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## *Descendants of Jacob Schnorf to the 4<sup>th</sup> Generation*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. Jacob<sup>1</sup> Schnorf<sup>1,2,3</sup>** was born Mar 17, 1741/42 in Uetikon, Switzerland<sup>4</sup>, and died Bef. Jun 26, 1827 in Turtle Creek, Warren Co., Ohio<sup>5,6</sup>. He married **Mary Kinder<sup>7</sup>** 1771 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania, daughter of George Kinder and Barbara [\_\_\_]. She was born Dec 04, 1752 in possibly the Netherlands<sup>8</sup>, and died Jul 06, 1832 in Turtle Creek Twp, Warren Co., Ohio<sup>9</sup>.

More About Jacob Schnorf:

Burial: Schnorf Farm, Warren Co., Ohio

To date [2005] there is still no proof of any birth or burial data for Jacob Schnorf except family history. His will and probate are recorded in Warren Co., OH but not the death date. Erik Conard's years of gathering all known data from each branch of the family have constructed a fairly complete picture. A Composition Book with Edgar L Snuff's [1851-1927] name on the front that has recently surfaced listing the following: "Jacob Snuff (Great G Father) Died April 12, 1827 aged 85 years 26 das." This makes his birth March 17th 1742. Uetikon records show a Hans Jakob Schnorf "bapt. Uetikon 17 March 1741 [Two other sources record this birth on alternate dates of 15 Apr 1742, 14 March 1741 and 17 March 1741 all with the same parents, though these sources do not show a baptism on 14 March 1741.] son of the late Basel courier Johannes Schnorf went to Basel in 1754; left there 1765; since this time, whereabouts unknown." A second source reads "birth on 15 April 1742, but no baptism for a child by this name was found on this date." The parents are the same in all sources. From this source he is an "absent person." "14 March 1741 Hs. Jakob Schnorff, son of the late Basel Courier Johann, came to a gentleman in Basel as a servant in the year 1754. After the gentleman's death in 1765, he left Basel, and nothing has been heard from him since." Ann Sherwin who commissioned the above research concludes: So, in 1754 he went to Basel as a servant, where his father apparently had had business connections. In 1765, he left Basel, whereupon the pastor in the first entry [the register was established in 1791] remarked that he had received no news of his whereabouts. This contradicts to some extent the client's information that her ancestor arrived in Philadelphia on 1 November 1763 aboard the ship "Chance" from Rotterdam. Either the wrong year was communicated to the Pastor in Uetikon am See [he reports 1765 in both sources], or the arrival date was misread, or it is a matter of two different persons. ... no other person in the parish of Uetikon am See ...fits. So, there is still no proof of the connection between the servant in Basel and the immigrant that has been proven to be our Jacob living in Warren Co., Ohio.

Larry B Schnorf has labored diligently to obtain access to the property known to contain the Schnorf family cemetery but to date the owners refuse to allow further investigation. His discovery of Mary Kinder Schnorf's gravestone in 2004 and his work to continue the search should be applauded by all who revere our country's Revolutionary War Patriots.

From the Pennsylvania State Archives: Pvt. Snuff, Jacob of Washington Co., Pennsylvania served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Company under Capt. Robert Sweany from 1781 to 1783. Township of Residence: Bethlehem.

[*Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727-1808*. Compiled by Ralph Beaver Strassburger. Edited by William John Hinke. (3 Vols., List 239 C, pg 776)  
Strassburger, Ralph Beaver, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, - Vol. I-II (2). Norristown, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania German Society, 1934. there is a listing here undated [Ship Chance departed Rotterdam and arrived Philadelphia 1763] as follows: Joh. Jacob Schnorss [probable that the double esses are actually "F's"] Johannes (X) record #22603.

Washington Co., Pennsylvania Census of Taxables 1800 lists-East Bethlehem Snoff, Jacob & John.

Erik Conard's research:

Jacob Schnorf came on the ship *Chance*. He came considerably before the Revolution and was not a Hessian soldier. He was Swiss, landing at Philadelphia in 1763, marrying about 1771 or 74 an approximately sixteen year old Mary Kinder, probably in Berks Co., Pennsylvania and shortly thereafter moved west to Washington Co., Pennsylvania where he served in the RW and about 1801 moved to Warren Co., Ohio where he died in 1827, and Mary in 1832. His service has been proven many times while having been born Jacob SCHNORF, he served in the Revolutionary War under the name of Jacob SNUFF. He is listed in the DAR Patriot Index. *[The removal to Ohio in 1801 is not firmly supported. The first known records are the 1810 Tax List in Warren County which shows Jacob Shuff in Turtle Creek. It does not list any of his sons separately. His daughter Mary Schnorf Anderson's husband James is listed in 1810. George Kinder and Margaret Kinder also appear separately on this list. The Warren County Genealogical Society has accepted an arrival date of 1804 for Jacob Snuff.]*

From the Transallegheny Historical Magazine, Vol II, Oct 1902, p. 17: "Jacob SNUFF, 400 acres on Monongahela River, including his settlement, 1770." Mr. R. N. Bell, an authority on Washington Co., Pennsylvania history, stated that Jacob SNUFF's farm was located on Fishpot Run, about 2 1/2 miles south of Beallsville, Pennsylvania, just south of US 40.

Jacob later had a land patent from President James Madison "...by virtue of rights of pre-emption granted by law to certain persons who have contracted with John Clive Symmes or his associates..." through the Cincinnati General Land Office, recorded in Warren Co Deeds, Vol 4, p. 426, 7-Oct-1813 in Turtlecreek Twp, Warren Co., Ohio. This was the N 1/2 of Section 20, T3E, R4N. Note: Turtlecreek Township was formerly known as Turtle Creek Township. See below for story of the Symmes Purchase and its troubles.

More About Mary Kinder:

Burial: buried on Family Farm gravesite stone found by Larry Schnorf May 2004

Children of Jacob Schnorf and Mary Kinder are:

- + 2            i. Mary Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Schnorf, born Abt. 1774 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died 1840 in Vandalia, Montgomery Co., Ohio.
- + 3            ii. Rosannah Schnorf, born Jun 20, 1775 in East Bethlehem Twp, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Oct 30, 1852 in Rose Hill Cemetery, Darke Co, Ohio.
- + 4            iii. John Snorf, born Oct 16, 1777 in Bethlehem Twp, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Sep 21, 1863 in Montgomery Co., Ohio.
- + 5            iv. Catherine Schnorf, born 1779 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Oct 02, 1857 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery Co., Indiana.
- + 6            v. Jacob Schnorf, Jr, born Jun 18, 1782 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Nov 11, 1862 in Wabash Twp, Fountain Co., Indiana.
- + 7            vi. Isaac Snuff, born Jan 19, 1786 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Jul 15, 1828 in Turtle Creek Twp, Warren Co., Ohio.
- + 8            vii. Abraham Schnorf, born 1788 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Bef. 1855 in Monroe Twp, Darke Co., Ohio.
- + 9            viii. Margaret Schnorf, born Jun 22, 1791 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died May 03, 1850 in Darke Co., Ohio.
- 10            ix. Sarah Schnorf, born Abt. 1793 in probably Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Bef. 1840 in Warren Co., Ohio, never married.
- + 11           x. George Schnorf, born Abt. 1796 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania; died Bef. May 11, 1853 in Warren Co., Ohio.