

must have left North Carolina sometime in 1781. It's possible that ADAM DECK was a Tory who aided Cornwallis when he passed through Lincoln County. Jacob Forney, a

prominent citizen of the area, and a firm and zealous Whig, forced ADAM to leave the area or risk being killed. (2) Some of the records at the LDS Library also indicate that the Deck family had Tory leanings.

ADAM and SUSANNAH DECK were next verified as being in Washington County, Virginia as they had 41 acres of land surveyed on the waters of Cove Creek and Walker's Mountain in the year 1791. Then on October 1, 1795, ADAM bought 126 acres of land from a Joseph Hensley. (3)

ADAM DECK died in 1816 and SUSANNAH DECK died in 1817. They are both buried in the Deck Cemetery in Washington County, Virginia. (4) One of the descendents, Doug Miller was the last reported resident of the Deck Farm. (1)

The Decks of this time and the lands where they lived lie in three different states: North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee. However, these same three states border each other so it appears that their residences in Lincoln County, North Carolina; Washington County, Virginia; and Sullivan County, Tennessee are within 100 miles of each other. Trying to pin them down on the various state census records is quite difficult as they were moving around in these areas. This area was also in much turmoil at this time. (5)

The Decks were German Lutherans as were many of the settlers in Washington County in the 1800's. They remained together, family ties were strong. They were plain people, honest, conscientious and religious. They often formed their own churches. The paternal dwelling almost invariably passed to one child, and the other children erected homes near by. (6)

JACOB DECK was the eldest son of ADAM and SUSANNAH DECK. He was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina on March 28, 1762. JACOB would have been about 19 years of age when his father left North Carolina, but he may at some time have been a resident of Pennsylvania, and served from that state in the Revolutionary War. (7) ADAM's will, dated July 3, 1806 named both JACOB and his brother, Michael as executors of his estate, but he bequeathed his plantation to Michael. (8) JACOB had established his own farm in Sullivan County, Tennessee sometime following the War and before the time his father's will was written. This is evidenced by the birthdates of his children who were all born in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Records indicate that ELIZABETH is the mother of his ten children. There is no information as to ELIZABETH's birth or death, or when and where they were married. After her death, JACOB married Christine Booher, and then Mary Booher. JACOB DECK died in Sullivan County, Tennessee on May 18, 1838 and is buried on his farm there. (1)

ISAAC DECK and his twin brother Abraham were born to JACOB and ELIZABETH on January 1, 1800 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. On December 6, 1818, ISAAC married HANNAH ISLEY in Sullivan County. She, too, had been born in Sullivan County on May 8, 1798. Records show that JACOB DECK purchased land from HANNAH ISLEY on May 20, 1816. (9)

ISAAC left Tennessee in the fall of 1821 and after stopping one year on a farm