Martin Kershner Will, 1769.

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Kershner Taxes, Md., 1784.

Additions & Corrections, for
Martin and Jacob, Sr.
(August 1976)

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ctions and additions for the Kershner sketches we have
ve the old pages of the same subject and number and
'm trying to keep you up to date as we revise. P. 2
eading for "gebaubel" for which we are very grateful! RBK

JACOB KERSHNER Sr. born ca. 1732

Two years before Jacob Kershner and John Kershner joined in making a loan in 1766, Jacob Kershner made his first arrangements for land of his own.

Maryland Hall of Records, Washington County Patent BC & GS #30:241

Daniel Dulany Esq^{r} his Cert 100 Ac
The Black Oak Level Patt. to Jacob Kersner the
29 Sept^{r} 1766 rent P Ann 4/Sterg Cha^{d} to the Rent Roll

Prince Georges County SS
By Virtue of a Warrant Granted out of his Lordships Land Office of this Province unto Daniel Dulany of the City of Annapolis Esq^{r} for Eighteen hundred Acres of Land bearing Date the 25th Day of August Anno Domini 1744----I therefore certify as Depty Surveyor of Prince Georges County under his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq Governor of Maryland I have carefully laid out for and in the name of him the Said Daniel Dulany Esq^{r} all that Tract of Land lying in the said County called the Black Oak Level Beginning at a bounded white Oak tree Standing on the East Side of an hill near the great road that leads from Pennsylvania to the mouth of Conococheig and running thence North 19 degrees West forty six perches then North Sixty six degrees East thirty perches then North thirteen degrees East one hundred and ten perches then South Sixty seven degrees East ninety perches then South thirteen degrees West one hundred and seventy six perches then by a straight line to the Beginning Tree Containing and now laid out for One Hundred Acres of Land to be held of Conegocheig Manor. I surveyed this 27th Day of August Anno Dom 1744.

March 20th 1745 Examined & passed — Per John Murdock
B. Young Ex^{r}

On the back of the foregoing Certificate were the following receipts & Assignment viz----I have received the Sum of Three pounds for fifteen Years Rent of the within Land to Mich^{as} 1759 Patent may therefore issue with his Excellency's Approbation---- 3^{d} December 1759 — Edw^{d} Lloyd

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I do hereby Assign all my Right & Title to the within Certificate to Jacob Kersner for Value Red^{d} and desire that patent may issue to him Accordingly
Witness my hand this 21st September 1764 — Walter Dulany

I have received One pound Eight Shillings for Seven years rent of the within Land to Mich^{as} 1766 — Edw^{d} Lloyd
Approved
H Sharpe

Aside from the very interesting glimpse such a document gives us of the methods of acquiring land in the back provinces of Maryland, this one demonstrates the need for reading carefully every word of such legal records. It would be so easy to miss Jacob Kershner entirely, or to assume he bought this land in 1744 or 1766.

But the patent says Dulany got a right to 1800 acres on 25 Aug. 1744, had this 100 acres surveyed 27 Aug. 1744 and passed 20 March 1745. Probably the Indian troubles of the 1750's delayed settlement: Jacob Kershner was a sergeant under Capt. Jonathan Hager about 1758. The back rent was paid up to Mich^{as} 1759. Michaelmas, the feast of the Archangel Michael, September 29, marked one of the quarter days of the English year. This certificate was assigned to Jacob Kershner 21 Sept. 1764, and the patent issued to him on Michaelmas Day, 29 Sept. 1766 with the payment of rent to that date.

...and the water that issues from a spring Just at the Division Line Run between him and his Brother John Kershner...shall be as much the Advantage of the One as much as the other...

Frederick County Maryland Deeds T:333 31 July 1773
Executors of Martin Kershner Senr dec'd in behalf of the heirs...
to John Kershner farmer
consideration...Ł 60...178 3/4 acres...part of a resurvey on Dutch folly the Addition to Dutch Folly the Widows last Shift and One Shift More sd Resurv called Contentment...begins for said part Cutt off at the end of Fifty two Perches on the First line...of Addition to Dutch Folly...sd land said to begin...near and below John Kershner's barn...on a Limestone Rock Near to the Head of a Large Limestone Spring...and the water that Issues from sd Spring...Just at the Division Line Run between him and his Brother George Kershner...shall be as much the Advantage of the One as much as the other...

