

**GT Hans Conrad Graff**

Franz Graff, who was R in *Groff Book 1*, page 229, and is GT5434 in the outline below, was baptized on June 13, 1734, in Rafz, Canton of Zurich, Switzerland. He was the fourth child of Hans Graff (GT543) and Veronica Neukomm, and a grandson of Hans Graff (GT54) and Ursula Neukomm.<sup>78</sup>

The progenitors of this family were Hans Conrad Graff (GT) and Veronica Spuhler, who were aged 40 and 38, respectively, in the 1640 census of Rafz. Their son Hans Graff (GT5) married Anna Heller, and were the parents of Hans Graf (GT54). Another son, Hans Heinrich Graff (GT6) married Verena Nukomm, and they were the grandparents of the Franz Graf (GT635 and YOR-B2) who died in 1812 in Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania. In *Groff Book 1*, page 249, the baptismal date of this Franz Graf (GT635), which was April 26, 1733, was confused with that of his cousin Franz Graff (GT5434), who was baptized June 13, 1734.

Hans Graff (GT543), who was a *weibel* (local magistrate), died on December 22, 1741. His wife, Verena Neuchum, left Rafz for Pennsylvania on March 31, 1744, with her children and the Hans and Anna Wildberger Siegrist family, who were recorded in York County by 1750.

Franz Graf (GT635, YB5, was YOR-B2) left Rafz in May 1743 with the group of his Uncle Ulrich Bagenstoss, and was taxed in Shrewsbury Township in 1762.

Franz Graff (GT4) may have been the father of the Hans Heinrich Graf who lived in Rafz in 1701 with his wife, Barbara Sigrist Graf, and four children, including Franz Graf, baptized December 31, 1693. This younger Franz (GT412) has been listed below as a possible YA (was YOR-A).

A Henry Graf died by August 26, 1779, in Berwick Twp., York County. When his estate was settled in 1783, the court ordered his wife Elizabeth to make payments for the orphan children of Gerhard Graff to their guardian, Caspar Miller, and to Matthias Graff in his own right. The will of Matthias Graff mentions "his brother Henry", as does the will of Michael Graff dated 1784. This Graff family has been included under YC Father Graff on page 205. The father of this family may have been Hans Heinrich Graf (GT67), baptized February 16, 1690, in Rafz, who lived in Rafz in 1701.

**Outline**

The following outline lists the first five generations of the Hans Conrad Graff (GT) family. Part 2 American Groff Families includes five more generations of some branches of the family. Part 3 Extended Lineages includes additional generations to the present time for families who have sent us the information.

The question mark within bracketed material refers to a question concerning placement of that material at that location in the outline and is not a question concerning the validity of the material within the brackets.

- GT Hans Conrad Graaf**,<sup>79</sup> b. 1596, Rafz, Zurich, Switzerland; in 1634 aged 40, 56 in 1650.  
m. **Veronica Spuhler**, b. 1598, Rafz; in 1634 aged 38, 55 in 1650.
- GT1 Hans Jacob Graaf**, b. 1620, Rafz; in 1634 aged 14.  
m. by 1650 **Verena** \_\_\_\_\_, b. ca. 1621; in 1650 aged 29.
- GT11 Regula Graaff**, b. ca. 1642; in 1650 aged 8.
- GT12 Anna Graaff**, b. ca. 1644; in 1650 aged 6.
- GT13 Verena Graaff**, b. ca. 1646; in 1650 aged 4.
- GT14 Ulrich Graaff**, b. ca. 1648; in 1650 aged 2.
- GT2 Conrad Graff**, b. 1622, Rafz; in 1634 aged 12, 28 in 1650.  
m. by 1650, **Barbel Gallis**, b. ca. 1627; in 1650 aged 23.
- GT21 (Kaunsig?) Graff**, b. ca. 1648; in 1650, aged 2.
- GT3 Anna Graff**, b. 1624, Rafz; in 1634 aged 10.
- GT4 Franz Graff**, b. 1627, Rafz; in 1634 aged 7.  
[?GT41 **Hans Heinrich Graf**, b. ca. 1665; in 1701 lived in Rafz with wife, 4 ch. and a servant, Anna Frey.  
m. by 1693, **Barbara Sigrist Graf**, d. after 1701].
- GT411 Susanna Graf**, b. ca. 1692, in 1701 aged 9.

<sup>78</sup> Richard Warren Davis, *Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners*, Vol. I (Provo, UT: 1995), p. 187.

<sup>79</sup> LDS microfilms 0996952, Rafz Church Book, 1671-1818; 1185140, item 1, pp. 462-463 (Rafz census 1634); 1185150, item 2, pp. 709-717 (1650); 1185168, item 1, pp. 507-573 (1701).