

CONRAD FRITCHER SR
1754-1825

According to the Fricther family bible he was born Sept 1 1754 the son of Conrad Fritcher and Elizabeth Laux who had 4 children (per records of the 1st Reformed church of Schenectady). He married Maria (Mary) Polly Shely 11 Nov 1783 in the german Reformed church at German Flatts (Herkimer) and she was born Sept 10 1762 and died Jan 17 1839. He was a soldier in the Tryon Co Militia. They had 8 children as follows:

- John b 1785-
- Martin 1791-
- Peter 1794-
- Maria(Mary)1797-
- Adam 1799 (or 1797)-
- Betsey (Eliz) 1802-1863 m Wm Bellinger 31 May 1840
- Jacob 1804-
- David 1806

The following quote is taken from the book " Hiftory of Montomery Co" Pg 243:

" Fort Ehle, a mile or more south of Canajoharie, was the palisaded dwelling of John Ehle. Within a short distance of this military post, a detachment of the enemy under Brant, in 1780 or 1781, surprised and killed Adam Eights, and captured Nathan Foster and Conrad Fritcher, the last mentioned two being taken to Canada"

(Note: This could be father or son or neither)

Conrad and Polly are both buried in the old Fritcher cemetery near the site where their house stood oposite the road (Sakon Rd) from the site of the Wesley C Planck farm which burned and was replaced by a newer house which stands today. Twoe old tombstones uncovered by Tom and Ron Planck was copied as follows

IN MEMORY MOE MORY OF POLLY
 POLLY
 WIFE OF
 CONRAD FRITCHER
 WHO DIED
 JAN 17 1839
 AGED 76 YRS
 1 MONTH &
 7 DAYS

(copied exactly as shown)

CONRAD FRITCHER
 DIED
 JULY 7 1823
 AGED 70 YEAR

There was one unreadable tombstone or gravemarker and another broken stone with the following inscription.

MEMORY OF
 PETER FRITCHER
 WHO DIED 1823
 NOV 3 1823

FRITCHER LINE

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| Conrad Fritcher Sr | 1754-1825 | m Polly Scheley | 1762-1839 |
| Conrad Fritcher Jr | 1787-1870 | m Nancy Empie | 1794-1860 |
| Mary Ann Fritcher | 1815-1877 | m John Planck | 1813-1886 |
| Wesley C Planck | 1839-1845 | m Nancy M Empie | 1843-1923 |
| Sanford E Planck | 1873-1934 | M Carrie Fredricks | 1879-1954 |
| Sanford W Planck | 1902-1965 | m Virginia Shaver | 1906-1979 |
| Thomas W Planck | 1927- | m Leneta Mott | 1929- |

THE LIVES OF ADAM PLANCK (possibly GEORGE ADAM)

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CATERINA (Anna Catherine) Klyn PLANCK

Adam was born Feb 29 1736 in the province of Wurtemberg, Germany. He had a sister Rachael (1752-28 Nov 1822) who married Henry Chaffee (1747-1818) at one time a private in the Conn militia. He also had 2 brothers Gottlieb and Johannes. Gottlieb (Godfrey) 1751-1833 stayed in Germany and was a theologian and lutheran church historian born in Nurtungen-Wurtemberg Germany Nov 15 1751. His father was a notary. He was a protestant minister in 1774-1784 and a professor in Stuttgart with many academic and ecclesiastical honors, ref encyclopedia britannica 9th edition Vol XIX Pg 175. He died 31 Aug 1833 in Germany. His other brother Johannes (1748-1825) married Nelytje (Nellie) Gardinier (1754-1784) in 1775 and enlisted as a private in the third regiment, Tryon Co militia in the rev war. The records in the Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia Vol II Pg 156 show a John Plank listed on "a boarding list of different persons employed in the building of the reformed church at Stone Arabia" as 33 days commencing Sept 14 1789. Could be the same John.

He left Germany and went to England then to New York and up the Hudson and Mohawk valleys to Fonda and rented land from Sir Wm Johnson about 4 miles southwest of Johnstown date unknown. His farm was about 140 acres and he lived there the rest of his life. He became a naturalized citizen of the province of NY Feb 1 1771. (see Colonial Laws of NY Vol V 1769-1775). At first he rented 100 acres from Sir Wm and later was given a land grant of 170 acres from Sir Wm who died in 1774.

He married Caterina (Catherine) Klyn date unknown. She was born in 1742 and died Mar 15 1815 at age 73. According to family legend, she was sympathetic to Sir Wm and the British and when their former tory friends plus their british and indian allies who were forced to move to Canada and give up their properties came back and raided and burned and killed other people in the area, they only sho bullets through the front door as a warning since he was a patriot and she a sympathizer. Otherwise if both were patriots the house would have been burned and they possibly captured or worse. Nothing else is known about her. According to book in the oossession of Pauline Planck Wayne of Johnstown. Adam was an elder in the Lutheran church which was near the Grose cemetery where he is buried, until he died

They had 8 children as follows:

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| Philip | 1768-1837 | never married | |
| Jacob | 1771-1815 | m Catherine Weber | son Adam Grose Cemetery |
| Dorothy | 1773-1834 | m Peter Shaver | Dau Catherine Lawersville cem |
| John | 1775-1850 | m Maria Weaver | 6 sons 3 dau to Lewis Co |
| Christian | 1777-1842 | m Hannah Fredrick | in Fonda in 1801 5 sons 5 dau Mayfiel |
| Godfrey | 1779-1845 | m Charity Shaver | 2 sons 5 dau (our line) |
| Adam | 1781-1868 | m Catherine Rickard | no children to Schenectady Vale cem |
| Fredrick | 1783-1851 | m Eliz Warner | no children to Johnstown |

Adam died June 7 1815 at age 79. She died in March 15 1815 at age 73, almost 74. They are both buried in the Grose cemetery a mile or two out of Johnstown on the road to Ephratah which was not far from their farm. A separate gravestone was set in the front of the cemetery along with 3 others to honow them as rev war veterans. His will was dated Dec 31 1814 with a codicil dated Jan 14 1815 and was probated Aug 17 1815 2 months after he died. It mentions his wife and children except Jacob who died. Executors were Henry Yanney and Jacob Denney and witnesses were William Schults, Peter Coughnet, Daniel Walker. (see abstract of Montgomery Co wills 1784-1832 and also NY geological and biographical record 1925 Pg 395. He willed 1/2 of his farm to his son Adam (southwest half) and 1/2 to son Fredrick (northeast half) each half 50 acres.

One record as a soldier shows that he served as a private in Capt DeGraff's 7th Co of Col Visschers Regiment and also in Capt Veeders 2nd Co same regiment.

Adams headstone reads "Memory of Adam Planck who departed this life 7th June 1815 aged 79 years 3 months and 9 days." His footstone reads "Adam Planck". Catherine's headstone reads "Memory of Catherine wife of Adam Planck who departed this life 5th March 1815 aged 73 years 11 months and 19 days, and her footstone reads "Catherine Planck". These stones are upright and in good condition as of 1994. The new stone in front of cemetery to honor Rev war veterans reads "Adam Plank Pvt 3 Regt NY Militia Rev War Feb 29 1736-Jun 7 1815". It is one of 4 stones in a row. Also, in the Stone Arabia Reformed church baptism records shows "Bapt Mar 7 1771 Jacob son of George Adam Planck and Anna Catharina"

THE LIFE OF GEORGE HORNING

He was born Oct 18 1765 the son of Diedrick Horning (1731-1793) and Maria Margaretha Crouse (Kraus). He married Uriah (Maria ?) Mereness Feb 18 1789 in Minden. She was born Aug 27 1769. He was in the 1st Regiment of the Tryon Co Militia in the battle of Oriskany, along with his father and 3 brothers. His 3 brothers were killed in this battle. He died in April 1843.

Page 96 in the book "History of Montgomery Co" published in 1878 contains the following paragraph: "George Harring, the Grandfather of Mr R.L Wessels once incurred the hatred of an indian at Fort Plain by throwing mud in his face. The insulted savage was afterward caught trying to shoot Harring, was driven off and never seen again".

An old newspaper clipping shows his obituary as follows: "George Horning dead (Cana-joharie Sept 3.....George Horning, one of the oldest and best known residents in this vicinity died yesterday at his home at Sprout Brook in the town of Cherry Valley. Mr Horning was 80 years and 10 months of age and had resided at that place nearly his entire life. For many years he was a very prosperous farmer. He had rented his farm of late and lived a retired life. He was a son of Richard Horning and Christiana Minckler (wrong). For the past 6 years he had been in poor health and death resulted from cerebral hemorrhage. The funeral will be held at the late home on(rest of page torn off and lost) ".

THE HORNING LINE

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| Nicholas Horning | 1670 (or 80) - ? | m Anna Maria Hoffman | Jan 27 1705 in Heidelberg | German |
| Dedrick Horning | 1731-1793 | m Maria Margaretha Kraus (Crouse) | 1731- | ? |
| George Horning | 1765-1843 | m Uriah (Maria?) Mereness | 1767- | ? |
| Richard G Horning | 1801-1873 | m Christina Minckler | 1809-1887 | |
| Anna Maria Horning | 1828-1889 | m Richard L Wessels | 1827-1912 | |
| Dr Silas A. Wessels | 1851-1913 | m Alzina Snyder | 1857-1938 | |
| Anna Maude Wessels | 1882-1956 | m L. James Shaver | 1882-1977 | |
| Virginia Shaver | 1906-1979 | m S. Wesley Planck | 1902-1965 | |
| Thomas W. Planck | 1927- | m Leneta Mott | 1929- | |

GEORGE COUNTRYMAN (Counterman)

BORN 1728 or 1730 or 1733
 MARRIED ~~1776~~ Christena Dievendorf (1748-1811)
 DIED 1808 1809
 BURIED Geisenburg cemetery
 PARENTS Conrad Counterman (1698- ?) & Maria Margaret ?
 WILL Dated Apr 28 1808 probated Mar 1809
 FARM Located on Dutchtown road (Ft Plain) in town of Minden. Cellar still visible in 1929
 SOLDIER A Lt in Canajoharie Reg't of Tryon Co militia 1786. ~~Also a Capt in Apr 11 1776 under Col Yates.~~ One record shows him as a Lt from 1778 to 1783 and Capt from 1783 to 1798 when he resigned.

CHILDREN: 11

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| → <u>MARIA</u> | 1763-1845 | m. Wm Wohlgenuth |
| Jacob | 1765- | m. Margaret ? |
| Margaret | 1767- | m. John D Young |
| Elizabeth | 1769- | m. John Geo Dunckle |
| Magdelene | 1771- | m. Isaac Pickard |
| John Geo | 1773-1851 | m. Regina Sprecker 1793 |
| Christena | 1775- | m. Jonas Whitmoter & John Reis 1796 |
| Catherine | 1780- | m. Jacob Coopman |
| Anna Nancy | 1783- | m. John Plank |
| Daniel | 1785- | m. Maria Moyer & Mary Fort. 1795 |
| Delia | 1787- | m. James Tenant |

FROM BOOK "HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY & FULTON CO" 1878 Pg 129;

"Fort Willett was a palisaded inclosure on the highest ground in Dutchtown. and was situated over 4 miles from Ft Plain. The incursions of the enemy in 1780 necessitated the erection of this stockade which is understood to have been completed that fall under the direction of Col Willett. Quite a number of families, too distant from the other forts to be benefitted by them, found a safe retreat here. This inclosure, which had ample room for huts for all the exposed families, had the usual blockhouse corners and an alarm gun. As it was isolated from any dwelling, it had a good sized oven, the ruins of which were visible not many years ago. The timber for its pickets was cut on several adjoining farms and was drawn together by the owners of them, as was learned over a quarter century ago from the late George Countryman of Fordsbush, who, a lad at the time, drove his fathers team to draw part of the material together. The picketts were the trunks of straight trees of different kinds about a foot through at the butt, and cut long enough to be sunk 3 or 4 feet in the ground and rise above it a dozen or more feet. "ON THE RETURN OF PEACE" said Countryman "EACH FAMILY DREW HOME ITS SHARE OF THE PICKETTS TO BE CONVERTED INTO FENCES OR OUTBUILDINGS"

JOHN JACOB DIEVENDORF SR

BORN May 12 1747 town of Canajoharie

PARENTS John Dievendorf 1700-1791 and Elizabeth Keller

MARRIED ~~July 29 1762~~ (or Nov 30 1771) Catherine Windecker

CHILDREN 12 (see wife Catherine)

DIED Mar 27 1839

BURIED On old Curry town (near Canajoharie) homestead plot

SOLDIER Pvt in Capt Jacob Dievendorf (brother) Company of Tryon Co Militia in Revol war. He survived the war and was pensioned. Was a ~~Sgt~~ in the battle of Oriskany. He enlisted in April 1775. He was also in the battles at Herkimer, German Flatts, the burning of Springfield, the Cherry Valley massacre and Johnstown. His name is on the Tryon Co militia roster.