These deeds are discussed more fully in the sections on the brothers George Kershner Sr. and John Kershner, who divided the land owned by Johann Görg Kirschner and by Anna Kirshner, the immigrants.

Frederick County Maryland Deeds T:198 31 July 1773
Executors of Martin Kershner Senr dec'd
to George Keivelor (Note: Keebler)
Ł 100...130½ acres...pt of Resurvey on Bachelors Delight and pt of Hartman...

(same page, date, and grantors)
to Nicholas Shaver...129 acres of same tract

Hartman and Bachelors Delight were to the north of the other Kershner property, beginning on the north side of Feltigroves spring run. "Felti-grove", or John Felti-graw, a Quaker, signed his Will in 1760 "Valentine Grove", and Martin Casner earned Ł 1 by drawing up his inventory. (Fred. Co. Md. Administrations, Account A#1, p. 246, 20 October 1761) His widow signed hers "Elizabeth Graw" in 1761, mentioning her son, Nicholas Shaver, and daughter Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Henry Shnably. Research into this property turned up a lot of connections: see chart at the end of this sketch.

Frederick County Maryland Deeds T:325 31 July 1773
Executors of Martin Kershner Senr dec'd
to Jacob Kershner
consideration Ł 72.2.0...two small tracts, part of Amendment to Trouble to Contentment...46 acres...begins at the end of 20 perches in the 49th line and with it to the 60th...second tract 15¼ acres, part of Amendment cut off for Jacob Kershner begins at the end of 22 perches in the 62nd line...

These tracts are platted and discussed in the pages on Jacob Kershner Sr. b. ca. 1732. They fit around and between Jacob's own two tracts, which he had thought were right next to each other--an excellent example of how to make a profit by resurveying and annexing vacancies.

To continue with the provisions of the Will,

--the Remainder of all my estate shall be divided in the following manner and form between my children, I give and bequeath to my oldest son Martin fifty pounds...and then to go on an equal share with his two following brothers that is to say with my second son David and with

The Ridenour girls probably owned this land for five or ten minutes, for on the same date they and their husbands sold it back to Martin Kershner--personally, not to the estate. Note that they also sold the 1753 patent of George Ridenour's, thus proving they were the sole heirs.

Washington County Maryland Deeds A:131 21 June 1777

William Spangler and wife Margaret Spangler alias Ridenour and Simon Tarrick and Elizh Tarrick his wife alias Ridenour, heirs to George Ridenour dec'd

to Martin Kershner of Washington formerly Frederick County consideration £ 80...two tracts: Ridenours Place granted George Ridenour by patent for 50 acres...Certificate 29 December 1753...also part of the Resurvey on Contentment...patented to the heirs of Martin Kershner Sr. decd and willed by sd Martin Kershner for 50 acres thereof joining the other land to the Heirs of George Ridenour...

We have not found further records of the Ridenour girls and their husbands in Washington County, and suspect they emigrated. There were Spanglers in Bedford County Pennsylvania who sold land on the Potomac in 1793, and some heirs of a Mathias Spangler in 1808 in Washington Co. Maryland, but no William. In one case, Tarrick could have been read Garrick, but whether Tarrick or Garrick, we have found none indexed.

To continue with the 1769 Will of Martin Kershner b. ca. 1720,

--It is further my Will that in case any of my sons or daughters shall enter into Conrad Miller's family by marriage that then any of them shall have no more than four shillings sterling for his whole part--

For some years, researchers have thought this provision was aimed at Jacob Kershner Sr., who indeed married Hannah, a daughter of Conrad Miller. Martin Kershner Sr., however, not only named, but numbered his sons, and did not mention Jacob. Deeper research has shown that Jacob Kershner Sr. was too old to have been a son of the testator: he was probably a younger brother instead.

Heeding this threat, none of the named children did marry into Conrad Miller's family, but it may have been Martin Kershner Jr. who nearly did. Zion baptismal records show Martin Kirchner and Susanna Mueller as parents of Susannah, born 16 September 1772 and baptised 25 December 1773. But Martin Kershner Jr. married Elizabeth Schnably, their oldest child, Catherine, being born 1 June 1773. Witnesses for the baptism of Susana Mueller's daughter were Henrich Mueller and his housewife: this may have been the Henry Miller who was son of Conrad Müller, a fellow-passenger of the Kershners on the ship Samuel in 1731. I have been unable to identify any Martin Kershner other than our Martin Kershner Jr. b. ca. 1743 who lived in that time and place. His father Martin was dead: his nephew Martin was not born until 1775. Certainly Martin Kershner Jr. did not wind up with only four shillings: on the contrary, he got the whole of his father's estate.

