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THE CRIGLER FAMILY

The family name was originally spelled *Kriegler* and it was this spelling that Jacob Kriegler used when he obtained his original land grant in Virginia on June 24, 1726.

The Keiegler family originally comes from Austria and the name dates back to the 1200s in that area. Our particular line migrated a short distance northwards to Silesia in the 1600s. At that time Silesia was under German rule, but during history it has belonged to Austria, Germany, Poland and Moravia. There were many Krieglers in Silesia, and there are today.

Jacob Kriegler's granddaughter, Anna Crigler, married John Hume and several generations later the Humes married into my Patterson family.

The bulk of the information that I have on the Crigler family comes from a 1967 Genealogy by Arthur D. Crigler of Mobile Alabama, which I found in the *Germana Collection* at the Germana Community College in Orange County, Virginia.

JACOB KRIEGLER

Although nothing is proven, it seems that Jacob Kriegler's father was Martin Kriegler and the family came from Dittsmansdorf in German Silesia. Jacob was probably born there in the late 1690s.

Jacob came to America in 1717 along with hundreds of other Germans fleeing the devastation of the Franco Prussian Wars, and the persecution of their Lutheran beliefs. Hundreds of Germans traveled to England to gain passage to America. They were coming at the bidding of William Penn who offered freedom from religious persecution in his Colony of Pennsylvania. Most of these German immigrants traveled by ship to Philadelphia and made their homes in the interior of Pennsylvania.

Jacob, and some one hundred others left England in early 1717 by ship for Philadelphia, but a raging storm drove them southwards and the ship landed in Tappahannock, Virginia. Here the captain of the ship held these people for the balance of the monies due for their passage. Originally, the Penn Colony was going to pay these charges, but when they reached Virginia instead, there was no one to pay. Governor Spotswood of Virginia heard of their plight and agreed to reimburse the Captain of the ship and arrange their release. In exchange for this payment, Governor Spotswood required they move inland to Spotsylvania County, which he essentially owned as a 'fiefdom.' These eighty German immigrants moved westward and were the first white settlers in this western area of Virginia.

Their new home was called Germanna and lies in what is today Orange County, Virginia. Governor Spotswood required they work in his mines and farm his lands in order to repay him. These immigrants led a harsh life and later had to sue Spotswood in court for monies due them and for the final settlement of his claim against them for passage monies advanced.

Instead of giving these people money, he gave them land grants even further in the interior.

These people then moved to the banks of the Robinson River in what is today, Madison County, Virginia. It was here that Jacob Kriegler patented 400 acres on his land grant on June 24, 1726 along with Michael Koch. The land is near the present Criglersville, Madison County, Virginia. Jacob apparently came to America with Michael Koch and his family. Jacob married Michael's daughter, Susanna in Spotsylvania County about 1719.

Jacob hewed a farm out of the wilderness and remained there until his death in early 1734. On April 3, 1734, Susanna gave bond as administrator of his estate. Susanna later remarried to a widower, Nicholas Yager who was also from the original 1717 Germanna Colony.

Jacob and Susanna had four children. The following is what I know about them.

Christopher Crigler

Christopher Crigler was born in 1721 in the Germana Colony in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He married Catherine Finks in 1750. This is my line and Christopher's life will be covered in the next section.

Nicholas Crigler

Nicholas was born about 1723, also in the Germana Colony. He married Margaret Kaifer in 1749 in Madison County, Virginia. Margaret was the daughter of Michael Kaifer of the original 1717 Germana Colony. They had seven children and remained in Madison County all their lives. Nicholas made his will (I have a transcript) on February 28, 1811, and probably died shortly thereafter. His wife, Margaret, was not mentioned so she had died prior to this date.

The following are their children. The births of these children are recorded at the Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison County.

ELIZABETH CRIGLER born August 8, 1750.

AARON CRIGLER born July 9, 1756.

MARGARET CRIGLER born March 8, 1759.

NICHOLAS CRIGLER born April 14, 1762.

SUSANNA CRIGLER born September 13, 1764.

ANNA MARGARET CRIGLER born December 16, 1768.

ABRAHAM CRIGLER born June 3, 1771.

Anna Margaret Crigler

Anna Margaret was born in the late 1720s in Madison County and married Henry Aylor of the original Germana Colony. Henry was born in 1729 and died in 1800. They lived all their lives in

Madison County, Virginia.

They had the following children:

HENRY ALTOR

JACOB AYLOR

ABRAHAM AYLOR

SUSANNA AYLOR who married James Murray.

