

Our mother was Dorothy Irene Klinger, and her grandparents were Edwin Underwood Wrightstone and Hattie Amelia Arnold. Hattie was born to Annie Sollenberger and Luther H. Arnold. Although Annie and Luther never married, our heritage is biologically connected to Luther's Colonial Pennsylvania and German "Arnold" lineage.

Much of what we found on Luther's line prior to his parents, John Arnold and Harriett Kinter has not been accurately or properly documented. We believe that the Arnold Colonial Pennsylvania patriarch is Peter Arnold (1732-1795), who most likely of German origins. A number of different researchers have mixed up his birthplace, which is largely due to a misunderstanding of Germany, and its changing timelines with their geography, history, and German spelling.

These same researchers point to various regions of Germany as Peter's birthplace.

1. Palatinate region, which is also known as Pfalz or Pfälze.
2. Kusel district in the Western Palatinate region bordering with the Rhineland-Palatinate.
3. Northern Hesse town of Kassel (spelled *Cassel* until 1928) located on the Fulda River.
4. The Spree-Neiße district in the southern region of Brandenburg Germany, which is on Poland's eastern border.
5. French border region of Alsace, which separates France from the Southern Palatinate region of Germany. ¹

We're still researching Colonial Pennsylvania records verify our information on the history of our Colonial Arnold line, which begins with Peter Arnold and his family. Once we get our Colonial history right, we'll move on to our patriarch's country of origins.

Peter Arnold (1732 – 1795)

Johann Peter Arnold ² was born about 1732 in Germany. ³ Peter arrived on the ship Neptune ⁴ in Colonial Philadelphia Pennsylvania September 24th 1751 with Johann Ludwig Horing. ⁵ It can't be determined if Peter's father or brothers where in Colonial Pennsylvania.

Peter married Anna Margreth (Margaret) about 1755 while living in Colonia Pennsylvania. ⁶ Anna Margaret was born about 1735. Peter and Margaretha Arnold's 1st daughter, Catherine, was baptized and sponsored by Ludwig Herring and wife, on February 1st 1756 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill Philadelphia County, present day Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. ⁷

Ludwig Hering knew Peter Arnold, and supports the notion that they both came to Colonial Philadelphia on the ship, Neptune, on September 24th 1751. Whether they knew one another from their German origins, ⁸ or met while on the ship isn't known. However they met, Peter Arnold and Ludwig Hering were friends and probably neighbors while living in present day Montgomery County Pennsylvania.

In 1755 Peter and Anna lived in Red Hill in present day Upper Hanover Township, Montgomery County Pennsylvania. Then by 1757 they moved to the Old Zionsville area of Lower Macungie Township Northampton County (present day Lehigh County) Pennsylvania. In 1763 the family had moved to the Warrington Township area of York County Pennsylvania.

In 1764 Peter purchased land in York County Pennsylvania. The property was purchased from Michael Torerbaugh and at that time was located in Huntington Township, which is in present day Adams County Pennsylvania. ⁹ Four of their younger children were baptized at the Lower Bermudian Church, which was part of Warrington Township York County, ¹⁰ but today is part of Latimore Township Adams County Pennsylvania.

In 1765 Peter was on the communion list for the Lower Bermudian Church, and where he served as deacon in 1769. Previous to 1770, a small section of Warrington extended south of the Conewago and gave rise to disputes and inconvenience.

The Conewago and the Bermudian formed the dividing line between the early settlements of the Quakers and Germans, consequently, a petition, dated the fourth month, twenty-fourth day, 1770, asked the court to establish a definite boundary, conceding the “little” corner to Dover Township. The petition was granted. The small tract mentioned is located a short distance below the “stone bridge”. It included only a few farms at the bend of the stream. From 1779 to 1781 he was listed on the Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania tax list.

Peter died in 1795 while living in Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania. Anna died after 1801¹¹ in Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania.¹² Peter Arnold’s estate will was dated February 1st 1793, and proved March 6th 1795. His executors were his trusty friends Andrew Roose and Elihu Underwood Esquire.¹³

Peter’s will was signed, and witnessed by Jacob Cook and Peter’s son, Peter Arnold¹⁴ An inventory of Peter's estate was filed in York County March 26th 1796. In addition to listing all his personal property, it specified specifies bonds and notes owed to him. Peter had been generous to his children who owed him a total of some eight pounds. The entire estate was valued at 184.9.4 pounds. Documents filed in 1801 in York County show that, with consent of the widow and heirs, the farm was sold to David McMillan for the sum of 1,100 pounds. Prior to that time, Peter’s son, Nicholas, had sold his share of the estate to John George (1795) as did his brothers and sisters in 1799. Therefore, John George and his mother would have profited from the sale.

