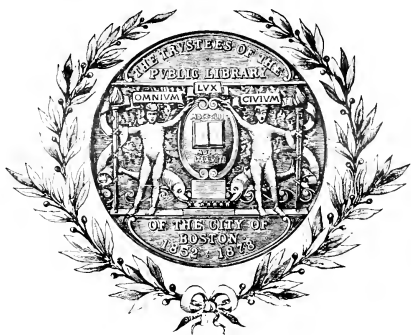


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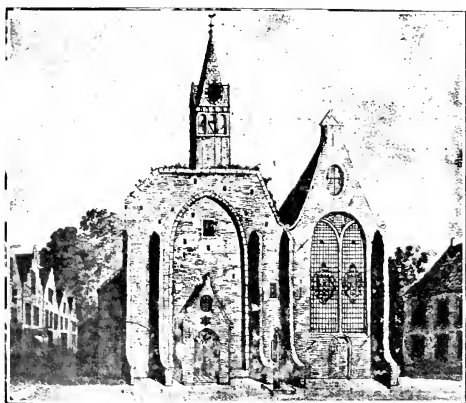
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Statue of Laurens Coster in the Groot Markt at Haarlem, Holland.



**Old Church at Oost Zaandam, Holland,
Where it is supposed Pieter Koster was Sacristan.
From a drawing by H. Tavenier in the collection of the
Zaanlandsche Oudheidkundige Vereeniging at Zaandam.**

Pieter Koster. Anno 1535.

In't Jaer 1535. is'er geweest een broom
 Broeder/ genaemt Pieter Koster, welke
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 hy tot een Leeraer der Gemeente gestelt / en
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 dam gaen woonen / alwaer hy van den
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 van een vroude / in sijn huert woonende /
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 daer hy hem verborzgen hadde. En alsoo her
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 gent / en conspiratie / die in de werelt geschie-
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 dens / dat hy hier van onschuldig was / en
 verschaffen geloof wærdige getuygen woren
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 na Christi bebel en ordening / en daerenboven
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 het sweerd gericht / verwachrende den Noon
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 seggende : Salig zijt gy als u de menschen
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 want u Loon is groot in den Hemel.

Sybrant Jansz. Hendrik Gijf-

THE CUSTER FAMILIES

BY MILO CUSTER

ORIGIN AND MEANING OF THE FAMILY NAME,

The family name Custer is of Teutonic origin, and in its various forms of Custer, Kuster, Coster, Koster, Cöster, Küster, etc., is now common to many families in Holland, Germany, and America.

The English meaning of the name is "a sacristan" and the family or individual who first used this surname probably held that office in some Catholic church in western Germany or Holland in mediaeval times.

The first instance of the use of this name in any form, so far as I have been able to learn, was that of LAURENS COSTER (OR KOSTER), the reputed inventor of printing in Haarlem, Holland. (A. D. 1370?—1440).

In the year 1535 during the Inquisition, PIETER KOSTER, a Menonite preacher who had formerly been sacristan of what was then the Roman Catholic church of Oost Zaandam, Holland, was condemned by the Roman Catholic authorities and executed at Amsterdam because of his religious beliefs.

An early instance of the Hollandish form "De Custer" i. e. "The Sacristan," is that of HARTMAN DE CUSTER. (1573).

Another early example of the use of this name is that of SAMUEL COSTER, the noted Dutch dramatist and physician of Leyden, Holland. (1579—1662).

PAUL KUSTER.

(ANCESTRY UNKNOWN)

In the year 1684, PAUL KUSTER, (or KÜSTER) a farmer and mason by occupation, his wife Gertrude (Streypers) Kuster, a native of Kaldenkirchen, in the Rheinland; with their children, ARNOLD, HERMANUS, JOHANNES, and ELIZA, emigrated from Crefeld, Germany, along with twenty-eight other emigrant families from Crefeld and other neighboring towns, and settled at Germantown, Pennsylvania.

These families formed the second German colony who settled at Germantown. The first colony of thirteen families landed at Philadelphia, Oct. 6, 1683. They were Mennonites and were under the leadership of Franz Daniel Pastorius, who was both their pastor and school-teacher,

The church organization founded by these pioneer German emigrants is still in existence. Its records contain an entry of the attendance at communion of Arnold and Hermanus Kuster, under date of May 23, 1708.

The first church building in Germantown, a log structure erected about the year 1700, was torn down and replaced with a stone building in 1770. This old stone church is still standing, and is still used as a place of worship by the Mennonites.

The 225th anniversary of the first settlement at Germantown was celebrated October 6, 1908, and a monument erected there bearing the names of the heads of families who comprised the first colony.

PAUL KUSTER'S name appears in a list of emigrants who left Crefeld for America in the year 1684, also in a tax list of heads of families residing in Germantown in 1693. December 2, 1700, he was chosen a committeeman of the corporation of Germantown. December 4, 1704, he purchased fifty acres of land of Henry Buchholtz, and January 5, 1706, he was appointed overseer of fences for Germantown.

ARNOLD KUSTER married Elizabeth ———, and died in the year 1734.

JOHANNES KUSTER (ancestor of the KESTER families) married Elizabeth Cassel daughter of Johannes Cassel, September 30, 1692.

PAUL KUSTER died at Germantown, Pa., about Jan. ———, 1708.

Gertrude (Streyper) Kuster died "soon after" the death of her husband.

(Authorities for data under the foregoing headings: Encyclopaedia Britannica "Annals of Zaanland"; "Algemeen Nederlandsche Familieblad"; Braght's "Martyr Mirror"; "The Pound and Kester Families" by John E. Hunt; the article "Krefeld in Amerika" by Prof. Alois Nieszner of New York, N. Y., in the Crefeld, Germany "Anzeiger" of October 10, 1908, and information furnished by Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan and Rev. N. B. Grubb, pastor of the Mennonite church, Germantown, Pa.

HERMANUS KUSTER OR CUSTER.

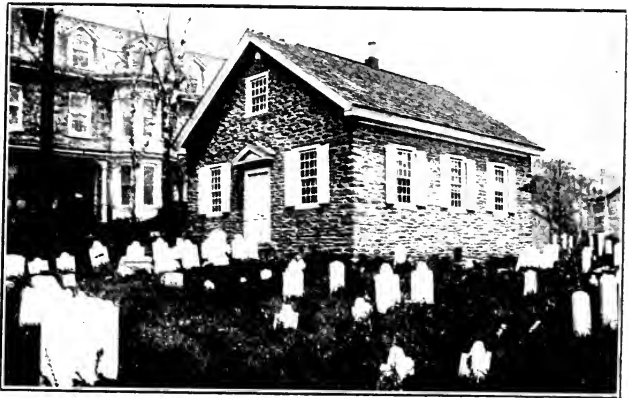
HERMANUS KUSTER (or CUSTER), farmer, son of PAUL and Gertrud (Streyper) Kuster, was born probably about the year 1675. He came to America with his parents' family in the year 1684. He and his brother Johanne purchased 200 acres of land near Skippack, in what is now Montgomery County, Pa., upon which they settled about the year 1700. This farm is located about one and one-half miles from Evansburg, Pa.

HERMANUS KUSTER married Isabella Conrad, daughter of Peter Conrad, in the year 1706. Their children were PAUL (2), JOHN (1), PETER (1), GERTRUDE MARGARET, MAGDALENA, and REBECCA.

HERMANUS KUSTER died in Montgomery County, Pa., in the year 1760. He was probably the first of his family who abandoned the old German spelling of his family name and adopted the form now used by his descendants.



MILO CUSTER
Custodian McLean County Historical Society



Old Mennonite Church, Germantown, Pa.



Aaron Custer

Lydia Custer



Louis Custer

George L. Custer

Amelia (Custer) Guldin

PAUL CUSTER (2).

PAUL CUSTER (2), farmer, son of Hermanus and Isabella (Conrad) Kuster or Custer, was born in Montgomery County, Pa. about the year 1710. He married Sarah Martha Ball, daughter of John Ball [of Virginia?] about the year 1730. She was, it is said, a sister of Joseph Ball, maternal grandfather of President George Washington. Their children were John Custer, born 1732, died in infancy; JONATHAN CUSTER (1), born 1734; PAUL CUSTER (3) born about 1736, [the writers ancestor?]; WILLIAM CUSTER (1), born about 1740; GEORGE CUSTER (1 G.), born Dec. 3, 1744, and NICHOLAS CUSTER (1), born probably about the year 1746.

PAUL CUSTER (2) died in Montgomery County, Pa. Nov. 10, 1783.

