



Book 1

Descendants of John Peter HORN-1

First Generation

1. **John Peter HORN-1** died between 1759 and 1762 and was buried in (possibly) Easton, Northampton Co., PA.

His date and place of death are unknown, but his widow bore child to new husband John Simon on June 12, 1763. Source: Pg. 81 of Easton German First Reformed Church records in Kieffer's "Early Settlers at the Forks of the Delaware". The above mentioned church was without a minister between 1757 and 1762. John Peter could have died during this time and been buried in the old Easton Cemetery, and later reinterred in a common crypt under the Easton Library premises, but his name is not included in the library files.

John married **Gertrude () HORN-2**. Gertrude was born on 19 Jun 1729. She died on 5 Oct 1801 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was buried in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton Co, PA..

They had the following children:

- 2 M i. **Nicholas HORN-3** was born in 1752. He died on 23 May 1839 in Allentown, Lehigh County, PA..

OCCU: Cordwainer (shoemaker)

Nicholas was a Captain in the 3rd Co. Northampton Battalion-1776.

Nicholas married **Catherine () HORN-288**.

- 3 M ii. **John Conrad (Johannes) HORN-4** was born on 10 Jan 1754 in Williams Twp, Northampton County, PA. He died on 25 Nov 1800 in Northampton Town (now Allentown), Lehigh Co, PA, and was buried in Grave#169 10th St. Cemetery, Allentown, Lehigh Co, PA.

OCCU: Hatter

1st Lt. 3rd Co. Northampton Battalion - 1788.

General Note: Fisher's "Early Pennsylvania Births, 1675-1875" gives slightly different birth dates for Susanna #12, Jacob #13, and Mary Magdalena #16, citing a private source.

Art Horn, Jr. sees no reason to change the dates inasmuch as our sources are at least as good as his.

John married **Magdalena (Troxell) HORN-9**, daughter of John Nicolaus TROXELL-187 and Maria Catherine Magdalena (Schreiber) TROXELL-188, on 26 Oct 1775 in Northampton Town, (now Allentown), Lehigh County, PA.. Magdalena was born on 20 Jun 1756 in Whitehall Township (Egypt), Northampton County, PA. She died on 13 Jun 1823 in Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. and was buried on 15 Jun 1823 in Grave #83, 10th St. Cemetery, Allentown, Northampton County, PA.

Last name could also be spelled Trachsel, Traxel.

- 4 M iii. **Abraham HORN Sr.-5** was born on 31 Dec 1757 in Williams Township, Northampton County, PA. He died on 21 May 1826 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was buried in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County. PA.

OCCU: Hotel Proprietor

Art Horn Jr notes that Abraham's birth and death dates depend on the source. We know that he was buried on 23 May 1826, so it is likely that he died on the 21st or 22nd. He was born on the 31st of December. The year is also in question. Most sources give it as 1757, but subtracting his age from the year of his death gives it as 1756. The year is important in the respect that there are claims that Abe had a

brother Frederick, who was born in late March, 1756. If Abe was born in 1756 also, this would eliminate Frederick as his brother. Art would put the birth year as 1757, which agrees with other sources, and the date of death as May 21st, and assume for the time being that is age was miscalculated.

Abraham married **Susanna (Hay) HORN-24**, daughter of Melchior HAY-212 and Susanna (Brotzman) HAY-213, in 1777 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. Susanna was born on 18 May 1760 in Williams Township, Northampton County, PA. She died on 28 Jun 1827 in Easton, Northampton County, PA., and was buried on 30 Jun 1827 in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County, PA.

Susanna's gravestone says born 1750 and died 1817 per Art Horn, Jr. 2/97.

- 5 F iv. **Barbara (Horn) HAY-6** was born on 14 Jun 1759, and was christened in the First Moravian Church, Philadelphia, PA. She died on 25 Jan 1825 in Easton, Northampton County, PA..

The baptism place, First Moravian Church, Philadelphia, PA, lends some credence to the John Horn of Philadelphia who left a will, as being our ancestor.

Church records at the time of Barbara's death say that they had 13 children, five of whom were still living.

Barbara married **Peter HAY-34**, son of Melchior HAY-212 and Susanna (Brotzman) HAY-213 . Peter was born on 26 Mar 1756. He died on 26 Oct 1815 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.

