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By Geo. Thomas Lusher 1

I was b. Sept. 25, 1873, in Lincoln Co., at the mouth of Four Mile Cr., lower side. My father Lewis, ^{Washington} Lusher son of Irvin and Jennie Blake Lusher. She was a dau. Jeremiah Blake of Cabell Co., who m. _____.

There were three brothers - Irvin Lusher, John, and Lewis Lusher, who lived at St. Louis, Missouri. I never saw him ~~at~~ once, when I was a small boy.

John Lusher lived in Gallia Co., Ohio. He married Bettie Smith. They had several children.

1. Orlando Lusher. He m. _____, and was a doctor, and, at one time lived at Lesage, W. Va., about 1909-10. Probably had no children.

2. Gallie Lusher

m.

He lived in Gallia Co., Ohio,
at Mercerville. His Daddy
had lived on Bull Skin Cr.
I think he had two sons.

3. Charles Lusher

m.

Lived on Bull Skin Cr.
He had two sons, two
of whom became doctors.
One of them lives in
Huntington now. I don't
know where he lives. His
name is H. V. Lusher
He lives at 2858-3rd
Ave.

Phone Ja. 5-5884

4. ^{Irwin} ~~Olando~~ Lusher Jr was drowned
in Raccoon Cr., about
20 yrs old. Single

5. Jack Lusher

m.

Lived on Bull Skin,
but went west.

Lewis Washington Lusher

b. July 4, 18

d.

about 1916?

m. 1. Cynthia Chapman, dau.
of Elisha? and

Chapman, at mo. of 6 mi.
Three daus.

1. Fannie Lusher

m. Lau Day

2 ch - ~~Olando~~
daus.

2. Billy Lusher

m. Rudolph Roy.
6 children.

3 Molly Lusher

m. Single. d.
at 12-13 yrs.

m. 2. Julia Deering, dau. of
John and ——— Deering,
from Wise County, Va.

They had two slaves,
John & Clara Deering,
who m. Pres Williams,
who lived above the mo.
of Four Mile Cr., at
mouth of Roy Branch

John Deering (White)
lived between 4 mile &
6 mi. Creek, about 2
mi. above 4 mile

John Deering had
six children, but lost
two daus., before he
came here from Wise
Co. Those who came
here were Betty Deering,
Henry Deering, Julia Deering,
ing, Laura Deering.

1. Betty Deering

m. ~~J~~ John Lucas.
son of Parker Lucas
who lived above
Sheridan below Wise
Hamlet

no kin to Jeff Lucas.

2. Henry Deering

m. Fanny McComas.

da. of McComas

Three children

Stewart Deering

Willard Deering

Eveline Deering

3. Julia Dearing

m ~~Lester~~ Lewis Lusher

Nine children:

Sally Lusher
John Brown Lusher

Lewis Lafayette "

Geo. Thomas Lusher

Wealthy Lusher

Virgie Lee Lusher

Rudolph Lusher

Loke Lusher

William Lusher

Ivin Lusher's children

Lewis Lusher

John Lusher

Everett Lusher

Henry Lusher

THE PENNYWITS.

Three Pennywit brothers left France during a persecution and came to America in 1740. One remained in New York, one went to Xenia, Ohio, and Jacob came to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was a mill wright. At Lancaster he worked for a Mr. Yeizer, and married his daughter. They left Pennsylvania and came up the Shenandoah Valley (almost due south, in Virginia) and settled on Mill Creek, where he established the first mill in the valley. He had a family of three boys and five girls: John Pennywit, Samuel, Jacob, Katie Funkhouser, Mollie Getz, and Betsy Hockman, and two single girls, Annie and Rosina Pennywit.

John Pennywit, son of Jacob, was born March 16, 1783, and died June 3, 1866. He married Susan Wills. In a conversation with a friend shortly before his death, he stated that his Grandfather, John Pennywitt, came to New York following the persecution of the French Huguenots, in France, on account of their religious views. He had been in prison, but pretended to accept the Roman Catholic Catechism to study, in order to indoctrinate ~~them~~ into their faith and religion. His father was a miller, and he had attended the mill for him. But now, he determined to come to America. He persuaded two of his younger brothers to come with him, and soon sailed for New York. He secured jobs for his brothers somewhere in the State, and then came to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he married Rosina Yeiser, daughter of a wealthy miller of that name. Soon after their marriage they came to Mill Creek, near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County. They had four sons and four daughters: John and Jacob Pennywit, who were twins. Jacob was the father of the John Pennywit first mentioned above, and Adam the youngest brother.

Christena, who married George Wiseman; Mollie, who married a Mr. Canada; Rosina, who married Lewis Moore; Catherine, who married Philip Wolfengerger. Elizabeth Pennywit was a daughter of John Pennywit, one of the twin brothers. Her sister married a Mr. Michael. Their mother was a sister of old Joseph Moore, who lived in the "Forest", where Moore's store and Post Office afterwards stood.

From the above, it appears that John Pennywitt came to Lancaster, Penn and married Rosina Yeiser, and came to Mill Creek, near Mt. Jackson.

They had a pair of twins, John and Philip Pennywitt. This John Pennywitt married a Miss Moore, daughter of Thomas Moore and Mary Moore, sister of old Joseph Moore. Elizabeth Pennywit, who married John Morgan, was one of their daughters.

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Baroursville, W. Va.

April 7, 1952.

Dear Mrd.Morgan:

The enclosed is the tory of some more of your ancestors gathered, largely, from a History of Shenandoah County, by Dr. John W. Wayland, a local historian of note. There seems to be a slight variation in the history of the Pennywits; but that is to be expected, as part of it was based on personal recollections. Most of it, however, is exactly as shown by the records at Woodstock, but at the time I was there I could not understand all of it.

The Morgan connection now points us in the right direction and, I believe, if I ever find the marriage of John Morgan (parents of the one who married Elizabeth Pennywit) we can tie into the genealogy already furnished you.

Very truly yours,

THE MORGANS.

Before the first U.S. Census was made there were two counts of the inhabitants in Shenandoah County, by State, or County authority--one in 1783; the other in 1785.

In the first of these tabulations, Philip Long reported eight slaves. The county, at that time, was much larger than at present. No Morgans were mentioned.

In 1785 lists were made by sixteen different enumerators. John Hutchinson's list seems to have been made in that part of the County now known as "Upper Warren," and John Morgan, the first, is shown with a family of six white persons and one slave. Other Morgans shown were Gilbert Nicholas, and Jonas Morgan. Evidently these were all closely related. This John Morgan is almost certainly the father of John Morgan, who married Elizabeth Pennywitt.