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TENTH GENERATION

960. [Johannes LORENTZ](#) ⁽¹⁷¹⁾⁽²¹²⁾ was born in 1661. He was born in 1666 in Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany. ⁽¹⁹⁹⁾⁽²⁷⁵⁾ He emigrated in 1709 from Holland. ⁽²⁷⁶⁾⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ Johannes Lowrance and Margaretha apparently came to live in American from Bellheim, Germay. However, there are some who indicate he was born in La Rochelle, France. But seemingly the most accurate documentation is that their national origin was Germany. There are several reasons for that belief: first of all, Margaretha Heiliger was a native of Germany there is no doubt, because the record states her father was from Oberlusdt. Too, the records of Johannes Bible is written in the German Language; the marriage record in the Old Family Bible of Johannes Lorantz gives the place of marriage as Bellheim. The church is the Catholic Church of Bellheim, Germany. All of this substantiates Johannes as being of German origin. There is some indication, by at least one record, which states that Johannes was from La Rochelle, France. T. F. Chambers in his publication, "THE EARLY GERMANS of NEW JERSEY," says the family were probably from Rochelle, France. They may have joined the Germans from the Palatinate at their port of departure in Holland, or they may have come from the Palatinate, where they fled for protection from religious persecution in their native land." There is a slight possiblity to this theory, because there was a migration of Huguenots from France to the Pfalz, or upper Rhine River in Germany, during this time because of religious persecution. Johannes' Family may have come from France, and Johannes grew up in Germany. Johannes' native language of German leads me to this conclusion. Johannes is John in the German Language. Lorantz leads me to believe it is a French surname deriving from 'The Lorraine Region of France', that once belonged to Germany. It is believed that Johannes and Family departed Europe from Holland about 1709. This sailing date is given by Walter Allen Knittle in his "Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration," Phil.: Dorrance & Co., n.d., pp. 248 & 251. He give this sailing as the second party sailing, May 23, 1709, with the embarkation from Holland. The list includes Johannes Lourens & vrouw (wife), Anna Lys, Anna Margriet, Magdalena, & 3 other children. He does not name the three children. The most probable assumption is that Johannes & Family came down the Rhine River to Rotterdam, and embarked from there to America, or perhaps by way of London on to America.

Johannes and his wife and children are first found in New York in 1710:

Johannes Lohrentz _____ 43

Anna Margaretha _____ 39

Anna Eliz _____ 15 (NOTE: The numbers are their ages)

Magdalena _____ 13

Anna Barbara _____ 11

Alexander _____ 1/2

There are only four children found: It can only be assumed that two childen, son, Hans Jacob, and daughter, Anna Margareit died on the way to America. There were many hardships, and disease, with many deaths on the way over to the new world. Anna Ablonia is believed to have married before departing for America, as there is a record on page fifteen of ATHE SIMMENDINGER REGISTER, of a Johannes Krembs and wife, Apolonia and they have one child. This family was still in the New Queensbury Camp where they apparently went, after disembarking from the ship. He emigrated in 1709 from Holland. ⁽²⁷⁷⁾ The family sailed from Holland on 55/23/1709, the ship passenger list included Johannes Lorentz and wife, Anna Lys, Anna Margret, Magdalena and three other children. (Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration, page 248-251).

Also listing this migration was the book *Journeyed from Germany to America or New World* by Ulrich Semmendinger, page 15, listing Lorentz, Johannes (12) and Anna Margaretha with six children.

The family first appeared in New York in 1710, from *Documentary History of the State of New York*, page 564. Also, the book, *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, Vol. 2, page 1235 lists as follows: Johannes Lohrentz age 43, Anna Margaretha 39, Anna Eliz 15, Magdalena 13, Anna Barbara 11, Alexander, 1/2 years.
 He died in 1744.⁽²⁷⁸⁾ He died in 1745.⁽²⁷⁹⁾ He died on Jul 2 1745 in Peapack, Somerset Co., NJ.⁽²⁸⁰⁾ He had an estate probated on Jul 12 1745 in Peapack, NJ.⁽²⁸¹⁾ He died in Nov 1745 in Peapack, Somerset Co., NJ.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ He had an estate probated on Dec 3 1745 in Peapack, Somerset Co., NJ.⁽¹⁹⁹⁾ He was.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

