

## Endnotes

I have supplied extensive *source references* throughout the book. When the sources are annual-type records, such as city directory listings or tax assessment lists, I have usually mentioned the source of information within the text. For other sources, I have used embedded, parenthetically-enclosed numbers (rather than superscripts), to point to the reference description which appears in these endnotes. In general, when a reference applies to a whole paragraph, or to an entire account, the endnote number appears at the end of a paragraph, *following* the closing period. Otherwise, the reference number is embedded within the sentence—at times immediately after the information item to which it particularly applies. The endnotes also contain *informational notes* which supplement, but do not fit well within, the text. When such a note contains additional information deemed to be of special value to in-depth readers, that endnote number in the text is flagged by an asterisk; e.g., (12\*).

Much information was obtained from publications, and from library/archival collections. When a publication is cited only once or twice, it is described fully in the endnote. When a publication is frequently cited, it is identified by a *publication short name*, followed by series, volume and page references as appropriate; e.g., *PGM*, 12:176; or *PaA-3*, 14:341, 602. *The list below explains the meaning of all short names.*

Typescript and manuscript collections found in libraries and archives are identified by the *repository short name* and the collection name, followed by relevant volume and page information (and, at times, call numbers in parentheses). Because so many Historical Society of Pennsylvania collections are cited, these collections are additionally identified by *collection short names*, as listed under HSPa below. Archival collections are similarly identified with sufficient details to make the record group obvious to most searchers.

This book also drew heavily from private manuscript collections. When the information was obtained from correspondence, the particular letters are identified by writer and writer's date. Much information was collected by the author over the years using structured data collection forms (see RFDS) filled in by family members. To conserve endnote space, letter writers and data suppliers are usually identified by *their initials*. The initials are explained under Ltr(s) in the list below. If not otherwise identified, the recipient was EJR, and the indicated items or copies are in the author's collections. When it was deemed worth-while to note where *original* correspondence or other documents not held by the author were last known to reside, that collection is identified at the end of the citation with the *collector's initials* in parentheses, e.g., (GBR Coll.).

When census records were obtained from on-line census images (rather than my reading microfilm at various National Archives facilities over the decades), the endnote is followed by the service-provider name (Anc or HQO) to indicate that their roll and page references are the ones cited. When newspaper articles were obtained from Accessible Archives on-line images, the endnote is followed by (AA) to indicate that the quoted words are from their image. I belatedly subscribed to Ancestry.com, which provided other valuable facts. The Ancestry collection from which such facts were obtained is cited in the endnote, followed by (Anc); other subscribers can then access these collections for possible additional details.

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| (AA)              | Accessible Archives, Inc. See introduction above.  |
| (Anc)             | Ancestry.com. See introduction above.  |
| CCA               | Chester County Archives, West Chester, Pa.   |
| CCHS              | Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pa.   |
| (— Coll.)         | From the Collections of —. See Ltr(s). below for initials and names of collectors. For a discussion of persons holding collections, see Appendix X-21. |
| <i>DSGQ</i>       | <i>Deep South Genealogical Quarterly</i> .   |
| <i>Emigrants</i>  | Michael Tepper, comp., <i>Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641–1819</i> (1975).   |
| <i>Gazette</i>    | <i>The Pennsylvania Gazette</i> , Phila. newspaper, 1728–1800 (AA).  |
| <i>Germantown</i> | Edward W. Hocker, <i>Germantown, 1683–1933</i> (Phila., 1933).   |
| <i>GMNJ</i>       | <i>The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i> (1925–date).  |
| (Google)          | Information obtained from a random on-line Google search.  |

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- GSPa Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 GtnHS Germantown Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Jenkins, newspapers. Charles F. Jenkins, comp. "Newspaper Items Relating to Germantown, from Philadelphia Newspapers, 1721-1807" (1934). (L-1/17)  
 Gtn. newspapers. "Notes from Germantown newspapers published in Germantown by Christopher Sower and his son Christopher Sower, Jr." (L-1/21)  
 (HQO) Heritage Quest Online. See introduction above.  
 HSMC Historical Society of Montgomery County, Norristown, Pa.  
 HSPa Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa. The short name, full name and call number of frequently referenced collections are given below.  
 Abington Mo. Mtg. minutes (1682-1746). "Minutes of Abington Monthly Meeting, 1682-1746, Montgomery County, Pa." (Mo/1F:2)  
 Abington Mo. Mtg. minutes (1746-74). "Records of Abington Monthly Meeting, Montgomery County. Abstracts of Minutes. 1746-1774." (Mo/1F:3)  
 Abington Mo. Mtg. minutes (1774-82). "Abington Monthly Meeting, Montgomery Co., Pa. Minutes. 1774-1782." (Mo/1F:4)  
 Abington Mo. Mtg. records. "Abington Monthly Meeting Record ... 1683-1878." (Mo/1F:1)  
 Abington Presby. Ch. records. "Presbyterian Church, Abington, Montgomery Co., Penna. 1714-1864." (Mo/1P)  
 Christ P.E. Ch. records. "Christ P.E. Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery County, Pa., Births ... Burials ... Marriages." (Mo/1E/56)  
 Ebenezer M.E. Ch. records. "Ebenezer M.E. Church, Phila. Pa., Marriages ... Baptisms ... " (Ph/3M:1)  
 First Bapt. Ch. records. "First Baptist Church, Phila., Pa., Vol. 1, Births, Marriages, Deaths." (Ph/1B:1)  
 First Presby. Ch. records. "Records of First Presbyterian Church, Phila. Baptisms ... Marriages ... " (Ph/1P:1)  
 First Ref. Ch. records. "First Reformed Church of Phila. Baptisms ... Marriages ... " (Ph/1R:3)  
 Gtn. L.B.G. records. Photostats of the original Germantown Lower Burial Ground minute book, 1751-1867. (Ph/38A:1) The original page numbers are cited. [For an interesting story about this minute book, see *Germantown Crier* (pub. of the GtnHS), 53:79; also *The Evening Bulletin*, Philadelphia, 9 July 1929, under "Men and Things."]  
 Gtn. Ref. Cong. records. "German Reformed Congregation, Germantown, Philadelphia, 1753-1856." (Ph/7R)  
 Lower Merion Bpt. Ch. marriages. "Marriages by Rev. H. G. Jones, Pastor of Lower Merion Baptist Church, Montgomery County, Pa." (Mo/1B:1)  
 Notices in *Advertiser*. "Notices of Marriages and Deaths in Poulson's *American Daily Advertiser*." (Ph/23A:[vols. 2-6])  
 Phila. Ref. Dutch Ch. records. "First Reformed Prot. Dutch Church of the City and Vicinity of Phila." (Ph/5R)  
 Second Presby. Ch. gravestones. "Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Gravestone Inscriptions." (Ph/3P:2) [Stones later removed to Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Phila.]  
 Second Presby. Ch. records. "Records of Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1745-1833." (Ph/3P:1)  
 St. George's M.E. Ch. records. "St. George's M.E. Church, Phila., Pa., Records, 1785-1856." (Ph/2M)  
 St. John's Luth. Ch. burials. "St. John's Lutheran Church, Phila., Pa., Burial Book, 1807-1895." Church located at Fifth and Race Streets. (Ph/1L:3)  
 St. John's Luth. Ch. records. "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phila., Pa., Records." (Ph/1L:1)  
 St. John's P.E. Ch. records. "St. John's P.E. Church, Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa. Baptisms 1815-1914 Marriages 1817-1905." (Mo/2E:1)  
 St. Michael's Luth. Ch. records. "Records of St. Michael's Evan. Church, Germantown, Phila., Part 1." (Ph/7L:1)  
 St. Paul's P.E. Ch. marriages. "St. Paul's P.E. Church, Philadelphia, Marriages, 1759-1824." (Ph/25E:6)  
 St. Peter's Luth. Ch. records. "Church Book, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Barren Hill, Montgomery Co., Pa." (Mo/10L:1)  
 Interview The interviewee, place and date of interview are cited; unless otherwise stated the author was the interviewer. For interviewees identified by initials, see the list in Ltr(s) below.  
 Ltr(s). Letter(s); i.e., family correspondence, including e-mail. The writer's name/initials and writer's date are given; *the recipient was the author unless otherwise stated*. Frequently cited writers and recipients (as well as interviewees and collectors of family records) are identified by their initials, per the list below. *Persons other than those listed can be determined from the immediate account,*

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with a married woman's middle initial reflecting her maiden surname. An ID-number such as J-24-2 indicates child 2 of individual J-24.

CCH: Catherine (Cook) Harvey	CRA: Celeste (Raser) Arms (W-8)
DJM: Donald J. Martin	EGR: Edward Goodenough Raser (W-18)
EJR: Edward John Raser (W-30)	GBR: George Bernard Raser III (T-16)
GPR: Gary Paul Raser (M-32-3), or	GPR: George Prentice Raser (W-9)
HTR: Harry Thomas Raser (T-10)	JBR: John Bernard Raser (W-5)
JHR: John Heyl Raser (W-2)	JHRA: John Heyl Raser Arms (W-19)
JHV: John Heyl Vincent (A-13-5)	JKM: Jochen Karl Mehlau
JRBD: Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry (J-24-2)	LRA: "Lessie" (Raser) Arms (W-8)
MRH: Mattie (Raser) Hitchcock (T-2)	MRR: Mary Rose Raser (M-24)
PFR: Paul Fullaway Raser (M-33)	RLR: Robert Lynn Raser (M-30-3)
TJR, Jr.: Thomas Jeff. Raser, Jr. (M-30)	TMR: Thomas McKim Raser (T-16-1)
WHR: William Heyl Raser (W-4)	

- MFHC Mormon (Church of Latter Day Saints) Family History Centers.
- GSU Genealogical Society of Utah microfilm.
- IGI International Genealogical Index Family Search records (also available on the Internet).
- NAMP National Archives Microfilm Publication.
- [1790–1870] Census. The standard decennial census microfilms, listed by roll number and record page (but see Anc and HQO). Selected contained-data is supplied when deemed of value.
- [1880–1920] Census. The standard decennial census microfilms, listed by roll number, enumeration district (E.D.) number, sheet number (but see Anc and HQO). Selected contained-data is supplied when deemed of value.
- NARS National Archives Record Service.
- NGSQ *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (1912–date).
- NJA New Jersey State Archives, 225 West State Street, Trenton, N.J.
- NJA-*n* *New Jersey Archives* (*n* is the series number).
- PaA-CR *Pennsylvania Archives* (*Colonial Records* series) (1838–1853). Also known as *Minutes of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania ...* The pagination may differ between published editions.
- PaA-*n* *Pennsylvania Archives* (*n* is the series number). Published in nine series (1852–1935), with some volumes published in more than one edition. The pagination may differ between editions.
- PaSA Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, Pa.
- PGM *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* (1895–date). Title prior to 1948: *Publications of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*.
- PhCA Philadelphia City Archives.
- Pioneers Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* (1934).
- PMHB *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* (1877–date).
- PPGS *Proceedings and Addresses of the Pennsylvania German Society*.
- Quasi-War Navy Department, *Naval Documents, Related to the Quasi-War Between the United States and France* (Washington, 1935–38), in 7 vols.
- RFDS Raser Family Data Sheets. A generic name for various forms and questionnaires used by the author over the decades to solicit family information from relatives. See Ltr(s). above for submitter's initials.
- Settlers Edward W. Hocker, *Genealogical Data Relating to the German Settlers of Pennsylvania ...* (Baltimore, 1980).
- Ship News Lois Dumas Mitchell, *Mobile Ship News, Volume 1, 1821–1822* (1964).
- SSDI Social Security Death Index. From Internet searches via [ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com](http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com).
- Statutes J. T. Mitchell and H. Flanders, comps., *The Statutes at Large of Pennsylvania from 1682 to 1801*.
- Telecon Telephone contact/conversation by the author, usually for data collection/verification.
- Volunteers Samuel P. Bates, *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861–65 ...* (Harrisburg, 1869–71), in 5 vols.
- Wright F. Edward Wright, comp., *Early Records of the First Reformed Church of Philadelphia, Volume 2, 1781–1800* (Westminster, Md., 1994).

## Introduction and Overview

(1) *German-American Names*, by George F. Jones (Baltimore, 1990), 27, 80. (2) Ltr., JKM, 30 Aug. 2005, translated by DJM. (3) *A History of The German Baptist Brethren in Europe and America*, by Martin G. Brumbaugh (Mount Morris, Ill., 1899), 29, 45. (4) CD obtained from Picton Press, Rockport, Maine.

## The Early Generations

### A-1 Johannes Röser

(1) Ltr., Donald F. Durnbaugh, Oak Brook, Ill., 25 June 1971. See Apdx. X-1. (2) Archives of the Princes von Sayn-Wittgenstein, Schloss Wittgenstein, Sig. (bundle) N72 (per Dr. Karl Friedrich von Frank). Hereinafter Wittgenstein Archives. (3) For background of the religious refugees at Schwarzenau, see Martin G. Brumbaugh, *A History of The German Baptist Brethren in Europe and America* (Mount Vernon, Ill., 1899), 24–93. Also see Lawrence W. Shultz, *Schwarzenau, Yesterday and Today*, 28–31, as quoted in the reference of note 7 below. (4) See Apdx. X-18 for a summary of these records. (5) Ltr., Jochen Karl Mehldau, 16 Aug. 2005. (6) Wittgenstein Archives, Sig. C2. (7) Thomas A. Ebaugh, *Ancestors of George McNett and Susan Armentrout* (New Orleans, 1961), 15–17, 26–27. (8) *PGM*, 22:107–12. (9) Wittgenstein Archives, Sig. C2; see Apdx. X-3. (10) *Pioneers*, 1:7. The first “regular” list was for the *William & Sarah*, which arrived 18 Sep. 1727. (11) See A-2, note 15. (12) GtnHS manuscript, “From the Journal of Christopher Sower (Sauer), Minister of the Germantown Church of the Brethren,” 140. (13) See Apdx. X-28.

### A-2 Bernhard Röser/Reser

(1) Wittgenstein Archives (see A-1, note 2), Sig. (bundle) W 58 (per Dr. Karl Friedrich von Frank). (2) See Apdx. X-2. (3) Wittgenstein Archives, Sig. W 62 II; see Apdx. X-3. (4) See account of Johannes Röser (A-1). (5) Phila. Co. Deeds, F-10:134, 27 Jan. 1726/7. See Apdx. X-28 for abstracts of this and other deeds in which Bernhard Reser was a principal. As to the 1726/7 year designation, prior to 1752 the legal and church year began on 25 March, although the historical year began on 1 January. In order to unambiguously indicate a date between 1 January and 25 March, it was necessary to use double dating. Hence, 27 January 1726/7 fell in 1727 by modern reckoning. (6) *PGM*, 1:166. (7) GtnHS, photostats, “Court Records relating to Early Germantown Roads.” (8) *PaA-6*, 12:822. (9) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 4.

(10) Phila. Co. Deeds, TH-55:110, 30 May 1728, recorded 4 Dec. 1852. At the time of recording it was noted that the deed had been discovered in 1852 among the papers of Samuel Mechlin, who was in the latter 1700s an officer of the Lower Burial Ground, and that the document was judged to be a “genuine original deed” and thus was belatedly being recorded. (11) *PaA-CR*, 3:397. (12) *Statutes*, 4:147–50. (13) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 6, 15. (14) According to Dr. Herman T. Lukens, with whom the author corresponded in 1948, the Lukens family once owned a 2 1/2 mile stretch of land from the intersection of Washington Lane and Limekiln Road, south along Limekiln to where it meets with Old York Road. This strip was located between Bernhard Reser’s Gtn. lands and the 42 acres he acquired from Jan Lucan, Jr. “The Luckens families contracted many debts over the years and, being unable to meet them, eventually lost most of this property.”

(15) Christian Lehman’s Draught Book, 86–87. Photostat in GBR Coll., sent by Dr. Naaman Keyser of Gtn. to GBR in 1921 [whereabouts of this book not specified]. Page 87 contains a survey map of the Gtn. L.B.G., while page 86 contains a certificate stating Christian Lehman surveyed the site on 4 Feb. 1744/5 in the presence of 14 Gtn. inhabitants, including (in order): (1) John Reser Senr.; (2) Bernhard Reser; (4) Theobald End; (7) Jno. Kraft Riestein; (9) Balltes Reser and (11) John Zachary. (16) Phila. Co. Deeds, IW-8:62, 10 June 1801. This deed is a perfect example of the genealogical gold mines which occasionally are uncovered while searching deeds. By this deed, a plot was sold which had been rented out by the family since March 1745. Since all of Bernhard Reser’s children except Magdalene had died by 1801, ownership of the property devolved to a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to providing the names of these descendants, other interesting information is included; e.g., Richard Ristine, tanner of Phila., confirmed this deed in 1808 and states that he is son of John Ristine (a son of Sophia and John Ristine) who is now of Gallatin Co., Ky. Phila. Co. Deeds, EF-8:296, 10 June 1801, contains similar information.

(17) *Gazette*, 26 June 1746 (AA). (18) *Gazette*, 18 Sep. 1746 (AA). (19) *PMHB*, 5:118. (20) *Settlers*, 39. (21) *Settlers*, 70. (22) Tax and chain-of-title records, courtesy of James M. Duffin, Gtn., Pa., 1995. (23) “A Map of Philadelphia and Parts Adjacent, 1750,” from Scharf & Westcott’s *History of Philadelphia, 1609–1884* (Phila., 1884). Courtesy of James M. Duffin. (24) *Emigrants*, 148. (25) For details of the legal action, see Sophia (Reser) Richstein (A-4). (26) *Gazette*, 19 Sep. 1754 (AA). (27) *Settlers*, 44. (28) Phila. Co. Deeds, ADB-67:136, 1 May 1760. In 1776, when Thomas offered this property “opposite the Seven mile stone” for sale, it contained “a good stone dwelling house ... with three rooms on a floor, and a kitchen, [and] a large stone barn and a chair house ...” See *Gazette*, 13 Mar. 1776 (AA). (29) *Gazette*, 15 Nov. 1753 (AA).

(30) Phila. Co. Deeds, RLL-20:52, 2 Jan. 1760. Cites Wilson’s earlier purchase on 18 Apr. 1743. (31) Phila. Co. Wills, M:133, No. 78, 18 Oct. 1760; proved 27 June 1761. See Apdx. X-23 for complete text. (32) Phila. Co. Deeds, H-20:134, 2 Apr. 1764. (33) *Gazette*, 20 Nov. 1776 (AA). (34) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-9:139, 25 Mar. 1783. (35) GtnHS, photographs, and newspaper clipping, poss. from the *Independent*, Oct. 1883. (36) GtnHS, Mears papers, 4. (37) *PaA-3*, 14:313. (38) *Gazette*, 1 Mar. 1775 (AA). (39) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 28. (40) Phila. Co. Wills, Q:261, No. 218, 28 Oct. 1773; proved 7 Mar. 1776. See Apdx. X-24 for complete text. (41) See account of Magdalene (Reser) Hogermoed (A-5).

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### A-3 Baltes Reser

(1) See Apdx. X-2. (2) *Statutes*, 4:326–31. (3) *PaA-2*, 2:299. (4) See Apdx. X-29 for abstracts of the land transactions of Baltes Reser mentioned in this account. (5) *Emigrants*, 149. (6) *PaA-3*, 14:89; HSPa, manuscript Am 338, 5. (7) Phila. Co. Wills, K:170, No. 109, 29 Mar. 1754, proved 4 May 1754. (8) *Settlers*, 42. (9) See A-2, note 15. (10) Christian Lehman's Draught Book (see A-2, note 15 for details), 94–95. Page 95 contains a survey map of the site, while page 94 states the site was "Purchas'd for the Use of & for and as a Stranger's Burying Ground or Potter's-Field for all Germantown ... And was for the Purpose afores'd Purchas'd as Part of the late George Arnold Estate, of Samuel Morris Esqr. then High Sheriff of ... Philad'a. at Publick Auction or Vendue by Balltes Reser for Five pound Ten Shillings on the 23d Day of July Ao. Domini 1755 and Containing One hundred and Forty Perches of Land. Surveyed, before and after sd Sale in the sd year 1755 By me, Christn. Lehman." For a detailed history of the site, see *Germantown Crier*, 53:25 (Spring 2003); also see 53:4, 5, 9.

