


long and again went West among the Indians, and was never more heard from.

John Blickensderfer was born in Germany, no doubt on the Kohlhof, but the date of his birth is not known. He is supposed to have been one of the older brothers, and the date of his birth was probably somewhere between 1724 - 1730. John and his younger brother Ulrich emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia September 9, 1749, ship St. Andrew, James Abercrombie, master, from Rotterdam via Plymouth. Ulrich eventually settled in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where he married and raised a large family, and where he died.

They were followed by Christian and Jost in 1753. Christian lived and died in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Jost, or Yost in English, settled in Frederick County, Maryland, and died there.

Where John first settled is unknown, but he supposedly lived some time in eastern Pennsylvania or Maryland before moving south to Halifax County in the section that is now Henry County, Virginia. He perhaps married in Pennsylvania though the name of his wife is not known nor the date of his marriage.\*\*

The next date of record is July 19, 1762, when John Plickenstalver of Halifax County borrowed "two pounds nine shillings five and one-half pence current money" from William Satterwhite and Robert Hastie. John signed with his mark . The note was assigned to John Blevins; Blevins later settled in Montgomery County.

On May 15, 1767, there is the following entry in the Moravian records, Bethabara, North Carolina (near present Winston-Salem): "Johann Blickensdorffer came to bring a packet of letters. The man lives beyond Dan River on the so-called Horse Pasture." (Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, ed. by A. L. Fries, v. I, 1751-1771). The Horse Pasture is a creek in present Henry County.

Apparently he moved shortly after this date to Botetourt County (now Montgomery County), Virginia.

On April 26, 1769, John Plickenstalver acquired 50 acres of land by right of settlement below the mouth of Little River, Botetourt County. He is listed as a tithable in Botetourt County in 1770, 1771, 1772, and in Fincastle County in 1773. His son, John Plickenstalver Junr, is listed in 1772. In 1773, he bought 82 acres on Meadow Creek, waters of Little River in Fincastle County (now Montgomery County). This was surveyed in 1782 "on Little River,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile below Old Millstone Bottom." Meadow Creek rises near Riner and flows into Little River a short distance below Snowville. (These transactions are recorded in Kegley, Mary B., Early Adventurers on Western Waters, v. I.)

In 1774, John Plick, or Plick Stalver, served a total of 148 days in Captain Joseph Cloyd's Company and Captain James Robertson's Company in the Fincastle County Militia in "Dunmore's War." (Soldiers of Fincastle County, Virginia, 1774, comp. by Mary B. Kegley, 1974). It is not indicated if this is John Sr., or John Jr.

\*\* They had settled in Virginia by 1759 when their first child, Catharine, was born. Hulen Lester, son of John Lester and Catharine Blickensderfer, stated in the 1880 census that his mother was born in Virginia.