

Dear Friends:

On page 2, large paper, write in line after
"Page 480 No. C Michael Kauffman, d. 1718, a Mennonite who came from
(2nd wife, Anna Kneisley, 1688-1758).

Then mark across and discard the last page which was mailed you.
John Kauffman and Elizabeth were two children only in the union
of the first marriage, it has been found out.....
Joh Kauffman is not your direct line, therefore...

The three sons of pioneer Michael Kauffman, d. 1718, and his
2nd wife, Anna Kneisley, who went from Pa into Va, were:

Rev. Martins Kauffman,
Rev. Michael Kauffman, and
David Kauffman,

as is stated in the first paper...correctly.

Sorry, because of two families of children by one father....
a mixup was revealed....now corrected.....

Most sincerely,

REV. O. B. MICHAEL 5-1-63

On the line after the words "Landsville, Lancaster County, Pa. add:

P.481, No. C-1, John Kauffman. (In next line substitute by using name of John Kauffman instead of Michael Kauffman)....

Page 481, NO C-1. John Kauffman, 1700-1755, son of the pioneer Michael Kauffman, d. 1718, and Anna Kneisley, 1688-1758, p. 512. (After his death she married Jacob Jacobs.)

John Kauffman, 1700-1755, married Anna Bomberger. He obtained 250 acres of his father's estate, Michael Kauffman, No. C, at Landisville, Pa. See p. 481 Map of 500 acre tract of his father. Elizabeth, his sister got the other 250 acres. She married Christian Steinman, before 1734.

Grandsons of pioneer Michael Kauffman, d. 1718, and son of John Kauffman, 1700-1755, went into Virginia, namely:

p. 514 No. D. Rev. Martin Kauffman, d. 1749, who married ~~Sarah~~ Barbara ~~Boone~~ Stover, daughter of Jacob Stover and Sarah Boone, a niece of Daniel Boone. The owned or built a stone house in 1760 or before used for home and Church, THE WHITE HOUSE.

Page 547, No. E. Rev. Michael Kauffman, 1714-1788, who married 1st Barbara Haldiman, d. 1764 and 2nd Magdalena Stauffer, 1729-87 buried at Lindale Church of the Brethren, near Harrisonburg Va.

Page 561, No. F. David Kauffman, Sr. d. 1779. Owner of the Hawksbille Run Tract of 819 acres, but about 1758, he moved to near Lexington, S.C. later served in 1775 in Rev. War in the Militia known as "The German Fusileers", but his three sons returned to near Luray on the Hawksbille Run tract, namely, Martin, Christian and (David Kauffman, Jr. d. 1830, at Dayton, Va. who married Elizabeth Strickler, d. 1843, a Swiss.)

THE SWISS COLONY OF LURAY

Mennonite Church; turned Baptist or Brethren.

NOTES ON THE KAUFFMAN-COFFMAN FAMILIES ARE FOUND IN THE BOOK
by Charles F. Kauffman, York, Pa. printed by the
MENNONITE PUBLISHING HOUSE,
Scottsdale, Pa. 1940

(Switzerland, for 600 years the Cradle of Democracy, Peace Country)

The early Kauffmans in America, part coming from Germany and part from Switzerland, were members of the Mennonite Church, in Pa. and in Va. pioneer MICHAEL KAUFFMAN arriving in Philadelphia as early as 1818, and, dying the same year after he had obtained a tract of land upon which the town of Landisville, Lancaster County, Pa. now stands. His sons, Rev. Martin Kauffman, Rm of The White House tract, Hawk Run, Va. who died in 1749, testate, Rev. Michael Kauffman, 1714-1788, Linville Church, Linville Creek, Va. and David Kauffman, d. 1779, of Hawksville Run, Luray, Va. moved from time to time and owned land in both Pa. and in Va. David Kauffman owned land also in S.C. going there for safety during the French and Indian War probably in the latter 1750's or 1760's, but his three sons known as "Hawksville Run" Martin Coffman, "Hawksville Run" Christian Coffman, and "Hawksville Run", David Coffman, Jr. d. 1830, and Dayton, Va. later returning to their father's pioneer tract of land on Hawksville Run which he had obtained on May 8, 1741, from Henry Craun, and, others, near Luray, Virginia.

