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ERRORS IN THIS NEWLETTER HAVE BEEN CORRECTED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE -PLEASE READ THE CORRECTIONS REGARDING JOHANN FREDERICH HANGER III LINEAGE. Thank you. Glenn Hanger

I was told when I started this project that as knowledge of the cemetery project was shared and contact information was sought and provided, I would come in contact with more and more folks with genealogical information. Well, I was told correctly.

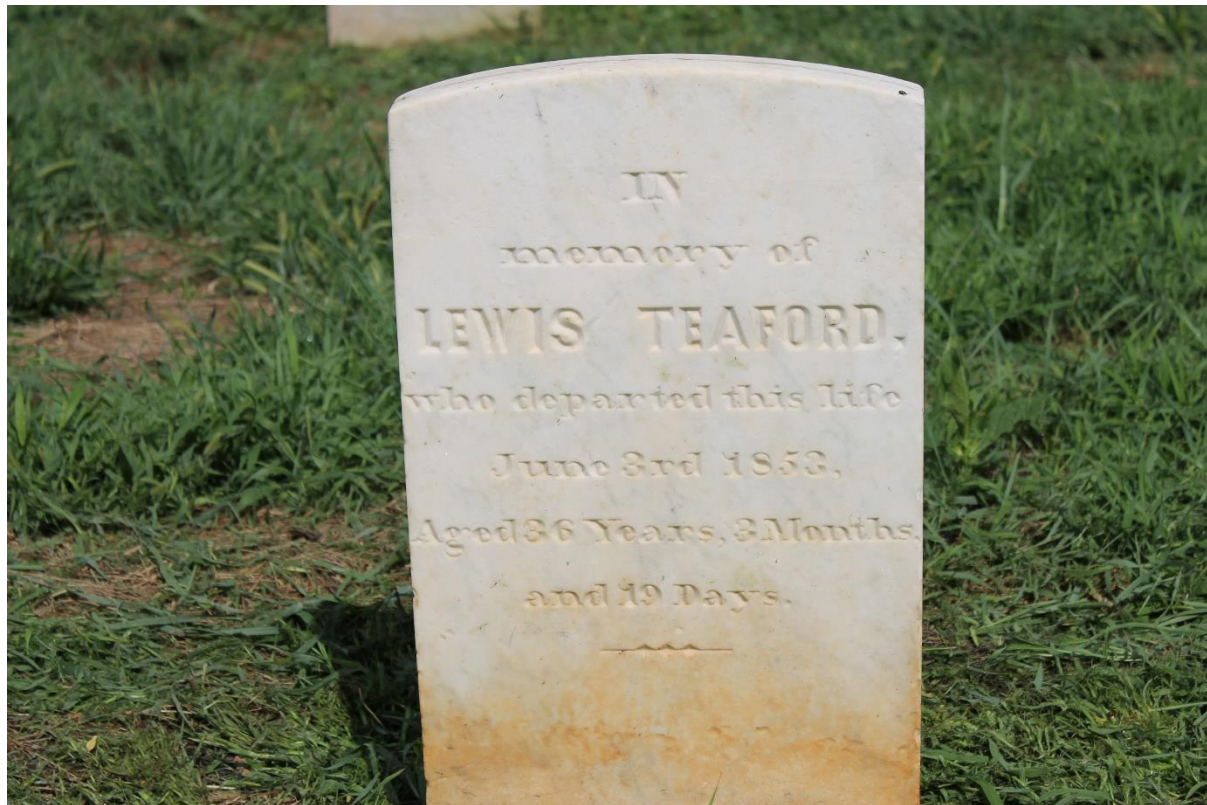
On July 7th I received an email from a fellow living in Columbus, Ohio who had stumbled upon our website while doing some family research. Johann Frederick Hanger was his wife's 6g grandfather, making us 5th cousins 1 X removed if I am correct. (Refer to the Einstein article at the end of this newsletter as to why I question my correctness!) He was specifically inquiring about any information I might have on the Cook-Teaford Cemetery and informed me that it was off Morris Mill Road a few miles west of Staunton. That was the first time I had ever heard of Cook-Teaford Cemetery. I too started inquiring and by the next morning I had a contact name and number. By that evening, I had made arrangements to meet the caretaker at the cemetery on July 10th at 10 am!