Johannes Lowrance, and his wife, Margaretha, were first affiliated with the Catholic Church of Bellheim, Germany, as their first six children's births (baptisms) were recorded in that church. These first six were all girls. However, a seventh, a son, was recorded in the Bellheim Reformed Church, Pfalz, Germany. We do not know the exact time they became Protectants, but it had to be between April 22, 1704 and August 23, 1707, when their son, Hans Jacob's birth was recorded in the Reformed Church records. They continued their alignment with the Dutch Reformed Church after their arrival in America, perhaps possibly because there was no other church available to them in the new world. The fact that Johannes, according to his own record in his old Family Bible, made the long trip to Germantown from Peapack to purchase the Bible, is sufficient evidence to assume that he and his family were deeply committed to the principles and precepts of God's Word.

RECORDS of "The Reformed Dutch Church of New York City" show that Joh's Laurens, Anne Margarite zyn h:v; and Anne Elizabeth zyn dochter van Germersheim (in the Palatinate) joined the church. This also gives more evidence of their origin as being Germany. There is also evidence of at least three of Johanne's daughters who had children recorded in the baptismal records of the Raritan/Somerville or First Dutch Reformed Church of Somerville. These records are as follow:

Feb. 7, 1725 - Kotter, Bernardus & Lisabeth
 - Susanna
 Wit.: Hans Louwrens & wife, Amma Mary.

May 30, 1725 - Pescheere, Jacob & Barbara
 - Lisabeth
 Wit.: Hans Lourens & wife, Margareitha.

April 30, 1727 - Kotter, Bernadus & Lisabeth
 - Pieter
 - Bescheerer, Jacob & Barbara
 - Lena

Jan. 12, 1729 - Pescheerer, Jacob & Barbara

- Johannes

Wit.: Johannes Pescheerer.

May 5, 1734 - Moor, Johannes & wife

- Elizabet.

He resided at Lowrance Brook in Peapack, Somerset Co., NJ.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ Johannes and his family settled on Lowrance Brook, a tributary of the North Raritan River (now named Peapack Brook), by 1720. It is on the banks of this picturesque brook that Johannes built his home, and the mill from which he made a living for him and his family. The home is still standing, after being remodeled and rebuilt in about 1940. In 1985, it was owned by Peter Hogeboom. Gayford Lowrance described the home that he visited in 1985: "We were able to see the many fireplaces with which the house was heated, and on into the basement where we saw the great timbers at least three feet square, which Johannes had hewed out of great logs. Apparently he hewed these timbers along with the logs making up the outside of the house from virgin timber he found on the property he had leased from John Johnstone and George Willocks, according to a copy of a document written and signed on March 5, 1721." Johannes was apparently in NJ by 1717, and possibly before that, as Daniel and John were born in East Jersey, in 1713, and 1716. Although no deed has been found, Johannes apparently did own his land where his home and mill was situated, as it is mentioned in his will on July 12, 1745. The old home was restored by Sidney Austin who lived in it from 1942 to 1959. Peter Hogeboom was the owner in 1985, and it was in excellent state of repair considering it is over 250 years old. He was Bible Records.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾

Johannes Lowrance's Bible Records: German Language

Den Bybel ha ych__m__y geld bey C(hri)stob S_uend In Germedoun in dem Jahr 1744.

In dem Jahr 1666 byn ich Johanes Lowrans geboren und Im 1691 Jar bin Ich gehiradted wordten.

In 12 Dedzembr 1692 Ist unserDochder Ablonia auff die weld geboren wordten Johanes Rorbach war Ir Pfeder(Pate). In 8 Merdz 1695 Ist unser Dochder Analisabed geboren (Wordten) Fenden

Schindwein war Ihr Pfeder. In 28 January 1698 Ist unser Dochder Madlen auff die weld geboren wordten Mardin Essbein war Ir Pfeder. In 3 Sebdeembr 1700 Ist unser Dochder Barwer auff die weld geboren wordten Fillibs Dyal war Ir Pfedr. In 10 Augusty 1710 Ist mein Son Alexsander auff dem Schiff _edford geboren wordten and Alexsander Rostin _ ____ _ _____ war sein Pfeder. In 13 Dedzembr 1713 1st mein Son Daniel geboren wordten Daniell Schumager war sein Pfedtr.

