

SOME GERMAN-AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS  
IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:  
THE RATTERMANN LISTS

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## INTRODUCTION

In volumes 8 and 9 (1876 and 1877) of Der Deutsche Pionier, Mr. H. A. Rattermann, the magazine's editor, published a number of very important articles resulting from his research in pension and other archival records having to do with the American Revolution. The articles are of such length that it has been thought best to republish them separately, rather than in part 4 of monograph 20 in the German-American Genealogical Research series, entitled "Early Nineteenth-Century German Settlers in Ohio, Kentucky, and Other States," in which most other articles from volumes 8 and 9 of Der Deutsche Pionier will be found.

Many of the muster rolls which Mr. Rattermann copied will also be found in the published Pennsylvania Archives, the massive series of volumes to be found in most research libraries of this country. However, Mr. Rattermann extracted only those names which he identified as being of Germanic origin. The result is that many names which appear in anglicized form in the muster rolls have been identified by Rattermann as Germanic and given their presumed original German spellings. In fact, however, modern researchers should be wary of Rattermann's identifications--for example, the surname Hartley has been Germanized as Haertle, Price becomes Preis, etc. Rattermann may be right in his assumptions as to these origins, but, again, he may not.

A further value to Rattermann's lists is that they were assembled a few years after the Civil War, and it is possible that some of the original manuscripts may subsequently have been lost; no doubt, most have deteriorated or faded in the 120 years since Rattermann used them, causing transcription errors in later publications. Thus, comparison of Rattermann's reading of the manuscripts with later readings in such works as the Pennsylvania Archives or the National Genealogical Society's Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications (1976) should result in some corrections, additions, and emendations in all volumes.

In addition to the lists published in this monograph, Mr. Rattermann occasionally published articles on obscure military units or individual participants in the Revolution. These appear in German-American Genealogical Research (GAGR) Monograph Number 20, Parts 3 and 4, and have not been included herein; they are referred to in the Index, however, in the following abbreviated form:

- RUDOLPH, Johannes, second lieutenant
- MULTE (MULTEY), Jacob, ensign
- GABB, Michael, sergeant, from New London, Chester County [Pennsylvania]; apparently taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington and paroled on 26 Dec 1776
- VORFITT? [VORSITT?], Jakob, sergeant, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- DUCK, Philipp, corporal, from Cocalico [Pennsylvania]; apparently taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington and paroled on 26 Dec 1776

#### Enlisted Men

- BROSIUS, Abraham, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- BURKHART, Michael, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington; died during imprisonment
- DELL, Leonhard, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- FINERDEY, Jacob, from Meldrick, Delaware; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- FREY, Robert, from Philadelphia; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- JUNG (YOUNG), Jakob, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; apparently taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington and paroled on 26 Dec 1776
- KLERCHNER (CLERCHNER), Jakob, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington; died during imprisonment
- KOCH (COOK), Andreas, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- LEHMANN, Anton, from York County [Pennsylvania]; apparently taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington and paroled on 26 Dec 1776; received pension under law of 1818; died in York County in 1818. [Footnote states:] "This may be in error, because the Secretary of War's report states that [Lehmann] was dropped from roll under act of 1 May 1820."
- SPANG, Mathias, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; apparently taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington and paroled on 26 Dec 1776
- STROH (STROW), Lucas, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- WELSCH, Eduard, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- ZELLER, Michael, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington; received pension under law of 1818; died 30 Aug 1831
- ZWIER, Johannes, from Cumru [Berks County, Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington; died during imprisonment

#### CAPTAIN JOHANN RICHARDSON'S COMPANY

#### Officers

- BELTY? [VELTY?], --, ensign, from Reading; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- RAUE, Franz, sergeant, from Philadelphia
- WILKT? [WILLT?], Friedrich, corporal, from Philadelphia

#### Enlisted Men

- APLIN, Georg, from Germantown [Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington
- DERANDA, Franz, from Philadelphia; apparently taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington and paroled on 26 Dec 1776
- STAUTEN, Heinrich, from Germantown [Pennsylvania]; taken prisoner of war at surrender of Fort Washington

#### UNKNOWN [UNIDENTIFIED] COMPANY

- FUCHS (FOX), Johannes
- GROSS, Georg; wounded near Fort Washington; received pension from state of Pennsylvania
- GERHARD, Nikolaus
- LIEUL, Nikolaus Gerhard
- LIEUL, Walter K.; apparently taken prisoner at surrender at surrender of Fort Washington and paroled on 26 Dec 1776
- ROSSGRAF (ROSSGROW), Heinrich; received pension under law of 1828, when living in Hunterdon County, New Jersey; still living in 1835

The muster rolls of prisoners, above listed, are in the possession of J. H. MURRAY, D.D., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, who has the papers of Colonel MAGAU, and who has kindly allowed our use of them.