Peter and Anna had nine children.¹⁵

- i. Catherine Arnold was born January 29th 1756 and confirmed February 1st 1756 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill Montgomery County Pennsylvania.¹⁶ She married Lorentz (Lawrence) Detter about 1777 in Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania. Her sister, Christinia Arnold, was witness to Catherine’s child’s christening.
- ii. John Arnold was born in 1757, and confirmed January 8th 1758 in the Zion Lutheran Church located in Old Zionsville in Lower Macungie Township Northampton County (present day Lehigh County) Pennsylvania.¹⁷ He married Catherine Eckert.¹⁸ In 1800 he lived in Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania. John died May 1829 in Turbett Township Mifflin County Pennsylvania.¹⁹
- iii. George Peter Arnold was born 1759 in Northampton County Pennsylvania, and confirmed July 1st 1759 Zion Lutheran Church located in Old Zionsville in Lower Macungie Township Northampton County (present day Lehigh County) Pennsylvania. By 1777 he was living in Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania. George Peter died March 19th 1842.²⁰
- iv. Anna Margaretha Arnold was baptized March 13th 1763 at the Zion Lehigh Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alburts Northampton County (present day Lehigh County) Pennsylvania.²¹ About 1784 in York County she married Johannes Reiber.
- v. Christina Arnold was born in York County, and confirmed September 18th 1763 in Lower Bermudian, York County Pennsylvania. She 1st married Jacob Underwood, and 2nd to Benjamin Fahnestock.²²
- vi. Johann George Arnold (1764-1824)
- vii. Johann Peter Arnold was born June 3rd 1766, and christened June 22nd 1766, in Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania.²³ Peter married Susanna Eckert May 26th 1789 in Carlisle, Cumberland County Pennsylvania.²⁴
- viii. Margaretha Elizabeth Arnold was born August 22nd 1767, and confirmed September 14th 1767 in Warrington Twp. York County Pennsylvania.²⁵ She married Isaac Van Arsdalen.²⁶
- ix. Johann Nicholas Arnold was born March 13th 1770, and confirmed March 24th 1770 in Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania.²⁷ Nicholas died March 1806 in Thompsontown, Delaware Township Juniata County Pennsylvania.²⁸

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End Notes

¹ Peter Arnold's Germany Origins: Researchers are careless in their work, and in not understanding the timeline between the 18th century and 20th century changes in German geography and history. So, who knows where our Colonial Arnold patriarch hails from?

² Peter Arnold Colonial Origins: He may well be the Jean Pierre Arnoul who arrived on the Ship Neptune, 24 Sep 1751 together with Ludwig Horing (Hering) who later stood as sponsor for the baptism of his first child, Catharine, in 1756, at Red Hill Church in Montgomery Co. PA. This may explain why Peter Arnold signed the ship's passenger list as Jean Pierre Arnoul. One further fact: another Hering family in Berks County, that of Johann Georg Hering. According to a list of his descendants, found on Family Tree Maker "World Family Tree" CD Vol. 3, Pedigree #1476, this Johann Georg Hering was born in 1710 in Lorraine, France.

³ Peter Arnold and Arnold Family Origins: Several published sources state that Peter's family was of English origin.³ These sources trace this Arnold family back to George (Johann Georg), son of Peter, the immigrant. They refer to an Arnold from England who reached New England in 1594 and died 1664 in Hartford Connecticut. This Arnold had a descendant, George, whom these sources claim was the father of Samuel, son of the George Arnold (Johann Georg) recorded in this genealogy.

⁴ Peter Arnold Immigration to Colonial Pennsylvania: There are several ship passenger lists of the 18th century (Port of Philadelphia) containing the name Peter Arnold. The list for the ship, Neptune, contains the name Jean Pierre Arnoul, the French form of the name Johann Peter Arnold, and Johann Ludwig Horing (Hering). Other ship lists include: the Ship St. Andrew, Port of Philadelphia, September 5th 1751; the Ship Lydia, October 9th 1749, we find a Peter Arnolt along with a Wilhelm Arnolt and a Johannes Arnolt, all from either the Palatinate or from Wirtemberg.

⁵ Peter Arnold Colonial Pennsylvania Arrival: Page 11, History and Genealogy of the Herring-Haring-Hering-Harring Family of Pennsylvania," by Calvin Adam Herring, 1862; The author states that a Jean Pierre Arnoul was a co-passenger with Johann Lutwig Horing, on a ship arriving in Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1751; See also "Pennsylvania German Pioneers," which records the original passenger manifest, and ""Memorials of the Huguenots," Stapleton, 1901, p. 149. This may explain why Peter Arnold signed the ship's passenger list as Jean Pierre Arnoul. One further fact: another Hering family in Berks County, that of Johann Georg Hering. According to a list of his descendants, found on Family Tree Maker "World Family Tree" CD Vol. 3, Pedigree #1476, this Johann Georg Hering was born in 1710 in Lorraine, France.

⁶ Peter Arnold and Wife Anna Maragretha: Peter and his wife may have lived in Montgomery Co. before moving to Berks/Northampton Co. Their first child, Catherine, was baptized in the Red Church in Montgomery County Pennsylvania.