I and a good friend in Middlebrook arrived at the cemetery as planned and was met by a caretaker/descendant who explained some of the history of the Cooks and Teafords. The cemetery, consisting of ten visible headstones, dates back to at least the mid-1800s. I strongly suspect that just below the ground surface there are more stones (and older dates) waiting to be discovered and reset. I have included

a couple of photos I took. Unfortunately, I was so caught up in the close-up photos that I failed to get an overall picture. - Good excuse for a return visit! I have also included a thumbnail of the relationship to the Hanger family. Yes,



there is a relationship. If my research is correct, the relationship is three-fold, in that two of the Cooks married two Hangers. See below. And then a Keller married a Hanger and their descendants went on to marry into the Cook-Teaford families.





I have the following, but I solicit corrections from anyone who finds errors. All of these families had a number of children, but I limited my commentary to just the germane. Dates are derived from best evidence and may or may not be correct.

Paulus Koch (Cook) 1748-1826 married Margaretha Teaforde 1768-1826

They had a daughter, Margaret Cook 1789-1875

They also had a son, George Cook 1797-1863

Johann Frederick Hanger (Jr) 1726-1799 married Maria Magdalena Hull 1760-1846

They had a son Johann Frederick Hanger, III 1793-1869

They also had a daughter, Sarah Hanger 1802-1888

Johann Frederick Hanger, III married Margaret Cook.

George Cook married Sarah Hanger.

Johann Frederick Hanger III and family went west, and he is buried in Old Salem Church Cemetery in Floyd, Indiana. George Cook and family stayed in Augusta County. At right is an obituary for Martha Hanger Day¹, a daughter of Johann III.

But the relationships don't stop here. The following day the caretaker for the Cook-Teaford Cemetery asked me to contact some folks in Connecticut who also have ties to the cemetery, and as I would learn, to the Hangers as well. She had talked with them, and they were looking for more information for their own family genealogy work.

I will try to keep this short as there are volumes of information that can be researched and documented on these families. The Keller/Cook/Teaford descendant in Connecticut's great grandfather was Robert Lee Keller. Robert's mother was Eliza Cook Keller. Eliza's great grandmother was Anna Barbara Hanger 1736-1782, who married George Keller 1758-1844.

Anna was Johann Melchoir Hanger's daughter and the sister of Johann Frederick Hanger, Sr. She was four years old when she arrived in Philadelphia with her family aboard the ship *Robert and Alice* December 3, 1740. I believe George's family arrived much earlier, possibly October 11, 1732, at Philadelphia as well, aboard the ship *Pleasant*. There is still work to be done on his family to verify his arrival in America. George and Anna's granddaughter, Margaret Keller 1789-1852, married J. Henry Teaford ?-1841. Their son Lewis Teaford 1817-1853 married Elizabeth Cook 1820-1897.

AGED WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Martha Day Found Dead In Bed Sunday Morning.

Mrs. Martha Day, widow of Cook Day, Sr., an old resident of New Albany, was found dead in bed at her home at 318 West Second street in that city yesterday morning at 7 o'clock by her daughter, Miss Susan Day, with whom she lived. Mrs. Day had been up an hour or so before she died. She had been in poor health for a year or more suffering from the infirmities of age and it is believed that her death was due to the general wearing out of the system. She had not complained of being ill.