(11) *Germantown*, 79. (12) Phila. Co. Deeds, H-15:493, 1 Jan. 1761. (13) *Germantown*, 81. (14) *A History of the Germantown Academy*, pub. by the Academy (1910). A number of references to Baltes Reser may be found throughout this book, as well as a biographical sketch and reproductions which show his signature. (15) *Germantown*, 87. (16) *PMHB*, 42:224. (17) Phila. Co. Wills, K:400, No. 261, 1 Jan. 1755, proved 14 May 1756. Matthias Gmelin, "aged," named his wife Maria Barbara, and trusty friend Jacob Wentz, to be his exrs., and after their death, Balthas Reser. He also names his only son Christian, and his three daus. Christiana, Rosina and Sophia. The Elsoff Evang. Ch. records show the baptism of Wilhelm Christian, son of Matheus and Maria Barbara Gemel, on 13 Apr. 1721; a Mormon IGI record also states that Christina Gemelein mrd. Gottfryd Leibgeb. It is known that the Gemelin and Reser families knew each other in Germany (see Apdx. X-2) and quite possibly accompanied each other to America in 1726. Mathias Gemelin was naturalized by an act of the Pa. Assembly, 6 Feb. 1730/1, along with Johannes Dewalt End, Blasius Daniel Mackinett and Mathias Adams Hogermoed.

(18) Abington Mo. Mtg. records. From a photocopy of the original marriage certificate (EJR Coll.). (19) HSPa, Abington Mo. Mtg. minutes (1682–1746), 255, 265. (20) Jill J. Hurd, *The Ancestors and Descendants of Jan Lucken* (Baltimore, 1989), 1–19, 200–205. (21) Phila. Co. Wills, F:280, No. 257, dated 18, 9 mo. 1741, codicil 21, 11 mo. 1741, proved 19 Feb. 1741/2. (22) For disposition, see tracts A and B in Apdx. X-29. (23) HSPa, Abington Mo. Mtg. records, 41, 46, 48, 83. (24) Phila. Co. Wills, L:542, No. 339, 11 Jan. 1755, proved 1 Nov. 1760. (25) Phila. Co. Wills, M:405, No. 232, 10 July 1761, proved 6 Nov. 1762. (26) HSPa, Abington Mo. Mtg. records, 395. (27) Phila. Co. Wills, W:209, No. 4, 30 Dec. 1791, proved 28 Jan. 1792. (28) HSPa, Abington Mo. Mtg. records, 394. (29) [Provincial] Secretary's Office Ledgers, A:38—microfilm in State Museum, Harrisburg. Also see *PaA-2*, 2:243. (30) HSPa, Abington Mo. Mtg. minutes (1746–74), 342–43, 345–46, 348, 351.

(31) *PGM*, XXII:107–12 provides details on these families, as well as a copy of Mackinet's family account. For my copy of this account, see Apdx. X-14. (32) Phila. Co. Mortgages, X-10:65, 12 June 1765; mortgagee, Peter Turner; principal, £400; satisfied 17 Nov. 1775. Also: X-11:220, 21 Nov. 1766; mortgagee, Christopher Sower, printer, and Thomas Rose, executors of Yellas [Dohr], principal, £100; satisfied 26 Sep. 1778. X-11:263, 28 Jan. 1767; mortgagee, Abraham Levan, of Oley, Berks Co.; principal, £250; satisfied 31 May 1780. X-16:502, 28 Sept. 1772; mortgagee, Reese Meredith; principal, £174.12; satisfied 31 May 1780. (33) Phila. Co. Mortgages, X-15:528, 1 July 1771; mortgagee, William Allison; principal, £400; satisfied 23 Aug. 1774. (34) *PGM*, XXII:108. (35) Phila. Co. Wills, P:444, No. 313, 17 Dec. 1773, proved 3 Jan. 1774. See Apdx. X-25 for the complete text. (36) *Gazette*, 10 Jan. 1774 (AA). (37) *PaA-3*, 14:341. (38) *Gazette*, 27 Apr. 1774 (AA). (39) [Provincial] Secretary's Office Ledgers, B:243 (see endnote 29). The 1775 date makes descendants eligible to join The Flagon and Trencher Society: Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers, on a female ancestor!

(40) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-47:83, 21 June 1794. In 1781 Magdalene Mackinet was taxed £13.16.0 on this property, located in the East Part of Mulberry Ward; Catharine Razor resided there and was taxed £0.2.9 on herself (*PaA-3*, 15:637). (41) Phila. Co. Deeds, H-14:475, 6 Jan. 1762, and H-19:6, 28 Dec. 1763. (42) *PGM*, XXII:109. (43) Hannah Benner Roach, "Benjamin Franklin Slept Here," in *PMHB*, LXXXIV (1960), 150–54, 173. (44) PhCA microfilm, Tax Assessment Ledgers, roll 14, North Mulberry Ward. (45) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 9, 165. (46) PaSA, Records of the Land Office, Northumberland Co. (accessible on-line). For the three Razers, respectively: Survey Books C-188:116, A-45:128, A-38:140. Patent Books P-21:79, P-12:97, P-11:591. (47) *Ibid.* Survey Books D-29:237, 233, 236. (48) *PaA-3*, 25:100–102. (49) NAMP, 1800 Census, roll 42, 337. (50) Phila. Co. Orphans Court, 1809, Case No. 150. (51) Phila. Orphans Court Proceedings, 23:326, 332 (list of surviving heirs), 401. (52) HSPa, Abington Mo. Mtg. records, 394. (53) HSPa bound ms., Northern District (Philadelphia) Monthly Meeting records, 164. (Ph/16F) (54) Mathew Carey, *A Short Account of the Malignant Fever [with] a List of the Dead ...*, Fourth Edition, Improved (Phila., 16 Jan. 1794), 152.

### A-4 Sophie (Reser) Richstein/Ristine

(1) See Apdx. X-2. (2) HSPa, First Presby. Ch. records, 190. John Rustine to Sophia Reser. (3) Ltr, JKM, 3 Sep. 2005. (4) *Pioneers*, 1:340. (5) See A-2, note 15. (6) *Emigrants*, 149. (7) Phila. Co. Deeds, ADB-67:133, 1 Dec. 1747; not recorded until 7 May 1859. (8) *Gazette*, 13 June 1754 (AA). (9) Phila. Co. Sheriff's Deeds, A-1:136, 4 Sep. 1754. (10) *Gazette*, 19 Sept. 1754 (AA). (11) *Settlers*, 44. (12) *Gazette*, 26 Sept. 1754 (AA). (13) Phila. Co. Deeds, IC-9:270, 4 Sep. 1764. (14) PhCA microfilm, Tax Assessment Lists, roll 23, Bristol Twp. It is unclear in the 1779 list whether Sophia, or a previous leasor, had "Mov. to Lancaster County." Also see *PaA-3*, 16:126 for 1782 tax.

(15) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 43. (16) Phila. Co. Deeds, IC-9:284, 18 Feb. 1786, recorded 21 Mar. 1810. The consideration was £76.10.0. (17) Wright, vol. 2, contains various references to her children. (18) Phila. Co. Deeds, EF-8:296, 10 June 1801; IW-8:62, 10 June 1801; IW-8:66, 15 Dec. 1808. The first deed was recorded 15 May 1802, the other two 13 Jan. 1821. (19) *PaA-3*, 22:618, 558. (20) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 28. (21) *PaA-3*, 14:337. (22) *PaA-5*, 3:1129. (23) *PaA-3*, 5:619, 668; *PaA-6*, 1:672, 936. (24) *PaA-6*, 3:1257. (25) Poss. Salem, N.J.; does not appear in Salem, Mass., vital records. (26) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 302. (27) *Gazette*, 11 Sep. 1782. (28) Wright, 2:11, 30. (29) *PaA-6*, 3:1257, 1266.

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### A-5 Magdalene (Reser) Hogermoed/Adams

(1) Phila. Co. Deeds, I-1:497, 21 May 1752. Given as the first of a succession of title transfers. (2) Phila. Co. Wills, D:371, No. 293, 18 Oct. 1723; proved 26 Oct. 1723. (3) *Statutes*, 4:219–22. (4) Phila. Co. Wills, E:202, 13 Dec. 1729/30; proved 20 Dec. 1732. (5) Phila. Co. Deeds, H-17:198, 17 Feb. 1735/6. (6) *PGM*, 1:171. (7) Phila. Co. Deeds, H-1:158, 8 May 1741. (8) Phila. Co. Wills, L:504, No. 319, 8 July 1760; proved 23 Aug. 1760. (9) Phila. Co. Deeds, H-17:45, 27 Feb. 1762. (10) Phila. Co. Deeds, I-12:135, 22 June 1773. They both signed as Hogermoed.

(11) Phila. Co. Wills, Q:261, No. 218, 28 Oct. 1773; proved 7 Mar. 1776. (12) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 38. (13) For tax example, see *PaA-3*, 15:38. (14) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 54. (15) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 9, 301. (16) Phila. Co. Deeds, IW-8:62, 10 June 1801; EF-8:296, 10 June 1801. (17) Phila. Co. Orphans Court records, K:331, No. 248, Dec. 1808–Jan. 1824. (18) Phila. Co. Sheriff's Deeds, F:399, 5 Nov. 1833. Lists the current trust shareholders. (19) Phila. Co. Deeds, AM-45:576, 19 Dec. 1833. Outlines the history of the trust. (20) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 22, 32.

### A-6 Elizabeth (Reser) Ent

(1) Theobald Ent family bible record; typescript copy provided by Mrs. George E. Breen, Hamilton, OH, 1993. Bible record dates are usually used in the above account; discrepancies found in church records (notes 17–19 below) are shown in square brackets. (2) The name Dewalt, as well as Dewald and Dervalt, are probably phonetic variations of Theobald/Theobalt. (3) *Statutes*, 4:219–22. (4) *GSP*, 1:166. (5) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-9:304, 5 July 1764. Cites land sales from Hagaman to Ent to Zacharias to Mecklin. (6) *Settlers*, 39. (7) Phila. Co. Wills, O:171, No. 130, 7 Sep. 1765; proved 17 Nov. 1767. (8) *PMHB*, 5:250. Zachary's house was sold in 1764 to Samuel Mecklin (of note 5); in 1777 it was taken over by the British and used as a hospital for soldiers wounded in the Battle of Germantown. (9) Phila. Co. Wills, K:170, No. 109, 29 Mar. 1754; proved 4 May 1754. (10) GtnHS, Jenkins, newspapers, 31.

(11) HSPa, Gtn. Ref. Cong. records, 4. (12) Phila. Co. Admns., H:51, 9 Apr. 1768. (13) Carl W. Drepperd, *American Clocks and Clockmakers* (Boston: Charles T. Branford Co., enlarged edition, 1958). Not seen by EJR. (14) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-1:297, 9 Nov. 1778. Mentions Sibilla Ent of Gtn., now widow of John Theobald Ent, late of Gtn., saddler, deceased, and children: John Ent of Gtn., clockmaker, and wife Anna; Theobald Ent of Gtn., saddler, and wife Mary; Mary, wife of George Miller of Gtn., clockmaker. (15) *The Vineland [NJ] Historical Magazine*, 14:185, provides a transcript of his Family Bible records. (16) *PaA-3*, 5:618; *PaA-6*, 1:936. (17) HSPa, Gtn. Ref. Cong. records, 14. (18) *Ibid.*, 246. Wilhelm, Bernhard, Carl, Maria, Salome and Sybilla, ch. of Dewald Ent and Margaretha, his wife. The records give both the birth and baptism dates.

(19) *Ibid.*, 270 (Georg [sic] Washington, bp. 12 July 1778), 302 (Jacob, bp. 23 Apr. 1786). (20) *Germantown*, 87. (21) *Gazette*, 25 Oct. 1770 (AA). Also see *PaA-3*, 14:340, 601; 15:40, 401; 16:93, 554. (22) *PaA-3*, 5:619, 655. (23) *PaA-6*, 1:935. (24) *PaA-6*, 12:897–909. (25) HSPa, Gtn. Ref. Cong. records, 586. (26) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 30, 38, 45, 51, 65. All burial dates are from this source unless noted otherwise. (27) See A-2, note 40. (28) Phila. Co. Deeds, IW-8:62, 10 June 1801. (29) HSPa, Gtn. Ref. Cong. records, 575. (30) Charles Ent family bible record; copy provided by Mrs. Breen of note 1. (31) HSPa, St. Michael's Luth. Ch. records, 1105. (32) George Washington Ent family bible record; typescript copy provided by Mrs. Breen of note 1.

### A-7 Daniel Raser

(1) HSPa, Abington Mo. Mtg. minutes (1774–82), 284. (2) *PaA-6*, 1:110, 134, 936. (3) *PaA-6*, 12:892. (4) *PaA-6*, 1:568, 3:945. (5) *PaA-3*, 14:597, 15:35, 407. (6) *PaA-3*, 13:628, 734. His name is given as Bazer in the 1786 list. (7) Phila. Co. Wills, W:209, No. 125, 30 Dec. 1791, proved 28 Jan. 1792. (8) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 238. (9) See A-3, note 10. (10) NJA, Burlington Co. Wills, file 11461C.

### A-8 Elizabeth (Raser) Mahorter

(1) *Germantown History*, 1:59, pub. by Germantown Site and Relic Society (1915). (2) Phila. Co. Wills, W:209, No. 125, 30 Dec. 1791, proved 28 Jan. 1792. (3) *PaA-6*, 3:761, 851; 11:267. (4) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 8, 179 (Anc). (5) NAMP, 1820 Census, roll 108, 193 (HQO).

### A-9 Capt. Bernard Raser

(1) Ltr., Girard College to GBR, 17 Feb. 1938. (GBR Coll.) In response to his request the College Library made a search of their Girard Papers and returned copies of four references to Capt. Raser, all incidental in nature. (2) Although writers frequently spell his name LeMaigre, numerous customs house documents of this period show that he signed his name Lemaigre. (3) See Appendices X-11, X-12 and X-13 for family Bible records that provide ancestral background information for the Heyl family. (4) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 9, 96. 4 males 16 and over, 1 male under 16, 4 females. (5) PhCA microfilm, Tax Assessment Ledgers, roll 14, North Mulberry Ward. Called Barney Raser. (6) Photograph of certificate, gift of TMR, 23 Mar. 1994. (7) The Thomas Jefferson Papers Series 1, General Correspondence, 1651–1827, images 106–8. Peter Lemaigre to Thomas Jefferson, 25 July 1793. For the images, see the Library of Congress American Memory web site. The petition is one long paragraph with unconventional punctuation and capitalization. See Apdx. X-19 for the full text, in which I have added punctuation and changed capitalization to improve readability, but without making any change in the wording or its sequence. (8) *Ibid.*, image 109. Incorrectly listed as sent to Thomas Jefferson. The letter was sent to Peter Lemaigre on 9 July 1793 by way of Capt. Vallintine of the schooner *Simnet*(?), Bernard Raser's ship having been brought into New Providence three days earlier.

(9) *Pioneers*, 3:64. (10) Quoted material from *Philadelphia*, 180–88, which drew heavily from J. H. Powell, which see next. (11) J. H. Powell, *Bring Out Your Dead ...* (Phila., 1949). The definitive account of the 1793 Plague. (12) *Claypoole's Advertiser*, Phila., 3 Nov. 1797. (13) The Philadelphia Customs House records were greatly disassembled during 1885–87 as claimants sought proof for losses sustained during the Quasi-War with France (1797–1801). Records relating to claims can be found in 16 record groups in the National Archives. I did not attempt the extremely laborious research to determine what happened to Bernard Raser

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during this time period. For insight into the problem, see National Archives magazine *Prologue*, 23:92–97 (Spring 1991), “Do We Have Any Records Relating To French Spoliation Claims?” (14) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-74:181, 8 Feb. 1799; purchase price was £800. Purchase was financed with Phila. Co. Mortgages, M-18:68; satisfied 13 Jan. 1801.

(15) NAMP, 1800 Census, roll 43, 150. Upper Delaware Ward. (16) *Quasi-War*, 1:preface, 1–4. (17) Quoted material from a photograph of the diploma, gift of GBR III. (18) National Archives, Record Group 36. Crew list “No. 244/Ship Philadelphia/Outward/7 Oct. 1803.” Two more-or-less identical lists exist—probably one is the customs house record list, and the other the mildew-stained captain’s list returned after the voyage. (19) John Joseph Stockdale, *Sketches, Civil and Military, of the Island of Java [with] details of Batavia ...* (London, 1811), 263. The book contains an 1804 plan of Batavia, showing the location of The New Church. (20) Shipping news, *Poulson’s American Daily Advertiser*, Phila., 11 July 1804, 3; 1 Aug. 1804, 3. (21) Ltr. No. 552/C, Landsarchief Batavia to GBR, 24 Oct. 1938. (GBR Coll.) (22) Ltr., CCH, 9 June 1965. (23) Ltr., J. W. A. Wright to JHV, 12 Aug. 1892. (JHRA Coll.) (24) Phila. Co. Orphans Court, 1804, Case 143.

(25) Phila. Co. Mortgages, EF-9:264, 8 July 1805; mortgagor, Robert Poalk, \$1,000; satisfied 22 Oct. 1828. (26) Phila. Co. Mortgages, M-17:404, 1 Jan. 1799; mortgagor, Philip Heyl, baker of Phila., \$2666.67; satisfied 5 Oct. 1812(17?). (27) Phila. Co. Orphans Court Proceedings, Book 23:315, 326, 332, 438. (28) HSPa, St. John’s Luth. Ch. Burials, 6, 62. Originally buried in the third row of graves, west of center pavement, grave No. 24. Reinterred 16 July 1924 in section Y, grave No. 80. (29) Phila. Co. Wills, 3:107, No. 28, 7 Feb. 1810; proved 23 Feb. 1810. See Apdx. X-26 for complete text. (30) NAMP, 1810 Census, roll 55, 153. (31) PhCA microfilm, Tax Assessment Ledgers, roll 20, Upper Delaware Ward. (32) NAMP, 1810 Census, roll 55, 177. (HQO) (33) Phila. Co. Orphans Court, 1810, Case 68. (34) Phila. Co. Orphans Court Proceedings, Book 29:11, 53, 91, 124. (35) Phila. Co. Deeds, IH-9:571, 29 Dec. 1823. The sale price was \$1,550. (36) Family record; see Apdx. X-4. (37) CRA’s chart, Apdx. X-16, gives her death date as 6 May 1796.

### A-9 Capt. Bernard Raser (Tables 1 and 2)

(1) First outbound master found for this vessel. (2) Abraham Kintzing probably was related to Christian Kensey, who in 1723 married Sarah Colladay, great-aunt of Capt. Raser. (3) Thomas Leech, “Merchant of Philadelphia,” possibly was the same person who was supercargo aboard the *Philadelphia* when Capt. Raser made the fateful trip to Java in 1804. (4) *Quasi-War*, 1:318, 323; 2:185. (5) *Ibid.*, 7:422. (6) Ltr., CCH, 10 Oct. 1965. (7) *Pioneers*, 3:64.

