Descendants of George Steckel and Mary Raub

Research on the George Steckel family of Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania and the Peter Raub family, grandfather of Mary Raub

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Introduction

This has been a long and fascinating project that will continue even after this book is published. I have met several distance cousins in the quest of searching for information.

It all started with trying to locate the ancestors of my paternal grandmother. I had talked with her in 1976 about her family and my grandfathers (her husband's). She could give me a few generations, and thought I was lucky when I could go back to the Civil War on my grandfather's side. She knew more about my grandfather's family than her own.

I remember her telling me her mother died when she was ten years old. She described the scene as she discovered/remembered it. She also told me what it was like to grow up without her mother. Since she was the oldest female she had to take over some of the household duties.

She was not very successful being ten years old and trying to help manage a household. She talked about worms in the dry goods because they weren't stored properly, dirty dishes and dirty clothes. Her father had to hire a housekeeper to help tend the children and maintain the household as he worked. I later came across a picture of the housekeeper named Edna with my grandmother, her brother and sister as children.

My grandmother grew up in a house that is located on Skyline Drive in Williams Township. She had a painting of this house that her father created. The house still stands today but has been renovated and additions added. Not looking like the painting my grandmother showed me.

After her mother's death, they moved to a house on Morgan Hill Road; at the intersection of Skyline Drive and Morgan Hill Road. It sat next to Josiah Ealer's farm. The house is still standing today and is currently two apartments.

My grandfather lived down the road with his uncle, aunt and grandmother. Having been raised by them since his father remarried after the death of his mother. His mother died a year and a month after his birth, due to complications that occurred during his birth. She was very weak and never recovered. His stepmother didn't want the two children from the first wife living with them, hence him living with his grandmother, uncle and aunt.

My grandmother eloped with my grandfather to Elkton, Maryland. My grandmother was 17 when she got married, and went to Maryland where she didn't need her father's permission.

After the marriage my grandmother lived with her husband's extended family on a farm on Old Well Road in Williams Township. Eventually my grandfather's uncle sold them several acres of land for \$1.00. My grandparents built a house at the intersection of Old Well Road and Morgan Hill Road in Williams Township.

They farmed the land and my grandmother worked in the factories in Easton, as my grandfather was a carpenter and built houses in the community. During the depression he worked for WPA.

My grandfather passed away on the day after Christmas in 1958 from a heart attack, in part due to the result of a fatal car accident that happened in the front of their house on Christmas eve/morning, resulting in the death of James Werkheiser, a young man my grandparents knew. James Werkheiser's death, as well as my mom's sister's husband passing away a month before had my grandfather upset and it contributed to his heart attack.

My mom and dad moved in with my grandmother, and eventually bought the house from her. My grandmother built a smaller house in the woods behind the farm.

It's from the kitchen of this house that she told me about what she knew of her family and my grandfathers. I sketched a very rough outline of a family tree that was a high school project.

This book is based on her side of the family, which she didn't know much about. As I stated earlier, her mother died young and didn't really know her mother's side of the family. But she did tell me more about her father's side, Edward Kester who married Flossie Brotzman.

My grandmother never really talked much about her father. Of course being young I never asked. It wasn't until after our conversation of the family tree for a school project that I found out my grandfather was oil and watercolor painter, and also worked with patels. She told me about his talents when I showed her my first oil painting. Then she showed me some of his work that she had.

She talked about her grandfather, William Kester and his wife Amelia Sundermier. She stated that Amelia's father came to America from Germany. That burst my bubble. I was hoping that we were here before the American Revolution. That is all she could tell me about her family.

I have this original family tree project someplace in the attic of my mom's house. One day my sister called me, and asked if I still had the family tree I made. I said I can remember some of it, but would have to re-research it, because it really didn't have much information. At this time my grandmother had passed on.

I started re-researching by talking to my Uncle Ken and Uncle Lloyd, brothers of my father, Ernest. Uncle Ken told me the name of Grammy's mother and father, but didn't have much more information on the family.

While researching my mother's side of the family; by going to the Ardnt's cemetery in Forks Township, I ran into Richard Seigfried. My mom and I were walking through the old section of the cemetery, trying to find the names she heard growing up and some Walters with the first name that started with a Z. Richard was at the Arndts Church and walked over to greet us. He asked if he could help and I told him we were researching some Walters from the area. He asked if we knew which Walters we were looking for and I told him some guy with a name that starts with Z. He mentioned Zebulon Walters, and proceeded to ask why were interested in him. I told him that it was my great-grandfather's father.

Richard stated that he was a Walter descendant as well and that we were related. He asked us to stay at the cemetery and he would go home and get a report on the Walters that he created. Richard came back and gave me a printed report that had my great-grandfather, grandmother and my mom's names in it. He also told me about the Marx room at the Easton Public Library. He said it has great resources and helpful staff.

I went to the Marx room and the librarian introduced herself and explained how the Marx room worked. From there I started my research on Kester side of the family. I did find my great grandfather William Kester birth record in a church book; the book listed his parents as Moses Kester and Mary Ann. With a little more research I found the marriage of Moses Kester to Mary Ann Garis.

I was trying to find information on Mary Ann Garis but ran out of time. I went home and got on my computer and went to a genealogy forum on the Internet, I posted a question in the Gares forum about parents of Mary Ann Garis. A reply came from Margaret Laird, stating that the parents of Mary Ann Garis are Joseph Garis and Susan Steckel. We replied back and forth through email about Susan Steckel. Margaret didn't have any more information on Joseph Garis. Though out our dialog: I found out that Margaret was a descendant of Mary Ann Garis' brother, John Garis. Margaret and I still communicate via E-mail and I have met her twice while I was on business trips to Houston, Texas.

I did some more research trying to find Susan, daughter of Peter Steckel, but none of the dates matched. I did more research and found a Susan Garis who parents were George Steckel and Mary in the Old Williams Congregation Church Records. These dates matched the other dates I found for Susan Steckel Garis. I also found in St. Paul's Lutheran church book family records of the congregation. The book listed Susan wife of Joseph as a daughter of George Steckel.

At this point I had George Steckel and Mary Garis. I had three children, Susan, Rosina and John. I was asking people if they or anyone they knew were researching George Steckel. I mentioned to the Phillipsburg Historical Society president Wayne Sherrer, he stated Claudia Wolbach was researching the Steckel family from Williams Townshp.

I had seen Claudia at the Marx room and we said hi a few times. Then I came upon her at the Williams Township Fire Company's annual country fair. I inquired if she was researching Steckels; she mentioned she descended from John Steckel buried in Raubsville Cemetery. I told her about an orphan's court record I located in the Northampton County Courthouse, that stated John's parents are George Steckel and Mary. Claudia gave me the base report on her John Steckel research that the book is based on.

I had a few more conversations with Claudia about George Steckel and Mary. I told her I though Mary was a Raub but I can't prove it. She said she talked with Ethel Helms and she mentioned to her that she thought Mary was a Raub and Ethel replied of course she is.

My first clue was Adam Sherrer, Brother-in-law, along with Mary, was one the admistrators of George Steckel's estate. George died intestate, and Adam Sherrer helped Mary Steckel settle the estate. I talked to Wayne Sherrer and asked if Adam married a Raub or a Steckel. He replied Adam married a Raub.

I late found the marriage record of Adam Sherrer and Margaret Elizabeth Raub in a church record book at the Marx room.

I couldn't determine what Raub she descended from until I came across the administration papers of Michael Raub. In the papers it mentioned his daughter Mary Steckel. Bingo! I found the parents of Mary.

The orginal goal of this book was to be the descendants of George Steckel. George Steckel first appears in records in 1794 in Williams Township. I tried to find a link with several of the Steckel families that lived in the Bucks County, Lehigh County, Northampton and Warren/Sussex Counites in New Jersey. I've included the other Steckel's that I found in this book.

I have also included the siblings of Mary Raub in this book. From here my research grew, going through Wills, marriage records, orphan court records, church books, cemetery records, obituaries from the local newspapers, as well as the Internet. So here starts my research of George Steckel as well as the descendants of Peter Raub, Mary's grandfather and immigrant to the United States.

This is not a complete record but a grow document that was frozen in time for this edition of the book.

I dedicate this book to Verna Mae Kester Frankenfield, my grandmother and a descendant of George Steckel and Mary Raub.



In memory of Verna Mae Kester Frankenfield 1908 – 1988

The D'Aboville System and Footnotes

The book was designed using a variation of the D'Aboville System for number the generations.

The first part of the book is numbered for the descendants of George Steckel and his three children. Numbers that start with A indicate that person descends from George's daughter Susan who married Joseph Garis. Numbers that start with B indicate that person descends from George Steckel's daughter Rosina who married John Stocker. The numbers that start with C indicated that the person descends from George's son, John Steckel, who married Sarah Wien.

Example: Ancestor George Steckel being the 1 st generation.
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A2.2 William Kester 4 th Generation
A2.2.1 Harry Kester
A2.2.2 Mary Amelia Kester 5 th Generation
A2.2.2.1 Leroy Carlton Johns 6 th Generation
A2.2.3 William H. Kester 5 th Generation
A2.2.4 Edward Forrest Kester 5 th Generation
A2.2.4.1 William Thomas Kester 6 th Generation
A2.2.4.2 Verna May Kester 6 th Generation
A2.2.4.3 Mary Dorothy Kester 6 th Generation
A3 Eliza Ann Garis
A3.1 Sarah Smull 4 th Generation
A3.2 Daniel Smull 4 th Generation
B. Rosina Steckel

An Example for how this numbering system works, I'll pick my grandmother, Verna May Kester, **A2.2.4.2.** If I remove the last digit on the right, I will have the number for her father, Edward Kester, **A2.2.4.** If I remove remove the last digit from Edward's number, I will have the number for Edward's father, William Kester, **A2.2.** Continuing with the example, if I remove the last digit from William Kester's number, I'll have the number for his mother, Mary Ann Garis, **A2.** Lastly if I remove the last digit from Mary Ann Garis' number, I'll have her mother, Susan Steckel **A**, daughter of George Steckel.

All the other sections will start with Ancestor of that that Section.

Footnotes: The book only footnotes the information of the descendant and not the descendant's spouse. There are exceptions when the spouse's information was available and none for the descendant.

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Claudia Wolbach: for her base research on the John Steckel Line and family notes and the hours we spent in Allentown researching the Stocker line.

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Christine Steckel: who helped clarified the Irwin David Steckel and Flora Hilera Seifert branch.

Arthur Werkheiser: who helped clarified the Thomas Bunting and Martha Garis line and is a stepbrother to Christine Steckel.

Terry Lee: for the Sarah Wolbach and Frank Lee branch.

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Passenger Ship Lists of Steckels

I created a table of Steckels that I found in Ship List from different sources. As you can see there were a number of Steckel immigrants to Colonies through Philadelphia during this time period.

Passenger	Ship	Captain	Arrival	Number of Passengers		
Christian Steckel	Harle		September 1, 1736			
Johan Peter (Petter) Stickle Age 19	Billender Thistle	George Houston	November 3, 1738*			
Caspar Stickle Age 11	Billender Thistle	George Houston	November 3, 1738*			
Urian Stickel Age 8	Billender Thistle	George Houston	November 3, 1738*			
Maria Barball Age 13	Billender Thistle	George Houston	November 3, 1738*			
Daniel Steckel			1738			
Peter Steckell	Samuel		December 3, 1740			
Simon Steckel	Phoenix	John Mason	September 14, 1749	261		
Johannes Steckel	Phoenix	John Mason	August 28, 1750	339		
Johann Balthzar Stockel	Ship Priscilla	Wm. Wilson	September 12, 1750	210		
Henry Stegel	Ship Brotherhood	John Thomson	November 3, 1750	300		
Johannes Hachs Steckell	Adventurer	Joseph Jackson	September 25, 1754			
Heinrich Stöckel	Jeneffer	George Kerr	November 5, 1764	102		
Philip Jacob Steckel	Ship Betsey	John Osman	September 19, 1765	75		
Fredrich Stegel	Ship Brittania	Alexander Hardy	October 26, 1767			
Johannes Stekkel	Charming Molly	Robert Gill	October 22, 1773	96		

*The date does not agree with the other two listes of this ship which are dated October 28, 1738.

Anthony Steckel was a resident of Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. When Anthony was born or died is unknown. As I was doing my research I couldn't locate any Wills or Letter of Administration for Anthony in the Northampton County Courthouse. He dies before 1810, as he doesn't appear as a head of household in the 1810 census.

1790 Census

He is first found in the 1790 Federal Census for Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Though the 1790 Census doesn't convey much information, it does have the name of the head of household, a count of the number of Free White males over the age of 16 and upward including the head of household, the number of free white males under the age of 16 and number of free white females.

From the census page on the right, Anthony and his wife are listed, there are no children. This doesn't prove or disprove that Anthony is related to George Steckel.

1800 Census

In the 1800 Federal Census, Anthony Stackel is found in the Lower Saucon, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. On the same page of Anthony is George Steckel. Anthony is listed with one free white male 45 and over and 1 white free female 45 and over.

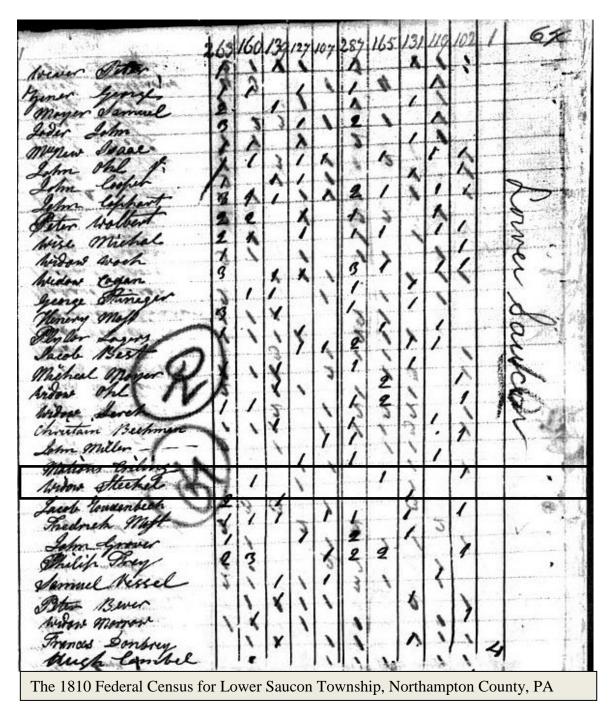
Note: The 1800 Census page can be found in the next section of this book on George Steckel.

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The 1790 Federal Census for Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA Township, Northampton County, there is Widow Steckel with one free white male 10 through 15, one free white Female 10 through 15 and one free white female 45 and over. This could be the widow to Anthony Steckel from the 1800 Census. Who the male and female listed is currently unknown.



Descendants of George Steckel and Mary Raub

George Steckel

George Steckel resided in Williams Township; he was a farmer and a carpenter. He married Mary Raub, daughter of Michael Raub and Susanna. He died in 1815.

The parents of George Steckel have eluded researchers. I've spent time searching the other known Steckels in the area. There is no proof to link them to any of the other Steckels. There are records for Anthony Steckel in Lower Saucon, Moore Township Church records mention a Frantz Steckel, and Easton Church records contain reference to Balthazar Steckel. The Steckels from Lehigh County, Whitehall area are very well documented, and the records don't contain any George or John George Steckel.

Property

George Steckel first appears in Northampton county records on 24 June 1794 in a Mortgage between George, Yeoman of Williams Township and Lorentz Schwartz of Allen Township. For Five payments, four payments of 15 pounds due on 27 November 1794, 27 November 1795, 27 November 1796 and 27 November 1797. The last payment of 10 pounds was due on 27 November 1798. The track of land bordered by the land of Peter Lantz, Conrad & Isaac Shoemaker, Peter Shnyders and Daniel Sieler.

He and his wife Mary sold the land of 80 Acres and 26 Perches on 18 April 1795 to Isaac Shoemaker. Land was originally owned by Lorentz Schwartz, as recorded in Philadelphia Paten Book N, Page 377.

On the 28 June 1815 George and Mary bought land from Benedict Lutz for 42 Pound 14 Shillings and 6 pence for 5 acres and 114 perches; bordering the land of John Knoble and Anthony Kline. John Dickison, patented 12 September 1783, originally owned the land.

Orphans Court

George's son John filed a petitioned to the court for a guardian to be assigned to him. It mentioned he was one of the sons of late George Steckel, Williams Township, and Carpenter.

Federal Census Records Findings

1800 Census

I went through various census records for Northampton County trying to find George Steckel and any evidence of having more than one son. In the 1800 census, George was living in Lower Saucon Township in Northampton County. George Steckel residence was one free white male aged 26 through 44 (George), two free white females under that age of ten (Susan and Rosina) and one free white female aged between 16 and 25 (Mary).

George Steckel

Descendant of George Steckel and Mary Raub

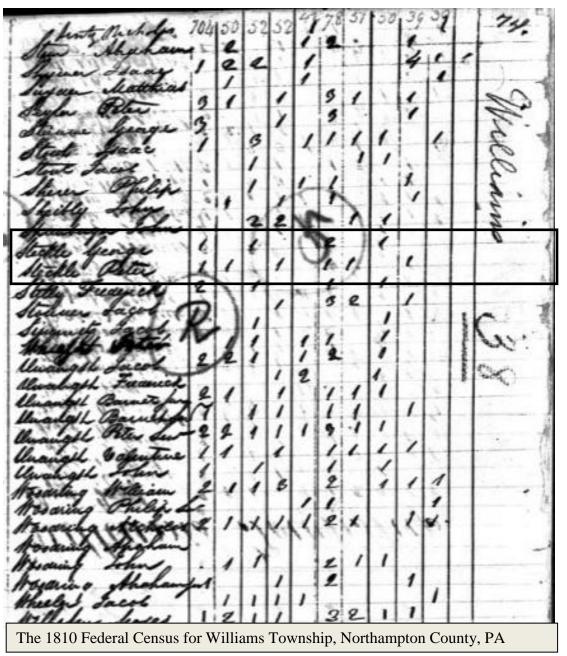
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1810 Census

The 1810 Federal Census for Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania we have two Steckel households. The first is our subject, George Steckel and the second is Peter Steckel.

Descendants of George Steckel and Mary Raub

George list one free white male under 10 (John Steckel), one free white male 16 through 24 (George), two free white females (Susan and Rosina) and one free white female 16 through 25 (Maria).



Peter Steckel lists one free white male under 10, one free white male 10 through 15, on free white male 26 through 44, one free white female under 10, one free white female 10 though 15 and one free white female 26 through 44. (Is this a possible brother?)

Papers of Administration

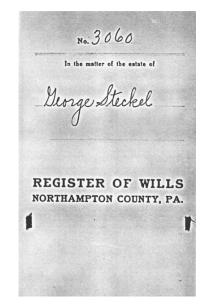
George Steckel died intestate in 1815; File number 3060 Register of Wills, Northampton County, Pa.

On October 19, 1815, his estate was administrated by his wife Mary Steckel, widow, and Adam Scherrer (Brother-in-law).

Adam Sherrer's wife was Margaret Elisabeth Raub, daughter of Michael and Maria Elisabeth Mayer Raub married on January 30, 1781.

The Estate was inventoried on 23 October 1815 by Michael Lutz and Adam Laubach and Settled 30 November 1815.

Mary and her brother-in-law Adam Scherrer sold the land to Michael Lutz on 02 May 1816.



A page from the estate papers of George Steckel, listing Mary Steckel and Adam Sherrer as administrators.

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Letter of Administration for George Steckel's estate.

KNOW all men by these presents, That we clan, deckel, of Stitution of the presents, That we clan, deckel, Barrier to and his south and to Get of Ortroe stick & C, the to of the barrier to action for the owned; Older, the row of Orcerous in to in the present of the control of the ortroe, or functor, elicated to be when the control of the officer of the control of the barrier of the barrier the control of the officer of the control of the barrier of the control of the control of the officer of the control of the control of the control of the control of the officer of the control of the Rauf of Stillinger lover which a for the constant held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the sum of forer treesed - Hollars to be paid to the said Commonwealth : To the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, for and in the whole, our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Scaled with our scale. Dated the mesetice alle THE condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bounden L lary glice in Carred While me Sucher administrater sof all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of this sweet Georoe officehol deceased. do make, or couse to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of Cherrethe said Cllary steckel and Wilan Stricerer administrat prov as aforesaid, or unto the hands and possession of any other person or persons for Iterine + , and the same so made do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the Register's office, in the County of Northampton, at or before the attene lecentic day of Sincen lice next ensuing ; and the same goods, chattels and credits, and all other the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, at the time of h (. death, which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said officery file hel and willan sherrer . administrater ... as aforesaid, or unto the hands and possession of any other person or persons for there ---- do well and truly administer according to law. And further do make, or cause to be made, a true and just account of there said administration. at or before the minclesselle day of Veleter 1814, And all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said administrates rest account (the same being first examined and allowed of by the Orphan's court of the County of Northampton) shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, the said Orphan's court by their decree or sentence, pursuant to the true intent and meaning of the several laws now in force in this Commonwealth, shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Register's office, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly , and of then the above bounder Cllerer glice bel and Sterne officeres administrat " " .. as aforesaid, being thereunso required, do render and deliver the said letters of administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made in the said Register's office) then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue. SEALERD AND DELIVERED IN THE PARSENCE OF Chillichica, Posida Deane Hours Cones Michael Auts (Fines)

George Steckel

The original page, from the Old William's Congragation Church records, of George and Mary Steckel daughters' baptisms (Susan and Rosina).

Note: Written in German, the baptism is the first entry on the page

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Other Records where George appears.

From the Parish Records of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sponsors for Maria Stemmetz, Born March 7, 1809 Bap March 14, 1809, Parents George and Christina Stemmetz (Maria's sister)

From The First Reformed Church of Easton, Pennsylvania

Sponsors for Samuel Ecker, born 12/25/1812, baptism 3/18/1813 Parents John Ecker and Sarah

From the Records of Williams Township Congregation

Sponsors for Daniel Raub born 6/21/1807, parents Wilhelm Raub and Elizabeth (Mary's brother)

Sponsors for George Wilhelm Logan Born August 13, 1809, parents Joseph Logan and Rosina,

Sponsors for Carolina born 8/22/1810, Baptized 12/30/1810, Parents Johann and Elizabeth

Sponsors for Peter Raub born 9/28/1813, baptized 11/6/1813 Parents Jacob Raub and Sybilla (Mary's brother)

Misc. Steckel records from the Easton Area.

Steckel marriages from the First Reformed Church of Easton

Husband	Date	Wife
Chrisitan Nagel	May 3, 1808	Sarah Steckel
Abraham Roeder	March 19, 1811	Hannah Steckel
Peter Steckel	January 9, 1816	Catharine Arndt
Samuel Moyer	May 7, 1816	Elizabeth Steckel

The German First Evangelical Church Records, Catachumen of 1799.

Eva Christina Stickel daughter of Baltzar Stickel, age 18.