

THE HEADSTONE

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Even though we are now on the cusp of the second month of 2024, I will again say Happy New Year! With all the sickness that has been going around I hope you are remaining warm and healthy. For those that might be under the weather, get better soon! I have been doing a great deal of deed research on the land around the cemetery to include of course the land that was the Hanger farm. I hope to be able to share some of that in the coming months but first I must share what I promised last month I would, and that is the relationship of the Fix and Lucas family to some of us and how and who they descend from. The picture I referenced is below just to refresh your memory. Photo curtesy of Richard Jones & Lesley Ott.



Maybe it is easiest to just summarize all of this and field questions later if there are any.

Jacob Hanger (1791-1875) married Susanah Ott (1796-1864) in 1817. Jacob was the Grandson of Johann Frederick Hanger. Susannah was the granddaughter of Johannes Georg Ott. Frederick came to America in 1740, Georg in 1746, if my research is accurate.

Jacob and Susannah had eight children based on my research thus far. Mary Ann Hanger (1818-1895) was the oldest. Mary Ann Married Andrew Lucas. (1819-1887).

Jacob, Susanah, Mary Ann, and Andrew are buried at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery.



The above photo was taken April 22, 2022, before the stones had been cleaned and repaired. Before the above photo was taken it was even worse. The photo below and left was taken in October 2021, just after cleanup had gotten underway.



A photo of the cleaned and repaired stones is below. The eco-friendly cleaner that was used, the same compound used by Arlington National Cemetery caretakers, is really effective. These headstones, except for Susanah's, had been removed and stacked along the fence that was to the right of the photo. The only thing that remained were the bases, each being unique to the headstone it was meant for, which made it possible for the markers to be put back in their proper place.



Andrew Lucas and Mary Ann Hanger were married in 1842. Most records are in agreement that they had nine children, one of which was Susan Margaret Lucas, their second born. (1846-1923)

Susan married Mathias Fix, Jr. (1833-1901) Mathias was the grandson of Jacob George Fulwider and Catherine Carr Fulwider. Catherine is the lady in the article on the home page of the Dutch Hollow website who lived to be 101 years of age. Jacob George's brother, Johannes, is buried in Dutch Hollow beside his wife Catherine Hull Fulwider. Their stones are the ones inscribed in German script. I suspect that Jacob George and his wife Catherine are buried in Dutch Hollow

as well. Many other relationships exist for this family with others buried in Dutch Hollow, but that exposition would fill several newsletters and most certainly confuse this brief research. Left is a photo of Mathias Fix, Jr. and Susan Lucas Fix. Photo curtesy of Richard Jones & Lesley Ott.



Mathias Fix, Jr. and Susan had according to research, four children with Emma Gertrude Lucas being the last born. (1881-1960)

Emma married Marion Alexander Lucas. (1881-1966) They had three children. Nina Marion Lucas was the last born. (1919-2009)

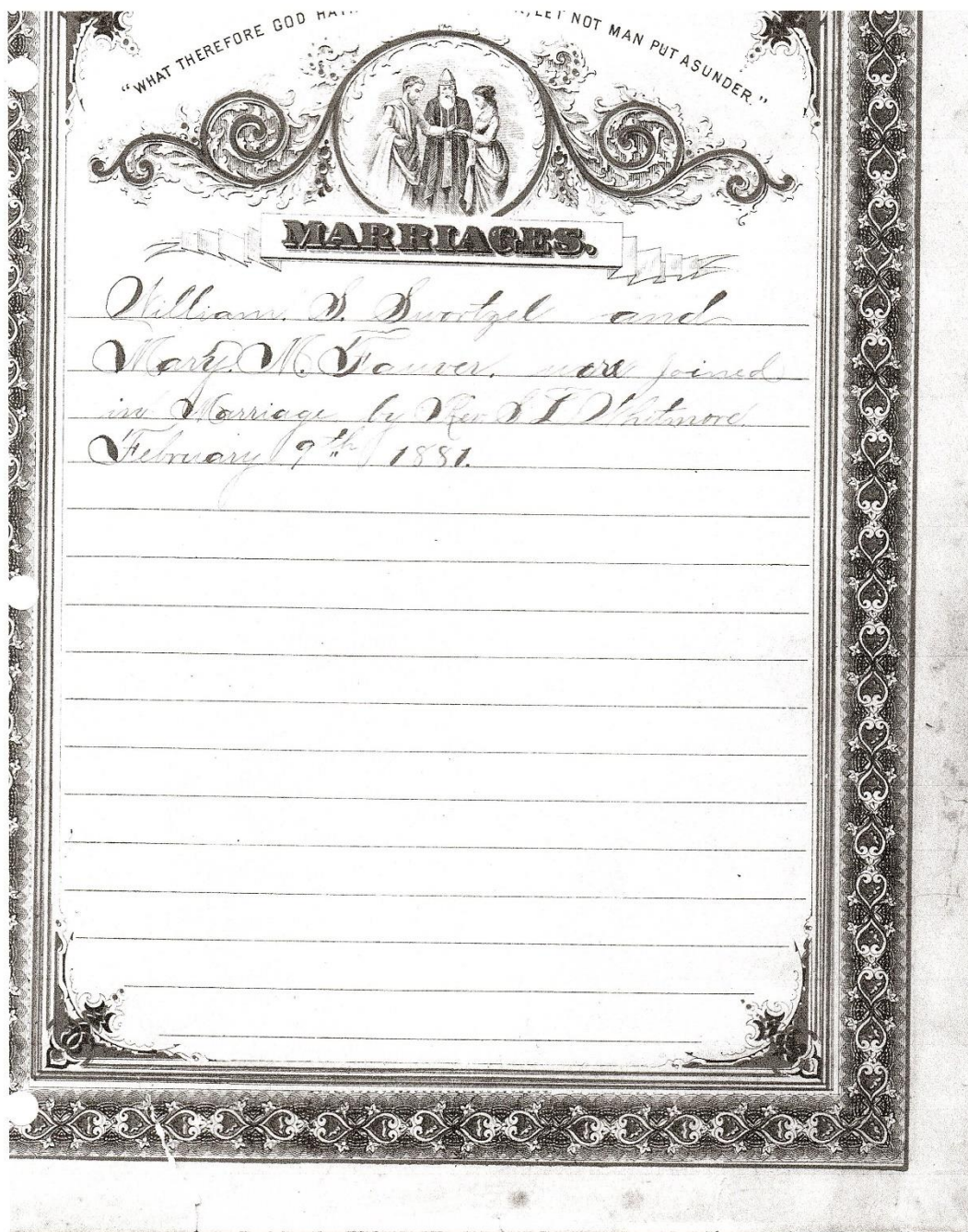
Susan and Marion are the grandparents of Richard Jones and great grandparents of Lesley Ott, two of our supporting members. Nina was Richard's mother. Richard and Lesley have been gracious

enough to share their family history, stories, and photographs, 109 of which can be found on the website in the Library/Archives module under the tab, "Lucas-Fix Private Collection." It is a great piece of history that they have not only preserved but shared with us. Please take time to look at what they have contributed. As for Cora Virginia Nace, (1890-1974) also named in the old photo of the schoolhouse, she married Emma's brother John Harry Fix. (1877-1955) I have hundreds of documents on this family and their relationships to those in the cemetery, Dutch Hollow, Augusta County, and the rest of the country. Please let me know if you are looking for something in particular, just looking, or if you find an error in the above research.

I felt compelled not to leave you in suspense from last month regarding the move of the Moffatt's Creek Schoolhouse. I took this photo on January 5th. It is waiting to be set at its new home. I did find out that the move was made in order to make room for a road to be put in and loop around the Mt. Hermon Cemetery. The plans are to put a full poured concrete foundation/basement under the schoolhouse after which it will be lowered to its resting place.



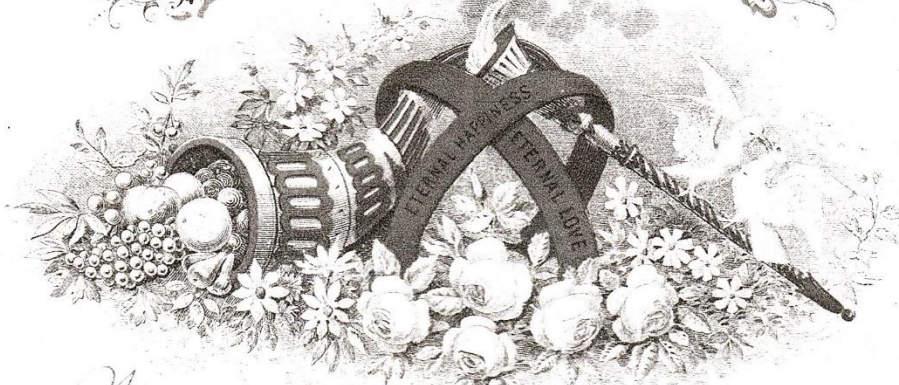
Several months ago, I also promised to provide copies of some documents from the William Sylvester Swortzel (1854-1927) Family Bible. Here they are. You may need to enlarge the view to read these easier. Courtesy of Leonard Swortzel, William's grandson.



