51. WHITENACK

The discovery, published in the 1980s, that many Americans descend from a Palatine family surnamed *Weidknecht* presents a target for everyone who descends from families of similar name.[1] On his website, Don Whitnah posts transcripts and images of the entries from the church book of Adelshofen that are not described in the standard printed accounts, together with compiled accounts of each family group. The European generations of this lineage are based on that source.[2] In North America, my account follows that of Cheryl Higgins,[3] but attempts to provide more complete references of my sources and a more thorough discussion of my reasoning.

1. **Martin[B] Weidknecht** was born about 1601, and died at Adelshofen on 24 June 1671, aged 70 years. At his burial, he was called *Schultheiß* of many years in the community. He married **Barbara ____**, who was born about 1607, and died at Adelshofen on 25 December 1687, aged 80 years. Among his children is:

2. i. HANS ANDREAS[A] WEIDKNECHT, b. ca. 1644, d. 2 Feb. 1708, m. (1) CATHARINA WEIDKNECHT; m. (2) ANNA ELISABETHA SCHLÜTTER.

2. **Hans Andreas[A] Weidknecht** (*Martin*[B]) was born in about 1644, and died at Adelshofen on 2 February 1708. In his burial record, he is recognized as a former *Schultheiß*. He was first married there, on 14 November 1671, to **Catharina Weidknecht**, daughter of Hanß and Catharina (____) Weidknecht. She was born about 1648, and died at Adelshofen on 12 November 1675, aged 27 years. He married secondly, at Adelshofen on 25 July 1677, **Anna Elisabetha Schlütter**. He had children by both wives.

One child of Hans Andreas[A] and Catharina (Weidknecht) Weidknecht is:

3. i. MICHAEL ANDREAS[1] WEIDKNECHT, b. 1 Nov. 1672, d. between 24 June 1710 and 24 June 1711, m. MARGARETHA BARBARA ERICH.

3. **Michael Andreas[1] Weidknecht** (*Hans Andreas*[A], *Martin*[B]) was born at Adelshofen on 1 November 1672. He died in New York between 24 June 1711, when his family consisted of four persons over 10 years of age and one under 10, and 24 June 1712, when his widow was mentioned. He had appeared in New York City. He married first, at Adelshofen on 19 October 1697, **Margaretha Barbara Erich**, daughter of the late Hans Georg Erich, former citizen of Auerbach. She was born about 1670; in 1710/1, her age was estimated at 40 years, as was that of Andreas Weidnecht. She married secondly, at New York City, New York County, New York, on 16 August 1718, **Nicholas Hammeler**. Nicholas was grantee of a deed from James Alexander and John Budd in Somerset County, New Jersey, in 1726; at some later date, he and his wife Margret assigned their interest by way of an endorsement.

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[1] Henry Z Jones Jr., *The Palatine Families of New York: A Study of the German Immigrants Who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710,* 2 vols. (Universal City, Calif., 1985), 2:1070-3; Annette Kunselman Burgert, *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America,* vol. 1, *The Northern Kraichgau,* Publications of the Pennsylvania German Society, vol. 16 (Breinigsville, Pa.: Pennsylvania German Society, 1983), 386.

[2] Don Whitnah, *Whitnah Family Heritage,* online <http://user.xmission.com/~whitnahd/index.html>, undated, viewed 28 March 2012.

[3] Cheryl Higgins, "Descendants Chart of Martin Weidknecht," online <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~higginsandwhitnah/weiddesc.htm>, undated, viewed 28 March 2012.

Children of Michael Andreas[1] and Margaretha Barbara (Erich) Weidknecht, born at Adelshofen, are:[4]

i. PLEICHARD DIETERICH[2] WEIDKNECHT, b. 15 Mar. 1698, d. Morristown, Morris Co., N. J., between 30 Nov. 1761 and 22 Oct. 1777 (will and probate), m. ANNA [HENN?], who is named in his will.[5]

4. ii. JOHANN GEORG WEIDKNECHT, b. 15 Dec. 1700, d. between 24 Aug. 1779 and 25 Aug. 1783, m. (1) ____ ____; m. (2) NEELTIE ____.

iii. ANNA ELISABETHA WEIDKNECHT, b. ca. 1702, aged 9 years, 1710/1.

iv. JOHANN DIETERICH WEIDKNECHT, b. 16 Feb. 1705, d. y. before the family left Adelshofen.

4. **Johann Georg[2] Weidknecht** (*Michael Andreas*[1], *Hans Andreas*[A], *Martin*[B]) was born at Adelshofen on 15 December 1700.[6] In a census of Palatines in New York City in 1710/1, he is listed as John George, a child of Andreas and Margaret Weidnecht, aged 11 years.[7] He was living in Sourland Mountains in Somerset County, New Jersey, when he made his will as Johannes Witeknaght on 24 August 1779, and it was probated on 25 August 1783. In this document, he named his wife as **Neeltye ____**,[8] but she only begins to appear as his wife when she first had a child baptized at the Reformed church in Sourland Mountain, in 1741.[9] She is thus documented as the mother of some of the children that Johannes named in his will—*Abraham*, *Hendrick*, *Neeltye*, *Margaret*, and *Sarah*—but it cannot be assumed that she was the mother of the children who do not have a baptismal record. These children are placed as issue of an earlier wife.