DELILAH AYLOR who married Muscoe Newman.

MAGDALENA AYLOR who married Adam Delph.

MARY AYLOR who married a Bohannon.

Michael Crigler

Michael was probably also born in Madison County and he married Jemima Blankenbaker, the daughter of Michael Blankenbaker of Culpeper County, Virginia.

After Michael died, Jemima married Absolum Utz. There were no children from either marriage.

CHRISTOPHER CRIGLER

Christopher was the eldest child of Jacob Crigler. He was born about 1721 in the Germana Colony of Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

He moved as a young child to their new farm in Culpeper County, which is now in Madison County, Virginia in 1726. His family lived at the present day Criglersville Virginia, which was named for his father who was its first settler. He remained in Criglersville all his life.

He married Catherine Finks there in 1750. Catherine was the daughter of Mark Finks whose family was also from Germana. They were members of the Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison County and the births of their children were recorded there. They are on the records through 1787 at the church.

Christopher was commissioned an Ensign in the Culpeper Militia on August 18, 1763. He is also listed as a Patriot in the SAR and the DAR for services rendered to the American Army in our fight for liberty.

He wrote is will on September 9, 1808 (I have a transcript) and it was recorded at Culpeper, Virginia on May 30, 1809 in Will Book F, page 119. He probably died in the early spring of 1810 and his will was probated on May 23, 1810. There was no mention of Catherine, so I assume she had died earlier than 1808.

The following is what I know about the eleven children of Christopher and Catherine Crigler.

Again, the birth dates are taken from the Hebron church records. All the children were born in Criglersville, Virginia in what was then part of Culpeper County, but is now in Madison County, Virginia.

Maria Crigler

Maria was born on September 9, 1751. She married Michael Utz, junior.

Reuben Crigler

Reuben was born on January 28, 1753. He married Elizabeth Crow, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Crow of Culpeper County. Reuben died at age 75 in Madison County. Madison County was formed out of Culpeper County in 1792. His will is dated January 3, 1828 and is recorded in Will Book 5, page 149. It was probated on April 24, 1828.

Their children were:

SARAH CRIGLER

FRANCES CRIGLER

MARIAH CRIGLER

VIRANDA CRIGLER

JAMES CRIGLER

Jacob Crigler

Jacob was born on June 27, 1756. Nothing further is known.

Elizabeth Crigler

Elizabeth was born on July 7, 1759. She was married twice, first to David Yowell junior, and then to John Taylor on November 27, 1794.

Susannah Crigler

Susanna was born on January 3, 1762. She married George Hume III of Culpeper County. George Hume was the brother of my John Hume and the son of George Hume II and his wife Jane Stanton. John Hume married another of Christopher's daughters, Anna (see below).

George and Susanna Hume had ten children:

JENNIE HUME

THOMAS HUME

LARKIN HUME

STANTON HUME

ELIZABETH HUME

MARTHA HUME

CATHERINE HUME

FRANCES HUME

SUSANNAH HUME

EMMA HUME

Lewis (Ludwig) Crigler

Lewis was born on October 1, 1764. He married Anna Carpenter, the daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Weaver) Carpenter. Lewis was commissioned a Major in the Culpeper County Militia in 1802.

Lewis died about 1815 in testate. His lands were divided amongst his heirs in 1817. This division is recorded in Will Book 4, page 414.

At the time of this division, he had the following children:

SARAH CRIGLER born January 15, 1786.

NANCY CRIGLER born October 9, 1787.

JOSEPH FIELDING CRIGLER born January 17, 1792.

LOVELL CRIGLER born April 21, 1795.

LUCY CRIGLER born June 19, 1797.

LEWIS CRIGLER born June 10, 1799.

JASON C. CRIGLER born January 7, 1807.

JOHN A. CRIGLER

JOSEPH CRIGLER

The records of the Hebron Church show two more girls that are not listed as heirs:

FANNIE CRIGLER born January 4, 1790.

ANNA BARBARA CRIGLER born April 9, 1802.

We assume these two daughters had died by 1815, with the exception of Anna who may have not been entitled as she was a minor.

John Crigler

John was born June 10, 1767 in Culpeper County and died on August 9, 1840 at Richmond in Madison County, Kentucky. On December 25, 1789, he married Sarah Ann Hume, another daughter of George Hume II. Sarah was born in 1767 and she died on September 14, 1839.

Both John and Sarah are buried alongside each other on the original Crigler lands some six miles southwest of the town of Richmond, Kentucky.