"WHAT THEREFORE GOD ..."

"...PUT MAN PUT ASUNDER."

THIS IS TO CERTIFY



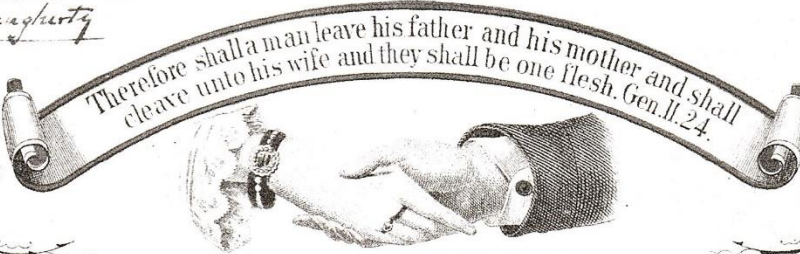
That *William J. Swartzel*
and *Mary J. Hawver*
WERE UNITED BY ME IN

HOLY MATRIMONY

At *Middlebrook Augusta Co Va* on the *9th* day of
February in the year of our Lord 1881

In Presence of *Family and Friends*
Signed _____

J. H. Daugherty





BIRTHS.

William D. Swartzel was born
Sept 24 1854.

Mary M. Swartzel was born
March 26th 1861.

Aliment Arcenia Swartzel was
born June 11th 1882.

Edward Brody Swartzel was
born February 3rd 1884.

William Arthur Swartzel was
born January 23rd 1886.

Herbert Guy Swartzel, Born ¹⁸⁸⁹ July 29th

Charles Robert Swartzel, Born Feb 22nd 1892.

David Franklin Swartzel Born Feb 9th 1896

Leroy Swartzel Born Feb 16th 1898.

Mary Mayt Swartzel Born Oct 13th
1899.



DEATHS.

Brady E. Swortzel died Dec 16th 1901.

Aged 17 Years 10 Months 13 days

Clement A. Swortzel died Dec 19th 1901.

Aged 19 Years 6 Months 8 days

Herbert Luy Swortzel died Nov 19th 1904.

Aged 15 Years 3 Months 20 days

William D. Swortzel (Father) died July 19th

1928 Aged 72 ^(mother)

Mary Fauer Swortzel died February 24, 1938

David Franklin Swortzel died December 1975

Harry Wayne Swortzel died June 11, 1979

William Arthur Swortzel died January 26, 1981

Charles Robert Swortzel died January 1, 1985

Lucy Swortzel Draucker died April 24, 1986

You might be wondering what the connection is to the Swortzel family.

William's uncle, Henry Swortzel (1815-1882) married Susannah Bosserman. (1817-1904)

Henry and Susannah had a number of children with Virginia Estaline Swortzel (1855-1905) being one of them. Virginia, or "Jenny," as she is referred to in a number of documents, married George Stuart Hanger (1856-1926) December 13, 1877. George was my great grandfather. George and Virginia's names can be found on the 1880 Federal Census¹ as living in the same household with Virginia's parents, Henry and Susan. Also in the house were three of Henry and Susan's other children as well as two children of George and Virginia, Ernest, my grandfather age two, and Oliver, his brother age nine months. The Swortzel house was pretty close to the graveyard as the crow flies, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. I have included a map of the upper reaches of Dutch Hollow (NE of the graveyard) which shows the location of the Swortzel house site. Hopefully

this will help the reader put the locations in perspective.