#### PART 6 (CONTINUED) (DP 8:333)

#### DIE DEUTSCHEN REVOLUTIONSSOLDATEN UND PENSIONAERE [German Revolutionary Soldiers and Pensioners]

#### THE SEVENTH CONTINENTAL REGIMENT (FORMERLY SIXTH BATTALION) FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Dr. William IRVINE was commander of this regiment. He was born in Farmagh, Ireland, and came to America in 1763 aboard a British naval vessel as physician. He subsequently lived in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he practiced medicine. He was taken prisoner of war [by the British] at the battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada] and was exchanged on 6 May 1778, whereupon he was given command of the second Pennsylvania regiment.

#### German Regimental and Staff Officers

- HAERTLE, Thomas, lieutenant colonel; later promoted to colonel of the tenth Pennsylvania regiment
- HEY, Samuel, major; formerly captain of the first company
- ROSE, John (Baron Gustav von ROSENTHAL), physician. See his biography in Der Deutsche Pionier, 7:83 [also mentioned, without translation of biography, in Clifford Neal Smith, Early Nineteenth-Century German Settlers in Ohio, Kentucky, and Other States: Part 3. German-American Genealogical Research Monograph Number 20, Part 3 (McNeal, AZ: Westland Publications, 1988)]
- HENDERSON, Gustav, assistant physician
- MELTON, Johannes, drum major
- STACK, Richard, fife major

## COMPANY NO. 1

Officers

- HEY, Samuel, captain; major in 1777
- GREIER (GRIER), Johannes, first lieutenant; taken prisoner of war on 24 Jul 1776
- MUELLER, Wilhelm, ensign
- ROWEIN, Franz, corporal
- BREMER (BRAMER), Wilhelm, corporal; taken prisoner of war on 24 Jul 1776
- MUNHEIM (MEWNHAM), Elias, piper

Enlisted Men

- BEYER (BYERS), Andreas; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- BRIMCHEN (BRIMIGIN), Wilhelm
- BUTSCHER, Johannes
- FRIED (FREED), Heinrich; wounded on 8 Jun 1776
- HAERTLE (HARTLEY), T.; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- KEHR, Michael
- KERNS, Jakob
- MAIER (MAIRS), Alexander
- MARTIN, Adam; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- ROSS, Johannes
- TRANZ (TRANCE), Michael
- TRICKT, Heinrich
- WAGNER (WAGONER), Gerhard

## COMPANY NO. 2

Officers

- ADAMS, Robert, captain; killed on 21 Jun 1776
- KEIL, Wilhelm, sergeant
- OBISON, Johannes, sergeant
- SCHMIDT, Johannes, sergeant
- BUSCH, Ludwig, captain
- KOENIG (KING), Johannes, ensign
- BEYER (BYERS), Joseph, corporal
- RENICK, Wilhelm, corporal
- HASET, Johannes, drummer
- WANN, Johannes, piper

Enlisted Men

- ALFERT (OLFORD), Johannes
- BRUNS, Andreas; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- ECKLE (ECKLEY, ACKLEYE), Thomas; he was shown on pension lists as Ackleye and on payment lists as Eckley and Eckle; he lived in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, and was still drawing his pension in 1835
- KAGY (CACHY), Johannes
- MAY, Wilhelm
- OBISON, Johannes
- PEITZER (PITZER), Jakob
- POLCH, Wilhelm; died on 22 Sep 1776
- STEHAUF (STANDUP), Wilhelm
- WACH (WAUCH), Wilhelm
- WEISSMANN (WISEMAN), Georg

## COMPANY NO. 3 (CAPTAIN ABRAHAM SMITH)

Officers and Enlisted Men

- ARMER, David
- BLICKLE, Johannes
- BRAUN, Johannes; received pension under law of 1818; was living in York County, Pennsylvania, in 1820
- BRAUN, Patrick
- GREWE (GREEWEY), Anton

- GUIN, Wilhelm
- ISCHMAEL, Benjamin, a Jew
- JUNG (YOUNG), Johannes
- LIEDEL, Nikolaus
- LUCAS, Georg
- MUELLER, Robert
- RUNEY, Peter
- RIETH, Alexander, I
- RIETH, Alexander, II; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- SCHAEFER (SHEAVER), Adam
- SCHIEREN (SHEARAN), Peter
- SCHWIMME (SWIMME), Robert
- STAENDLE, Georg; died in October 1776
- TIPPER, Karl
- WEISS, Michael; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]

## COMPANY NO. 4

Officers

- RIPPEY, Wilhelm, captain
- LUSK, Wilhelm, ensign
- PETERSEN, Daniel, drummer

Enlisted Men

- CHRISTGERDINGER (CHRISTYARDINGER), Jakob
- GEISTWEG (CAISTWEIGH), Heinrich
- GIRVEN, Heinrich
- CLAUSE (CLOUSE), Jakob
- JUNG, Peter
- JUSTUS, Jakob; received pension under law of 1828; died in Beaver, Pennsylvania, 23 Apr 1829
- KOEHLER, Christopher
- KAIN, Franz, died on 24 Oct 1776
- MEHLEN, Philipp; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- ORTMANN, Johannes
- ROSEBURG, Karl
- ROSEBURG, Johannes
- STURM, Johannes
- TRESCH (TRESH), Jakob
- TRUEBLE (TRIBBLE), Johann

## COMPANY NO. 5 (CAPTAIN JAMES A. WILSON)

Officers and Enlisted Men

- BUSCH, Ludwig, first lieutenant
- BUSCH, Johannes, ensign
- GEISER (CHISER), Christopher
- KOCH, Alexander
- MUELLER, David
- MUELLER, Johannes
- MOCK, Georg
- MOHR, Joseph
- WEIGANTZ, Wilhelm
- WICHART (WICKARD), Michael
- WREN, Joseph; received pension under law of 1818; died in York County, Pennsylvania, on 9 Jul 1827

## COMPANY NO. 6 (CAPTAIN DAVID GREIER)

Officers and Enlisted Men

- ANGWERTH (ANGWORTH; ANGUISH), Wilhelm; in Saffell's Records of the Revolutionary War, page 211 [surname] is spelled Anguish
- BECKER, Georg
- CLEMENS (CLEMMONS), Johannes
- DAUS, David
- DEIS (DOICE), Johannes; received pension under law of 1818; died in York, Pennsylvania, on 5 Apr 1822

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- GEISINGER (GYSINGER), Karl; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- GOETZ (GETTIS), Robert
- HERGENS (HERKINS), Jakob
- LEISEN, Jakob; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- MATHEUS, Jakob; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- MOEHLE, Lorenz; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- SCHEIWE (SHIVE), Philipp
- SCHNEIDER, Johannes; later in Hazen's Congress Regiment; died 11 Aug 1827 in York County, Pennsylvania
- SCHOENLE (SHANLEY), Franz
- SCHULTZ (SHULTZ), Michael; received pension under law of 1818; died 8 Feb 1834 in York County, Pennsylvania
- SCHWANK (SWANK), Balthasar (Baltser)
- SCHWARTZ (SWARTZ), Georg
- SCHWARTZ (SWARTZ), Peter
- SEIDEL (SIDLE), Peter
- SIEG (SEIGH), Peter
- TRASS (TRACE), Jakob
- WEBERLING (WEAVERLING), Adam
- WITT (WEAD), Joseph
- WORLE, Georg

COMPANY NO. 7 (CAPTAIN MOSES McLEAN)

Officers

- EICHELBERGER, Bernard, first lieutenant
- EDIE, Johannes, second lieutenant; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada] on 8 Jun 1776
- STILLE, Eduard, second lieutenant
- HOGE, Johannes, second lieutenant; taken prisoner of war at battle of Trois Rivieres [Canada]
- HOPPS (HOPES), Robert, ensign
- SCHMITT, Johannes, sergeant
- MUELLER, Andreas, corporal

Enlisted Men

- DILL, Thomas
- DINGLEY, Wilhelm
- ENTERKAHN (ENTRICAN), Wilhelm
- GERARD, Mathias
- GREINER (GRAYNOR), Thomas
- HARZEI (HARZEL?), Johannes
- KOENIG, Wilhelm; he was a blacksmith
- LANG, Joseph
- SCHUCHERT (SUGART), Elias
- TIBBENS, Heinrich

COMPANY NO. 8 (CAPTAIN JEREMIAS TALBOT)

Officers and Enlisted Men

- BRAUN, Alexander, second lieutenant
- DINNING, Johannes
- HOESLE, Wilhelm
- KOELLIN, Johannes, piper
- KUPPELS (CUPPELS), Jakob, sergeant
- FALKNER, Johannes
- GAERTNER, Jakob
- MARTIN, Johannes
- NICKEL, A.
- SCHUMACHER (SHOOMAKER), Johannes
- SESALO, Michael

[ADDITIONAL NAMES]

In the list of the reorganized regiment, dated 18 Jul

1777, are the following additional names not listed above:

Officers

- ROSE, John (Baron Gustav von ROSENTHAL), adjutant
- MUELLER, Wilhelm, captain
- LINN, Adam, sergeant
- GEINER, Thomas, sergeant
- WEG, Mathias, sergeant
- MAENNLE, Wilhelm, corporal
- STEEN, Eduard, drummer
- KONER, Paul, drummer
- GRAF, Christian, piper

Enlisted Men

- BLICKLEY (BLECKLEY), Georg
- BRAUN, Philipp
- CENNY [CERNY?], Joseph
- GEHWEIN (GAWINE), Heinrich
- GERMANN (GARMAN), Heinrich
- GRAU, Christian
- HART, Eduard
- HEISS, Johannes
- KARMANN (CARMAN), Heinrich
- KARMANN (CARMAN), Wilhelm
- KLAUSE (CLOUSE), Jakob
- KRELLE (CRALEY), Andreas
- MARTIN, Peter
- PITZLER, Michael
- PRUENT (PRINT), Johannes
- RAULS, Jakob
- REHN (RENN), Joseph
- SCHECKEL (SHECKEL), Peter
- SCHMITT, Johannes
- SPINKHAUS, Anton
- WEBER, Jakob
- WEISS (WHITE), Hector
- WINN, Johannes

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DIE DEUTSCHEN REVOLUTIONSSOLDATEN  
UND PENSIONAERE  
[German Revolutionary Soldiers  
and Pensioners]

THE EIGHTH CONTINENTAL REGIMENT  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

This regiment was originally under the command of Colonel Aeneas MACKAY, who was given his colonel's patent on 20 Jul 1776. The regiment did not reach full strength under Mackay, and he resigned before it could take the field; he was replaced by Colonel David BRODHEAD on 12 Mar 1777. When at last the regiment did reach full strength it first took part in the battle of Germantown (4 Oct 1777) and in April 1778 was sent on an expedition against belligerent Indians. In the spring of 1781, under Brodhead, the regiment was sent on a second expedition against the Ohio Indians on the Muskingum River, which was successful. Brodhead made two treaties with the Indians--one with the Cherokees on 22 Jul 1779. He was commended by Congress and promoted to brigadier general. Later [Brodhead] was the first surveyor of the state of Pennsylvania for many years. Only two muster rolls [of this regiment] have been found; the first being that of Captain STOECKLE's company in the State Archives of Pennsylvania, the second (Captain CARNAHAN's, later HUFNAGEL's) being found by the author in the archives of the Pension Bureau. The officers' list is almost complete in the state ar-

archives in Harrisburg. The following German names have been found in these lists:

- VERNON, Friedrich, major (as of 1778)
- REILE (REILY), Bernard, captain and quartermaster, who served to the end of the war
- SAPPLE, Johannes A., assistant physician
- AURICH (OURY), Wendel, captain, 14 Sep 1776
- HUFNAGEL (HUFFNAGLE), Michael, captain, 9 Jun 1777; received pension under law of 1818; died in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, on 31 Dec 1819, aged 67 years
- JUCK, Mathias, captain, 9 Jun 1777; received pensions under laws of 1818 and 1832; in 1835 he was living in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, aged 82 years; he originally received a pension under the Invalid Pension Law of 7 Jun 1785; he was wounded during the war and, as a consequence, received half-pay (\$160 per year). When he was entered on the pension list could no longer be determined, because the books were lost in the fire at the [Pension] Bureau in 1800; under the law of 1832 Juck received an annual pension of \$480
- KOCH (COOK), Thomas, 9 Jun 1777; received pension under law of 1828, which he received in Guernsey County, Ohio, where he died on 6 Nov 1831
- MANN, Andreas, 9 Jun 1777
- MEIER (MIERS), Eleazar, captain, 14 Sep 1776
- MUELLER, Samuel, captain; died on 10 Jul 1778
- PRUEDERS (BREATHERS), Basilius, captain
- STOECKLE (STOCKLEY), Nehemias, captain, 6 Jun 1777
- VAN SCHWERINGEN (SWEARINGEN), --, captain, 14 Sep 1776; resigned in 1778; he was still living in Shelby County, Kentucky, in 1835, aged 82 years, and received a pension under the law of 1832
- AMBERSEN, Wilhelm, first lieutenant; he received a pension under the law of 1828
- DOLO, Joseph, first lieutenant
- MOESLE, Robert, first lieutenant; resigned 16 May 1777
- STUTZBURG (STOTESBURY), Johann, first lieutenant
- BUEHLER (BEELER), Jacob, Junior, second lieutenant
- MOUNTZ, Wilhelm, second lieutenant
- OHWEIN (O'WINE), Bernard, first lieutenant
- SCHMIDT, Samuel, first lieutenant; killed at the battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777
- KEHR, Joseph, ensign
- MECHLEIN, Dewald, ensign
- PETERSEN, Gabriel, ensign; received pension under the law of 1828; according to a report, dated 17 Apr 1777, he was wounded and promoted; he died in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, on 12 Feb 1832
- SIMONS, Joseph, ensign
- WEBER (WEAVER), Valentin (Faltin), ensign
- WERY (WHERRY), David, ensign

#### CAPTAIN MICHAEL HUFNAGEL'S COMPANY

- HUFNAGEL, Michael, captain
- SCHMIDT, Joseph, corporal
- KAUTLER (CAUTLER), Bernhard, blacksmith
- BURGERT (BURKET), Christopher (Stophel)
- GEHRINGER (CARRINGER), Martin; received pension under law of 1818, where he is listed as CARRINGER; he was living in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1835, aged 86 years
- HOEFLE, Isaak
- JAUNT (YOUNT), Georg; received pension under law of 1818; his name was spelled YOUNT in the pension lists; he died in Fayette County, Kentucky, in 1823

- KNECHT, Jakob
- LUTZ (LUTES), Georg
- MAURER, Christian
- OEHLEIN or AHLIN, Adam
- PLUNK, Andreas
- RYBOLT, Jakob
- SCHOTT, David
- SENOR, Michael
- SIMONS, Heinrich
- THARP, Paul; he applied for a pension under the law of 1828 (including a muster roll of Captain Hufnagel's company), but the pension was denied for reasons unknown [to Rattermann]; he was still living in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1835, aged 88 years; at last he received a pension of \$80 annually under the law of 1832
- THARP, Peter (Perry); brother of [Paul] Tharp above; received a pension under the law of 1828; still living in 1835 and residing in Marion County, Kentucky; in the pension lists he is shown as Perry [Tharp], rather than Peter
- THARP, Rudolph, a third brother; he was also living in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1835, aged 82 years; he had served in the New Jersey militia. [Apparently, did not serve in Hufnagel's company.]

#### CAPTAIN NEHEMIAS STOECKLE'S COMPANY

##### Officers

- STOECKLE, Nehemias, captain
- AMBERSEN, Wilhelm, first lieutenant; received pension under law of 1828; still living in 1835 in Mercer County, Pennsylvania
- WAYATT, Thomas, ensign
- HEYLIG, Bernard, sergeant
- ECKELS (ACKLES), Arthur, corporal; received pension under law of 1818; still living in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, in 1820[!], aged 82 years; had drawn his pension under the law of 1818 for three years, but because of the more stringent law of 1820 was deleted from the [pension] roll, because he was not in poverty as that law required; in the Pennsylvania Archives his surname is mistakenly written as ACKLES
- JARRETT, Wilhelm, corporal

##### Enlisted Men

- EYLER, Jonas
- FISCHER, Johannes; received pension under the law of 1832; still living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1835, aged 85 years
- FRANZ, Heinrich
- HOLMER, Nikolaus
- HOLSTEIN, Georg
- KEHR (KERR), Wilhelm
- KLEIN (CLINE), Georg
- KUEFER (COOPER), Joseph
- KUNTZ (COUNSE), Felix
- LAMPE (LAMB), Peter
- LUDWIG (LEWIS), Samuel
- MARMANN, Georg
- MARTIN, Paul
- MATHEUS, Wilhelm
- MUELLER, Georg; received pension under law of 1832; still living in Green County, Pennsylvania, in 1835, aged 85 years
- RICHARDSON, Richard
- SCHAU, Jacob
- SCHELLHAMMER (SHELHAMMER), Peter
- SCHMIDT, Emanuel
- SCHMIDT, Jacob
- SCHMIDT, Johannes; in 1829 he applied for a pension under the law of 1828, but this was denied