Mrs. Day was 91 years of age and was a native of Floyd county. It is probable that she was the oldest native born resident of the county at the time of her death. She was born in Edwardsville, five miles west of New Albany, and had lived in New Albany and Floyd county all of her life. For nearly three quarters of a century she had been a resident of New Albany. She was a daughter of the late Frederick Hanger, who emigrated from West Virginia to Floyd county ninety-five years ago. The Rev. Martin V. Hanger who lives near Edwardsville, and is past 80 years of age and the oldest Christian minister in Indiana, is a brother.

Mrs. Day's husband died several years ago. She is survived by five children. They are Cook Day, Jr., and Miss Susan Day, of New Albany; Christopher Day and Mrs. Jane Collins, of Paoli, and Mrs. Anna Tyson, of Elyria, O. Mrs. Day was one of the oldest members of Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal church, which is the oldest church in New Albany.

¹ Newspapers.com. The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky. 28 October 1912.

Martin Hanger's son Martin Hanger, Jr. 1800-1872, not to be confused with Martin V. Hanger may have married Jane Keller. A little more on that at the end of this documentation.

Many of the Kellers are buried in the family cemetery near Churchville, Virginia. Unfortunately, the Keller Cemetery has been the victim of theft and vandalism over the years and is in need of attention like so many old family graveyards.

If all the above seems confusing, it is in my opinion; very. But marriages in the 18th and 19th centuries were dare I say it, subject to supply and demand. Families within visiting and courting distances often had several members from one family marry several members from the other family. Often but not limited to brothers and sisters. For those families that required a chaperone, that practice in and of itself often introduced siblings, cousins, etc., from one group to the other. It is a common find as records during that period are examined.

So, this is one thumbnail of the Hanger-Cook-Teaford relationship. And only a thumbnail. Hopefully it contains minimal errors. Email with questions, corrections or threats if you have them and I will do my best to get answers from those that might know more.

Just as a final comment on this. There were many discrepancies in public Ancestry.com records as well as private papers concerning Johann Frederick Hanger III. Enough discrepancies that I chose not to use any of them. The most compelling evidence I found for establishing that Johann Frederick Hanger III was the son of Johann Frederick Hanger (Jr.) and Maria Hull

1793 To Frieterich Henger a son was born 17 July. Bapt. Johann Frieterich. His grandparents were spons., namely Frieterich Henger & wife Eva Henger.

Hanger was a baptism record from the registry of St. John's German Reformed Church dated 1793.² Many records list Johann Frederick Hanger III as the son of Martin Hanger (1765-1829). Maybe to blame for the discrepancies is the fact that Martin had a son (Martin Hanger, Jr.) 1800-1872 who had a son named Frederick Hanger. (1832-1876) A photo purported to be of this Frederick Hanger is at right.³ Evidence indicates that Martin Hanger (Jr.) married Jane Keller (1801-1866), parents of this Frederick. Jane was the daughter of George

