

GARDNER

ZINN

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The German Element in the Shenandoah Valley

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From Kegley's Virginia Frontier:

Page 120- The Dunkers, or Dunkards, as they were called, German Seventh Day Baptists from the Ephrata Society, of Lancaster County, Penna..... in the year 1740 there were thirty six single brethren in the cloister; and thirty five sisters, and at one time the society, including members living in the neighborhood, numbered nearly three hundred. THE ECKERLINGS, three brothers, who had been brought up as Catholics in Germany, contemplated making the place of more importance than a mere enlarged religious refuge, and planned to build extensive wooden buildings to house various trades and professions. This did not suit the Dunkards, nor did they approve of the Eckerlings buying chime bells cast for the tower unknown to the society until they arrived at Philadelphia. The society resolved NOT to receive the bells and had them sold. This exposed the conspiracy on the part of the ECKERLINGS to possess the property and led to their expulsion. They with some of the BROTHERS came to VIRGINIA and established themselves on NEW RIVER and on the MONONGAHELA. The names of some of those connected with the society included GARRETT ZINN who followed the Eckerlings to Virginia. The settlement of Mahanaim, and Dunkard's Bottom, was visited and described by Dr. Thomas Walker in the Spring of 1750. He was impressed with the manner of living, and the thrift shown in the industry of these people. These people came to Virginia between 1740-1750 seeking their welfare at a place uninhabited and unmolested. The colony was later broken up by the Indians, and lost its identity, and the people were assimilated into the general frontier population. In February 1754, Garrett Zinn was purchased Dunkard's Bottom from Samuel Eckerling moved to CAROLINA to keep from being murdered by the Indians.

my 4th gr grandpa's - historical note

page 121- Henry Zinn was killed on New River.

Page 77- (From the Records of Augusta & Frederick Counties)
January 4th, 1754-- GARRET Zinn sells to Emanuel Eckerlin one hundred twenty acres on West side of Woods River.

Page 126- Kegley continued-- John Miller from GARRET ZINN three hundred acres of land, part of nine hundred acres at Dunkard's Bottom, and Samuel Eckelin from Garret Zinn, one hundred twenty five acres, part of nine hundred acres at Dunkards Bottom. Both deeds in 1754.

From Annals of South West Virginia 1769-1800

page 340---Deed Book 1-page 188. October 4th, 1770---William Davis of Philadelphia to WILLIAM CHRISTIAN, one hundred twenty five acres on the waters of New River, part of a hundred acre track granted to GARRET ZINN.

Page 343--August 13th, 1771 DAVID ROBINSON to..... for Valentine Zinn and Chronous Zinn of the PROVINCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 400 acres on the west side of New River called Dunkard's Bottom.

From Annal's Augusta Co. Va. page 103---Samuel Eckerlin VS Valentine Zinn, heir at law of GARRET ZINN- chancery. From Augusta Co. Va. Court Records, order book XIII, Nov. 21st, 1768.

p 113---Garret Zinn to Manuel Eckerlin, 125 acres, part of 900 Acres of Dunkard's Bottom granted to Garfet Zinn 20th. June 1753. This land on Woods River and adjoining John Miller.

p 18--1762 For 100 pounds, John Smith to Alex Sayers, one half of a track held jointly by John and Richard Pearis containing 380 A., part of nine hundred aces patented to Garret Zinn 1753, and conveyed to us by John Miller 10th, May 1762.

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where Garret Zinn ever came to Carolina. Garret Zinn was dead by 1760 for at that time Eckerlin is suing Valentine Zinn, heir-at-law of Garret Zinn. We know that Valentine Zinn was in South Carolina by 1762 for he was granted land at that time. The Gardners and Evanses came along with them to South Carolina and settled in the same vicinity. It is my belief although I have never been able to prove that HENRY ZINN wed Ann Gardner, and she close kin to the Evans Family.

8- Miss Guckes you mention the Orange County, Virginia Johnsons and the Valentine connection--. That was of interest to us since the COURSEYS, Griffins, Breazeales, Rhodeses, and Woffords were there before coming to South Carolina, and as you know Mary Evans Johnson, daughter of Henry Johnson and Mary Barton Rhodes wed John Bruton Coursey and were my great grandparents.