In 16 Phebruary 1716 ist mein Son Johanes geboren (Jo)hanes Pfedter war sein Pfedtr. March the 1:1767

Abraham

Jacob Lowrance his hand

English Translation/transliteration:

I Hohanes Lowrans have purchased this Bible. I did (paid) 27 schillings _____ money at (the home or shop of) Christopher Saur in Germantown in the year 1744. In the year 1666 I, Johanes Lowrans, was born and in the year 1691, I was married. On December 12, 1692 our daughter Ablonia was born into the world. Johanes Rorbach was her godfather. On March 8,

1695 our daughter Analizabeth was born. Delden Schlinfdwein was her godfather. On January 28, 1698 our daughter Madlen was born into the world. Martin Essbein was her godfather. On September 3, 1700 our daughter Barwer was born into the world. Phillip Diel was her godfather. On August 16, 1710 my son Alexander was born on the ship _edford and Alexander Rostin _____ was his Godfather.

On December 13, 1713 my son Daniel was born. Daniel Schumacher was his godfather.

On February 16, 1716 my son Johanes was born. Johanes Pfetter was his godfather.

THE FAMILY BIBLE had apparently gotten away from the Lowrance Family for about 60-75 years until John M. Lawrence's (later surname version of Lowrance) ancestor obtained it about 1850. There is an entry of the Rearick Family that was recorded by "the man who purchased the Bible from Danil Lawrence Son _ and has reference to the Lawrence family _ and was purchased again in July 1843 ___ by Abru Lawrence and given to me being the oldest living son. Byram Augt 17th 1856. S: John M. Lawrence."

The following entry was up-side down to the above entry: "This Bible was given to me Frederick W. Lawrence Eldest son of Jaacob L. Lawrence, by Mrs. Nellie Lawrence Bourne, daughter of John M. Lawrence, Jan. 1912."

He had an estate probated.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ Heres more of Johannes' notes.

JOHANNES LOWRANCE WILL OF 1745. RECORDED IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

"IN THE NAME of God Amen the twelf (sic) Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-five I Johanous Lowrance of Pepack in the Province of East Jersey _____ - Miler (Miller) being sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is apointed (sic) for all men once to Dye (sic) Do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is for to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my spirit into the hands of god (sic) that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the earth to Be buried ina Christian like and decent manner at the direction of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty pour (sic) of god (sic) and as touching such worly (sic) Estait (sic) wherewith it haith (sic) please god (sic) to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and forme (sic).

"IMPRIMIS (In the first place) it is my will and I dow (sic) order that in the first plase (sic) all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied

"I GIVE AND bequeath unto Marget my dearly beloved wife my dwelling house that is for to say the stofe roof and East fire Room to gether with gardain (sic) and East orchard to gether with my part of the Barn and my fences and winter cattle gard (sic) and three Cows - and all moofabel (sic) household goods. All my Rite (sic) and titel (sic) and att (sic) deceas (sic) the house and orchard shall be Alexanders my oldest sons and for the Barn it shall be my sons Daniel at her deceas (sic) _____ (several words are not illiegiabile at this point in the Will) ____ if that shall keep the persons in pease (sic) and proprietors (sic) Dew (sic) not disturb them. It is likewise my will and I do order that there shall be twenty pounds raised out of my Estait (sic) and put out to interest for her maintenance. I give my well beloved son Alexander the sum of tenn (sic) pounds of good lawful curant (sic) money procks (Of unknown origin, but obviously a term used in such documents as wills) for to be raised out of my Estait. It is likewise my will that Alexander shall have the indenture of my boy fredrick Shomaker after my deceas(sic) and

my wifes together with the Stabel (sic) feald (sic) along the Road as far as the orchard and is along the Post and Rail fence.

"I LIKEWISE give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Lowrance the sum of ten pounds procks of money for to be raised out of my Estait (sic) it is likewise my will that Daniel shall have the house that he now Lives in and all the Cleard (sic) Land that he hath in posion (possession).