Children of Johann Georg[2] and ____ (____) Weidknecht are:[10]

i. JOHANNES[3] WEIDKNECHT, b. say 1730, d. bef. 24 Aug. 1779, when named as deceased in his father's will, m. CATRYNA ____. Children, bp. Sourland:[11]

1. *Johannes*[4] *Weidknecht*, bp. 18 May 1755, named in grandfather's will.
2. *Nelli Weidknecht*, bp. 8 Jan. 1758, d. y.
3. *Nelte Weidknecht*, bp. 11 May 1760, apparently living in 1779, as her grandfather mentioned "children" of son Johannes, deceased; perhaps the Eleanor Whitenack who m. (lic. N. J. 5 Jan. 1782) B. Hunt, of Cumberland Co.[12]

5. ii. CORNELIUS WHITENACK, b. 20 Nov. 1732, d. 26 Mar. 1813, m. CATHARINE WILLIAMSON.

iii. ANDRIES/ANDREW WHITENACK, b. say 1735, d. Hillsborough Twp., Somerset Co., bef. 20 Nov. 1816 (inventory), will of 25 Aug. 1815 was probated 21 Nov. 1816,[13] m. (1) CATRINA ____; m. (2) (lic., N. J. 19 Mar. 1778) MARY HAGERMAN,[14] who is named in his will. Children of Andries/Andrew and

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[4] Jones, *Palatine Families of New York,* 2:1071-2.

[5] Jones, *Palatine Families of New York,* 2:1072, citing N. J. Wills, Lib. 19, p. 278.

[6] Ibid., 2:1072.

[7] Ibid., 2:1071.

[8] Elmer T. Hutchinson, ed., *Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Administrations, Etc.,* vol. 6, 1781–1785, Documents Relating to the Colonial, Revolutionary and Post-Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey [New Jersey Archives, 1st ser.], vol. 35 (Newark: New Jersey Law Journal Printers, 1944), 452.

[9] Donald A. Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Dutch Church, Montgomery Township, Somerset County," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* 15 (1940): 1-7, 25-30, 57-64, 81-90; 16 (1941): 13-7, 36-41, 66-72, 95; 17 (1942): 1-6, 32-7, 61-4, 80-6; 18 (1943): 7-12, 39-44, 57-62, 82-6; 19 (1944): 10-5, 33-8, 60-4, 87-90; 20 (1945): 13-8, 32-41, 58-66, 81-93, at 17:81.

[10] Hutchinson, *Calendar of New Jersey Wills,* 6:452.

[11] Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church," 18:41, 44, 59.

[12] William Nelson, ed., *New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665–1800,* New Jersey Archives, 1st ser., vol. 22 (Paterson, N. J.: Press Printing and Publishing Co., 1900), 454.

[13] Elmer T. Hutchinson, ed., *Calendar of New Jersey, Wills, Administrations, Etc.,* vol. 13, 1814–1817, New Jersey Archives, 1st ser., vol. 42 (Trenton: MacCrellish & Quigley Co., 1949), 477.

[14] Nelson, *New Jersey Marriage Records,* 437.

Catrina (____) Weidknecht, bp. Sourland:[15]

1. *Anderrius*[4] *Weidknecht,* bp. 6 Oct. 1765, d. y.
2. *Hendrick Weidknecht,* bp. 13 Dec. 1767.
3. *Abraham Weidknecht,* bp. 28 May 1769.
4. *Andres Weidknecht,* bp. 31 Mar. 1776.

Children of Andries and Mary (Hagerman) Weidknecht, bp. Sourland:[16]

5. *Joseph Weidknecht,* bp. 21 May 1780.
6. *Nelthe Weidknecht,* bp. 4 Nov. 1782.
7. *Aryan Weidknecht,* bp. 17 Apr. 1786.
8. *Daniel Weidknecht,* bp. 3 May 1789.
9. *Catrina Weidknecht,* bp. 26 Dec. 1790.
10. *Marya Weidknecht,* bp. 3 May 1795.
11. *Daniel Weidknecht,* bp. 23 June 1799.

iv. JANNETYE WEIDKNECHT, b. say 1737, living 24 Aug. 1779.

Children of Johann Georg[3] and Neeltie (____) Weidknecht, all except viii-ix baptized at Sourland, are:[17]

v. NEELTIE WEIDKNECHT, bp. 9 Jan. 1741, named in father's will.

vi. HENDERICK WEIDKNECHT, bp. 18 Feb. 1743, named in father's will. He is thought to be the Henry F. Whitenah who d. Berkeley Co., Va., between 24 Dec. 1818 and 12 Jan. 1819, and m. MARGARET BURNS, b. ca. 1750–60, dau. of William and Joanna (Van Metre) Burns, d. after 1830.[18]

vii. JOSEP WEIDKNECHT, bp. 4 May 1746, not named in father's will.

viii. PETRUS WEIDKNECHT, bp. Six-Mile Run 1 Jan. 1750,[19] not named in father's will.

ix. MARGARET WHITENACK, b. say 1752, named in father's will, apparently d. after 26 Oct. 1785,[20] having m. (lic. N. J., 14 Sept. 1778) JOHANNES DITMARS.[21]

x. SARAH WEIDKNECHT, bp. 25 Dec. 1754, named in father's will, d. 5 Sept. 1831 in her 77th year, m. JACOB WILSON, b. ca. 1761, d. 22 Oct. 1742, in his 82nd year, both bur. Hillsborough Dutch Reformed churchyard, Hillsborough, Somerset Co.[22]

xi. ABRAHAM WHITENACK, bp. 11 Dec. 1757, d. 29 May 1836, in his 80th y,[23] m. ANNE COSHUN. Children, bp. Raritan, Somerset Co.:[24]

1. *Joseph*[4] *Whitenack,* b. 5 April 1797, bp. 28 May 1797.
2. *Sarah Whitenack,* b. 7 Dec. 1800, bp. 1 Feb. 1801.
3. *Abraham Whitenack,* b. 28 Oct. 1804, bp. 3 Feb. 1805.

