

Descendants of George Happus and Catharina Kern Long Happus

From "Records of the Moravian in North Carolina" by Miss Adelaide Fries M.A. and Long Family Records by Jasper S. Long, Yadkinville, North Carolina.

We know that George Happus came to America with his wife and her 2 sons, George and Frederick Long, by her first marriage to Henry Long. They landed in Philadelphia October 4, 1751. George Long left Pennsylvania in 1763 and came to a Moravian Settlement in Forsyth County and then moved to Deep Creek in Yadkin County [North Carolina] in 1765, when he married Catharina Miller. Frederick Long left Pennsylvania in 1767 with his new wife and oldest daughter and came directly to the waters of Deep Creek and Cranberry Creek in Yadkin County... The Moravian Ministers report that they could walk from the home of George Happus to the home of Frederick Long in a little over an hour. On July 28, 1787, they set off from Deep Creek and arrived at the home of George Happus and George Long, reaching the house of Frederick Long after 5 o'clock.

George Happus lived 49 years after he came to America. The known children of George and Catherina Kern Long Happus are: (1) George Happus, Jr., (2) Catharina Happus (baptised 11 February 1784, (3) Daniel Happus and (4) John Happus.

George Happus Jr. (1) married Elizabeth Miller and known children are: (1a) John Happus born 10 July, 1782, and baptised 29 Sep 1782, in the home of George Long on Deep Creek; (1b) Henry Happus born 15 Dec 1799 and baptized 12 October 1800 in the home of George Long on Deep Creek; (1c) Elizabeth Happus, born 3 July 1798, baptized 30 September 1798.

Daniel Happus (2) married Anna Mary Fender, daughter of christian Fender. Her brother, Henry Fender, married Elizabeth Long, daughter of Frederick Long. Daniel Happus moved to Ashe County. One child (2a) Lydia Happus, was baptized October 22, 1804, near Little River i Ashe County. They moved to Indiana in 1811 and settled in Owen County.

John Happus (3) married Bertha Clanton. Children are (3a) Elizabeth Happus, born 31 august 1799, and baptized 6 September 1799 in the home of Frederick Long on Deep Creek. (3b) Benjamin Happus, born 11 March 1794 and baptized May 4, 1794 in the home of Frederick and Sarah Long on Deep Creek.

The Federal Census of 1790 showed that George Happus had 4 boys and 3 girls.

Notations from Moravian Records

Feb 11 1784. The weather was cloudy, with some sleet. Br. Lorenz, who spent last night with George Long, went with him to the home of Valentine Reis, where a service was held for several families and two little children were baptized, Daniel Gross and Catharine Hoppus. In the 10th hour, I returned with Friedrick Long, and as he had business in Salem, I let him go thither and I arrived in Bethabara before night. No service could be held because of the weather.

April 9, 1799. Br. Wohlfahrt returned from Deep Creek. He reported that at the Yadkiin he met our friend Friedrich Long, and accompanied him to his home, something more than thirty miles from Salem. In the 7th, he preached to a large audience. Two miles from there, a week earlier, old Mother Happus (mother of Friedrich and George Long) had entered into rest. She had asked that a Brother might preach her funeral sermon. On the 8th, Br. Wohlfahrt went with Friedrick Long to the home of his brother George, and from there, with most of the two families, proceeded to the home of Jacob Miller, where the funeral service was to be. The house-wife is a daughter of the deceased [Barbara Hoppes], and though she belongs to the Methodists she did not object to having the meeting there and was very friendly. The service could begin at 10 o'clock, as the near neighbors, all Germans, gathered early. after the preaching a number of the English persons arrived, and after a pause, the service was preached for them. Then they went to the grave of the deceased --

she had been buried a week -- and there read the burial liturgy, those present being very quiet and reverent. When the party returned to the home, Br. Wohlfahrt baptized a child, at the request of the parents.

October 12, 1800. Br. Gambold held the services in Bethabara. Br. Wohlfahrt went to Hope, as Br. Kramsch was to hold a service in George Long's house on Deep Creek. There was first preaching to a fairly good audience, and several children were baptized. Then most of the people went with Br. Framsch to a burial place about a half a mile away, where funeral services were to be held for the widower George Happs, stepfather of Frederick and George Long, who had died some weeks before, aged ninety and some years. On his death-bed he had asked that this service might be a Brother. In the country here, on account of the lack of ministers, the funeral must often wait a long time after the actual burial, but it takes place beside the grave, which has been left partly open. On the 13th Friedrich Long accompanied Br. Kramsch to Huntsville, and after a short stay there saw him across the Yadkin.