

American Revolutionary War Ancestors of Curtis Lynn Older

Biography and Photo Index

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The following men, American patriots during the Revolutionary War, were ancestors of Curtis Lynn Older:

Frederick Fox (May 10, 1751 - Feb. 27, 1837) was born at Hesse-Cassel, Germany, to John Frederick and Christina Fox.¹ John and Christina Fox probably settled at Fox's Gap in Maryland by the late 1750s. Frederick Fox married Catharine Booker (1748 - Nov. 1, 1800), the oldest daughter of Bartholomew and Margaret Booker,² on March 1, 1773.³ Frederick and Catharine were the parents of Christiana, Rose, Mary Magdalena, George, Daniel Booker, Joseph, and Elizabeth.⁴

Frederick was a farmer⁵ and probably a tavern owner or innkeeper.⁶ He served in Joseph Chapline's Company of Militia, probably between 1775 and 1777,⁷ and signed the Patriot's Oath of Fidelity and Support in 1778.⁸ He served as a drummer in the Lieutenant Colonel's Company of the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, from April 22, 1777, to January 1, 1781.⁹ Frederick survived the winter encampment at Valley Forge¹⁰ and probably fought in the battles of Brandywine, Paoli "Massacre," Germantown, and Monmouth.

After the American Revolution, Frederick Fox served as an elder in the Zion Lutheran Church of Middletown, Maryland, from September 26, 1787, until November 21, 1790.¹¹ Frederick was "of short and rather stout build, and wore his hair in the olden time cue style."¹² Frederick played the violin, according to Robert H. Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Catherine Fox, the wife of Frederick, died November 1, 1800.¹³ Sometime between late 1800 and 1807, Frederick Fox married Susannah (Schutt) Young (Apr. 19, 1754 - Nov. 13, 1831), a widow. Frederick and his second wife, along with a number of families from the area near Fox's Gap in Maryland, moved to western Ohio in late 1807. Frederick and Susannah Fox are buried at the St. John or Gebhart Church, Miamisburg, Ohio, on the northeast side of the church yard.¹⁴

Frederick Fox grew up at Fox's Gap in Maryland, about three miles north of Middletown. The road through Fox's Gap dates back to before 1730. The Great Philadelphia Wagon Road went from Philadelphia through Lancaster and Wright's Ferry in Pennsylvania, Frederick Town and Fox's Gap in Maryland, Shepherdstown in Virginia, and on to Winchester.¹⁵ The route passed through the areas that became Taney Town and Woodsborough in Maryland.

The route through Fox's Gap also was known as the German Monocacy Road. The portion of the road from Middletown to Sharpsburg became known in later years as the Old

Sharpsburg Road. The Fox Inn, owned by George Fox, the oldest son of Frederick Fox, still stands along the Old Sharpsburg Road in 1997.

George Washington, along with British General Braddock and Maryland Governor Horatio Sharpe, passed through Fox's Gap during the Braddock Expedition of 1755. The primary objective of the Braddock Expedition was to capture Fort Duquesne at the forks of the Ohio, now Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Battle of South Mountain, during the American Civil War, began at Fox's Gap about 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 14, 1862. U. S. Major General Jesse Lee Reno and Confederate General Samuel Garland were killed at Fox's Gap during the battle. Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley served with the Union forces at Fox's Gap. President Abraham Lincoln, as a result of the Union victories at the Battle of South Mountain and the Battle of Antietam, issued his Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. President Lincoln, in early October 1862, visited the Battlefields of Antietam and of South Mountain. The road through Fox's Gap is one of the few roads traveled both by Washington and by Lincoln.

See Daniel Gebhart Fox, *The Fox Genealogy including the Metherd, Benner and Leiter Descendants* (n.p., 1914);¹⁶ Curtis Lynn Older, *The Land Tracts of Fox's Gap, including material on Crampton's, Orr's, and Turner's Gaps* (n.p., 1997);¹⁷ Curtis Lynn Older, *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* (Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1995);¹⁸ and Paxson Link, *The Link Family* (Paris, Illinois: [n.p.], 1951).¹⁹

Alexander Ogle (May 21, 1730 - Feb./Mar. 1783) was a son of Thomas Ogle and his second wife, Elizabeth Graham. John Ogle of Delaware (1649-1683) was a grandfather of Alexander Ogle. John descended from the Ogles of Eglingham, England. He arrived in America in 1664 at age 15.

Alexander married Martha _____ in 1752. They were the parents of Elizabeth, Rebecca, Susannah, Alexander, Martha, Jane, Mary, Jemima, and David. "Alexander Ogle came to Frederick County, Maryland, and made his first purchase, 250 acres, 'Williams Project,' December 16, 1763."²⁰

Alexander Ogle provided wheat and flour from his mills to the Maryland Militia during the American Revolution. See Maryland State Papers, Series A, MdHR 6636-23-29/7 1/7/5 and related papers for original receipts to Alexander Ogle from Thomas Price of the Maryland Militia.²¹

Jane Ogle, a daughter of Alexander and Martha Ogle, married John Adam Link II. Elizabeth Ann Link, a daughter of John Adam Link II and Jane Ogle, married George Fox, the oldest son of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland.

The principal office of the Ogle/Ogles Family Association, Inc. was in Rochester, Indiana, in 1997. The official Ogle Family Library, currently known as "The Ogle Collection," is in the Fulton County Museum, 37 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975.

See Francis Hamilton Hibbard, assisted by Stephen Parks, *The English origin of John Ogle, first of the name in Delaware* (Pittsburgh: n.p., 1967); Sir Henry Asgill Ogle, *Ogle and Bothal* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Andrew Reid & Company, 1902); and Paxson Link, *The Link Family* (Paris, Illinois: [n.p.], 1951).

John Adam Link I (Oct. 13, 1721 - Apr. 24, 1805) was the first child of John Jacob Link and Anna Magdalena Neuwirth. He was born at Grossgartach, Germany. He married Maria Elizabeth Miller (May 17, 1728 - Mar. 18, 1786) on January 31, 1748. John Adam Link I and Maria were the parents of John, Maria Magdalene, Elizabeth, John George, John Adam, Anna Catherine, John Jacob, Thomas, John George (second of this name), and Daniel. John Adam

Link I and his family moved from Oley Hill, Pennsylvania, to Frederick County, Maryland, about 1759.²²

John Adam Link I was a patriot during the American Revolution. "In the first Liberty Bond drive he purchased \$800.00 worth of certificates."²³ He received payment for bacon in 1778 from William Beatty, an officer in the Maryland Militia. See Maryland State Papers, Series A, MdHR 4586-15 1/6/4/18.

John Jacob Link, the father of John Adam Link I, was an ancestor of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.²⁴ John Adam Link II, a son of John Adam Link I, married Jane Ogle, a daughter of Alexander Ogle.

See Daniel Gebhart Fox, *The Fox Genealogy including the Metherd, Benner and Leiter Descendants* (n.p., 1914); Curtis Lynn Older, *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* (Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1995); and Paxson Link, *The Link Family* (Paris, Illinois: [n.p.], 1951).

John Adam Link II (Dec. 31, 1756 - Sep. 28, 1835) was born at Oley Hill, Pennsylvania.²⁵ He married Jane Ogle²⁶ (Sep. 23, 1761 - Oct. 7, 1836),²⁷ a daughter of Alexander Ogle and his wife, Martha.²⁸ John Adam Link II and his wife, Jane, were the parents of Elizabeth Ann, Maria Catherine, Martha, John Alexander, Mary, Rebecca, and John Adam III.

John Adam Link II received a commission as an Ensign in Captain Peter Barrick's Company, the Catoctin Battalion Militia of Frederick County, Maryland, on June 29, 1782, during the American Revolution. "During the first part of 1784 John Adam II and Jane moved across the Potomac River to take possession of Jane's inheritance and make for themselves a homestead."²⁹ "He and Jane were strongly identified with St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Shepherdstown, West Virginia."³⁰

John Jacob Link, a grandfather of John Adam Link II, was an ancestor of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Elizabeth Ann Link (Jan. 28, 1784 - Mar. 9, 1872), a daughter of John Adam Link II and his wife, Jane, married George Fox, on August 9, 1807.³¹ George Fox (Mar. 10, 1781 - June 14, 1847) was the oldest son of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland,

See Daniel Gebhart Fox, *The Fox Genealogy including the Metherd, Benner and Leiter Descendants* (n.p., 1914); Curtis Lynn Older, *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* (Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1995); and Paxson Link, *The Link Family* (Paris, Illinois: [n.p.], 1951).

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1. 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.
2. 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.
3. A spring on the farm of John Jacob Link in Pennsylvania. He was the father of John Adam Link I and a grandfather of John Adam Link II. Photo taken from *The Link Family* by Paxson Link, page 81.

4. The home of John Adam Link I in Frederick County, Maryland. Photo taken from *The Link Family* by Paxson Link, page 81.
5. 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.
6. A gun that belonged to Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland. The gun was given to Robert H. Fox by Daniel Gebhart Fox, the author of *The Fox Genealogy*. Photo taken by Curtis Lynn Older at the home of Robert H. Fox in Cincinnati, Ohio, about 1992.
7. Photo (retouched), probably about 1860, of Daniel Booker Fox (June 6, 1783 - Apr. 30, 1865), a son of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland. Robert H. Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio, presented the photo to Curtis Lynn Older about 1994.
8. The Fox Inn on the Old Sharpsburg Road through Fox's Gap in Maryland. George Fox, a son of Frederick Fox, owned the building in 1805-07. Part of the building probably dates to before 1777 and part of it may date to 1753 or 1754 according to land tract records. It stands on a tract named The Exchange, surveyed in 1742. Photo taken in 1992 by Susanne Flowers.
- 9, 10, and 11. The will of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland. Will Book C, case #1444, Montgomery County, Ohio, December 10, 1833.
- 12 and 13. A certificate for the birth of John Jacob Link, October 20, 1682. One version is in English and the other is in German. Copies obtained from the records of Paxson Link at Paris, Illinois.
14. Daniel Alexander Fox and Elizabeth Jane Ricketts on their wedding day, April 1, 1881. Daniel was a great-grandson of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland and a great-grandfather of Curtis Lynn Older.
- 15 and 16. National Archives records for Frederick Fox of the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, during the American Revolution.
- 17 and 18. The will of John Adam Link II. Will Book 8, pages 88, 89, and 90, Jefferson County Court House, Charles Town, West Virginia.
- 19 and 20. Records from the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Maryland, indicating payment for bacon in 1778 to John Adam Link by William Beatty, an officer in the Maryland Militia during the American Revolution.
21. Records from the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Maryland, indicating payments to Alexander Ogle by Thomas Price, an officer of the Maryland Militia, for flour during the American Revolution.
- 22, 23, 24, and 25. The will of Alexander Ogle. GM-2-25 Frederick County, Maryland.
26. The tombstone of Frederick Fox of Fox's Gap in Maryland at the St. John or Gebhart church yard in Miamisburg, Ohio. Photo taken in 1996 by William Goudy Benner of Dayton, Ohio.
27. Curtis Lynn Older, Rachel Lynn Older, and Linda Sue Osborn Older in 1995. Curtis is the author of *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland*, published by Family Line Publications of Westminster, Maryland, in 1995.
28. The tombstone of Susannah (Schutt) (Young) Fox at the St. John or Gebhart church yard, Miamisburg, Ohio. She was the second wife of Frederick Fox. Photo taken in 1996 by William Goudy Benner of Dayton, Ohio.
29. The tombstone of George Fox at the St. John or Gebhart church yard in Miamisburg, Ohio. George was a son of Frederick Fox. Photo taken in 1995 by William Goudy Benner of Dayton, Ohio.
30. The tombstone of Elizabeth Ann (Link) Fox at the St. John or Gebhart church yard in Miamisburg, Ohio. She was the wife of George Fox and the daughter of John Adam Link II and Jane Ogle. Photo taken in 1995 by William Goudy Benner of Dayton, Ohio.

31. A photo of copies of pictures received by Curtis Lynn Older from Robert H. Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio: a pitcher said to have been used at the Fox Inn by George Washington; Daniel Booker Fox, circa 1860; and the Fox Inn about 1940.
32. The Reno Monument at Fox's Gap in Maryland. Photo taken in 1992 by Susanne Flowers.
- 33 through 38. Biography, Index, and Footnotes for the Kodak Photo CD-Rom Computer Disc entitled "American Revolutionary War Ancestors of Curtis Lynn Older."

A Kodak Photo CD-Rom Disc entitled "Fox's Gap in Maryland" and prepared by Curtis Lynn Older is at the Washington County Free Library, Western Maryland Room, in Hagerstown, Maryland. Curtis also has material at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Maryland; the Frederick County Historical Society in Frederick, Maryland; the Sons of the American Revolution Library in Louisville, Kentucky; the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah; and the Library of Congress.

Footnotes

- ¹ Daniel Gebhart Fox, *The Fox Genealogy including the Metherd, Benner and Leiter Descendants* (n.p., 1914), 12.
- ² Frederick County, Maryland, Register of Wills Records, GM-2-431, will of Bartholomew Booker, October 21, 1791.
- ³ Ohio D.A.R. Soldiers Rosters, 2 vols., 1:146.
- ⁴ The will of Frederick Fox. Will Book C, case #1444, Montgomery County, Ohio, December 10, 1833.
- ⁵ Frederick County (Maryland) Land Records, WR-19-206, Mortgage from Christian Benner to Frederick Fox, recorded April 11, 1799. "Between Christian Benner Sen. of Frederick County farmer . . . and Frederick Fox of the same county farmer of the other part."
- ⁶ Lemoine Cree, *A Brief History of the South Mountain House* (Boonsboro, Md.: Dodson, 1963); Ohio D.A.R. Soldiers Rosters, 2 Vols., 1:146; and Fox, *Fox Genealogy*, 13-4.
- ⁷ S. Eugene Clements and F. Edward Wright, *The Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War* (Silver Spring, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1987), 241. Maryland Historical Society Records for Washington County. Militia Lists of Daus. of Founders and Patriots.
- ⁸ Washington County, Maryland, Patriot's Oath, March Court, 1778. Sharpsburgh Hundred, March 2, 1778, Christopher Cruss's Returns.
- ⁹ National Archives, card numbers 37404176, 4837, 37188278, and 39144421; National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. 17th Report, Pierce's Register, #67913. Also see Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, 3:487, 529, 533, and 572.
- ¹⁰ Curtis Lynn Older is a member of The Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.
- ¹¹ Frederick S. Weiser, ed., *Maryland German Church Records Vol. 2, Zion Lutheran Church 1781-1826* (Manchester, Md.: Noodle-Doosey Press, 1987), 2:4.
- ¹² Fox, *Fox Genealogy*, 18.
- ¹³ Weiser, *Zion Lutheran Church 1781-1826*, Maryland German Church Records, 2:77. The Death Register of Zion Lutheran Church indicates "Catarin, wife of Friedrich Fuchs, bur. 4 Nov. 1800. Heb. 4:9."

¹⁴ Ohio D.A.R. Soldiers Rosters, 1:146.

¹⁵ See *The Braddock Expedition and Fox's Gap in Maryland* by Curtis Lynn Older, published in 1995 by Family Line Publications of Westminster, Maryland.

¹⁶ Copies of the book are in the Library of Congress, the Washington County Free Library at Hagerstown, Maryland, and in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁷ Copies of the book are in the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Maryland, and the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Maryland.

¹⁸ Copies of the book are in the Library of Congress, the Maryland State Archives, and the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Maryland.

¹⁹ A copy of the book is in The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints (The Family History Library), Salt Lake City, Utah.

²⁰ Paxson Link, *The Link Family* (Paris, Illinois: [n.p.], 1951), 81.

²¹ See "A Muster Roll of Captain Thomas Price's Company of Rifle-men in the Service of the United Colonies," *Maryland Historical Magazine*, Volume XXII, page 275,

²² Link, *The Link Family*, 45-6.

²³ Link, *The Link Family*, 51.

²⁴ Link, *The Link Family*, 542.

²⁵ Link, *The Link Family*, 78.

²⁶ Index to Marriage Licenses, Frederick County, Maryland, 1778-1810, April 14, 1783.

²⁷ Link, *The Link Family*, 85.

²⁸ Link, *The Link Family*, 80.

²⁹ Link, *The Link Family*, 81.

³⁰ Link, *The Link Family*, 84.

³¹ Jefferson County, West Virginia, Marriage Records, 1807, page 286.