 near Williamsport; EXC in Oct 1862
Brown, Hezekiah	D	KIA	
Bynum, Joseph	D	MIA/CAP	EXC 9/27/62
Coleman, Bernard	D	MIA/CAP	Paroled at Sharpsburg 9/27/62; rolls show as POW through Feb 1865
Hardie (Hardee), Jesse A.	D	MIA/CAP*	EXC in Oct 1862
Herndon, G. W.	D	WIA	
Hughes, E.	D	MWIA	Henderson and 1906 Roster Commission roll both indicate, "died of wounds"
Hughes, R. P.	D	MWIA/CAP	Died 11/5/62 at USGH FRD; buried MOC, #174
Lester, Simeon B.	D	MIA/CAP	CAP at FRD 9/12/62; EXC in Oct 1862
McConnell, Cpl. W. F.	D	KIA	
Nelson, William J. Sr.	D	WIA/CAP	EXC 10/17/62; RH 10/24/62, toe amputated
Newnans, A. S.	D	MIA	No Federal capture/exchange records; present on 12/62 roll
Peters, S. F.	D	MWIA/CAP	USGH Washington 9/29/62; RH 10/9/62; died 11/62 in Georgia
Rodgers, Thomas J.	D	MIA	No Federal capture/exchange records
Swilly, Jack	D	KIA	
Taylor, John W.	D	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Vickers, Jackson	D	KIA	
Vickers, Matthew	D	KIA	
Walker, J.	D	MIA	No Federal capture/exchange records; died Nov 1862 in Lynchburg, VA
Wilson, William	D	WIA	

Name	Company	Status	Comments
Brown, Cpl. William Ponder	E	WIA/CAP	USGH FRD 9/18/62; EXC in Oct 1862
Cooper, Jesse M.	E	WIA/CAP	USGH FRD 9/19/62, "hand shot off"
Creed, Paul M. J.	E	WIA/CAP	
Donaldson, Aaron J.	E	WIA/CAP	USGH Washington 9/21/62; RH 11/4/62
Douglass, William W.	E	WIA	RH 9/28/62 with head wound; discharged from army 1/12/63
Dunbar, Timothy S.	E	WIA	Dec 1862 roll states, "wounded at Boonsboro and now at home"
Gandy, Samuel	E	KIA	
Gill, Thomas	E	MIA/CAP*	EXC in Oct 1862
Harden, John	E	MIA	No Federal capture/exchange records
Hardy, Blythel	E	KIA	
Hicks, Moses	E	KIA	
Hurst, William E.	E	MIA/CAP	CAP 9/12/62 at FRD; EXC in Oct 1862
McCoy, Sgt. John	E	KIA	
McGlynn, John	E	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
McPherson, Wyatt H.	E	MWIA/CAP	USGH FRD; leg amputated; died 10/27/62; buried MOC, #14
Murphey, James N.	E	KIA	
O'Rourke, James	E	KIA	
Phillips, Joshua G.	E	KIA	
Radney, Henry J.	E	MIA/CAP	CAP 9/15/62; EXC 10/6/62
Reneau, Sgt. Russell R.	E	KIA	
Sheffield, Simeon B.	E	WIA/CAP	Dec 1862 roll states, "captured, took Oath"; no further record
Shuman, Emanuel	E	MWIA/CAP	Died 9/24/62 at USGH FRD; buried MOC, #34
Stanfill, Joseph J.	E	WIA	
Vann, John	E	KIA	
Atkinson, Benjamin	F	KIA	
Bachelor, William Bennett	F	WIA	
Boyett, William T.	F	WIA	ADM to RH 9/27/62
Bryant, Daniel H.	F	WIA/CAP	USGH FRD 10/1/62; wounded in both legs
Bryant, John W.	F	KIA	
Burns, Sgt. Seaborn	F	KIA	
Cloud, Martin L.	F	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Cloud, Peter M.	F	WIA	ADM to RH 9/26/62
Davidson, Gideon	F	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Dekle, Lt. William G.	F	KIA	
Garland, Nathaniel	F	MWIA/CAP	Paroled 9/25/62; died at Boonsboro, MD, 9/30/62
Grantham, Cpl. Elijah T.	F	KIA	
Harrison, Joseph	F	MWIA/CAP*	USGH Washington 9/21/62; 12/62 roll shows absent on furlough
Herring, Elisha D.	F	KIA	
Hicks, Newton	F	WIA	ADM to RH in Oct 1862 with arm wound
Horn, John M.	F	KIA	
Mallard, George R.	F	KIA	
Maxwell, Cpl. William F.	F	WIA/CAP	EXC in early Oct 1862; ADM to RH 10/1/62

