

Adam Wysor Story

Wysor (Weiser) Family History

Adam Weiser was born in Germany around 1729. He immigrated from Rotterdam, arriving in this country on September 23, 1751 aboard the ship Neptune. Adam arrived in Philadelphia and took the oath of allegiance the day of his arrival. He eventually followed other Germans who moved to the southwestern section of the Shenendoah Valley. Adam married Elizabeth Beck before 1755. Elizabeth was born around 1729. Land records indicate that Adam and Elizabeth lived in Frederick County, Virginia in 1765, Pulaski County, Virginia in 1787 and owned 400 acres on Neck Creek, a branch of Back Creek in 1795. Between 1797 and 1804, this land was sold to four of Adam's sons-in-law. The family name of Weiser was anglicized to Wysor by Adam as early as 1797. Adam died in 1804 and Elizabeth in 1806. Both are buried in the Wysor Cemetery near Dublin, Virginia. Adam and Elizabeth had 9 children: Henry, born 1755, Lancaster County, PA. Elizabeth, born 1756, Lancaster County, PA. Catherine, born 1759, Lehigh County, PA. Christiana, born 1760, Lehigh County, PA. George, born 1765, Lehigh County, PA. Margaret, born 1770, Montgomery County, VA. Mary, born 1771, Winchester, VA. Jacob, born 1774, Fredrick County, VA. Eve, born 1776, Fredrick County, VA. Elias Shufflebarger on September 21, 1791 at the age of 19. Elias Shufflebarger is our Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather.

Henry was a sergeant in Captain Berry's Company of the "German Regiment" recruited from the Shenendoah Valley commanded by Col. John Peter Muhlenberg. Later, Henry joined Col. Daniel Morgan's regiment of riflemen and served as sergeant under Captain's Long and Knox during which time he was at the taking of General Burgoyne at the Battle of Valley Forge (Chestnut Hill). He was discharged in February of 1778 and reinlisted in 1781. This time he served with Captain Bell's Company of Virginia and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. Henry's uniform from the Continental Army was preserved by descendants in Dublin, Virginia until the family home burned to the ground around 1900. The home was situated on a large farm adjacent to what had once been his father's land.

Henry was commissioned into Captain Howe's Company, 86th Regiment of the Virginia Militia on February 6, 1789. He was eventually promoted to captain and henceforth referred to as "Captain Henry." Captain Henry died on January 12, 1844 at the "old Wysor place" a farm consisting of 900 acres of land. He and his wife, Barbara are also buried in the Wysor Cemetery.

Captain Henry's son, Henry Junior, served in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812. He lived on a prosperous estate adjoining his father's land. The home was called Wysorton and consisted of 27 rooms with 6 stone chimneys. The estate was considered haunted until it burned in 1979.

Henry Junior's son, Benjamin Franklin Wysor was a lawyer and prominent man of the community. He was a member of the Secession Convention of 1861. Benjamin was shot and killed by Federal Troops at Newberry, Virginia on May 26, 1864 at the Battle of Cloyd's

Mountain.