### A-10 Susannah (Raser) Miller

(1) Birth-death records as given in Apdx. X-16. GtnHS, “Burial Grounds ...” binder, item 14: “Ivy Hill Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions,” comp. by James M. Duffin (1984), gives birth and death dates appearing on gravestones. The following discrepancies occur: Joseph Miller, Sr., b. 16 January; John, d. 1848; George, b. 22 Mar., d. 1858; William, b. 19 Nov. (2) Phila. Co. Deeds, IC-27:332, 28 May 1810. Deed confirms parentage of Susannah, wife of Joseph Miller, tanner of Gtn. (3) Magazine page 360; her parentage is given incorrectly in the article. (4) HSPa, St. Paul’s P.E. Ch. marriages, 39. (5) HSPa, Gtn. Ref. Cong. records, 402, 410, 427, 437. Chn. 2–5: bp. 10(?) May 1799; ch. 7: bp. 6 Sep. 1802; ch. 8: bp. 16 Jan. 1804; ch. 9: bp. 21 Apr. 1806. No records for chn. 1 and 6. (6) For a discussion of these families, see *Germantown Crier*, 56:31 (GtnHS, 2006). (7) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 61.

### A-11 John Bernard Raser

(1) “Diploma” dated 12 June 1823. (CCH Coll.) (2) HSPa, Notices in *Advertiser*, 3:122. (3) See Apdx. X-14. Sarah Colladay, b. 12 May 1737, was sister of Catharine Colladay, b. 30 May 1735. Sarah was mother of Margaretta Meng, while Catharine was mother of Capt. Bernard Raser. (4) For more on the *Cotton Plant*, see William Raser (W-1). (5) Ltr., J. W. A. Wright to JHV, 12 Aug. 1892. (JHRA Coll.) Wright was then writing “from my mother’s notes, written for me by special request in ‘67 and ‘68, just prior to her death, in Sept. 1868.” (6) *DSGQ*, 10:89. Gives his death year as 1835, but either a misreading or engraving error, as his age is given correctly as “27 years and twenty days.” (7) Ltr., CCH, 23 July 1965. (EJR Coll.)

(8) Phila. Co. Deeds, GWR-23:81, 8 May 1828. Their father John Abert, gentleman of Phila., having died seized of the house on George’s [aka Coates] Alley which he had bought of Bernard Raser’s administrator, now son John J. Abert, for \$1,356.25, buys out the interests of his brother and sisters in the house. The names and present whereabouts of the eight siblings are given in the deed: Maria, wife of William P. Bryan, merchant of Phila.; Eliza, widow of Bartley C. Barry, of Monroe Co., Miss.; Charles H., of Monroe Co., Miss.; Sophia, of Jefferson Co., Va.; Louisa, of Jefferson Co., Va.; Julia C., widow of John Raser, of Gloucester Co., N.J.; Matilda, of Gloucester Co., N.J.; John J., of Phila., then in the US Army. (9) Ltr., J. W. A. Wright to JHV, 24 Sep. 1884. (JHRA Coll.)

### A-12 George Raser

(1) See Apdx. X-4. (2) *DSGQ*, 6:58. (3) *Ship News*, 16, 88. (4) *DSGQ*, 1:192, 193. (5) *NGSQ*, 51:61. (6) *DSGQ*, 2:394. (7) *GMNJ*, 39:47.

### A-13 Mary (Raser) Vincent

(1) Birth date from family record, Apdx. X-4. JHV, on p. 6 of ref. 2, says she was born 30 July. (2) This account is largely a composite of facts derived from the three following publications. John Heyl Vincent, *John Himrod Vincent, A Centennial Souvenir* (privately printed, 1898). This ten-page booklet states that “a very few copies are printed, and only for private use.” Page 6 gives the most informative vital records list of his children that I have seen; I have mostly used his data even though discrepancies with other sources have been observed. (3) Bishop John H. Vincent, *My Mother, An Appreciation* (Meadville, Pa., 1892). A 45-page booklet. (4) Leon H. Vincent, *John Heyl Vincent, A Biographical Sketch* (New York,

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1925), 1–33, 44, 188–89. (5) Sarah Vincent, b. 13 Dec. 1789, m. John B. Hogan and d. in Mobile 30 Oct. 1839; she and four of her young chn. are bur. in Church St. Gyd., Mobile—the earliest in Jan. 1819. See Col. and Mrs. Soren Nelson, *A History of Church Street Graveyard, Mobile, Alabama* (Mobile, 1963) for gravestone inscription information. (6) Ltr., M. E. Barry to JHV, 21 Jan. 1898.

(7) While Bishop John Heyl Vincent eulogized John Himrod Vincent, his father (see ref. 2), in old correspondence Mattie (Raser) Hitchcock (T-2) painted him in a much darker light. In addition to taking financial advantage of Thomas Raser, her father, she implied that he shortchanged John Heyl Raser (W-2) of his inheritance, and misappropriated funds from the estate of his adopted daughter, Ann Eliza Raser (W-3). The facts underlying her claims are unknown to the author, who only became aware of some of John Himrod Vincent's Chillisquaue dealings, and the huge size of Anna Eliza Raser's estate (who died at age 25), after being given the John Heyl Raser Arms collection of family papers in March 2005. Investigating her claims would be a laborious and time-consuming job, but I suspect the effort would yield a most intriguing story. After leading a high life, John Himrod Vincent suffered severely during his last 15 years—according to Mattie “he got what he deserved.”

(8) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 804, 94/204. (9) The stones of Ann Eliza Raser and Mary (Raser) Vincent are located close to St. Catherine Street, slightly east of the intersection of South 8th Street. The stones, of white sandstone, are in relatively good condition, and are set on a common base. It is possible that the two were buried elsewhere before final interment here. Mary's stone gives her birth date as 31 July 1803. Copied 21 June 1992 by EJR. (10) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 166, 221. (HQQ) (11) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1340, 42. (HQQ) (12) Boyd Vincent, *Our Family of Vincents* (pub. abt. 1923), 126–39 (13) *DSGQ*, 10:90. Her gravestone, in Greenwood Cem., Tuscaloosa, is said to state she died 11 Oct. 1823.

### A-14 Mary Eliza (Raser) Barry

(1) Ltr., J. W. A. Wright to JHV, 12 Aug. 1892. (JHRA Coll.) (2) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 376, 60B. (3) Background from various letters in the CCH Coll. (4) Mrg. info. from CCH, 15 Sep. 1963. (5) In 2004 a web-site listing Lowndes Co., Miss., marriages gave 6 Jan. 1853 as the date. (6) Ltr. of note 1: Dr. Bartley Barry was the brother of William T., Richard, and Armstead Barry from South Carolina, “related to Barry of Kentucky.” Major and Mrs. Richard Barry were among the first friends of the Rasers in Columbus. Dr. Barry married Eliza Abert 21 June 1825 at Mayhew, Miss.; Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury of Choctaw Mission officiated. Dr. Barry died 17 Aug. 1825, after which she married Rev. Wright and had James. A. W. Wright, b. Columbus 28 July 1834. The Rev. Wright had a dau. Laura E. by a previous mrg. (7) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 586, 630 (HQQ). (8) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 738, 177 (HQQ). (9) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 655, E.D. 102, 27. (10) Ltr., MRH to CRA, 26 May 1902. (JHRA Coll.) (11) Ltr., Elise McAuley to “Cousin John” (JHV?), 18 Jan. 1900. (JHRA Coll.) (12) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 223, E.D. 74, 1A (HQQ). Panhandle District (changed to Militia District No. 768); Edward P. McAuley was the enumerator.

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### W-1 William Raser

(1) William Raser (W-1) Family Bible (Apdx. X-5). (2) NAMP M425, “Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Philadelphia, Pa., 1800–1882.” Roll 22, list 60. (3) Ltr., Elsie (Raser) Parvin (W-12), 29 Oct. 1945, quoting account by William Heyl Raser (W-4). The stories vary. (4) *DSGQ*, 1:187. (5) *Ibid.*, 6:58. (6) Mobile County, Ala., Deeds, C:360 (C:159); 18 May 1820. (7) *Ibid.*, E:111; 5 Jan. 1822. (8) He had returned to Mobile by 1833—see note 21. *DSGQ*, 10:93 lists George G. Prentice in the firm of Hall & Prentice, res. 29 Church St., in the 1839 Mobile City Directory. (9) Marengo County, Ala., Marriage Records, 1818–1830, 17 (bond), 18 (marriage). Also reported in HSPA, Notices in *Advertiser*, 2:90. (10) Alabama General Assembly, Annual Session Acts, 1821:Act 87. The incorporators were John B. Hogan, Stephen Chandler, Lewis Judson, Henry Gunnison, William Raser and Benjamin Vincent. For Hogan and Vincent connections, see Mary (Raser) Vincent (A-13). (11) *DSGQ*, 27:42, 28:93. (12) *Ibid.*, 27:229.

(13) Kilmarnock Street intercepts the south side of Springhill Ave., one short block west of Catherine St. About 1908, while in Mobile, Charles L. Raser (W-11) had a photographer take a photo of the house, and sent a print to each surviving sibling. In Aug. 1949 I took a same-aspect photo of this house, finding it somewhat altered. I have not traced the chain of title of this house to be certain it was William's house. (14) *DSGQ*, 3:658, 718. (15) *Mobile Ship News, Volume I, 1821–1822*, by Lois Dumas Mitchell (1964). (16) See Apdx. X-20, “Abstracts of Alabama-era Family Correspondence, 1822–1832.” William Raser wrote many letters and documents in a beautiful, unhurried handwriting; only a few have survived. (17) *Mobile Commercial Register*, 26 Dec. 1823. (18) William Raser's Bible (Apdx. X-5) says Bellemont Springs, but Amanda's published death notice (*Mobile Commercial Register*, 20 Sep. 1828) says she died on the 7th in Belmont Springs, and William's letter (Apdx. X-20, ltr. 7) to brother-in-law Basile Meslier is dated Belmont. Whether this is the present-day Belmont in far northeastern Mississippi, and why Amanda would have been at any Belmont, remains undiscovered. (19) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 3, 376.

(20) The author visited the grave sites in Aug. 1949 and Apr. 2001, and copied the inscription information. Lot R18-L53 contains three stones: a large slabstone for the three Rasers, and monuments for A. S. Pfister and Amand P. Pfister. The adjacent lot R18-L63, called a “Raser, or Foster” lot, contains no visible graves. A fully-inscribed, smallish marble stone for Mary Amanda, broken off at the base and embedded flat in a concrete slab, is located far removed in lot R3-L118. I suspect the stone had become loose, was later found, and was mistakenly placed here. The inscriptions (incomplete and inaccurate) also are available in *A History of Church Street Graveyard, Mobile, Alabama*, by Col. and Mrs. Soren Nelson (1963), 27, 90.

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(21) Mobile County, Ala., Orphans Court Minutes, 1:401; 12 Jan. 1833. (22) Phila. Co. Orphans Court Proceedings, Book 35, Case 44. (23) Tuscaloosa County, Ala., Orphans Court Minutes, 1:185; 6 May 1836. (24) *Ship News*, 13–14. For more on the *Cotton Plant*, see Thomas P. Abernethy, *The Formative Period in Alabama, 1815–1828* (Univ. of Alabama Press, 1965), 95–97. (25) *Ship News*, 39–40.

### W-2 John Heyl Raser

(1) William Raser (W-1) Family Bible (Apdx. X-5). (2) John Heyl Raser (W-2) Family Record (Apdx. X-6). In 1956 Celeste Stoughton Bailey told me the wedding took place in the living room of Leonard Stoughton's home at 213 North Front St., Milton. (3) HSPa, St. John's Luth. Ch. records, 321. (4) Ltr., Elizabeth Heyl, Phila., to Eliza A. Wright, Pickensville, Ala., 4 Feb. 1843. (CCH Coll.) (5) Note written by GPR on ltr. from JHRA, 8 Mar. 1953. (EJR Coll.) (6) Ltr., Mary (Raser) Vincent to Eliza (Abert) Wright, 11 June 1847. (CCH Coll.) (7) Ltr., GPR to JHRA, 21 Mar. 1953. (JHRA Coll.) (8) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 804, 146. (9) Obituary, *The Reading Times*, 14 Feb. 1939, 1. John Bernard Raser's obituary provides much information on his father's drugstore activities. (10) "Our Early Drugs and Druggists," by Patricia E. Smith, in *The Historical Review of Berks County*, Oct. 1943, IX:5. The article credits John Heyl Raser with some of the manufacturing and wholesale activity developed by his son John. The cover illustration is an interesting historical sketch of the front of the successor drugstore of "John B. Raser, Wholesale Druggist", which sketch came from the *Atlas of Berks County* (1876).

(11) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1077, 1105. South East Ward. (12) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1307, 103. 7th Ward. (13) Ltr., JHRA, 30 Mar. 1967. The stories vary. Prentice Raser told me in the 1950s that "a nurse girl dropped [him and] a white swelling formed on his leg that caused a permanent limp." In a 1936 letter Lessie Arms said that while in a baby carriage tended by a negro boy servant, "the carriage was in some way thrown over & Papa thrown out on the shale road & a broken hip developed, & no physicians knew enough in that wild country, so he was sent to Phila. to be under the care of the then famous Dr. McClellan & Cousin Ann Eliza Heyl." Ltr., LRA to her children, 29 June 1936. (JHRA Coll.) (14) See Apdx. X-20, ltr. 9. (15) *Transactions of the Historical Society of Berks County*, III:101 (Anc). (16) Passport #45721, dated 26 May 1875, describes him as 50 years old, 5 ft. 5 in. tall, with hazel eyes and light hair. (EJR Coll.)

(17) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1101, E.D. 52, 29A. Widowed, res. 148 North Sixth St., with the four youngest chn. at home. (18) "Catalog of Second Annual Art Exhibition, Woerner's Art Gallery, Reading, November 21, 1893." (19) Preliminary inventory of his paintings, compiled by EJR. (20) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 824, 272. (21) 1860 Census, roll 1159, 37 (HQO). Catharine Thorp, 60; Julia, 35; Susanna, 33; Helen, 18; also Emily Gowen, 10; all b. Pa. (22) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1408, 237 (HQO). Cathn., 76, \$7,000 personal estate; Susan, 43, \$1,000 p.e.; Helen, 28, \$100 p.e.; Louisa Busby, 38, \$4,000 real estate. (23) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1464, E.D. 502, 15A. J. Heyl Raser, artist. (24) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1901, #25391. (25) Obituary, *Reading Eagle*, 14 Dec. 1901, 1. (26) Death notice, *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*, Reading, Pa., 8 May 1875. RASER—In this city, suddenly at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, Thomas B. Raser, son of John Heyl Raser, aged 17 years and 3 months. (Google) (27) Ltr., JHRA, 18 Aug. 1965. (28) Ltr., GPR, 23 Mar. 1948.

### W-3 Ann Eliza Raser

(1) Her gravestone inscription describes her as "Ann Eliza, daughter of Wm. & Amanda Raser, & adopted by John H. & Mary Vincent in June 1829 ... " (2) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 804, 94/204. Chillisquaque Twp. (3) John H. Vincent, *My Mother, An Appreciation* (Meadville, Pa., 1892), 28–29, 34–41. (4) See Mary (Raser) Vincent (A-13), note 9. (5) *Ibid.*, note 7

### W-4 William Heyl Raser

(1) Much biog. info. in this account is from copies of data sheets supplied about 1900 by WHR to the George Washington Post, GAR (EJR Coll.); also from the *Encyclopedia of Biography*, Vol. 23, Pennsylvania (1938?), which contains an extensive biography. (2) Pension cases 1,171,445 (Act of 1912), C-2,459,760 (Act of 1926). The case files contain dated details pertaining to his service; also info. on his spouse and their NYC residences. (3) *Volunteers*, 3:300. "Discharged on Surgeon's certificate, Aug. 27, '62." (4) *Ibid.*, 5:1271. (5) *Ibid.*, 5:406, 408. (6) Phila. city directories. (7) "Diary of my first trip to Europe with my father." (JHRA Coll.) (8) *The Pharmaceutical Era* [a trade journal], 10 Dec. 1896, page 751, with photo. (9) NY City Directory, 1890 (Anc). (10) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1043, E.D. 1161, 3A (HQO); 1920 Census, roll 1213, E.D. 1076, 19A (Anc). (11) *Daily News*, New York City, 23 June 1941, 8. (12) His detailed obituaries appeared in various New York City and Reading newspapers, 2 July 1941. (13) Death notice, *Reading Eagle*, 16 June 1943. She was the "daughter of the late Daniel and Jane Russell Hennessy, sister of Jane A. Hennessy and aunt of Daniel, Virginia and Richard Hennessy."

### W-5 John Bernard Raser

(1) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1411, 392. (2) Biog. info. largely from his obituaries: *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 14 Feb. 1939; also notes 4 and 10. (3) Vital statistics confirmed by Elsie (Raser) Parvin, May 1948. (4) Obituary, *Philadelphia Bulletin*, 14 Feb. 1939. (5) Kate had a brother, Charles A. Weida of Reading, who m. Clara Kissinger and d. 26 Sep. 1943 in Reading. He was a graduate of the Phila. College of Pharmacy and Science and for years operated a drugstore at 947 Penn Street, Reading. See obituary, *Reading Eagle*, 27 Sep. 1943. (6) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1101, E.D. 51, 28D, 3. Dau. Elizabeth, 10 months old in June 1880. (7) California Passenger and Crew Lists, 1893–1957 (Anc). (8) John E. Kramer, ed., *First Decennial Supplement to the First Century of the P.C.P. & S., 1921–1931* (1934), 38–39. (9) In May 1990 I visited the new library and found in its files early attendance and "thesis" records of family members. (10) Obituary, *The Reading Times*, 14 Feb. 1939, 1. (11) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1379, E.D. 95, 10A; 1910 Census, roll 1315, E.D. 98, 20A; 1920 Census, roll 1537, E.D. 111, 1A (HQO); 1930 Census, roll 2001, E.D. 48, 24A (Anc).

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### W-6 Oliver Burbank Raser

(1) Much biog. info. from RFDS, WVR, 3 Jan. 1963; also RFDS, OBR, Jr., 16 Dec. 1968; also interview, WVR, Portland, OR, late-Jan. 1963. (2) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1307, 103. (3) Ltr., Mrs. Kathryn L. Kleinsmith, Reading, Pa., 17 Mar. 1963. Franklin C. Beidler was b. 25 Sep. 1826; his wife was b. 8 Sep. 1832 in Cumru Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; they were m. 3 Sep. 1851 in Reading, Pa., by Rev. Keller. Sarah Hannah was the oldest of their ten chn., only six of whom lived to maturity. (4) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1102, E.D. 59, 12. (5) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1379, E.D. 83, 1B. Sallie H. Raser is listed as married—duration 27 years. (6) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1314, E.D. 85, 9B. Sarah Raser is listed as divorced. (7) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 173, E.D. 24, 6B. (8) National Archives pension file 1,347,045. Vital records info. from a pension questionnaire completed by Oliver B. Raser, dated San Francisco, 17 Apr. 1906—the day before the famous earthquake!

(9) Family tradition says he was working on the Great Northern Railroad, but the timing and geography suggest it probably was the Northern Pacific Railroad. (10) Ltr., Ella Virginia Raser, Portland, Ore., to A. Pfister Raser, Apr. 1936. (11) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1288, 440. Ellen V., age 7, appears with William B. Campbell, farmer, mother Frances, and brother William at 15 Mile [Creek] Precinct, Wasco Co., Ore. (12) As told by WVR to EJR during a visit to Portland in January 1963. (13) Much Campbell genealogy can be found in "Some Data & Facts Relating to the Campbell Family," compiled by Jane Luelling, Canby, Ore. (1928). I borrowed a copy of this 23-page manuscript from WVR in Jan. 1963. (14) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 102, E.D. 92, 10A. Oliver's birth year is given as 1851, and his sons' as 1884 and 1891, but his birthplace is given as Alabama, suggesting these are mistakes. (15) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1289, E.D. 223, 6B; also there in 1920 Census, roll 1502, E.D. 148, 12A (HQO). (16) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1953, E.D. 433, 1A (Anc).

