

DANIEL SPANGLER

The ancestry of Daniel Spangler is unknown. He, his wife Mary and children seem to have arrived in Bedford Co., VA around 1773 based on the oldest record I can find. A Bedford Co., VA land deed shows Daniel Spangler and John Noffsinger purchased property together in 1773. So far he appears to have left no paper trail to follow backwards.

An entry which is circulated widely on the internet and in Ancestry.com files show Daniel's parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Stophell Spangler. This is completely mythical based on this Jacob Spangler's will which mentions "only son George Christopher Spengler". His will reads as follows:

February the 5th Anno Domini 1756 Jacob Spengler of Allsace Township and County of Berks hath made his last Will and faith in the Presence of the subscribing Wittness, as followeth--That his only son George Christopher Spengler who helped (a word or two missing)..... be it what Denomination it will ..(a word missing).... and Personal. Except only that the Heir shall give unto his Mother Elisabeth Spengler for her suport during her Life Yearly (in case she does not dwell with him) 14 Bushels of Wheat, 50 Pounds of Pork, 20 of Beef, 40 shillings in currancy and the of cows but he shall keep said cows at his own charge. The Things above said George Christian Spengler shall give unto his Mother Elisabeth Spengler for her maintenance and further that my son shall give one cow and calf unto my Deceased Daughter's Child Elizabeth Wise (?) by name and that when she is married. which I myself signed by my own hand before Witness.

*Adam Reiffel Jacob Spengler
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1756 February 18. Then Christopher Wilman of Reading appeared by solomn Oath did declare the above writing to be a faithful translation (by him made according to his ability) of an original Writing in German exhibited to me and by me delivered to him to translate purporting to be the last will of Jacob Spengler.

Christopher Witman

Daniel Spangler was born about 1716 as calculated from death record. He died Nov. 3, 1787. Folklore says Daniel was in failing health and died suddenly while serving on jury duty in Franklin Co., VA. He is believed to have been buried in Pigg River Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery located five miles south of Calloway, Va. on State Route 750 between State Routes 751 and 640. No marker is known to exist.

Family folklore also says Daniel and Mary came from Germany via Amsterdam to the vicinity of York Co., PA possibly residing there for a few years before moving to Franklin Co., VA possibly stopping off in Western Maryland before continuing to Virginia. I have also heard that he may have been an indentured servant to pay his way to the new world.