From a record found on page 576, of the Kauffman book, lists the name of David Kauffman, Sr. as serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary War in 1775 in S.C. with the 137 men of the "German Fusiliers", under Captain Gillion, from which record his descendants may possibly be admitted into the American Revolution. (see line below) the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, including J. Rush Coffman, George Bernard Coffman, Mrs. Stella Coffman Clatterbuck, and their descendants, with other descendants, if the genealogical links would be written into the proper application blanks taken from this book, and from other Revolutionary War records available. (* the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. and)

It should be explained that the Mennonite Church was organized following the Wars of the Reformation by a group of people in Holland who were tired of War and who pledged themselves to be "Non-Combatant" which custom members of this denomination over hundreds of years have remained loyal to, founded by Rev. Mennon. It was a denomination of the anabaptist movement, to rebaptise. The Mennonite denomination swiftly spread throughout Holland, the Upper Rhine River area, and into Switzerland and England. The Quaker Church sprang up in England and so did the Church of the Brethren spring up in Germany, upon the same principal. It may be more correct to call the Quakers, "English Mennonites", see p. 277, of H.H. Strickler's book on the History of Page County, 1952. Modern church historians have declared that it was from the Mennonites that the General Baptist Church in England sprang, which denomination spread into the New World through Roger Williams of London and Providence, R.I. its American founder.

At any rate, many Mennonites in Virginia during the French and Indian War found out that to save the lives of members of their families from the attacks of the fighting Indian they had to learn to fight....in this connection, Rev. Martin Kauffman of the White House, and, Rev. Michael Kauffman, of Linville Creek, Va. turned Baptist and fought the Indians with tooth and nail. This is how the Baptist Church sprang up in the Valley of Va. Smith Creek Baptist Church, New Market, Va. is the oldest.

After the French and Indian War and the American Revolutionary War, the Baptist Church spread rapidly in R.I. and in Virginia, and other states. One part of the doctrine of the Baptist Church was in the belief and stand it took on the subject of "The Separation of Church and State," upon which leaders of other denominations sided including Gov. Patrick Henry and ~~Sam~~ President Thomas Jefferson, long before they held these high offices. While the Baptist Church was growing in the colonies, the Mennonite Church, the Quaker Church, and the Church of the Brethren increased in membership. The Methodist Church was formed as a denomination separating from the Church of England in 1784, following the Revolutionary War, largely as a Declaration of Independence denomination, into which many members of the Coffman family joined.

The following list is a genealogical line of part of the SWISS COFFMAN FAMILY of the area of Luray and Harrisonburg, Virginia:

PATERNAL SIDE (Father's) LINE

Page 480 No. C. Michael Kauffman, d. 1718, a Mennonite, who came from Grunstadt, Hesse, Germany, near Switzerland, on the Upper Rhine River, and died shortly after arriving in America, after obtaining 500 acres of land on June 2, 1718, upon which today stands the town of Landisville, Lancaster County, Pa.

Those of the Michael Kauffman family who came to Virginia were Rev. Martin Kauffman of the White House plantation near Luray, d. 1749. Rev. Michael Kauffman of Linville Creek, buried with a marker at the Lindale Church of the Brethren showing that he lived between 1714 and 1780, and David Kauffman, d. 1779, who obtained a large tract of land from Henry Graun on the Hawksbill Run, near Luray, Va. but because he was a Mennonite and at first did not want to fight the Indian and therefore moved into the area of Orangeburg and Lexington, S.C. where he took up land. Three of his sons named above returned to the Hawksbill Run plantation, but, he died in S.C. in or about 1779, after serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary War in 1775, in "The German Fusilier" under Captain Gillion of Charlestown, S.C. Part of his sons remained in S.C. and today the Coffman name is found in that section as his descendants. It is believed that Maria Elizabeth () Kauffman was his wife. On Feb. 6, 1773, a tract of 100 acres of land was deeded to her by Grant by the State of S.C. near Lexington and Orangeburg, S.C. See p. 576.

Page 561 No. F. David Kauffman, Sr. d. 1779. Wife probably

Maria Elizabeth () Kauffman. See p. 576.