"I LIKEWISE give and bequeath unto my well beloved son John Lowrance the sum of tenn (sic) pounds of good lawful currant money prock for to be raised out of my Estait (sic) together with the mill and all my Right and titel (sic) theirunto (sic) belonging and according to my bargain with Mr. Andrew Johston if the mill be prised (appraised?) that John shall have the forth (fourth) part clear and then com (come) in equeal shear (share) with the other Brothers. It is likewise my-, will that John shall have all the improvements of the mill - that is from the mill up betwixt the Road and the millbrook as far as the lain (sic) taking in the medow (sic) feald (sic) it is likewise my will and I Dew (sic) (orhere) ordor (sic) that my Great Brass cetel (kettle) stilyear (Steelyard - balance scales used for weighing purposes) and Brons (bronze) gear cokel seff (cockle sieve) shall be divided between my three sons Equaly (sic) if any chewses (sic) a thing valuabeler (may be of less value but context seems to indicate greater value) then (sic) the others he will pay the ods (difference of value) to the other. Vs. o.

"I LIKEWISE give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Kealer my well beloved daughter the sun of the sum of tenn (sic) pounds curant Lawfull (sic) money prock for to be Raised out of my Estait (sic).

"I LIKEWISE give and bequeath unto Lenah Moore my well beloved daughter the sun of tenn (sic) pounds Curant Lawfull (sic) money prock for to be Raised out of my Estait (sic).

"I LIKEWISE give and bequeath unto Barbra Beshearer my well beloved daughter the sun of tenn (sic) pounds of Curant Lawfull (sic) money prock for to be Raised out of my Estait (sic).

"IT IS LIKEWISE my will and I Dew ordor (sic) it as my Last will and testament that my Bible and Cobart (cupboard) and stoff (stove) shall be divided between (sic) my three sons Equall (sic) and all my other housegoods shall be divided Equaly (sic) between sons and daughters the bits (sic) boitds and money and noat (sic) shall be Equaly (sic) divided between the three sons after Everyone haith (sic) their part as nons (perhaps a legal term used in wills in those days) and I do hereby disallow and revoak (sic) and Disannul and every other former (testaments?) wills Legacies and Executors (appointed) by me in any ways before this time -----

(six words are illegible) and confirming this and no other to be my Last will and testament -----

(two or three words are illegible here) wheirof (sic) I have hearunto (sic) set my hand and seal the Day and year above written"

s:

Johanef Lorans

s/Michael Burger (Almost unreadable)

We hendric (sic)s/Margaret "Maj" Burger (sic) her mark

Smith and Jacob Eofs/Jonathan Pitney

are Chosen Indeferant

by Johanous Lowrance for to be Executors of My hold Estait (sic)

The following was written across the left side of the document concerning the will's being proved:

Johanous Lowrance's will of Somerset (County?) Proved 3d Decm'r 1745.

This was on the Certification Statement page.

"BE IT REMEMBERED that on the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand sevenhundred and forty-five (that) Jonathan Pitney one of the within winesfses personally came before me Thomas Bartow duly authorize to prove wills and qualify Executors and he being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists Depofes (testifies under oath) that he was present and saw Johannes Lowrance the Testator within named sign & (the next two lines are illegible, but similar to the following: testify that this was his last will and testament his oath being to that effect) and saw the will and Johanous Lowrance testators and heard him -- -- and Depofes faine (willingly testify) this to be his last will and testament, that in so doing those wit'ns saw test'r was of good sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and erfending (ability?) and that at his faine hine (willingness) Michal Burger and wife Margaret Burger his other witnefses were present and each signed as a witnets together with this Deponent in this Testatory Prefonce.

s/Tho;s Bartow

Thomas Bartow

"BE IT ALSO REMEMBERED that at the faine hine (signor of document) Hendrick Smith and Jacob Eof the Executors within named personally came before me and were sworn to the ue Execution and performance of the within will and testament according to law."

s/Tho;s Bartow

Thomas Bartow

He resided at Alsace Lorraine?.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ Alsace-Lorraine is a region in north-eastern France, consisting of parts of the former French Provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. It was called Alsace-Lorraine while under German rule from 1871 to 1919 and from 1940 to 1944-45. The region covers some 5,600 sq. mi..

The former province of Alsace was bordered by Germany on the east, Switzerland on the south and the Vosges mountains on the west. The province of Lorraine, to the northwest of Alsace, bounded by Germany on the east and Belgium and Luxembourg on the north, is now divided into the departments of Moselle, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Meuse and Vosges. Its main industry is the production of iron and steel and it contains the cities of Nancy, Metz and Verdun.

