

GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT
of
THE JENNINGS FAMILY

"That we should not hide them from
the children of the generations to come:"

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Introduction

This book has been prepared by the following:-

R. Milton Jeinnings, a descendant of Solomon Jinnings.
Mrs. Miles C. Green met with Mr. Foster Handelong who was an historian of the Jennings reunion. Before him, Mr. George Handelong was historian.

The Family records and other papers these former historians had, were lost in some way, so we started anew.

The families who have helped from memories and in their own days were:- Mrs. Joann Strunk; Mr. Charles Lohman, Mrs. Ellen Jennings, Mrs. Elba Kressler, Mr. George Handelong, the Schulster sisters, Mr. Roy Struble, Mr. Whritnour and others.

To every one who helped, we wish to give our thanks.

Note:- We, R. Milton Jeinnings and Mrs. Miles C. Green would like to state that there seems to be no connection in line with this family history.

A family tree, we can say, is like that of a ordinary maple. In the spring it spreads its branches and bursts out into rich green leaves, yet come autumn, these leaves fall from the tree and go their separate ways, just as all families do in a matter of time.

Mr. Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave this line to the Works Progress Administration survey thus:-

"To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men living in the future, a nation must believe in three things.

It must believe in the past

It must believe in the future

It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgement for the creation of the future."

History of Jennings Family

I. (Mrs. Green) have tried to make a brief account of the family tree as I have acknowledged it from year to year. In 1949, I was working on my family history, heard about the Jennings reunion being held annually in Bangor, Pa. as my father's cousins had married in the family of Jennings. I thought maybe the reunion had a history, to learn more of my folks. So I became acquainted with Mrs. Joann Derrick Strunk, whose mother was a Jennings, she told me much about her people and she loved the reunions until she passed away in 1953. She related so much about the Jennings people, where they lived around Upper Mount Bethel township and other places, so I took the notes down. She spoke of her uncle Samuel and his wife Kate who would come and complain about their mother living on the old home-stead. Samuel Jr had three children, one of them who married Mr. Smith of Mt. Bethel, Pa. went west to Kansas, then later their father came out west also. He delt in farm machinery there till his passing. Joann

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On one Sunday, Paul and Elba Kressler, daughter Sonya, my husband and I went to Butler, N.J. to get information and found a descendant of Catherine, daughter of Samuel (b 1776). Next we called on the Sahulster sisters, they showed us a birth record that a school teacher made for Joseph Sahulster that it was done on hand fancy art writing. It looked as if it might have been made by the same person who made the artistic family register record for Samuel (b 1776). Joseph and Elenor might have been brother and sister.

Roy Struble took us to a Sahulster home and there we were told that Sahulster was spelled first without the "a". It was later added to make it more yankee sounding. The blast furnace of Ringwood and Charlotteton called many there to work, and the workers were told to build their own houses that was what Samuel did.

In conclusion, we know that some readers, undoubtedly, will rate this book as lacking on a few points of specific interest. Still others to whom its chapters have proved interesting reading, may wish still more complete information on certain phases of this history.

To all those people we gladly extend an offer of friendly assistance.

R. Milton Jeinnings
Mrs. Miles C. Green, Co-worker

American Revolution Patriot
of 1776

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JAMES JENNINGS

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The township record shows that publication was taken at a town meeting on the 12th March of 1776.

"We, the subscribers, freeholders and inhabitants of the township of Pequannock, in the county of Morris and province of New Jersey, having long viewed with concern the avowed design of the ministry of Great Britain to raise a revenue in America, being deeply affected with the cruel hostilities already commenced in Massachusetts Bay for carrying that arbitrary design into execution, convinced that the preservation of the rights and privileges of America depends, under God, on the firm union of its inhabitants, do, with hearts abhorring slavery, and ardently wishing for a reconciliation with our Parent state on constitutional principles, solemnly associate and resolve under the sacred ties of virtue, honor, and love of our country, that we will personally, and so far as our influence extends, endeavor to support and carry into execution whatever measures may be recommended by the Continental and Provincial Congress for defending our constitution and preserving the same inviolate, according to the resolutions of the aforesaid Continental and Provincial Congress, firmly determined by all means in our Power to guard against the disorders and confusions to which the peculiar circumstances of the times may expose us.

We do also further associate and agree as far as shall be consistent with the measures adopted for the preservation of American freedom, to support the magistrates and other civil officers in the execution of their duty agreeable to the laws of the colony, and to observe the directions of our committees acting."

The terms of the above agreement were with the one hundred seventy seven subscribers signed. One of them was JAMES JENNINGS.

Reference:-History of Morris County, N.J. by E.D. Halsey, published in 1882, page 275.

I am inclined to believe that any descendants shown in this book, who desires to join the Daughters or Sons of American Revolution Society would be admitted based on this fact. Military record of James Jennings in New Jersey could not be found. This part should not hamper any one to join the Patriotic Societies.

Please read this carefully before you proceed to read on.

The number put up before first name means that it has further family or record whereas when no number before name indicate no further record or family known but most instance to conserve the pages so that you can go on to other page till you find the right family.

For illustration as example:-

7. John b Oct. 24, 1780 m Sarah Doe

Children of John and Sarah

Has further record --	→	12. Charles b Mar. 7, 1812 m Clara Dee
Not known if have family	→	Norma b June 9, 1814
Has record	→	13. James b July 6, 1815 m Dorothy Davis
Has record	→	14. Edgar b Feb. 1, 1817 m Eliza Mains
No further record	→	Jack b Dec. 2, 1819 d young
Has family but ends here	→	William b Dec. 12, 1820 m Lib Weeks issue: Ida b Nov. 7, 1845

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Abbreviations:-

b - born, d - died, m - married, cem. - cemetery, int. - interred,
is: - issue, twp - township, dau. - daughter, ae - age, yrs - years,
ch. - child, chs. - children, -- - no name, C.W. - Civil War,

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Source of informations-

From Family Bibles, Wills, Deeds, Pension affidavits, Cemetery visitations, Church records, personal interviews, and others too numerous to mention if give the places where obtained from.

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Note:-

The family record of No. 4. David Jennings is being withheld from this book until more complete information is obtained for dates, etc then will be inserted in near future.

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