5. **Cornelius**[3] **Whitenack** (*Johann Georg*[2], *Michael Andreas*[1], *Hans Andreas*[A], *Martin*[B]) was born on 20 November 1832, and died in Somerset County on 26 March 1813. He married, on 20 November 1758, **Catharine Williamson**, who was born about 1737 and died 14 October 1816, daughter

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[15] Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church," 19:12, 33, 36, 39.

[16] Ibid., 20:17, 34, 38, 59, 62, 83, 89.

[17] Ibid., 17:81, 82, 85; 18:40, 43.

[18] Whitnah, "Henry F. Whitenah and Margaret Burns," *Whitnah Family Heritage,* online <http://user.xmission.com/~whitnahd/HenryFWhitenah.html>

[19] "Six-Mile Run Church Baptisms, 1743–1805: From the Records," *Somerset County Historical Quarterly* 8 (1919): 123-32, at 125.

[20] Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church," 15:58.

[21] Nelson, *New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665–1900,* 454.

[22] "Somerset County Gravestones: Hillsborough Dutch Reformed Graveyard," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* 41 (1966): 53-9, at 58.

[23] Fred Sisser III, "Obituaries of Soldiers of the Revolutionary War," *Somerset County Genealogical Quarterly* 1 (1983): 25-8, at 27, from *Princeton Whig,* 3 June 1836.

[24] "Neshanic Reformed Church Baptismal Records, from Records, 1796–1878," *Somerset County Historical Quarterly* 4 (1915): 148-52, at 150.

of John and Angenietje (____) Williamson of Amwell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.[25]

Children of Cornelius[3] and Catharine (Williamson) Whitenack are:[26]

i. JOHN[4] WHITENACK, b. 23 Aug. 1761, bp. 4 Oct. 1761, d. 20 Aug. 1828, m. 30 Nov. 1786 GERTRUDE/GITTY STRYKER, b. 16 July 1767, d. 20 Jan. 1838, both bur. Raritan Cemetery, Somerville, Somerset Co.[27]

ii. ABRAHAM WHITENACK, b. 22 Mar. 1765, bp. Neshanic Reformed Church, Somerset Co., 21 April 1765,[28] d. 12 Oct. 1766.

iii. ABRAHAM C. WHITENACK, b. 9 May 1767, bp. 31 May 1767, d. April 1841, m. GERTRUDE VAN NUYS, b. Dec. 1773, d. Mar. 1859, both bur. Raritan Cemetery.[29]

6. iv. ISAAC WHITENACK, b. 19 Sept. 1769, d. 4 Nov. 1811, m. RACHEL STOUT.

v. AGNES WHITENACK, b. 14 April 1772, d. 12 April 1791.

vi. JACOB WHITENACK, b. 16 July 1774, m. Harlingen 5 April 1800 ALETTA VAN ARSDALE.[30]

vii. NELLY WHITENACK, b. 12 July 1778, d. 12 Jan. 1780.

viii. CORNELIUS C. WHITENACK, b. 6 Nov. 1781, d. 3 Sept. 1831, m. Somerset Co. 6 Nov. 1809 CATHARINE SKILLMAN, b. 27 June 1784, d. 17 Sept. 1842.[31]

6. **Isaac[4] Whitenack** (*Cornelius*[3], *Johann Georg*[2], *Michael Andreas*[1], *Hans Andreas*[A], *Martin*[B]) was born on 19 September 1769,[32] and was baptized at Sourland on 5 November 1769.[33] He died on 4 November 1811,[34] probably at Hillsborough, Somerset County.[35] He married **Rachel Stout**, the daughter of Richard and Penelope (Parke) Stout.[36] Richard Stout, in his will dated 20 May 1794, names, among other children, his daughter Rachel Witenack, wife of Isaac Witenack.[37] Isaac died in possession of no land, but with livestock, crops, tools, and household goods worth $601.30, plus $181.82 to book account. His inventory, taken at Hillsborough on 18 November 1811, was recorded on 29 November.[38]

Children of Isaac[4] and Rachel (Stout) Whitenack are:[39]

7. i. CORNELIUS[5] WHITENACK, b. 29 Mar. 1793, d. 7 June 1860, m. MARY KISE.

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[25] Donald A. Sinclair, "Bible Records in Rutgers University Library," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* 21 (1946): 90-6, at 91-2; Aline L. Garretson, "The Williamson Family of Gravesend," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 135 (2004): 293-302, at 296.

[26] Sinclair, "Bible Records," 92; Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church, 18:62, 19:14.

[27] A. Van Doren Honeyman and Mrs. A. Van Doren Honeyman, "Gravestone Records from Raritan Cemetery, Somerville," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* 4 (1927/8): 60-5, at 63, 64.

[28] [A. Van Doren Honeyman,] "Neshanic Reformed Church Baptismal Records: Early Records, 1762–1796," *Somerset County Historical Quarterly* 1 (1912): 133-42, 221-7, at 227.

[29] Ibid., 63.

[30] Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church," 16:70.

