

During the mid to late 19th century the Arnold, Kinter, and Wrightstone families were farmers in the Northern York County Pennsylvania region of Franklin, Monaghan, Carroll, Warrington, and Washington Townships. The edges of these townships are all within five miles of one another, and thirteen miles from the largest farmers market in Harrisburg Pennsylvania, where the Klinger family worked as door to door sales, buyers, and distributors of produce and eggs.

It was through this farming community relationship our grandparents met and married; Edwin Charles Klinger and Irene Mary Wrightstone married and had a daughter named Dorothy Irene Klinger, who became our mother when she married Robert Harvey Graham.

Both Edwin Klinger and Irene Wrightstone are the great-great grandchildren of Valentine Kinter (1766-1814). We are not clear on the relationship between David Kinter (1811-1884) and Michael Kinter (1819-1888). We have speculated that these two men are grandsons of Valentine, and that David and Michael are either brothers, or cousins.

David Kinter (1811-1884) had a son Andrew Kinter (1840-1915), who had two daughters, Emma and Catherine Kinter. Emma married Charles Edwin Klinger and her sister Catherine married Charles brother, Harry Victor Klinger. It was through the marriage between Emma Kinter and Charles Klinger that both of my grandparents would be intertwined to the Kinter family.

Charles and Emma Klinger had a son Edwin Charles Klinger, who married Irene Mary Wrightstone. Irene's mother is Hattie Amelia Arnold, who is the granddaughter of John Arnold and Harriett Kinter.

Michael Kinter (1819-1888) had a daughter Harriet Kinter, who married John Arnold. John and Harriet had a son Luther H. Arnold, who had a daughter out of wedlock with Annie Sollenberger named Hattie Amelia Arnold. Hattie married Edwin Underwood Wrightstone, and their 1st daughter Irene Mary Wrightstone married Edwin Charles Klinger.

David Kinter (1811 – 1884)

David Kinter was born June 25th 1811, ¹ and he married Eliza Harman. ² Elizabeth was born November 28th 1819. ³

The family lived their entire lives in the Monaghan, Franklin, and Carroll Township areas surrounding Dillsburg York County Pennsylvania. David was a laborer for local business and farms.

David Kinter died June 1st 1884 at 72 years, 11 month, and 7 days old. He was laid to rest in the Kinter family plot located in the Dillsburg Cemetery, Section 1 Row 24 Stone Number 13. ⁴ David's wife Elizabeth died March 15th 1905 at 85 years, 3 months, and 15 days. She was laid to rest Kinter family plot located in the Dillsburg Cemetery, Section 1 Row 24 Stone Number 14. ⁵

David and Eliza had four children.

- i. Mary Ann Kinter was born about 1839. Mary married Michael Berkheimer July 4th 1860. Michael was born October 7th 1938. ⁶
- ii. Andrew G. Kinter (1840 – 1915)
- iii. Joseph B. Kinter was born about May 30th 1844. ⁷ He died January 30th 1864 at 19 years and 8 months old. He was laid to rest in the Kinter family plot located in the Dillsburg Cemetery, Section 1 Row 24 Stone Number 8. ⁸
- iv. George Kinter was born about 1849. He married Sarah A who was born about 1850.

George and Sarah had four children.

- a. Joseph H Kinter born about 1868
- b. Minnie O. Kinter born about 1870
- c. David H. Kinter born about 1875
- d. John R. Kinter born about 1877.

In an affidavit dated August 22nd 1911, 82 year old Henry Berkheimer indicated that he was acquainted with the Kinter family for at least 55 years. Henry would have been born about 1829, and lived near a Kitner family neighbor in 1861. ⁹

In an affidavit dated August 22nd 1911, 72 year old Michael Berkheimer indicated that he was acquainted with the Kinter family for at least 55 years. Michael also indicated he was born October 7th 1838, and married Andrew's sister on July 4th 1860. Michael lived near a Kinter family neighbor in 1861. ¹⁰

Andrew G. Kinter (1840 – 1915)

Andrew G. Kinter was born July 7th 1840 in York County Pennsylvania. ¹¹ In 1869 Andrew married Matilda ¹² Elizabeth Huss, ¹³ near Dillsburg Pennsylvania by Reverend Fight. Elizabeth Huss was born in 1846. ¹⁴

Prior to the Civil War, Andrew worked as a farm laborer in the Carroll Township area; among the neighbors of Henry Burkheimer. ¹⁵

When Andrew was 21 years old he enlisted as a private into Company G of the 12th Pennsylvania Reserve Infantry, attached to the 41st Pennsylvania Regimental Infantry (Volunteers). His enlistment took place on June 15th 1861 in Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Sometime during his service, Andrew was wounded in the hand. He mustered-out of the Company on June 11th 1864.