⁷ Peter Arnold and Ludwig Herring" This strongly suggests that Peter Arnold and Ludwig Herring were friends and close neighbors in Berks County, and may also have been acquainted in France before coming to America.

⁸ Peter Arnold and Ludwig Origins: It is possible that both came from the Alcaze/Lorraine area which, although a part of France in 1751, was largely a German-speaking area. This place of origin came from Page 11, History and Genealogy of the Herring-Haring-Hering-Harring Family of Pennsylvania," by Calvin Adam Herring, 1862; The author states that a Jean Pierre Arnoul was a co-passenger with Johann Ludwig Horing

⁹ Peter Arnold York County Land: according to a York Co. deed in which he is identified as Peter Arnold of Northampton County.

¹⁰ Warrington Township: Warrington was created in 1744 as part of Lancaster County.

¹¹ Anna Margretha Death Date: Anna Margreth was named in Peter Arnold's will and estate papers. Her death is not known, but she was alive in 1801 when her late husband's farm was sold. Her grave has not been found.

¹² Peter and Anna Margareta Arnold Burial: Although his grave has not been found, it is probable that Peter and Margreth are buried in the cemetery at the Lower Bermudian Church where many of the early graves are not marked.

¹³ Underwood Name: The Underwood name is also a Wrightstone family name, through our great-grandfather Edwin Underwood Wrightstone; Edwin Wrightstone (1874-1957), Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹⁴ Peter Arnold Estate Records: Estate Papers: Orphans Court, York Co., Pa., Book H, p. 200 (June 24 1801); Will Book J, p. 143, Feb. 1, 1793 (will proved Mar 6, 1795.)

¹⁵ Peter and Margaretha Arnold's Children: All the children were mention in Peter Arnold's estate record. Estate Papers: Orphans Court, York Co., Pa., Book H, p. 200 (June 24 1801); Will Book J, p. 143, Feb. 1, 1793 (will proved Mar 6, 1795.)

¹⁶ Catherine Arnold Birth and Christening dates: Montgomery County Pennsylvania Births, by John T. Humphrey, 1993; Records of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill, in Upper Hanover Township, also called Six Cornered Church and New Goshenhoppen Lutheran Church, Witnesses: Ludwig Hering and wife. Confirmed, Lower Bermudian Church, 8th Sunday after Trinity, 1787.

¹⁷ John Arnold Birth and Christening: Records of Zion Lutheran Church (Lehigh Church), Lower Macungie Township Lehigh County Pennsylvania.

¹⁸ John Arnold Marriage to Catherine Eckert: Will of Michael Eckart, Fermanagh Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, dated September 13th 1802. The will lists Michael Eckert's daughter Catherine as wife of John Arnold of Tuscarora Valley.

¹⁹ John Arnold Death: calculated according to his will, proved May 29th 1829.

²⁰ George Peter Arnold Birth, Death, and 1777 Residence: Birth records of Zion Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville, Lehigh County Pennsylvania; Records of the Lower Bermudian Church show him as a communicant on Easter Sunday 1777; Death date came from the Franklin Church Cemetery Records, p. 105. George was also listed on the 1795 Tax List for Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania.

²¹ Anna Margaretha Birth: Records of Zion Lutheran Church (Lehigh Church), Lower Macungie Township Lehigh County Pennsylvania; Anna Margaretha, daughter of Peter and Anna Margaretha Arnold; Sponsors: George Hegele and wife, Anna Elizabeth. Anna Margaretha was also on the communicant lists of the Lower Bermudian Church.

²² Christinia Arnold Marriages: The marriage to Benjamin Fahnestock was before 1793. On May 7th 1795 they lived in Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania; By December 25th 1797 they were living in Milford Township Mifflin County Pennsylvania. Records of the Lower Bermudian Church list Christina Arnold as witness to the baptism of Nicholas Detter, 18 April 1783; See also, Fahenstock Genealogy by H. Minot Pitman, privately printed, 1945.

²³ Johann Peter Birth and Christening: Baptism registered in the Union Register of the Lower Bermudian Church, page 60, christened Johann Peter.

²⁴ Johann Peter Arnold Marriage: Pa. Marriages, married by the Rev. Robert Davidson

²⁵ Margretha Elizabeth Arnold Birth and Confirmation: Union Register of the Lower Bermudian Church, Confirmed in the Lower Bermudian Church, 18th Sunday after Trinity, 1787.

²⁶ Margretha Elizabeth Arnold Marriage: Known from estate papers of Peter Arnold.

²⁷ Johann Nicholas Arnold Birth and Christening: Baptism registered in the Union Register of the Lower Bermudian Church, page 66, baptized, Johann Nicholas.

²⁸ Johann Nicholas Arnold Death: Nicholas Arnold, papers of administration, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, also other references include; History of the Part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valley, Vol. 1, p. 458, Nicholas Arnold, 1801, Mifflin County Commissioner.