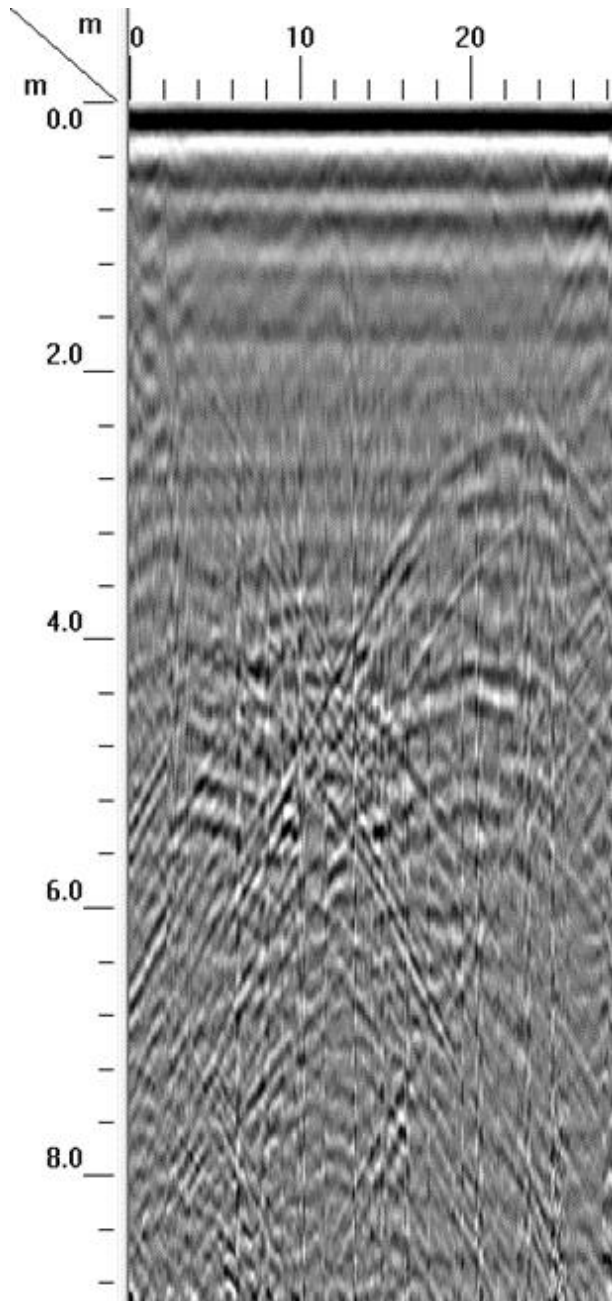


² Joyner, Peggy Shomo. (1995). St. John's Church Register German Reformed And Lutheran Augusta County, Virginia (1748) 1786-1872

³ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/19946083/frederick-hanger>: accessed 30 July 2023), memorial page for Frederick Hanger (27 Jan 1832–1 Nov 1876), Find a Grave Memorial ID 19946083, citing Milltown Cemetery, Milltown, Harrison County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by SomeBunny Loves You! klj (contributor 46958704).

Keller, the third tie previously mentioned concerning the Hanger, Cook, and Teaford families.

I have uploaded two forensics files to the Library/Archives section of the website for members to view. They are in PowerPoint format and give some details on the work that was done April 8th by the James Madison University Archaeology Department Head and six of her students. At right is the image that ground penetrating radar produces when it passes over a grave. The PowerPoint is not the final report for the work that was done and there is over 75% of the graveyard yet to be scanned. There are 11 slides covering the GPS work and 9 slides covering the GPR work. Please take time to look at the files if this is something that interests you. Quite frankly, the blessings of having access to this resource cannot be overstated. Very few projects in the world have access to this level of scientific study. We are Blessed to have access to it. I will keep everyone posted on the progress.



Website Updates: Members Section

In The Library / Archives Section

Ship Passenger Lists 1732-1754 - 15 Total

Unpublished Documents - 7 Total

Published Documents - 10 Total -

Life in Dutch Hollow - 83 Total

Obituaries & Death Notices - 383 (Still several hundred to go)

Lucas-Fix Private Collection 109 Total

DHH Cemetery Forensics, Etc. – JUST ADDED! Preliminary Findings of Ground Penetrating Radar for lower 35 feet of Cemetery and GPS of entire cemetery

Coming Soon:

Elijah Jacob Hanger Private Collection (Approximately 450 files to be uploaded as time permits)

