

THE LIONBERGER FAMILY

1735 emigrated from Swiss Anabaptist community

Ancestors of "Gaga"

Early Lionbergers are believed to be Mennonite Anabaptists believing that the only true baptism is that of faith, not dunking of infant in water by a minister

Their Swiss residence was in the valley of the Rhine River between Burgdorf and Langnau. Lionbergers are numerous in this area since 1500.

The family name is first found in the records of Burgdorf as early as 1257 according to papers given by Dr. Hans Leuenberger of Basel, Switzerland in 1950s.

Travelled on the billinder called "Oliver", run by master Samuel Merchant of South Carolina with 18 "switzers" and their families totalling 45 immigrants originating in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Registered in Philadelphia Aug. 26th, 1735

"John" = Anglo name for Hans (Johannes)		1735 Sailed from Rotterdam	
John Leuenberger 1st b. 1682 54 yr old Swissman leads the way		Children: (listed as LYINBERGER)	
full name: (John) Hans Leuenberger I b. Ruederswill, Switzerland		Arrived in PA.	
m. <1708 Lizarbeth Burkhalter (lizbeth, "Elsi") b. ca 1690		Margdalena	1708
John was age 54 when immigrating in 1735		(John) Hans U.	1710 1756
wife Elsi was 45 yrs when immigrating		Margaret	1712
John d. in Berks County, PA		Lizarbeth L.	c. 1715
The family held land, § lived in Lancaster Co., PA for a few yrs § then moved south, to land on Little Hawksbill Creek in VA. South of Luray perhaps between hwy 610 § 340		Christiane	1716
		Barbery L.	c. 1721
		Peter L.	c. 1727
		Hans	1729
		Hannah (Anna) L	c. 1732
John Leuenberger 2nd 1710-1758 25 yr old Swiss ventures to VA		Children: born died	
full name: Hans Ulrich Leuenberger II, b. 1710 Ruederswill Switz. Age 25 when immigrated with his father in 1735		Elizabeth	1736 1775
1740 released from indenture § acquired grist mill property, VA Surveyor for Lord Fairfax; also a "pilot" (sailor?) § "Chain carrier"		Mangdalena	c. 1738 1780
m. 1734 Barbara Bar (o. 1711) (married in VA)		John	1746
Settled on the little Hawksbill Creek		Anna (Sarah Aw)	1751 1806
Shenandoah valley of Virginia near Luray. 1749 granted 1,100 acres = BA RBA RA Grant		Barbara	
d: age 47, 1757, Augusta/Frederick Co, VA (See Copy of Will-probated 1758)		David	c. 1740
		Louis	
		Mary	1755
		Peter	

John Leuenberger III 1746-1815 The Reverend		Children born died	
born page county (former Frederick Co. VA)		David	c. 1770
m. 1793 Barbary Boyer / Bejer (father was Lutheran) She is our blood line-from her comes David		Barbara	c. 1771
m. Barbara Stover d/o Jacob Stover		John	c. 1772
m. Barbara Herschberger		Peter	c. 1774
d. 1815 (Sept 11th ?) in VA (See Copy of Will)		Susanne	1775-1783
		Rebecca	1776-1783
		Mary	1784 1861
		Samuel	1790 'C. 1868
		Abraham	1792 'C. 1868
		Lesh	c. 1794 c. 1868
		Joseph	c. 1794 c. 1868
		Magdalene (Polly)	1799 1870
		Jacob	1801 1887

David Lionberger b. o. 1771-3 The Virginian in MO.		Children Born	
m. 1793 Mary Bunkeler (1776 near Luray) married in Fredrick County VA		Isaac	1791
Moved to Boonville MO (see Photo of house in Boonsville)		Nancy	1794
		Barbara	1796
		Josephine	1800
		Barbara	1802
		Isabel (Belle)	1804
		Sally	1806
		John	1807
		Nancy	1809
		Sarah	1813
		Josephine	1815

Isaac Lionberger 1805-1861		Children born Birth place	
m. Mary Ann Tutt (VA) (English/Scottish decent) 1836 moved to Coopers County MO with 7 yr old son		John Robert	1830 VA
Founding member of Baptist "Vine Church"		Bewitt C.	1832 VA
Bought Morton House (built 1830) on Jefferson Rd- see photo called Redmond Farm § expanded it to 20 rooms		Martha E.	1838 MO
Son Frank (Francis) lived there 'til 1891 (see Photo of house- kids are perhaps Frank's)		Frances (Frank) E.	1842 MO
County Sheriff 1842-46; County Justice 1858-62		William Mann	1844 MO
Staunch Democrat but Pro-slavery advocate		David B.	1846 MO
		Sally	1847 MO
		Fanny	1848 MO
		Molly	1848 MO

John Robert Lionberger 1829 - 1894 Boonville to St Louis		Children born	
Robert was born Luray VA; moved to MO w/ father in 1836, age 7		Marion	
1851 married Margaret Clarkson d/o Dr Henry Martin Clarkson Her family was from Clifton, Fauquier County, VA		Isaac H	1854
He moved to St Louis 1855, age 36		Margaret	
Established Lionberger § Shields wholesale boot § shoe co.; bought out partner then later, 1868 sold out.		Mary	
1874 involved in Eads Bridge construction (see photo)			
President § founding stockholder of St Joseph - St Louis RR line			
President of 3rd Nat'l Bank of St Louis (see advertisement)			
1886 gave 3630 Gradel Sq. St Louis to son for wedding gift- historic landmark			
1886 built for himself: 27 Vandeventer (see photo)			
1890 Took the steamer "The Eider" to Europe for extended stay (age 59)			

Isaac Henry Lionberger 1854-1948 St Louis		Children of Lionberger-Shepley	
b. Boonsville Mo. Shifted to St Louis @ 1yr. Old Princeton Class of 1924		Margaret	1887
After college, worked as cowboy 2 yrs		John (Jack)	1889
m. 1886 Mary Louise Shepley		Louise Marion	1892 1979
1886 moved into wedding gift: 3630 Gradel Sq (see photo)		Anne-Shepley	1894
1905 built 37 Westmoreland Ave (see photo)		Mary "Ruth"	1899
Prominent St. Louis Attorney		Arthur David	1908 2008
Attny Gen 1896 under Cleveland		R.R.A. Uncle, Vnr, Art, A.D Princeton class 1924	
Gold Democrat			

Louise Marion Lionberger 1892-1979 St Louis winter; Marion in summer	
(Violet's Mother)	
1914 married (John) Austin Amory, Violet's Father known to grandchildren as "Gaga"	

1798 Yellow fever strikes US Cities

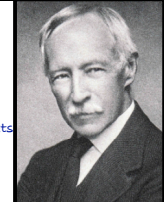
1803 Louisiana purchase

1820's

Steamboats

1870's

Railroad replaces Steamboats



David Lionberger's house



Isaac Lionberger's house