### W-7 Amand Pfister Raser

(1) John Heyl Raser Family Record, Apdx. X-6. See appendix X-6, which discusses this discrepancy. (2) Ltr., Amand P. Pfister to JHR, 26 June 1854. (EJR Coll.) (3) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1307, 103. (4) Graduation certificate, 11 Mar. 1873. (EJR Coll.) (5) Much biog. info. in this account from the author's interviews of Edward G. Raser, 7 Oct. 1951, and George P. Raser, 11 Sep. 1952. (6) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1184, 241A. (7) Philadelphia city directories, 1889–90. (8) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 772, E.D. 12, 57. His son John was a R.R. fireman. (9) The Perry plot includes Emanuel O. Perry, b. 6 July 1825, d. 6 Nov. 1890; wife Eliza J., b. 23 Sep. 1830, d. 13 Nov. 1860; Sadie Perry Raser, d. 14 May 1893, aged 34 yrs. & 8 mos.; also another wife and daughter of Emanuel Perry. (10) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 956, E.D. 5, 3B. Res. 100 Main St. (11) Ltr., APR to his wife, 17 June 1901. (EJR Coll.) (12) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 897, E.D. 101, 4B (HQO); also 1920 Census, roll 1052, E.D. 112, 7B; also 1930 Census, roll 1365, E.D. 71, 11A (Anc).

### W-8 Celeste (Raser) Arms

(1) *The Southern Lumberman*, Nashville, Tenn., 25 Mar. 1916, supplied most of the details of Mr. Arms' career. (2) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1102, E.D. 59, 464 (Anc). (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1438, E.D. 83, 2A (HQO). Augustus also appears in Brooklyn, boarding with his brother-in-law Charles L. Raser. (4) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 989, E.D. 104, 10A (Anc). Address possibly Lake View Terrace. (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1599, E.D. 85, 7B (HQO); owns the house. Celeste also appears in Hackensack, N.J., with her brother Charles L. Raser. (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2075, E.D. 62, 16B (Anc). (7) Obituary, *Williamsport Sun*, 3 May 1937. (8) Obituary, *Gazette and Bulletin*, Williamsport, Pa., 4 May 1937, 2; additional info. from her son.

### W-9 George Prentice Raser

(1) John Heyl Raser Family Record; see appendix X-6. Prentice told me the timing in 1947. (2) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1101, E.D. 52, sht. 29. (3) Notes of GPR, 1952. (EJR Coll.) (4) City directories. (5) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1456, E.D. 179, 11B. Prentice was there as a lodger (with 11 other lodgers); the house was then being rented by Thomas McBride, gentleman. (6) "George Prentice Raser at Lake Winola, 1900–1925," a three-page account probably drafted in 1954 for use in the Simner contest. (JHRA Coll.) (7) Monmouth Co., N.J., Deeds. (8) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1370, E.D. 137, 18B (Anc). Lodger (with ten other lodgers), wholesale druggist, res. West Union St., Wilkes-Barre. (9) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1631, E.D. 1201, 5A (HQO). (10) Ltr., GPR, 8 July 1948. (All ltrs. noted herein from EJR Coll.) (11) *Wilkes-Barre Record*, 3 Sep. 1951. (12) *Times-Union*, Jacksonville, Fla., 28 Jan. 1924. (13) *Philadelphia Ledger*, 21 July 1926.

(14) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 312, E.D. 12, 12B (Anc). Jacksonville, Fla. (15) Ltrs., GPR, 27 Dec. 1950, 7 Apr. 1951. (16) Ltrs., GPR, 26 Dec. 1951, 17 Jan. 1952. (17) From a photocopy of the handwritten document, written on the top half of an 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of paper. (EJR Coll.) (18) Luzerne Co., Pa., Wills —, 6 May 1942, proved 15 Sep. 1954. (19) *Valley News*, Wilkes-Barre, 8 June 1954, 1. (20) *Ibid.*, about 15 June 1954. "Handwriting Experts ..." (21) *Ibid.*, about 11 June 1954. "Chance Meeting ..." gives Simner's side of the story. (22) Ltr., Elsie Parvin (W-12) to EGR, 1 July 1954. (23) *Wilkes-Barre Sunday Independent*, 10 Oct. 1954; *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, 11 Oct. 1954. (24) Court and executor's reports; file of EGR. (EJR Coll.)

### W-10 Seydel Stoughton Raser

(1) John Heyl Raser Family Record; see Apdx. X-6. (2) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1101, E.D. 52, 29. (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1082, E.D. 58, 6B. (4) See W-9, note 6. (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1433, E.D. 118, 9B. (6) Edward G. Raser, conversation with EJR, 1958, and confirmed 1962. (7) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1167, E.D. 24, 387/14 (Anc). Harriet, 48; Annie E., 24; Louisa L., 22; Nettie B., 14; Sallie, 5. (8) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1629, E.D. 800, 8A (HQO). Harriet, 85; Annie, 57; Louisa L., 54. (9) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2111, E.D. 93, 7B. Louise, 62, age 28 at first mrg. (10) Death notice, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 3 Jan. 1943. Louisa L., widow of Sidell; funeral from Marvil Funeral Home, 1110 Main St., Darby, Pa.

## Endnotes

### W-11 Charles Linnaeus Raser

(1) Most biog. and vital statistics info. from contacts with CLR and HHR, 1948–67. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1059, E.D. 366, 21B (HQO). Boarding with them was Augustus Arms (W-8), general officeman. (3) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 868, E.D. 11, 6B (Anc). Charles L., manager, carpet house. (4) NAMP, 1920 census, roll 1019, E.D. 80, 16B (HQO). Living with them was Celeste Arms. (5) Trade journal: *The Carpet and Rug World*, Mar. 1930, 25. (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1559, E.D. 491, 8A (Anc). The census seems to indicate they were taking in 4 female and 2 male lodgers—possibly an early consequence of the Depression—as well as keeping a maid servant. (7) National Guard certificate. (EJR Coll.) (8) Ltr., Charlotte Reid, Winter Park, Fla., to EGR (W-18), 18 July 1983.

### W-12 Elsie (Raser) Parvin

(1) Ltr., ERP, early May 1948, provided most birth and marriage data. She mistakenly gave the year of birth of Celeste as 1911 and Frances as 1914; for corrections see notes 5–7, 9. (2) Various facts from family correspondence and RFDS, 1945–2004. (3) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1099, E.D. 4, 29A. Jeremiah a tanner. The 1870 census indicates he was son of Benjamin Parvin, tanner and farmer, and wife Elizabeth. (4) Reading, Pa., newspaper clippings, 18 Oct. 1905 (EJR Coll.). In attendance were Edward's siblings Mary Ives Parvin, Elizabeth Starr Parvin, George B. Parvin and Benjamin Parvin, all of Leesport. (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1340, E.D. 160, 10B (HQO). Census taken 20 Apr. 1910; ages at last birthday: Edward L., 35, Elsie R., 30, Katharine, 3.

(6) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1606, E.D. 114, 8B (HQO). Census taken 6 Jan. 1920; ages at last birthday: Edward L. 45, Elsie R. 40, Catharine 13, Celeste 9, Frances 6, Lincoln 2. Residence: 26 Llanfair Ave. (name change only?) (7) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2082, E.D. 76, 15A. Residence: 24 Derwen Road. Children's ages compute correctly. (8) California Death Index, 1940–1997 (Anc). Mother's maiden name: Lincoln. Incorrectly gives 1875 as birth year. (9) Elsie's granddau., Betsy (Mackey) Smith, noted that Edward's gravestone gives his birth year as 1875. (10) SSDI. (11) US Passport H-529435, issued 15 Mar. 1977, to Celeste Parvin Barley, b. 27 Dec. 1910 in Pa. In possession of Betsy (Mackey) Smith.

### W-13 William Heyl Raser II

(1) Most biog. info. from RFDS, WHR II, Jan. 1963, with updates from son, Nov. 1967. (2) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1537, E.D. 73, 3B. Renter in 2-family house. (3) Ltr., WHR II, Apr. 1948. (4) WW II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Anc). (5) Obituary, *Reading Eagle*, 2 Aug. 1967.

### W-14 John Vincent Raser

(1) Vital records info. from RFDS, ERR, 2 Aug. 1948. (2) Most biog. info. from RFDS, WRR, 10 Aug. 1968; confirmed by JRF, 7 Sep. 1968. (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 956, E.D. 36, 12B (HQO). Oscar W., b. July 1859 in N.Y., Josephine, b. Oct. 1861 in N.Y., Percy C. (later O.), b. Mar. 1886 in N.J. (later N.Y.), Edith, b. Mar. 1890 in N.J., Ralph, b. May 1893 in N.J. (4) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 870, E.D. 48, 6B (HQO). (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1029, E.D. 36, 11B (HQO). (6) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1072, E.D. 147, 6B (HQO). (7) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 (Anc). (8) *New Haven Conn. Directory*, 1923, 845 (Anc). Res. at 194 Canner St. (9) *The Newton Directory*, 1925, 161 and 630 (Anc). Res. at 69 Columbus St. (10) *The Newton City Directory*, 1929, 1931 (Anc). (11) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 926, E.D. 381, 1B (HQO).

### W-15 Mary Ellen (Raser) Edelman

(1) Ltrs., Mrs. Kathryn E. Kleinsmith, 17 Mar. 1963 and 28 Jan. 1969. (2) Edward Edelman had a brother who was father of Paul D. Edelman, family lawyer in the George P. Raser estate case. (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1379, E.D. 94, 16A. Edward, age 29, b. Apr. 1871. (4) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1314, E.D. 81, 2A. Edward, age 39; Mary E., a milliner. (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1537, E.D. 99, 11B. Kathryn L., working in the finishing room of a hosiery mill; Frank E., printer of narrow fabric. (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2002, E.D. 40, 11A (Anc). Mary E., milliner, dept. store; Frank E., adjuster, ins. company; John R., bookkeeper, auto frames office; J. Stanley Kleinsmith, chemist, auto frame company. (7) SSDI.

### W-16 Oliver Burbank Raser, Jr.

(1) Although he reported his birthdate correctly for Social Security, he commonly under-reported his age and said he was born in 1889. (2) Most biog. info. from RFDS and updates, OBR, Jr., 1961–71. I had first corresponded with Oliver on family matters in May 1948. (3) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1202, E.D. 712, 5A (HQO). Oliver, 34, a designing architect, for building construction. (4) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1461, E.D. 143, 7A/B (Anc). Oliver, 39, architect; Sylinda, 3 11/12 (on sht. 7B). (5) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–18 (Anc). (6) Late life info. from RFDS, WWR, Dec. 2005.

### W-17 William Vincent Raser

(1) Account largely composed from RFDS and various ltrs., WVR, Sr., 1945–68. (2) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 (Anc). At the time he resided at 390 Tuscon(?) St. in Portland, and was employed as a pattern maker by the Yuba Mfg. Co. of Benicia, Cal. (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1351, E.D. 82, 4B (HQO). Sophia, b. Sep. 1871 in Russia, m. 8 yrs., was mother of 4 chn., 3 then living (Emma, Margaret, John G.). (4) For an excellent history of this entire Germany–Russia–US migration, see *from Catherine to Khrushchev, The Story of Russia's Germans*, by Adam Giesinger (Lincoln, Neb., 1981). (5) Margaret Miller background and most post-1968 info. from ltrs., Cindy (Raser) Bigej, Mar.–Apr. 2006. (6) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1503, E.D. 186, 4B (HQO). William V., pattern maker in iron works. (7) SSDI. (8) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1953, E.D. 433, 1A (Anc). William V., pattern maker, City of Portland.

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### W-18 Edward Goodenough Raser

(1) Account mostly derived from family papers and interviews with EGR, 1945–70. This account corrects many errors appearing in published biographies. (2) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1052, E.D. 112, 7B. (3) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1361, E.D. 73, 12A.

### W-19 John Heyl Raser Arms

(1) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 989, E.D. 104, 10A (Anc). (2) Composite of info. from numerous ltrs., JHRA, 1945–68, which incl. *Who's Who in America*, vol. 27 (1952–53). (3) N.J. death certificate. (4) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 (Anc). He was described as tall, slender, with grey eyes and brown hair. (5) NAMP, 1930 census, roll 1331, E.D. 498, 9A (Anc). (6) N.J. death certificate 10424. (7) Obituary, Newark, N.J., newspaper; news article, *The Daily Courier*, Orange, N.J., 3 Apr. 1933. (8) Trustee details from ltr., JHRA, 31 Jan. 1964. (9) Mass. Death Index, 1970–2003 (Anc). (10) Late-life info. from EWA, 27 Nov. 2005.

### W-20 Celeste (Parvin) Mackey

(1) All info. from RFDSs, ANM and EMS, and related ltrs., 2004–06.

### W-21 Frances (Parvin) (Poole) McCandless

(1) Most pre-1963 family info. from RFDS, FPP, Kailua, Haw., Jan. 1963. (2) Most post-1963 info. from RFDS, SPC, Apr. 2006. (3) SSDI. (4) RFDS, CPP, May 2006. (5) RFDS, PLP, May 2006. (6) RFDS, TPP, Sep. 2006. (7) RFDS, PAP, May 2006.

### W-22 Lincoln Parvin

(1) Most early biog. info. from RFDS, LP, July 1965. (2) Most later biog. info. from RFDS, SPJ, May 2006. (3) Obituary, *Crossville Chronicle*, Apr. 2000 (Google). (4) Ltr., SPJ, 15 Oct. 2007. (5) Selected facts, ltrs., LP, Mar. 2004, and SPJ, May 2006, Oct. 2006. (6) RFDS, TLP, June 2006. (7) SSDI.

### W-23 William Heyl Raser, Jr.

(1) The account is a somewhat edited version of one composed by WHR, Oct. 2004. (2) RFDS, ASR, Oct. 2004. (3) Ltr., WRR, Apr. 2007. (4) Ltr., JHR, Jan. 2007.

### W-24 John Vincent Raser, Jr.

(1) RFDS, MNR, June 1968. (2) RFDS, JVR III, Jan. 2006; ltr. 9 Jan. 2010. (3) Ltr., RRN, 9 Jan. 2010.

### W-25 Janet (Raser) Faunce

(1) Most early info. from RFDS, JRF, Feb. 1968, and her draft biog., 3 Oct. 1968. (2) Later life info. from ltrs., WFJ, Mar. 2006 and Feb. 2010; also CRF, July 2006. (3) SSDI. (4) Obituaries, *The Dallas Morning News*, 19 Mar. 1999, 40A; *Greenville Herald Banner*, 19 Mar. 1999, A3; *The Commerce Journal*, 21 Mar. 1999 (all courtesy WFJ). Obituaries incorrectly give Janet's birth date as 19 June. (5) Ltrs., WFJ, Feb 2010. (6) RFDS, CRF, July 2006.

### W-26 William Reed Raser

(1) Most early info. from RFDS, WRR, Sr., 23 Mar. 1968, also follow-up ltr. of 15 May 1968. (2) Most post-1968 info. from ltr., KRK, 26 Jan. 2006. (3) RFDS, WRR, Jr., 21 Feb. 2006. (4) Obituary, *Cape Cod Times*, 6 Feb. 1998. (5) Ltr., NCR, 12 Apr. 1986. (6) SSDI incorrectly says d. 15 Jan. (7) RFDS, KRK, 17 Feb. 2006. (8) Ltrs., JBR, 23 Mar. and 12 Apr. 2006.

### W-27 Cylinda (Raser) (Church) O'Connor

(1) Most vital records from RFDS, OBR, Jr., 25 Oct. 1968. (2) Most biog. details from RFDS, WWR, 21 Dec. 2005. (3) SSDI. (4) Ltr., CRO, 29 Feb. 1968.

### W-28 William Whipple Raser

(1) All biog. info. from RFDS, WWR, Apr. 1968, and updates 2005–06. (2) RFDS, DBR, June 2006.

### W-29 William Vincent Raser, Jr.

(1) Pre-1967 info. from RFDS, WVR, Jr., Jan. 1963, and ltr. of 14 Mar. 1967. (2) Most post-1967 info. from RFDS, CRB, Mar. 2006; also ltrs. Apr. 2006, Mar. 2010. (3) RFDS, RJR, Apr. 2006.

### W-30 Edward John Raser-

(1) All info. from personal knowledge.

### W-31 Lorraine (Raser) deHahn

(1) Info. from family records and correspondence provided by LRdeH, 1989–2006. (2) Birth cert. in possession of LRdeH, states in Cyrillic that George deHahn, son of Major Horse Grenadier Guards Constantin Peter deHahn and his wife Mary M., was b. 9 Sep. 1920 in Sebastopol, Russia, and bpt. 25 Sep. 1920. Witnesses: Major Alexis Lachkareff and Mrs. Eugenie Deutrich. Signed by Vasili Pshenitsin, Rector of St. Nicholas Church. (3) Ltr., CdeH, Feb. 2007. (4) Ltr., CdeHB, Mar. 2007.

## Endnotes

### W-32 Richard Philip Arms

(1) Most early info. from RFDS, RPA, 29 Jan. 1967; also his autobiog. dated 26 Feb. 1967. (2) Later info. from EWA, 27 Nov. 2005. (3) *The Dear Old Lake; Memories of Crystal Lake and The Village of Gilmanton Iron Works*, by Elizabeth Widger Arms (2006). (4) RFDS, JAS, Mar. 2006.

### W-33 Leonard Theodore Arms

(1) Article, *The Bronxville Reporter*, 21 Sep. 1950, 4. (2) Account composed from ltrs., JHRA and RPA, 1965-68, and RFDS inputs, memorabilia and conversations with JAG, CAK and Marilyn Kirchner, 2005-07. (3) US Navy Service Records, 208-41-71 (courtesy of JAG). At enlistment: brown hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 9 inches, 142 lbs., ruddy complexion; at discharge: 130 lbs. (4) Article, *The Scarsdale Inquirer*, 25 Nov. 1955. (5) *Review Press-Reporter*, Bronxville, N.Y., 21 June 1956, 3. Mrd. in The Church of the Transfiguration, a.k.a The Little Church ... (6) Post-1975 info. courtesy of third wife, 2007. (7) City of New York Vital Records Certificate, 156-02-001577 (courtesy of JAG). Leonard Arms resided in Apt. 28A; emphysema was a contributing condition to his death. (8) SSDI gives death date as 15 Feb. 2002, but this may only reflect when Social Security received word of his death. (9) RFDS, JAG, Jan. 2006. (10) RFDS, CAK, Feb. and Oct. 2006.

## The Thomas Raser Branch

### T-1 Thomas Raser

(1) Thomas Raser (T-1) Family Bible; see apdx. X-7. This bible is the source of most vital records information for Thomas, his wife and children. (2) Ltr., MRH to LRA, 26 May 1902. (JHRA Coll.) (3) Writings of Mattie Raser Hitchcock (GBR Coll.). (4) Thomas Raser's receipt book, 1815-1863. (GBR Coll.) (5) *Alabama Historical Quarterly*, 6:291. Commissioned 28 Oct. 1820 in the Third Division, Sixth Brigade, Twentieth Regiment. (6) *DSGQ*, 24:75 notes a Sep. 1823 marriage. (7) "Diploma" dated 12 June 1823. (CCH Coll.) (8) Marengo Co., Ala., Deeds, B:154, 155, 293. (9) Basil Meslier's wife, Augustine Elizabeth Pfister, was Amantilda's sister. (10) Harry T. Raser's February 1921 chart (see Apdx. X-17) contains much of the vital records information for the Thomas Raser branch. It mistakenly gives "Amadilla" Pfister's death year as 1822, and Elizabeth K. Brown's birthdate as 18 June. (11) Mitchell & Hinman, pub., *The Principal Stage, Steam-boat, and Canal Routes in the United States ... being an Accompaniment to Mitchell's Traveller's Guide* (Philadelphia, 1834). (GBR Coll.) (12) Col. and Mrs. Soren Nelson, *A History of Church Street Graveyard, Mobile, Alabama* (Mobile, 1963), 86. William and Mary (Vincent) Brown, and son Thomas G., are buried here.

