

572. Documentation for David Yeakel (Jäckel)
(about 1659 to after 1734)
father of John Yeakel (Hans Heinrich Jäckel)
(19 February 1708 to 21 December 1781)

David Yeakel (Jäckel) was a Schwenkfelder, a seeker of religious liberty who fled from Silesia to Saxony and thence to Pennsylvania in the years 1731 to 1737. (**Genealogical record of the descendants of the Schwenkfelders who arrived in Pennsylvania in 1733, 1734, 1736, 1737 from the German of the Rev. Balthasar Heebner and from other sources by the Rev. Reuben Kriebel with an Historical Sketch by C. Heydrick, page 9.**) (*The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families*, edited by Samuel Kriebel Brecht, Rand McNally & Company, 1923, page 466, [E-38] David Jackel.

According to records upon his arrival at American in 1734, he was on the sick list when his ship arrived. (*cf. Signatures Oath of Allegiance*)

David Jäckel [38] and Susanna Heydrick were the parents of twelve children according to Harpersdorf Church Records: (*Schwenkfelder*, Brecht, page 466) (*cf. Regent Cat. Schwenkfeldianorum*, p. 64)

The children of David Jackel settled at Macungie, Pennsylvania.

Children (**Jäckel / Yeakel**) born in Germany and America:

- i. George
- ii. David
- iii. David
- iv. Hans Heinrich [E45]
- v. Caspar [E40]
- vi. Anna Maria
- vii. Jeremias [E41]
- viii. Rosina [E166]
- ix. Christoph [E42]
- x. Abraham [E30]
- xi. Balthasar [E39]
- xii. Susanna [E119]

**ORIGINAL SOURCE MATERIAL to support the RELATIONSHIP between
DAVID YEAKEL (JÄCKEL) and his son JOHN YEAKEL (HANS HEINRICH JÄCKEL)**

Proof John Yeakel (Hans Heinrich Jäckel) (gen. 8) was the son of David Yeakel (Jäckel) and that this John Yeakel signed the Oath of Allegiance in Northampton Co., PA, in 1778.

Problem:

Does proof exist that John Yeakel (or Hans Heinrich Jäckel) (Feb. 19, 1708 to Dec. 21, 1781) was a son of David Yeakel (Jäckel) (1659 to after 1734), a member of the religious sect called the

Schwenkfelders, and was this John Yeakel (Hans Heinrich Jäckel) the one who signed the Oath of Allegiance in Northampton County, PA, in 1778?

Evidence:

* *Pennsylvania Archives*, Series 2, Volume XVII. List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship St. Andrew, John Stedman, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 12, 1734. The name of Hans Henrich Jackel appears on page 107 and the name of David Jackel (sick) appears on page 108.

* An early lay pastor elected by the Schwenkfelder immigrants, Rev. Balthasar Heebner (1770-1848) began a journal that identified many relationships among the Schwenkfelders who settled in Pennsylvania. That journal has been preserved and is at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center in Pennsburg, PA. It was written in German. The journal, and material from other sources, was translated into English by Reverend Reuben Kriebel and published in 1879. *Genealogical Record of the Descendants of the Schwenkfelders who Arrived in Pennsylvania in 1733, 1734, 1736, 1737, from the German of the Rev. Balthasar Heebner and from other sources, by the Rev. Reuben Kriebel*, Manayunk (PA), Josephus Yeakel, Printer, 1879. The book was published under the direction of a committee charged with the publication of a more complete history of the Schwenkfelders by the Annual Conference of the Society of Schwenkfelders held in 1875. (Per Heebner/Kriebel, Preface)

* The Heebner/Kriebel book indicates on page 18: Hans Heinrich Yeakel, son of David Yeakel married Susanna Heydrick, A.D. 1735. Had issue: Jeremias, born April 9, 1736; George, born November 19, 1738; Bathasar, born 1740; and Melchior, born February 24, 1742.

* *The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families, seekers of religious liberty who fled from Silesia to Saxony and thence to Pennsylvania in the years 1731 to 1737* was edited by Samuel Kriebel Brecht, A.M. and published by Rand McNally & Company in New York in 1923. This book was printed for the Board of Publication of the Schwenkfelder Church, Pennsburg, PA. The credentials of the editor, Samuel Kriebel Brecht include: Editor of "The Schwenkfeldian;" Secretary of the General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church; Member The Historical Society of Pennsylvania; The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania; The Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Historical Society; and The Pennsylvania German Society. (Per Brecht, title page)

* The Brecht book indicates on page 468: Hans Heinrich Jackel, b. Feb. 19, 1708, d. Dec. 21, 1781, son of David and Susanna (Heydrick) Jackel. Children: (sons) 1. Balthasar, 2. Jeremias b Apr. 9, 1736, d Feb. 10, 1818, married Susanna Wiegner, 3. George, and 4. Melchior.

* *History of the Counties of Lehigh and Carbon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* by Alfred Mathews and Austin N. Hungerford was published in 1884 by Everts & Richards at Philadelphia. Page 362 of this book indicates: Hans Heinrich Jackel (or Yeakel) emigrated in 1734, with his father (David Yeakel), four brothers, and two sisters, to this country. He married Susanna Heydrick in 1735. H. H. Yeakel died Dec. 21, 1781, aged seventy-four years, and was buried near the center of his premises. He left four sons—Jeremiah, George, Balthaser, and Melchior Yeakel.

* Page 56 of the Brecht book lists the “Enrollment of Schwenkfelders During the Revolutionary War.” Two lists appear on this page. The first list contains the names of men in Capt. Daniel Springer’s Co. of Militia. The second list contains the names of men who were “Non-Associators.” Both lists contain the name of John Yeakle. These two lists were first published in **1897** in a book entitled, *History of Towamencin Township*, written for the *Montgomery Transcript* by Edward Mathews. The two lists appear on pages 12 and 13. **Towamencin Township was part of Philadelphia County until the formation of Montgomery County on September 10, 1784.** The John Yeakle who appears on these lists was not Hans Heinrich Jackel, the father of Jeremiah Yeakle. This man was Hans Jakel who appears on page 83 of the Brecht book and who lived in **Philadelphia County** in 1767 and who lived there during the American Revolution.

* *An Alphabetized Listing of Those Subscribers to the Oaths of Allegiance, Northampton County, PA, 1777-1784* prepared by Gaylord Griffiths and copyrighted in January **1992** was published by Closson Press. Page 34 of this book lists John Jackel, George Jackel, and Jeremias Jackel. Page 83 lists the name of Melchoir Yeakle. Thus, the names of John Jackel and three of his four sons appear in this book as signers of the Oath of Allegiance in Northampton County, PA.

* Page 82 of the Brecht book, “Maps of Homesteads”, indicates a request was made that the Schwenkfelders in Pennsylvania should let their friends in Germany know how and where they dwelt. David Schultze, a surveyor, made a map of the places of residence which was sent with explanatory matter to Germany in June **1767**, by his cousin, Melchior Schultze. These maps and explanatory matter were discovered a century later in the library of Paster Nitschke of Harpersdorf by Ober-Lehrere Friedrich Schneider. He made a copy of the material which Dr. Chester D. Hartranft found in the Berlin Library and made a tracing of it. These maps were reproduced and published for the first time in the Brecht book in **1923**. Page 82 of the Brecht book lists the following individuals living in **Northampton County, Milford Township**, in June **1767**: “Hans Jakel, father; Jeremias Jakel, son; George Jakel, son; Balthaser Jackel, son.”

* The Heebner/Kriebel book lists a Hans or John Yeakel, a son of Abraham Yeakel, on page 10. This Hans or John Yeakel was born January 1, 1739 and died December 9, 1801. Therefore, he was alive at the time of the American Revolution. He is the only other Hans or John Yeakel listed in the Heebner/Kriebel book or the Brecht book who was alive at the time of the American Revolution. Page 83 of the Brecht book lists a Hans Jakel who lived in Philadelphia County in **1767**.

Conclusion:

* The Heebner/Kriebel book on the Schwenkfelder genealogy indicates a father-son relationship between Hans Heinrich Yeakel and David Yeakel on page 9. The Brecht book on the Schwenkfelder genealogy indicates a father-son relationship between Hans Heinrich Jackel and David Jäckel on page 466.

* Hans Heinrich Jackel (or John Yeakel), the son of David Yeakel, was the John Yeakel listed on page 34 of *An Alphabetized Listing of Those Subscribers to the Oaths of Allegiance, Northampton County, PA, 1777-1784* prepared by Gaylord Griffiths, who signed the Oath of Allegiance in **1778**. This is confirmed by page 82 of the Brecht book that lists the Hans Heinrich Yeakle family as living in **Northampton County, PA**, in **1767**. The only other Hans or John

Yeakel alive at the time of the American Revolution lived in **Philadelphia County**, Pennsylvania, in **1767**, as indicated by page 83 of the Brecht book and who must have lived in **Philadelphia County** during the American Revolution as indicated by the *History of Towamencin Township* book on pages 12 and 13.