

Pannebakker Familie Niews

A Newsletter for the Pannebakker Family Association

Conrad Pennybaker

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Conrad Pennybaker, Fife Major and Drummer, Patriot and Loyalist

There have been several articles in the Newsletter about Conrad Pennybaker and I really appreciate the interest in him as Conrad Pennybaker is my 4th Great Grandfather. By DNA he is connected to at least two people in the Pannebakker Family Association.

There are records of a Conrad Pennybaker, Fife Major, serving in the 4th Virginia Regiment and a Conrad Pennybaker, Drummer, in the Kings Rangers. I'll summarize the documents that I have found in hopes some of you will have additional information that can either make a case for deciding they are the same or a different person.

The pay records I have found for the two soldiers don't overlap making it possible for them to be the same person. Of course that may only mean that I haven't found all the records.

During the Revolution

4th Virginia Regiment

March 1778 is the first pay record for Conrad Pennybaker, Fife Major, in the 4th Virginia Regiment. He is on the Muster Roll of Capt. George Walls Company in the 4th Virginia Regiment of Foot commanded by Major Isaac Beall. There is an entry under Drum and Fife for

Conrod PennyBaker with the notation "Taken from Capt ??ith company on Furlough in Virginia"

Similar records are found in this unit until May 1779.

June 1779 pay records for Col John Nevill 3rd & 4th Regiments Virginia includes a heading "Married Officers". There is a Conrad Pennebaker Fife Major in this list. Conrad continues to be shown in the pay records for this unit until November 1779.

May 1780 Col. Nelvill's unit is captured by the British Army at Charleston, South Carolina. The unit is disbanded on January 1783. I have found no list of what happened to all the soldiers under Nelvill's command. Nelvill was captured and exchanged in 1781.

Kings Rangers

February 1781 is the first pay record for Conrad Pennybaker, Drummer in the Muster records of Major James Wright's Company of the Georgia Loyalists serving in Savannah, Georgia. (Charleston is pretty close to Savannah) There are several of these records until October 1781. The Georgia Loyalists merged with the Kings Rangers in 1782.

April 1782 in the Muster of Lieut Col. Thomas Brown's Company, Kings Rangers, Savannah, Conrad Pennybaker is listed as a Drummer.

June 1783 in the pay parade muster of Major James Wrights Company of the Kings Rangers Regiment at St Augustine in East Florida covering the period 25 April to 24 June 1783, Conerad Penbaker is listed.

After the Revolution

In the Untied States

There are several affidavits to Conrad's death beginning in 1806 in Virginia.

One affidavit in Virginia in 1806 mentions that William is Conrad's "heir at law" and grants him letters of administration of Conrad Pennybaker's estate...". I think this William may be Conrad's brother.

Documents in Pennsylvania include two that mention Jacob as the only child of Conrad and his wife Sarah. Another Pennsylvania document in 1818 certifies that Conrad "left one only Child named Jacob Pennybecker, who is his only legitimate Heir at Law.

These are the only documents I have found that indicate that Conrad of the 4th Virginia Regiment died in the Revolution.

Does anyone have information on this Jacob the son of Conrad and Sarah?

In the Bahamas

Conrad received several Land Grants from the King in The Bahamas. These include 80 acres on Spencer's Bight Abaco and 100 Acres on Watlings Island (where Columbus landed). I have documents showing these grants to "Conrad Pennybaker, a private soldier of the Kings Rangers"

I have a "Deed of Gift" from Conrad Penny Baker of Abaco that mentions daughter Nancy and son Philip, and wife Margaret where he leaves a tract of land on Great Guana Key and land between Hill Creek and Red Bay Abaco. There is a new development on Great Guana Cay that is on Baker's Bay that is thought to have been his land.

Records of his descendants indicate that some of them moved to nearby Green Turtle Cay. My research indicates that in addition to Nancy and Philip, Conrad had at least four other children—John, Samuel, William and Susannah.

My great great grandfather, John William Baker, son of Samuel, was born in 1817 on Green Turtle Cay. He married in 1836 and moved to Key West.

Summary

I'd love to hear from anyone who has documents or theories that can shed more light on either Conrad. I'm happy to share copies of the documents I have found. Some of them are of course hard to read and I might have missed or misinterpreted something.

Editor's Note

Conrad's (the one from the Continental Army) brother, William, did receive a land grant in Ohio, in his brother's name. That branch of the family has been linked genetically to Laurie Baker, who is a descendent of Conrad (the one from the British Army).

President's Message

Greetings to everyone.

I would again like to thank everyone for your membership, the kind words that are often sent along with your dues, and of the organization definitely is helped by the donations that are sent in.

My main message to you today is to try to generate interest in another reunion. We really do need someone that will take the lead and organize such an event. I know it isn't an easy step to do but what better way to be remembered by a whole bunch of your cousins. Please consider stepping forward

Electronic Update

Anyone interested in having the *Pannebakker News* sent directly to their e-mail, instead of being sent in the regular mail, should send a message stating their wish to use this option to: throwcoach@gmail.com. Using the e-mail option will save our Association time and money, and get the newsletter to you faster. In the coming months, we hope to have our web site up and running, and at that time, the newsletter, and past editions of the newsletter, will be available on the web site.

The **Pennybaker DNA Project** is proceeding. Several family members have joined since the last newsletter. If you are male and carry the Pennypacker surname, or a different spelling of the name, please consider joining. As an incentive to join, we are offering to help with the cost of the DNA testing by waiving dues for a period of time, depending on how many markers you have tested. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Pennypacker for further details. If you are without internet access, or are unsure how to set up the testing, I would be happy to assist you. All you have to do is contact me by email, phone or regular mail.

Each edition will feature stories about our family members. We'd love to hear about you! Let us know what you've been up to. Articles could be autobiographical or tell us about the kids, grandkids or maybe about that big trip or the book you just had published. Send your story, with pictures if you wish, to the editor.

Obituaries

Philadelphia Inquirer, 5 August 2009.

N. Ramsay Pennypacker, 88, of Berwyn, a longtime business and community leader who loved his family, animals and fine cars, died Sunday of pneumonia at Paoli Hospital.

"He was strong" his son, D. Ramsay Pennypacker, said. "He was the patriarch of the entire family."

Mr. Pennypacker was born in Ardmore and split his childhood between the Main Line and his family's farm in Harford County, Md. He attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va., and graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the university of Pennsylvania.

If his time on the farm helped foster his love of animals, his Army service during World War II was part of life of travel and adventures. Most of his service was in Burma, where he experienced combat, worked in military intelligence, and survived more than a couple brushes with death, including snakebite and being lost in the jungle, stricken with malaria. By the time he was honorably discharged at the end of the war, he had earned the rank of lieutenant.

His business career also had him on the move. In international sales with Smith, Kline & French, a precursor to Glaxo-SmithKline, he worked extensively in Australia and Britain, and opened markets for the company in Africa.

He always come home with wonderful gifts, his son recalled, but Mr. Pennypacker wanted to spend more time with his family in Bryn Mawr. He went to work in development at Jefferson Medical College and became involved in community life.

He lent his fund-raising skills to Arcadia University (then Beaver College) and to Friends' Central School, which his children attended. He was a board member of Planned Parenthood.

Mr. Pennypacker also was an active member of the Urban League. As president of the Rittenhouse Club, he oversaw the sale of th group's historic original building on Rittenhouse Square.

In addition to his good works, which included donating to animal charities, Mr. Pennypacker was a fan of college football.

"To the end of his life, he always referred to Joe Montana as 'that kid from Notre Dame.'" his son said.

"His other great, great hobby was cars." he said.

Mr. Pennypacker changed models often and went for th top of the line, His son recalled learning to drive in the family's Ford Gran Torino station wagon.

Mr. Pennypacker spent his later years in the company of family, first in Bryn Mawr and more recently at his house in Berwyn.

Besides his son, who lives in Paoli, Mr. Pennypacker is survived by a daughter, Cary P. Weber; two grandchildren; and two sisters. His wife, Virginia Brooke Pennypacker, died in 1993.

Billie Rogers Pennypacker

Billie Rogers Pennypacker passed on to his heavenly Father on August 10, 2009. He was born on December 28, 1928 in Wichita, Kansas. He was the son of Harry and Gaddie Pennypacker, both deceased.



He is survived by his wife Sue Ann Pennypacker, two sons, Mark in Holbrook, and Matthew in California, and one daughter, Kellie in Overgaard. (One son deceased, Michael), and a

brother, Tyler, and a sister, Nancy, both in Kansas. Two aunts and several cousins.

He is Military retired from tha Army, although he also served in the Navy and the Air Force.

Also he was Arizona state retired from corrections.

Paul "Penny" Pannepacker

Paul "Penny" Pannepacker, 81 a lifelong Telford resident, passed away Monday 3 August, 2009 in Brightview Assisted Living in East Norriton. He and his wife Doris (Hiltebeitel) Pannepacker celebraed their 60th wedding anniversary in April.

Born in Telford, he was a son of the late Edwin R. and Clara (Wimmer) Pannepacker. An Army Air Corps veteran of WWII, he served in Guam from 1946 to 1947.

He was employed as a service technician for Amerigas in Kulpsville prior to his retirement in 1990.

Penny was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Telford.

He was also an active memer of the Telford VFW Post No 5308, the Telford diving Unit and a 60 year member of the Telford Fire Company, earning a membership award for his years of service.

His hobbies included camping, making candles, and working with his collection of trains which were always on show for family and friends. His greatest enjoyment was attending Saturday night races at Grandview speedway.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Dana Pannepacker and his wife, Carol, of Telford, Doug Pannepacker and his wife, Robbyn, of Green Lane, and David Pannepacker and his Jane, of Schwenksville; a daughter Denise Polin and her husband, Dan of Perkasio; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven Pannepacker; and two brothers, Ralph and Mark Pannepacker.

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The Pannebakker Family Association is an out-growth of the family reunion held at Pennypacker Mills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on July 2-4, 1999. The reunion celebrated the 300th year wedding anniversary of Hendrick Pannebecker and Eve Umstat, in Germantown, Pennsylvania in the year 1699.

In the words of the Steering Committee of the reunion, "We hope that the 1999 Pfannebecker-Umstat Reunion will lead to the growth of a family association, which will provide a forum for conversation, collection and preservation of information, and a sense of lasting community among the heirs of this rich cultural heritage."

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