May 8, 1741 deeded tract of land on the North side of the Hawksbill Run, near Luray, Va. but born at or near Landisville, Pa. Lancaster County, or in Europe. Upon this plantation was established Salem Baptist Church, now extant, which shows about the Baptist Church rise over the War and Peace movement, divided among the Mennonite Brethren because of the attack of the Indians....the Baptist Brethren deciding that they had to fight if their families were to survive. These were called "Fighting Baptist". David Kauffman bought 200 acres from Henry Graun of near Luray plus other lands in that vicinity. He later became a soldier in the Rev. War, leaving the Mennonite denomination, as his two minister brothers had done before him.

Page 572 No. F-3. David Coffman, Jr. d. 1830 of Dayton, Va. formerly

from S.C. and the Hawksbill Run plantation, Luray Va.

He was one of the three sons who returned from S.C. after their father died in 1779 in S.C. and lived awhile on the Hawksbill Run plantation before moving to Dayton, Va. He received 360 acres in 1783 of the 819 acre Luray tract. He married Elizabeth Strickler, d. 1843, a Swiss descendant.

Page 228 and 574 No. F-38. Joseph Strickler Coffman, 1793-1872, Dayton, Va.

He married Abigail Lincoln, 1801-1882 on October 6, 1818. the daughter of Jacob Lincoln, about the time the noted, historic brick house, still standing, on Highway 42 near Edom, Va. had been completed she was born and grew up within its walls and on the noted Lincoln plantation, purchased by pioneer John Lincoln. Her father Jacob Lincoln was a brother of Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather of President Abraham Lincoln and whose grandmother was a Miss Harrison, a sister of Thomas Harrison who gave the land in 1776 upon which the Rockingham County Court House stands. Thomas Lincoln, the father of President Lincoln was born in sight of the present historic Jacob Lincoln Homestead, before moving with his parents into Ky. County of Virginia, about 1782 which in 1790 became the State of Ky.

See page 80 and 81 in Wayland's History of the Lincoln Family in Va. for the story of the courtship of Abigail Lincoln with both Jacob Strayer a brother-in-law and Joseph Strickler Coffman who owned a good farm at Dayton, Va., the latter winning her hand because her father, Jacob Lincoln, jealously favored him for his son-in-law, and, the subsequent marriage was a beautiful success, she outliving her husband by ten years, and who reared a distinguished family. He built a fine, brick home, on his fine farm.

Page 228 No. A-7313, and page 576 No. F 385.

Joseph Strickler Coffman, Jr. 1831-1904, known as "Little Joe", Dayton, Va. a descendant of Pioneer Michael Coffman of Landisville, Lancaster Co. Pa. and Grunstaedt, Hesse, Germany. He married a girl with the same surname by the name of Sarah Francis Coffman, daughter of Reuben Coffman and Nancy Showalter of Mt. Clinton, Va. who were descendants of pioneer Andrew Kauffman d. 1743, of Steffesburg, Switzerland, who obtained land in 1717 shortly after arriving in Philadelphia, Pa. containing 464 acres near the town of Landisville, in Lancaster County, Pa. Evidently Michael and Andrew Coffman were not close kin as one came from German soil and the other from Swiss soil. Any way this Coffman boy fell in love with this Coffman girl probably many generations apart, if any, she being born in 1851 and passing in 1904. He served in the Civil War and was a Prisoner of War at Ft. Delaware. See No. F-3. He had 360 acres of land at Hawksbill Run, Luray, upon which the former Samel Baptist Church stood.

Page 228 No. ^A73131, Frank Suter Coffman, 1881-- d.

He married Emma Bryan.

The book lists the Swiss Coffman or maternal line Number from this point on. He lived in Rockingham County, and, subsequently at Keezletown, Va. He served the Keezletown Methodist Church as Trustee of the Parsonage and as a member of the Official Board. This couple reared a family of children, highly esteemed, also members, and members of the Official Board of this Church.

Page 228 No. A-73132, J. Rush Coffman. A former teacher, and, with Murk & Co. Medicine Cooperation.

Trustee of Keezletown Methodist Parsonage and Steward. He married the former

Bryant.

There are three daughters and two sons. A Cousin to President Lincoln.

Page 228 No. A-73131, Stella Coffman Clatterbuck, Washington, D.C.

There are several children some attending College.