(13) William T. Brown, b. 17 May 1791, m. 1 Nov. 1812 by Rev. W. Hood to Mary T. Vincent, b. 14 Mar. 1794. They moved to Mobile in the early 1820s, where William d. 12 July 1824 and she d. 15 Nov. 1830; both bur. in Church St. Gyd. They had chn.: Martha Vincent, b. 23 Jan. 1815, d. 30 Dec. 1878 in Mobile, m. (1) Reuben Schuyler, m. (2) 1 July 1845 Henry Alfred Schroeder, b. 25 Dec. 1810, d. 25 July 1892 in Mobile; Thomas George, b. 8 July 1817, d. 20 June 1850, m. 5 Aug. 1840 Emily A Sanford; Elizabeth Knight, b. 8 June 1819, m. Thomas Raser; John Hogan, b. 26 Apr. 1821, d. 10 May 1861, his wife Emma Hepburn having predeceased him (Brown family chart in GBR Coll.). Thomas G. Brown was clerk aboard the steamer *Montgomery* when, while docked at New Orleans, he appears to have fallen overboard and drowned (Mobile newspaper obituary). J. Hogan Brown was a US Navy Lt. and executive officer of the receiving ship *Princeton* when he died on board of pneumonia, while docked at Philadelphia, Pa. He had been with Perry on his expedition to Japan, and was at the bombardment of Vera Cruz in 1847 (Pa. newspaper obituary). (GBR Coll. items)

(14) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 804, 88/193. (15) *Representative Citizens of Seattle & King Counties, Washington* (Lewis Pub. Co., 1903), 411, gives some biog. info. (16) Erie (Pa.) Cemetery lot records (section M, lot 44). (17) *Pennsylvania State Reports*, 62:436-40. (18) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1108, 1194. Hogan was the only child not attending school; the census entry (unreadable) indicates he was somehow disabled. (19) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1340, 79. (20) Interview, Mrs. Christian Eller (T-6-3), Erie, Pa., 5 Sep. 1948. She was the owner of Elizabeth's photograph, which hung on her living room wall at the time of this interview. (21) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 991, E.D. 2, 10. (22) Erie (Pa.) City Directories, 1889-93 (Anc).

### T-2 Mattie (Raser) Hitchcock

(1) Thomas Raser (T-1) Family Bibles record her birth and marriage (Apdx. X-7 and X-8). (2) Most biog. info., except military service, supplied by Ricardo and Muriel Hitchcock (T-14), Buhl, Idaho, Mar. 1955 and 12 Nov. 1965. (3) Marriage notice, *Erie Daily Dispatch*, 26 May 1868, 8. (4) NARS, Civil War pension papers WC-595175 (original claim 154959). (5) *Volunteers*, 2:1278. (6) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1340, 402 (HQO). (7) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 350, E.D. 19, 19. Railroad conductor. (8) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1318, E.D. 93, 7B. (9) Ltr., MRH to CRA, 29 Jan. 1912. (JHRA Coll.) (10) Ltr., JHV to CRA, 14 Feb. 1902. (JHRA Coll.) (11) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1227, E.D. 134, 8B (HQO). (12) Ltr., Ricardo Hitchcock (T-14), 23 May 1965. (13) Family structure and pre-1921 dates from large chart compiled by Harry T. Raser, Feb. 1921 (see Apdx. X-17). (14) Ltr., C. D. Hitchcock to MRH(?), post 1908. (EJR Coll.)

### T-3 Mary E. (Raser) Vaughan

(1) Thomas Raser (T-1) Family Bible (Apdx. X-8). (2) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1334, 394 (HQO). All four b. PA. (3) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 991, E.D. 2, 10. (4) Obituary, Erie newspaper (GBR Coll.). (5) Chart (see Apdx. X-17) and misc. records. (GBR Coll.) (6) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1346, E.D. 19, 8A (HQO). (7) Obituary, Ashtabula newspaper, 29 Nov. 1948. (GBR Coll.) (8) Erie (Pa.) Cem. lot records (section M, lot 44). His gravestone gives his birth year as 1868.

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### T-4 George Bernard Raser

(1) *Biographical History of Northeastern Ohio* (Lewis Publ. Co., Chicago, 1893), 416, provided much of the biog. info. for this account. Additional info. from clippings and other records in the GBR Coll. (2) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 991, E.D. 2, 10. George B., farmer; dau. Bessie K. (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1237, E.D. 2, 2A. George B., railroad agent and mortgage-free homeowner; son George B., Jr., farm laborer. (4) Interview, TMR, Ashtabula, Ohio, 22 Mar. 1994. (5) Marriage notice, *Erie Observer*, 7 Oct. 1869, 2. (6) Obituary, *Ashtabula Beacon Record*, 13 Mar. 1901. (7) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1152, E.D. 10, 8B. Owned the house at 99 Center St. mortgage-free. (8) Charts (see Apdx. X-17) and misc. records. (GBR Coll.)

### T-5 Sarah (Raser) Belnap

(1) Thomas Raser (T-1) Family Bible (Apdx. X-8). (2) Marriage notice, *Erie Observer*, 11 Feb. 1869, 2. Incorrectly spells his name Belknap. (3) Ltr., SRB to HTR, 22 June 1917 (GBR Coll.). (4) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1127, E.D. 149, 39. James E. Belnap, R. Conductor. Census notes that Maud L. "has worm fever"! (5) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1408, E.D. 85, 6B (HQO). James E. Belnap, RR conductor. (6) Obituary, *Erie Dispatch*, 28 Sept. 1904, 3. (7) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 882, E.D. 45, 10B (Anc). W. G. Fowler's wife called Lucile; res. in rented house at 2307(?) 27 Ave. (8) Erie (Pa.) Cemetery lot records, section M, lot 44. (9) Charts (see Apdx. X-17) and misc. records. (GBR Coll.) (10) Interview, Mrs. Christian Eller (T-6-3), Erie, Pa., 5 Sep. 1948. (11) Ltr., Carrie Beth Raser (T-7-1), [28] Mar. 1949. (12) Ltr., James E. Dean to Wilbert Stough Raser, 17 Aug. 1928. (13) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 386, E.D. 159, 3B (Anc).

### T-6 Annie E. (Raser) Metzgar

(1) Ltr., ARM, to nephew HTR, 27 June 1917 (GBR Coll.). Along with ref. 2, this ltr. provided most info. in this account. (2) Interview, Mrs. William G. Blass (T-6-6), Erie, Pa., 13 June 1948. She confirmed and augmented data of ref. 1, primarily from records in her Metzgar Family Bible. That Bible gives Annie E. Raser's birthplace as Lewisburg, Pa. (3) Marriage notice, *Erie Morning Dispatch*, 29 Jan. 1875, 4. (4) *Volunteers*, 2:897, 903. (5) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1127, E.D. 149, 38. (6) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1408, E.D. 97, 9B. (7) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1342, E.D. 99, 19B. (8) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1566, E.D. 102, 26A. (9) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2036, E.D. 71, 6A (Anc). (10) Erie (Pa.) Cemetery lot records (section MM, lot 94 north). (11) Interview, Mrs. Christian Eller (T-6-3), Erie, Pa., 5 Sep. 1948. Her small Eller Bible confirmed the Eller data in the Metzgar Bible.

### T-7 Harry A. S. Raser

(1) See Thomas Raser (T-1), note 13. (2) *Representative Citizens of Seattle & King Counties, Washington* (Lewis Pub. Co., 1903), 411. This source and ref. 3 provided most of the biog. info. for this account. (3) *Sketches of Washingtonians* (Wellington C. Wolfe & Co., 1907), 264. (4) Misc. papers of Carrie Beth Raser, copied by the author during a visit to Seattle, 20 Oct. 1962. (5) Thomas Raser (T-1) Family Bible (see Apdx. X-8). (6) Ltr., CBR, [28] Mar. 1949; gives 25 Sep. as father's death date. (7) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1156, E.D. 231, 489 (Anc). (8) Interview, Mrs. Christian Eller (T-6-3), Erie, Pa., 5 Sep. 1948. She refuted the claims of success. (9) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1745, E.D. 115, 6A. (10) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1927, E.D. 150, 2A. (11) SSDI. (12) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2497, E.D. 85, 21B (Anc). Indexed as Roser. (13) Ltr., Howard W. Robbins, Trustee for CBR, 6 Oct. 1967.

### T-8 Gilliat S. Hitchcock

(1) Biog. info. in this account supplied by RGH and wife, Mar. 1955 and Oct. 1965. (2) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1607, E.D. 140, 5A (HQO). (3) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 (Anc). The draft board was located in Coquille, Ore. (4) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 125, E.D. 97, 9A. (5) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2419, E.D. 40, 7A (Anc).

### T-9 Annie (Vaughan) Hubbard

(1) Most info. in this account from records in the GBR Coll. (2) Obituary, *Ashtabula* newspaper, 29 Nov. 1948 (GBR Coll.). (3) Hubbard Family genealogical chart (GBR Coll.). (4) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1238, E.D. 6, 1B. (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1152, E.D. 9, 5B. (6) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1346, E.D. 11, 10B. (7) NAMP, 1930 census, roll 1748, E.D. 7, 16A (Anc). (8) Another record says the twins were born in June, not January. (9) Telecon, Buckley Hubbard, Jr., Erie, Pa., 9 Sep. 1948. Mr. Hubbard gave me current info. on the family, and stated that his mother "not only knows a lot of the family, but has 'documents,' and if not her, another certainly does, for [I have] seen them in years past." (10) Updating info., ltrs., Clayton Hubbard, Corpus Christi, Texas, Feb. 2004.

### T-10 Harry Thomas Raser

(1) Most info. in this account from notes compiled by Thomas M. Raser (T-16-1) for EJ, 22 Mar. 1994. Additional facts from records in the GBR Coll. (2) Hubbard Family genealogical chart (GBR Coll.). (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1408, E.D. 84, 3B. (4) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1152, E.D. 10, 8B. Harry T. Raser, 97 Center St., is called a farmer—poss. a clerical error for foreman. (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1346, E.D. 14, 6B. "No occupation." (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1748, E.D. 8, 16B (Anc). Paper tester, res. 97 Center St. (7) Editorial, "Everybody Called Harry Raser 'Friend'," *Ashtabula* newspaper, prob. late Nov. 1956 (GBR Coll.).

### T-11 Elizabeth K. (Raser) McGiffert

(1) Most info. from notes compiled by Thos. M. Raser (T-16-1) for EJ, 22 Mar. 1994. Additional facts from clippings, etc., in the GBR Coll. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1238, E.D. 7, 11A (Anc). Elizabeth, b. Canada, but called "Am. Cit." (3) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1152, E.D. 9, 15B (Anc). (4) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1346, E.D. 11, 9B (Anc). Elizabeth R., b.

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Canada, listed as immigrated 1883, nat. 1899. (5) Obituary, Ashtabula newspaper, 27 Dec. 1923. (GBR Coll.) (6) Winifred Dent was b. 17 Jan. 1869, d. 21 Mar. 1912; her son Rutherford Dent McGiffert was b. 14 July 1895, d. 1 Nov. 1953. He attended West Point, was made a cadet in 1916, and served in World War I. According to Geo. B. Raser III, "he was disinherited by his father because he married a Roman Catholic." (7) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1748, E.D. 7, 9A (Anc). (8) Obituary, Ashtabula newspaper, 4 July 1938; also Dunedin, Fla., newspaper, 8 July 1938.

### T-12 George Bernard Raser, Jr.

(1) Much info. in this account supplied by TMR, 22 Mar. 1994. Other facts from the GBR Coll. (2) One World Tree (Anc). (3) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1148, E.D. 84, 3C (Anc). (4) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 (Anc). (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1520, E.D. 425, 12B. (6) George B. Raser's mother was born in Bloomsburg; this may have influenced his later settling nearby. (7) WW II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Anc). (8) GBR III's memo of ca. 1959 (see Apdx. X-22). (9) Ltr., Helen Hemingway to Margaret Weller (T-15), 11 June 1962. (GBR Coll.)

### T-13 Ruth M. (Raser) Metcalf

(1) Most info. in this account from newspaper clippings and other records in the GBR Coll. (2) Mrg. notice, unidentified newspaper, 15 July 1908. The mrg. was performed by a Rev. Forbes. (GBR Coll.) (3) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1301, E.D. 362, 12A. (4) Ltr., HTR to WHR, 11 Mar. 1921. (EJR Coll.) (5) Notes compiled by Thos. M. Raser (T-16-1) for EJR, 22 Mar. 1994. (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1388, E.D. 112, 11A (Anc). (7) SSDI. (8) Mrg. notice, Plainfield, N.J.(?) newspaper, 2 June 1948; m. in Crescent Ave. Presby. Church. (GBR Coll.)

### T-14 Ricardo Gilliat Hitchcock

(1) Info. in this account supplied by Ricardo and Muriel Hitchcock, Buhl, Idaho, on various dates 1955–97; updated by Brenda (Hitchcock) Hoskin, South Jordan, Utah, 21 Mar. 2004 and 31 July 2006.

### T-15 Margaret H. (Raser) Weller

(1) Most info. from notes compiled by Thos. M. Raser (T-16-1) for EJR, 22 Mar. 1994. (2) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1346, E.D. 14, 6B. (3) Marriage notice, unident. newspaper, 26 Nov. 1924 (GBR Coll.). (4) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1990, E.D. 2-776, 2B. Christian, vet. of WW, a bookkeeper working for oil company. (5) Sam. T. Mullison, *The Great Wildcatter* (Education Foundation of West Virginia, Charleston, 1953). (6) Obituary, Ashtabula newspaper, 4 July 1985 (GBR Coll.).

### T-16 George Bernard Raser III

(1) RFDS, GBR III, 15 Apr. 1969; additional info. provided 1963–74. Further info. provided by son Thomas, 1987–2005. (2) Much biog. info. is from *Who's Who in American Education* (1966), 1250, and *Who's Who in the East* (1967), 862, both of which were provided as attachments to the RFDS of note 1. (3) News article, Ashtabula newspaper, Oct. 1945 (GBR Coll.).

## The Matthias Raser Branch

### M-1 Matthias Raser

(1) HSPA, Abington Mo. Mtg. records, 96, 209. (2) HSPA, Abington Mo. Mtg. minutes (1746–74), 513–14, 516, 520, 523, 526, 529. (3) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-17:592, 10 Mar. 1775. (4) Phila. Co. Mortgages, X-19:131, 12 Mar. 1775; mortgagee, Catherine Wister, exr. of Derick Johnson; principal, £300; satisfied 21 May 1791. (5) GtnHS, Charles B. Engle, document/book title not saved. (6) *PaA-3*, 14:341, 600, 15:38, 405, 16:98, 559. His name appears variously as Razor, Raser and Rasor. (7) *PaA-3*, 5:652, 666, 681. (8) *PaA-6*, 1:929, 937. (9) *Germantown History*, 1:59-61 (1915), pub. by Germantown Site and Relic Society. (10) Phila. Co. Deed, D-3:173, 3 July 1781.

(11) Phila. Co. Mortgages, M-5:328, 20 Sep. 1788; mortgagee, Anthony Johnson; principal, £100; satisfied 2 Aug. 1793. (12) PhCA, Tax Assessor's Ledger, Germantown Twp., 1789:6. (13) Phila. Co. Deeds, ADB-73:148, 31 Jan. 1789; ADB-73:135, 31 Jan. 1789; D-60:13, 28 Apr. 1789. (14) Phila. Co. Wills, W:209, 30 Dec. 1791, proved 28 Jan. 1792. (15) Phila. Co. Mortgages, M-8:397, 21 May 1792; mortgagee, Thomas Forrest; principal, £300; satisfied 4 Apr. 1801. (16) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-35:232, 21 May 1792. (17) Phila. Co. Mortgages, M-17:89, 1 May 1798; mortgagee, John Johnson, Jr.; principal, £225; satisfied by sheriff's sale. (18) *Claypoole's Advertizer* (also *Philadelphia Gazette*), 10 Dec. 1798; *Philadelphia Gazette*, 21 June 1799. (19) Phila. Co. Deeds, EF-2:98, 1 Apr. 1800. (20) Phila. Co. Administrations, No. 93 of 1811; recorded in book K:425.

(21) Phila. Co. Sheriff's Deeds, A:19, 10 July 1812. (22) *Salem (NJ) Messenger*, 29 Jan. 1823, as provided by Mrs. C. C. Harvey, Falls Church, Va., 15 Mar. 1966. (23) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 9, 304. Matthias Rasor: 3 M 16 & up, 4 M under 16, 6 F. (24) NAMP, 1800 Census, roll 43, 119. Mathias Razer: 2 M under 10, 1 M 10-to-16, 2 M 26-to-45, 1 M 45 & up, 1 F under 10, 3 F 16-to-26, 1 F 45 & up. (25) NAMP, 1810 Census, roll 55, 160. Abigail Razor, boarding house, 17 Second St.: 2 M 16-to-26, 3 F 16-to-26, 2 F 26-to-45, 1 F 45 & up. (26) NAMP, 1820 Census, roll 108, 165. Abigal Raizor: 1 M 10-to-16, 1 M 16-to-26, 3 M 26-to-45, 1 F 10-to-16, 2 F 26-to-45, 1 F 45 & up; 1 person engaged in commerce. (27) HSPA, "Maritime Records, Chronological List of Crews, 1789–1830, Sec. IV, Vol. 28" (Wo115), per ltr., CCH, 29 Jan. 1966.

### M-2 Mary (Raser) Levan

(1) *Genealogical Record of the LeVan Family ...*, by Warren P. Coon (1927), 22, 33–34, 60–61, provided the ancestral

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background and much of the info. on chn. in this account. (2) *PaA-2*, 8:431. (3) *Statutes*, 4:219. (4) Phila. Co. Mortgages, X-11:263, 28 Jan. 1767; satisfied 31 May 1780. (5) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 8, 10. (6) NAMP, 1800 Census, roll 35, 652. (7) NAMP, 1810 Census, roll 45, 66. (8) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 815, 235. (9) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803-1860, L:253. Died 27 Mar. 1859, age 88 yrs., of debility. Attended by Dr. W. B. Levan. Coon says d. 26 Mar. 1858—does she have a gravestone? (10) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 93, 20 (Anc). (11) Michigan Land Records (Anc). (12) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1888:178.

### M-3 Ann Raser

(1) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 159, 153. Matthias Raser: 1 M 10-to-15, 2 M 20-to-30, 1 M 40-to-50, 1 F 10-to-15, 1 F 40-to-50, 1 F 50-to-60. (2) NAMP, 1840 Census, roll 481, 066. Ann Raser: 3 M 15-to-20, 4 M 20-to-30, 1 F 15-to-20, 1 F 20-to-30, 1 F 50-to-60, 2 F 60-to-70. (3) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803-60, R:46. In 1877 the remains from this cemetery supposedly were reinterred in Lot 1, South West Laurel Hill Cem. (*PGM*, 30:158). (4) Phila. Co. Wills, 19:207, No. 103 of 1847, 8 Aug. 1842, proved 22 May 1847. (5) Phila. Co. Admns., No. 160 of 1847; recorded in book P-402.

### M-4 Baltis Raser

(1) HSPa, Notices in *Advertiser*, 2:114. (2) Phila. Co. Admns., No. 33 of 1833; recorded in book O:66. (3) HSPa, Phila. Ref. Dutch Ch. records, 198, 341. (4) HSPa, First Ref. Ch. Records, 2400.