THE FOLLOWING IS COPIED FROM THE BOOK "FORTS AND FIRESIDES OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY" 1943 BY JOHN J. VROMAN:

DIEVENFORD HOUSE

Currytown

The original settlers of this name in the mohawk valley were Johannes and Heinrich, who came to the Canajoharie District about 1725. "1791 John Dievendorf born 1700 in der Schweg married Elizabeth Keller, died 23 Feb, buried 25 Feb, 10 children, 47 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren".

John's will, filed Nov 12 1791 in Montgomery Co., makes his son John Jacob principal heir, to whom was bequeathed "the whole and entire lot of land where I dwell". This John Jacob was born in 1747 and died in 1839. His life was spent in the Schoharie and mohawk valleys, where he was known as "Esquire Dievendorf". When the revolutionary war broke out, he joined Col Klock's Tryon Co Regiment. He survived the war, and at its close became a pensioner. His wife was Catherine Windecker, who is buried beside him on the old homestead farm. In a tory and indian raid on July 9, 1781, the Dievendorf home at Currytown, about 10 miles southeast of Canajoharie, was attacked and a lad named Jacob Dievendorf was captured and carried off. In the retreat, when pursued by Col Willett, and his militia, the indians began to kill their prisoners to be rid of them. Seeing what was taking place, young Jacob jumped from his horse and ran into the forest. But he was seen, pursued, struck down with a tomahawk, then scalped and left for dead. The militiamen found him unconscious and took him to Ft Plain where he was given every care. He survived this awful experience and lived to reach the ripe old age of 85. His wound never completely healed, although for 5 long years he was under constant treatment. He, too, is buried on his home farm. The other pioneer Heinrich, or Henry, is rather obscure, but there is mention of at least 4 of his children. The first is Capt Henry of the 5th Co of Col Herkimer's Canajoharie Regiment, Tryon Co militia. While in command of his Co at Oriskany, he was mortally wounded by a bullet through his lungs and died almost as he fell. His name appears on the Oriskany Battlefield Monument. Of the other 3 children of the first Heinrich but little is known beyond their names, which are given as Jacob (1740-1816) (who may well have been the parent of the lad Jacob who was carried off in the indian raid of 1781), Fredrick, and Barbara. The old Dievendorf homestead was destroyed, as were all others save that of Lewis the Tory, in the Currytown massacre. The house pictured is one of the oldest in the vicinity, having been built immediately following the war, probably by Conrad Mowers, and later was owned and lived in by Henry I. Dievendorf, a brother of Jacob the lad who was scalped.

The following paragraph is copied from pg 367 in the book "THE BLOODIED MOHAWK" by Ken Ohnson. RWPA means revolutionary war pension application where this information comes from.

JOHN JACOB DIEFFENDORF RPWA #S12772. He was born in Canajoharie township, Mont Co NY on May 14 1747. He married on Nov 30 1771 Catherine Windecker. Catherine was born on April 5 1755. John Jacob died March 27 1839. HE first served at Fort Plank in the summer of 1776 doing duties as a private in Capt Henry Dievendorf's Company of the Canajoharie District of Militia. In 1778 and 1779 he served at Ft Plank as an orderly sergeant in Capt Jacob Dievendorfs Co. In the summer of 1780 he was among those who were ordered out to Fort Stanwix when Capt Sammuell Gray's boatmen were waylaid. He also assisted in the building of Fort Dievendorf in the summer of 1780 and served therein until the end of the war. He fought in the battles of Oriskany and Johnstown. Nicholas Dunkle states he remembers seeing John Jacob serving within Fort Plank. His file also contains depositions by JOHN Yordan, Adam Garlock, Cornelius Van Camp, John Dievendorf and Jacob Snell. During the revolutionary war he possessed 100 acres in lot 8 of the first allotment of Van Hornes's patent of Minden township, Mont Co NY (Garret Lansing papers, box 9:4)



DIEVENDORF HOUSE
CURRYTOWN

