

# Grogg, Gragg or Both?

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I've read some things recently where it indicates that the Groggs/Graggs/Greggs/Griegs came from the MacGregors in Scotland/Ireland. Has anyone else seen this type of thing? While one has to judiciously use [werelate.org](http://www.werelate.org) (or any genealogical online resources that may not be substantially researched), this has my ancestor Thomas Gragg here -- [http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Thomas\\_Gragg\\_%281%29](http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Thomas_Gragg_%281%29) -- and tracing back eventually goes to MacGregor. Here is a document I read recently about the MacGreggors, etc., from the Gregg Family History Project: <http://www.thegreggs.biz/gfhp/GREGGfhp.htm> It's an interesting read.

[Person:Thomas Gragg \(1\) - Genealogy](#)

Page 167, Gragg, Scotch-Irish, before 1792, Reed's Creek. Page 208, Gragg, Thomas (\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_)-left a minor daughter, Mary and appears to have had these sons: 1. Henry 2. William (Mary \_\_\_\_)-d. Jan. 24, 1795. 3. Samuel (Ann Black)-m. 1785? A daughter of William was killed by the Indians in 1781 (see Page... [werelate.org](http://www.werelate.org)

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Here's the link directly to the document: <http://www.thegreggs.biz/gfhp/R0-Na5.htm>



[R0:The Gregg Family History Project](#)

GENEALOGY - 'S RIOGHAL MO DHREAM (ROYAL IS MY RACE) - The History of a Gregg family 1766 -...

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) Interesting reading and it would make sense that Grogg /Gregg would descend from the MacGregger/ McGregor clan as that means son of Gregg. Same as Thompson is same as MacTavish which is I have been told Gaelic for Son of Thomas/ McThomas etc.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) [Chuck Grogg](#), what's your take?

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) And the Thomas Gragg I mention above is in my family tree at

<http://family.beacondeacon.com/wls.htm>

[Smith/Grogg/Crummett](#)

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- [Jack Bowers](#) Aye, Laddie, ye can add Bowers to the MacGreggor Clan, ye kin?

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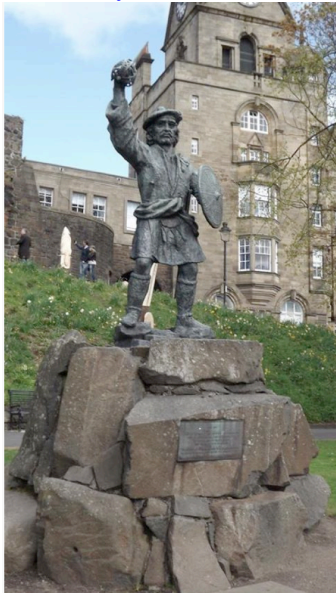
- [Jack Bowers](#) It's the general area where our descendents lived in Scotland, who you would report to in order to protect the land where you lived, generally the clan leader was the land owner and all our descendents were tenants living and working the land, swearing to defend and support the clans were the call up occur. Most related to all within the clan, only a few marriages outside it, but brought new blood in and strengthened the gene pool.

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#)

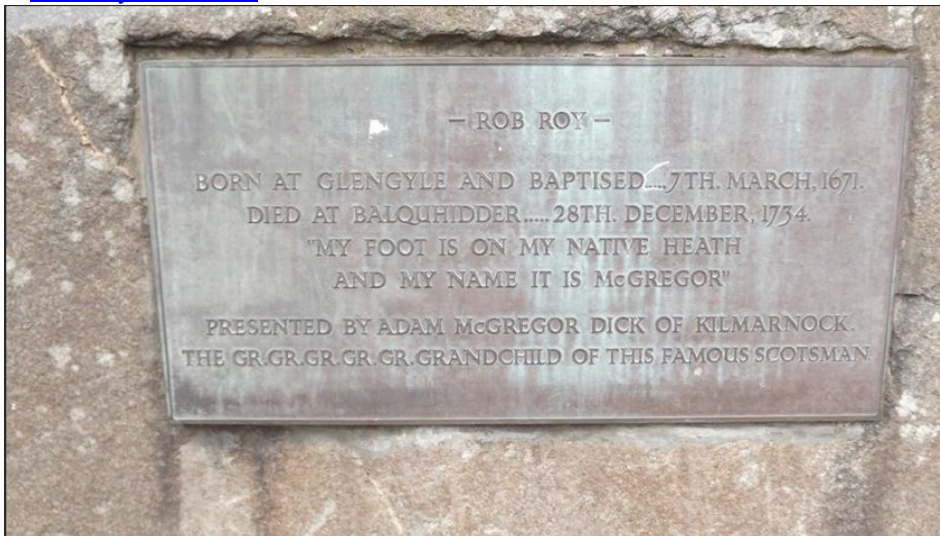


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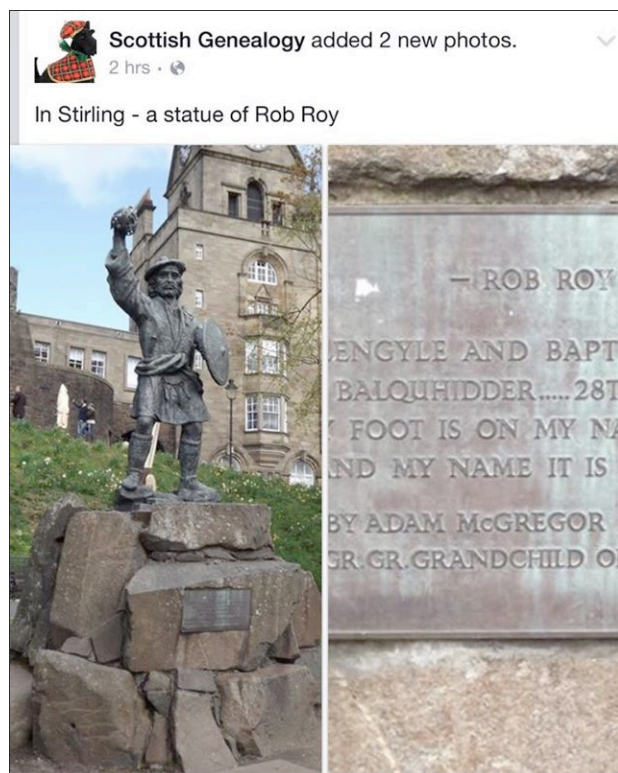
- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) Thought you might like to see these from another fb page on my newsfeed. Since it has Rob Roy McGregor.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Joined. I have Scottish through a couple of lines.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) And I started looking in the Rob Roy McGregor connection. It appears I am connected to the McGregors through a couple of lines.

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) My Scottish line is Thompson( Pendleton County) Irish Cunningham and haven't connected my Johnsons yet.

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- [Chuck Grogg](#) @ [Jamie Johnson](#) It seems that our most recent common ancestor would be Phillip Grogg. I only have 1 tiny shred of evidence that he was my GGGgrandfather. And only a shred of evidence that Phillip was a son of Henry Grogg. But no evidence ( except for Oren Morton's speculation )I that Henry Grogg was related to the Graggs in Pendleton Co. By his own admission Morton was "unclear" of the relationship between Henry Grogg and the Graggs.

The folks from my grandfather's generation thought that the surname Grogg was German. The surname Grogg was present in Germany and Switzerland by the 1600s. I talked to a woman from Switzerland one day in the store. She was familiar with my last name but told me that in Switzerland it is pronounced such that it rhymes with "Rock". So when I discovered that someone whose name was recorded as Heinrich Wilhelm GRUCK landed at Philadelphia on Nov. 5, 1764, that became my favorite scenario for the origin of Henry Grogg. I don't feel that this is any more speculative than Morton's contention. Of course it leaves me at a dead end but I would rather stand still than to go down a path in the wrong direction.

Sorry to be a contrarian but that's my take.

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- [Chuck Grogg](#) And no matter how many times you see it on the internet in various family trees; Morton's 1910 "History of Pendleton County" is the sole source of the Grogg/Gragg correlation.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) I wonder what Morton's sources were...

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- [Chuck Grogg](#) Morton does mention 2 of my Dad's uncles by name but does not indicate whether or not he actually interviewed them.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) One would think Morton would've interviewed them if he put them as sources. I'll have to look at my copy to see if there is any indication. There are some errors in his work I have found elsewhere though that is not to say he was incorrect on the Grogg/Gragg mystery.

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) I have Morton's book on my kindle he mentions several of my grandparents, Peter Hull, Michael Arbogast, Peter Zickefoose, as well as the Wimers and Lamberts and Bennetts. I have found some mistakes but there are mistakes in just about all sources. Family members sometimes just give the wrong info too even on death certificates etc. I recently got Ancestry . \_ as a gift. I have been reading a lot of census records. Those are nice finds. And often grandparents from other lines are on the same page as neighbors. Another thing I was always told was that my Grandfathers mother was an Indian? I have back several generations and haven't found any Native American ancestry. Most are German. Have a cousin in a separate line who just got his DNA results back, most of those family members were sure their ancestry was Native American. But DNA showed none at all. I feel sad for him he is heartbroken.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) I am descended from John Grogg as well who was also an alleged son of Henry Gragg whose father was Thomas Gragg, son of John Gragg, possible namesake for John Grogg. Another interesting find is that of my DNA results, Woods is among the surnames and John Gragg's wife was Nancy Ann Woods, she, her father and grandfather being the only Wood/s ancestors in my tree. I've contacted one of the several distant cousins with that name in their backgrounds who appear in my results to see what I can find.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) [Nora](#), I have found some trees with some of my ancestors, which disprove some legends. There used to be a rumor that there was a Jewish line in my background, but DNA put that to rest. I found one line that had an ancestor of mine married to a Native American while my tree had him married to someone else. DNA supports what I have since I have no Native American ancestry, though it is possible he married another woman as I have found this with some of my female ancestors dying after giving birth to children. I am mostly British and Irish according to DNA:  
I am 100% European in DNA findings. Here is the breakdown:

Northern European

41.6% British & Irish

22.0% French & German

4.2% Scandinavian

26.0% Broadly Northern European

Southern European

0.8% Italian

0.6% Sardinian

2.1% Broadly Southern European

2.8% Broadly European

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) I haven't had a DNA test. I know most of my Mom's Pendleton County are German. My father's Taylor/ Wiseman/ Fox/ Fincham/ MCCAuley I haven't been able to get far enough back to know.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) I was shocked to find out I was mostly British and Irish after thinking I was mostly German, but what I found after DNA was my German ancestors kept better documentation wink emoticon If the Groggs are connected to the Scots-Irish Graggs, that would be a point towards my Celtic ancestry in DNA, though that majority being British and Irish doesn't make a claim either way on the Grogg/Gragg connection possibility. My mother [Carolyn](#) has joined 23andMe and once her data is available, I will be able to better tell which of my matches and distant cousins are connected through my maternal and paternal lines. If the distant cousins with Woods in the background are on my maternal side, then that would suggest the Scots-Irish Gragg ancestry of the Groggs. If not, it shows nothing. The MacGregor clan changed surnames to Gregg, Greg, Grigg, Grig, Greer, Grier, Greig, Gragg and others. I have also found distant

cousins with DNA with Greer in their background as well. If they end up being on my maternal side, then another suggesting of Scots-Irish Gragg.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) I had asked here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/69653436109/permalink/10153837408121110/> of Rosco Grogg on behalf of a distant cousin through DNA who had no information. [Glenn Huffman](#) was helpful in providing information and looking further into it, Rosco's line goes back to a Henry Grogg a couple of generations from my alleged Henry Gragg. It is an interesting connection, but with Heinrich Gruck, the name Henry could either be from the Gruck ancestor or Gragg ancestor. Just more interesting observations in the discussion.



[Jamie Johnson](#) [Pendleton Pals](#)

Does anyone know about a Roscoe Vaiden Grogg?

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) If you google the family Mcgreggor or Gregg/ Grogg tartan it will often show many of the variations of the clan name. When I searched the Thompson Tartan there was history for the clans listed in the descriptions variations I hadn't considered as being part of my Thompson/ MacTavish / MacThomas clan. It was interesting history.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) The mystery continues as there is a challenge to Groggs being Graggs, but rather Groggs being German and Graggs being British: In "A Review of the Genealogical Section of Oren Morton's A History of Pendleton County, WV" by Jeff Carr (<http://pages.swcp.com/~dhickman/journals/V6I2/review.html>), the author writes the following:

Sometimes the old clerks and census-takers themselves produced confusion; similarities between handwritten a's and o's, or Germanic consonants with similar pronunciations created much variety in the recording of names. Take the families with similar names, like Varner and Warner, and Grogg and Gragg. These families certainly had no confusion between themselves; if one studies them in detail, they are fairly distinguishable to us as well. The Varners and Groggs were Germanic, and lived in the upper South Fork area; the Warners and Graggs were British and lived on the North Fork. The early form of Varner was indeed Warner, with the "w" pronounced like a "v"; in fact, all of the "Warners" on the 1810 Pendleton Census were Varners. Only an examination of their locales, wills, and family clusters distinguishes them from the Warner family of British descent, which he could not do in one year.



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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) I am not sure that all did know the different spelling in Gregg and Grogg. I have seen several ancestors just sign their name with an X. Also people from the same country can drag out the vowels differently too, much like the South pronounces words so differently. Like we pronounce been Like bin but many say Been with long e sound. Another I have seen recently is the different spellings of Vandevander and Vandevenders. Even brothers and sisters spelling it differently. I have some Warners in my ancestors but had never heard them referred to as Varner. I will have to see what I can find. In a perfect world everyone would have recorded the family history in their Bibles. But I guess that wouldn't even be fool proof with families fighting over possessions. Someone would have hidden it from the rest of the family. The mess I have my notebooks in I am not sure my kids could put it all together. They each got me beautiful hardbound family tree books to write it all in. As soon I get it all straight I will copy it in those books and hope the descendants all get along enough to share. Lol

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) I keep mine all on my website (though I do print it out), but I add the "disclaimers" and mysteries to it as notes.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Let's just say my page with the Grogg ancestry has a lot of "notes" on it capturing both sides of the debate.

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) Lol that's the way my notebook is notes all down the sides. This week I started my tree on Ancestry .---

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) And I have added the debate to my website where my Grogg ancestry is:  
<http://family.beacondeacon.com/wls.htm#debate>



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- [Chuck Grogg](#) I don't know how Jeff Carr's work escaped my research these years; but it seems to support my theory.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Yes it certainly does! I have contacted him to see what I can uncover. Meanwhile, if I follow what I have on my tree through the Gragg side of things, John Gragg, father of Thomas Gragg and grandfather of Henry Gragg, has an ancestry which includes surnames Coleman, James, Wood and Woods, which appear in my DNA results. Again, this doesn't prove anything (yet) as I could have a different connection to those families. When my mother's DNA data is available, I will better be able to tell if I am connected to those surnames through her (an argument for Grogg from Gragg) or through my father (an argument for German Grogg, British Gragg).

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Well, my mother is now on 23andMe and I looked through the varying surnames connected to the Gragg line specifically. Coleman, James, Woods and Wood all appear in \*both\* my maternal and paternal lines. So, this doesn't clarify much but just leaves open the possibility that the Groggs were descended from the Graggs, but again not conclusively.

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- [Eric Hedrick](#) The marriage bond of Philip Grogg & Flora Crummet - 28 Sep 1791 is signed in German by Henrich Gruck

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) [Eric](#), that is a big find!

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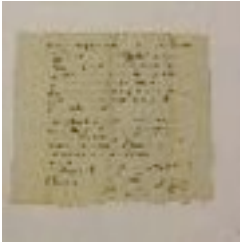
- [Jamie Johnson](#) [Eric](#), I would like to get a copy of that if possible to put on my website.

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- [Eric Hedrick](http://www.erichedrick.com/pendmbonds/) <http://www.erichedrick.com/pendmbonds/>



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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Wonderful!

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- [Chuck Grogg](#) @ Eric Hedrick. That is huge for me. Can I buy a disc from you at your house and avoid S&H ?

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- [Eric Hedrick](#) Sure. I'm in an out a lot the rest of the day but otherwise fairly easy to catch at home. Send me an email and we can work out a time. [guithedrick@verizon.net](mailto:guithedrick@verizon.net)

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- [Chuck Grogg](#) I got the disc from [Eric Hedrick](#) . I'm not familiar with german script but I'll trust Eric's interpretation. This is a HUGE find for me because it shows that Groggs were German and that Phillip was indeed Henry's son and that Henry may well be the Heinrich Wilhelm Gruck that landed in Philadelphia on Nov 5, 1764.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) I've already been updating my documentation to reflect the outcome of the debate. It looks like we are descended from the Gruck line in Germany.

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- [Nora Taylor Lambert](#) Excited and happy for you guys! Wonderful feeling when you find clues to your ancestry.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Some other information on Heinrich Gruck: He was on the Ship Jennefer in 1764 according to [http://www.galliagenealogy.org/Imm.../passenger\\_gran-haa.htm](http://www.galliagenealogy.org/Imm.../passenger_gran-haa.htm)

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) This book at <http://www.archive.org/.../pennsylvaniaser217harruoft...> has the following information: "LIST OF FOREIGNERS IMPORTED IN THE SHIP JENEFFER. CAPT. GEORGE KERR, FROM ROTTERDAM, LAST FROM COWES. QUALIFIED Nov. 5, 1764" with Heinrich Wilhelm Gruck listed among them.



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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Updated documentation at <http://family.beacondeacon.com/wls.htm>

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Also there's this book at [http://archive.org/.../collectionofupwa00ruppuoft\\_djvu.txt](http://archive.org/.../collectionofupwa00ruppuoft_djvu.txt), which lists more clearly Heinrich Wilhelm Gruck as among the Swiss German Immigrants in 1764, specifically "Nov. 5, 1764. Ship Jeneffer, Georg Kerr, Captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. 247 passengers."





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- [Jamie Johnson](#) Now the question: Is John Grogg/Gragg a Grogg or a Gragg? That is, is he the brother of Philip Grogg and son of Henry Grogg? [Chuck](#), do you have any info on him. I have him as a brother of Philip, but that is before exploring the Gragg/Grogg distinction.

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- [Chuck Grogg](#) @ [Jamie Johnson](#) This one is a little easier. This John Grogg lived to the ripe age of 88 and died in Highland County in 1856. At the time of his death it was recorded that his father was Henry Grogg. Also said that he was born in Shenandoah County , VA in 1768. Now Shenandoah County didn't actually exist in 1768 but I think this shows that Henry was in the Shenandoah Valley for some undetermined duration. All I know is that he was in Pendleton by 1784.

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- [Eric Hedrick](#) [Jamie Johnson](#) that's a good find but probably not the Pendleton Co. Henrich Gruck. 1) the original signature on the marriage bond doesn't match the original signature on the ship list. 2) the German naming practice was to give two names at birth. The first name was a spiritual or saint's name and the second name was the name that the person known by. Heinrich Wilhelm Gruck was most likely known as William Grogg in this country. The 5 Nov 1764 landing cited by [Chuck Grogg](#) seems more likely.

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) The Heinrich Gruck Chuck mentions and those sources both have Heinrich Gruck and 5 Nov. 1764 landings. The two names makes sense. Are we looking then for someone named \_\_\_\_\_ Heinrich Gruck instead? [Chuck](#), what is your source for the Heinrich Gruck you mention?

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- [Jamie Johnson](#) [Chuck](#), regarding John Grogg who lived till age 88 in Highland Co. in 1856, is he then Philip Grogg's brother, their father Henry Grogg being the likely Heinrich Gruck?

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- [Chuck Grogg](#) @ [Jamie Johnson](#) my source same as yours. Found it in the library nearly 20 yrs ago. And Yes; John Grogg was a son of Henry, therefore Phillips brother.

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- [Eric Hedrick](#) I just looked back and found Chuck's original post, it looks like they were the same man and ship, Heinrich Wilhelm Gruck on 5 Nov

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- [Eric Hedrick](#) Let me just add a PS to my previous post, you'll notice that I typed "probably" and "likely" on my two points. I think William Heinrich Gruck on the ship Jeneffer is a "person of interest" but might be too early to bet the farm just yet. The signature on the marriage bond was nearly 30 years after the ship list, his signature could have deteriorated, and as for the naming practices, there seem to be exceptions to every rule.

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