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JOHN PETER HORN #1

What is definitely known about John Peter Horn? Very little!

He was the father of Nicholas, John Conrad, Abraham and Barbara Horn, per indentures present in the Easton Courthouse, Easton PA, between Abraham Horn and brother Nicholas, between Abraham Horn and Michael Simon, and between Barbara (Horn) Hay, Peter Hay and Michael Simon, the latter two relating the members of the family and the parents as “John and Gertrude, his wife”.

Although these indentures give his name only as John Horn, the obituary notice for Barbara (Horn) Hay in the records of the German Ev.Lutheran Church in Easton PA cite his name as Peter Joh. Horn. Possibly the reference to the name Peter was in error, confusing Barbara’s father with her husband Peter Hay. On the other hand, in German tradition, developed from Roman Catholicism, the first name given at baptism was a spiritual name, usually a saint’s name, and the middle name was the secular or call name, the name that the person was normally called by. We have reversed the order of names cited in the obituary for the sake of conformity to the indentures and present day usage.

His birth date is not recorded in any church records examined. However, the Northampton Historical Society in Easton PA has a copy of the Collateral Family History (author unknown) for the descendants of Abraham and Susanna Horn. In that document there is a notation “...John Horn, Jan. 10, 1726”. Possibly this is the birth date of our John Peter Horn; it correlates with the birth date of his wife Gertrude, making him three years older than her, a typical relationship. We do know that he died between 1759 and 1762, as this is the time period between the birth of his daughter Barbara, and a year before his widow Gertrude, now remarried to John Simon, bore him a son on June 12, 1763 (per page 81 of the records of the German First Reformed Church of Easton PA.)

It is possible that John emigrated from Europe. A John Peter Horn did land at Philadelphia from Rotterdam via Cowes, England, on the ship Windsor, John Goad, Master, on Sept. 27, 1753 ((per ships list 206 A,B,C (Strassburger and Hinke)) Other ship entries into Philadelphia for a Johannes Horn are:

Marlborough, Sept. 23, 1741

Bennett Gally, Aug. 13, 1750

Neptune, Sept. 24, 1753.

In the absence of any other definitive information, we are presuming that our John Peter Horn is the one named on the ships list for the ship Windsor, although efforts will continue to locate him through other sources.

He owned property in Easton PA, specifically lot 131 and a part of lot 130, located just off the town square, according to the indentures mentioned previously. How he obtained this property is not known. See the section entitled “Documents” for more information.

Other references to a John (Peter) Horn are:

A John and Gertrude Horn were sponsors at the baptism of John Hoffman in the Old Tohicken Reformed Church on the Old Bethlehem Pike 3-1/2 miles northeast of Perkasie PA on Sept. 18, 1757 (per page 86 of the church records). This may or may not be our John Peter Horn.

In the records of the Church of the Latter Day Saints there is a record of a John Peter Horn born in 1750 to parents Johannes and Maria Gertrude Horn in Philadelphia,. This child might or might not be a descendant of our ancestor, but no other record pertaining to him has been found. (See the comment two paragraphs following.)

In the same family file in the Northampton Historical Society there is an Archive Record sheet from the LDS church, submitted by an R.C. Brewer of San Antonio TX, listing a Johan Peter Horn, who was born 3 Nov. 1702 in Wismer, Meck, Germany, who died 12 Dec. 1762, but who was married to Maria Hedwig Hanke.

There is also a Johannes Horn who died in 1759 in Philadelphia, and left a will naming his wife Gertruyd and indicating five children and another due soon, but dated after John Peter's daughter Barbara had already been born. He may be the Johannes mentioned above. See the section entitled "Documents" for further commentary.

On the Internet site "Ancestry.com" there are five references to a John Peter Horn. One reference is to the John Peter Horn born in 1702. The other four references are to our ancestor. They appear to use the same source (historian Charles Kerchner). The information in these references is only a profile of our ancestor, and the dates and locations are only best estimates.

Finally, from an obituary notice in an Allentown newspaper of Jan. 6th 1906, there is an account of a Tilghman F. Horn. His ancestry is described as follows; "The original ancestor who lived in America was John Philip Horn, a Scotchman who landed in Philadelphia in 1731, and was in the shoe business. Two of his sons located at Easton and one of the latter had seven sons and one son-in-law in a single company of Washington's army in the Revolutionary War." The comparison to our ancestor's actual history is close enough to warrant serious consideration.

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[Endorsed:]
Foreigners imported in the Ship Windsor, Cap^t John Goad,
from Rotterdam.
Qual. 27th Sept^r 1753.
64.

[List 206 B] Foreigners imported in the Ship Windsor,
Capt. John Goad, from Rotterdam. Qual. 27th September 1753.

Joh. Jacob Boshart	Sigmund Bondeli
Rudolph (X) Phaninger	Henrich Pfister
Mark (X) Stommer	Johannes Gräber
Johann Reinhardt Batz	Johann Yorg Schmidt
Johann Martin Riethmüller	Henry (X) Bower
Johann Ludwig Beck	Christian Weiss
Felix Schneider	Daniel Speck
Martin Fazler	Johann Wilhelm Kromer
Christian Schober	Reinhardt Diedtrich Kärcher
Georg Stephan Wallhauer	Johann Ferdinand Lehrer
Johann Georg Mann	Johan Christoph Rein

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Hans Jerg Lutz	Wilhelm (X) Berkheiser
Caspar Lutz	Jorg Fridrich Steidgener
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Adam (X) Shatsman	Jacob (X) Martin
Heinrich Sättele	Johan Philippus Pick
Samuel Sättele	Philip (X) Rice
Heinrich Gottfried Murr	Simon Reiss
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Christian Keller	Henry (X) Aushenech
Johann Joachim Jayser	Johann Peter Dihm
Johann Jacob Friess	Jacob (X) Schri
Johann Peter Grub	Simon (X) Drop
Johannes Thomas	Adam (X) Labort
Johan Petter Beltz	Wilhelm (X) Teasel
Georg Hauf	Johann Georg Betz
Michael Milberger	Johann Michael Hobbacher
George (+) Molsbah	Andreas (X) Cronovar
Johannes Kaumann	Nicholas (X) Mans
Johann Casper Diehl	George (X) Somers
Casper (+) Cobis	Adam Hoppacher
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Johan Jacob Ostwald	

[Endorsed:]
Foreigners imported in the Ship Windsor, Capt. John Goad,
from Rotterdam.
Qual. 27th Sept^r 1753.
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[List 206 C] At the Court House at Philadelphia, Thurs-
day, the 27th September, 1753.

Present: William Peters, Esquire.

The Foreigners whose Names are underwritten, Imported
in the Ship Windsor, Cap^t John Goad, from Rotterdam and
last from Cowes in England, did this day take the usual qualifi-
cations. No. 64.

Joh. Jacob Boshart	Johann Martin Riethmüller
Rudolf (X) Banninger	Johoham Ludwig Beck
Marcus (+) Tomer	Felix Schneider
Johann Reinhart Batz	Martin Fazler

GERTRUDE () HORN SIMON #2 (Maria Gertrude in some sources)

According to the rather sketchy information we have of Gertrude, we assume that she was born in Germany in 1729, and immigrated to America with John Petrer Horn her husband in 1753. With them would be a son Nicholas, about one year old. They came in via the port of Philadelphia, and we assume that they settled in Easton, although they spent some time in Philadelphia.

Gertrude had three additional children, John Conrad, Abraham and Barbara, who later became Mrs. Peter Hay. Some time after Barbara was born on June 14, 1759, John Peter Horn died. Just when that was we do not know for sure, but it was before 1762, when Gertrude remarried to John Simon, a local hatter. She was a widowed young mother with four small children, and needed a husband and father to take care of them. John Simon was known to her; he was living on the property that her late husband owned, and he was also a widower, with two small children. After that marriage we start to get a better profile of Gertrude, mainly from the church records of the German First Reformed Church of Easton PA, where John Simon was an elder. These records, as recorded by Kieffer in his "First Settlers of the Forks of the Delaware" are quoted below with the parenthetical numbers representing the pages in Kieffer's volume where the quotes appear.

(77) 1763 – June 12 – Baptized a child of John Simon and Gertrude. Witnesses Mr. And Mrs. John Rieser. Child's name: John

(81) 1767 – December 27 – Baptism – a girl named Gertrude, born January 3, 1763, Parents: John Martin Ludwig and wife Elizabeth; Sponsor: Mrs. Gertrude Simon

(86) 1767 – December 27 – Baptism of a boy, born October 9, 1766; Parents: Peter Orhler and wife Elizabeth: Sponsors: John Simon and his wife Gertrude.

(87) 1768 – December 18 – a Baptism, a girl, Maria Barbara, born August 29, 1767, Parents John Best and wife Maria Barbara; Sponsors; John Simon and his wife Gertrude.

(93) – May 18, 1772 – Baptism of a boy, Peter, Parents: John Simon and his wife Gertrude: Sponsors: Michael Gross and wife.

(102) 1778 – March 8 – [Baptism] a boy Abraham, born February 1778, Parents: Abraham and Susanna Horn; Sponsors: John Simon and wife Gertrude.

(108) 1780 – April 23 – [Baptism] a girl Elizabeth, born March 7, 1780; Parents; Peter Hay and wife Barbara; Sponsors: Johannes Simon and wife Gertrude, Grandparents.

(111) 1782 – April 7 – [Baptism] Mersi Simon, a woman 29 years old; Sponsors: Johann Simon et Gertrude, uxor ejus. [Mersi was John Simon's daughter by his first wife]

(132) 1795 – January 1 – [Baptism] a son John, born Sept 25, 1794; Parents: Michael Simon and wife Maria; Sponsors: Simon Senior and wife.

We do know that Gertrude died in 1801 in Easton at the age of 72.

Some family historians have furnished family trees on Ancestry.com, citing Gertrude's maiden name as "Griesemer/Griesheimer". Only one reference/source for the Griesemer surname seems to be available – a book titled "The Griesemers" by Ella C.G. Martindale, published in 1980. In that book the author goes into great detail, backed by numerous sources, about the Griesemer family, starting with their French ancestry "De Croismares", who were Huguenots, continuing with John Valentine Griesheimer, who with his second wife, Anna Marie Zugk, and their three children, John Jacob, Philip, and Gertrude, came to America on the ship "Thistle", arriving in Philadelphia in late summer 1730. Gertrude, identified elsewhere as Anna Maria Gertrude, was born May 15, 1728 in the Palatinate region of Germany. However, the book goes on to state that this Gertrude married a man named Gery in 1745 or 1746, who worked for her father. They had nine children. She lived, died in 1801 and was buried, in an area called Goshenhoppen in Montgomery County PA. This lady, therefore, cannot be our ancestor, despite the similarity in name and birth and death dates.

NICHOLAS HORN #3

Nicholas was born about 1752, probably in Europe. He was the first-born son of John Peter and Gertrude Horn, and was the brother of John Conrad, Abraham and Barbara Horn.

An abstract from the War Department shows him serving as a private in George Jenkins Co., Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded successively by Major William Williams and Col. Henry Bicker. He enlisted January 28th, 1777, took the oath of allegiance on September 5th, 1777, transferred to Captain Joseph Howell's Co., and was discharged January 1st, 1783.

In W. J. Heller's "History of Northampton County and the Grand Valley of the Lehigh", page 420, it is recorded that Nicholas served as captain under Col Peter Kechline's 3rd Co. Northampton County militia. However, a review of the PA Archives shows that it was Nicholas KERN, not Nicholas HORN, that served as captain, Nicholas's service as private is the only one appearing in military records.

His wife's name was Anna Catherine (Caterina), last name unknown.

He made his living as a cordwainer (shoemaker).

He purchased 49 acres of land in Greenwich Township, Warren Co. NJ, on April 1st, 1797, which he sold to Peter Howell on April 1st, 1800. He also purchased four acres of land in Greenwich Township on August 18th, 1791, which he sold to Jacob Allshouse for 53 Pounds hard money on November 7th, 1791. He took out a warranty of 400 acres of land in Northampton Co., Pa.

On January 7th, 1804, he sold his interest in the property that his parents, John Peter and Gertrude Horn, owned in Easton, to his brother Abraham for the sum of \$130 US money. He was living in Greenwich, NJ, at the time.

Sometime before 1830, he moved back to Northampton Town (now Allentown) Pa., because he appears on the census of Lehigh Co. in 1830 as a resident of that town. He died on May 23, 1839.