--It is further my Will-- the 1769 document continues --that all my personal estate be appraised and it is further my desire that my youngest son named George shall be schooled in Dutch and English, and shall be bound to trade as soon as he is capable to good Christian people to be apprenticed--

Please see the sketch on George Kershner Jr. which follows.

--and I do appoint Captain Jonathan Hager and my son Martin to be my executors and to act in full power...and I do disannull...all other former testaments, Wills, legacies, and executors by me before these times named---

Capt. Hager was then about 50, and his nephew Martin Kershner Jr. was about 26. Probably Hager had been involved as much in the maintenance of the younger children of George and Anna Kershner as had his brother-in-law Martin Kershner Sr., and certainly he was a good businessman and adviser. Hager died in 1775.

The testator signed his name very plainly in English "Marten Kirshner". The first witness signed "Hinrich Reitnour" in German script, and was probably Henry Ridenour, son of Nicholas and Rosina Kershner Ridenour. The next witness signed in English, Henry Schnebely. The third signed in German, "Johannes Kirschner", and was undoubtedly the younger brother and next door neighbor of the testator. When the witnesses proved the Will, the court clerk spelled their names Henry Ridinour, Henry Shnebly, and John Casner.

What do these records tell us of Martin Kershner Sr., the immigrant boy who came from the Rhine Valley to Philadelphia in 1731?

That he was born after 1715 and was grown by 1742, that he was the eldest son and heir of Johann Görg Kirschner and his wife Anna, that he lived and died about three and a half miles east of the point on Conococheague Creek where it is now crossed by U.S. Highway 40 in Washingington County Maryland. We know exactly where his home place was.

That his parents were among the first settlers of this "back country" of Maryland, perhaps already there by 1734. That he was naturalized in 1747 as was his brother George in 1765. That he and his brothers George, Jacob, and John defended settlers against the French and Indians 1756-1758. That he sat as a justice of the court in his home county, and testified as a witness before the provincial government of Maryland. That he was known to have had a mill and a farm, but also had extensive business interests and acquired large land holdings.

That he was of the Reformed faith, a man of veracity and standing among his neighbors. That he was among the earliest of the German settlers to adopt the language and business practices of his adopted country, and to take the oath of allegiance to it. That he died in middle age, before the Revolution, leaving brothers and sons who participated in it.

We think his family group could have looked like this:

Marten Kirshner, born about 1720, died December 1769, Wash. Co. Md.
married, about 1742, Margaretha.....who died by 1771
their issue:
Martin Kershner Jr., born about 1743, died 1818, Washington Co. Md.
Magdalena Kershner, born about 1744, died 1818, Butler Co. Ohio
David Kershner, born about 1748, died 1816, Christian Co. Ky.
Margaret Kershner, married Henry Zeller, lived in Wash. Co. Md. in 1798
George Kershner Jr., born about 1761-1763, died 1801, Wash. Co. Md.

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Wills 37, ff. 576-578 30th Nov/30th Dec 1769

In the Name of God Amen the therthye Day of November one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine I Marttin Kirshner of Frederick County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and Memory and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, I do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to Say Principally and first of all I give and recommand my Soul unto God that gave it and for my Body I recommand it to the Earth to be Buried in a Decant and Christian like maner at the Discrection of my Executors nothing doubting but at the Genarol Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God and as touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased me in this Life I give and Dispose of the Same in the following manner and form. First I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Margaretha all the following Articles to be every Year Delivered during her Live fifty two Bushels of Wheitt two hundred waigth of Pork two hundred waight of Bieff one Baryel of Seider if can be made on this place and Liperty for apel Sufishently for her own use. Item two good Milk couse and a young black Mare called Sneep them three Craturs shall be gib for her Somer and Winter in good Order. Item one Quarter Accer flax wich shall be made rady for the whil. Item two paor of shaus. Item twenty five Gallen of rii Liquor. Item Six Pound Lawfull Coryencie in Cash. Item five Bushels of Mault. Item the Wooll of three good Sheep and the place for her to live in shall be the Shopp which shall be repaired with a Chimley and a Stove. Item Six pound Ho(x or a)lard for the Lamp. Item Courd Woot Sufishently for her one use. Item the Mallater (Note: mulatto?) Carlly shoall be for hir during said spaice of Time acording to the Intentur Do if my Wife should die before said Cortys (Note: servant?) Time named Anna should be easpierd then she shall fall with all others above mentioned to and among all my Children in equel Sher of them will be named, And it is further my Will and Order that after my Decease all my Land shall be prayst and afther if is required then Shall be sold, the place and Mill on Bottomeck, and also a Tract of Land Situated in the Buck Co of Pensilvania Cumberland Co and also a Tract of Land Containg one hundred and fiefty one Accer of Land former belonging to Petter Pingely, and it is further my Will that my Executors Shall have pour to Settlen and to receive the Money due by Bonds Nots Intres Quitrent Charges concerning the following Tracts of Land and the following persons and also to give to them Lawfull Deeds of Conveince first John and George Kirshner and George Kirshner Senior and William Hully,and Jacob Kirshner, and George Shultz, and George Beak and also I order that shall be Setled with William Beal concerning a Tract of Land which will Shoo by the Books and recieds & Agreement and after this is done and my Debts and funeral Charges is paid thene the raymainder of all my Estate shall be Devoidit in the fowlloing maner and form between my Children, I give and bequeath to my oldest sone Martin fivfty Pound Curent Money and then to go in an Equel Sheer with his two following Brothers that is to Say with my Second Sone David and with my theerd Sone George so that the three sons above mentioned Enge shall have three parts and my oldest Daughter Madalena sheall have two parts and also my Second Daughter Margareth Shall have two parts ??ickways of Rail an Personal Estot as wall as my

(...more)

Will of Martin Kershner Sr contd

Sones above mentioned and likewise I give and bequeath unto my three Grain-Children named Jacob Baum, and Martin Baum, and John Baum egth shall have fiffty pound Pensilvania Curency, and Likewise I Order that them two Daughters of George Reitenawers Deceased named Margrath Rietenower and Elizabeth Reitenawer shall have fiffty Accers of Land between 'em which Land shall be laid of from my on Land ajoining there on fiffty Accers. And it is further my Will that in case any of my Sons or Daughters shall enter into Conrod Millers Family by Marige that then any of themshall have no more then fure Shillings Starlling for his hooll part, And it is further my Will that all my personal Estat shall be praist, and it is further my Desire that my youngest Sone named George shall be seued Dutch and English, and shall be Bound to Trade as sone as he is *Cabaubel to good Christian People to be Prantis and I Do consitute make and and appoint Captain Jonathon Hager & my Son Martin to be my Executors and to Act in full Power in all the above mentioned Articuls of this my Last Will and Testament and I do Heireby Utterly disallow and Disannoll all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacise and Executors by me in anywise before these Times named Willed and bequeathed Ratifaying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Martin Kershner of his Last Will and Testament in presents of Us the Subscribers———

Hinrich... Reitnour (Ger.script) (signed) Marten Kirshner

Henry Schnebely

Johannes...rschner..(German script)

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On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz. On the 30th Day of December 1769 Came Henry Ridinour Henry Shnebly, John Casner the three Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator Martin Kershner Sign and Seal the Said Will and heard him publish pronounce and Declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of a Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Severally Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Testator and in the presence of each other———

Sworn before (signed) T Bowles D^y Com^ry

Examined Fred County

* capable, (?)
— V.J.A.

Salisbury Hundred, Wash. Co. Md. 1784 Assessment

Owners Names	Names	Land: Sorts Wood	Sorts Meadow	Sorts Arable	Sorts Orchard	Sorts Value	Values of Improvements	Negroes Male Above 16 Years	Negroes Female Above 16 Years	Negroes Male Under 16 Years	Negroes Female Under 16 Years	Mills
George Hilbert	P.t Mountain Rales	91	3	26	53	50	90					
John Heathington	Three Friends	121		10	181	181	110					
Jacob Hank	P.t Sanders & P.t Reple	106	12	28	146	146	100					
Jacob Hill												
Barnett Hower												
Michael Houck												
Henry Hasbrook												
Geo. Hasbrook												
George Hobler												
Malon Jacques	Sundry Tracts	1180	8	117	1305	1100	60					
Richard Jones	P.t Woolfs Purchase	98	2	11	11	10	10					
David Jones	Gilberts Bargain	916	6	50	271	271	50					
do	Reple's Lot	131	11	50	195	195	30					
Wm Jones	Jones's Delight	99		35	195	170	10					
John Jones	P.t Nesjon Batchelors Ad	113	5	10	188	105	30					
Wm Deaine	Hole in the Rock and P.t Nesjon Meadows of Rales	117	8	100	250	275	30		371		1	25
Allen Kellagh	Cousens	30			50	50						
Jno Kershner	P.t Nesjon Contentment	90	8	80	178	258	90					
George Kershner	do	115	1	50	169	215	20					
David Kershner	P.t Nesjon Amendment and Troublesome Contentment	347	6	80	133	366	60					
George Kershner Jr	do	306		17	133	366	30					
John Kershner	Sundry Tracts	173	8	70	253	270	130					
Simon Kesecher	do	111	10	50	171	236	100					
Philip Kesecher	do	111	10	50	171	236	50					
Jacob Kibler	P.t Hannay & P.t Long Lot	85	25	90	200	200	100					
Jacob Kershner	P.t Conquitt Hayed and P.t Hardens Choice	703	23	96	102	355	110		1			
Philip Kershner	P.t 1st Snow P.t Hagers Delight & Nesjon Amend	111	7	50	171	211	90					
Habnah Kershner												
John Kelly												
Conrad Kershner												
Martin Kershner												
John Kemp												
Geo. Knable	Good Neighbours	106	1	30	110	105	10					
Jacob Knable												
Peter Kerler	P.t Salisbury	60		10	100	80	10					

* there is a Martin Kirshman on Oaths of Allegiance, so I think this is not Kershner

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									1	1 Ruth							Acker	13 Ruth
									3	2 Fuß 26 Ruth							Acker	27 Ruth
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Dau									0	9 Fuß 67 Ruth							Acker	521 Ruth
G Jr									3	2 Fuß 95 Ruth							Acker	49 Ruth
Jona									3	12 Fuß 1 Ack.		2 Fuß 30 Ruth					Acker	187 Ruth
"									6	9 Fuß 80 Ruth							Acker	121 Ruth
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"									8	1 Fuß 65 Ruth							Acker	381 Ruth
Jacob						1 Ack. 10 Ruth			7	15 Fuß 1 Ack.		2 Fuß 20 Ruth					Acker	655 Ruth
Philip									6	10 Fuß 51 Ruth							Acker	389 Ruth
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"									1	1 Fuß 35 Ruth							Acker	37 Ruth
Con									3	2 Fuß 17 Ruth							Acker	49 Ruth
"									9	1 Fuß 22 Ruth							Acker	23 Ruth
"									2	6 Fuß 32 Ruth							Acker	3 Ack.
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"									1	1 Fuß 15 Ruth							Acker	17 Ruth
"									3	3 Fuß 26 Ruth							Acker	197 Ruth

Owners Names	Land: Names	Land: Acres	Land: Perches	Land: Allowance	Land: Value	Value	Value of Improvements	Horses	Cattle	Negroes	Taxes
Christian Keng											
Jacob Kleard											
Philip Kern											
Martin Kenards	Sundry Tracts	573	18	107	620	255	94				
Co	Mountains of Wales	151			151	100					
John Lewis											
Jacob Lear	Grave Mountain	12	7	6	25	20	10				
Philip Lear											
Christy Lewdon	Manor	88	1	20	101	75	10				
John Long Jr	Sundry Tracts	215	1	60	279	250	100				
Andrew Lesser											
Abraham Lehr											
John Long Jr											
Martin Long											
James McClain	Jacks Bottom	36	1	35	175	95	50		1	15	
Alex McCullam	Seimes Chapard	292	3	70	367	307	65				
John McLaughlin	P Castleffarins	97	3	20	50	30	30				
David Mack	P of Hacks Industry	38	2	20	60	10	20				
Nicholas Martin	Sundry Tracts	113	11	80	237	356	110				
John Miller of Jacob	P Nasjon Castleffarins	85	2	35	122	72	60				
James McClannahan	Sundry Tracts	101	18	50	169	72	80				
Henry McCellip	P Salisbury	68	2	30	100	50	20				
Philip J. Miller	Sundry Tracts	98	11	55	167	250	110				
John Miller	P Nasjon Castleffarins	97	18	10	185	217	50				
David Miller	P Hiratians & Richbottom	98	1	10	112	112	60				
James McLaughlin	Maidens Choice	100	6	30	171	100	50		1	5	
Simon Mowers	P Maryland Town	60	6	37	97	97	10				
John Miller	Walnut Bottom	71	1	10	115	60	10				
Balser Mowdy	Jacks Bottom & Walnut Spring	238	2	90	320	300	50				
George Miller	Walnutt Bottom	76	1	35	115	90	30				
Jacob Ayres	Shaggy Meadow	149	17	60	221	321	100				
Dan Miller of Peter											
Adam Miller											
Abr Jno Miller	Rocky Ridge & Bluebird	55	2	13	100	90	60				
Conrad Miller											
Michal McCadnan	Gillisbees Bargain	349	3	20	137½	380	75				
Daniel Miller	Millers Desire	77	2	6	95	106	60				
John McFadon											
Michal Miller											
Henry Minnich											