[31] Genealogical Society of New Jersey Bible Collection, no. 4881, Thomas S. Whitenack, and no. 4882, Cornelius C. Whitenack, Archibald S. Alexander Library, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick; "Somerset County Marriages—1795–1879," *Somerset County Historical Quarterly* 8 (1919): 283-317, at 310.

[32] Sinclair, "Bible Records," 92.

[33] Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church," 19:37.

[34] Sinclair, "Bible Records," 92.

[35] Isaac Whitenack inventory (1811), New Jersey Secretary of State's Office, Wills and Inventories, file no. 1493R, roll 1316, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton.

[36] Nathan Stout, Sarah Weart, and Joab B. Stout, *The History of the Stout Family: First Settling in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey in 1666* (Bethlehem, Pa.: Geo. A. Chandler, 1929), 3, based on a manuscript originally compiled in 1823 by Nathan Stout.

[37] Elmer T. Hutchinson, ed., *Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Administrations, Etc.,* vol. 9, 1796–1800, New Jersey Archives, 1st ser., vol. 38 (Newark: New Jersey Law Journal Printers, 1944), 352.

[38] Isaac Whitenack inventory.

[39] Stout, Weart, and Stout, *History of the Stout Family,* 3.

ii. PENELOPE WHITENACK, b. say 1795.
iii. CATHERINE WHITENACK, b. say 1797.
iv. AGNES WHITENACK, b. 16 Jan. 1800, d. 2 Feb. 1852, m. 14 Oct. 1815 CORNELIUS I. NEVIUS, b. 7 Oct. 1783, son of Johannis and Sarah (Bilson) Nevius, d. 11 Mar. 1862.[40]
v. JOHN WHITENACK, b. say 1802.
vi. MARY ANN WHITENACK, b. say 1805.
vii. ISAAC WHITENACK, b. ca. Sept. 1807, d. 2 Feb. 1871, aged 63y 5m,[41] m. Somerset Co. 16 June 1841 MARIA (TOTTEN) COOPER,[42] dau. of Lafferd and Mary (Skillman) Totten,[43] and widow of Thomas Cooper, b. Belle Mead, Somerset Co., 7 Sept. 1810, d. Millstone, Somerset Co., 14 Dec. 1910,[44] both bur. Belle Mead.[45]
viii. EUNIS ELIZA WHITENACK, b. say 1809.
ix. OCILLA WHITENACK, b. say 1811.

7. **Cornelius[5] Whitenack** (*Isaac*[4], *Cornelius*[3], *Johann Georg*[2], *Michael Andreas*[1], *Hans Andreas*[A], *Martin*[B]) was born in New Jersey[46] on 29 March 1793, and died 7 June 1860 in Hopkinsville, Warren County, Ohio, aged 67 years, 4 months and 24 days.[47] He married **Mary Kise**, probably in Somerset County, New Jersey, on 30 July 1816 before John Boggs.[48] She was born in New Jersey,[49] on 27 May 1800, daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Servis) Kise,[50] and died in Ward Township, Randolph County, Indiana, on 9 September 1887,[51] aged 87 years, 3 months and 12

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[40] A. Van Doren Honeyman, *Joannes Nevius, Schepen and Third Secretary of New Amsterdam under the Dutch, First Secretary of New York City under the English, and His Descendants, A. D. 1627–1900* (Plainfield, N. J.: Honeyman & Company, 1900), 260, 404-5.

[41] "Somerset County Gravestones: Harlingen Cemetery, at Belle Mead," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* 31 (1956): 52-61; 32 (1957): 27-38, 87-96, at 32:95.

[42] "Somerset County Marriages—1795–1879," 310.

[43] "She Was 100 Years Old Yesterday: Mrs. Maria Whitenack of East Millstone Passes Century Mark and Celebrates Event at Home of Her Son Who Is 75 Years Old," *New Brunswick Times,* New Brunswick, N. J., 8 Sept. 1910, p. 1, col. 7.

[44] "Mrs. Whitenack Dies at Son's Home Aged over 100 Years," *New Brunswick Times,* New Brunswick, N. J., 15 Dec. 1910, p. 3, col. 3.

[45] "Somerset County Gravestones: Harlingen Cemetery," 32:95.

[46] Cornelius Whitenack household, 1850 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, District 149, page 79, dwelling 1148, family 1149, micropublication M432, roll 737 (Washington: National Archives); Cornelius Whitneck household, 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 308, family 308, micropublication M653, roll 1047 (Washington: National Archives) (gives his age as 67 years).

[47] Cornelius Whitenack pension file, War of 1812, application no. 17065, certificate no. 22958, Military Bounty Land Warrants and Pensions, record group [RG] 15 (Washington: National Archives), affidavit sworn by his widow's guardian and son-in-law, David S. Harker, 17 April 1879; Hazel S. Phillips, comp., *Early Vital Records of Ohio, Cemetery Records, Warren County, Ohio,* vol. 4, Ohio Genealogical Records Committee Report, ser. 1, vol. 346 (Lebanon, Ohio: Turtle Creek Chapter DAR, 1958), 21.

[48] Cornelius Whitenack pension file.

[49] 1850 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, District 149, page 79, dwelling 1148, family 1149; 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 308, family 308 (Cornelius Whitenack); David S. Harker household, 1880 U. S. census, Randolph County, Indiana, population schedule, Ward Township, enumeration district [ED] 191, supervisor's district [SD] 3, page 29, dwelling 197, family 206, micropublication T9, roll 306 (Washington: National Archives).