### M-5 Sarah (Raser) Eckert

(1) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803-1860, E:33. (2) *Ibid.*, E:35. (3) HSPa, Phila. Ref. Dutch Ch. records, 186. She then became a communicant in the church, 328. (4) *Ibid.*, 241. The next day she became a communicant in the church, 375. (5) *PGM*, 12:176. (6) HSPa, Phila. Ref. Dutch Ch. records, 73. (7) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 818, 449; 1860 Census, roll 1168, 207; 1870 Ccensus, roll 403, 461.

### M-6 Tacy Raser

(1) HSPa, Phila. Ref. Dutch Ch. records, 129, 295. (2) Interviews, MRR, Gtn., Pa., 13 and 17 Aug. 1951. (3) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 815, 235. Tacey Raser, 68; Mary Levan, 33; Susan Levan, 20; all b. Pa. (4) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1160, 981. Tacy T(or J). Roser, 79, inmate. (5) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1395, 309B. Tacy Raser, 85. (6) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1870:346. Monument Cemetery was on the west side of Broad Street and the SE side of Turners' Lane, in South Phila. Twp.; it no longer exists (*PGM*, 30:175).

### M-7 Matthias Raser, Jr.

(1) *PaA-6*, 7:70; 8:281, 284; 9:45. (2) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 159, 153 (Anc). Matthias Raser: 1 M 10-to-15, 2 M 20-to-30, 1 M 40-to-50, 1 F 10-to-15, 1 F 40-to-50, 1 F 50-to-60. (3) No. 1721 in *Guide to the Collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania* (third edition, 1991). (4) *National Intelligencer*, 3 January 1833, as publ. in *NGSQ*, 58:136. (5) *Salem Messenger*, Salem, N.J., 5 January 1833 (courtesy of Mrs. C. C. Harvey). (6) HSPa, Notices in *Advertiser*, 5:645, 649. (7) Russell F. Weigley, ed., *Philadelphia: A 300-Year History* (New York, 1982), 272-73, 276. (8) Phila. Co. Admns., No. 33 of 1833; recorded in book O:66.

### M-8 Thomas Mahorter Raser

(1) Phila. Co. Wills, W:209, 30 Dec. 1791, proved 28 Jan. 1792. Thomas Nedrow m. on 3d of 10 mo. (Dec.) 1746 the widow Ann Luckens of Bristol Twp., Pa., who was the mother of Mary Luckens (first wife of Baltis Reser, A-3) and great-grandmother of Thomas M. Raser. (2) Although Thomas first appears in the 1813 city directory, the address given is probably his work location. (3) HSPa, St. Paul's P.E. Ch. marriages, 88. (4) Phila. Co. Wills, H:365, 22 Nov. 1824, proved 12 June 1829. (5) Phila. Co. Wills, 7:319, 22 June 1821, proved 27 June 1821. (6) NAMP, 1820 Census, roll 108, 55 (HQO). Thomas M. Raser immediately follows William Ross. (7) HSPa, Notices in *Advertiser*, 3:748. (8) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803-1860, R:46. (9) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 159, 103. Thomas M. Raser immediately follows Mary Hyde, who follows John C. Clarke. (10) HSPa, Notices in *Advertiser*, 5:468.

(11) Interview, TJR, Sr. (M-23), Barren Hill, Pa., summer 1949. (12) Phila. Co. Admns., No. 125 of 1834; recorded in book O:126. (13) Phila. Co. Orphans Court Book 34:613. (14) *PGM*, 9:284, "Inscriptions in Ronaldson's Cemetery, Philadelphia." She was bur. in the John C. Clark lot, along with Matthias R. [Raser?] Clark (1811-1834) and John C. Clark (1787-1882). Ronaldson's was incorporated as Philadelphia Cemetery in 1832; it was located between Bainbridge, Fitzwater, Ninth and Tenth Streets. (15) HSPa, Notices in *Advertiser*, 6:85. (16) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 887, 259 (Anc). (17) NAMP, 1870 Census, 2nd enum., roll 1416, 647. (18) Ltr., MRR, 22 Jan. 1948. (19) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 123, E.D. 64, 18B (Anc.)

### M-9 Abigail (Raser) Clinton

(1) Ltr., Ethel C. K. Breth to HTR, 13 Nov. 1936. An accompanying family data sheet gives Abigail's birth year as 1795, but see notes 2 and 3. (JHRA Coll.) (2) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 818, 432/3. John, 61; Abbey, 57. John owned no real estate. (3) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803-1860, C:492. She age 58. (4) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1164, 343 (Anc). John, 71; Abby Butler, 38. (5) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1398, 271 (Anc). John, 82. (6) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803-1860, C:493.

### M-10 William J. Raser

(1) HSPa, St. George's M.E. Ch. records, 58. (2) *PGM*, 30:167. The church, restored since 1944, today houses The Methodist Historical Society, 235 North Fourth Street. (3) HSPa manuscripts, folder FC/Ra, "Phila./Raser." Funeral invitation. (4) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803-1860, R:46. For disposition of this cem., see M-3, note 3. (5) NAMP, 1840

## Endnotes

Census, roll 487, 355. (6) Phila. Co. Admns., No. 255 of 1840; recorded in Admns. P:121. Thomas Hartley of Phila. also was a bondsman. (7) HSPa, Notices in *Advertiser*, 6:333.

### M-11 Elizabeth (Raser) Fenton

(1) HSPa, Phila. Ref. Dutch Ch. records, 176, 320. (2) This account, somewhat edited by the author, was prepared in July 1992 by Bernard Edward McKeever, Jr., of Orlando, Fla., who had done extensive research on the Fentons. He died 16 May 1997. (3) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 57, 124. (4) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 104, 786. (5) *Boyd's Washington and Georgetown Directory*, 1860, 71. (6) Family Trees—Fenton (Anc).

### M-12 Thomas Matthias Raser

(1) Interviews, MRR, Gtn., Pa., 13 and 17 Aug. 1951. (2) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 822, 301. Edward M. is not listed. (3) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 95, 405 (Anc). (4) Interviews, TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. (5) Interview, TJR, Sr., Barren Hill, Pa., summer 1949. (6) NAMP 1870 Census, 2nd enum., roll 1416, 647. (7) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1874:10. (8) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1167, E.D. 42, 168 (Anc). (9) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1890:152. (10) GSPa, Mount Moriah Cemetery Records, 1856–1978 (on-line). Sect. 30, lot 36, grave S.E. 1/4. Thos. M., bur. 20 Mar.; Eliza, bur. 7 Jan.; Fannie Racer, bur. 7 Nov. (11) See Apdx. X-9 for a copy of this family record. (12) HSPa, Ebenezer M.E. Ch. records, 104. (13) PhCA, Cemetery Returns, 1803–60, R:? (14) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1872:69.

### M-13 William Ross Raser

(1) Ltrs., Mrs. Wm. A. Raser (M-28), West Haven, Conn., 17 Aug. and 15 Nov. 1948. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1175, E.D. 73, 1A. (3) Phila. Co. Deeds, GS-27:2, 19 Apr. 1841. (4) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 545, 194. Rosanna Roser, 24; William, 10; John, 7; all b. Pa. (5) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 798, 691 (HQO). (6) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 984, 11. Rosanna Acker, 44; William Raser, 28; John Raser, 26; all b. Pa. (HQO). (7) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 945, E.D. 104, 7.

### M-14 John C. Raser

(1) MFHC, GSU microfilm #17,780. Book 6, Asbury Church, Norfolk St., marriages, 154. Mrd. by S. Martindale. Book 2 notes that the Asbury Church originated in 1842. In 1843 a building was erected in Norfolk St. near Stanton, but in 1861 the congregation was disbanded. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1049, E.D. 156, 5A/B (Anc). (3) Ltrs., Mrs. Wm. A. Raser (M-28), West Haven, Conn., 17 Aug. and 15 Nov. 1948. (4) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 545, 194. John Roser, 24; Matilda, 20; Rosanna, 24; all b. Pa. (5) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 984, 11 (HQO). John Racer, 33; Matilda, 25. (6) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 846, E.D. 92, 423 (Anc). (7) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1088, E.D. 41, 4A (HQO). Matilda Raser, 78; she and parents b. Pa. (8) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1275, E.D. 55, 1B (HQO). Matilda Raser, boarder, 94.

### M-15 Levan H. Raser

(1) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1445, 211 (HQO). Levan H., 34; Anna C., 25; Wm. H., 9; Robt. S., 2; all b. Pa. (2) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1180, E.D. 405, 8/289D. All fam. members and parents b. Pa. (3) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1463, E.D. 478, 13B (Anc). Indexed as Laser. Many of the birth date and age entries are faint and unreadable. Levan and wife mrd. 43 yrs.; wife had 3 chn., 2 living. (4) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1901, #18539. (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1411, E.D. 1068, 3A (HQO). Anna C., 63. (6) NAMP, 1920 census, roll 1643, E.D. 1560, 49B (HQO). Anna C., 67. (7) Phila. Co. Wills, No. 1310 of 1922. Names two sons, daughter-in-law Catharine Raser, "my grandmother Baker," and nieces Anna C. Speigle, Ella Carter and Sarah Heulings. (8) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1886 (2), 153.

### M-16 Thomas Jefferson Raser

(1) Most biog. info. from interviews: MRR, Gtn., Pa., 13 and 17 Aug. 1951; TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. I have largely stuck to their traditional accounts of the sequence and location of residence places, despite knowing that the city directories indicate more places and some differences in timing. (2) Date on back of a letter from Muriel Hitchcock, Buhl, Ida., to TJR, Jr., 15 Mar. 1955; date prob. written by Thos. (3) TJR, Jr., Hartsdale, N.Y., in 1976 owned a fragment of the "Certificate of Marriage" of Enoch Fulloway [*sic*] of Phila., who was married in Phila. by Geo. Higgins on 25 Oct. 1843 to Sarah T. Rose "of the same place." (4) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1185, E.D. 551, 25. Directories say 1319 Alexander St. (5) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1888(2):31. Address per several directories; death record says Media and 48 1/2 St.

(6) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1464, Chestnut Hill, E.D. 508, 5B. (7) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1396, E.D. 426, 2B (HQO). With her were chn. Lincoln, Charles F., Clifford and Earl. (8) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1624, E.D. 626, 3B (HQO). With her were chn. Mary R. and Earl. (9) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2104, E.D. 614, 22B. (10) Undated obituary clipping. (11) Most birth-death records from TJR's family Bible; see Apdx. X-10. (12) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1879:223. (13) GSPa, Mount Moriah Cemetery Records, 1856–1978 (on-line). Sect. 30, lot 36, grave S.E. 1/4. John H. & Elizabeth, bur. 15 July; Ida, bur. betw. 22 May and 16 Aug., 1888. (14) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1894, #24945. (15) *Ibid.*, 1890:275. (16) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1606, E.D. 193, 3B. Laborer, rubber tire shop. (17) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1893, #3068.

### M-17 John Garrison Raser

(1) Interview, TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1477, E.D. 929, 20A (Anc). John G. Raser, b. Sep. 1858, mrd. 19 yrs. (3) Interview, MRR, Gtn., Pa., 17 Aug. 1951. (4) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1407, E.D. 894, 6B (HQO). John G. Raser, age 56 yrs. (5) GSPa, Mount Moriah Cemetery Records, 1856–1978 (on-

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line). Sect. 30, lot 36, grave S.E. 1/4. Rose Roser, bur. 23 Mar. 1921. (6) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1629, E.D. 796, 12A (HQO). (7) Phila. Co. Wills, 433:310, dated 19 Feb. 1921, No. 920 of 1922. (8) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1896, #12346.

### M-18 Ida (Raser) Shults

(1) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1480, E.D. 1000, 7B/8A. Litzenberg Shults, 38, b. Pa.; Ida, 39, b. Pa. [census error; says her mother b. Del.], m. 12 yrs., 5 chn., 3 still living. (2) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1185, E.D. 547, 454A. John Shultz; Litzenberg (Anc). (3) Most biog. info. from interview, TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. (4) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1413, E.D. 1182, 1A. Litzenberg Schults, 48, b. Pa.; Ida, 48, b. Del., m. 21 yrs., 6 chn., 4 still living. (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1646, E.D. 1740, 14B (HQO). Litzenberg J. Shults, 54; Ida, 50 [sic], b. Del. (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2129, E.D. 204, 30B (Anc). Litzenberg Shults, 66, widower, m. at age 25, clothing salesman.

### M-19 William Hyde Raser

(1) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 545, 194. (2) MFHC, GSU microfilm #17,779. Book 4, Forsyth St. Meth. Ch. marriages, 214. Married at the parsonage by John Pegg, Jr. (3) Ltrs., Mrs. Wm. A. Raser (M-28), West Hartford, Conn., 17 Aug. and 15 Nov. 1948. (4) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 984, 11 (HQO). (5) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 945, E.D. 104, 7. (6) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1175, E.D. 73, 1A. (7) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1088, E.D. 41, 4A (HQO). (8) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1275, E.D. 55, 1B (HQO).

### M-20 John Alfred Raser

(1) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 545, 194. John Roser. (2) MFHC, GSU microfilm #17,779. Book 4, Forsyth St. Meth. Ch. marriages, 216. Mrd. by F. Brown; witnesses: W. S. Russell, B. D. Brown. (3) N.Y. Passenger List Records (Anc). (4) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 984, 11 (HQO). (5) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 945, E.D. 104, 7. John Racer, 35, with wife, 29, and two chn. (6) *The New York Times*, 13 Oct. 1891 (Anc). (7) *Middletown (NY) Daily Argus*, 9 Apr. 1898 (Anc). (8) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1175, E.D. 73, 1A. John A. Raser, b. Oct. 1841, age 58; Margaret, b. Sep. 1849, age 50. (9) *Turner's Harrison Directory*, 1900, 274, 348 (Anc). (10) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1088, E.D. 41, 4A (HQO). (11) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1275, E.D. 55, 1B (HQO). (12) MFHC, GSU microfilm #17,779. Book 3, Forsyth St. Meth. Ch. baptisms, 82. Parents: John A. and Maggie Raser. "Sprinkled by J. W. Barnhart."

### M-21 William L. Raser

(1) PhCA, Birth Registrations, 1860, 37. Male child, unnamed; mother recorded as Anna H. Raser. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1463, E.D. 478, 13B (Anc). William L. and Katharine mrd. 14 yrs.; she mother of 1 ch., not now living. Katharine and her parents all b. N.J. (3) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1388, E.D. 143, 5B. (4) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1619, E.D. 201, 3B (Anc). (5) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2112, E.D. 675, 2A (Anc).

### M-22 Robert S. Raser

(1) PhCA, Birth Registrations, 1867, 232. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1469, E.D. 674, 14. Res. 2220 Bancroft St. (3) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1408, E.D. 933, 4B. Wife Mary, 30; res. 2738 Hemberger St. (4) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1643, E.D. 1563, 6B. Wife Mary, 43; res. 4847 Sydenham St.

### M-23 Thomas J. Raser, Sr.

(1) Most biog. info. from interviews with TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. (2) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1313, E.D. 211, 5A. He res. with wife and 3 chn. in a rented house on New Holland Road. Jennie L. immig. to US 1893. (3) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1606, E.D. 193, 3B. Thomas J. Racer, foreman, nursery packing house; Jennie L., immig. 1894, nat. 1904. Res. rented house, Barren Hill Rd., Whitmarsh Twp. (4) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-18 (Anc). (5) Ltr., TJR, III, 29 May 2006. (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2085, E.D. 165, 16B (Anc). Thomas, superintendent, boiler works; Jane H., immig. 1896, nat. (7) Obituary, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 10 Oct. 1941, 15. (8) Obituary (newspaper not noted), 8 Oct. 1941 (courtesy of RLR). Surviving her were sisters Mrs. Frank Morris of Radnor, and Mrs. John LaMont of Phila., and brothers Robert of Hatboro and James of Chicago. (9) WW II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Anc). (10) Interviews, MRR, Gtn., Pa., Aug. 1951. (11) Obituaries (newspapers not noted), 29 and 31 Aug. 1953. (12) Newspaper article (newspaper not noted), 1947. (13) Ltr., CAR, 22 Sep. 2006.

### M-24 Mary Rose Raser

(1) Fifteenth Annual Commencement program, 2 June 1908. Incorrectly identified as Mary B. Raser; she received a prize of \$25 in gold. (2) Phila. city directory, 1909. (3) Interviews, MRR, Gtn., Pa., 13 and 17 Aug. 1951. (4) Interviews, TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. (5) See 1910-30 census records for her mother. (6) Undated newspaper clipping; funeral card (courtesy of RLR).

### M-25 Lincoln Raser

(1) Most biog. info. supplied by GPR, 1986, 2007. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1464, E.D. 508, 5B. (3) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-18 (Anc). (4) Church mrg. certif. in possession of Lincoln A. Raser, 1986. The marriage took place at 323 Church Lane; witnesses were Owen Fullaway and Mary R. Raser. (5) Birth certif. in possession of Lincoln A. Raser, 1986. (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2085, E.D. 143, 16A (Anc). (7) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1605, E.D. 176, 6A (HQO). (8) Death certif. in possession of GPR. Gives birth date as 25 Mar. 1876 in Derry Co., Ireland.

### M-26 Charles Fullaway Raser

(1) Most biog. info. supplied by ERJ (M-36), Sep. 1977 and July 1987. (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1464, E.D. 508, 5B.

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(3) WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–18 (Anc). (4) WW II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Anc). (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1630, E.D. 1168, 14B (HQO). (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2083, E.D. 92, 5A (Anc).

### M-27 Earl Raser

(1) Most biog. info. from data sheet, PFR, 20 Sep. 1986. (2) Interview, MRR, Gtn., Pa., 13 Aug. 1951. (3) Interview, TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. (4) Although listed in his mother's house in the 1920 census, he may not have been residing there. (5) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 169, E.D. 1265, 1B (Anc). (6) California Death Index, 1940–1997 (Anc). (7) California Birth Index, 1905–1995 (Anc).

### M-28 William Alfred Raser

(1) *The New York Times*, 13 Oct. 1891 (Anc). (2) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1175, E.D. 73, 1A. Maude L., m. 13 yrs, had 1 ch., still living. (3) *New Haven City Directory*, 1910, 415 (Anc). (4) *Ibid.*, 1912, 440 (Anc). (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1088, E.D. 41, 4A (HQO). (6) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1275, E.D. 55, 7B (HQO). (7) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 1660, E.D. 166, 27A (Anc). (8) Ltrs., MGR, West Haven, Conn., 17 Aug. and 15 Nov. 1948. (9) Conn. Death Index, 1949–2001 (Anc). Widow, 85, spouse Fred.

### M-29 Elizabeth (Raser) Hastings

(1) RFDS compiled by Mrs. TJR, Jr., Hartsdale, N.Y., Oct. 1976. (2) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2085, E.D. 165, 16B (Anc). Stenographer, toy mfr.

### M-30 Thomas J. Raser, Jr.

(1) Much info. from interview with TJR, Jr., and wife, Hartsdale, N.Y., 7 Oct. 1976. (2) Supplementary info. from draft obituary prepared by TJR, III, mid-1980, and ltr., RLR, 15 Mar. 2006. (3) Obituary, *The Journal News*, 8 Apr. 2003 (courtesy of RLR). (4) RFDS, TJR, III, Apr. 2006. (5) RFDS, WJR, May 2006. (6) RFDS, RLR, Jan. 1978 and June 2006.

### M-31 Clifford Aaron Raser

(1) Biog. info. prepared by CAR for the author, late 2006; updated Dec. 2009. (2) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1617, E.D. 524, 7A (Anc). Res. at 6912 Ridge Ave. (3) NAMP, 1930 census, roll 2102, E.D. 1168, 7A (Anc).

### M-32 Lincoln Allison Raser

(1) All info. supplied by GPR, 1986–2009. (2) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1408, E.D. 947, 4A/B; 1920 Census, roll 1636, E.D. 1376, 4A, indexed as Broctor; 1930 Census, roll 2125, E.D. 768, 6A (Anc).