Name	Company	Status	Comments
McTyre, Sgt. Henry W.	F	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Metcalfe, Benjamin F.	F	WIA/CAP	Paroled 9/25/62; ADM to RH 10/1/62 with leg wound
Nesmith, Elijah	F	KIA	
Nix, Clayton	F	KIA	
Nix, John T.	F	MWIA/CAP	Died 10/4/62 at FRD; buried MOC, #88
Powell, Jesse H.	F	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862; exchange record shows J. H. Powers
Powell, William J.	F	KIA	
Ricks, James W.	F	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Sloan, David	F	MWIA/CAP	Died 9/27/62 at FRD; buried MOC, #53
Smith, Benjamin W.	F	KIA	
Trawick, Orthwald	F	MWIA/CAP	Died 9/28/62 at FRD; buried MOC, #56
Trulock, Charles	F	MWIA/CAP	Died 9/27/62 at USGH FRD; buried MOC, #16
Wiley, William R.	F	MWIA/CAP	Died 9/23/62 at USGH FRD; buried MOC, #23
Williams, William H.	F	MIA/CAP	Present on Dec 1862 roll; no further record
Bass, David	G	KIA	
Bassd, Archibald	G	WIA	
Brack, Sgt. Augustus	G	WIA	ADM to RH 10/5/62
Buckland, ?	G	WIA	Possibly Lt. Isaac Burkholder; ADM RH 10/16/62
Clemmens, James	G	WIA	ADM to RH 9/26/62
Corbett, Manning	G	MWIA/CAP	Died 10/1/62 at USGH FRD; buried MOC, #73
Corbitt, Cpl. William B.	G	WIA	ADM to RH 9/27/62 with head wound
Corbitt, Martin	G	WIA	
Curry, Sgt. Charles W.	G	WIA/CAP	USGH Washington 9/29/62; RH 10/6/62; at home 12/31/62
Douglass, Sgt. James	G	WIA/CAP	Paroled 10/3/62; ADM to RH 10/23/62
Guthrie, William James	G	KIA	
Hargraves, James B.	G	WIA	
Henderson, Mark F.	G	MIA/CAP	CAP near Williamsport 9/15/62; EXC in Oct 1862
Jones, Abner	G	WIA	Winchester hospital 10/20/62; 1864 death claim says he died from wounds
Lastinger, David M.	G	MIA/CAP*	EXC in Oct 1862
Osteen, Captain John R.	G	MWIA/CAP	Died 9/23/62 at USGH FRD; buried MOC, #30
Register, John T.	G	WIA	ADM to RH 9/27/62 with neck wound
Roberts, Cpl. William T.	G	WIA	Feb 1863 roll states, "wounded 9/14 and furloughed home"
Roberts, John	G	KIA	
Roberts, Moses	G	WIA	At RH 10/5/62 wounded, furloughed; no further record
Sears, James	G	WIA*	At RH 9/27/62 with chin wound; no further record
Sermons (Sirmons), L. R.	G	KIA	
Strickland, Matthew T.	G	MWIA/CAP	Died 12/14/62 at USGH FRD; buried MOC, #177
Thomas, Colin	G	WIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862; furloughed from RH 11/16/62
Vining, Jasper H.	G	KIA	

