

Background Data for Johann Georg Spangler(1740-1821)

There is considerable evidence that points to this particular George Spangler (Johann Georg Spangler) as being the progenitor of this branch of Spanglers.

Direct Family

The 1842 estate settlement of John Spangler, Yates Co, NY names his surviving heirs. He was unmarried, so the survivors mentioned are his siblings and nieces/nephews of his deceased brother, George.

It provides information that his brothers George, Henry, Adam and Philip, had migrated to New York and Ohio while four brothers, Jacob, William, Abraham, and Peter were in Adams County, PA. Further research has shown that many of the brothers, for whom birthplaces are known, were born in Maryland between 1775 and 1790.

A George Spangler listed in the 1790 census for Frederick County, Maryland appears to have had a family of two daughters, 2 sons over sixteen and seven sons under sixteen. This matches the 9 sons mentioned in John Spangler's estate settlement. There was also another George Spangler in the 1790 census for Frederick County who, most likely, was George Spangler Sr's eldest son (age 21 at that time). He may also have been listed under his father.

Following would be the ages in the 1790 census of the sons of George Spangler (In the order presented in Mary Spangler's will and supporting evidence). One known daughter also shown.

George	21	born in Berks Co. PA, 10 Nov 1769
Henry	19	born in PA? 23 Aug 1771 (some census entries of children indicate MD)
Maria Catharina	17	born in Berks Co, PA, 20 Apr 1773
Jacob	15	born in Maryland* 4 Jan 1775
John	14	born in MD? about Jul 1776
William	7	born in Maryland* 23 Sep 1783
Peter	5	born in Maryland* 19 Sep 1785
Adam	4	born in MD? 25 Mar 1786
Abraham	3	born in Maryland* 19 Jun 1787
Philip	0	born in Maryland* 20 Oct 1790

The gap in births between 1776 and 1783 would indicate that he served during the Revolutionary War. There are some sources that say he did, but I have not found any service records for him.

*Census and other records indicate that these children were born in Maryland.

Frederick County MD

The deed books for Frederick County, MD have the following entries for George Spangler:

- W-69 . 25 August 1774 – Recording of deed for property in the Bedford Tract from Raphael Neale of St Mary's Co, MD to George Spangler "of Berks Co., PA".

- WR-19-491, 10 May 1800 - Recording of deed for sale on 14 April 1800 of part of Bedford Tract containing 45 acres from George Spangler Sr. to George Koons (Koontz) for the sum of £50.
- WR-20-11, 10 June 1800 - Recording of deed for sale on 14 April 1800 of part of Bedford Tract containing 170 acres from George Spangler Sr. to Mathias Hann for the sum of £765.
- WR-20-69 16 July 1800- Recording of deed for sale on 14 April 1800 of part of Bedford Tract containing 95 ¼ acres from George Spangler to William Otto.
- WR-20-194, 30 September 1800 - Recording of deed for sale on 14 April 1800 of part of Bedford Tract containing 177 ¼ acres from George Spangler Sr. to Daniel Hartsock for the sum of £797.
- WR-25-516, 16 April 1804 - Recording of an agreement, dated 9 November 1799, between George Spangler Sr., late of Frederick County, and George Koontz, William Otto, Norman Bruce, and Upton Bruce agreeing to abide by the survey of 1000 acres of property designated as part of the Bedford Tract. The agreement was witnessed by George Spangler, Jr.

On 14 April George Spangler, Sr. appeared with his wife, Mary, to confirm the deed transactions. In each instance, George Spangler, Sr. is referred to as "late of Frederick County" and signs his name "Johann Georg Spangler". The property in question is located on Big Pipe Creek near Bruceville, MD, just north of Kaymar, MD in what is now Middleburg Twp, Carroll County, MD. (This part of Carroll County was part of Frederick County until 1834)

On 31 May 1784 Georg Spangler appears in the "kirchenbuch" as a deacon of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church near New Windsor, Carroll (formerly Frederick) County, MD; includes birth of son, Johann Peter on 19 Sept 1785, baptized 29 Nov 1785.

Adams County PA

Prior to 1774, George Spangler lived in Berks County, PA. Sometime prior to 14 April 1800, George Spangler moved from Frederick County. This is supported by the fact that no George Spangler appears in the 1800 census for Frederick County, MD. In the 1820 Straben, Adams Co, PA census George Spangler, age over 44, appears immediately after Abraham and Peter Spangler and before William Spangler. In the 1830 census, George Spangler does not appear, but a woman, age 70-80 (Mary, George's widow?) appears in the family of Peter Spangler. Further, the following deaths were reported in the Gettysburg newspaper:

John George Spangler, Mount Pleasant, Adams Co, PA; died 6 November 1821, "in his 82nd year".

Mary Spangler, widow of John G., Straban, Adams Co, PA; died 5 June 1834, age 83. Her will is in the Adams County, PA records in which she bequeaths her estate to her 9 sons - George, Henry, Jacob, John, Adam, William, Peter, Abraham and Phillip. This confirms exactly not only the number, but the names of the sons as well as fitting the evidence for the 1st birth sequence.

In this case, George Spangler was born in 1740 and was 11 years older than his wife who was born in 1751.

Berks County, PA Origins:

Marriage of Johann Georg and Anna Maria

- 1) Marriages at St Gabriel's Swedish Lutheran Church: George SPINGLER, Alsace, to Mary CHRIST, Reading, on Aug 11 1768
- 2) Excerpt from biographical sketch of Henry Christ from "History of Berks County Pennsylvania in the Revolution 1774-1783", page 220: "He died at Reading in August 1789 and left a large estate. He had four sons ...and six daughters.....Maria (married George Spangler)....."

Baptisms at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading

- 1) Joh. Georg Spengler, son of Johann Georg and Anna Maria, b 11/10/1769, bp 11/15/1769, spons: Georg Christoph Spengler and Maria Catharina.
- 2) Maria Catharina Spengler, dau of George and Maria, b 4/20/1773, bp 5/4/1773, spons: Christoph Spengler and wife - the grd. parents.

The above makes clear that Johann Georg was the son of Georg Christoph (George Christopher) Spengler.

1767 tax list, Berks Co

- 1) George SPENGLER, Alsace, single man, tax = 15 shillings
- 2) Christopher SPENGLER, Alsace, 260 acres, 4 horses, 4 cattle, 4 sheep

Prior Ancestry

Will Abstracts, Berks Co

Jacob SPENGLER, Alsace, will written 2/5/1756, probated 5/18/1756
Son George Christopher to have all estate and support his mother Elizabeth during her life, and a cow and calf to my dec'd daus child Elizabeth WIX, when she is married.
Letters to Geo Christopher SPENGLER, only son

Burials in Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading

Anna Catharine SPENGLER, wife of Christoph, nee REIFELE, buried at Alsace, died 4/24/1786, buried 4/25/1786, age 68y5m

Emigration

Geo Christopher SPENGLER, emigrated on 9/29/1733 on Ship 'Pink Mary of Dublin', age 13, with father and mother, Jacob and Elisabeth, and sister Marie Elisabeth, age 16. Sailed from Rotterdam.