

## Lepley Family History

Our known first was Hans Leplin born approximately 1520. <sup>1</sup>

Next in our line was Michael Leplin born 1544.

Next was Balthaser L  pplin born 1601 who was a shepherd and soldier.

Next was Michael L  pplin who was a shepherd with a wife named, Anna Kalblin. Michael L  pplin and Anna Kalblin had a child named, Hans Caspar L  pplle or Lepplen from Rietenau, Germany.

The name "Lepley" was the Americanized version of L  pplle. Hans Casper L  pplle was baptized May 13<sup>th</sup> 1671 in Furstenhof, Germany. He married Elisabeth Hockner October 25<sup>th</sup> 1692.

Hans died in Diefenbach, Germany on December 31<sup>st</sup> 1738.

There is only one record of a child born to Hans Michael L  pplle and Elisabeth Hocker; Hans Michael L  pplle. <sup>2</sup>

Hans Michael L  pplle was baptized 1701 in Diefenbach, W  rttemberg, Germany, a dukedom, later a kingdom in the south-west corner of Germany. Hans Michael married Margaretha Ursula. Hans Michael died November 18<sup>th</sup> 1750 in the same area of Diefenbach, W  rttemberg, Germany.

Margaretha Ursula then married Adam Schatzmann August 24<sup>th</sup> 1751. She and her husband immigrated to America with her children with Hans Michael L  pplle; Dorothea, Agnes Dorothea, Johann Michael, Johann Jacob, Johann Adam, and Maria Barbara. The ship was called Windsor, commanded by Captain James Good. It set sail from Rotterdam via Cowes England, and landed in Philadelphia on September 27<sup>th</sup> 1753. <sup>3</sup>

Hans L  pplle and Margaretha Ursula had 11 children.

- i. Dorothea L  pplle was born December 12<sup>th</sup> 1734
- ii. Agnes Dorothea L  pplle was born September 24<sup>th</sup> 1736.
- iii. Johann Michael L  pplle was born March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1738. He went by the name Michael. Michael belonged to the Pennsylvania state militia serving at Fort Freeland Pennsylvania. He was slain by Indians during a mission to milk cows outside of the fort.

Northumberland County Pennsylvania records at Sunbury Pennsylvania, Mary Anne, widow of Michael Lepley, applied for help because of Michael's death. She states that he was killed by the Indians on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1779 near Fort Freeland and was aged 41 years.

In the record, John Ney of Cumberland County was appointed guardian for goods and chattels of Jacob Lepley, Elizabeth Lepley, Christina Lepley, and John Lepley. Michael Mason was appointed guardian of Michael Lepley and Mary Lepley minor children of Michael Lepley. <sup>4</sup>

- iv. Maria Juliane L  pplle was born February 20<sup>th</sup> 1739 and died January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1745 at the age of 5.

- v. Euphrosia Catharina Läßple was born October 25<sup>th</sup> 1740 (records show her dying young)
- vi. Maria Catharina Läßple was born November 24<sup>th</sup> 1741 and died July 10<sup>th</sup> 1744 at the age of 3.
- vii. Johann Jacob Läßple was born December 11<sup>th</sup> 1742.
- viii. Johann George Läßple was born April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1744 and died at the age of 8 months.
- ix. Johann Adam Läßple was born February 6<sup>th</sup> 1745. He was known as Adam Lebele, who was our Colonial Pennsylvania patriarch. Adam became a pioneer and settled in early Cumberland County, which was later, Bedford County and then Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Adam married Barbara Bucher-in <sup>5</sup> in Frederick County, Maryland. The marriage record from the Lutheran Church of Frederick, MD reads, "Adam Lebele, the late Michael Lebele's legitimate son, to Barbara Bugherin, Peter Bucher's legitimate single daughter, both of Frederick Co., Maryland, Proc. 3rd, 7th, and 14th of March, married March 14, 1773, Oculi Sunday." <sup>6</sup>

- x. Margaretha Läßple was born November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1745 and died as an infant after 3 days.
- xi. Maria Barbara Läßple was born October 26<sup>th</sup> 1746.

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<sup>1</sup> Hans Leplin born approximately 1520: This was gathered from records acquired by Konrad Läßle.

<sup>2</sup> Michael and Elisabeth Läßle Information: Their sn't much known about Hans and Elisabeth, except for the church parish records which list their baptismal, marriage, and death dates. There is a possibility that the family may have been French Huguenots who fled France during the French Civil War (1560-1789) for religious reformation. Many fled to Germany for refuge a generation before coming to America. Such a tradition has surfaced during our searching, but not backed with facts. MC

<sup>3</sup> Margaretha Ursula Marriage and Ship Register: This is recorded on the ship's register out of Diefenbach, Germany before 1900. The ship's register is recorded as A collection of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1778 by Prof. I . Daniel Rupp, Published 1931 by Degener & Co. Leipzig, First edition in America before 1850, know under the name Strassburger ship lists.

<sup>4</sup> Mary Anne Läßle Application: This record is also contained in the Pennsylvania archives. In the Orphan's court records, Sunbury Book 1, page 43,

<sup>5</sup> The Name Bucher-in: The "in" added to Bucher was to show the feminine form of the last name.

<sup>6</sup> Adam Lebele married Barbara Bucherin: Note that the Proc. was a formal announcement of an impending wedding giving people the opportunity to show-cause why the two should not be joined.