Name	Company	Status	Comments
Allred, Jackson A.	H	WIA	ADM to RH 10/15/62 with thigh wound
Brown, Sgt. James	H	KIA	
Castleberry, Joseph	H	KIA	
Flowers, James B.	H	WIA	ADM to RH 9/26/62
Flowers, Nathan O.	H	WIA	
Gay, Matthew	H	WIA	
Giles, David A.	H	WIA	Wounded in hand; received disability discharge Apr 1863
Hancock, Cpl. Henry W.	H	MIA/CAP	Paroled 9/21/62
Hancock, Cpl. Jeremiah	H	KIA	
Hancock, Hardin	H	MIA	Feb 65 roll states, "AWOL since 9/62, dropped out on march 9/14"
Hancock, Harrison G.	H	KIA	
Hood, Cpl. James A.	H	KIA	
Kinard, Jacob	H	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Mercer, John	H	WIA	ADM to RH 10/29/62
Price, Willis	H	MWIA	Died 9/28/62 at Winchester
Chambers, Hugh C.	I	MIA/CAP	CAP 9/15/62 near Williamsport; EXC in Oct 1862
Gaskins, Lt. Daniel D.	I	WIA	
Hartley, William H.	I	KIA	
Hendley, Cpl. Matthew	I	KIA	
Marshall, Lewis	I	KIA	
McCranie, Josiah	I	MIA/CAP	CAP 9/15/62 near Williamsport; EXC in Oct 1862
McMillan, Randall	I	WIA	ADM to RH 10/6/62
Mobley, Lt. Francis L.	I	WIA	Ball grazed head; MWIA at Sharpsburg on 9/17/62
Purvis, Andrew J.	I	KIA	
Tison, James H.	I	KIA	
Alderman, William R.	K	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Daylay, (Daily), Daniel	K	MIA/CAP	EXC 10/17/62
Edwards, Seaborn A.	K	MIA/CAP	Paroled 9/25/62; RH 10/1/62; died at Winchester 10/30/62
Finch, Jimpsey B.	K	MIA/CAP	EXC in Oct 1862
Finch, Lt. James B.	K	WIA	Lost left eye
Hill, Sgt. Joseph L.	K	WIA/CAP	EXC 10/17/62; furloughed 10/25/62; no further record
Jones, Malachi Frank	K	WIA	ADM to RH 10/5/62 with gun shot wound
Rambo, Thomas, W.	K	WIA/CAP	Wounded leg, side, and arm; EXC 4/63; furloughed; never returns
Vickery, William	K	MIA/CAP	EXC 10/17/62
Manning, Colonel William R.	X	WIA	Flesh wound in hip



**Letter from**  
**Lt. Francis L. Mobley (50th Georgia, Company I)**  
**to his wife, Rhoda**

September 25th, 1862, Winchester, Va.

My Dear Wife,

I wrote you from Kedeville City (Keedysville?) in Maryland giving you an account of our march up to those places and hope you have duly received it. After leaving those places we marched about 30 miles about it was said with the intention of going into Pennsylvania. But hearing that a large force was coming in our rear we were marched back at double quick to oppose them. The (this) was on Sunday about 3 o'clock we came up to where the enemy were position(ed) in the gap of a Mountain (Fox's Gap) and our men came into a slaughter pen to our regiment. The enemy could fire at us from their front now and from our side. Early in the action our Colonel (Colonel William R. Manning) was wounded and was carried off. He is now doing very well. I also about this time I was slightly wounded on the side of my head. This was on Sunday the 14th. We then came on to a place called Sharpsburg where we had the most terrible battle of the war. The fight lasted all day. We were first sent out on Pickett, but in the evening we became engaged in the hottest of this fight. During this fight I received a wound. The bullet passed through my right breast just below the nipple. It was God's mercy that saved me from instant death, as there is not one in a thousand that could live after receiving such a wound. It is now the next day (9/26) and though I am feeble yet, I feel like I am getting much better every day. I am in good, comfortable quarters in Winchester and have Mr. Weakly to nurse me. He gives me anything done for me that is necessary. I have no doubt I will get a furlough to go home as soon as I can travel not being able to now.