Sometime in the early 1800s, the family moved to Madison County, Kentucky. Sarah's brother, John Hume, who is my lineage of Humes, had moved to Kentucky in 1803 and the two families probably went together. John Crigler first appears on the tax lists of Madison County, Kentucky in 1805. The first land deed record to them was on December 7, 1813 for 100 acres on Silver Creek.

John and Sarah Ann Crigler had nine children:

CHRISTOPHER CRIGLER born on March 20, 1793.

GEORGE CRIGLER born on March 20, 1793 (either twins or a misprint).

JENNIE CRIGLER born about 1795.

ELIZABETH CRIGLER born on May 19, 1799.

SALLIE CRIGLER born on December 2, 1808.

JOHN CRIGLER JR. born on July 26, 1812.

CATHERINE CRIGLER

POLLY ANN CRIGLER

FRANCES CRIGLER

Christopher Crigler

Christopher was born on November 28, 1769. He died in 1822 in Frederick County, Virginia. On January 3, 1793, he married a widow, Nancy Ann (Gaines) Botts in Culpeper County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Richard and Jemima (Pendleton) Gaines. By 1810, the family was in Frederick County, Virginia.

They had the following children:

RICHARD GAINES CRIGLER born in 1793.

LEWIS CRIGLER born on November 23, 1797.

JEMIMA CRIGLER

BENJAMIN CRIGLER

CATHERINE CRIGLER

ELIZABETH CRIGLER born on May 20, 1811.

REUBIN CRIGLER

CHRISTOPHER CRIGLER JR.

ROBERT CRIGLER

Anna Crigler

Anna is my direct lineage. She was born in Culpeper County on July 6, 1771. She married John Hume, also a son of George Hume II, in Culpeper County on January 5, 1792. They were married in the Hebron Lutheran Church by Reverend William Carpenter.

They moved to Madison County, Kentucky in 1802 or 1803 and then moved to Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri in 1817. They remained there for the rest of their lives.

Anna died in St. Louis County on January 25, 1841. John Hume died there on September 18, 1842.

They had the following children:

GEORGE HUME

MORIAH HUME

LEWIS HUME

STANTON HUME

KATHERINE HUME

CHARLES HUME

JANE HUME

JAMES HUME

The son, Stanton Hume is my line. Please read the HUME FAMILY HISTORY in this work for a more complete history of this family.

James Crigler

James was born on May 23, 1775. He married Sarah Hedgman Triplett in Culpeper County on August 28, 1810. Sarah was the daughter of Daniel and Susannah (Botts) Triplett of Culpeper County, Virginia.

On August 25, 1812, they sold their 225 acres of land on the Rappahanock River to James Monroe. They seem to have remained in the area, but may have gone west, I have no more information.

They had the following children:

JAMES CRIGLER born November 26, 1811.

LEWIS CRIGLER

THOMAS BOTTS CRIGLER born on December 2, 1815.

DANIEL ARTHUR CRIGLER born December 18, 1824.

MARY ELIZABETH CRIGLER born on March 15, 1826.

SARAH JANE CRIGLER born on March 15, 1826 (twins).

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CRIGLER born on March 27, 1829.

MATILDA CRIGLER

CATHERINE (KITTY) CRIGLER

ELLIOTT CRIGLER born about 1834.

PENDLETON CRIGLER born about 1835.

ISABELLA M. CRIGLER born about 1837.

FRANCES (FANNIE) CRIGLER

William Crigler

William was born on June 2, 1778. He married Catherine Brown on February 18, 1805. They were married by the Rev. Reuben Finnell. Catherine was the daughter of Dr. Gideon Brown and Elizabeth (Roberts) Brown.

They had one child:

GEORGE ROBERTS CRIGLER.

Elizabeth Crigler

Elizabeth was born on August 8, 1747 and she died on August 3, 1847 in Monroe, Preble County, Ohio and is buried in the Dry Fork Baptist Church Cemetery there.

She married Adam Crisler and had the following children:

AMBROSE CRISLER who married Jemima (Crisler) Clore.

MARGARET CRISLER who married Lewis Deer.

ELEANOR CRISLER who married Lewis Baker.

AARON CRISLER who married Susanna Baker.

HANNAH CRISLER who remained single.

CATHERINE CRISLER who married Benjamin Roberts.

SUSANNA CRISLER who married Larkin Weaver.

ELIZABETH CRISLER who married London Harris.

WILLIAM CRISLER who married Mary 'Polly' Roebuck.