Dillsburg area volunteers enlisted throughout the course of the war. At the beginning, though, the first troops to serve from Northern York were part of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. The Reserves were created for the defense of Pennsylvania. Lincoln's first call for 75,000 volunteers to serve three-month enlistments had depleted Pennsylvania's existing militia companies. At the urging of Governor Andrew Curtin, the General Assembly legislated the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, 13 regiments of infantry; one regiment of cavalry; and one regiment of artillery consisting of ten batteries.

The 12th Reserves rejoined the Union Army, and was assigned again to the Third Division, Fifth Corps. Because the 12th took a position on Big Round Top during the second and third day of the battle, this regiment saw little action. Two Dillsburg men have their names inscribed on the Pennsylvania Monument at Gettysburg, a testimony to their presence at the battle and to their service in the Union cause.

Private Andrew Kinter and Private James Osborn served out their three-year enlistments without incident, mustering out with the regiment, June 11th 1864. Kinter lived until age 74, and is buried in the Dillsburg Cemetery. Osborn is buried in the Monaghan Presbyterian Cemetery. ¹⁶

In 1870 Andrew age 27 and Elizabeth age 23, lived in the borough of Dillsburg, York County, Pennsylvania. Their children:

- i. Emma Long ¹⁷ Kinter was born March 17th 1873. She married Charles E. Klinger. ¹⁸
- ii. John William Kinter was born August 16th 1876.
- iii. Catherine (Kate or Katie) Matilda Kinter was born March 28th 1878. She married Harry Victor Klinger, the younger brother of Charles E. Klinger.

Elizabeth Huss-Kinter died February 10th 1881 at 35 years old. She was laid to rest in the Kinter family plot, Section 1, Row 24 Stone Number 16, in the Dillsburg Cemetery York County Pennsylvania. ¹⁹

Andrew became severely ill December 7th 1914, while living with his daughter, Emma Kinter-Klinger and her husband Charles E. Klinger in their home at 119 Vine Street in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. Andrew required constant care. On March 28th 1907 Andrew received a pension for his service during the Civil War. ²⁰

Andrew died January 23rd 1915 in his daughter, Emma Klinger's, home at 119 Vine Street Harrisburg. He was laid to rest January 16th 1915 in the Dillsburg Cemetery. A notice of his death appeared in the Patriot newspaper on January 28th 1915, and stated aged Civil War veteran, with services in the Methodist church and burial in Dillsburg Cemetery.

Andrew died January 23rd 1915 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest in the Kinter family plot, Section 1 Row 24 Stone Number 15 located in the Dillsburg Cemetery, Carroll Township York County, Pennsylvania. ²¹

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End Notes

¹ David Kinter Birth Date: The birth date was calculated using his headstone death date and age, with a birth date calculator, ProGenealogists, Inc., 455 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

² Eliza Harman Maiden Name: This came from Andrew G. Kinter's Death Certificate, January 25th 1915, File No.: 2465, Registration No.: 89, Pennsylvania Vital Statistics No.: 7664179, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs PA.

³ Elizabeth Harmon-Kinter Birth Date: The birth date was calculated using her headstone death date and age, with a birth date calculator, ProGenealogists, Inc., 455 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

⁴ David Kinter Death, Age, and Burial: The information came from the headstone and cemetery records at the Dillsburg Cemetery, Dillsburg York County, Pennsylvania.

⁵ Elizabeth Huss-Kinter Death, Age, and Burial: The information came from the headstone and cemetery records at the Dillsburg Cemetery, Dillsburg York County, Pennsylvania.

⁶ Michael Berkheimer Birth and Marriage Date to Andrew Kinter's Sister, Mary Ann Kinter; This relationship came from Andrew's Civil War Pension record, cited in Bibliography #4; and Record of Burial Place, Dillsburg Cemetery, Dillsburg, York County, PA; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs PA.

⁷ Joseph B. Kinter Birth Date: The birth date was calculated using his headstone death date and age, with a birth date calculator, ProGenealogists, Inc., 455 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

⁸ Joseph B. Kinter Death, Age, and Burial: The information came from the headstone and cemetery records at the Dillsburg Cemetery, Dillsburg, York County, Pennsylvania.

⁹ Henry Burkheimer Relationship to The Kinter Family: This came from an affidavit made in August 11th 1911, by Henry Berkheimer, as cited in Bibliography #4.

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¹⁹ Elizabeth Huss-Kinter Death, Age, and Burial: This came from Andrew Kinter Civil War Pension Files cited in Bibliography #4; and from her headstone and cemetery records at the Dillsburg Cemetery, Dillsburg York County, Pennsylvania.

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