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Macomb's Gray Vander Hoof, born 17 Aug. 1868, married Florence Plaza, living in Phelps, N.Y.

Child (Vander Hoof):


Note—Mr. Vander Hoof did much work in bringing this line down to the present. Concerning the letter in the Enterprise on Henry Ford's Spoons, presented to the oldest son of Sergeant Michael Myers of Revolutionary War fame, i.e., to Peter M. Myers, Attorney on his wedding, 1799, to Mary Van Schoonhoven, Mr. Vander Hoof writes when Peter Myers' daughters Eliza became second wife of Frederick C. Bellinger No. 34, she was presented with a silver tea set and two tea spoons, bought for $1200 by Henry Ford. I have two of these table spoons with Nicholas Weaver's name on them and Ford cannot buy them. Which proves that a genealogical guess on the silversmith made by the writer can be correct. See Enterprise of 30 April 1930. (Weaver's descendants live in Cleveland, O. (Baggs' Pioneers of Utica page 383).

Numbers 322-325 are from 30 Maria:

Docktader, 5 Catriline, 2 (1).
FIRST SETTLERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

ARTICLES OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS AND FAMILY HISTORIANS, UNPUBLISHED PAPERS CONCERNING OUR PIONEERS.

Our readers are invited to send in copies of family papers and historic matter relating to early families, etc. Many unpublished papers which he was shown in late articles on the medievally-bred family, etc. The highest and lowest members would be sent but for safety we would prefer copies of originals.

HENRY FORD'S SPOONS

MORE HISTORY OF THE FAMOUS MEYERS Silver SET

Commander Ballinger Throws More Light on Famous Case of Silver Spoons Set Probably Made by Nicholas N. Weaver.

Deceased Henry Ford's silver set bought from a daughter of my Council has been made. Fred Casey was instructed to the Revolutionary general Michael Myers. That is just too bad for "Henry Ford." The highest and lowest members would be sent but for safety we would prefer copies of originals. Henry Myers is shown on the 1779 and 1780 pay rolls as his father in law, Capt. Henry Haster to be Sergt. Michael Myers then 26 or 27 years old. All of which goes to prove that my assertion should be taken seriously by the Board of Commissioners since furnished and procured all the trophies in their Gun Park. My request of the commissioners was that the Gun Park which is not the ground is sold but the atmosphere above the ground enveloping and guns, should be called the "Private Frederick Belling,

Michael Myers: Probable Birth Place

Michael Myers' birth place is given in various histories as Amherst, Amherst and Elizabeth, N. J. I easily think from the pronunciation of the first two the name is born in Amherst, N. J. as quoted by Mr. Deuel. Ross' history reads as if Michael came with N. J. soldiers to fight in the valley at Jumonville in 1757, yet Michael was married on Oct. 25, 1777.

They tore it down, then drove him to his den. They destroyed every stamp they could find. They went to grandmother, destroyed every stamp they found there. Myers never put up any more stamps. That was the last time that grandfather ever had his sword buckled around him. His father was then ten years old. I have heard him tell what a great excitement there was at that time. Mr. Belling and Mr. Fox were from P. Berlinsky. They were all military men. They did their duty in that case. Well, that law was repealed in a hurry after the people of the first order and we never became popular after that whilst he lived.

Col. William Clopasside was grandfather's brother. I remember him well. Saw him oftan. Remember when he died. I was little at the time. Colonel Rhode's Shoe maker was my father's brother-in-law. He married father's sister Margaret.

Nicholas N. Weaver: Probable Silversmith

That silver tea set and the spoons were quite probably made by Nicholas N. Weaver, a silversmith of Utica, N. Y. It was quite an event in those days to have Weaver make things by hand, spoons and all and his handwork was as well known and recognized in the valley as Tiffany's was 60 years later. I have one of his silver teaspoons now with me. They were made in it which was in a set presented by Miss Weaver to my grandmother Elizabeth Fox. Breed who named her daughter and this was Mrs. George G. McIntosh in the hardware business in Cleveland, Ohio.

The esteem in which was held in Utica, as what is written in a marriage notice by Domini Spinnier.

"1853 Sept. 23 Lawrence Belling father of Frederick Belling and Elizabeth Shoemaker his betrothed wife has been married in the house of Fred Fox to Elizabeth Shoemaker his betrothed daughter. George Fox Esq. and Elizabeth Hesse his betrothed wife both deceased--a virtuous man and woman united in marriage in the presence of many witnesses all and every one of German Flats and especially of Miss Weber of Utica the only one not brought up in German Flats and Frederick Belling the brother of the bridegroom, 251.

All that notice for $5!

By contrast observe this following notice of a Little Falls wedding.

"Anne Maria Major, Peter Major's wife, was a sponsor March 4, 1794 for the baptism of 'Anne Maria Major, Peter Major's wife.'"

The dates of marriages and births of the parties most closely interested do not fit with the dates on the papers as requested. Perhaps the chance of records he can probably unscramble the Mayer mixup given below:

One Mayer was called "Peter" by some and something else by others. As a second wife he took widow Abalona (Appolonia) Belling and get married on Oct. 10, 1793. The marriage was recorded and printed in the Enterprise, a couple of years ago. (Mrs. Marjorie Zoller's Smith of Fort Plain in a descendant of "Abalona" through Anna Kloss.) Then comes in a Rosenkrans church record, in which "Anna Maria Major, Peter Major's wife" was a sponsor March 4, 1794 for
maker believed Michael Myers' father's name was Peter. When he placed the Myers history in the "Colonial Families of the United States" by MacKenzie, Vol. I, page 476 the general's father was named Johannis. This gives Peter Myers, Tory, killed 1779. Michael's son Peter was born March 13, 1779.

Michael Myers Shoemaker had the "screeches" for people. This boosted his business of travel and his numerous journeys to Europe. He came honestly by it for his father was a civil engineer. You will be interested to know his politics. Mr. Editor, which are indicated by his membership in the Union Club of New York city.

One more Myers story is typed just as written to me by a dear old lady from Cattaraugus county, N. Y. That "Stamp Act" is not made much of in our school histories because of its lack of wisdom. But here is the local view of it.

**Stamp Act Story**

"I wish to tell you of an incident that occurred before my grandfather died. My father was about ten years old. I tell this just as I often heard him tell it in his lifetime but are historical facts. If you have read the history of the U.S. in our school years ago, do you remember reading of a law that was passed by our Congress, I think, in between 1788 and 1802. I forget the exact date, but no matter, it was passed. That law was called the "Alien and Sedition" law. The Stamp Act was passed at the same time. When that became known many people could not understand what it meant. When they did find out what that Stamp Act meant there was a time of protest. There was a man in Herkimer appointed by the government to go from house to house, everywhere and tax or rather put the stamp onto everything he could find worth stamping.

He went to my grandmother's (His name was Myers). My grandmother lived in a log cabin. Grandfather Piper had been dead two years. Myers put stamps on all she had. When he put stamps on her window glass panes she went for him. The windows were small and only three in all. I remember how they were. Well, my grandmother tore his stamps off, destroyed them as fast as he put them up. I hard my mother tell of it. She was then ten years old and remembered well what a time there was. The people were terribly worked up. They expected another war. So one morning when the people rose about their work, they saw a large sign board in front of Myers house with "stamp act" painted on it. That was too much for the people to bear. Then they boited. Folks in German Flatts called a meeting. Grandfather Clapsaddle, Colonel or General Belinger, Mr. Fox from Ft. Herkimer, Co. Shoemaker, Colonel Clapsaddle, a great many others whose names I forget, put on their Regiments, buckled on their swords. They all were soldiers. So in a body they marched to Herkimer. They told Myers to take that signboard down. He refused.
Myers, Matthew
From: Herkimer, N.Y.
Last residence: Schenectady, N.Y.

Records show one
Matthew Myers
Lieut. Colonel, 40th Regt. (Myer's)
N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Oct 5, 1814
Expiration of service: Nov 11, 1814
Commencement of service: Nov 13, 1814
Expiration of service: Apr 15, 1815
MATTHEW MYERS.

MARRIED:—At Little Falls, on the 28th inst at the residence of George H. Feeter, Mr. Freeman Rawdon, of the firm of Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, of the city of New York, to Miss Margaret Feeter Myers, of Little Falls, daughter of Col. Myers, of Herkimer.

Daily Albany Argus
October 2, 1843.

MATTHEW MYERS, Esq., 1806, a resident of Herkimer, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. He died in 1864.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.

1806 Matthew Myers
School Republican, Aug. 6, 1864 has obit. notice saying that Matthew Myers died at the residence of his daughter Mrs. Freeman Rawdon in Schenectady, Aug. 6, 1864, aged 80 years. Burial at Herkimer. I think he was son of Michael and Catherine (Harter) Myers, and brother of Peter Myers.
DIED:—This morning, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Freeman Rawdon, Col. Matthew Myers, aged 80 years. The remains will be taken to Herkimer on Tuesday.

Schenectady Republican
August 6, 1864.
UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI RECORD

1. Name in full: Matthew Myers
   Father: Peter
   Class: 1900

2. Born on April 17, 1786, at New York, New York State
   (Give date and place in full)

3. Residences before entering college
   (Give names of places and dates)

4. Prepared for college at
   (Give name of preparatory school and date)

5. Entered: (Give year, month and class if not freshman) Course: Jan 1970

6. Left college: (Give approximate time of leaving)

7. College life. Under each head state kind of activity, any office held, and college year in which active or held office, thus (1) freshman, (2) sophomore, (3) junior, (4) senior.
   a. Athletic teams (class or varsity)
   b. Other activities (member or officer debating team, musical or dramatic association, press club, Concordiensis or Garet boards, etc.)
   c. Fraternity, literary or social organizations of which a member
   d. Class offices
   e. College prizes and honors

8. Study at other institutions after leaving Union (how long and where)

9. Degrees (with institutions granting them and dates)

10. Class reunions attended

11. Commencements attended

12. College reunions and dinners attended

13. Member of: Alumni association (if officer state office and date held)

14. Postgraduate office held in class or college organization (member or officer Graduate Council, Trustees of Union, class president or secretary, etc.)

15. Relatives (own or wife's) at Union (name, relationship, and class)

16. Parents' names in full (with country of ancestry, college, occupation, residence, date of birth and death, and other important facts)
   a. Father: Michael Myers
   b. Mother: Catherine Carter

17. Brothers and sisters: (name, date of birth and death, college if other than Union)

18. Married: Lucius Richards...on
   (name of wife, date and place of marriage; if wife dead, date of death)

19. Children (name, date of birth, college, if other than Union)

20. ...
20. Business and professional career, business or professional connections and positions held. (Give each in order with dates when held and place.)

Matthew Myers was practicing Law at Blandford, Va.

from 1811 to 1818

21. Public positions held in civil life (with dates.) (Include each positions as trustee, director, vestryman, etc.)

22. Military history and titles (with dates). (If in army or navy, enter under 20.)

23. Professional and scientific organizations of which a member

24. Social, civic, and literary organizations of which a member

25. Literary productions (with date of publication and name of publisher).

26. Religious denomination

27. Political preference

28. Recreations

29. Other facts or remarks

Place of Death

Date of Death

30. Addresses; residential, (a), business (b), with (c) dates when occupied. (Check the address to which mail should be sent.)

a. ................................................................. b. ................................................................. c. .................................................................

31. Sources of information. A—self; B .................................................................; C .................................................................; D .................................................................; E .................................................................

Frank D. Daniels, 1045 Keyes Ave., Schenectady—Oct. 14, 1930

Use these reference letters in checking any information given above and add date; thus A 5/19/26—information furnished by self May 19, 1926. Use extra pages if necessary, numbering answers to correspond with numbers of questions on sheets. Answer all questions noting any you might not wish published.