I remain as ever,

Your affectionate Husband

(Note: Lt. Mobley's hoped for recovery was not to be. He passed away on October 9, 1862, at Winchester from complications (likely pneumonia) that had set in as a result of his wound. At his request the minim ball that ended up killing him was sent to his wife.)

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# The Society of the Descendants of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland

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Rose Fox	(Mrs. Christian Wohlgemuth; Mrs. Daniel Hottel)
Mary Magdalena Fox	(Mrs. Jacob Benner)
George Fox	(Elizabeth Ann Link)
Daniel Booker Fox	(Susannah Christman)
Joseph Fox	(Elizabeth Unger)
Elizabeth Fox	(Mrs. John Leiter)

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Curtis Lynn Older 618 Tryon Place Gastonia, North Carolina 28054 curolder@earthlink.net	704-864-3879	October 20, 1995	0001
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William Ernest Fox 13071 Alger Grant, Michigan 49327-9637	616-834-5051	October 28, 1995	0002
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	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Benner Jr., Valentine Benner, William Goudy Benner Sr.		
Laurel Ann Benner 112 Lower Hillside Drive Bellbrook, Ohio 45305	513-848-8107	November 20, 1995	0006
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Benner Jr., Valentine Benner, William Goudy Benner Sr.		
Brenda Carol Saunders 4301 Burchdale Street Kettering, Ohio 45440	513-299-3320	November 20, 1995	0007
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Benner Jr., Valentine Benner, William Goudy Benner Sr.		
Elizabeth Jane Bucholz 304 14th St. E. Devil's Lake, North Dakota 58301	701-662-3636	November 6, 1995	0008
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Doug Bast 109 North Main Street Boonsboro, Maryland 21713	301-432-6969	December 9, 1995	0001H
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> none		
Dellie Jean Craig 406 Vandalia Court Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933	765-361-2891	December 11, 1995	0009
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, William Edward Fox		
Wilma Marion Gose P. O. Box 203 Griffith, Indiana 46319-0203	219-322-5269	December 16, 1995	0010
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, William Edward Fox		
Patricia Jo Edwards 526 Palomino Drive RR #4 Box 94C Danville, Illinois 61832	217-443-4523	January 13, 1996	0011
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, William Edward Fox		
James Joseph Fox 311 South St. Mary's Apt. 6N San Antonio, Texas 78205	210-223-6004	January 13, 1996	0012
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Frederick Christman Fox, Frederick Coffman Fox, Winfield Scott Fox		

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Judith Fox Smith 1050 Kingscote Drive Harleysville, PA 19438		January 16, 1996	0014 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Frederick Christman Fox, Frederick Coffman Fox, Winfield Scott Fox
Richard Dale Fox Sr. P. O. Box 64 Covington, In 47932	765-793-3674	January 24, 1996	0015 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, William Edward Fox
Mildred Fox Metcalf 1819 Garfield Avenue Salt Lake City, Utah 84108	xxx-484-9024	June 1, 1996	0016 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, Kenneth Benjamin Fox
Teresa Rose Fox 6168 Shadow Lane Citrus Heights, California 95621	916-722-4185	June 7, 1996	0017 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Frederick Christman Fox, Frederick Coffman Fox, Winfield Scott Fox
Toni Farol Bice 10626 Baker Place Crown Point, Indiana 46307	219-663-4451	December 4, 1996	0018 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, William Edward Fox
Richard Dale Fox, Jr. P. O. Box 301 Baggs, Wyoming 82321	none	January 1, 1997	0019 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, William Edward Fox
Rachael Lynn Older 618 Tryon Place Gastonia, North Carolina 28054 curtolder@earthlink.net	704-864-3879	March 20, 1997	0020 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, Ethel Belle Fox
Donald A. Smith 7 E. Hill Valley Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46227	317-865-7761	March 10, 1998	0021 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Alexander Fox, Elizabeth Catherine Fox, Walter Alvin Rabold

