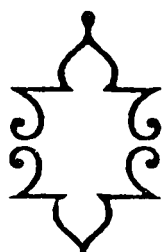


A Brief Sketch of the
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IN AMERICA



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A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE ORIGIN OF THE YOUNT FAMILY IN AMERICA

This name was originally spelt JUNDT and is so spelt today in Alsace, France and Switzerland, however, all the different groups arriving in this country bearing the name JUNDT have adopted the Anglicized spelling YOUNT, indicating that the different groups were related and in communication with each other, otherwise the more natural Anglicizing of the name, viz., YUNDT would without doubt have been adopted. Some members of the different groups did later adopt the spelling YUNDT and still use it.

During our many years of research we have found that most members of the family believe this family to be of German origin as the early members spoke the German language. This is erroneous; the Yount family is of Alsatian origin, a purely Huguenot family.

We find records of this family in Strassburg, Alsace, as early as the sixteenth century. Nicholas Jundt was Ammeister (Guild Master) of Strassburg in 1663, and again in 1669; August Jundt, a descendent of Nicholas, was a professor in the Protestant Theological Seminary in Strassburg, which in consequence of the Franco-Prussian War (1870) was moved to Paris, and his son Andrew Jundt, is a member of the faculty of this Seminary at the present time.

We have records of a number of groups arriving in this country, all of whom assumed the name YOUNT upon arrival in this country or shortly thereafter and I will give the history of the several groups in brief form.

HANS GEORGE AND ANNA MARIA JUNDT

Hans George and Anna Maria Jundt, with four of their children; Jacob born in 1715, Hans George born in 1719; John, born in 1723, and Maria Elizabeth born in 1725, came from a village on the Rhine, in Alsace, arriving at Philadelphia, Pa., on the ship "Brittania", September 21, 1731. This ship carried 106 Palatines, with their families, consisting of 269 people in all. We find that Hans George Yount and his family settled in Colebrookdale, now Boyertown, Berks County, Pa., other members of this group of immigrants also settled in this same locality.

We have never been able to find any record of the death of Hans George or Anna Maria Yount, however, we believe they died either in Berks or Northampton Counties; we believe the latter.

Hans George and Anna Maria Yount had another son who later came to America, Andrew Yount, the account of whose emigration will be found in another part of this narrative.

Jacob Yount, born in 1715, married Dorothea Schuck, daughter of John Schuck. He secured by two warrants dated May 9, 1750 and June 12, 1750, two tracts of land consisting of 278 acres, located on the west bank of the Lehigh River, in Whitehall Township, then Berks, later Northampton, now Lehigh County, Pa. This was about two miles from the present site of the City of Allentown, where the Yount family lived in log cabins for a number of years. In 1757 Jacob Yount built a large stone house on this tract of land, which for many years was considered the finest residence in the Lehigh Valley. This house did service for 135 years and was used as a fort during the French and Indian War, 1760 to 1763.

Tradition informs us that Jacob Yount was wounded by Indians and crawled on his hands and feet to this house. We have never been able to learn whether this was the cause of his death, however, we believe it was, for he died in 1760 during a time when the Indians were very hostile and at the early age of 45 years.

Four of Jacob's sons served with the American forces in the Revolutionary War.

Hans George Yount Jr., born in 1719, married Maria Margarettä Henkel, at the New Hanover Lutheran Church, September 10, 1745. She was the oldest daughter of Gerhart Henkle, a prominent colonial family. Her ancestor, Dr. Johann Henkel, was Chaplain to Queen Marie of Hungary, who was the widow of King Ludwig II of Austria-Hungary. He was selected for this position on the recommendation of Martin Luther, about 1526.

Soon after their marriage we find Hans George and his wife located on a fine large plantation in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa., about two miles east of the present site of Ephrata, where Hans George died from the results of having been kicked by a horse, September 15, 1770, at the age of 51 years, 6 months and 1 day. His wife, Maria Margarettä Yount remained on the old homestead after her husband's death, where she raised her family of eight children; five sons and three daughters, to manhood and womanhood. She was blind for a number of years prior to her death, which occurred in 1809, then past 87 years of age.

Three of George Yount's sons and two sons-in-law, served with the American forces during the Revolutionary War.

John Yount, born in 1723, the youngest son of Hans George and Anna Maria Yount, migrated to North Carolina about 1750, where he married Anna Elizabeth Zimmerman, the youngest daughter of Michael and Anna Elizabeth "Dodderer" Zimmerman, in 1751.