Sarah Martha (Ball) Custer, his wife, died Dec. 10, 1779.

JONATHAN CUSTER (1).

JONATHAN CUSTER (1), farmer, of Montgomery County, Pa. son of Paul (2) and Sarah Martha (Ball) Custer, married Hannah (Peters) Kendall, daughter of Henry Peters and widow of Benjamin Kendall about the year 1760. She was born about the year 1735. Their children were PETER CUSTER (3), born 176-, settled at Redstone, now Browntown, Warren County, Virginia; BENJAMIN CUSTER, born 176-, married Margaret Bell; JONATHAN CUSTER (2), born 1767; Hannah (Custer) Pruntzman, born 176-, married Benjamin Pruntzman, and GEORGE CUSTER (2), born about 1770, settled in Ohio.

JONATHAN CUSTER (1) died in Berks County, Pa. in the year 1822.

Hannah (Peters) Kendall--Custer, his wife, died in the year 1805.

Their remains were buried in Amityville Cemetery, at Amityville, Pennsylvania.

PETER CUSTER (1).

PETER CUSTER (1), Private 6th Pennsylvania Battalion, Revolutionary War, son of Hermanus and Isabella (Conrad) Kuster, or Custer, married ----- . They had a son JACOB CUSTER (1), born about the year 1740, and another son PAUL CUSTER (5) whose wife Sarah, died at Lower Providence, Pa. Dec. 4 1795, aged 42 years.

JACOB CUSTER (1).

JACOB CUSTER (1). son of Peter (1) and ----- (-----) Custer, married Elizabeth Van Fossen about the year 1760. They had a son PETER CUSTER (2), born Nov. 20, 1761.

PETER CUSTER (2).

PETER CUSTER (2), son of Jacob (1) and Elizabeth (Van Fossen) Custer, married Rebecca Vanderslice about the year 1788. She was born March 7, 1761. Their children were **JACOB CUSTER (2)**, born Feb. 5, 1790; Elizabeth (Custer) Yerkes, born 1792, died 1874; **SAMUEL CUSTER (1)** born 1794, died 1858; Nancy (Custer) Gross, born 1796, died 1879, and **ANTHONY V. CUSTER**, born 1802, died 1886.

PETER CUSTER (2) died at Skippack, Montgomery County, Pa. April 27, 1832.

Rebecca (Vanderslice) Custer, his wife, died at Trappe, Pa. May 16, 1844.

JACOB CUSTER (2).

JACOB CUSTER (2), son of Peter (2) and Rebecca (Vanderslice) Custer, married Catherine Yerger about the year 1814. She was born Dec. 13, 1795. Their children were **DAVID Y. CUSTER**, born Jan. 16, 1815; Rebecca (Custer) Rambo, born 1816, died 1896; **PETER Y. CUSTER**, born 1818, died 18...; **JACOB Y. CUSTER**, born 1820, died 1848, and Catherine (Custer) Nace, born 1825, died 1848.

JACOB CUSTER (2) died at Trappe, Pa. Jan. 4, 1862.

Catherine (Yerger) Custer, his wife, died also at Trappe, Pa. March 14, 1869.

DAVID Y. CUSTER.

DAVID Y. CUSTER, son of Jacob (2) and Catherine (Yerger) Custer, married Esther Rambo, about the year 1836. She was born in the year 1815. Their children were **JOSEPH WARREN CUSTER**, born 1838; Elizabeth Ann Custer, born 1841, died 1856; and **JACOB R. CUSTER**, Attorney, of Chicago, Ill. born 1845.

DAVID Y. CUSTER died 1895.

Esther (Rambo) Custer, his wife, died 1905.

JOSEPH WARREN CUSTER.

JOSEPH WARREN CUSTER, son of David Y. and Esther (Rambo) Custer, married Elizabeth Buckwalter, daughter of George and Susannah (Paul) Buckwalter, at Trappe, Pa. March 10, 1863. She was born at Upper Providence, Pa. Nov. 13, 1842. Their children were Carl V. Custer born 1865, died 1873; D. Chester Custer, born 1866; George R. Custer, born July 6, 1868; Charles Jay Custer, born Nov. 10, 1873; Esther A. Custer, born Aug. 17 1876, and Elizabeth N. Custer, born Sept. 20, 1878.

JOSEPH WARREN CUSTER died at Pottstown, Pa. May 2, 1887.

D. CHESTER CUSTER, (deceased), son of Joseph Warren and Elizabeth (Buckwalter) Custer, married Sara Reagan, at Pottstown, Pa. April 23, 1891. Their daughter Elizabeth, was born Jan, 25, 1892.

D. CHESTER CUSTER died at Pottstown, Pa. April 23, 1892.

GEORGE R. CUSTER, son of Joseph Warren and Elizabeth (Buckwalter) Custer, married Kathryn Lynch, at New York, N. Y. Sept. 15, 1904. Their son Charles Jacob Custer, was born Oct. 31, 1907.

CHARLES JAY CUSTER, son of Joseph Warren and Elizabeth (Buckwalter) Custer, married Margaret Willauer, at Pottstown, Pa. June 8, 1899,

JACOB R. CUSTER, Attorney, of Chicago, Ill. son of David Y. and Esther (Rambo) Custer, married Their children are Charles and Esther.

JONATHAN CUSTER. (2)

JONATHAN CUSTER (2). Farmer, son of Jonathan (1) and Hannah (Peters) Kendall - Custer, married Eve Rosannah Ludwig, daughter of Michael and Susannah (Lutz) Ludwig, about the year 1790. She was born 1770. Their children were all born in Amity Township, Berks County, Pa. as follows; Susannah Custer, born 1791, died unmarried; SAMUEL L. CUSTER, born 1793; Hannah (Custer) Hartman, born 1794, died Sept. 1821, leaving no descendants; DAVID L. CUSTER, born March 10, 1796; GEORGE L. CUSTER, born Oct. 10, 1797; MICHAEL L. CUSTER, born 1800; Lydia Custer, born Sept. ... 1802, died unmarried 1876; AARON L. CUSTER, born Oct. 7, 1804; Jacob L. Custer, born 1806, died unmarried; LOUIS CUSTER, born Sept. 23, 1807; Rebecca Custer, born 1810, died unmarried, and SOLOMON L. CUSTER, born 1812, died 18...

JONATHAN CUSTER (2), died in Berks County, Pa. ----- 1822. Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, his wife, died also in Berks County, Pa. in the year 1832. It is said she was a descendant of Nicholas Ludwig, Count Zinzendorf the noted hymn writer.

Jonathan Custer (2) and wife are buried in Amityville Cemetery at Amityville Pennsylvania.

DAVID L. CUSTER.

DAVID L. CUSTER son of Jonathan (2) and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer married Catherine Kline, daughter of George and Mary (Weidener) Kline, at Amityville, Berks County, Pa. Dec. 20, 1829. She was born at Amityville, Pa. Oct. 15, 1806. Their children were all born in Amity Township, Berks County, Pa. as follows; ANNA K. (CUSTER) HARBOLD, born Oct. 30, 1830; George K. Custer, born Nov. 18, 1833, died Oct. 7, 1834; MARY R. (CUSTER) EAGLE, born Nov. 18, 1833; AMELIA M. (CUSTER) BUCKWALTER, born Dec. 18 1838; William K. Custer, born September 23. 1841, died August 22. 1860;

EMMA R. (CUSTER) EDLER, born Jan. 10, 1845, and VIRDILLIA C. (CUSTER) ALBRIGHT, born Aug. 7, 1847.

DAVID L. CUSTER died in Amity Township Berks County, Pa. Nov. 1, 1871. Catherine (Kline) Custer, his wife, died at West Philadelphia, Pa. March 23, 1880.

ANNA K. (CUSTER) HARBOLD.

ANNA K. (CUSTER) HARBOLD, daughter of David L. and Catherine (Kline) Custer, married Mahlon Harbold, son of Jacob and Anna (Holloway) Harbold, at Reading, Pa. 1852. Their surviving children are Luther Harbold, and Howard Harbold, both of Reading, Pa.

ANNA K. (CUSTER) HARBOLD died at Pottstown, Pa. Feb. 8, 1879.

MARY R. (CUSTER) EAGLE.

MARY R. (CUSTER) EAGLE, daughter of David L. and Catherine (Kline) Custer, married Samuel Eagle, son of Peter and Magdalene (Linderman) Eagle, 1853. Their children were all born at Douglasville, Berks County, Pa. as follows: Elsie L. Eagle, dec. born Nov. 26, 1855; Bertha V. (Eagle) Levengood, born April 29, 1858; David C. Eagle, dec. born Sept. 23, 1862; Clifton K. Eagle, of 30 Gardener Ave. Jersey City, N. J. born Nov. 8, 1864; Grace E. (Eagle) Klink, born Jan. 21, 1869, and Lyman E. Eagle also of 30 Gardener Ave. Jersey City, N. J. born Aug. 30, 1872.