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STUART G. & RUTH B. KERSHNER, 1414 Red Bud Trail, Austin, Texas 78746

1 Dec. 1974

Dear Mrs. Shingleton:

At the urging of Mr. Douglas D. Woodard, who now lives in Salt Lake City, I have prepared a Mormon-style sheet for George Kershner Sr. who died in Washington Co. Md. 1804.

It is non-Mormon style to put footnotes on such a sheet--but the trail is so tortuous and obscure, that I thought it would be better, as my math teacher used to tell me, "to show my work".

It will be a lot more interesting to quote from these various documents, and I am working on that now as I get an opportunity. At any rate, here is a little something more for your Kershner folder.

I would like to ask you a couple of questions. Maybe sometime you would search your mind and drop me a line.

Do you have any Kershner data from Somerset Co. Pa.? Or do you know someone with whom I could correspond about Kershners in Bedford or Somerset? The last tag-end I need for the brothers and sisters (that I now know) of this George Kershner d 1804 is to locate the wife, children, and place of death of Jonathan Kershner b ca 1750, son of Jacob Kershner d 1775 and Hannah Miller. There is a Jonathan Kershner in Bedford, d 1814; one in the 1810 census of Franklin Co. Pa.; and one in Pinegrove Twp, Berks Co., said to have died in 1812, who was the son of Lt. Peter Kershner of Berks (part of Peter's estate was paid to the estate of the latter Jonathan, b ca 1777, in care of his executor in Wash Co Md., George Zacharias. George Zacharias md. Peter's dau Catherine, thus was a brother-in-law, and distributed the amount he received in 1816 to six unnamed children of Jonathan.) Until I got the actual administration of this Jonathan, I thought it was Jonathan of Jacob d 1775, tho there is good evidence that the latter was living in Penna. in 1796 and 1801.

Over -

Mary Maxwell is back from a fast trip to Hagerstown and is tied up now to finish up her history. Hallelujah!!

Ruth

GS 100 (1964)

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.
ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

HUSBAND George Kershner [1,8,9,17,18,19,20]

Born by 1738[2] Place prob. 4 miles west of present Hagerstown, Maryland
Chr. _____ Place (then in Prince George's Co., now in Washington Co.)
Marr. ca. 1763?[4] Place prob. same, but then in Frederick Co. Md.
Died between 4 Sept[5]-30 Oct., 1804[6] Place " " , " " " Washington Co. Md.[6]
Bur. _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER Johan Gorg Kirschner[3,8,9] HUSBAND'S MOTHER Anna.....[3,7]
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

Husband
Wife
Ward 1.
Examiners: 2.
Stake or Mission

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET
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FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE
RELATION OF F.R. TO HUSBAND
RELATION OF F.R. TO WIFE

WIFE (Eva?) Mary Flenner[10,11,23]

Born ca. 1740 Place _____
Chr. _____ Place _____
Died betw. 9 Mar 1827-28 Aug 1830[12] Place Londonderry Twp, Bedford Co., Penna.[12]
Bur. _____ Place prob. Presbyterian Cem, Berlin[13], Bedford Co. Pa., now in Somerset Co. Pa.