Suddenly, a woman with a pitcher came out of a ravine bringing water to the American soldiers and raced toward the front lines. It was Moll Pitcher who bandaged up her husband and gave water to the wounded. A great cheer broke out from the men as she took her husband's place swabbing out the cannons. A few moments later, General Washington and his troops marched out of a nearby woods and fought back the enemy who were forced from the field. The battle of Monmouth Courthouse was won. Washington, who had observed Molly's actions, commended her for her bravery and promoted her wounded husband to the rank of sergeant.

Molly and her husband remained with the army until the end of the war, after which they returned to Carlisle [Pennsylvania], where they settled. After the war Congress named her to a brevet captaincy and granted her a pension of \$40, which she received until she died. She bore her husband HEIS two children, a son and a daughter. After Heis's death, she married a second time to John McCAULEY; there were no children of this marriage. She died in January 1834 at the age of over 80 years and was buried in the graveyard in Carlisle. A simple stone marks her grave. A granddaughter, Mrs. Polly MALESTER, age 73 years, still lives in Carlisle [at the time of writing (1876?)]. she was raised by her grandmother and heard many tales of wartime life.... [Mrs. Malester] said her grandmother was short and heavy, had blue eyes and red-blond hair, and a masculine manner and character. Children feared her raw and brusque manner; she also cussed now and then.

PART 8  
(DP 8:436)

ARMAND'S LEGION

Silas DEANE, the secret agent of the American colonies, took up quarters in Paris and began the process of encouraging the French government to make an alliance with the independence-minded colonies.... At the same time, Deane sought to encourage ambitious European officers to take the American side. When [Benjamin] Franklin arrived as second agent to the French government, he brought additional and more elaborate instructions with him, which allowed the agents to recruit Lafayette, Steuben, and Kalb. The contracts with these men required congressional ratification.

In addition, there were many other [European] officers who volunteered for service without similar contracts. Among them was the young and spirited Charles TUSIN, MARQUIS DE LA ROUERIE, who took the name Karl ARMAND during his American service. He was born in 1756 near Rennes in the Bretagne and, at the time of his recruitment for the American cause, was a member of the Garde du Corps in Paris. An adventure with an actress, who he had promised to marry, caused a break with his aristocratic family, who sought to make the adolescent marquis return to his home in Bretagne. Armand fled and took refuge in a Trappist monastery, where he was eventually found and forced to return home. When he later returned to duty in the Garde du Corps, he shot and killed in a duel the man who had informed on him. Armand then fled to Nantes, where he was given protection by a Captain Anderson, then about to set sail for America with dispatches from Franklin and Deane to the Congress then meeting in Philadelphia. Armand decided to sail with him and seek service in America.

As Anderson's schooner entered the mouth of the Delaware River, it was suddenly surrounded by three English naval vessels. Anderson decided to sink his ship--since he would be hanged as a rebel, if captured--and gave the dispatches to Armand to smuggle to Congress in a small boat. As the boat attempted to go between two of the English vessels, it was hit by a cannon ball, and the brave Frenchman was forced to swim to shore. He got ashore just as Anderson's schooner exploded.

Armand walked about one hundred miles to reach Philadelphia, where he delivered the dispatches. At the same time, he applied for service with the colonials. He was given a patent as colonel on 10 May 1777 and assigned to FLEURY's commando defending the fort at Red Bank; Armand proved his bravery and gained Washington's recognition. He was then given command of an independent cavalry legion which had originally been organized by [Nikolaus Dietrich] Freiherr [baron] von OTTENDORF and captains Anton SEELIN, Jost DRIESBACH, and Jakob BAUER as a light infantry unit recruited from men who could not speak English, mainly from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New Jersey. The legion was then assigned to Lafayette and took part in the New Jersey offensive. Thereafter, the legion was assigned to winter quarters near the Minisink, where Armand came into contact with PULASKI.

In the fall of 1778 Armand's corps was sent to New York to fight loyalists recruited in Westchester County by the English colonel John Graves SIMCOE. Armand won the upper hand at a skirmish at Kingsbridge on 8 November, during which he captured Colonel BAREMORE and his entire troop of loyalists, thereby putting an end to their resistance. Simcoe and EMMERICH escaped to New York with a small band. Thereafter, Armand's corp went into winter quarters on the upper Delaware River where, next to Pulaski's troops, they served as protectors of Pennsylvania.

During the summer of 1779 the front around New York became very active; Simcoe's corps, the "Queens Rangers", were especially challenging to the Americans, carrying out many clever and successful raids. Armand's legion, now under the command of Colonel LEE, was sent against them. [Armand's] light riders succeeded in capturing [the loyalists] on the Raritan River near South Amboy, New Jersey, on 1 Oct 1779, while Simcoe was on a raid to destroy some American boats.

After the battle of Savannah, in which Pulaski met his heroic death, Pulaski's corps was merged with Armand's legion [as part of] the reorganized Southern Army placed under the command of the incompetent and puffed-up General Gates. The 1780 advance was opened first in the South, and the northern front remained quiescent.... [There follows a lengthy account of hostilities in the South not translated herein.]

After peace was declared [1783], Armand returned to his home in Bretagne and, having been cured of his youthful passion, married a young baroness of the neighborhood. In 1788 he was appointed colonel of a chasseur regiment of the French Army. Then the archbishop of Sens, minister to Louis XVI, undertook to repress the parliament. The Marquis [Armand] returned his officer's patent to the minister of war and took up the cause of the French citizenry. [There follows an account of Armand's resistance activities in France, for which he was beheaded.]

Armand's Legion was originally organized by Nikolaus Dietrich Freiherr [baron] von OTTENDORF as a light

infantry unit; later it was reorganized as a cavalry unit. Von Ottendorf was a Saxon nobleman from the Lausitz and had been a lieutenant under Friedrich the Great. After the Seven-Year War Ottendorf went to Paris, where he became acquainted with KOSCIUSZKO and Roman DE LISLE with whom he came to America to take part in the War of Independence. Kosciuszko became an adjutant on Washington's staff, De Lisle became a captain on an artillery company, and Ottendorf became major and commander of an independent corps of light infantry. Under date of 2 Dec 1776 at Princeton, Washington appointed [Ottendorf] to be a captain in the U.S. Army and authorized him to recruit mainly German-speaking soldiers for three years. Ottendorf busily recruited soldiers and, by the spring of 1777, had completely filled his quota. He recommended Baron Arnold von HOEWELMANN, a Hannoverian nobleman, to become adjutant, and the latter was so appointed by Congress on 9 Dec [1777]. Jost DRIESBACH and Jacob BAUER, both Pennsylvania Germans, and Anton SEELIM, an Alsatian, were appointed captains. Conrad LATUR, Baron -- von WEHTRITZ, and Lorenz MEIER were named lieutenants. When the troop was reorganized as a cavalry unit is not known....

Following are the names of officers and soldier in the Legion, as far as are known to us. They have been taken from Saffell's Records of the Revolutionary War; other names have been found in pension lists. All names not specially designated have been taken from Saffell:

Staff Officers of the Legion

- ARMAND, Karl (Marquis De La Rouerie), colonel, 10 May 1777, brigadier general 26 Mar 1783
- OTTENDORF, Nicolaus Dietrich, Freiherr [Baron] von, captain 8 Nov 1776; major 5 Dec 1776; lieutenant colonel, --; colonel, 26 May 1783
- SCHAEFFNER, Georg (originally a captain in Schott's company), major in 1783
- HOEWELMANN, Arnold, Baron von, lieutenant and quartermaster, 9 Dec 1776

FREIHERR VON OTTENDORF'S COMPANY

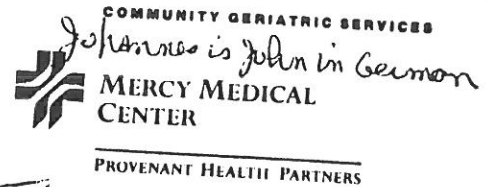
Officers

- OTTENDORF, NICOLAUS D., Freiherr [baron] von, captain 8 Nov 1776
- BEDKIN, Heinrich, lieutenant, later captain