Alsace-Lorraine was part of the Roman, Carolingian and Holy Roman Empires. In 1552 Henry II of France seized the bishoprics of Metz, Toul and Verdun. In the Thirty Years' War, from 1618-1648, Alsace-Lorraine was fought over and in 1648 part of Alsace was ceded to France. Lois XIV occupied most of the rest between 1680 and 1697. The duchy of Lorraine was united to France by treaty in 1766. Though, the people of the two areas spoke a German dialect, they came to consider themselves French and opposed German annexation after the France-Prussian War (1870-71). France's desire to regain Alsace-Lorraine was a factor behind WW1. After this war there was a strong local movement for autonomous status within France. In 1940 Germany again annexed Alsace-Lorraine and allied troops who freed the area were greeted as liberators. He was a Miller/ Farmer.⁽²⁸⁰⁾ He resided at Bellheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany.⁽²⁸²⁾ From: Rick Thomas

Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 1998 11:29 PM
 To: colin.ringleib@pepsi.com
 Subject: Bellheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany

Colin,

Bellheim is about 4 miles west of the Rhine River in the German state of Rheinland-Pfalz. It is north of Karlsruhe by about 17 miles--Karlsruhe is very close to France. I was once stationed in Knielingen north of Karlsruhe so I thought I had heard of or been through Bellheim. I used to visit friends in Sondernheim the town just to the east. Families in this area could have French origins if their occupations were related to the barges on the river or the family was fleeing for religious reasons--Thirty Years War (1618-1648) was a terrible time in this area--being crushed temporarily by the French and seesawing back and forth between France and Germany--later allied with Bavaria (Bayern) (mad King Ludwig). After that, the area was almost always under German rule. Records for this area are housed at the Landesarchiv in Karlsruhe's northwest side. Good luck!

Rick

He signed a will.⁽²¹²⁾ Will of Johannis Lowrance dated 12 July 1745 mentions wife Margeretha, sons, Alexander, Daniel, John & daughters Elizabeth Kealer, Lenah Moore, & Barbara Beshearer. He signs his will as Johannes Lowner. The inventory of personal estate was listed as 237.17.4 pounds sterling and dated 26 nov 1745. Proved 3 de. 1745 at Peapack, Somerset Co, N.J.
 Came over from Holland.

May have been Laurentz? He was married to Anna Margretta HEILIGER in 1691. He was married to Anna Margretta HEILIGER on Feb 13 1691 in Catholic Church, Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽²⁷⁷⁾

SECOND GENERATION:

Alexander & John migrated to North Carolina some years after their fathers death in 1745. Alexander is first found in Rowan Co., NC in 1756. He purchased 624 acres from Richard & Margaret King, for 5 shillings, with the release price being 100 pounds Virginia money on the next day. The original date was May 26, 1756.

There may also be the possibility of a son named Elisha, but Gayford has placed him in Daniel's line

961. [Anna Margretta HEILIGER](#) ⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was born in 1671. She was born in 1671 in Oberlusdt, Germany.⁽¹⁹⁹⁾ ⁽²⁷⁷⁾ She emigrated in 1709 from Holland. ⁽²⁸³⁾ She died after 1745 in Peapack, Somerset Co., NJ.⁽²⁸⁴⁾ Children were:

- i. **Ablonia LAWRENCE** was baptized in 1692.
- ii. **Anna Apollonia LORENTZ** ⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was baptized on Jan 12 1692 in Catholic Church, Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽¹⁹⁹⁾⁽²⁸⁵⁾ Godfather: Johannes Rorbach She was born on Dec 12 1692 in Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany. ⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ She died before Jul 1745.⁽²⁸⁶⁾ She was also known as Anna Apolonia.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾
- iii. **Ann Elizabeth LAWRENCE** was born on Mar 6 1695. She was baptized on Mar 8

1695.⁽²⁸⁷⁾

● iv. **Anna Elizabetha LORENTZ**⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was baptized on Mar 1 1695 in Catholic Church, Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽²⁸⁸⁾⁽²⁸⁹⁾ Godfather: Felden Schlinderwein She was born on Mar 8 1695 in Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ She died after Dec 1745 in Somerset Co., NJ.⁽²⁹⁰⁾ She was also known as Analisbeth.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾

● v. **Magdalena Matilda LORENTZ**⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was born in 1697. She was baptized on Jan 28 1698.⁽²⁹¹⁾ She was born on Jan 28 1698 in Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ She was baptized on Jan 30 1698 in Catholic Church, Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽²⁹²⁾⁽²⁹³⁾ Godfather: Martin Essbein She died after Dec 1745 in North Carolina?.⁽²⁹⁴⁾ She was also known as Madlen.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ May have Migrated to North Carolina about 1756 with brother Alexander and John.

● vi. **Anna Barbara LORENTZ**⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was born on Sep 3 1700 in Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ She was baptized on Sep 5 1700 in Catholic Church, Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽²⁹⁵⁾⁽²⁹⁶⁾⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ Godfather: Phillip Dyal She died in 1751 in Morris Co., NJ. She was also known as Barwer.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾

● vii. **Susanna LORENTZ**⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was born on Apr 22 1704 in Germany.⁽²⁹⁷⁾ She died before 1710 in Germany.⁽²⁹⁸⁾ She died about 1710 in On board ship to America?. Twin of Anna Margaretha

Sponsors: "Mayer" & Wife, Susanna

● viii. **Anna Margaretha LORENTZ**⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was born on Apr 22 1704 in Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽²⁹⁹⁾⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ She died before 1710 in Germany.⁽³⁰⁰⁾ She died about 1710 in On board ship to America?. Twin of Susanna. Sponsor: Anna Margaretha Wolff

● ix. **Hans Jacob LORENTZ**⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was born on Aug 23 1707 in Germany.⁽³⁰¹⁾ He was born on Aug 28 1707 in Bellheim, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾⁽²⁸⁰⁾ He died before 1710 in Germany.⁽³⁰²⁾ Godparents: Hans Jacaob Sinn from Zeiskam & Anna Sybbrilla Klein, Bellheim, Ger.

● x. **Alexander LORENTZ**⁽¹⁷¹⁾ was born on Aug 10 1710 in On board ship or, Peapack, Somerset Co., NJ.⁽³⁰³⁾⁽³⁰⁴⁾ Ship "Medford" or Gedford" He was baptized on Aug 16 1710.⁽³⁰⁵⁾ He died in 1759 in Rowan Co., North Carolina.⁽³⁰⁶⁾⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ Due to an iIndian raid He had an estate probated on Oct 22 1760 in Rowan Co., North Carolina.⁽²⁷⁷⁾ With his wife, Mary, and son, John, administrators He was a Farmer/ Plantation Owner. Alexander LOWRANCE removed to North Carolina after the death of his father, to Rowan Co., where he purchased 624 acres in 1756 from Richard and Margaret King. Date: 5/27/1756.

● 480 xi. **Daniel LAWRENCE.**

● xii. **John LOWRANCE**⁽¹⁷¹⁾⁽²⁷⁷⁾ was born on Feb 2 1716 in Peapack, E. NJ.⁽²⁸⁰⁾ He was born on Feb 15 1716 in Peapack, Somerset Co., NJ.⁽¹⁹⁹⁾⁽³⁰⁷⁾ He was baptized on Feb 15 1716. He was born on Feb 16 1716 in Peapack, NJ.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ He resided at North Carolina in 1756.⁽²¹²⁾ He died on Apr 23 1781 in Rowan Co., North Carolina.⁽³⁰⁸⁾⁽²⁸⁰⁾ He was buried in Thyatira Presbyterian Church Cem., Millbridge, NC.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ He was a Farmer/ Plantation Owner.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ He had an estate probated.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾

JOHN LOWRANCE - 1781 - ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA - WILLS

Will is recorded in Rowan County, North Carolina, Superior Court RecordBook, Number is unknown, but pages are 128-133

THE WILL OF JOHN LOWRANCE:

THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

"I John Lowrance of the County of Rowan and state of North Carolina farmer, being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory, Thanks be to God for the same & calling to mind the mortality of My Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in the manner and form following: That is to say IMPRIMIS. I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it me, and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be Buried in a decent and Christian manner at the direction of my Executors, In hopes of a joyfull Resurrection through the mercies of my Saviour JESUS CHRIST, and as for that worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to less me with in this life. I give and devise and dispose of in the manner following - That is to say first of all I do order all my just and lawful debts to be paid.

ITEM: I do give and bequeath unto ny well beloved wife Anne Lorance one black bald faced horse and one Brown horse with a balf face but one eye My Old Sorrel Horse during her widowhood. Likewise Two hundred pounds in money to be raised out of my Estate if the money rates at the time when she shall demand it, as it does at this present time Dollar at a heapenny, but if it should come to its former value a dollar at eith shillings at the above said time of demand then she shall have but thirty pounds likewise the use of my house I now live in, and all my household furniture likewise my whole plantation on the west side of the Creek I now live on, during her widowhood, except Ten Acres of the lower end of my Meadow with a strate line from the Creek west to the Hill which I reserve for the use of my son Jacob. Likewise give unto my Beloved wife four Cows and Calves of her own choosing two three year Old Stears, likewise ten sheep of her own choosing, Likewise all my Hogs and geese for the support maintenance of these my children, which I had by her during her widowhood and if it should please God to Remove her by death or if she should marry again before my two sons Joshua & Alx'r become of age then all the above moveables to be equally divided between all my children I had of her at the discretion of my Executors. I likewise order that my Wife shall have use of my 'itch plow' and Waggon with the gears belonging to them likewise my Iron tooth Harrow, likewise the use of Negro Boy called Ben for the time of eight years from the date hereof and no longer and after the expiration of the above said eight years that then my said Negro Boy shall be my beloved son Abrahams property. I also give unto my Son John my money scales. I also give unto my son Abraham my Still and eight still Vefsels, also one Cow - and Calf and three sheep. I also give unto my son Andrew two sheep. I also give unto my son Joshua both my old and yound black Mares. I also give unto my daughter Jane my black Mare called fley-and her yearling Colt I give to my daughter Anna. I also give unto my son Jacob my Stone (?) Horse and my three year Old passing mare Colt and one Cow and Calf. I also give unto my step-daughter Agnefs two sheep. I also give unto my daughter Catherine two sheep. I also give unto my beloved wife should think it best for my son Jacob to live in the House by himself, that then he shall build a House on the East side of the Creek for himself to live in and shall have the use of the land on that side of the Creek on the above said Plantation, and further ifit should please my beloved wife to marry again, or if it should please God to removed her by death, That then after either of these, I do give unto my son Jacob the whole Plantation I now live on, with a promise that he give or cause to be given unto my two younger sons, Joshua and Alexander each of them when they come of age fifty pounds proc Currency of North Carolina, and if my son Jacob should not be willing to pay the money that then the above said Plantation shall be equally divided between my two younger sons namely Joshua and Alexander at the discretion of my Executors not withstanding if my son Jacob should pay the above s. moneys to

said Joshua and Alexander. Neverthelefs if my son Jacob should beget a living male heir, that then the above Plantation shall be his property & only his the paying the above said moneys____ I also order that what moneys I have at present shall be equally divided between my two sons namely Joshua & Alexander. I likewise order that forty shillings be raised out of my Estate and given unto my daughter Margaret or her first born son. I also order that forty shillings be raised out of my Estate & given unto my daughter Mary or her first born son. Also I order that forty shillings be raised out of my Estate and be given unto my daughter Elizabeth or her first born son and further I order that the rest of my moveable effects such as my Executors shall not think proper to keep or divide amongst the Children, to be sold at public sale and the money arising therefrom to defray these Legacies I give to my daughters or their children. I also choose and appoint my well beloved Wife Ann Lorance, and my son John Lorance, and my son Abraham Lorance, and my friend John McCorkle to be the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies and Executors by me in any wise before this time named, willed and bequeathed and Ratefying and confirming this and only this to be my Last Will and Testament in witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of April One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty One. Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced and declared by the said John Lowrance as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us"

s/John Lorance Junr:

s/William Irvin

s/John Gray

s/John Gracey

NOTE FROM GAYFORD LOWRANCE: There is only one place in the whole will where the name is spelled LOWRANCE. Also the signiture is not spelled in the same way. However, as the Junr: is added I am wondering if this may be his son's signiture who was to be one of the Executors. At the bottom of the page is a large X, but does not appear to be the signiture of someone who could not write. Perhaps John did go by the name of Junior as his father's name was the same in the German Language, Johannes is John.

He was Family Bible.⁽¹⁹⁷⁾ The following is a copy of John Lowrance's family Bible as obtained from the McCubbins' Papers in the Library at Salisbury, North Carolina. The whereabouts of this Bible is not known and no record of when it was published.

LOWRANCE FAMILY -- ROWAN COUNTY, N.C.

JOHN LOWRANCE -- born Feb. 16, 1716, East Jersey died April 23, 1781, Rowan County, North Carolina Married in 1738 Mary Perkins, born 1729, died 1760 in Rowan Co., North Carolina (Must be b. 1719)

CHILDREN

Daniel Lowrance born Feb. 2.8. 1739 (Must be Feb. 28)

Margaret Lowrance born Sept. 28., 1740 married M Johathan Hunt. (The Gwins of Elkin (Gwynns)

Joseph Lowrance born Nov. 18, 1742

John Lowrance born Feb. 14, 1745

Abraham Lowrance born July 18th 1746

Andrew Lowrance born August 27, 1748 married Hannah Adams d. 1814 (Andrew d. 1814.

Written 8/4/1775)

Mary Lowrance born November 11, 1750 married M(atthew) Woods

Elizabeth Lowrance born Jan. 24, 1753 married Rev. John Crawford (Son of Jacob Crawford) (Error, should be David Crawford, and he was not a minister).

Catherine Lowrance born August 25, 1756 married Rev. John Newton founder of Athens College, Athens, GA.

Jacob Lowrance born 17, 1759 (correct date is 8/17/1759) Rowan Co., N.C. wounded in Rev/War at Battle of Kings Mountain.

JOHN LOWRANCE MARRIED SECOND TIME TO Annie Nicholds, 1762 Children of second marriage

Jane Lowrance was born June 28, 1763 - married John Gracy (Gracey) killed by Indians, and two children scalped by Indians, one got well.

Annie Lowrance born 1765 married James Hart

Joshua Lowrance born 1767 married Elizabeth Baxter 1767 died 1852 (this may be her birth and death date)

Sarah Lowrance born 1769 married David Baxter

Lydia Lowrance born 1773 married McLane (McLean)

Ely Lowrance born 1775 married Miller

Alexander Lowrance born 1778

THE FOLLOWING is at the end of the above record:

A letter from Mrs. Janie B. Stack (Mrs. F. A. Stack) of Pierce, Fla., on May 1, 1941, sending her record.

John Lowrance, born in East Jersey, Feb 16, 1716, died April 23, 1781 married Mary Perkins, by whom had

Daniel born Feb. 28, 1739

Margaret " Sept. 28, 1740, married Jonathan Hunt.

Joseph " Nov. 19, 1742

John " Feb. 14, 1745

Abraham " July 18, 1746

Andrew " Aug. 27, 1748, married Hannah Adams

Mary " Nov. 11, 1750, married Matthew Woods;

Elizabeth " Jan. 24, 1756 married Rev. Jno. Crawford: (Later information says David)

Catherine " Aug 25, 1758 married Rev. John Newton; (the dates are likely correct in the first)

Jacob " Aug 7, 1759, married Rebecca Beard.

Of the above children, Jacob is the ancestor of Mrs. Stack & who joined the D.A.R. from his war record (in which the name was spelled Laurence), which makes the line as follows: I. John Laurence; II. Jacob Laurence; III. Josiah Laurence; IV. James Laurence; V. Isabel Alice Laurence

Tidwell; VI. Eire? Cleveland Tidwell Foster; VII. Janie Belle Foster Stack, as made from the Family Bible and tombstone records and sworn to on Sept. 30, 1938 before a Notary Public, registered Oct. 3, 1938, by the DAR. SECOND WIFE of John Laurence was Ann Nichols, by whom he had:

Jane, born July 28, 1763, married John Gracey;

Ann, " July 24, 1765

Joshua " July 26, 1767, married Elizabeth Baxter

Sarah, " Dec. 21, 1769, married David Baxter

Lidia, " March 11, 1773 married John McLean

Elcy " Nov. 21, 1775 married Fargus Miller

Alexander born July 15, 1778, married Jane Miller

After the death of his father, John LOWRANCE removed to Rowan Co., N. C. Deed, dated 9/16/1757, John Lowrance purchased 632 acres from Henry White and his wife, Joanna of Anson Fo., N. C., located on both sides of Blyth's Creek in the fork of Second Creek, south of the Yadkin River