

On the margin of this document is the notation: Velten Kayser of Rumpenheim receives permission to emigrate to Pennsylvania. Dated Kassel, 17th. February 1750.

On arrival in Philadelphia the English clerk wrote the name as Keyser on the ships list but the actual signature of the immigrant was Valentin Kayser. Thus we see the first of several changes in the spelling of the family name in America. Prior to the time the Kayser's left Germany different spellings of the name were found in the Church Records of Rumpenheim--Kaiser in 1664, Keiser in 1666 and Kayser from the earliest time to the middle of the 18th. century. On viewing the grave stones in the Rumpenheim cemetery on May 16, 2000 Kaiser was the preferred spelling. The spelling of the name in the Church Record Book depended on the pastor making the entries.

Very soon after their arrival in America in the late summer of 1750 the Valentin Kayser family left Philadelphia and travelled west to Berks County.

We know that Valentin Kayser (now spelled Keiser by the English clerks on the deeds) purchased two parcels of land from Hans Georg Minheer on October 7, 1750 in Heidelberg Township, Berks County (then Lancaster County) Pennsylvania. We have found records showing that taxes were paid by Valentin on this land in 1751 and 1754. On May 1, 1751 Michael Keiser warranted 30 acres of land adjoining his fathers parcels on Tulpehocken Creek in Heidelberg Township. These three parcels of land were patented by Michael in 1763. Tax records show Michael paying taxes on this land in 1756 thru 1762.

The following land transactions are of interest.

1. Warrant No. 75, December 21, 1737, Lancaster County,