[50] Genealogical Society of New Jersey Bible Collection, no. 3586, Isaac Kise; Philip Servis will (1810), New Jersey Secretary of State's Office, Wills and Inventories, file no. 2964J, roll 741, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton.

[51] Randolph County, Indiana, Transcript of Certificates of Deaths, 1:100, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis. Thanks to Darryn Lickliter for obtaining a copy of this and other vital records from this county.

days.[52] In 1880 she was listed as a boarder in the home of her daughter Mary Harker.[53] She was described as a woman of 80 years in 1882, from a rough estimate.[54]

The 1823 Stout genealogy names the children of Isaac and Rachel, but without spouses, residences, or other details that would assist in establishing their chronology.[55] The identification of this Cornelius as the son of Isaac is somewhat complicated, and depends heavily on his military records. He is easily confused with his uncle, Cornelius C.[4] Whitenack, and called himself Cornelius C. on occasion. This is the way he designated himself, for example, in the private record of his marriage, a copy of which was eventually submitted in support of his widow's pension claim.

In addition, the surviving rolls of Captain William Garretson's company, 3rd Regiment, New Jersey militia, all refer to Cornelius C. Whitenack specifically. His term of service lasted from 4 September to 4 December 1814, paid $8 per month for a total of $24 at settlement. He was present at Sandy Hook on 9 November, but absent on furlough, being sick, when the roll was taken at Jersey City on 24 November 1814. On 28 December 1814, in Somerset County, he gave power of attorney to Albert Sutphen to receive whatever money was due from the paymaster of the company. John Stout, justice of the peace, witnessed the grant and certified Cornelius C. Whitenack's acknowledgement on the same day.[56]

Given that Cornelius C.[4], born in 1783, was still of military age in 1814, it is not obvious at a glance that these documents do not pertain to him rather than his nephew. The widow's pension, however, certifies that the soldier had applied for a bounty land warrant, which he sold, and about which he had often told his relatives and neighbors.[57] His declaration for that benefit removes all doubt: On 26 August 1854, aged 62 or 63 the previous March, he states that "whilst in the service the letter I was annexed to his name in order to designate him from an uncle of the same name, and who served in the same company" when the militia was active.

Cornelius proceeds to claim that, during the war, he joined the company *as a substitute for his uncle,* but was sick and at home on furlough at the time the company was discharged. In January 1855, Cornelius S. Stryker, a justice of the peace in Somerset County, took depositions from some of his former neighbors to the effect that they had witnessed that turn of events in 1814. One of these witnesses was Isaac Whitenack, aged 47 years, who identified himself as a brother of the bounty-land claimant, and Cornelius C., now deceased, as their uncle.[58]

In German and Dutch communities in New York and northern New Jersey, a custom frequently arose in which men of the same name were distinguished by their fathers' initials.[59]

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[52] Lesa D. Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery," online <http://www.rootsweb.com/~inrandol/Ward/Reitenour/rcburials.htm>, last updated 19 April 2005, viewed 17 April 2006, mistakenly gives the year as 1837.

[53] 1880 U. S. census, Randolph County, Indiana, population schedule, Ward Township, ED 191, SD 3, page 29, dwelling 197, family 206 (David S. Harker).

[54] E. Tucker, *History of Randolph County, Indiana, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers, to Which Are Appended Maps of Its Several Townships* (Chicago, A. L. Kingman, 1882; reprint, Knightstown, Ind.: Eastern Indiana Publishing Co., 1967), 419.

[55] Stout, Weart, and Stout, *History of the Stout Family,* 3.

[56] Cornelius C. Whitenack, compiled military service record, 3rd Regiment (Frelinghuysen's) New Jersey Militia, War of 1812, record group 94, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D. C.

[57] Cornelius Whitenack pension file.

[58] Cornelius Whitenack, bounty land warrant no. 20215-160-55, Military Bounty Land and Pension Files, record group 94, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

[59] Many more examples appear in Maryly B. Penrose, *Compendium of Early Mohawk Valley Families,* 2 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1990).

Among Whitenack men who are found in New Jersey at the right time for the soldier's father, Isaac is the only one whose forename has the correct initial.[60] Furthermore, in order to be a nephew of Cornelius C.[4], the soldier must be the son of one of Cornelius C.'s older brothers. The oldest brother, John, had a son named Cornelius in 1791,[61] but he can be identified as the man who died in Somerville in 1861.[62] The next younger brother, Abraham, also had a son named Cornelius, but not until 1800—too late for him to perform military service in 1814.[63] A third brother, Jacob, only married for the first time in 1800.[64] Isaac is the only candidate for the soldier's father who fits all the constraints set by the soldier's bounty land claim and cannot be excluded with other evidence.

By 1830 Cornelius had removed to Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio. In that year's census, his household included:

1 male, under 5	2 females, under 5	9 total[65]
1 male, 5-9		
2 males, 10-15		
1 male, 20-29		
1 male, 30-39	1 female, 30-39	

In 1840, Cornelius appears in the same township at the head of a larger household:

1 male, under 5	2 females, under 5	7 total
	2 females, 5-9	1 employed in manufactures
1 male, 10-14	1 female, 10-14	and trades[66]
1 male, 15-20	1 female, 15-20	
1 male, 20-29		
1 male, 40-49	1 female, 40-49	

From the marriage records that appear in this county, it appears that there are more persons of the surname who came to marriageable age before 1850 than can be attributed solely to Cornelius.[67]

Abraham Whitenack and Elizabeth Lever, lic. 3 Feb. 1844, Z2:174, film 384,262
Abraham Whitenack and Caroline E. Reynolds, 25 Jan. 1855, by John S. Robertson, M. G., film 1,510,034
Catharine Whitenack and Rynear Rynearson, 17 Sept. 1831, by Wilson Thompson, M. G., 1:419; no. 2266, film 1,510,032; lic. 12 Sept. 1831, Z1:401

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[60] Ronald Vern Jackson, ed., *New Jersey Tax Lists, 1772–1822,* 4 vols. (Salt Lake City: Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc., 1981), 4:3587-9, 3669.