### M-33 Paul Fullaway Raser

(1) Most biog. info. supplied by PFR, Sep. 1986. (2) US School Yearbook Record (Anc). (3) WW II Army Enlistment Records, 1938–1946 (Anc). (4) SSDI. (5) Ltr., BRZ, Sep. 2007. (6) Ltr., MRT, Mar. 2007.

### M-34 Gordon Raser

(1) Most vital info. supplied by nephew GPR, Sep. 1986, and confirmed by family members. (2) Most biog. info. supplied by son GMR, Apr. and Sep. 2007, and dau. SRPW, Oct. 2007. (3) Per 1920 and 1930 census, and WW II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (all Anc). (4) Census records (Anc). (5) Ltr., BRM, 7 Oct. 2007. (6) Ltr., GMR, 12 Apr. 2007, and telecon, 13 Sep. 2007. (7) Ltrs., SRPW, Oct. 2007. (8) Ltr., MRL, 25 Sep. 2007.

### M-35 John Hudson Raser

(1) RFDS, ERJ (M-36), Wayne, Pa., Sep. 1977 and July 1987. (2) WW II Army Enlistment Records, 1938–1946 (Anc).

### M-36 Elizabeth P. (Raser) Judson

(1) RFDS and ltrs., ERJ, Sep. 1977, July 1987 and Oct. 1989. (2) SSDI.

### M-37 John Earl Raser

(1) US Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775–2006 (Anc). (2) Obituary, unidentified newspaper, Sep. 1997 (courtesy of Jackie Raser, M-38). (3) Info. from data sheet, PFR, Sep. 1986. (4) Nevada Marriage Index, 1956–2005 (Anc). (5) Ltr. and telecon, GRM, Oct. 2007. (6) Ltr., GJR, May 2007.

### M-38 Charles H. F. Raser

(1) Most info. from RFDS and ltrs., JMR, 1976, 2007. (2) Obituaries, *Daily News Tribune*, Santa Ana, 7 Aug. 1982; *Santa Ana Register*, 9 Aug. 1982, B3 (courtesy of JMR). (3) The house was the subject of the House Beautiful page of the *Orange City News*, 8 Aug. 1984, 13. (4) Ltrs., NRH, Mar. 2007. (5) Ltr., TRC, 8 Mar. 2007. (6) Ltr., SRG, 18 Feb. 2007.

## The John Reser/Rezer Branch

### John Branch Credits

(1) Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry (J-24-2), 40 Robin Hood Rd., #742, Havre de Grace, Md. 21078. (2) Wilma (Brown) Rezer (J-24), formerly of Doylestown, Pa. (3) Mrs. M. Kramer Graham (J-14-6 desc.), 475 Springlake Lane, Canton, Ga. 30115; earlier of St. Augustine, Fla.

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### J-1 John Reser

(1) *Settlers*, 94. (2) Phila. Co. Deeds, I-1:537, 30 Nov. 1761. (3) HSPa, Abington Presby. Ch. records, 4, 29. (4) Phila. Co. Deeds, E-5:105, 1 Dec. 1702; GS-7:6, 2 Apr. 1728 (recorded 18 July 1839!); E-10:389, 19 Oct. 1737 (reported, but not found). (5) [Provincial] Secretary's Office Ledgers, A:121—microfilm in State Museum, Harrisburg. His later Bristol Township licenses appear in A:129, 135 and 143. (6) Phila. Co. Mortgages, X-11:137, 19 Nov. 1766; X-11:321, 26 Jan. 1767. (7) *Gazette*, 28 July 1768 (AA). (8) Phila. Co. Sheriff's Deeds, A-2:195, 26 Sep. 1768. (9) Mrs. Anne de Benneville Mears, *The Old York Road and its Early Associations of History and Biography. 1670-1870* (Philadelphia, 1890), 37-62. She makes frequent references to colonial Armitage, Raser, de Benneville and other nearby properties and houses in the Milestown area. Facing p. 60 is a sketch of "Bonneval Cottage," in which Mrs. Mears resided in 1890. (10) [Provincial] Secretary's Office Ledgers, B:50. His later Phila. City licenses appear in B:57, 64, 71, 78, 84 and 243.

(11) *Pennsylvania Chronicle*, No. 197, 15-22 Oct. 1770. Extract in *NJA-I*, 27:291. (12) *Gazette*, 29 Mar. 1775 (AA). (13) John T. Faris, *Old Churches and Meeting Houses in and around Philadelphia* (Philadelphia, 1926), 48-53, picture of church facing 49. The church bldg. suffered greatly during the Rev. War. (14) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 25, 33. Provides birth dates. (15) *PaA-3*, 14:271, 514, 790; 15:275, 604; 16:422. (16) *PaA-6*, 1:285, 369, 372; *PaA-3*, 5:439, 514. (17) *PaA-6*, 12:637-39. (18) *PaA-6*, 13:296; 12:716-18. (19) PhCA microfilm, Tax Assessment Ledgers, roll 12, North Ward. (20) Subsequent owners included George Roberts and the Michael M. O'Bryan estate. The 1790 census indicates this inn, at 16 North Third St., was then being operated by Matthew Conrad. (21) Phila. Co. Wills, S:52, No. 52, 25 Oct. 1773; proved 31 Dec. 1781.

(22) *PaA-3*, 16:126, 536. (23) For details, see Elizabeth (Reser) Crosby (J-4). (24) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 301. (25) *PaA-2*, 2:56. (26) Phila. Co. Wills, S:37, No. 36, 2 July 1779; proved 15 Nov. 1781. (27) The Charlesworth children were: Ann, bp. abt. June 1764, m. (1) — McGlaughlin, m. (2) James Kerr; Jane, bp. 29 Sep. 1765, m. Jacob Humphrey; Joseph, bp. 3 May 1767, d. young; Hannah, bp. 26 Mar. 1769, m. Thomas Willis. Baptisms from HSPa, Abington Presby. Ch. records, 40-43; spouse from HSPa, Charlesworth Family Notes, Mame E. Wood Coll. (FC/Ch.). (28) *PaA-3*, 16:710. (29) Quitclaim deed dated 19 Feb. 1787, recorded 30 Apr. 1791, as per HSPa, Charlesworth Family Notes, Mame E. Wood Coll. (FC/Ch.). (30) Phila. Co. Deeds, D-10:353, 27 Mar. 1784. (31) *PaA-6*, 3:951, 962.

(32) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 9, 30. (33) Grant M. Simon, comp., *Part of Old Philadelphia, A Map Showing Historic Buildings & Sites ...* (Philadelphia, 1952). (34) PhCA microfilm, Tax Assessment Ledgers, roll 43, Southwark-East. (35) Phila. Co. Wills, W:442, No. 254, 3 Aug. 1793; proved 2 Sep. 1793. For a copy, see *Apdx.*, X-27. (36) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 63. (37) *PaA-6*, 1:369, 372. (38) *PaA-6*, 1:889, 902. (39) The *Philadelphia Gazette*, 1 Nov. 1797, included a J. Reazer, Jun., in a list of Germantown subscribers, noting his £0.3.9 charitable contribution to victims of the current yellow fever epidemic. No John Reazer/Reser/etc. is known to have resided in Gtn. Twp. at that time. This is believed to be a newspaper mistake for Jacob Reger, Jr., who, with his father Jacob, was then a Gtn. resident. (40) *PaA-5*, 3:791. (41) HSPa, Gtn. L.B.G. records, 18.

### J-2 John Reser, Jr.

(1) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 25. (2) HSPa, St. Michael's Luth. Ch. records, 59. (3) Horatio Gates Jones, *The Levering Family* (Phila., 1858), and Col. John Levering, *Levering Family History and Genealogy* (Indianapolis, 1897). (4) *PaA-6*, 1:888, 889, 901, 902. In one list he appears as *Jonathan Razor*, which is obviously an error. (5) *PaA-3*, 16:16, 269, 635. (6) Phila. Co. Wills, S:147, No. 142, 24 May 1782; proved 22 July 1782. (7) HSMC microfilm, Montgomery Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq. (8) Final account, 27 June 1800, attached to will & inventory of Wigard Levering estate papers (courtesy of Joan Derry).

(9) *PaA-6*, 3:701, 702, 736. (10) *PaA-6*, 3:709. (11) *PaA-6*, 3:722. (12) HSMC microfilm, Plymouth Twp. tax lists, 1785-1846. (13) NAMP, 1800 Census, roll 41, 757. (14) NAMP, 1800 Census, roll 41, 771. Males: 2 under-10, 1 10-to-16, 1 16-to-26, 1 26-to-45, 1 45-and-over; females: 2 under-10, 1 10-to-16, 1 26-to-45, 2 45-and-over. (15) Mont. Co. Wills, 2:494, 1802 (undated); proved 11 Dec. 1805. (16) NAMP, 1810 Census, roll 52, 1241. Males: 1 under-10, 1 16-to-26, 1 45-and-over; females: 1 under-10, 1 10-to-16, 1 45-and-over. (17) 1858 Levering genealogy, 30, 192 (see note 3 above). (18) Mont. Co. Wills, 3:524, 30 Aug. 1812; proved 12 Oct. 1813. Signed by mark. (19) CCHS microfilm, Chester Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq.

(20) NAMP, 1820 Census, roll 96, 424. (21) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 154, 158. (22) HSPa, St. Michael's Luth. Ch. records, 612. Provides birth and baptismal dates. (23) HSMC, Old Swedes gravestone records, 88. (24) Judith A. H.Meier, comp., *Advertisements and Notices of Interest in Norristown Newspapers, 2:69*. (25) HSPa, St. Michael's Luth. Ch. records, 168. Her brother Peter, and the Bigonets, were attending the church about this time. (26) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 764, 341B.

### J-3 Jane (Reser) Snyder

(1) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 25. (2) Phila. Co. Wills, W:442, No. 254, 3 Aug. 1793; proved 2 Sept. 1793. (3) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 9, 242. (4) NAMP, 1790 Census, roll 9, 157. (5) DAR #17634, 90408. (6) PhCA, "Tax Assessor's Ledger/Bristol/1779-1789" et seq. (7) Phila. Co. Deeds, IC-18:605, 13 Nov. 1811 (recorded 1 May 1812). (8) Phila. Co. Deeds, IC-17:176, 26 Apr. 1810. (9) Phila. Co. Deeds, IW-9:225, 25 Mar. 1807. (10) Phila. Co. Deeds, IW-8:65, 26 Mar. 1807. Deed of George Snyder of Phila., "Son of Jane Snyder and Grand Son of John Reser who was the Son ... of Bernard Reser the elder, all deceased ..." Acknowledged the same day by George, who was now of full age; signed G. C. Snyder.

### J-4 Elizabeth (Reser) Crosby

(1) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 25. (2) HSPa, First Bapt. Ch. records, 263. (3) PhCA microfilm, Phila. Co. tax ledgers, roll 43, Southwark-East. (4) Phila. Co. Wills, W:280, No. 49, 1 Sept. 1792, codicil 3 Sep. 1792; proved 11 Sept. 1792.

## Endnotes

(5) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 310. (6) Phila. Co. Deeds, IW-8:62, 10 June 1801. (7) Phila. Co. Wills, 3:346, No. 11, 5 Sep. 1805; proved 7 Feb. 1811. (8) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 431. (9) Phila. Co. Deeds, IC-17:176, 26 Apr. 1810. (10) Phila. Co. Deeds, IC-18:605, 13 Nov. 1811. (11) Phila. Co. Deeds, WMG-190:358, 9 Aug. 1897.

(12) Edsel B. Burdige, Jr., "Germantown Mennonite Cemetery," in *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage*, Oct. 1983, 15. (13) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 824, 87. (14) NAMP, 1840 Census, roll 489, 193. Joseph Kulp, with 1 male 20-to-30, 1 male 40-to-50 [Joseph], 1 female 10-to-15 [Emma], 1 female 40-to-50 [Elizabeth], 1 female, 60-to-70 [Rebecca?]. (15) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 91. Provides birth date. (16) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. gravestones, 89. Stones removed to Mt. Vernon Cem., Phila., in 1867. (17) HSPa, Second Presby. Ch. records, 397. (18) *Ibid.*, 165. Called Eliza.

### J-5 William Rezer

(1) HSPa, St. Peter's Luth. Ch. records, 26. Parents: John Raser and wife Ann Mary. Sponsor: A. E. [Ann Elizabeth] Levering. Provides birth and baptismal dates. (2) HSMC microfilm, Montgomery Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq. (3) NAMP, 1810 Census, roll 52, 1242. (4) NAMP, 1820 Census, roll 100, 272. (5) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 154, 158. (6) HSPa, St. Peter's Luth. Ch. records, 113. (7) NAMP, 1840 Census, roll 491, 229. Listed next to Christopher Cox; a Tarter fam. lived nearby. (8) Phila. Co. Wills, 15:432, No. 74, 6 Mar. 1842, proved 16 Mar. 1842. He signed by mark. (9) Phila. Co. Mortgages, GS-1:441, 29 Mar. 1839; mortgagee, Joseph Katz; principal, \$500; satisfied 15 July 1844. (10) Phila. Orphans Court, Book 38:409 et seq. (11) Phila. Co. Deeds, RDW-36:537, 25 June 1853. Outlines the structure of the Colp/Kulp family.

(12) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 800, 2. (13) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1143, 162. (14) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1378, 212 (HQO). Bradford Lee, 31, sheet iron roller; Sarah A., 29; John E., 9; Conrad B., 8; Mary E., 5; Elizabeth Raysor, 60, "Helps her Daughter"; John Raysor, 30, sheet iron roller. Post Office: Plymouth Meeting. (15) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1159, E.D. 41, 54 (Anc). (16) GtnHS, Roxborough Presby. Ch. records [CEM-1]. (17) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1889 (2):111. Elizabeth Raysor, married, res. Conshohocken. "Married" may only imply she was not a spinster. (18) Judith A. H. Meier, comp., *Advertisements and Notices of Interest in Norristown Newspapers*, 2:115. (19) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 820, 255B. Rachel Culp, 83; John Raser, 10. (20) HSPa, Christ P.E. Ch. records, 178. (21) NAMP, 1850-80 Mortality Schedules (Anc).

### J-6 Aaron Rezer

(1) HSPa, St. Peter's Luth. Ch. records, 28. Sponsor: Ann Elizabeth Levering; relationship to Mary (Levering) Rezer unknown. Provides birth and baptismal dates. (2) *PaA-6*, 7:107. This record erroneously identifies the Capt. as James Robeson. (3) *Ibid.*, 8:552-53. (4) *Ibid.*, 9:158-59. (5) HSMC microfilm, Montgomery Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq. (6) CCHS microfilm, Chester Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq. (7) *PGM*, 15:82. Son of Aaron and Ann Eliza Rezer. (8) CCA, Septennial Census Lists. (9) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 154, 158. (10) HSPa, Lower Merion Bpt. Ch. marriages, 16. (11) NAMP, 1840 Census, roll 453, 193. (12) NAMP, 1850 census, roll 766, 252. (13) *Village Record*, West Chester, Pa., 27 Oct. 1846 (AA).

### J-7 Peter Rezer

(1) Birth and death dates from a traditional record (poss. Peter Rezer's Family Bible) now of unknown origin—courtesy of Doreen Houck, Fulton, Mo., 10 July 2005 (who also provided David Carfrey family data). Birthdates from other sources sometimes disagree. I am inclined to believe Uriah was born in 1821 and Hannah in 1827. (2) *PaA-6*, 7:80. (3) *Ibid.*, 8:552-53. (4) *Ibid.*, 9:158-59. Peter Razor. (5) HSMC microfilm, Montgomery Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq. (6) HSPa, Lower Merion Bpt. Ch. marriages, 8. (7) *PGM*, 15:111. Says Peter died 19 June, and Catharine b. 1794. (8) Her parentage courtesy of JRBD. (9) Phila. Co. Deeds, TH-159:132, TH-177:446, RDW-19:305. Name Peter and Catharine Razer. (10) HSPa, St. John's P.E. Ch. records, 23. Chn. of Peter & Catharine Rezer: John, b. 2 Nov. 1819; Uriah, b. 9 Nov. 1821; Hannah, b. Oct. 1827. (11) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 157, 330. (12) NAMP, 1840 Census, roll 491, 225. A duplicate(?) but less accurate listing for Peter's family appears on sheet 242, with one fam. member engaged in agriculture and two in manufactures. (13) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 766, 251.

(14) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1172, 848. Living next door to Catherine Rezer were Howard Case and wife Catherine, age 29. Was Catherine Case the daughter of Catherine Rezer? (15) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1867:347. Cath. Rezer was born in Roxborough. (16) PhCA, Phila. Co. Adms., No. 316 of 1869. Anna Maria Carfrey and Rebecca Carfley [*sic*]—both of whom signed by mark—claimed to be the eldest and youngest children of Catharine. (17) *Village Record*, West Chester, Pa., 23 Jan. 1849 (AA). (18) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1093, 365 (HQO). Had chn.: Albert James 10, George Washington 7, Catharine 5, Mary Jane 1; all b. PA. (19) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1325, 303 (Anc). (20) HSPa, St. Michael's Luth. Ch. records, 1021. Catharine, dau. of Peter Raiser, b. 6 May 1830, sponsors: Samuel Heritage and wife Ann. (21) HSPa, St. Peter's Luth. Ch., Barren Hill, records, 84. Rebecca, dau. of Peter Rezer, b. 11 Dec. 1832, sponsor: Susannah Lare. (22) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1172, 853. (23) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1180, E.D. 426, 106C (Anc).

### J-8 Benjamin Rezer

(1) *PaA-6*, 8:766. (2) *Ibid.*, 7:756. (3) HSMC microfilm, Montgomery Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq. (4) HSPa, Episcopal (Ph/2E:7). (5) Info. from Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry. (6) NAMP, 1830 Census, roll 154, 397. (7) HSPa, bound ms., Montgomery Co. Abstracts of Wills, 2:92 (Mo/1A.2). (8) NAMP, 1840 Census, roll 478, 252. (9) Addresses for Benjamin Rezer from Phila. city directories. 1851: Ridge Road & Odgen; 1852-3: 351 Ridge Rd; 1854-5: no appearance; 1856: addr. not stated; 1857: Granite, ward 15; 1858: 1633 Ogden nr Ridge av, ward 14 (with Brant and Taylor); 1859: 1804 Francis St. (now Wilder St.); 1860-2: 1700 Grayson St., ward 15 (with Brant and James Craig); 1863-7: 1225 N. 19th St. nr Ridge Ave (with Mark and Brant); 1868: 1606 Walter. (10) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 819, 347; Spring Garden, 6th ward. Household of Benj.

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Reeser. (11) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1165, 289; 15th ward. Household of Benj. Reesey. (12) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1867:43. (13) *Ibid.*, 1881(2):194. Eliza Rezor, d. of diarrhoea. (14) Birth and death dates from various family records in possession of Mrs. Kramer Graham.

### J-9 Uriah Rezer

(1) HSMC microfilm, Montgomery Co. tax lists, 1785 et seq.

### J-10 James Rezzer

(1) Judith A. H. Meier, comp., *Advertisements and Notices of Interest in Norristown Newspapers*, 6:92. (2) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 725, 73. (3) Telecon, Tressie R. Pugh of Stratton, Col., 30 Oct. 1994. (4) James appears in 1874 in McPherson County's earliest tax records. (5) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 387, 506A. (6) Most pre-1900 birth dates from 1900 Census, roll 1341, E.D. 184, 8A. The census states James and Laura were married five years; possibly Laura was his second wife, and Isaac was by a first wife. (7) Telecon, Orville W. Rezzer of Kirk, Col., 4 July 1994.

### J-11 Uriah Rezer

(1) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 764, 341B. (2) CCA, Militia Fines and Exonerations. (3) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 98, 137 (Anc). (4) *Volunteers*, 1:168, 174. (5) *Ibid.*, 2:1228. (6) News article and obituary, *Public Ledger and Transcript*, Phila., 17 Nov. 1862 (courtesy of Joan Derry). (7) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1862:250.