WIFE'S FATHER John Flennard Sr.[11,14] WIFE'S MOTHER Christean.[14].....
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

	BAPTIZED (DATE)	ENDOWED (DATE)	SEALED (Date & Temple) WIFE TO HUSBAND
HUSBAND			
WIFE			SEALED (Date & Temple) CHILDREN TO PARENTS

SEX M F	CHILDREN — List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) In Order of Birth — SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR	WHERE BORN TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE / TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR
1 F	Rosanna Kershner [4,12,13,24]	by 1764?	prob. west of Hagerstown Md[3]	then Fred. now Wash.	Md.	24 Jan 1780[4] Adam Miller[4] (d 1827 Bedford Co Pa)	after 1827[13]
2 F	Mary Kershner [12,24]		"	"	"	by 1804[5] Anthony Hower (Howard)[15]	before 1827[12]
3 F	Eva Elizabeth Kershner [12,24]	15 Feb 1771[5]	"	"	"	by 1794[5] Devault Kendle[12,24]	before 1807[24]
4 M	Elias Kershner [12,20,24]	30 June 1773[5]	"	"	"	Catherine Wachtel[5]	Nov/Dec 1804[13,24]
5 M	Martin Kershner Jr. [26,20,21,24,28]	12 Dec. 1775[5]	"	"	"	by 1805[5] Elisabetha[5]	before 1827[12]
6 M	Joh. George Kershner [12,24]	28 Feb. 1778[5]	"	Wash.	"	23 Nov. 1799[14] Margaret Flenner (of Rudolph)[14]	after 1827[12]
7 M	David Kershner	10 June 1780[5]	"	"	"	prob died unmarried before 1804[12,24]	
8 M	Joseph Kershner [12,24]						between 1805-1827[12,24]
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION
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OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

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Documentary Footnotes,
GEORGE KERSHNER b by 1738 and wife MARY FLENNER b ca 1740

1 In contemporary documents, called "George Sr" to distinguish him from his nephew, "George Jr"
2 Witness to Will of John Ritter (Reiter), 1760, Fred Co. Md. Wills A-1:403
3 Maryland Land Patents LG#B: 142, 1734, conveyed to George Kersner by Capt. Chas. Higgerbotham
E#1 6:148, 1739, to George Kersner
T#1:405, 1749, to Anna Kersner
BC&GS#13: 299, 1759, to Anna Kersner
(above tracts resurveyd as one tract in 1769, in 1773 divided between the brothers George Kershner and John Kershner
4 Brumbaugh's Maryland Records 2:528
5 Baptisms of Salem and Zion Reformed Congregations of Hagerstown, Md.
6 Administration of George Kershner, Wash. Co. Md. 1804 et seq
7 Test. Proc., Prerogative Ct. of Md. 32:165, 1748
Also Maryland Inventories 37:164, 1748
Also Acct. of John George Kersner dec'd by Ana Kersner, Fred Co. Md. Accts 28:64, 1750
8 Will of Martin Kirshner Sr., Fred. Co. Md. Wills 4:30, 1769
9 Fred. Co. Md. Land Records T:188, 1773
10 Wash Co. Md. Land Records F:467, 1789, and S:625, 1807
11 Will of John Flenner, Wash. Co. Md. Wills A:124, 1785
12 Will of Mary Kirshner, Bedford Co. Pa. Wills 2:332
13 Will of Adam Miller, Bedford Co. Pa. Wills 2:230
14 Genealogy of the Flenner Family, Ernest O. Nay
Also Records of Douglas Dutro Woodard of Salt Lake City, Utah
15 Admn. of Elias Kershner, Wash. Co. Md. Estates, 1804
16 Marriage Records of Wash. Co. Md.
17 Oaths of Allegiance, Wash. Co. Md. 1778
18 Tax Assessments, Wash. Co. Md. 1783 and 1803/4
19 U.S. Censuses of Wash. Co. Md., 1790, 1800, 1810
20 Wash. Co. Md. Land Records S:2-4 1805
21 " " " " " S:572 1807
22 " " " " " S:625 "
23 " " " " " S:635 "
24 " " " " " S:652 "
25 " " " " " G:568 1791
26 " " " Orphan's Court, 1806, p 3
27 Test. Proc., Prerogative Court of Md, 44:190, Fred. Co. 1771 (George Kershner, admr. of Thomas Ramssey)
28 Service Records, War of 1812