MARY R. (CUSTER) EAGLE died at Amityville Berks County Pa. Aug. 30 1878.

BERTHA V. (EAGLE) LEVENGOOD of 414 29th Street, Norfolk, Va. daughter of Samuel and Mary R. (Custer) Eagle, married Harrison V. Levengood Jan. 19, 1884. Their children are Bessie E. Levengood, born Dec. 28, 1884; Grace E. (Levengood) Graham, born Feb. 4, 1888; Kate E. Levengood, born June 17, 1889, and Lizzie E. Levengood, born July 2, 1890.

GRACE E. (EAGLE) KLINK, of Douglasville, Pa. daughter of Samuel and Mary R. (Custer) Eagle, married Anson M. Klink, Oct. 3, 1891. Their children were all born at Douglasville, Pa. as follows; Katherine E. born Aug. 14, 1892; Anson M. Jr. born April 3, 1894; Charles V. born May 12, 1896; Mary B. born April 15, 1899; Albert W. born Feb. 21, 1901, and James C. born July 3, 1903.

AMELIA M. (CUSTER) BUCKWALTER.

AMELIA M. (CUSTER) BUCKWALTER, daughter of David L. and Catherine (Kline) Custer, married Jesse S. Buckwalter, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Shaner) Buckwalter, at Pottstown, Pa. Sept. 29, 1860. Their children are William C. Buckwalter, born ----- 186--; Harry A. Buckwalter, born May 16, 1864; Mary C. (Buckwalter) Sellers; Berdella (Buckwalter) Sellers, and Emma (Buckwalter) Dalious.

AMELIA M. (CUSTER) BUCKWALTER died at Pottstown Pa.

WILLIAM C. BUCKWALTER, of Pottstown, Pa. son of Jesse S. and Amelia M. (Custer) Buckwalter, married Mary Weidener, at Boyertown, Pa. Their children are Maurice, Elsie, Gertrude, Nora, and Mildred, born at Pottstown, Pa. and Edwin, Lulu, and Flora, born at Barts, Berks County, Pa.

HARRY A. BUCKWALTER, of Pottstown, Pa. son of Jesse S. and Amelia M. (Custer) Buckwalter, married Alice K. Griesemer, at Pottstown, Pa. May 17, 1884. She was born at Oley, Berks County, Pa. Nov. 11, 1865. Their surviving children were all born at Pottstown, Pa. as follows: E. Mabel, born Dec. 5, 1886; Florence, born June 7, 1889; Harry G. born Aug. 19, 1892, and Jesse G. born Oct. 30, 1901.

MARY C. (BUCKWALTER) SELLERS, of Pottsville, Pa. daughter of Jesse S. and Amelia M. (Custer) Buckwalter, married Frank Sellers, at Pottstown, Pa. Oct. 22, 1892. Their children were all born at Norristown, Pa. as follows; Catharine C. born Dec. 21, 1897; Frances A. born May 4, 1899, and Harry M. born July 13, 1900.

EMMA R. (CUSTER) EDLER.

EMMA R. (CUSTER) EDLER, daughter of David L. and Catharine (Kline) Custer, married William H. Edler, son of Adolph S. and Louisa H. (Van Ongaardt) Edler, at Ardmore, Pa. Sept. 2, 1866. Their children were Edward P. Edler, born June 10, 1867, died May 20, 1868; William C. Edler, born Nov. 26, 1868; Adolphus S. Edler, born March 5, 1870; Katherine K. (Edler) Mc Mahon, born March 3, 1872, and George K. Edler, born at Philadelphia Pa. April 7, 1878.

EMMA R. (CUSTER) EDLER died at Philadelphia, Pa. June 7, ^{1873.}~~1878.~~
WILLIAM C. EDLER, son of William H. and Emma R. (Custer) Edler, married Sallie Graham, April 20, 1892. Their children are Emma K. born Jan. 12, 1893, and William G. born Feb. 25, 1895.

ADOLPHUS S. EDLER son of William H. and Emma R. (Custer) Edler married Elizabeth Hawthorne, June 19, 18--.

KATHERINE K. (EDLER) MCMAHON, daughter of William H. and Emma R. (Custer) Edler, married William H. Mc Mahon, Nov. 2, 1901. Their children were Ursula K. born March 20, 1903; Edna A. born Sept. 24, 1904, died March 14, 1909, and Adrah M. born Sept. 10, 1909.

GEORGE K. EDLER of Goldfield Nev. son of William H. and Emma R (Custer) Edler, married Jennie Berry, June 7, 1905. She was born at Beeville, Tex. March 7. 1882.

VIRDILLIA C. (CUSTER) ALBRIGHT.

VIRDILLIA C. (CUSTER) ALBRIGHT of 4114 Powelton Ave. West Philadelphia Pa. daughter of David L. and Catherine (Kline) Custer, married John M. Albright, son of John and Anna M (McCabe) Albright, at West Philadelphia Pa. May 23, 1881.

GEORGE L. CUSTER.

GEORGE L. CUSTER, Farmer, son of Jonathan (2) and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, married Maria Von Buskirk, daughter of Dr. George and Elizabeth (Lesker) Von Buskirk, at Pottstown, Pa. April 7, 1835. She was born in Montgomery County, Pa. April 27, 1812. Their children were all born in Berks County, Pa. as follows: AMELIA (CUSTER) GULDIN, dec. born March 24, 1836; ELIZABETH (CUSTER) MORGAN, born Nov. 10, 1838, and ANNIE (CUSTER) WORTHINGTON, dec. born April 4, 1842.

GEORGE L. CUSTER died in Berks County, Pa. Jan. 4, 1881.

Maria (Von Buskirk) Custer, his wife, died Oct. 17, 1875.

They are buried in Amityville Cemetery, at Amityville, Berks County, Pa.

AMELIA (CUSTER) GULDIN.

AMELIA (CUSTER) GULDIN, daughter of George L. and Maria (Von Buskirk) Custer, married Isaac W. Guldin, Dec. 31, 1857. He was born in Chester County, Pa. Their children who lived to maturity were all born in Chester County, Pa. as follows: Annie L. born May 28, 1859; George C. born Aug. 1, 1861; John C. born March 25, 1863; Henry C. born April 3, 1866; Charles D. born Dec. 18, 1874, and Isaac L. born June 15, 1877.

AMELIA (CUSTER) GULDIN died March 4 1882, and is buried in Amityville Cemetery, at Amityville, Pa.

ELIZABETH (CUSTER) MORGAN.

ELIZABETH (CUSTER) MORGAN, of No. 7, 2nd St. Pottstown, Pa. daughter of George L. and Maria (Von Buskirk) Custer, married Alexander Morgan, Feb. 23, 1893. He was born Aug. 5, 1834, and died at Pottstown, Pa. Aug. 5, 1909.

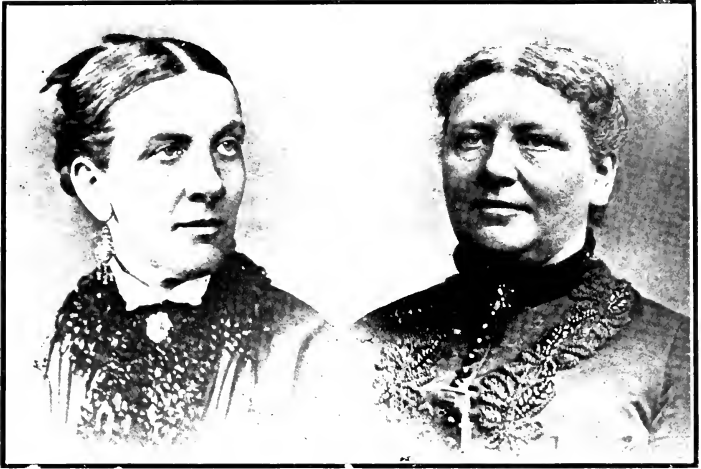
ANNIE (CUSTER) WORTHINGTON.