### J-12 John Rezzer

(1) US Pension 1191.114, for Chas. W. Rezzer (courtesy of Joan Derry). (2) She listed as age 36 in 1860 census, 48 in 1870, and 59 in 1880. (3) CCHS microfilm, Chester County tax lists, 1785 et seq. (4) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 765, 139B. John and Margaret illiterate; Margaret, 30, b. PA. (5) CCHS microfilm, Chester County Septennial Census folders. (6) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1092, 902. John Rezzer, 43; Barber [*sic*], 36; Charles W., 15; Anna E., 13; David W., 9, Wm. W., 6; Mary E., 3; Susan, 1; Susan, 73, "Lady." (7) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1324, 637. John Raysor, 51, laborer, literate [but poss. an error]; Barbara, 48, "cannot read"; David, 20, carter; William, 18, carter; Emma, 13, "at home"; Susan, 10; John M., 7. Living with them was Benjamin Himes, 28, rolling mill hand, and Annie Himes, 23, "living with family."

(8) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1115, E.D. 88, 306/15C (Anc). John Raysor (but surname is badly smeared), 62, common laborer; Barbara, 59; Susan, 15; Morten, 13, "in Iron Works." (9) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1444, E.D. 266, 1B (HQO). David, farmer, b. Jan. 1851; Anna, b. Feb. 1855; John, "Father", b. Nov. 1822, age 77, widower. David and Anna m. 20 yrs., never had chn. David owns farm; res. next to John Bare, b. Nov. 1856, a farmer. (10) CCHS, newspaper clipping collection. (11) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1605, E.D. 187, 13B (HQO). David W., 64; Anna R., 68. (12) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2020, E.D. 66, 10A (Anc). (13) See J-20, note 3. (14) CCHS, Morris Cem. Gravestones.

### J-13 Uriah Razer

(1) CCHS microfilm, Chester County tax lists, 1785 et seq. (2) CCHS, newspaper clipping coll. The "r" in Youart may have been silent, as one of the notices of this marriage gives the bride's name as Hewett. (3) CCA, "Poor School Children Index/ 1810-1836." (4) *Village Record*, West Chester, Pa., 25 Sep. 1849 (AA). (5) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 766, 247. (6) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1119, 562. (7) Per Karen Greim Mullian, Ancestry Message Board, 16 Apr. 2003. (8) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1119, 582 (HQO). (9) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1353, 329 (HQO). (10) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 381, E.D. 87, 413 (Anc). All four and their parents b. Pa., except Anna's mother b. England.

### J-14 Sarah Ann (Rezer) Craig

(1) The vital and military service records in this account were mostly derived from family and pension records in the possession of Mrs. Kramer Graham; voluminous supporting documents appear in James Craig's pension claim 53543. (2) NAMP, 1850 Census, roll 819, 347; Spring Garden, 6th ward. (3) Phila. Co. Deeds, TH-77:352, 20 Sep. 1851. (4) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1165, 289; 15th ward. (5) *Volunteers*, 5:464-67, 475. In this skirmish, "known as the battle of Lewis' Farm, the regiment sustained grievous losses." (6) His discharge states he was 5 ft. 9 1/2 ins. tall, with blue eyes, and a member of Co. C, but other pension papers variously say Co. D and Co. E. (7) Obituary, undated, prob. from a Phila. newspaper. (Graham Coll.) (8) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1399, 607B; 15th ward. (9) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1175, E.D. 259, 145; 15th ward. (10) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 539, 336 (HQO). The Craigs had two chn. b. Ohio bef. moving to Michigan. (11) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 640, E.D. 47, 2A (HQO). (12) Family Bible (Graham Coll.). Mrs. Graham provided other data on Sarah Ann's descendants.

### J-15 Taylor Brant Rezer

(1) Most info. in this account provided by Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry. (2) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1165, 290; 15th ward, Sarah Reeser, 29; Tayler Reeser, 5. (3) *Volunteers*, 1:203. (4) *Ibid.*, 1:484-503, 523. (5) Info. from pension application 115211 (courtesy of JRBD). (6) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1863:57. (7) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1865:288. (8) Arnold and Benjamin were both bur. in a plot owned by Arnold Umstead in America Mechanics Cemetery; as a result, in 1951 their remains were reinterred separate from their parents in Phila. Memorial Park. (9) PhCA, Phila. Co. Records—Cemetery Returns, 1803-60. Called son of Sarah Razer. (10) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1860:12. Listed as Julia Reazer, parents res. at 710 N. 17th St.

### J-16 Mark Rezer

(1) Phila. City directories. (2) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1173, 191. Mark Reser; wife Ann, 28, b. N.J.; Clarence, 1.

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(3) NAMP, 1870 Census, 1st Enum., roll 1406, 352. Mark Rezar; wife Ann, 40, b. N.J.; Clarence, 12; Edward, 8; Warren, 3. Called Mark Reeser in 2nd Enum. (3a) FamilySearch.org info. (4) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1175, E.D. 259, 145C. (5) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1887(2):19. Mark Rezer, carpenter. (6) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 108, E.D. 111, 11B (HQO). (7) Ltr., Mrs. J. A. Avery, Dempsey, Ida., 25 Feb. 1913 (Graham Coll.). (8) PhCA, Birth Registrations, 1861:212. Mark Rezer and Ann res. 2115 Sharswood St. (9) One World Tree (Anc). (10) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1188, E.D. 624, image 351 (Anc).

(11) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1356, E.D. 113, 16B (HQO). (12) Ltr., Charles R. Thomas, Jr. (East Liverpool Hist. Soc.) to Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry, 27 June 1985. (13) PhCA, Birth Registrations, 1864:36. Mark Resor, son of Frank [sic], carpenter, and Ann, res. 19th St. above Ridge Ave. (14) Joan Derry records. (15) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1389, E.D. 151, 2A. Listed as Marks Razer; age 34 [sic]. (16) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1620, E.D. 269, 4A (HQO). Mark Rezer, unknown age, single, sheet metal worker. (17) Ancestry.com. (18) PhCA, Registration of Deaths, 1865:253.

### J-17 Brant Rezer

(1) Most info. in this account from Joan (Rezer) Brown, 1994. (2) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1409, 467B; 21st ward. (3) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1180, E.D. 432, 1; 21st ward. Brant, morocco finisher. (4) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1445, E.D. 286, 8B. Brandt Craig, b. May 1865, single, a house painter, was boarding with her. (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 875, E.D. 102, 4A (HQO). Robert E., 66, twice mrd.; Rachel M., 58, twice mrd., had 3 chn., all living. (6) Death notice clippings, Mrs. Kramer Graham. (7) Info. from Mrs. Kramer Graham. (8) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1607, E.D. 194, 2B (HQO). (9) SSDI.

### J-18 Elmira (Rezer) Hartley

(1) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 983, E.D. 89, 2A. Harry M. Tilton, b. Nov. 1865 in N.J., produce salesman. Wife Laura had two chn., both b. N.J. and living. (2) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 869, 60. (3) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 789, E.D. 108, 24D. (4) Mrs. Kramer Graham, family group sheets. (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 897, E.D. 68, 7A (HQO). Harry M. Tilton, provision manager, Armour Beef Co.; Edward Hartley, laborer, Insolated Wire Mill(?). (6) Edria (Tilton) Hagios, Flemington, N.J., e-mail to the author, 4 Jan. 2004. (7) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 983, E.D. 86, 7A. Peter B. Tilton, b. Sep. 1863 in N.J., commission merchant; res. 13 Chambers St., Trenton, N.J. Wife Emily V. had three chn., all b. N.J. and living. Son George I. listed as b. 1892, age 9, which makes an 1891 birth year more likely.

### J-19 Charles Walker Rezzer

(1) US Pension 1191114 contains vital records (courtesy of Joan Derry). (2) NAMP, 1860 Census, roll 1105, 588. (3) CCHS, military records file. (4) *Volunteers*, 4:1226-27, 1233. (5) CCHS, obituary, newspaper clipping collection. (6) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1113, E.D. 36, 14. Charles Razor, 30, teamster; Mary, 29; Sarah, 10; Mary, 7; Emma, 4. All five born Pa. (7) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1405, E.D. 179, 9B. Thomas Moore, 24, b. Del., farm laborer boarding with them. (8) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1562, E.D. 193, 2A (HQO). (9) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2032, E.D. 115, 3A (Anc). (10) MFHC, IGI search. (11) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1328, E.D. 62, 16A (HQO). (12) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1550, E.D. 78, 11B (HQO). Emma, 44, a cook in school.

### J-20 William Walker Rezzer

(1) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1393, E.D. 98, 8B (HQO). William W. Rezzer, b. Apr. 1854, teamster; Harriet O., b. July 1856, dressmaker, mrd. for 22 yrs., mother of one ch. Dau. Jessie B. Oberholtzer, b. Mar. 1879, mrd. less than a year. Listed as "Boarder": Charles M. Oberholtzer, b. Oct. 1871 in Pa., grocer, mrd. less than a year. (2) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1324, 637. (3) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1115, E.D. 88, 36. William W. Rizzer, 25, Harriet O., 23; Jessie B., 1. Two houses away: Joseph Overdorf, 24, laborer; wife Mary E., 23, housekeeper; dau. Abirtha, 4. All persons, and their parents, b. Pa. (4) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1328, E.D. 49, 3A. William W. Rezzer, 58; Harriet O., 53, m. 32 yrs., had only 1 ch.; Jessie B. Oberholtzer, widowed dau., 31, had two chn.: son Merrill C., 9; dau. Marian, 7. (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1550, E.D. 63, 4A (HQO). William W. Rizzer, 65; Harriet O., 63; Jessie B. Oberholtzer with 2 chn. Res. with them was brother-in-law George W. Baer, 71, widower, mill hand in an iron works. (6) CCHS, newspaper clipping collection. (7) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2020, E.D. 66, 10A (Anc).

### J-21 Taylor Brant Rezer II

(1) Most info. in this account was provided by Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry. (2) NAMP, 1870 Census, roll 1399, 602; 15th ward. (3) NAMP, 1880 Census, roll 1175, E.D. 259, 144A. (4) NAMP, 1900 Census, roll 1474, E.D. 817, 2A. Res. in rented house at 1925 Woodstock St. (5) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1404, E.D. 774, 12A. Res. in rented house at 1918 Newkirk St.

### J-22 Frank Scott Rezer

(1) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1404, E.D. 774, 12A. (2) Philadelphia city directories. (3) Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry supplied much of the biog. info. in this account. (4) WW I Draft Registration cards, 1917-1918 (Anc). (5) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1636, E.D. 1368, 16B (HQO). Machinist, automobile. Lillie's father b. S.C., mother b. Washington, D.C.(?). (6) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2007, E.D. 9-18, 6A (HQO). Frank S., truck driver in a mill; Martin R., working in a hosiery mill. (7) 2003 E. Allegheny Ave., 3400 N. Front St., 4804 Baltimore Ave., 3827 Powelton Ave., and 1356 E. Lycoming (St.?) at Mascher St. From Lillie May's address book, in possession of Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry.

### J-23 Martin Ettinger Rezer

(1) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1404, E.D. 774, 12A. (2) Biog. info. is a composite of info. from HMR, Jr. and JRBD. (3) WW I Draft Registration cards, 1917-1918 (Anc). He was of medium height and build, and had blue eyes and light hair.

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(4) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1634, E.D. 1085, 11B (HQO). Indexed as Reger. Anna P., 28; she and mother b. Pa., father b. Germany. Maud C. Troup, boarder, 28, widow (but not clear); she and parents b. Pa., she a machine operator in a clothing business. (5) WW II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Anc). (6) SSDI: Maud, b. 22 Apr. 1891, last res. Fresh Meadows, Queens, N.Y. (7) N.C. Death Certificate 16224 (Anc). Names parents and wife; death not accident related. (8) SSDI: b. 5 Apr. 1911.

### J-24 Martin Randolph Rezer

(1) Most info. in this account supplied by Joan (Rezer) (Brown) Derry. (2) Theodore Roscoe, *U.S. Destroyer Operations in World War II* (1953), 459–61, 472, 476–77. (3) Obituaries: *The Intelligencer*, Doylestown, Pa., 23 Sept. 1993, A1; *The Doylestown Patriot*, 30 Sept. 1993, 1.

### J-25 Harry Martin Rezer, Sr.

(1) Most info. supplied by ltrs. from HMR, Jr., and LRH, 2005–7. (2) Wedding invitation: “Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Hoffman invite you to the marriage of her daughter Virginia E. Seaman to Harry Martin Rezer, Saturday, June 29, 1935, at 7 p.m. at M.E. Church, 29th and York streets, Philadelphia” (courtesy of Virginia Mowery). (3) NAMP, 1910 Census, roll 1399, E.D. 671, 8A; roll 1402, E.D. 660, 12A (Anc). (4) NAMP, 1920 Census, roll 1636, E.D. 1357, 7B (Anc). Helen is listed as a widow, but the appearance of H. Elmer Seaman, age 41, with a dau. Elmira W. (“our” Henry E. Seaman’s mother’s given name) in NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2132, E.D. 1228, 3A, suggests Helen may have been a divorcee rather than a widow. (5) NAMP, 1930 Census, roll 2125, E.D. 763, 6B (Anc). (6) Ltr., VRM, 15 June 2007.

## Appendices

### X-1 Discovering the Raser German Connection

(1) For interesting accounts of early Germantown, see *Germantown, 1683-1933*, by Edward W. Hocker (1933). (2) *PGM*, 1:166. (3) *PaA-2*, 2:351. (4) Phila. Co. Deeds, H-17:198, 17 Feb. 1735/6.

### X-21 Family Correspondence Collections and Compiled Records

(1) *My Mother, an Appreciation*, by Bishop John H. Vincent (Meadville, Pa., 1892), 11. (2) Both records are clearly in Bishop Vincent’s handwriting. The originals may have been among the Mattie Hitchcock papers given by son Charles to GBR in 1931. GBR gave them to EJR on 19 Feb. 1970. The original chart contains pencilled Brown family notes in Charles Hitchcock’s handwriting. (3) Ltr., JHV to CRA, 14 Feb. 1902. (JHRA Coll.) (4) An unsigned and undated chart (in the GBR Coll.), but seen to be in Charles Hitchcock’s handwriting. (5) Written on back of the chart: “Mattie H. Hitchcock. May 27, 1909. Seattle, Wash.” Original obtained by EJR in the JHRA Coll., 11 Mar. 2005. (6) Original in GBR Coll.

(7) The chart is signed in the lower-right corner: “Mattie H. Hitchcock. May 27, 1909. Seattle Washington.” The names of spouse of John Heyl Raser’s children were added in pencil at a much later date, probably by JHRA (these entries already were on the chart when I made a hand copy on 29 June 1949). Original obtained by EJR in JHRA Coll., 11 Mar. 2005. The GBR Collection has an original chart quite similar to the above, drawn by Mattie, which is much crowded, has none of John Heyl Raser’s children, and missed Thomas Raser’s first two children (including Mattie). Possibly this was an aborted copy of the 1909 chart. (8) As reported in Ltr., GBR to LRA, 2 July 1931. (JHRA Coll.) (9) Ltr., MRH to LRA, 26 May 1902. (JHRA Coll.)

(10) JHRA, Lessie’s son, added a few more dates and notes (usually printed) through 1948. Lessie’s chart passed from her son to grandson Richard, and was included in the gift of this collection to EJR in 2005. (11) Ltr., HTR to Harry A. Raser, Seattle, 7 May 1917. (GBR Coll.) (12) Ltr., HTR to John B. Raser, Reading, 27 Mar. 1917. (GBR Coll.) Mentions he had earlier sent a set of prints to W. H. Raser, NYC, and had received addresses of others who might want copies. (13) Ltr., MRH to HTR, 4 Mar. 1917. (GBR Coll.) The account included a full list of Capt. Bernard’s children. (14) Copy from GBR Coll. Latest date is 2 May 1917. (15) Ltr., Annie (Raser) Metzgar to HTR, 27 June 1917. (GBR Coll.) A chart accompanying her letter provided all the date and place information in her paragraph of Harry’s three-page genealogy.

(16) At a much later date (1965 or later), GBR added birth and death dates for George Bernard Raser (T-4) and his descendants. TMR made a xerox copy of the original for EJR in Mar. 1994. (17) EJR has Lessie’s and Charles L. Raser’s copies. (18) TMR made a xerox copy of the corrected original for EJR in Mar. 1994. (19) Ltr., GBR to LRA, 25 Feb. 1926. (JHRA Coll.) (20) Ltr., GBR to LRA, 3 Sep. 1926. (JHRA Coll.) (21) Ltr., Girard College to GBR, 17 Feb. 1938. (GBR Coll.) (22) Ltr. No. 552/C, Landsarchief Batavia to GBR, 24 Oct. 1938. (GBR Coll.) (23) Ltr., CCH to EJR, 7 May 1967. (24) In 2005 her son, Roger Harvey, Jr., resided at 169 Woodland Drive SW, Concord, N.C., 28025.

### X-22 Raser Family Heirlooms

(1) Bishop Vincent, in an 1898 souvenir pamphlet of his father’s life (see A-13, note 2), refers to this certificate and states that it “is still in the possession of the family.” (2) Ltr., Mattie Hitchcock to Lessie Arms, 26 May 1902. (JHRA Coll.) A detailed ten-page letter in which she says “I will try to tell you what I know of the Rasers.” She describes many of the family heirlooms and states that “I have one room filled with relics.” Also: (a) “I have as you have a Certificate of the marriage of my Great Great Grandfather Baltus Raser & Mary Luckens at Germantown in 1743. Cousin John H. Vincent sent it to me.” (3) Harry A. Raser, in his 1903 published biography (see T-7, note 2), mentions having a copy of this certificate. (4) Ltr., MRH to LRA, 29 Jan. 1912. (5) *My Mother, an Appreciation*, by Bishop John H. Vincent (Meadville, Pa., 1892), 11.

(6) Ltr., GBR to EJR, 27 Aug. 1965. (7) After-visit notes by EJR, 15 June 1969. My notes are not clear as to which of the items GBR showed me had come from Charlie Hitchcock after Mattie’s death in 1923. (8) Ltr., JHRA to EJR, 8 July 1965.

## *Endnotes*

(9) Ltr., JHRA to EJER, 24 Sept. 1965. The "ivory miniature" reference probably reflects an erroneous assumption made by JHRA. However, this raises the question as to how and why John Heyl Raser painted an opposite-direction view of Capt. Bernard. Was the ivory medallion in possession of the Vincents a left-cheek portrait? The 1805 death year is a carryover from Bishop Vincent's incorrect entry in the early Family Record (see Appendix X-4), which he had begun distributing to family members as early as 1892. (10) Telecon, Wendy Johnson, 4 Feb. 2010.

(11) Ltr., Charles D. Hitchcock to JHV, 24 Apr. 1892. (EJR Coll.) (12) Ltr., GBR to Gilliat Hitchcock (T-8), 18 Oct. 1933. (Courtesy of Brenda Hoskin, T-14-4) (13) "Memo written by GBR III ca. 1959." Copy received from TMR, Ashtabula, Ohio, 6 Oct. 2007. (14) Ltrs., LRA to JHRA, 7 Jan. 1935, and LRA to GBR, 15 May 1935. (15) Ltr., GBR to Mrs. J. D. La Barre Schoonover, Phila., 26 Oct. 1928. (GBR Coll.) (16) Ltr., TMR to EJER, 21 June 1994. In this letter TMR enclosed his analysis of hand-marked route segments (with the included towns) found in Thomas Raser's copy of the guide. (17) Ltr., JHRA to EJER, 2 May 1967. (18) Ltr., OBR to EJER, 31 Dec. 1971.

