Flenner

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Dear Ruth,

I decided to write to you in Wyo - as I was in no hurry for the Broad Top - publication. I was over run here with little summer visitors - all as guest again.

Hope you found some thing of value in the story - I have another 'True Stories of Broad Top' by David Foster Norton - 75 pages. If I come to Austin this spring, will bring it to you, if you are interested. I have only one copy.

Have another party wanting the publication I sent you, so you may send it back. Have some new leads - keep me busy. Libby E.

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Dear Mrs. Kershner,

I was delighted to make a contact in the M. C. S. Bulletin, as I had only recently joined. Mrs. Nay's winter address is probably one you don't have - her home is ~~[illegible]~~ 29 S. 20th St. Terre Haute Ind. 47803 I will send her your suggested date, in case you do not write to her. The Nays were a delightful couple - they stopped here once to see us. We also saw them at their place in Sarasota.

My family name is Flenner from Huntingdon + Tyrone

Pa. When I could go back only to my Great Grandfather John Flenner of Huntingdon, born Oneida Twsp. Dec 25 1809 - then I began my research, 25 years ago. The first Flenner names I found in the D A R Library - the Flenner family of Wash. Co. Md, but I could make no connection. Dr. May worked on it also when preparing his Flenner book. Then a John Flenner in Altoona years ago I obtained a family line that we finally accepted (but I had reservations) Then recently I found a Fenner line that is proving interesting too. Dr. May published, in his book, as a supplement, the Altoona line plus the descendants of my ancestor John Flenner of Huntingdon.

Spent Easter '73 in Austen. Sincerely - Elizabeth Effley

Flenner - Pa.

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Altoona line

John Flenner settled nr. Philipsburg
N. J. before 1700. d. 1723

Philip Flenner Sr. fled from Indian
Massacre with wife — Hellberg

c. Rachael - married Lancaster Co
John - lost to family (Sermon Rev.)
Philip Jr settled Wilmore Pa
Franklin 1772-1873 "

The above Philip Sr. at an advanced
age gave service in Rev. War - (cannot
prove this) d. 1779 from wounds.

After receiving this material in great length, I concluded that the lost John was the father of my ancestor John. b. 1809, even tho he stated in Census that his father was b. Md.

So I accepted the Altoona line fairly as mine, maybe too hastily. Another point convinced me at the time - My ancestor John in write up on his life said his father was a soldier of the Rev. but did not give his name. I could only find one John Flenner from Pa. who served in Rev - so thought I had the right land.

My Ancestor John m. Eliza Rattew 1833.

There are some questions marks?

Adam Flenner - Bedford Co. ~1850~

Daniel Flenner buried Broad Top. Pa 1887

Margaretha Flenner, Daniel, David and Martin Flenner - listed in Africa's book on Hist. of Huntingdon 1837-1849 - p. 381, 382. May

My ancestors in Huntingdon did not seem to be related to these people, tho I did see the Margaretha Flenner line in my genealogy as it fitted in nicely!

13 April, 1974

Dear Mrs. Eppley:

Your Flenner data is most interesting. I have really not attempted to look into this family much beyond what I wrote you.

In Salt Lake City, I leafed through the Kerschner/Kershner etc. family sheets, and came upon George Kershner, b about 1774, of Washington Co. Maryland, who married 23 Nov 1799, at Hagerstown, Margaret Flenner, b 26 Feb. 1776 in Wash Co Md. Margaret's father is listed as Rudolph Flenner and his mother as Magdalena Kershner: both buried in Old Flenner Cemetery, Butler Co. Ohio. I am giving these details because I am not sure of an opportunity to copy it for you, and you can fill out a family sheet from this. Children listed are David b c 1801 md 28 June 1827 Eliza Garver; Parmelia b c 1803, md ....Spragg ~~15xSeptx1838~~; Joseph b c 1805, md 15 Sept 1830 Mary Hayse; Samuel b c 1807 md 15 Mar 1832, Phebe Hayse, all of Butler Co.

Sources: Marriage records of Wash Co Md & Butler Co; Margaret Flenner's birth record, Salem Ref Ch, Hagerstown; p 21-22, Genealogy of the Flenner Family, 1968, Ernest O. Nay.
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With this in hand, I phoned Mr. Woodard. He teaches history in a SLC high school. Told me he used to live in Wash D.C. where he had done a lot of research for Dr. Nay's book. His wife is of the Flenner line. I think his Duttros were in Wash Co. Md. He loaned me a lot of notes, which I copied, but he has not answered any letters. He likes research, but confessed he had not even been in the SLC library. His notes and conversation suggested that he had been principally interested in refuting an error by Mary Palmer Phillips, 1956, in a little volume called "From the Family Record of David Lehman Booker and his wife Elizabeth Nutts". A copy of this is in the Wash Co Free Library. In the Baum section, p 69-76, Mrs. Phillips said that Jacob Baum md Susanna Margaretha Kershner, daughter of Martin Kershner and Margaretha. To place this in perspective, Jacob Baum was first husband of Magdalena, not Margaretha, Kershner, who md. (2) Rudolph Flenner, and Jacob Baum had died by 1769, leaving three sons under six years of age.

I thought Mr. Woodard's proof was conclusive about which sister had md.(1) Jacob Baum (2) Rudolph Flenner, especially after our research showed that the daughter of Martin Kershner (d 1769) named Margaretha had md. Henry Zeller. Apparently Mrs. Phillips did not know of the death of this Jacob Baum, and she went on to give his further history, but I have administration records for Jacob Baum, Martin Kershner admr., and I think she has not separated out all the various Jacob Baums yet.

I will keep an eye out for Flenner records, and write if I find anything potentially helpful. I could surely use some advice from you on how to research Pennsylvania long-distance, especially land records. We are trying to clarify the Penn/Md Kershner relationships prior to 1800. Do you have a Bedford or Lehigh Co. resource? What about Bucks?

We hope to leave Texas during the hot weather, but our mail is forwarded, and I'll take my Kershner card file. Probably go to Wyoming. Last spring & summer we were at Falls Church! Our brother, Stephen W. Kershner, 6667 Van Winkle--and he has a dau lives in Silver Spring. How about that!