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Mr. William Ernest Fox II 8126 West 10 Mile Road Bitely, Michigan 49309	not known <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; John L. Fox, Daniel Alexander Fox, Ernest Daniel Fox	January 3, 1999	0022
Alice Takase P. O. Box 6945 Fort Bliss, Texas 79906-0945	not known <b>Ancestor Line:</b> George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Frederick L. Fox	May 11, 1999	0023
Michael Justin Fox 524 Elm Tree Court Cincinnati, Ohio 45244	513-528-9258 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Frederick Christman Fox, Frederick Coffman Fox, Winfield Scott Fox, Henry Frederick Fox, Robert Henry Fox	May 17, 1999	0024
Kurt D. Graham 3448 Valley Vista Road Smyrna, Georgia 30080	not known <b>Ancestor Line:</b> none	May 20, 1999	0025H
Randy Howald 418 Kelly Court Duncanville, Texas 75137-2511	not known <b>Ancestor Line:</b> none	June 8, 1999	0026
George D. Fox 1308 Mound Avenue Miamisburg, Ohio 45342	not known <b>Ancestor Line:</b> not known	November 1, 1999	0027
Ann Schulz Trimmer 58 Riverview Terrace Belle Mead, New Jersey 08502 e-mail: ann@trimmer.net	908-359-3876 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> Christiana Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; George F. Metherd, Benjamin Metherd, Benjamin F. Metherd	November 2, 1999	0028
Robert Eugene Benner 8677 Cook Street Montague, Michigan 49437	231-894-6651 <b>Ancestor Line:</b> Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Benner Jr., Valentine Benner, Albert Benner, Robert Ray Benner	December 1, 1999	0029
Terri A. Woods 970 E. College Ave. Westerville, OH 43081-2509	not known <b>Ancestor Line:</b> Christiana Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Metherd, Frederick Metherd, Eliza Ann Metherd	February 18, 2000	0030

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Peggie Ellen Gallahue 1263 Richmond Drive Wabash, IN 46992	xxx-563-1459	March 24, 2000	0033
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Christiana Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Metherd, Frederick Metherd, Eliza Ann Metherd		
Anne Elizabeth Edgecombe 973 Buchon St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	xxx-594-1891	April 5, 2000	0034
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Elizabeth Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Henry Leiter, John Benton Leiter, Anna Catherine Leiter		
Homer Carr Hendrickson 876 West Turtlecreek Union Road Lebanon, Ohio 45036	513-932-6577	August 30, 2000	0035
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Christiana Fox, William Perry Hendrickson, Harry Fox Hendrickson		
Beth Ellen Davis 8355 Camfield Circle Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920	719-282-9741	October 7, 2000	0036
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Samuel S. Benner, Daniel Benner, Edwin Rabb Benner		
Bertha L. Parker 6899 E. So. Barbee Drive Pierceton, Indiana 46562-9152	219-594-5112	March 18, 2001	0037
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Christiana Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; George Metherd, Jacob Metherd, Frederick Metherd, George W. Metherd, Benjamin F. Metherd (went by Frank B. Metherd)		
Janice Vanderhyde 881 Ursula Street Aurora, Colorado 80011	303-738-0328	January 26, 2001	0038
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Benner Jr., Valentine Benner, Albert Benner, Forrest Benner		
Roger Lee Benner 881 Ursula Street Aurora, Colorado 80011	303-738-0328	March 19, 2001	0039
	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Mary Magdalena Fox, a daughter of Frederick Fox; Jacob Benner Jr., Valentine Benner, Albert Benner, Forrest Benner		

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	<b>Ancestor Line:</b> Daniel Booker Fox, a son of Frederick Fox; Frederick C. Fox, Caroline Fox, Ida Stansel, James Monroe Sentman, Forrest Eugene Sentman		
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