ANNIE (CUSTER) WORTHINGTON, daughter of George L. and Maria (Von Buskirk) Custer, married Watson W. Worthington, son of Benjamin and Patience (.....) Worthington, Sept. 19, 1867. He was born at Wrightstown Bucks County Pa. Aug. 30, 1840. Their children are ELMA A. WORTHINGTON, of 2732 Somerset Street, Philadelphia, Pa. born Nov. 8, 1868; GEORGE C. WORTHINGTON, of 6100 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, Pa. born March 23, 1870, and SOPHIA R. WORTHINGTON, also of 2732 Somerset St. Philadelphia Pa. born Nov. 7, ~~1899~~ 1875.

ANNIE (CUSTER) WORTHINGTON died at Neshaminy, Pa. Jan. 13, 1899.

SAMUEL L. CUSTER.

SAMUEL L. CUSTER, dec. son of Jonathan (2) and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, married Rachel Ubil. Their children were WILLIAM CUSTER (2), dec. and LUDWIG A. CUSTER, of Reading, Pa.



Elizabeth (Custer) Morgan

Annie (Custer) Worthington

WILLIAM CUSTER (2), dec. son of Samuel L. and Rachel (Ubil) Custer, married Lydia Owens. Their children are Wallace, Franklin, Charles, Elizabeth and Valeria.

LUDWIG A. CUSTER, of Reading, Pa. son of Samuel and Rachel (Ubil) Custer, married Catharine Musser. Their children are Caroline and Elizabeth.

MICHAEL L. CUSTER.

MICHAEL L. CUSTER, (dec.) son of Jonathan (2), and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, married Sarah High. Their children were SARAH (CUSTER) WENTZEL, wife of John Wentzel, and AMANDA (CUSTER) GULDIN, of Reading Pa. born April 25, 1839.

EVAN WENTZEL, of High Bridge, N. J. is a son of John and Sarah (Custer) Wentzel.

AARON L. CUSTER. (see Corrections, Page 17.)

AARON L. CUSTER, son of Jonathan (2) and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, married Elizabeth E. Kinzer. Their children were ROSANNAH (CUSTER) ELLIS, CAROLINE (CUSTER) HARTRANFT of Pottstown Pa. ANNA M. (CUSTER) KLINE, who died 1903, and WILLIAM P. CUSTER (1), dec. and AARON L. CUSTER, died Feb. 1880.

ANNA M. (CUSTER) KLINE, dec. daughter of Aaron L. and Elizabeth E. (Kinzer) Custer, married Wellington Kline. Their children are LAURA C. KLINE, GEORGE H. KLINE, HON. CHARLES H. KLINE, of Pittsburg, Pa. (Member State Senate of Pennsylvania), and *Wm. M. (KLINE) and Horace H. Kline.*

LOUIS CUSTER.

LOUIS CUSTER, son of Jonathan (2), and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, married secondly, Mary Ann (.....) Harbold. Their children were LAURA (CUSTER) LAUER, wife of Jacob Lauer of Roxboro Pa. and LUTHER CUSTER, dec. who married and had a son named RALPH CUSTER.

LOUIS CUSTER died in Berks County, Pa. Dec. 4, 1881.

SOLOMON L. CUSTER.

SOLOMON L. CUSTER dec. son of Jonathan (2) and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer, married Anna Yocom. Their children were Clement Y. Custer, dec. Morris Von R. Custer, Susannah (Custer) Ammon, and Emily (Custer) Ketchley.

----- DAVID CUSTER [D.] -----

DAVID CUSTER [D.] dec. son of and (.....) Custer, married Margaret H. Detwiler. Their children were Jacob Custer [D.], of Jeffersonville, Pa. Urias D. Custer, of 553 Hains Ave. Norristown, Pa. Dr. David D. Custer, of 137 Green Lane, Manayunk, Pa. and Mary (Custer) Mosteller, wife of Dr. W. H. Mosteller, of Phoenixville, Pa.

Margaret H. (Detwiler) Custer died at Fairview, Montgomery County, Pa. March 1911, aged 82 years.

PAUL CUSTER (3).

PAUL CUSTER (3), son of Paul (2) and Sarah Martha (Ball) Custer, settled in Virginia. It is supposed that he is identical with the Paul Custer who was the father of Richard Custer (1), but this is not certain. There is a tradition among some of the descendants of the latter to the effect that their ancestors were German, that they formerly spelled the name with a K, and pronounced the u long. The family of General Custer say that their ancestor Paul with whom this Paul (3) may also have been identical, was German, and that he could not speak good English. The writer would be glad to have more definite information regarding this Paul Custer.

RICHARD CUSTER (1).

RICHARD CUSTER (1), son of Paul and (.....) Custer, was born in Pennsylvania, June 1, 1757, and was taken by his parents, (as is supposed) to that part of Augusta County, Virginia, which now forms the north part of Rockingham County, where they settled about the year 1762.

Early in the year 1781, as appears from his and his widows applications for pensions, Richard Custer (1) enlisted in the Virginia troops under Col. Nall for service against the British in the War of the American Revolution. He served in this war as a private soldier three months in Captain George Huston's company and three months in the company of Captain Anthony Rader, and participated in the skirmishes at Hot Water Creek and Williamsburg, Va.

He married Jane Humble, daughter of Conrad Humble, March 18 1788. She was born in the year 1771. Their children were all born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and were as follows: RICHARD CUSTER (2), born about the year 1790; SARAH (CUSTER) FULK; GABRIEL CUSTER; JOHANNA (CUSTER) WEVNER; STRAWDER CUSTER, and GEORGE CUSTER (4).

RICHARD CUSTER (1) died in Rockingham County, Virginia, Feb. 14, 1837. Jane (Humble) Custer, his wife, died sometime after the year 1841. They are buried on the old Custer homestead four miles north of Cootes Store, in Rockingham County, Virginia.

RICHARD CUSTER (2).

RICHARD CUSTER (2), farmer and gunsmith, son of Richard (1) and Jane (Humble) Custer, married Elizabeth Trumbo, daughter of Jacob (1) and Hannah (Hess) Trumbo, March 28, 1810. She was born Aug. 21, 1791. Her mother Hannah (Hess) Trumbo, was once taken prisoner by some Indians from Ohio, when she was a girl about ten or twelve years old, and was kept by them several years, until finally released at some exchange of prisoners, probably during the French and Indian war. The children of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer were all born in Rockingham County, Virginia, as follows: SARAH (CUSTER) RIDDLE, born Aug. 21, 1811; GEORGE CUSTER (6), born Sept. 9, 1813; JACOB CUSTER (4), the writers grandfather, born Jan. 25, 1817; DEBORAH CUSTER) WEEN, born Sept. 19 1819; HANNAH (CUSTER) RITCHIE born Feb. 5, 1823; CONRAD CUSTER (1), born Feb. 10, 1825; AMANDA (CUSTER) HESS, born Nov. 20, 1829, and BERRYMAN CUSTER born Feb. 2, 1833.



Jacob Custer (4)

Conrad Custer (1)



Amanda (Custer) Hess

Berryman Custer

Richard Custer (2) enlisted in Captain Thomas Hopkins Company, Virginia Militia, War of 1812, Aug. 29, 1814, and served as Ensign until Dec. 8, 1814.

RICHARD CUSTER (2) died in Rockingham County, Virginia, June 4, 1856. He was a small, stoutly built man about five feet six inches in height, and weighed about 150 pounds. He was light complexioned, had light hair and blue eyes, and it is said he never wore a beard or mustache.

Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, his wife, died also in Rockingham County Virginia in the year 1871. She was a large strongly built woman with dark hair and dark eyes. Their remains are buried on the old Richard Custer homestead four miles north of Cootes Store, Va.

SARAH (CUSTER) RIDDLE.

SARAH (CUSTER) RIDDLE, daughter of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, married George Riddle in Rockingham County, Virginia, Jan. 1832. Their children all born in Rockingham County, Va. were **JACKSON RIDDLE**, born Sept. 16, 1832; **STEPHEN RIDDLE**, born Jan. 21, 1834, died 1851, and **CLARA (RIDDLE) TURNER**, wife of Moses Turner of Cootes Store, Va. Lorn Dec. 14, 1838. Sarah (Custer) Riddle died Nov. 3, 1897.

GEORGE CUSTER (6).

GEORGE CUSTER (6), son of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer married Melvina Ritchie, daughter of Solomon Ritchie, in Rockingham County, Va. about the year 1840. Their children all born in Rockingham County, Va. were **RICHARD CUSTER (3)**, born April 26, 1842; **SINCLAIR CUSTER**, born 1844, a Confederate soldier, killed in battle during the Civil War; **ISAAC CUSTER (1)**, born 1846, also a Confederate soldier, taken prisoner by the Union Troops and died at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill. **CONRAD CUSTER (2)**, of Decatur, Ill. born July 28, 1849; **MARGARET CUSTER**, of Fulks Run, Va. born 1851; **SOLOMON CUSTER**, born 1853, and **GEORGE CUSTER (7)**, also of Fulks Run, Va. born 1855.