[61] Sinclair, "Bible Records," 92; Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church," 20:63.

[62] New Jersey State Board of Health, Vital Records, AE:483, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton.

[63] Andrew Hansen, "Hillsborough (Millstone) Reformed Church Baptisms," *Somerset County Historical Quarterly* 7 (1918): 306-9, at 306.

[64] Sinclair, "Records of the Harlingen Reformed Church," 16:70.

[65] Cornelius Whitenack household, 1830 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, page 306, line 9, micropublication M19, roll 42 (Washington: National Archives).

[66] Cornelius Whitenack household, 1840 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, page 197, line 25, micropublication M704, roll 431 (Washington: National Archives).

[67] *Ohio, County Marriages, 1790–1950,* online <http://www.familysearch.org>, General Index of Marriage Licenses Issued, vols. Z1-Z2, FHL microfilm 384,262; General Index to Marriage Records, old ser., vols. 1-2, FHL microfilm 384,263; loose returns, FHL microfilms no. 1,510,031-4.

Cornelius Whitenack and Minerva Wolf, 27 Nov. 1852, by Henry Allen, M. G., 2:494; film 1,510,034
Elizabeth Whitenack and Richard Verbrick, 19 Feb. 1844, by Samuel Newell, M. G., 2:238, no. 6099; Verbryck, lic. 17 Feb. 1844, Z2:175
Ellen Whitenack and William E. Scott, 18 Jan. 1837, by Henry Baker, 2:72; no. 4819, film 1,510,033
Hannah Ann Whitenack and William W. Williams, 3 Mar. 1853, by James Turk, J. P., 2:496
Isaac Whitenack and Maria Louisa Collins, 16 Sept. 1838, by W^{m} Crosson, J. P., 2:116; Maria Luiza Collins, no. 5173, film 1,510,033
Jacob Whitenack and Jemima Wolf, 19 Aug. 1849, by W^{m} Crosson, J. P., 2:402, no. 6830, film 1,514,073; lic. 15 Aug. 1849, Z2:318
Jeremiah Whitenack and Lavina Camblin, 26 June 1828, by P. Monfort, V. D. M., 1:359, no. 3087
John A. Whitenack and Rebecca W. Seargant, lic. 25 Dec. 1830, Z1:390
Maria Whitenack and Houston Cosseday, 26 Dec. 1849, by Samuel Newell, M. G., film 1,514,073
Mary Whitenack and David Harker, 3 Feb. 1848, by M. G. Mitchell, 2:352, no. 6485; David S. Harker, lic. 2 Feb. 1848, Z2:276
Osa Whitenack and William F. Parrett, lic. 24 Aug. 1846, Z2:237
Peter Whitenack and Sarah Ann Whitenack, 25 Sept. 1840, by Henry Baker, film 1,510,033; lic. 17 Sept. 1840, Z2:95
Rachael Whitenock and Benjamin Auker, 18 Nov. 1849, by Eld. P. Lansing, at Maineville, 2:421; Rachael, no. 6941, film 1,514,073; lic. 14 Nov. 1849, Z2:326
Rebecca Whitenack and William Sebbitt, 29 Aug. 1846, by J. T. Nixon, elder, film 1,514,073; Sibbit, lic. 22 Aug. 1846, Z2:237

The 1840 census may justify the assignment of four sons and four daughters to Cornelius, but marriage records name *eight* men (if the two instances of Abraham refer to the different men) and *ten* women. The other individuals seem to belong to the family of Cornelius's cousin, Andrew[4] Whitenack (no. 4, iii, 4), who was born in New Jersey and appears in the census in Deerfield Township, Warren County, aged 73 years.

Neither Andrew nor Cornelius lived alone in 1850. Andrew shared his dwelling with Leah, age 27, and Abraham, age 26, and with Margaret McCowan, age 19, and Abraham Scott, age 10.[68] Since Andrew's son Abraham apparently was still unmarried in 1850, it must be Cornelius's son who was licensed to marry in 1844. Conversely, Catharine and Ellen can be placed as daughters of Andrew on the grounds that Ellen was the only Whitenack woman to marry a *Scott*, and that Cornelius's daughter Catherine was not born early enough to marry in 1831.

Two other adults can be ruled out of Cornelius's family, using biographical sketches from nineteenth-century volumes of local history. The wife of Richard VerBryck is identified as "the daughter of Andrew Whitenack, of New Jersey; she was born in 1808 and died in 1861."[69] Jeremiah was born in 1802, late enough to be Andrew's son, but too early for Cornelius, who was only nine years older.[70]

In 1850 Cornelius lived in Hamilton Township with his wife and his four younger children: Cornelius, Hannah A., Andrew, and Catharine.[71] These individuals, if they married at all, must have done so after 1850, and two of the post-1850 marriages in Warren County can be assigned

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[68] Andrew Whitenack household, 1850 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Deerfield Township, District 149, page 67, dwelling 977, family 978, micropublication M593, roll 737 (Washington: National Archives).

[69] *The History of Menard and Mason Counties, Illinois . . .* (Chicago: O. L. Baskin & Co., Historical Publishers, 1879), 828-9, quotation at 829, sketch of their son, A. W. VerBryck, who was born in Warren Co. in 1846.

[70] *The History of Darke County, Ohio, Containing a History of the County; Its Cities, Towns, etc.; General and Local Statistics; Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men; History of the Northwest Territory; History of Ohio; Map of Darke County; Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, etc., etc.* (Chicago: W. H. Beers & Co., 1880), 660.

[71] 1850 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, District 149, page 79, dwelling 1148, family 1149, micropublication M432, roll 737.

to them: Cornelius to Minerva Wolf, and Hannah to William W. Williams. Lending additional support to the latter placement is the fact that in 1860, after Hannah's marriage had ended in divorce, she and her children are once again found living with Cornelius.[72]

The widow's pension gives direct proof for the placement of Isaac and Mary (and against Maria) as children of Cornelius, and offers indirect evidence in favor of such placement of Osa and Rachel, both of whose husbands also deposed in support of the claim. Rachel and Mary also are the only known members of the family with death certificates that confirm their parentage; these documents place them both as daughters of Cornelius.[73] That Jacob married a woman from the same family as the younger Cornelius gives indirect evidence for the fact that he himself belonged to the same family, and in 1860 the census places Jacob near Cornelius.[74] This leaves the parentage of John A., Peter, Rebecca, and Sarah Ann to be determined with further research.

Probable children of Cornelius[5] and Mary (Kise) Whitenack are:

i. ISAAC[2] WHITENACK, b. N. J.,[75] 23 Dec. 1817, d. Bluff Point, Jay Co., Ind., 28 Jan. 1894, aged 76y 1m 5d,[76] m. Warren Co. 16 Sept. 1838 MARIAH LOUISA COLLINS, b. Ohio,[77] 11 Sept. 1820,[78] dau. of Amos Collins, d. Randolph, Randolph Co., Ind., 6 Aug. 1900,[79] both bur. Reitenour Cemetery. Isaac Whitenack, aged 61y, deposed 11 Feb. 1879, as "oldest son of Cornelius Whitenack Ded. and Mary Whitenack his Widow."[80]

ii. ABRAHAM (or ABRAM) WHITENACK, b. Ohio[81] or N. J.,[82] 8 Oct. 1819, d. 21 Dec. 1898,[83] m. (lic. Warren Co. 3 Feb. 1844, ELIZABETH LEVER, b. Ohio,[84] 13 Sept. 1819, d. 28 June 1894; both bur. Odd

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[72] 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 308, family 308, micropublication M653, roll 1047; Ellen Van Houten and Florence Cole, comps., *Divorces 1803–1900, Court of Common Pleas, Warren County, Ohio* (Loveland, Ohio: Cardinal Research, 1990), 53, citing Common Pleas Journal 5:373.

[73] Mary Harker, death certificate no. 256 (1912), and Rachle Auker, death certificate no. 156 (1914), "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899–2011," online <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60716> (Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015).

[74] Jacob Whitnack household, 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 307, family 306, micropublication M653, roll 1047 (Washington: National Archives).

[75] Isaac Whiteneck household, 1860 U. S. census, Jay County, Indiana, population schedule, Pike Township, Bluff Point post office, page 39, dwelling 280, family 281, micropublication M653, roll 269 (Washington: National Archives).

[76] Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery."

[77] Isaac Whitenack household, 1850 U. S. census, Jay County, Indiana, population schedule, Pike Township, page 292, dwelling 60, family 60, micropublication M432, roll 153 (Washington: National Archives); Indiana Works Progress Administration, *Index to Death Record: Jay County, 1882–1920 Inclusive* (n. p., 1938), citing H-2:34.

[78] Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery."

[79] Randolph County, Indiana, Transcript of Certificates of Deaths, 5:14; Indiana State Library, Indianapolis.

[80] Cornelius Whitenack pension file.

[81] Abram Whitenack household, 1850 U. S. census, Clermont County, Ohio, population schedule, Wayne Township, District 23, page 84, dwelling 428, family 428, micropublication M432, roll 667 (Washington: National Archives).

[82] Abriham Whitenack household, 1870 U. S. census, Clermont County, Ohio, population schedule, Wayne Township, Goshen post office, page 408, dwelling 314, family 300, micropublication M593, roll 1181 (Washington: National Archives).

[83] Hulick and Smith, "Edenton IOOF. Cemetery," 33.

[84] 1850 U. S. census, Clermont County, Ohio, population schedule, Wayne Township, District 23, page 84, dwelling 428, family 428 (Abram Whitenack); 1870 U. S. census, Clermont County, Ohio, population schedule, Wayne Township, Goshen post office, page 408, dwelling 314, family 300 (Abriham Whitenack); Abraham Waitnack household, 1860 U. S. census, Clermont County, Ohio, population schedule, Wayne Township, Branch Hill post office, page 163, dwelling 1059, dwelling 1089, micropublication M653, roll 944 (Washington: National Archives); Abriham Whitenack

Fellows Cemetery, Edenton, Clermont Co., Ohio.[85]

iii. JACOB WHITENACK, b. N. J., ca. 1823, m. Warren Co. 19 Aug. 1849 JEMIMA J. WOLF, b. Va., ca. 1829; both res. Hamilton Twp. in 1860.[86]

iv. OSA WHITENACK, b. 1825, d. 1910,[87] m. (lic. Warren Co. 24 Aug. 1846) WILLIAM FLETCHER BARRETT,[88] b. 22 Feb. 1824, d. 13 Nov. 1890, aged 66y 8m 20d, both bur. Reitenour Cemetery.[89] On 11 Feb. 1879, William F. Barritt deposed and said that he had known Cornelius Whitenack and his widow for 35 years.[90]

v. CORNELIUS WHITENACK, b. Ohio, ca. 1827,[91] m. Warren Co. 27 Nov. 1852, MINERVA WOLF.

\+ vi. MARY WHITENACK, b. Warren Co., Ohio,[92] 12 Nov. 1829, d. Portland, Jay Co., Ind., 21 Jan. 1912,[93] aged 82y 1m 23d,[94] m. Warren Co. 3 Feb. 1848, DAVID SHEETS HARKER,[95] b. Gloucester Co., N. J., 22 Jan. 1827, son of Enoch and Christiana (Sheets) Harker (see *25. Harker,* 2),[96] d. 16 Jan. 1907, aged 79y 11m 24d, both bur. Reitenour Cemetery.[97]

vii. RACHEL WHITENACK, b. Ohio, 29 Oct. 1831, d. Jay Co. 26 Jan. 1914,[98] m. Warren Co., Ohio, 18 Nov. 1849, BENJAMIN AUKER,[99] b. Pa., 28 Mar. 1824, son of Jacob and Mary (Long) Auker, d. Randolph Station, Randolph Co., Ind., 12 Nov. 1908,[100] both bur. Reitenour Cemetery.[101] On 11 Feb. 1879, Benjamin Auker deposed and said that he had known Cornelius Whitenack and his widow for 30 years.[102]

viii. HANNAH ANN WHITENACK, b. Ohio, ca. 1834,[103] m. Warren Co. 3 March 1853, WILLIAM W. WILLIAMS,[104] granted a divorce from him in Warren Co., 27 Aug. 1857, on grounds of his adultery with Melinda Haines. Hannah was granted custody of their two minor children. There was apparently no provision restoring her maiden name,[105] but the 1860 census records her using her maiden name and living with her children in her father's home. There is no other marriage record in the county involving a Hannah Whitenack. Children of William W. and Hannah Ann (Whitenack) Williams, born in Ohio, are:[106]

1. *William Williams,* b. ca. 1854.

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household, 1880 U. S. census, Clermont County, Ohio, population schedule, Wayne Township, ED 52, SD 3, page 361, dwelling 418, family 413, micropublication T9, roll 1000 (Washington: National Archives).

[85] Hulick and Smith, "Edenton IOOF. Cemetery," 33.

[86] 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 307, family 306 (Jacob Whitnack).

[87] Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery."

[88] Heiss, *Warren County Marriage Records,* 2:160 (calls the groom *William T. Parrott*).

[89] Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery."

[90] Cornelius Whitenack pension file.

[91] 1850 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, District 149, page 79, dwelling 1148, family 1149 (Cornelius Whitenack).

[92] Tucker, *History of Randolph County, Indiana,* 422.

[93] Mary Harker, death certificate no. 256 (1912).

[94] Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery."

[95] Tucker, *History of Randolph County, Indiana,* 422.

[96] Tucker, *History of Randolph County, Indiana,* 418, 422.

[97] Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery."

[98] Rachle Auker, death certificate no. 156 (1914).

[99] Heiss, *Warren County Marriage Records,* 2:159.

[100] Benj. Auker Sr., death certificate no. 122 (1908), "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899–2011."

[101] Norman, "Burials in Reitenour Cemetery."

[102] Cornelius Whitenack pension file.

[103] 1850 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, District 149, page 79, dwelling 1148, family 1149 (Cornelius Whitenack); 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 307, family 306 (Jacob Whitnack).

[104] Heiss, *Warren County Marriage Records,* 2:159.

[105] Van Houten and Cole, *Divorces 1803–1900, Warren County, Ohio,* 53, citing Common Pleas Journal 5:373.

[106] 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 308, family 308 (Cornelius Whitenack).

2. *T. S. Williams* (son), b. ca. 1856.

ix. ANDREW J. WHITENACK, b. Ohio, ca. 1837, m. Jay Co., Ind., 7 Dec. 1859 MARY MCCASKY,[107] b. Ohio, ca. 1840;[108] both res. Pike Twp., Jay Co., Ind., 1880.[109]

x. CATHARINE WHITENACK, b. Ohio, ca. 1841, res. Hamilton Twp., 1850.[110]

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[107] Jay County, Indiana, Marriage Records, B:366; FHL microfilm 1,749,840.

[108] A. J. Whitenack household, 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, Fosters Crossings post office, page 48, dwelling 307, family 307, micropublication M653, roll 1047 (Washington: National Archives); Andrew J. Whitnick household, 1870 U. S. census, Jay County, Indiana, population schedule, Pike Township, Bluff Point post office, page 135, dwelling 152, family 153, micropublication M593, roll 327 (Washington: National Archives).

[109] A. J. Whitenack household, 1880 U. S. census, Jay County, Indiana, population schedule, Pike Township, ED 160, SD 6, page 539, dwelling 271, family 273, micropublication T9, roll 287 (Washington: National Archives).

[110] 1850 U. S. census, Warren County, Ohio, population schedule, Hamilton Township, District 149, page 79, dwelling 1148, family 1149 (Cornelius Whitenack).

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