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Pittenger Genealogy

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Therefore every scribe who is instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is like an householder who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. Matthew 13:52.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain joy and gladness; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isaiah 51:11

“Lord of power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and pour into our hearts such love toward thee that we may obtain thy gracious promises, which exceed all that we think and ask; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper will be administered Sabbath, October 13th, our regular Fall Communion day. Let us prepare for it with spiritual examination and prayer. Those who may desire to unite with our Church on that day should notify the Pastor.

The Annual Chicken and Waffle Supper will be served this coming Wednesday evening. All the ladies of the Congregation are asked to join in the work to make it a united effort to build up the financial support of the Church. Tickets are on sale. Buy them now, that will help much.

A card from our ever faithful friend Clinton L. Weston says, "I am planning with three others to attend the chicken-waffle supper. I hope one of the chickens will be glad to make my acquaintance and the waffles need have no fear of due recognition or neglect." May many other friends at a distance imitate this good plan to come and bring friends.

This Church has been asked to conduct the service at the Synodical Home in Belvidere this afternoon at 3:30. The Pastor with members of the Choir will as usual attend, and others are invited.

The President has sent out a personal letter to the ministers of the nation asking their cooperation to make suggestions for the national welfare.

The Pastor has received a copy, tho' he does not feel able to give counsel in such matters; he will unite with his people in praying for the "better spiritual and material conditions of the American people"

Mrs. Naomi Poole writes, from the
Masonic Home in Burlington, this very
interesting letter:--

"I was very much surprised and pleased
to receive your papers...and very happy
to expect to receive it regularly.

"I am very much interested in the mem-
orial of David Brainerd. Dear old
Mt. Bethel! The Church is still stand-
ing but unused!

"There are the people who worshipped
there in former times? Good, well to do
people. I loved that Church. I vis-
ited the place a number of years ago,
then foreigners were worshipping there.

"Your tribute to Mr. Clarke Cline is
fine. I never knew a better Pastor than
he. His good sermons; his visits to the
sick; his sympathy and love for his
people and his lovely wife, and her
sweet soprano voice in the Choir.

"We had a fine Choir in those days.

And the old furnace was an interesting
place. The new furnace and graining
mill were places of interest for the
young folks to visit evenings, I remem-
ber. If your readers knew me by my
maiden name (Miss McFall) they would
remember me. I had a very nice school
in Oxford Furnace. Lovely little girls
in front seats (I forget the names), and
nice boys too, two colored boys by the
name of White--nice boys they were, and
their grandmother always in Church.

"I have not forgotten the pleasant
evenings spent with grandmother Lukens;
lovely lady, she was. I remember her
sons L.F. and James Lukens.

"I enjoyed the visit of two gentlemen
from the Lodge very much. Best wishes
to you all."

{That a nice letter this is from a lady
of 38 years! Writing as neat and clear
as print. We are all glad to have her
in the Bulletin family, and hope she will
write more of her old Oxford memories}.

The Bulletin needs more of these
letters dealing with people of old times.

Many doubtless can recall numerous
names and incidents that have never
been reported in this paper. Please
send them in so that we can have some-
thing of the kind frequently.

Mrs. George Sims, one of our oldest
subscribers, renews her subscription
with a dollar. Thanks.

Pittenger Genealogy By Benjamin R. Pittenger

(From letter to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel
Cooper, to whom we owe this copy)

I have found out a lot from the records
in the Congressional Library at Washington,
D.C. concerning the Pittengers

The Pittengers are descended from Walter
de Pottager, born in Berkshire, England in
1270, which was the family seat from the time
of the Norman Conquest. They were Norman-
French and the name later spelled Le Potten-
ger, Pottenger, in old English, means a 'stew-
ing pot' or 'Container' and also for a maker
of pottage.

Later the family split, some going to Scot-
land, others to north Ireland. There is a
mount Pottenger in Belfast. A Sir Henry
Pottenger was born at mount Pottenger in
Belfast 1789. He was famous in the armies of
the Indies; explored India to Persia in 1809.

He negotiated passage of the English
troops through Afghanistan 1834 and 1842;
was minister to China and prepared treaty
with China; which gave England Hongkong.

In north England the spelling became
Pettenger. In a book by Edward Arbor,
(Story of Pilgrim Fathers) is an account
of Pettengers who were Puritans and exiled
to Holland. Some married there and lived a
generation or more and learned the Dutch
language. This is why so many of the early
Pittengers in New Jersey belonged to the
Dutch Reformed church and talked the lan-
guage.

There were two Pittengers who first
came to New Jersey (West Jersey). The first
was Richard Pittenger who came over in 1665
with Governor Philip Carteret as the servant
of Carteret. They landed at Elizabethport
New Jersey. This is in the 'History of
Elizabeth, N.J. by L.F. Hatfield. Richard
must have become a freeman for in 1677 he
was a witness to the marriage of Margerite
Stuyvesant, who was a sister of the former
Dutch Governor.

The Second Pittenger came to West Jersey
from England about 1690. This was William
Pittenger who leased land of the 'West Jer-
sey Society Great Tract, Hunterdon County.'

It was then Burlington county; but in 1713
Hunterdon was cut off from Burlington; in
1738 Morris county was cut off from Hunter-
don, then Sussex from Morris (1753), and last
in 1824, Warren from Sussex county.

A William Pittenger in Newton, N.J., a pol-
iceman, told me also that his grandfather
said there were two Pittengers (Over)

that came to Jersey; one of them to Hunterdon. I found many Pittengers in the New Jersey Archives, especially in Somerset and Hunterdon. It gives the marriage of a William Pittenger, April 1753 to Sarah Van Horn Hunterdon County. Father said a Pittenger married a Van Horn.

I thought I never would find the name of your great grandfather and great, great grandfather, but Mrs. Robert Bush, Oxford, daughter of John Pittenger, said they were both Abraham; and that her great grandfather was in the Revolutionary War and is buried in the old grave yard in Hazen.

She said that her great, great grandfather had brothers, William and Henry, and I found that our line is descended from William Pittenger who came from England before 1700, which is the William Pittenger who leased land from the West Jersey Society Great Tract. His record is in Vol. III, of the Jerseyman, Flemington, N.J.

It looks as if William Pittenger was the first of our line in America.

Your grandfather Abraham as I have it was born Sept. 30, 1790, and his wife was Eliz. Loeffler. Your great grandfather Abraham must have been the son of the first William in N.J. Grandfather told me once how his grandfather killed an Indian, who ambushed him, by holding out his soldier's cap.

I also found from the Adjutant General's Office, Trenton, that there were two Abraham Pittengers in the Revolutionary War; one must be your great grandfather, also a Captain John Pittenger in the Revolution from Mansfield Woodhouse (Washington, N.J.). He was commissioned June 6, 1777. He was in battle of Van Nest Mills, Jan. 20, 1777, also commanded company of men at Minisink, Nov. 2 to Dec. 1, 1778.

Also there was a John Pittenger born 1787, in Sussex County, who was in the war of 1812 on the frigate 'Essex' under Captain Porter. They captured a British ship, 'Greenwich' on May 21, 1815.

(As most of our readers know, the writer of the above is the son of our Elder Abram Pittenger, and lives at Claredon, Va.)



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