Enlisted Men

- AUSBRUECK, Jacob, 25 Apr 1777
- BEGEL (BAGAL), Christopher, 30 Jan 1777
- BARTHOLOME, Heinrich, 1 Mar 1777
- BENGEL, Andreas, 10 Feb 1777
- BENGEL, Johannes, 20 Feb 1777
- BERG, Michael, 20 Feb 1777
- BETZ (BEATZ), Heinrich, 1 Mar 1777
- BLUM, Johannes, 14 Jan 1777
- BRUKS, Jacob, 7 Feb 1777
- CASSER (CASSEUR), Christian, 7 Apr 1777
- DARREL, Johannes, 27 Jan 1777
- DONICH, Heinrich, I, 10 Dec 1776
- DONICH, Heinrich, II, 24 Feb 1777
- DORN, Wilhelm, 22 Mar 1777
- DREISKOLL, Jacob, 10 Feb 1777
- FELS, Christian, 3 Feb 1777
- FERNGOLD, Jacob, 3 Feb 1777
- FILL, Georg, 22 Feb 1777
- GEISINGER, Johannes, 16 Mar 1777
- GEISINGER, Karl, 13 Jan 1777
- GREISLINS, Adolph, 1 Mar 1777

- GRIMM, Philipp, 11 Mar 1777
- GROENE (GREEN), Johannes, 8 Feb 1777
- GRUBER (GRUVER), Peter, 24 Feb 1777
- GUENTZEL, Mathias, 1 Mar 1777
- HAAL, Isaak, 8 Feb 1777
- HAGENS (HAWKIN)
- HESS, Jacob, 2
- HOFFMANN, Joha
- KERN, Jacob, 2
- KEYSER, Valent
- KLEIN, Hans Ge
- KOCH, Johannes
- LAUGHAMMER (LA
- LOOS, Arnold,
- LINSCH (LYNCH)
- MARCKS, Georg,
- MICHEL (MITCHE
- MORGIN, Johan
- MURDEN, Samue
- NEUNRICH, Johi
- ORNER, Jacob,
- PHILIPPS, Johi
- REICHWEG (REI
- REX, Georg, 2
- SCHAEFER (SCH
- SCHUH, Johann
- SCHWARZ (BLAC
- SORFIL, Jacob
- STEPPER, Geor
- STEUERT (STEW
- STURNBURT, An
- THOMSON, Joha
- TOLIVER, Wilh
- TRAU (TROW),
- TRIEST, Peter
- WALTER, Joha
- WEBER, Philip



*There are several other John Guisingers in the area of Pa. + Maryland. I can only find one John who applied for Pension from the Rev War. He says he joined in Bucks County + served there.*

*This was a John in Maryland who lived about 20-30 miles from Adams Co. Pa.*

*Some family history says a brother Charles + John saved in the Rev. was — who knows who this John is yet —*

Note: Names w/ three companies company which ha nization of the l

- Claud A. Bays, MD
- Stephen P. Carmel, MD
- William A. Foutz, MD
- Thomas F Jenkins, MD

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CAPTAIN JOST DRIESBACH'S COMPANY

Officers

- DRIESBACH, Jost, captain, 3 Mar 1777
- LATUR, Conrad, first lieutenant, 8 Mar 1777
- GLAETON, Jacob, second lieutenant, 3 Mar 1777
- BETZ (BEATS), Heinrich, sergeant, 1 Mar 1777
- WOIBLE, Daniel, sergeant, 16 Feb 1777

Enlisted Men

- ARNER, Jacob, 21 Feb 1777
- ARNER, Johannes, 20 Apr 1777
- BRANDHOEFER (BRANDHEFER), Adam, 26 Feb 1777
- BRECHEL, Martin, 20 Apr 1777
- FREY, Jacob, 15 Mar 1777
- GRUBER, Peter, 24 Feb 1777
- HAHL, Eberhard, 29 Apr 1777
- HESS, Jacob, 26 Feb 1777
- KECK, Heinrich, 26 Feb 1777
- KEISTY (KEISTH), Johannes, 1 Apr 1777
- KERN (KEARN), Georg, 5 Apr 1777
- KINKINGS, Johannes, 2 Apr 1777
- KOTH (KOAD), Daniel, 10 Apr 1777
- KOEHLER, Johannes, 2 Apr 1777
- LANG (LONG), Jacob, 25 Feb 1777
- MOLES, Oliver, 1 Mar 1777
- MUELLER, Jacob, 3 Mar 1777
- REUTTY (REITY, REITH), Johannes, 21 Feb 1777
- REUTTY (REATH, REATH), Johannes, Junior, 15 Mar 1777

*Is John Charles's Brother?*

*No proof yet. We know Charles had a brother John (Johannes) But*