John Yount, with his family, returned to Northampton County, Pa., in the Spring of 1759, where he took over the old estate of Michael Zimmerman, his father-in-law in 1784, consisting of 333 acres. He sold this property in 1787 and soon thereafter returned to North Carolina and settled in Lincoln County (now Catawba County), about six miles from the present City of Newton, where he died in 1790 at the age of 67 years.

John owned a number of large tracts of land in Lincoln County at the time of his death, as shown by his will; this he devised to his sons. His oldest son, Jacob, fought under General Green at the siege of Charleston, S. C. Jacob and five of his sons also served with the American forces during the War of 1812. Jacob Yount's son George

C. Yount, was one of the earliest Anglo-Saxon pioneers in California, and George C. Yount's grand daughter, Mary E. Davis, (Mrs. Mary E. Buchnall) was the first child born of Anglo-Saxon parents in what is now San Francisco, then the little Spanish pueblo of Yerba Buena. George C. built the first log house and erected the first chimney in California. He died at Yountville, California September 5, 1865, in the beautiful Napa Valley, where he owned over 15,000 acres of the finest land in California, a grant from the Mexican government. This grant was made as an acknowledgement of services rendered the Jesuit Mission near there. The chronicles of George C. Yount alone would make one large volume. His career in California was made the subject of the second issue of the quarterly of the California Historical Society, in 1923.

We find no trace of the daughter of Hans George and Anna Maria Yount after the arrival of the family in America.

HISTORY OF THE QUAKER BRANCH OF THE YOUNT FAMILY

The members of this branch of the Yount family, apparently, have a very meager knowledge of the early history of this branch, of their origin and location following their arrival in America.

During many years of research, we have discovered, beyond any question of doubt, the fact that Andrew Yount is the progenitor of this branch of the Yount family, and, that he is the father of George, Jacob, Catherine, John and William Henry Yount, who constitute the early ancestors of this branch of the Yount family.

Andrew Yount was born in Alsace about the year 1717, and was a son of Hans George and Anna Maria Yount, both born in 1691, who with four of their children, arrived in Philadelphia September 21, 1731, as previously narrated.

Andrew remained at home at the time of the departure of his parents and the other members of the family, for reasons, as yet, we have been unable to learn. He married there, raised a family, and emigrated to America about twenty years later.

Andrew was a professional violinist and it is probable he may have remained at home to complete his studies in his art or to practice his profession in his native land, or he may have remained at home to care for aged grandparents.

In harmony with records of his migration, we find that it is very evident that Andrew Yount and his family were among those who fled to England for succor during the persecution of the Huguenots by the French Catholic kings, when many of these people in Alsace fled to Switzerland, to Germany, to Holland and to England, and from these several countries many of these people came to America. We have records showing that Andrew Yount went from England to Holland and from there to America arriving in Philadelphia, Pa. on the ship "Duke of Bedford", September 14, 1751.

Andrew settled in eastern Pennsylvania, where his father and brothers had located twenty years earlier. We have never been able to find any record of Andrew's death, however, we believe Andrew died in Pennsylvania. His children all migrated to North Carolina in later years and we believe this migration to have taken place after the death of the father, Andrew Yount.

The family were no doubt members of a group who had learned that they could obtain land very cheap in North Carolina and went there with the intention of taking up some of this cheap land. In the records of Randolph County, North Carolina, we find recorded a number of land grants in the names of George, Jacob, Catherine and William Henry Yount; all of these records being under dates 1782 to 1790. In as much as they went there with this object in mind; of taking up some of this cheap land we believe that these earliest grants were taken up soon after their arrival there, or within the first year at the farthest, therefore, we believe this migration took place during the years 1781 or 1782.

George Yount married Rosanna Waymire, a daughter of John Rudolph Waymire, and we find in the census report of Randolph County, N. C., for the year 1790, that George Yount had two sons over sixteen years of age, one son under sixteen years, and seven daughters, when this enumeration was taken; Jacob married Esther Fouts,

and they had one son over sixteen years of age and two sons under sixteen, also three daughters; William Henry married Mariann Waymire, a sister of Rosanna Waymire, the wife of George Yount, and they had three sons over sixteen years of age, two sons under sixteen years, and five daughters at the time this enumeration was taken.

John Yount, the other member of this family, married a Miss Fouts, probably a sister of Esther Fouts, who married Jacob Yount. John Yount migrated in turn to Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri and finally to Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, where he died. His children all migrated to Missouri during the period from 1817 to 1839 and settled in the north-central and north-western part of the state. We now find many of his descendents in California and other Pacific Coast states.

In 1801 a colony of sixty-four people, composed of Younts, Hoovers, Masts and Sinks, moved from Randolph County, N. C., to Kentucky. This same year George Yount went on to Ohio, when this was yet a territory, and located near Lebanon, the county seat of Warren County, Ohio. In 1802 he moved to a section of land partly in Miami and partly in Montgomery County, Ohio, where he resided until the time of his death, April 22, 1810. The remainder of the colony becoming dissatisfied with the conditions in Kentucky, migrated north and spent the winter of 1801-1802 in Cincinnati, Ohio. They left their winter quarters there in the Spring of 1802 and passed thru Dayton, Ohio, in 1802. Jacob Yount cleared up a farm in German Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, where he died in 1805 or 1806, a highly respected citizen.

The Younts, Hoovers and Masts, who all came to Ohio at the same time, are thought to have been the first white people to have located to the west of Dayton, Ohio. They had to cut roads thru the dense forests. Indians were numerous and the hardships and toil were unremitting.

William Henry Yount and his wife, Mariann Waymire Yount, with their children, migrated from Randolph County, North Carolina, to Montgomery County, Ohio, in the fall of 1802, together with a party of which Herbert C. Hoover's ancestors were members. William Henry

Yount located in Montgomery County, entering a full section of land. He later moved on to Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, returning to Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1807. We find in an Atlas of Montgomery County, Ohio, in the history of Butler Township, which includes the village of Little York, that Henry Yount, George Sinks, Thomas Newman and John Quillon, were the first settlers in that locality and built the first log house there. They settled near Little York, which is near the Stillwater River, called at that time the North-West Branch of the Big Miami River. Mariann Waymire Yount died in Butler Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, October 7, 1822, and her husband, William Henry Yount, died there October 20, 1822, just thirteen days apart.

In an atlas in the Dayton library, we find a remark that "Henry Yount had brown children when he came to Ohio." No doubt they were tanned by the burning rays of the semi-tropic sun.

Henry Yount's daughter, Catherine Yount, married Frederick Hoover, and Jacob Yount's daughter, Catherine Yount, married David Hoover, brothers. These were the founders of the town, now the City of Richmond, Indiana, the strongest Quaker stronghold west of the Alleghenies.

I have conflicting reports in regard to Catherine Yount, the daughter of Andrew Yount. One report received from Dr. William Reser, of LaFayette, Indiana, who is the historian and genealogist of the Waymire family, refers to her as having married a Mr. Fincher. Another report received from Mr. S. E. Yount, of Los Angeles, Calif., who is a great grandson of John Yount, informs us that she married a Daniel Wagoner; however, she may have married a second time and both reports may be correct. We have been informed that Catherine Yount also came to Ohio, but as yet, we have been unable to find where she located or when she came to Ohio.

During the many years of research we have received many conflicting reports as to the arrival and migration of this group. Errors occur in all of these reports, however, I have authentic facts to check the several reports which come down through traditions of the family. One of these reports as received from Mr. S. E. Yount, of

Los Angeles, California, is as follows: "About 1745 or 1750, the Yount family left Germany for America. The wealth of this family consisted of as much money as a horse could carry. The family consisted of parents and eight children, seven sons and one daughter. The father was a professional violinist. They were on the water about a year and both parents died before they landed. They landed somewhere along the Atlantic coast, probably in Virginia, in destitute circumstances. The names of some of these children were: George, Jacob, Catherine and John. John was the youngest member of the family, who was only two years of age at the time of their arrival in America. The daughter married Daniel Wagoner."

Mr. Yount's report states that both parents died at sea, or before they landed. This we find is not correct. We believe the mother and probably one or more of the children died at sea since we have been able to find records of only five of these children of Andrew Yount; however, some of these may have died in early youth after their arrival, which would account for not finding any subsequent records. Their voyage was of exceptional long duration, and we find that these long voyages were very fatal amongst children. Andrew Yount's children all being under sixteen years of age, a number of these must have been quite young, therefore, we believe the mother and several of the children died at sea. Andrew Yount, with those of the family who remained, arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., on the ship "Duke of Bedford," September 14, 1751. The writer has a photostat of this ship list, upon which appears the signature of Andrew Yount just as he signed it more than one hundred and eighty four years ago. He signed this list in German. These lists had to be filed with the proper authorities in Philadelphia, and besides filing this list, they had to sign the oath of allegiance, also, the oath of abjuration, in the presence of these same authorities, therefore, Mr. Yount's report in regard to both parents having died at sea is in error.

Furthermore, Mr. Yount states that the wealth of their family consisted of as much money as a horse could carry, and again, that when they landed in America they were in destitute circumstances. This may be correct, for we find accounts of many cases where unscrupulous

ship crews robbed or stole all of the belongings of many of these immigrants, leaving them in destitute circumstances upon their arrival in America. We find many instances of where their trunks were left at the place of their embarkation and were confiscated by accomplices of these unscrupulous culprits and were never recovered. Also instances where, after arrival here, these people were transferred to agents who led them about the colony until they were disposed of to the farmers as indented servants in order to raise money for their transportation.

In support of the fact that the mother died at sea, we find that John was the youngest member of the family at the time of their arrival in America, then only two years of age, born about 1749. And again we find that William Henry was born about 1757, six years after their arrival in America, which leaves about eight years between the birth of John and William Henry, which would indicate that Andrew Yount had married a second wife in Pennsylvania and that William Henry was a child born to the second wife. Furthermore, William Henry had a double name, the only member of the family so distinguished, which may have occurred thru the suggestion of the second wife or a different mother.

Mr. S. E. Yount also informs us that his father, Joseph Yount, always told them that he and George C. Yount, the California pioneer, were second cousins, which substantiates the fact that Andrew Yount was a son of Hans George and Anna Maria Yount, since George C. Yount was a grandson of John Yount and Anna Elizabeth Zimmerman, and John was the youngest son of Hans George and the youngest brother of Andrew Yount.

Rebecca Yount, grand daughter of George Yount in this branch, was the great grand mother of President Herbert C. Hoover. Rebecca Yount Hoover accompanied her immediate family and a large group of Quakers from Miami and Montgomery Counties, Ohio, in 1853 to Iowa. The name of the village in Iowa where they resided was given the name of West Branch, Iowa, no doubt taking the name from the West Branch Quaker Church in Miami County, Ohio. Rebecca Yount Hoover's husband died in 1857 and she carried on for almost forty years following his death as the head of her family and a leading spirit in her community. She was the mother of nine child-

ren and adopted and raised nineteen other children. She is given credit by genealogists as being one of the strongest characters in the Hoover Genealogy. She died in 1895, at the age of 94 years.

Rebecca Yount Hoover was for many years an Elder of the West Branch Quaker Church, one of the few women given this distinction.

The group of Quakers forming the Back Creek Quaker Church in Randolph County, North Carolina, no doubt became Quakers in Pennsylvania. When they moved from North Carolina to Ohio, they transferred their membership to the Westland Monthly Meeting near Brownsville, Pa., which was the farthest west of any Quaker Church at that time.

To the best of my knowledge all the sons of Andrew Yount were Quakers. We can locate the membership of all except his son, John Yount.

HANS RUDOLPH YOUNT

Hans Rudolph Yount, at the age of twenty-some years, with his widowed mother, emigrated from Neide-dorf, Amt. Waldenburg, Canton Basel, Switzerland, and arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., on the ship "Ann," September 28, 1749. He settled in Pennsylvania, where he remained until after the death of his mother, who died and is buried in York County, Pa. He then migrated to Virginia and settled in Rockingham County, that state, where he died.

We find many of Hans Rudolph's descendants in Virginia. Dr. Walter B. Yount, now deceased, was head of the Department of Classical Languages at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., at the time of his death, June 5, 1932. Prior to this he served as President of Edgewater College, Virginia, and taught two years in Blue Ridge College, before going to Western Maryland College. During 1906 and 1907 he was a resident of Jerusalem as a student of the American School, pursuing the study of classical languages in that school and place. J. B. Yount, Jr., a prominent attorney-at-law of Lynchburg, Va., is a descendant of Rudolph Yount. We also find some of his descendants in Ohio.

We have record of Rudolph having remarked that he was related to the Younts in North Carolina, however, as yet, we have been unable to learn in what degree. These records would have to be secured from abroad.

"THE FOUR JUNT CHILDREN"

We have records of four children of Hans Junt (as it is here spelt) and Anna Flubacher, of Benken Amt. Munchestein, Canton Basel, Switzerland. The names of these four children follows: Hans Adam, Matthias, Elizabeth and Magdalena Junt, and are repeatedly referred to as "the four Junt Children." They left their country secretly in 1752. This was due to an order not permitting any one to leave their country at that time. After their arrival in America they stopped in Pennsylvania for a short time and then went to Virginia. Four years later Hans Adam and Matthias returned to Pennsylvania from Virginia on a visit and asked for their own and their sisters' manumission and the release of the remainder of their property, July 21, 1756.

The tax in their case was considerable, the largest found before 1794. It amounted to £1,053,11, in addition to £405 accounted for in 1753, covering a total of £14,385 —17—8 worth of property.

Hans Adam, and probably Matthias, returned to Pennsylvania and settled in Bedford County, that state, where they all, apparantly, from the parents to the baby in cradle, took up land in their own names. We find a village by the name of Yount about five miles north of the City of Bedford, Pa., doubtless being named for some of the descendants of Hans Adam Yount.

Hans Adam had two sons, John and George, who served with the American forces during the Revolutionary War, the latter always referred to as "Soldier" George Yount. After returning from their military service, these two brothers migrated to Kentucky. John died in Fayette County, Ky., about the middle of 1836. George Yount married Polly Underwood at Boone's Station, Ky., February 24, 1781, and settled on Brascher's Creek, then Jefferson, now Shelby County, Ky., where he died May 9, 1824. His wife, Polly Underwood Yount, died there in 1841.

"Soldier" George Yount has a remarkable military record, one which his descendants would be proud to know. We have been informed by Mr. C. I. Kephart, the noted genealogist, that George Yount's military record alone, as found in the Pension Bureau in Washington, D. C., would make a remarkable narrative.

We have but a few records of the descendants of this group. Dr. Joseph Sterling Yount, of 614 63rd St., Chicago, Ills., is a great grandson of "Soldier" George Yount.

There is a very interesting story associated with this branch of the Yount family.

RUDOLPH YOUNT

Rudolph Yount and his wife, Susan Yount, both natives of Germany, arrived in this country, we should judge, about 1800. They must have landed at some one of the southern ports, as we have been unable to find any records of the time or place of arrival. These southern ports were not required to keep a record of these immigrants, hence the lack of information.

This family settled in North Carolina, where both parents died in 1820, when their son William Yount was eight years of age, having been born July 2, 1812. William then served as a bound-out boy until he was twenty one years of age. At this age he married Rebecca Sowers, also of German ancestry. William lived in the vicinity of Lexington, the county seat of Davidson County, N. C. He moved from North Carolina in 1839 to Jackson Township, Fountain County, Indiana, where he lived for many years. William was a wool carder by trade and during his early life engaged in that trade. Later he embarked in the mercantile business.

In 1870 William Yount was elected County Recorder of Fountain County, and at the end of his term was re-elected to serve a second term. He was the first Recorder of Fountain County, Indiana, also one of the first school teachers in the county. He died in 1891. His grandson, Fletcher W. Boyd, was Superintendent of the Masonic Home, in Franklin, Indiana, at the time of his death, June 15, 1930.

JOHN JUNDT

John Jundt (Yount) came from Wurtemberg, Germany, in the year 1833. He had a son, Andrew Yount, who was twice married; first to Marietta Null, second a Miss Houseman.

Andrew Yount is the father of Harry N. Yont, now Mayor of Greensburg, Pa., an office which he held for over eleven years at the time the writer met him in 1931. You will note that Harry N. spells his name "Yont." Asking him why he dropped the letter "U", he smilingly replied "The 'U' has no sound, so why bother with it."

It might be remarked, that some groups pronounce the name with the short sound of the "U".

This family, and possibly the one preceeding, Rudolph Yount, is the only member of the Yount family of which we have record as having emigrated directly from Germany. It is interesting to note that they took the spelling YOUNT, arriving as they did as late as 1833. This would indicate that they came from the same family group.

Mr. Yont advises us that Alonzo N. Yount, a prominent attorney in Boston, Mass., has two sisters living on C Street, Omaha, Nebraska, who have a history of the Yount family. I have been unable to get in communication with them. He also advises us that a Charles Yount made the first trip up Pike's Peak in an automobile. We have also been advised that a Harry Yount was one of the first National Rangers in Yellowstone Park.

LEONARD AND ANNA GLASSER JUNDT

Leonard Jundt and his wife Anna Glasser Jundt, with one son, Leonard, of Bottmigen, Amt. Muenchestein, Canton Basel, Switzerland, migrated to Amerca in 1771. They settled in Pennsylvania after their arrival in America; however, we have never been able to find any subsequent records of this group.

JACOB AND ELIZABETH MARCKHLIN JUNDT

The above, with their five children; Hans Jacob, Elizabeth, Hans Heinrich, Anna Maria and Matthias, migrated from Bottmengen, Amt. Muenchestein, Canton Basel, Switzerland, and arrived in America in 1741. They settled in Pennsylvania and we find their descendants in and about Philadelphia. Elizabeth Marckhlin Jundt, wife of Jacob Jundt, died in Philadelphia, November 3, 1767, at the age of 56 years, 11 months and 3 days.

We find that the ancestors of these immigrants who came from Switzerland and Germany, went there from Alsace at an early date, some probably during the persecution of the Huguenots by the French Catholic kings, when many of the people in Alsace fled to Switzerland, to Germany, to Holland and to England, and from these different countries many of these people came to America, where they could enjoy the freedom of speech and worship according to the dictates of their own conscience.

The Younts of America are all of the same stock, and when you meet a Yount you may know, that he is a kinsman, for the lineal records of all will lead back to the same remote ancestry.

There is no doubt that members of this family were in communication with members in Europe after their arrival here. The fact that all took the Anglicized spelling of "Yount" instead of the natural spelling "Yundt" (the German "J" having the sound of "Y") could not have been a co-incidence. Further, the Quaker branch, when they decided to migrate from North Carolina, located temporarily in Shelby County, Kentucky, the home of "Soldier" George Yount, but finding the land titles questionable, continued on to the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio. Also, Attica, the county seat of Fountain County, which is but a short distance from the home taken by Andrew Yount of the Quaker branch in 1826. It was to this place that William Yount migrated from North Carolina in 1839, but a couple of years from the time two sons of Andrew Yount established a wool carding mill at Attica.

Other instances can be given of different branches locating in the same locality, which would hardly be a co-incidence.

Our friends will see the importance of earnest co-operation in this work, that a complete record may be passed on to future generations, as this work will grow in value as the years pass on. Therefore, all members or kin of this family should see to it that all materials, both historical and genealogical, are brought to our attention in order that they may be recorded in these records. These records contain a list of over five thousand names.

The names and addresses of all Younts and those related by consanguinity, are wanted for record. This list will be helpful now and in the future in many ways. All of my records that will assist in bringing together the different individuals or groups, will be at your service for investigation to determine the lineal records of all members. Requests for information will be answered promptly.

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ADDENDUM

The undersigned has been in close touch with Mr. William Calvin Yount in his genealogical work during the past fifteen years and I have found that he has been more than willing to contribute the information he has at hand to those desiring it.

We are particularly fortunate in having a person of the ability possessed by Mr. Yount willing to take over such a great task.

Many persons have suggested that a book be published on the Yount genealogy. Before this can be done it will be necessary to effect an organization of this family, as the labor and expense is beyond the power of Mr. Yount, whom we must recognize as the logical head of such a work.

Mr. Yount has been fortunate in getting the co-operation of Mr. C. I. Kephart, the noted genealogist and former President of the National Genealogical Society. Mr. Kephart, who lives in Washington, D. C., compiled and published much data on the early ancestry of Herbert C. Hoover, and in so doing became much interested in the Yount genealogy. He has compiled much data on the early history of the Yount family which he contemplates publishing. This has been delayed by his difficulty in getting assistance from genealogists in Europe.

Mr. Yount has spent a large sum of money in his research. Therefore contributions would be appreciated, same to be made direct to him, which will be applied to furthering the work he has been carrying on for so long. By reason of having suffered a "stroke" a few years since, his inability to do the manual labor involved, particularly in writing the many letters necessary, requires the services of a stenographer from time to time.

Suggestions will be appreciated that might lead to an organization of Yount descendants. Such suggestions should, in my judgement, be addressed to Mr. W. C. Yount.

If you have the addresses of any descendants of the Yount family who would be interested in the data given in this sketch, or particularly of any person who has been interested in assembling Yount genealogy, I would suggest that you send their names to Mr. Yount.

It might be mentioned that Mr. Yount is the father of Lieutenant Paul F. Yount, honor graduate of the United States Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y., in 1930. Many are no doubt aware of the honor given Mr. Paul Yount at the time. He is now a member of the staff of instructors in Engineering at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., from which he graduated with such honors.

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