(Dad) Page 228 No. A-731313, George Bernard Coffman. He married the former:

There are two sons. He is a member of the Rockingham Planning Board regarding Roads, etc. He is a member of Keezletown Methodist Church, a Steward, and a member of the Official Board. He is an Alumnus of Bridgewater College. A distant cousin of President Lincoln, from John Lincoln

THE KAUFFMAN-COFFMAN SWISS FAMILIES OF VA.

The Maternal Side (Mother's side)

Page 1 No.A. Andrew Kauffman, d.1743, a native of Steffisburg, Switzerland. In 1717, he landed in Philadelphia. His wife's name was Elizabeth Kneissel, d.1759. (Was this the same name as Kneisely?) He took up 464 acres of land near Lanisville, Lancaster County, Pa. not many miles from pioneer Michael Coffman who came from Upper Rhine River, Germany, 1718, and died shortly afterward. He was a Mennonite who came to America from Switzerland following the visits of the miner and explorer, Gen. Francis Lewis Michael, a nobleman's son of Bern, Switzerland, who aided Mennonite Colonies in Pa. and Va.

Page 204 No. A-7. John Kauffman, who died about 1810, after living at Landisville, Pa., York Pa. and Amherst County, Va., and Rockingham Co. Va. once part of Augusta County, Va. See p.204 and 205.

He was married twice. His first wife was Catherine Barbara Neff, daughter of pioneer Henry Neff, who signed a deed of date of Dec.7, 1787 which shows his first wife was living yet at that date. This couple had many children, one of them being a son by the name of Andrew Coffman, 1776-1849, a weaver and a farmer. See p.204. Of date of Aug.9, 1798, John Coffman bought 280 acres of land from James and Mary Plack of Amherst County, on the north branch of the Rock Fish River then living in Augusta County, and, a year later in 1799, his son Andrew Kauffman obtained one third of this tract. See p.205. It is believed that there was a Will written by John Coffman but lost in the burnt records of Rockingham County from the area he had been living. P.205. His second wife was named Magdalena Martin daughter of Christian Martin. But, Andrew Coffman was the son of the first union and was half Neff, another Swiss name. A long list of the names of the children from these two unions may be found on pp 204 and 205.

Page 227 and p.205. A-73, Andrew Coffman, 1776-1849, of Rockingham County, Va. On Dec.27, 1807, he married Miss Elizabeth Conrad and lived at Dayton, Va. He was a weaver. He made beautiful Counterpanes, double woven. The book states "He was one who delivered splendid workmanship, executed by a skilled workman".

Page 227 No. A-731. Reuben C. Coffman, 1809-1873, Dayton, Va. At Mt. Clinton, Va., in 1833 he was married to Nancy Showalter, 1813-1892. "He was a man of firm opinion", this book states. See A.

Page 228 No. A-7313 and Page 573 No. F-395. Sarah Francis Coffman, 1861-1904. She married Joseph Strickler Coffman, Jr. "Little Joe" Coffman, 1831-1904, Dayton, Va. See F-3.

Page page 228 No. A-73131. Emma Bryan. Rebecca Bryan a native of Rockingham Co. Va. probably, history says, was the one who married Daniel Boone who took up land on the banks of the Yadkin River, Rowan Co. N.C. half way between Salisbury, N.C. and "exington, N.C. about 15 miles from the home of Rev. O.B. Michael, S.T.D. Four of her brothers with Daniel Boone were in the Rev. War and moved to Ky. where they had a battle with the Indians, a recent D.A.R. Magazine publishes. The Bryans lived near the Lincoln plantation in Rockingham County, Va. Their children were J. Rusk Coffman, p. 228 No. 731312, -A Stella Coffman Clatterback, p. 228 No. 731311, and George Bernard Coffman, 731313, p. 228. and others. No. A-

She married,
Frank Suter
Coffman, 1861-
19____.

THE SWISS PEOPLE ARE FAMED FOR THEIR DEMOCRACY, THEIR SOLIDARITY AND LOYALTY TO THEIR FAMILIES AND HOMES, FOOD MAKING, BUTTER AND CHEESE, WATCH MAKING, AND OPPOSED TO WARS. THIS IS THE CRADLE OF THE REFORMED CHURCH WITH MANY MENNONITE CHURCHES, FOLLOWING THE REFORMATION. Gen. Francis Lewis Michael, a Nobleman's son, of Bern, Switzerland, a Miner and Explorer, in 1701 became the first Director General of Pa. for Gov. Wm. Penn. He made two trips to America, 1701-03, and returned, and 1704-08. He explored and led the way for a Swiss or Mennonite Colony at or near Germantown, Pa., Germanna, Va. where the First German Reformed Church in America was founded in 1714, New Bern, N.C. and he Explored the Powell's Fort Valley area and Luray, Va. near where the Luray Swiss Colony was planted. He drew a Map and obtained a Grant of land at Arlington, Va. for a large Swiss Colony to be planted, but, through De Caffeauried, and Gov. A. Spottswood, also a Miner, instead of planting a Colony at Arlington including Washington, D.C. area at the invitation of Gov. Spottswood the Colony was settled at Germanna, Va. west of Fredricksburg, and East of Culpepper, Va. which Colony later furnished five Gov. of States. For his Maps see Va. Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. XXVI, Jan. 1916. The descendants of pioneer Joseph Koontz of 1714 Colony of Germanna, live in the Shenandoah Valley. At that place these settlers mined Iron for Gov. Spottswood, and served as a Home Guard against the Indians on the frontier. By 1734, the first laws were passed at Zurich, Switzerland, to check the outgoing of its citizens to America because so many emigrated to settle in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and in Tenn. Gen. Francis Lewis Michael, spoke German and French and understood English. He was the Explorer and Leader of the different Mennonite Colonies in Pa. and Va. though he may have been a member of the Swiss Reformed Church, Prof. J.W. Hinks, Ph.D. writes in his several books found in Libraries of America.

While Gen. Francis Lewis Michael, 1708, and Explorer John Lederer, 1670, explored the Blue Ridge area, it was not until 1716 that Gov. A Spottswood with his Golden Horseshoe Knights actually discovered the wide Shenandoah Valley, looking from the top of the Blue Ridge at Swift Run, Va. east of what is now Harrisonburg, Va. But, all of these Explorers were leaders in planting Colonies in Virginia, of both German and Swiss peoples, along with the Scott Irish.

Questions to be answered:

What relation is the Coffman family to the pioneer Jacob Stover, descendants?

Answer: "It is said that Jacob Stover and his wife Sarah Boone Stover had a daughter by the name of Barbara who married the Rev. Martin Kauffman of The White House, Page County, Va. This house was used for a home and also for a Church built of Stone before 1760, still standing, reported, and the picture may be seen between 64 and 65 in the book, "The Short History of Page County" by Harry M. Strickler, 1952, in the Public Library, Luray and Harrisonburg. All Coffmans are distant cousins of the Kauffman-Boone family. Sarah Boone was a daughter of Squire Boone and a sister to Daniel Boone, who was once a member of the Va. House of Delegates from the Charleston, W. Va. vicinity, after moving from N.C. Daniel Boone, born in Pa. moved the N.C. when a child, near home of Rev. OBM

What relation is the Coffman to the pioneer Jacob Stover, Ida Stover Eisenhower, and President Dwight Eisenhower? They are distant cousins, is the answer. The descendants of Martin (Minister) Kauffman and the closest...

What Church was Jacob Stover, Swiss, a member. P. 368 shows that he joined the Ft. Defiance Presbyterian Church, and not the Mennonite Church.

Question: Who were some of the Swiss people who settled near Luray, Va?

Answer: Jacob Stover, Switzerland, and Va.
 Isaac Strickler, Switzerland and Va.
 Henry Neff, Switzerland and Va. The Groves?
 John David Kauffman, Pa. Va. and S.C. and Switzerland
 Andrew ~~xxxxxx~~ Kauffman, White House Page Co. and Switzerland
 Rueben ~~xxxxxx~~ Kauffman, Linville Creek, and Switzerland...
 Gen. Francis Lewis Michael, a visit there.....Switzerland...
 Rev. John Roades... Joseph Koontz, (Switzers)
 Germans were Adam Miller, Ruffners, and many others who were Mennonites, later members of the Church of the Brethren or Baptist or Lutheran. Joist Hite, Bears, etc.
 There is no chapter in this book which separate the Swiss from the German, but there is a book which furnishes names of the Swiss in America or Va.
 The Bryans and Lincolns were English.