

SECOND GENERATION

2. Andrew Swartz (Abram F., 1). Born in Germany<sup>1</sup>.

"Andrew Swartz was born in Germany and emigrated to America in 1727, arriving in Philadelphia on the 16th of October of that year. He located in Franconia township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a tract of land comprising one hundred and fifty-five acres, then a part of Salford township. He followed farming throughout the greater part of his life. He married Catharine Kline, and they became the parents of ten children." History of Bucks County, p. 679.

"Franconia Township is situated in the northeastern part of the county [Montgomery County], joining Bucks County on the northeast, and joining Upper and Lower Salford and Hatfield townships on the west, south and east. Its area is 14,875 square miles, or 9520 acres. The surface is generally level, but sufficiently undulating to be susceptible of surface drainage into the headwaters of the Skippack and Indian Creeks, both of which flow through the township, affording light but useful waterpowers and mill-sites. The East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek flows along the northwestern boundary of the township.

"The name Franconia is derived from an old duchy which afterwards formed a circle of the Germanic Empire, and signifies 'Land of the Frank,' whence also France. On Holme's map of 1682 it is called 'The Dutch township,' from which we infer that the Germans were its earliest settlers.

"In 1734 the township contained thirty-four taxables and land-holders, nearly all German. Amongst these may be mentioned John Fry, 150 acres; Henry Rosenberger, 125; Jacob Oberholtzer, 150; Christian Meyer, 150;...."

"Christian Meyer arrived in 1727; ...Johannes Fry in 1730. One of the first settlers of the township is said to have been Christian Funk, who settled on Indian Creek.... History of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, edited by Theodore W. Bean, p. 827.

He married<sup>1</sup> Catharine Kline<sup>1</sup>. Children:

- i. Mary<sup>3</sup> Swartz. Born, 2 Dec 1728<sup>1</sup>.
- ii. Abraham Swartz. Born, 5 Jan 1730/1<sup>1</sup>. Abraham was born on the old family homestead in Montgomery County, and made farming his life work. History of Bucks County, p. 680.
- iii. Margaret Swartz. Born, 7 Dec 1732<sup>1</sup>.
- iv. Ester Swartz. Born, 2 Feb 1734/5<sup>1</sup>.
- v. Isaac Swartz. Born, 2 Apr 1737<sup>2</sup>.
- vi. Susanna Swartz. Born, 3 Dec 1739<sup>2</sup>. Compiler question: Did she

FOURTH GENERATION

4. Abram<sup>1</sup> Swartz (Andrew, 3). Born, 16 Apr 1790, in Franconia, Montgomery Co., PA<sup>2</sup>. Died, 1832<sup>2</sup>.

"Abram Swartz, son of Andrew Swartz, was born in Franconia Twp., Montgomery County, PA, April 16, 1790. He was a clockmaker, and followed that trade when all of the work was done by hand, even making his own castings for wheels, in addition to making all the parts and the frame. He manufactured the kind of timepiece now known as 'grandfather's clock' carrying on the business for many years in Lower Salford township, Montgomery county, but later turned his attention to farming. He met with a sudden death, slipping from his wagon and sustaining internal injuries which caused his demise the same night. He married Susanna B. Fry, who was born January 28, 1796. His death occurred in 1832, and she died September 26, 1861. She was a daughter of George Fry. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz were the parents of seven children." History of Bucks County, p. 680.

He married<sup>2</sup> Susanna B. Fry. Born, 28 Jan 1796<sup>2</sup>. Died, 1861<sup>2</sup>. Daughter of George Fry and Margaret Biehn. Children:

- i. John F.<sup>5</sup> Swartz. Born, 2 Jul 1816, in Lower Salford, Montgomery Co., PA<sup>2</sup>. Died, 6 Sep 1897<sup>2</sup>. He married<sup>2</sup> Susanna Hendricks<sup>2</sup>.
- 5 ii. George Swartz.
- iii. Catharine Swartz. Born, 26 Sep 1820, in Lower Salford, Montgomery Co., PA<sup>2</sup>. Died, 9 Apr 1864<sup>2</sup>. She married<sup>2</sup>, first, Jacob A. Hendricks<sup>2</sup>. She married<sup>2</sup>, second, Martin Kulp<sup>2</sup>.
- iv. Mary Swartz. Born, 13 Sep 1822, in Lower Salford, Montgomery Co., PA<sup>2</sup>. Died, 11 Dec 1843<sup>2</sup>. She married<sup>2</sup> Martin Kulp<sup>2</sup>.
- v. Elizabeth Swartz. Born, 10 Feb 1827, in Lower Salford, Montgomery Co., PA<sup>2</sup>. Died, 6 Aug 1857<sup>2</sup>. She married<sup>2</sup> Edward Thompson<sup>2</sup>.
- vi. Sarah A. Swartz. Born, 24 Feb 1829, in Lower Salford, Montgomery Co., PA<sup>2</sup>. Died, 19 Jan 1865<sup>2</sup>. She married<sup>2</sup> William R. Christman<sup>2</sup>.
- vii. Abram F. Swartz. Born, 21 Mar 1832, in Lower Salford, Montgomery Co., PA<sup>2</sup>. He married, first, Catharine A. Siegfried, 1855<sup>2</sup>. He married, second, Mary C. Swartz<sup>2</sup>, 23 Dec 1882<sup>2</sup>.

"Abram F. Swartz, seventh and youngest child of Abram and Susanna (Fry) Swartz, was born in Lower Salford township, Montgomery county, March 21, 1832, and was reared by his uncle on a farm at Silverdale, Hilltown township, Bucks county. He was