9- Note that James Johnson Jr. left Augusta, Ga. after the death of his father, Charles Johnston in 1813, and in 1848 was living in Bucks County, Penna when he sent power of attorney back to Augusta, Ga. to Benjamin Hall to sell his portion of the estate of his sister (sister) Mary Ann Johnson. He wed Marry Nally in Augusta before he returned to Penna. I wonder if he left descendants in Penna.....

10--Probably Valentine Zinn wed in Virginia before coming to South Carolina for it looks as though Garret Zinn was in Virginia by 1745. Wonder if Garret was one of the single brethren in the Dunkard Group listed by Knapley in his data. We know that Henry Zinn, son of Valentine was born in 1752 by his tombstone record, so Valentine was born by 1730, and that lets Garret out as a possibility for a single man in 1737 when he came to Penna. He probably wed in Germany before coming to Penna. BUT VALENTINE LIKELY WED IN VIRGINIA BEFORE COMING TO SOUTH CAROLINA...

page 210- 10th. October 1767--- Vol. 111. Samuel Eckolin, eldest brother and heir at law of Emanuel Eckerlin, deceased of Philadelphia, Penna to William Davis of Philadelphia City, for sixty pounds, 125 Acres on New River and this part of a nine hundred acre track granted to Garret Zinn in 1753, and conveyed by him to Emanuel Eckolin 15th. Jan. 1754. Test: William Christain, John King, William Davis, and Alex McClonachan.

→ Vol. 2---Augusta Co. Annals--17th. Nov. 1778-----John Page, guardian of SAMUEL GARDNER, orphan of Thomas Gardner.
Vol. 2--page 256--Patent 1773 to WILLIAM EVANS, three hundred sixty acres of Branch of Elk Island Creek near JOHN CHRISTIAN'S LINE.

→ 1766- Robert Brown's bond, with John Finley and Samuel Love, as guardians for Francis and Samuel Gardner, orphans of Thomas Gardner deceased.

→ p-203--30th. Oct. 1781---Francis Gardner Sr's Will---To wife, Esther, and to grandsons, FRANCIS AND SAMUEL GARDNER. Exors: William and James Bell.

Thomas Gardner's Will---page 390---23rd. May 1758---TO beloved wife, ANN Gardner, and to my beloved daughter Mary Gardner all estate. My broters son, Thomas Gardner Jr. and wife Ann Gardner exoc. Test: Phillip Eastin, Catherine Gardner and proved 19th. Aug. 1760.

page 429---19th. Nov. 1760-----Thomas Gardner's appraisement by Samuel Archer, ANDREW FOSTER, and John Finley.

page 181---William McClonachan's bond as guardian to SUSANNAH EVANS, orphan of DANIEL EVANS deceased.

COMMENTS

- 1- It is interesting to see Gardners, Evanses, Fosters, Zinns, Christians, Clarkes and Thompsons all in a group in Augusta County, Virginia records, and to find them later in Richmond County, Georgia.
- 2- I found no ARDIS records in Augusta County, Va. and wonder if they will be found in Dunkard Settlement in Penna. Or did Valentine Zinn not know Mathias Ardis until he arrived in South Carolina?
- 3/--- The name Christian is interesting in that a number of the Penna Zinns used the name Christian as a first name in various Zinn Families. I wonder if Garret Zinn wed a Christian in Germany and was the father of JACOB ZINN, FREDERICK ZINN, VALENTINE ZINN, CHRONMOS ZINN, AND GEORGE ZINN..... Old Jacob Zinn of Penna seems to be near relative of Valentine and Chronmos Zinn. Note Henry Zinn was killed at New River, and he also probably a brother to Valentine Zinn and son of Garret Zinn. Henry Zinn of Beech Island and Augusta, Ga. probably named for Henry Zinn killed at New River.
- 4- I wonder if the Zinns were originally Catholics like the Eckerlins, or whether they were Dunkards??
- 5/. Were the Eckerlins related to the Zinns, or could Garret Zinn have wed a sister of Samuel and Emanuel Eckerlin.....
- /6---The Johnstons were in Augusta County, Va. also but I did not have time when in Savannah to examine the records on them. Likely a study of them may shed some light on the situation.
- 7- Looks like Gerhardt or Gerhart Zinn who came to Penna in 1737 with application for land in Philadelphia in 1738 must have been same man as Garret Zinn who died before 1760 in Carolina. No record can be found

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