

## THE DECK FAMILY HISTORY

The beginning of the DECK history concerning the Coat of Arms, the German roots, and the arrival of the three brothers to the United States in the 1730's, and most of the information on ADAM, JACOB, and ISAAC DECK was given to me by Merrill Deck of Haysville, Kansas. He is a third cousin to HARRY and ROBERT DECK. Our lines split with the ABRAHAM and JOHN DECK buried in Eden Township Cemetery, Milton, Kansas. ABRAHAM and JOHN were brothers, sons of ISAAC. The lines continue as follows.

ISAAC > ABRAHAM > JOHN C. > EDGAR > MERRILL

JOHN > MILLARD F. > JOHN F. > HARRY

My research at the Kansas State Historical Society Research Library took me back as far as ISAAC and JACOB DECK, of Tennessee, but all I had were names. Merrill's information verified and added to what I had found. I thank him very much for all his help and information, and was delighted to get to meet him.

In researching events and people back in the times when record keeping was somewhat inefficient, some questions always arise. Some events have written documents to validate them and can be done with relatively little research. However, many events take a long period of time to verify, if ever. In the case of the three brothers Johan Nicholas, Matias, and Simon, there is some evidence from information found in the Latter Days Saints Library that Matias is the father of ADAM DECK. If ADAM was born in 1737 as indicated, he can not be the Matias who arrived in 1736. In a book titled 1983 Passenger and Immigrant List Supplement, an Adam Deck arrived in North Carolina in the year 1738, and a John Deck arrived in North Carolina in the year 1748. The 1991 Passenger and Immigrant List Supplement lists an ADAM DECK arriving in North Carolina in 1760.

From a report sent to Merrill Deck from the Sullivan County Library in Blountville, Tennessee, the following is the best we know of our first known ancestor to the Colonies, ADAM DECK. There is some question whether ADAM arrived in the colonies as an infant or as a young man

**ADAM DECK** was either born in Saxony, Germany in 1736/7 and arrived in the colonies as an infant with his parents **MATHIAS AND MARY** who arrived on the Harle on September 1, 1736, or was married in Saxony in 1760 prior to coming to America as a young man. If he arrived as an infant, it is possible that he is the ADAM that was baptised in Pennsylvania in 1737. It has not been confirmed as yet whether MATHIAS and MARY are indeed his parents. MATHIAS was born in Germany in 1699/1700 and after coming to America fought with the kings troops in the Spanish uprising of 1748. Whichever the case, ADAM and his wife, SUSANNAH who was born in Saxony in 1739, did arrive in North Carolina sometime prior to the year 1767. This can be verified as ADAM, on April 25, 1767, received 100 acres of land in Mecklenburgh on the east side of the Catawba River and on November 14, 1771, ADAM took 282 acres in Tryon on the branch of the Middle Fork of the Killians Creek. The children of ADAM and SUSANNAH were born in Lincoln County, North Carolina. (1) ADAM and his family