GEORGE CUSTER (6) died of injuries received in a fall from horseback in Rockingham County Va. 1855.

RICHARD CUSTER (3).

RICHARD CUSTER (3), son of George (6) and Melvina (Ritchie) Custer, married Sarah E. Huff in Saline County, Mo. July 18 1875. She was born in Missouri April 8, 1855. Their surviving children all born in Saline County, Mo. are **IONIA (CUSTER) MORGAN**, born Jan. 1 1878; **IDA (CUSTER) HAROLD**, Lorn Jan. 18 1881; **JESSIE (CUSTER) LEATON**, born Aug. 24 1882; **ELIZABETH (CUSTER) PACE**, born May 13 1884, and **CENA MARGARET (CUSTER) HECKMAN** born Sept. 11 1886.

RICHARD CUSTER (3) died in Saline County Mo. Nov. 30 1901. He was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War.

Sarah E. (Huff) Custer his wife died also in Saline County Mo. Dec. 31 1892.

CONRAD CUSTER (2).

CONRAD CUSTER (2), of Decatur, Ill. son of George (6) and Melvina (Ritchie) Custer, married Sarah C. Keller, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth (Carter) Keller, Feb. 28, 1877. She was born in Jackson County, Ind. Their children who lived to maturity were G. WALTER CUSTER, born at Maroa, Ill. Dec. 1 1877; KELLER B. CUSTER born at Decatur Ill. Oct. 28 1883, accidentally killed on a railroad in Indiana, Jan. 5, 1907, and EVERETT J. CUSTER, born also at Decatur, Ill. March 8, 1889.

EVERETT J. CUSTER, son of Conrad (2) and Sarah C. (Keller) Custer, married Gertrude Chase, of Rockford, Ill.

SOLOMON CUSTER.

SOLOMON CUSTER son of George (6) and Melvina (Ritchie) Custer, married Sophia Parritt in Rockingham County Va. Their children were NORA (CUSTER) HARPER, WALTER CUSTER, MOLLIE (CUSTER) WENGER, CHARLES CUSTER (2) BRANSON CUSTER, KATIE CUSTER, INA CUSTER, JOHN CUSTER (4), ANNA P. CUSTER, and ROY CUSTER.

SOLOMON CUSTER died in Rockingham County, Va.

GEORGE CUSTER (7).

GEORGE CUSTER (7), of Rockingham County, Va. son of George (6) and Melvina (Ritchie) Custer, married Elizabeth Roadcap. Their children are Etta (Custer) Grady, George A. Custer (3), Anna Custer, Tracy (Custer) Turner, of Armington, Ill. Henry Custer, Sophia (Custer) Bare, Nannie Custer, Rebecca Custer (2), Edgar R. Custer, and Iona Custer.

JACOB CUSTER (4).**The Writers Grandfather.**

JACOB CUSTER (4), Farmer, son of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, married Isabella Miller daughter of Alexander (3) and Ann (Matthews) Miller, in Rockingham County, Va. about the year 1838. She was born in the same county April 8, 1815. [She was of Scotch descent and was a great-grand daughter of Rev. Alexander Miller, a pioneer Presbyterian minister of County Tyrone, Ireland, and Rockingham County, Va.] Their children all born in Rockingham County, Va. were MARY S. (CUSTER) MILLER, born April 20, 1839; SAMUEL CUSTER, (2) the writers father, born Oct. 8, 1842; AMANDA (CUSTER) MCFEE, born April 7 1845; NANCY B. (CUSTER) STEELE born Jan. 24. 1848, and NETTIE (CUSTER) SCOGIN [dec.] born April 9. 1850.

JACOB CUSTER [4] settled in McLean County Illinois in the year 1853. He lived in Barnett Township, DeWitt County Ill. from 1860 to 1866 and while living there invented and patented a sod-cutter or "colter" for breaking-plows. [Patent No. 55472. June 12 1866.] He died in Bloomington Ill. Sept. 10 1892. Isabella [Miller] Custer, his first wife died in Bloomington Township, McLean county Ill. Dec. 19 1870. They are buried in Scogins cemetery three miles south west of Bloomington Ill.



G. Walter Custer

Everett
~~William~~ Custer

Stellar B.
~~William~~ Custer



Conrad Custer (2)



Margaret Custer



Richard Custer (3)



Solomon Custer



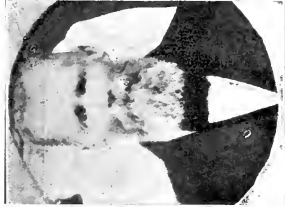
George Custer (7)



Stella Custer



Mary S. Custer Miller



Samuel Custer 2



Amanda Custer McFee



Nancy B. Custer Steele



Nettie Custer Seogin

MARY S. (CUSTER) MILLER.

MARY S. (CUSTER) MILLER, of Bloomington, Ill. daughter of Jacob (4) and Isabella (Miller) Custer, married Martillous Miller, son of James T. and Sarah (Loyd) Miller, in McLean County, Ill. Sept. 22, 1857. [He was a great-grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller of County Tyrone Ireland and Rockingham County, Va.] He was born in McLean County, Ill. Sept. 27, 1835. Their daughter EMMA (MILLER) KEES, of Bloomington, Ill. was born in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Ill. Aug. 14, 1861.

Martillous Miller died in Bloomington, Ill. May 21, 1904, and is buried in Scogins Cemetery.

SAMUEL CUSTER (2).

(Of Bloomington Ill. R. F. D. No. 3.)

SAMUEL CUSTER (2) son of Jacob (4) and Isabella (Miller) Custer, married Lou. M. Parker, daughter of Orrin and Elizabeth Jane (Miller) Parker, at Bloomington, Ill. Sept. 2, 1878. [Her mother was a great-grand daughter of Rev. Alexander Miller of County Tyrone, Ireland, and Rockingham County, Va.] She was born near Foote, Iowa County, Iowa, June 24, 1856. Their children, born in Bloomington Township, McLean County, Ill. are MILO CUSTER, born Jan. 21, 1880, and STELLA CUSTER, born Sept. 12, 1885. SAMUEL CUSTER (2) enlisted in Company A, 107th Ill. U. S. Vol. Inf. Civil War, at Clinton, Ill. in August, 1862, and did guard duty at Springfield, Ill. a short time, but by reason of sickness was not able to be mustered into the regular service.

AMANDA (CUSTER) McFEE.

AMANDA (CUSTER) McFEE, of Morrisonville, Ill. daughter of Jacob (4) and Isabella (Miller) Custer, married Winfield S. McFee, son of Thornton and Elizabeth (Barkhurst) McFee, in McLean County, Ill. Oct. 22, 1872. He was born at Port Washington, Ohio, June 11, 1851. Their children who lived to maturity were born in McLean County, Ill. except the youngest as follows, viz. VETURA McFEE, born Nov. 10, 1874; RENA M. McFEE, born July 8, 1879; and ADOLPHUS McFEE, born in Christian County, Ill. June 29, 1883.

NANCY B. (CUSTER) STEELE.

NANCY B. (CUSTER) STEELE, of Towanda, Ill. daughter of Jacob (4) and Isabella (Miller) Custer, married John Steele, son of Basil and Nancy (Lamb) Steele, in McLean County, Ill. Nov. 27, 1869. He was born at Westchester Tuscarawas County, Ohio, March 4, 1850. Their children all born in McLean County Ill. are EVA (STEELE) LAUER born Feb. 20, 1871; CLARA (STEELE) HENLINE born Nov. 12, 1873; LETITIA (STEELE) MICHELS born Nov. 20, 1876; STELLA STEELE born Aug. 4, 1879; ESSILENE (STEELE) HENLINE born Nov. 25, 1882; and J. WALTER STEELE born Dec. 19, 1887.

NETTIE (CUSTER) SCOGIN.

NETTIE (CUSTER) SCOGIN, daughter of Jacob (4) and Isabella (Miller) Custer, married Lee Scogin, son of Andrew and Eliza (Low) Scogin, at Bloomington, Ill. March 9, 1871. He was born in McLean County, Ill. April 22, 1849. Their surviving children were G. C. SCOGIN (U. S. rural mail carrier) born Oct. 22, 1872; CORA (SCOGIN) LOKER, born April 12, 1874; FRANK SCOGIN, (dec.) born Oct. 31, 1879; ROY SCOGIN, born Aug. 29, 1884; RAY SCOGIN, born Sept. 6, 1888, and GLADYS I. (SCOGIN) BULLINGER, born June 6, 1892. NETTIE (CUSTER) SCOGIN died in Dale Township, McLean County, Ill. June 4, 1902, and is buried in Scogins Cemetery. Lee Scogin, her husband, was accidentally killed on a railroad in Bloomington, Ill. March 11, 1909.

DEBORAH (CUSTER) WEEN.

DEBORAH (CUSTER) WEEN, daughter of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, married Isaac Ween, in Rockingham County Va. in the year 1836. Their children all born in Rockingham County Va. were EPHRAIM WEEN a Confederate soldier in the Civil War; JACOB WEEN, and ABRAM WEEN. DEBORAH (CUSTER) WEEN died July 13, 1903.

HANNAH (CUSTER) RITCHIE.

HANNAH (CUSTER) RITCHIE, daughter of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, married Absalom Ritchie, Sr. in Rockingham County, Va. Their children all born in Rockingham County Va. were MARY ANN (RITCHIE) TURNER wife of Isaac Turner; SARAH (RITCHIE) SEE, wife of George See; LIZZIE (RITCHIE) SMITH, wife of Jacob Smith; HANNAH (RITCHIE) SEE wife of Ezekiel See; MARTHA RITCHIE, (dec.) BERRY RITCHIE, (dec.) AL RITCHIE, who married Sarah House, and ABSALOM RITCHIE, JR. who married Mary Moyers.

CONRAD CUSTER (1).

CONRAD CUSTER (1), Farmer, son of Richard (2) Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, married Nancy Shoemaker, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth [.....] Shoemaker, in Rockingham County, Va. Jan. 10, 1851. She was born in Rockingham County, Va. April 2, 1831. Their children all born in Rockingham County, Va. were LUCY (CUSTER) RAY, born Feb. 22, 1852; ELLA (CUSTER) MITCHELL-NELSON, born Sept. 27, 1854; John Custer [3] born Feb. 21, 1856 died Jan. 11, 1867; EMMA (CUSTER) EFAW, born Nov. 10, 1859; WILLIAM P CUSTER, [2] born Oct. 8, 1865, died unmarried April 29, 1910; ELIZABETH (CUSTER) EFAW, born Sept. 15, 1862, and ETTA CUSTER of Monmouth Ill. born Sept. 15, 1869.

CONRAD CUSTER [1] settled near Monmouth Ill. in the year 1881 and died there Aug. 6, 1899.

Nancy [Shoemaker] Custer his wife, died Oct. 19, 1906. Her mother Elizabeth [.....] Shoemaker lived to the great age of 110, years. They are buried in Monmouth Cemetery at Monmouth Ill.



Lucy (Custer) Ray

Emma (Custer) Efaw

Ella (Custer) Mitchell Nelson



Elizabeth (Custer) Efaw

William P. Custer (2)

Etta Custer

LUCY (CUSTER) RAY.

LUCY (CUSTER) RAY, of Orient, Iowa, daughter of Conrad (1) and Nancy (Shoemaker) Custer, married Robert Ray, son of Washington and Emily (Moore) Ray, at Monmouth, Ill. 1876. He was born at Brownsville, Ky. 1838. Their children are ELMER R. RAY, born Feb. 20, 1878; GRACE M. RAY, born June 30, 1884; CHESTER C. RAY, born Jan. 30, 1886, and NELLIE E. RAY, born June 24, 1891.

ELLA (CUSTER) MITCHELL-NELSON.

ELLA (CUSTER) MITCHELL-NELSON of 1721 South Adams street, Peoria Ill. daughter of Conrad (1) and Nancy (Shoemaker) Custer married first Perry F. Mitchell, Dec. 10, 1874. Their children were JENNIE (MITCHELL) GORDON; DAISY P. (MITCHELL) BROWN; WILLIAM P. MITCHELL, who died Nov. 15, 1895, and JOSIE A. MITCHELL, who died Nov. 17, 1901.

ELLA (CUSTER) MITCHELL-NELSON married secondly Louis A. Nelson, Oct. 21, 1904. He died March 11, 1909.

EMMA (CUSTER) EFAW.

EMMA (CUSTER) EFAW of Centerville, Iowa, daughter of Conrad (1) and Nancy (Shoemaker) Custer, married Bennett Efav, Oct. 25, 1882. Their children are LOTTIE B. (EFAW) TRIEBSWETTER, born at Monmouth, Ill. Feb. 3, 1885, and EVA D. EFAW, born at Nelson, Neb. Jan. 16, 1892.

ELIZABETH (CUSTER) EFAW.

ELIZABETH (CUSTER) EFAW of Avery Oklahoma, daughter of Conrad (1) and Nancy (Shoemaker) Custer, married Benjamin F. Efav, farmer, son of Bennett and Sarriah (Paul) Efav, March 13, 1884. Their children are CHESTER C. EFAW, born Nov. 19, 1885; OLLIE M. (EFAW) HALTER, born April 16, 1890, and BENNETT C. EFAW, born June 4, 1895.

AMANDA (CUSTER) HESS.

AMANDA (CUSTER) HESS of Fulks Run, Rockingham County, Virginia daughter of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, married Abram Hess in Rockingham County, Virginia. Their children born also in that county, are ISABELLA (HESS) MILLER, LOUISA HESS, ABRAHAM D. HESS, RAPHAEL HESS, MARGARET. A. HESS, and RICHARD C. HESS.

BERRYMAN CUSTER.

BERRYMAN CUSTER of Genoa, Rockingham County, Virginia, son of Richard (2) and Elizabeth (Trumbo) Custer, married Margaret Shoemaker daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (.....) Shoemaker, in Rockingham County Virginia. Their children born also in that county are Leroy Custer; Jacob D. Custer Postmaster at Fulks Run Va. Samuel Custer (3); Isaac Custer [2]; John H. Custer Postmaster at Genoa Va. James Custer (3); Charles Custer [1]; Emma [Custer] Fulk; and Sophia [Custer] Turner.

THE GENEALOGY OF GENERAL, GEORGE A. CUSTER.

JOHN CUSTER (2).

JOHN CUSTER (2), son of EMANUEL CUSTER, son of PAUL CUSTER (3?) married Their children were ANN (CUSTER) born 1804; EMANUEL H. CUSTER, born at Cresapton, Allegheny County Maryland, Dec. 10, 1806; MARY (CUSTER) born 1811; GEORGE CUSTER (5), born 1815; JAMES CUSTER (2), born 1817; ALEXANDER CUSTER born 1819, and ELLEN (CUSTER) born 1825.

EMANUEL H. CUSTER.

(Father of General Custer.)

EMANUEL H. CUSTER, Farmer, son of John (2) and (.....) Custer, married secondly Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick, in Harrison County, Ohio in the year 1838. She was born at Burgettstown, Pa. May 31, 1807. Their children all born at New Rumley, Harrison County, Ohio, were GEN. GEORGE A. CUSTER, born Dec. 5, 1839; NEVIN J. CUSTER, born 1842; CAPT. THOMAS W. CUSTER, born March 15, 1845, 1st Lieut. 7th U. S. Cavalry, July 28, 1866; BOSTON CUSTER, born 1848, and MARGARET E. (CUSTER) CALHOUN, born 1852. EMANUEL H. CUSTER settled near Monroe, Michigan, in 1863, and died there 188..

Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick - Custer, his wife, died also at Monroe, Michigan Jan. 13, 1882.

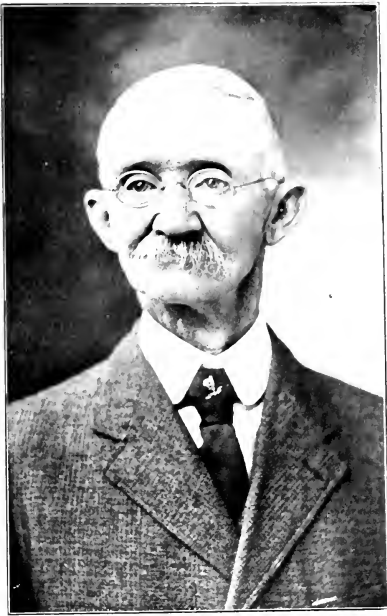
GEN. GEORGE A. CUSTER.

GENERAL GEORGE A. CUSTER, son of Emanuel H. and Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick - Custer, Graduate West Point U. S. Military Academy, June 1861; Captain U. S. Army, June 15, 1862: Brigadier - General of Volunteers, U. S. Army, June 19, 1863: Major U. S. Army, July 3, 1863: Brevet - Colonel U. S. Army. Sept. 19, 1864: Major - General of Volunteers U. S. Army, Oct. 19 1864: Brigadier - General of Volunteers U. S. Army, March 13, 1865: Major - General U. S. Army April 15, 1865. Participated in the battles of Bull Run (first) Gettysburg, Yellow Tavern, Trevillion Station, Winchester, Fishers Hill, Woodstock, Waynesboro, Five Forks and Dinwiddie Court House, Civil War. He was mustered out of the U. S. Volunteer Service in March 1865, was appointed Lieutenant - Colonel of the 7th U. S. Cavalry July 28, 1866. Fought the battle of the Washita, with his command in the campaign against the Cheyenne Indians, Nov. 27, ¹⁸⁶⁸1871. Aug. 4 1874, they fought the battle of Tongue River (or battle of the Yellowstone) with the Sioux.

GENERAL GEORGE A. CUSTER was killed along with his brothers Captain THOMAS W. CUSTER and BOSTON CUSTER, 202 members of his command and ten civilians in the battle with the confederated Sioux Indian tribes on the Little Big Horn River in Montana, June 25, 1876. Monuments to General Custer have been erected at West Point N. Y. where his remains are buried, and at Monroe Mich. also to him and his men who fell at the Little Big Horn. (See cuts)



Gen. Geo. A. Custer



Nevin J. Custer



Capt. Thomas W. Custer



Emanuel H. Custer

GEN. GEORGE A. CUSTER married Elizabeth Bacon, daughter of Hon. Nathaniel (?) Bacon of Monroe, Michigan, Feb. .. 1864. No children were born of this marriage. Both Captain THOMAS W. CUSTER and LOSTON CUSTER died unmarried. Gen. Custer was the author of "My Life on the Plains" (N. Y. 1874) and other literary productions. (See Appletons Encyclopædia of American Biography, Vol. II, pp. 43-44; Whittakers "Life of Gen. George A. Custer" N. Y. 1878, also Contributions of the Historical Society of Montana, Vol. 4, P. 259.)

NEVIN J. CUSTER.

NEVIN J. CUSTER, Farmer, of Monroe, Michigan, son of Emanuel H. and Maria (Ward) Kirkpatrick-Custer, married Ann North. She was born in Wood County, Ohio. Their children are CLARIBEL (CUSTER) VIVIAN, GEORGE A. CUSTER (2) and LULA B. CUSTER, all of Monroe, Mich. Mrs. C. W. (CUSTER) ELMER, of Tompkinsville, N. Y. JAMES C. CUSTER, and WILLIAM B. CUSTER, also of Monroe, Michigan.

GEORGE CUSTER (5).

GEORGE CUSTER (5) son of John (2) and (.....) Custer, married Sidney Reed, daughter of George and Isabel (Jarvis) Reed, at Monroe, Mich. Her parents were natives of County Fermanagh, Ireland. Their children were ISABEL (CUSTER) and LOTTIE (CUSTER) EDWARDS, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; CUSTER, (a son) and GEORGE (?) CUSTER.

CORRECTIONS.

AARON L. CUSTER.

AARON L. CUSTER son of Jonathan (2) and Eve Rosannah (Ludwig) Custer married Elizabeth E. Kinzer, about the year 1835. Their children were ROSANNAH (CUSTER) ELLIS, born Nov. 8, 183..; CAROLINE (CUSTER) HARTRANFT, of Pottstown, Pa. born March 25, 183..; ANNA M. (CUSTER) KLINE, born March 8, 1838; WILLIAM P. CUSTER (1), born Feb. 22, 18... and HORACE A. CUSTER, born Jan. 12, 184...

AARON L. CUSTER died at Pottstown, Pa. Feb. .. 1880.

Elizabeth E. (Kinzer) Custer, his wife, died also at Pottstown, Pa.

ANNA M. (CUSTER) KLINE.

ANNA M. (CUSTER) KLINE, daughter of Aaron L. and Elizabeth E. (Kinzer) Custer, married Wellington B. Kline, son of George and Amelia (Bertolette) Kline, June 27, 1861. Their children are LAURA C. KLINE, born June 27, 1862; GEORGE K. KLINE, born Oct. 13, 1863; WILLIAM M. KLINE, born Sept. 12, 1865; HORACE M. KLINE, born May 9, 1867; and HON. CHARLES H. KLINE, Member State Senate of Pennsylvania, born Dec. 25 1870. ANNA M. (CUSTER) KLINE died at Indiana Pa. June 14, 1902. Wellington B. Kline, her husband, died also at Indiana Pa. March 2, 1904.

TOWNS, POSTOFFICES, AND COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES
NAMED "CUSTER".

- (1.) Custer, Custer County, Idaho.
- (2.) Custer, Sangamon County, Illinois.
- (3.) Custer Park, Will County, Illinois.
- (4.) Custer, Breckenridge County, Kentucky.
- (5.) Custer, Mason County, Michigan.
- (6.) Custer, Yellowstone County, Montana.
- (7.) Custer, Wood County, Ohio.
- (8.) Custer, Custer County, Oklahoma.
- (9.) Custer City, McKean County, Pennsylvania.
- (10) Custer Station, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- (11) Custer, Custer County, South Dakota.
- (12) Custer, Whatcom County, Washington.
- (13) Custer, Portage County, Wisconsin.
- (14) Custer County, Colorado; (Silver Cliff, county seat.)
- (15) Custer County, Montana; (Miles City, county seat.)
- (16) Custer County, Nebraska, (Brokenbow, county seat.)

EXTRACT

FROM ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA ON
LAURENS COSTER.

"KOSTER, or Coster, Laurens (1370? - 1440). the first Dutch printer, whose claims to be considered at least one of the inventors of the art (see PRINTING) have been recognized by many investigators. His real name was Laurens Janssoen, - Koster (i. e. sacristan) being merely the title which he bore as an official of the great parish church of Haarlem. We find him mentioned several times between 1417 and 1434 as a member of the great council, as an assessor (scabinus), and as the city treasurer. He probably perished in the plague that visited Haarlem in 1439-40; his widow is mentioned in the latter year. His descendants through his daughter Lucia can be traced down to 1724. See Peter Scriver, Beschryvinge der Stad Haarlem, Haarlem, 1628; Scheltema, Levenschets van Laurens d. Koster, Haarlem, 1834; Van der Linde, De Haarlemsche Costerlegende, Hague, 1870."

THE STORY OF PIETER KOSTER.

"In H't Jaer 1535, is'er geweest een vroom Broeder genaemt Pieter Koster, welke tot Sardam, in Noort Holland, een Koster in de Kerk geweest was, maer alsoo is hy tot de kennis der Waerheyd gekomen is werd hy tot een Leeraer der Gemeente gestelt, en overmits de Verfolging is hy tot Amsterdam gaen wonen alwaer hy van den Schout gevangen wierd, door aenmelding van een vrouw in sijn buert woonende, die door dwasen yver de plaets openbaerde daer hy hem verborgen hadde.



Custer Monument
 Little Big Horn Battlefield, Montana



DR. SAMUEL COSTER.

(Born 1579, Died 1662.)

From a Photograph of Houbrakens Copy of the Portrait by Standart.

En alsoo liet in den tijd was van eenige boose oproeringen en conspiratie die in de werelt geschieden, soo wierd dese vriend Gods daer in verdacht gehouden; maer het is gebleken door sijn eygen geschriften als ook in sijn belydenis, dat hy hier van onschuldig was, en verscheyden geloof weerdige getuygen weten te seggen dat hy hem van herten daer altijd seer tegen gestelt hadde; niettemin vermits hy hem op sijn geloove hadde laten doopen na Christi bevel en ordening en daerenboven het Leer-ampt hadde bedient, wierd hy ter dood veroordeelt en tot Amsterdam met het sweerd gericht; verwachtende den Loon met alle vrome die Christus belooft heeft seggende: [Mat. 5; 11 - 12.] Salig zijt gy als u de menschen smaden en verfolgen en seggen alderley quaed tegen u om mijnentwille is't dat sy daer aen liegen, zijt vrolyk en verblijd u, want u Loon is groot in den Hemel."

TRANSLATION.

"In the year 1535, a certain pious brother named Pieter Koster, was sacristan of the [Roman Catholic] church at Sardam in North Holland, but when he acquired knowledge of the Truth, he became a preacher of the [Mennonite] organization. Because of the Persecution he went to reside in Amsterdam. There he was arrested by the bailiff at the instance of a woman residing in his neighborhood, who through foolish zeal revealed the place where he had concealed himself.

As it was in a time when conspiracies and evil revolutions were of universal occurrence, so was this friend of Gods held in suspicion thereof.

But it is apparent from his own writings as also from his confession, that he was innocent in that respect, and diverse credible witnesses were able to testify that he was always heartily opposed to such things.

Nevertheless, because he had received baptism according to Christs command and ordination and thereupon had served in the ministry, he was condemned to death, and executed with the sword at Amsterdam, awaiting with all the faithful, that Reward which Christ has promised when he said [Matt. 5, 11-12]

'Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you, falsely for my sake.'

'Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.'

EXTRACT FROM ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA ON

DR. SAMUEL COSTER.

"KOSTER, or COSTER, Samuel, (1579-1662), A Dutch dramatist. He was born at Ansterdam, studied at Leyden, and subsequently became physician at the infirmary in his native city. His excellent plays and his establishment of the Nederduitsche Academie (1617), a society which gave great encouragement to the earlier dramatic authors of Holland, earned for him the title "Founder of the theaters of Amsterdam.

His comedies include; *Spel van de Ricjke man* (1615), and *Boereklucht van Teeuwis de Boer en Mejuffer van Grevelinckhuysen* (1612).

His tragedies include *Isabella*, which was performed at the Castle of Muiden in 1618; *Itys* (1616), *Iphigenia* (1617), and *Polyxena* (1630).

They have been frequently reprinted. Consult the monograph on Koster by Rossing (Leyden, 1875)''

EXTRACT FROM CREFELD (GERMANY) "ANZEIGER" OCT. 10, 1908.

(Alois Nieszner, "Krefeld in America" Article III.)

" Unter den Eingewanderten des Jahres 1684 befanden sich aus Mühlheim, Wigard und Gerhard Levering, Hermann op de Trap, Ennecke Klosterman, Jan Lindermann, Levin Harberdinck, Michael Renberg, Evert In den Hoffe, Renier Hermanns, und Klas Jansen, aus Krefeld Walter Seimens, J. J. und Matthias Van Bebber, Hans Peter Umstat, Willem Hosters, Kornel Tyson (Thieszen), Herman Dors, Paul Kuster, Jean De La Plaine, (einer der vielen Huguenotten, die nach Krefeld ingewandert waren), aus Mors Thomas Rutter, Kornelius Siverts, David Scherkes, H. J. Van Aaken (Schwiegersohn Jan Streppers), aus Neuwied Hubert Brouwer, aus Köln Jan Neusz (ein berühmter Silberschmied) weiter aus dem Rheinland, ohne dasz festzustellen wäre, woher: Gerhard Hendricks Elsen, Hendricks Bucholtz, Arnold Vossen und Philipp Hanselmann."

TRANSLATION.

" During the immigration of the year 1684, [we] find also that from Muhlheim came Wigard and Gerhard Levering, Herman Op-de-Trap, Ennecke Klosterman Jan Linderman, Levin Harberdinck, Michael Renberg, Evert In-den-Hoffe, Rennie Hermans, and Klas Jansen; from Crefeld Walter Seimens, J. J. and Mathias Van Bebber, Hans Peter Umstat, Willem Hosters, Kornel Tyson (Thieszen), Herman Dors, PAUL KUSTER, Jean De La Plaine, (one of the many Huguenots who had immigrated to Crefeld); from Mors, Thomas Rutter, Kornelius Siverts, David Scherkes, H. J. Van Aaken (son-in-law of Jan Streppers); from Neuwied Hubert Brouwer; from Cologne, Jan Neusz (a celebrated silver smith). also from the Rhineland - the particular locality not being ascertained; Gerhard Hendricks Elsen, Hendricks Buchholtz, Arnold Vossen and Philip Hanselmann.

A DE CUSTER COAT-OF-ARMS.

The Armorial General of the Netherlands by J. B. Rietstap (2nd edition) Vol. 1. Gouda Holland, 1884, (copy in Library of Congress) contains the following description of the coat-of-arms of P. de Custer d' Overijssel; viz.

" Custer. -- P. d' Overijssel. - Rotterdam; De gueules a la croix de deux traverses d' or. tous les bras touchant les bords de l'ecu. Casque Couronne. Cimier. un pelican d'or avec sa piete de gueules".

The Armoiries des familles contenues dans 1' Armorial General (copy in Library of Congress); contains a cut of the coat-of-arms of P. de Custer d' Overijssel. (Fascicule 34, plate 164.)



Gen. Geo. A. Custer Monument
At Monroe, Michigan.





Gen. Geo. A. Custer Monument
At West Point, New York.



MISCELLANEOUS DE CUSTER REFERENCES.

The Algemeen Nederlandsche Familieblad, a Hollandish publication, copies of which are in the Library of Congress, contain references to Hartman de Custer, 1573, (No. 49, P. 1a, and Vol. 16, 1903, P. 316); Michiel Harmus de Custer, 1636, (Vol. 10, 1893, P. 17), and Philips de Custer, 1688, 1695, (No. 3, P. 3a, and No. 134, P. 2a). [Let it be observed here that the Hollandish "de" is the equivalent of the English "the"].

EARLY KÜSTER EMIGRANTS TO PENNSYLVANIA
OTHER THAN PAUL KUSTER.

Among the early German emigrants who landed at Philadelphia prior to the year 1775, were the following Küsters; JACOB KÜSTER, (a passenger on the ship St. Andrew, from Rotterdam, Holland.) who landed Sept. 24, 1737; JOHANNES KÜSTER (2), PHILIP KÜSTER, LUDWIG KÜSTER, and GEORGE KÜSTER, all of whom landed between the years 1740 and 1757, and JOHANNES KÜSTER (3) and GEORGE KÜSTER (2), who landed between the years 1757 and 1775. (Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. XVII).

DEFINITION OF THE FAMILY NAME "KÜSTER" ETC.

KÜSTER, III. alt hoch deutsch custor, mittel hoch deutsch kuster, aus lateinisch custos, (templi). Ursprung: Hüter des Kirchenschatzes und der heiligen geräte. dann der bekante Kirchendiener hauptsächlich im protestantischen Norden nach in Geltung.

Familie Name, Küster. Genetiv, Küsters, (Heinsberg). Zusammensetzung, Küstermann. Ohne Umlaut, Kuster, Kustermann. Kusterer (württembergische) Verkleinerungsform, Kusterle (Gottschee).

Niederdeutsch, Köster, Coster, Coster, (Jeverland.) Genetiv, Kösters, (Borken) Zusammensetzung, Kösterman. Patronymika, Köstering (Lippe). Mit dem n der schwachen Bildung Küstner - Kostner. Heintzes "Die Deutschen Familienamen" (Halle, Germany, 1908) P. 192.

TRANSLATION.

Küster, [third form] Old High German, Custor, Middle High German, Kuster, from the Latin Custos (templi). Source; Custodian of the church treasury and of the sacred utensils, formerly a well-known church servant, chiefly in the Protestant north [of Germany]; still in general use.

Family Name, Küster. Genitive, Küsters (Heinsberg); Composite form: Küsterman. Without modification of the u, Kuster, Kusterman, Kusterer, (Württembergish). Diminutive form, Kusterle (Gottschee).

Low German, Köster, Coster, Coster, (Jeverland). Genitive, Kösters (Borken). Composite form, Kösterman. Patronymic, Köstering (Lippe).

With the "n" [presenting] the diminutive forms, Küstner, Kostner.

DEFINITION OF THE FAMILY NAME "DE CUSTER" ETC.

"Tot de geslachtsnamen van lagere kerkelijke bedieningen afkomstig, reken ik de namen: Kerkmeester, Koster, Coster, De Koster, De Coster, De Custer, De Costere, De Keuster, De Ceuster, met het verlatynschte Costerus, en de patronymika Kusters, Custers, Ceusters, ook als Custodis, in goed Latyn overgezet".

Winklers "De Nederlandsche Geslachtsnamen" (Haarlem, Holland, 1885.) Page 331.

TRANSLATION.

"With the family names derived from the lesser ecclesiastical offices, I reckon the names Kerkmeester, Koster, Coster, De Coster, De Koster, DE CUSTER, De Costere, De Keuster, De Ceuster, with the Latinization Costerus, and the patronymics Kusters, CUSTERS, Ceusters, [etc.] as also Custodis, translated into good Latin",

ADDENDA.

LYMAN EAGLE of 536 Jackson Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. son of Samuel and Mary R. (Custer) Eagle, married Hattie J. Knerr of Easton, Pa. June 14, 1897. Their daughter Mary Elizabeth Eagle, was born May 9, 1898.

CONCLUSION.

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MILO CUSTER.





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