Henry and Susan
Swortzel House Site

J. Wiseman House and
Springhouse Site

Elizabeth Cale Hanger
(1826-1903) House Site.
She was married to
David Ott Hanger who
died in 1870 at age 50.
She was probably living
there up until her death
in 1903. (See Obit
Below) Her son,
Charles Henry Hanger
(1864-1948) lived there
in later years

Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery
Distance to Elizabeth Hanger - .3
Distance to J. Wiseman - .5
Distance to Henry Swortzel - .7

<https://earth.google.com/web/@38.00641045,-79.23438729,596.64070027a,2647.23470266d,35y,24.22157239h,45.01133501t,0r>

¹ Year: 1880; Census Place: Riverhead, Augusta, Virginia; Roll: 1354; Page: 212D; Enumeration District: 017

Greenville.

Greenville, Va., Dec. 28.—Christmas passed off quietly here. Nothing of interest occurred except a Christmas tree at the M. E. Church South, on the evening previous to Christmas, which was a success in every respect.

On Wednesday the 23rd Mr. Stuart B. Gilmore, of this neighborhood, was married in Staunton by the Rev. I. W. Canter to Miss Rosa Hanger. This occasion for joy was quickly followed by sadness. When the happy couple returned home from the marriage the bride found her grandmother with whom she lived sick—the two of whom were the only members of the family—The old lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Hanger, gradually grew worse until she quietly passed away on Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. at the advanced age of 77 years. The remains were taken to Mt. Moriah M. E. Church, where the funeral was conducted by the Rev. S. W. Hadden, of Old Providence Reformed Presbyterian church. The deceased was a member of St. John's Reformed church. She leaves three daughters and four sons to mourn their loss; Mrs. Samuel Serrett, Mrs. John A. Wiseman and Mrs. Mary Fose, and Messrs. George, William, Charles and Ewell Hanger, all of whom were present except Ewell, who came too late for the sad occasion.

This obituary was located in the Library of Virginia archives using VirginiaChronicle.com. It was placed in the Rockbridge County News, December 31, 1903, edition. The message here is, if you are using newspapers.com, you may not find everything that is out there. I use Newspapers.com and it is an excellent resource, but it does not have every newspaper that was printed. They are continuously adding newspapers to their database but there are many yet to add. So, if you know the article you are looking for and you know where it was run, check newspapers.com and if they do not have that newspaper in their database, try the Library of Virginia or a similar archive if working in another state. Just a tip that I have learned the hard way. Also, if you know the edition and you have it, and you know what you are looking for yet can't find it, try changing your search word(s). Sometimes when the document is scanned the word or words you are using to search may be in the article but may not have been read and imaged as the same word when it was saved to the database, thus it will not produce a matching result.

Mt. Moriah Church where Elizabeth's funeral was preached was about one mile south of the graveyard. It was dedicated September 29, 1878, and listed for sale May 2, 1914. It is probably safe to assume that once automobiles began to replace the horse and buggy, outpost chapels were destined to become a worship place of the past.

The information in this month's newsletter covers topics in several different directions. If you have any questions about anything you have read, have found mistakes, or just want to know more about someone or something, please email me and if I have it or can find it, I will see that you get it.

Please note this correction: In las month's newsletter I stated that the William Beverly land grant total over 180,000 acres. This is incorrect, it was 118, 491 acres.

² VirginiaChronicle.com. Staunton Daily News, Staunton, Virginia. 31 December 1903.

Website Updates: Members Section

In The Library / Archives Section

Ship Passenger Lists 1732-1754 – 16 Total

Unpublished Documents - 9 Total

Published Documents – 11 Total –

Life in Dutch Hollow – 115 Total

Obituaries & Death Notices – 518 (Still several hundred to go)

Lucas-Fix Private Collection 109 Total

Department of Historical Resources Augusta County Archaeological Site Surveys – 13

DHH Cemetery Forensics, etc. – 2

NEW TAB! Miscellaneous Research Notes – Tidbits of documentation & Photos on those associated with Dutch Hollow in one form or another. Hundreds to upload as time permits. Mostly in field note style but a lot of info at the fingertips of anyone needing it for their research. – 21 Total

JUST ADDED! E-Book - Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery, Silent Stories Vol. I, by Glenn D. Hanger

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)

Blood of Our Blood book – **SOLD OUT!** I plan to see the author's daughter in the next few weeks and may try to acquire several more copies for the website store if there is interest. If you think you would like to purchase one, please let me know. Any of the books in the website store would make a great reading gift for that history buff in your family. All are out of print and have good information that is germane to Dutch Hollow and the folks that we call ancestors. And don't forget that members get a discount, but you must log onto the website using your username and password to get it!

Until next month, Blessings & Happy Trails.

Glenn Hanger

President, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery