

CONCLUSION

The author of this volume solicits your courteous and gracious consideration for the length of time taken to collect and assemble the facts as presented in this history. It is to be regretted that this work was not completed fifty years prior to 1949 when data could have been obtained more readily and more accurately. The author has spent 17 years collecting data for this history. The names and dates as well as other information as presented have been furnished by members or descendants of the Korns family who now live in many States from coast to coast.

The competent and experienced Genealogists assigned to the search of the early records of the Korns Genealogy considered it the most tedious and difficult they have ever encountered in their Genealogical experience. This was due to the similarity of names as Korn, Corn, Korns, Kern, Kerns, and Karn. The names "Korn" and "Kern" are clearly interchangeable for "Korn" and "Corn" in the Pennsylvania Deutsch Dialect, in Eastern Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania German it is difficult to distinguish the pronunciation between "Korn" and "Kern." This similarity of names and pronunciations necessitated a complete search of all of the above names which were traced to a final conclusion. This search has established the fact that the name "Korn" and "Kern" are two separate and distinct families.

"The old tradition that Michael Korns, Sr., was the son of Henry Korn, and was born in Germantown, Pa., is not correct as the name was *Henry Kern*." Michael, Jacob, Daniel and Henry Korn, (sons of Carl Korn) were born in Berks County, Pa., in the 1760 decade according to the Orphans Court record in Berks County, Pa. They lived in Maxatawney Township, Berks County, Pa.

The following is a brief record of the *Kern* family, according to "History of Lehigh County, Pa.; Roberts, Stoultz, Krick and

Dietrich, 1914, Vol. II, page 646" and "The Boone Family: H. A. Spraker, 1922, page 503."

Early in the eighteenth century, Henry Kern and his three brothers emigrated and settled in Pennsylvania. One of them located in Chester County, Pa.; one located in Germantown, Pa.; a third settled in Lehigh County, Pa.; the fourth located in the South.

Michael Kern, son of Henry Kern, was born May 4, 1757, in Germantown, Pa. Michael Kern married Mary Boone, only daughter of Isaac Boone of Exeter, Berks County, Pa. Michael Kern settled in Exeter Township, Berks County, where he married, lived and died. He served in the Revolutionary War and his record was a very fine one. His four enlistments dated from 1776 to 1781 during which time he took part in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. Michael Kern died Feb. 11, 1850, in Exeter, Berks County, Pa., and was buried at Amityville Churchyard. Michael Kern and Mary Boone Kern were the parents of six children, as follows: Joseph Kern, Samuel Kern, William Kern, Jacob Kern, Josiah Kern, and Jeremiah Kern.

The above line of the Kern family is given in this history for the purpose of correcting the old tradition.

The very nature of this material and the purpose and form of presentation reveals the fact that no attempt was made at literary form as the dates, names and other information have been assembled and tabulated in chronological order in order that persons interested may trace their line.

This first edition of "The Korns Genealogy" establishes a nucleus, from which a more accurate and complete History of the various descendants of the Korn or Korns line may be written.

Respectfully,

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