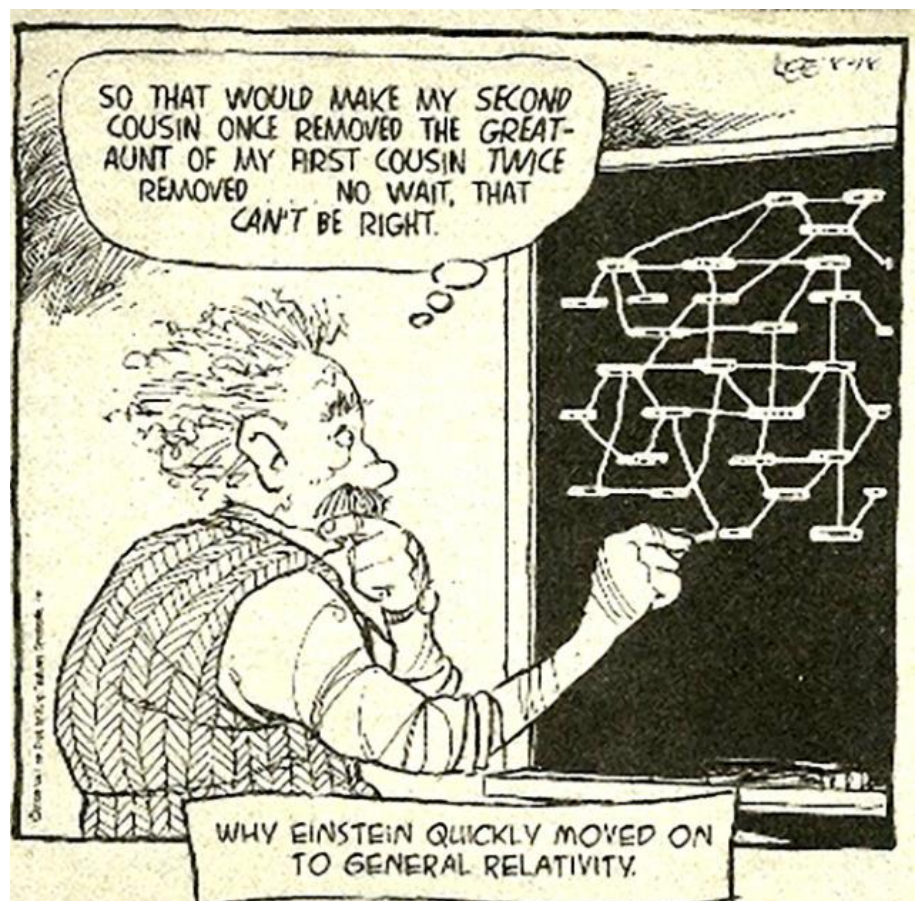
In The Focused Research Section

18 Files (40+ more to be researched, formatted, and uploaded as time permits)

Four of the *Blood of Our Blood* books have been sold, leaving one available. If you or someone you know wants one, it might be wise to get it before it is gone!

To end this month's newsletter, I have included some genealogy humor from the internet that most of us will agree is as true as it is funny. This first one relates to a true story.

My 5th cousin and his wife visited us last September after we began chatting online about genealogy and our relationship to each other. He has ancestors that are buried in Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery and during the 1800s they lived in a cabin just up the next hollow from my barn. We concluded we were cousins, and during their visit our conversation got more specific about exactly "what kind of cousin." His wife was part of this discussion as well and then my wife got involved. We became convinced that the "cousin calculator" that is available in many variations was wrong....really wrong. After better than a day of studying on it, we concluded that the



“cousin calculator chart” was correct and we were in fact 5th and not 4th cousins. This same 5th cousin just a few weeks ago stumbled across this “Einstein” cartoon, which reminded him of our conversation, and so he sent it to me. You pegged this one cuz, thank you. Can anyone else relate to this?

Murphy’s law of genealogy: After solving a dead-end ancestor mystery that consumed your entire adult life, your sister reports, “I could have told you that!”

On an old tombstone was the following quote:

“Pause stranger, when you pass me by, As you are now so once was I. As I am now, so you will be. So prepare for death and follow me.”

Below that epitaph someone scratched the following, “To follow you I’m not content, Until I know which way you went.”

And finally, the five golden rules of genealogy:

1. Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
2. Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to the documents importance.
3. The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
4. The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
5. Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.

Until next month,

Glenn Hanger

President, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery