

## FIRST GENERATION

### ADAM RUSMISEL

(c. 1752 - c. 1822)

1760  
Our line of the Rusmisel family had its beginnings with ADAM RUSMISEL, who was born in Germany, about 1752.<sup>2</sup> When he was about 21 years of age, he boarded the ship Union<sup>3</sup> at Rotterdam and sailed to the English port of Portsmouth. From there he sailed to America with 247 other immigrants, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 27, 1773.

At the store of Robert Ritchie, in Philadelphia on September 27, 1773, Adam took and subscribed to the Oaths and Declarations.

Adam was indentured to John Winey and his Assigns on October 4, 1773 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His residence was listed as Philadelphia, and by occupation a servant, employed at the mining business, if he understands it. He was to be given all necessaries and at the expiration of his indenture, to have two complete suits of wearing apparel, one to be new. His term was for three years, for the amount of 20 pounds, 13 shillings and no pence.<sup>4</sup>

According to a Rusmisel History written in 1938 by Mr. Lee Rusmiselle and Mrs. Ruth Rusmiselle Gordon: 'Adam the First was 20 years old when he left Germany in 1770. He was hired by one of his countrymen, who had been drafted to fight in the French and Indian War to take his place in the war in exchange for a free fare to America. Adam came as a soldier, but the war ended before he was called to fight. He was allowed to go free...<sup>5</sup>

When the Revolutionary War began, Adam enlisted as a private on July 12, 1776 in Captain Benjamin Weiser's Company, Continental Troops, in the service of the United Colonies. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Nicholas Houseaher, Esquire. Adam was stationed at Philadelphia on October 3, 1776. At that time his name was listed as ADAM ROSEMEISELL.

He was listed as a resident of Tulpenhoccon [Tulpehocken] Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1779. He was then single, a freeman, and was assessed the tax of six shillings (\$17.22). His name appeared as Rossmesel. The following year, 1780, he was still resident of Tulpenhoccon [Tulpehocken] Township, still single, and a freeman. That year, he was assessed a tax of \$12.00. His name appeared as Rosmyfel.

The next military record for Adam appears in 1780. At that time he was a private in Captain Conrad Shirman's (Sherman's) Company, 6th Battalion Berks County Militia. The Battalion was commanded by Colonel Joseph Hiester, and was in the service of the United States. He was paid for his service between August 10th and September 9th, 1780. The amount he was paid is not stated. His name was listed as Rosmeisel.

<sup>2</sup> Another source (Upshur County History) states he was born about 1760. This is unlikely, as his age would not match up correctly.

<sup>3</sup> The master of the ship Union was Andrew Bryson. Adam's last name was spelled ROSMEISEL.

<sup>4</sup> The present (February 1995) market for silver is \$4.79 per ounce. There are 12 troy ounces to a pound. The English pound is based on silver, with 20 shillings per pound. Therefore based on today's prices, it cost Adam \$1,186.91 for his passage to America.

<sup>5</sup> Rusmisel History, 1938, Lee Rusmiselle and Ruth Rusmiselle Gordon.

Adam was listed as a resident of Tulpenhoccon [Tulpehocken] Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1781. At that time, he was listed as a laborer, had one cow, and was assessed tax in the amount of \$7.10. His name appears as Rossmysel.

It is thought that Adam married about 1782. He married Rachel Shumaker in Berks County, Pennsylvania. It is rumored that her mother, listed only as Mrs. Shumaker, also came from Germany. She brought with her a noodle box (used to carry concentrated dough, from which noodle soup was made).<sup>6</sup>

The next tax record for Adam appears in 1784, in which he is listed as a laborer. No additional information is listed. His name appears as Rossmiesel.

The exact date of Adam and Rachel's departure from Berks County is not known. The tax record for 1784 is the last on which he appears in Berks County. However, his sons John and Adam claimed Pennsylvania as their birth place. Adam's son Adam was born circa 1786.

Mrs. William Bushman, a genealogist, states that Adam came to Augusta County, Virginia between 1784 and 1790. It is likely they arrived in Virginia in late 1786 or late 1787, as their third son, Christian, claimed Virginia as his place of birth. If this is true, they must have arrived after the 1787 Census of Virginia was taken, as Adam does not appear in it. [September 4, 1997 - According to information from Susan Tompkins, Christian was born in Pennsylvania and christened there in 1787. This would explain why the family was not in the 1787 Census of Virginia and the tax lists.]

After moving to Augusta County, Virginia, Adam purchased 150 acres on Moffetts Branch, a branch of Middle River, from James and Mary Rankin on June 15, 1790. On March 6, 1809, Adam deeded the property on Moffetts Branch to his son Christian. Adam continued to pay the property tax until 1822, after that his name does not appear in the records. It is therefore assumed that Adam died about 1822.

Adam settled at Parnassus. The homeplace stood in the field across the road from where the Methodist Church presently stands in Parnassus.

Adam was a hammerman (hammersmith) by trade and practiced at the Mossy Creek Iron Works. Tradition has it that he walked from his home at Parnassus to Mossy Creek with a cane, six days a week, carrying his dinner in a little tin pail.<sup>7</sup>

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows two white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned three horses. He paid 36 cents tax on April 3, 1800..

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows three white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned three horses. Again he paid 36 cents tax on April 9, 1801.

<sup>6</sup> Upshur County History (1907). The noodle box is in the possession of Doctor Samuel Cooper Rusmisel. According to documents from Anna L. Rusmisel, Oklahoma City, Ok., Adam's wife was named Eve Pennewake. Correspondence from Deane E. Rusmisell, Kewanee, Illinois indicate the same name, and state that Adam was probably married twice. While checking some records of Shenandoah County, I discovered the name "Pennywitt". Could this be the name they are writing about?

<sup>7</sup> Rusmisel History, 1938, Lee Rusmiselle and Ruth Rusmiselle Gordon.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows two white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned four horses. He paid 48 cents tax on May 19, 1802.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows three white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned four horses. Again he paid 48 cents tax on April 2, 1803.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows three white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned four horses. Again he paid 48 cents tax on May 14, 1804.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned four horses. He paid 48 cents tax on March 20, 1805.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows three white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned four horses. He paid 48 cents tax on April 23, 1806.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned five horses. He paid 60 cents tax on March 20, 1807.

Tax Lists for 1808 and 1809 are missing.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned three horses. He paid 36 cents tax on March 16, 1810.

The 1810 Augusta County Census shows:

Adam rusmisl - 1 male age 45 and up

1 female age 45 and up

Mrs. Bushman thinks Rachel was dead by 1809. Should this be the case, then who is the elderly female in the household? Could this be a second wife? Could this be where Eve Pennewake comes in?

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned two horses. He paid 24 cents tax on March 1, 1811.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 12 cents tax on March 3, 1812.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 16 cents tax on March 5, 1813.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 21 cents tax on March 22, 1814.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse and three chairs. The amount of tax paid was not recorded on April 5, 1815.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 18 cents tax on March 21, 1816.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 18 cents tax on February 17, 1817.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 18 cents tax on July 9, 1818.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 18 cents tax on February 10, 1819.

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned one horse. He paid 18 cents tax on February 22, 1820.

Adam appears in the 1820 Augusta County Census, as a member of the household of Christian Rusmiser. One male over 45 years of age is listed in the household. Christian would have been about 33 years of age at the time, and therefore this must be Adam.

The list for 1821 is missing.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Senior owned no horse. He paid no tax on February 10, 1822.

Adam Rusmiser died in Augusta County, Virginia after February 1822, and is buried in that county. His wife died in Augusta County, Virginia between 1809 and 1810.

The children of Adam and Rachel Rusmiser are:

1. John Rusmiser - born circa 1783 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Married Margaret 'Peggy' Fifer in Augusta County, Virginia on September 27, 1804. Moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, then to Edgar County, Illinois. He died in Illinois after 1850. He was a blacksmith by occupation.

2. Adam Rusmiser - born September 12, 1785 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Married Sally (Salome or Sarah) Sherman, daughter of Conrad and Ann Sherman, in Augusta County, Virginia on August 30, 1808<sup>8</sup>. Died near Parnassas, Augusta County, Virginia on August 14, 1863, without a will. His wife died on August 9, 1873 at Moscow, Augusta County, Virginia. Buried at Union Cemetery, Augusta County, Virginia.

3. John Christian Rusmiser<sup>9</sup> - born January 8, 1787 in Augusta County, Virginia. Married Anny Shelly, daughter of Christian and Frances Shelly, in Augusta

<sup>8</sup> See sketch of Adam Rusmiser for a different date of marriage.

<sup>9</sup> At baptism, if two given names were given to the child, the first given name was a spiritual, saint's name, originally developed from Roman Catholic tradition and continued by the Protestants in their baptismal naming

County, Virginia on January 26, 1808. After her death, he married Martha 'Patsy' McMullin Taylor (widow of James Taylor, whom she married January 7, 1929), in Augusta County, on October 6, 1831<sup>10</sup>. Martha was the daughter of James McMullin and Mary Henderson, who were married March 6, 1800 in Augusta County, Virginia. He died near Mt. Solon, Augusta County, Virginia on September 7, 1860, and is buried in the Union Cemetery, Augusta County, Virginia.

4. Frederick Rusmisl - born circa 1788 in Augusta County, Virginia. Married Elizabeth Beard, daughter of Peter Beard, in Augusta County, on September 6, 1810. Died between 1817 and 1827 in Augusta County, Virginia.

5. George Rusmisl - born in September 1789 in Augusta County, Virginia. Married Rebecca Hanger, daughter of Frederick Hanger and Mary Hull, in Augusta County, on May 23, 1814. He died in Augusta County, Virginia on September 22, 1832, and is buried in St. John's Reformed Church Cemetery at Middlebrook.

Although Mrs. William Bushman (genealogist) does not list any daughters for Adam, it is thought that he had at least one.

6. Sarah Jane Rusmisl - According to Beulah R. Heizer, Middlebrook, Virginia (1953), she was a sister to George Rusmisl (who married Rebecca Hanger), and married a Letchaw.

A Rusmisl History written 1938 by Mr. Harrison Lee Rusmiselle and Ruth Rusmisl Gordon, mentions that Adam had a son named David, born in 1799. Nothing further is known at this time.<sup>11</sup>

### Oath of Allegance

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customs. The second given name was the secular or call name, which is the name the person was known by, both within the family and to the rest of the world.

<sup>10</sup> Date of marriage also as December.

<sup>11</sup> Correspondence with Deane E. Rusmisell indicates this may be true.

I, Adam Rossmeißel, do solemnly & sincerely promise & declare that I will be true & faithfull to King Georgethe Second and do solemnly, sincerely and truly Profess Testifie and Declare, that I do from my Heart abhor, detest & renounce as impious & heretical that wicked Doctrine & Position that Princes Excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any authority of the See of Rome may be deposed or murdered by their subjects or any other whatlate, State, or Potentate hath or ought to have any power, soever. And I do declare that no foreign Prince, Person, Pre-Jurisdiction, Superiority, Pre-eminence, or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within the Realm of Great Britain or the Dominions there unto belonging.

I, Adam Rossmeißel, do solemnly sincerely and truly acknowledge profess testify & declare that King George the Second is lawful & rightful King of the Realm of Great Britain & of all others his Dominions & Countries thereunto belonging, and I do solemnly & sincerely declare that I do believe the Person pretending to be Prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James, & since his Decease pretending to be taken upon himself the Stile and Title of King of England by the Name of James the Third, or of Scotland by the Name of James the Eighth or the Stile and title of King of Great Britain hath not any right or title whatsoever to the Crown of the Realm of Great Britain, nor anyother the Dominions thereunto belonging. And I do renounce & refuse any Allegiance or obedience to him & do solemnly promise, that I will be true and faithful, & bear true Allegiance to King George the Second & to him will be faithfull against all traitorous Conspiracies & attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his Person, Crown & Dignity, & I will doe my best Endeavours to disclose & make known to King George the Second & his Successors all Treasons and traitorous Conspiracies which I shall know to be made against him or any of them. And I will be true and faithfull to the succession of the Crown against him the said James & all other Persons whatsoever as the same is & stands settled by An Act Entited An Act declaring the Rights & Liberties of the Subject, & settling the Succession of the Crown to the late Queen Anne & the Heirs of her Body being Protestants, and as the same by one other Act Entited An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown & better securing the Rights & Liberties of the Subject is & stands Settled & Entailed after the Decease of the said late Queen, & for Default of Issue of the said late Queen to the late Princess Sophia Electoress & Duchess Dowager at Hanover the Heirs of Her Body being Protestants and all these things I do plainly & sincerely acknowledge promise & declare, according to these express words by me spoken, & according to the plain & common sense and understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion or Secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgement, Renunciation & Promise heartily willingly and truly.

*All males over sixteen years of age were obliged to take this oath and declaration, as soon after their arrival as possible - being marched to the Court House, although in a number of instances they were qualified at the official residence of the magistrate.*

*Adam Rossmeißel took the above oath (or one similar to it) on September 27, 1773.*

**SECOND GENERATION**  
**LINE OF ADAM RUSMISEL**

(Of Adam Rusmisel)

(c. 1785 - 1863)

Adam Rusmisel or Adam II (as he was called), was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania September 12, 1785.

Married Sarah (Sally, Solome or Saloam) Sherman <sup>2</sup>at Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia on August 30 (26), 1808.<sup>3</sup> She was born about 1785, a daughter of Captain Conrad Sherman and his wife Ann. Sarah died at Moscow, Augusta County, Virginia on August 9, 1873<sup>4</sup>. Her name was listed as Sally and as Solome. He died near Parnassas, Augusta County, Virginia on August 14, 1863, without a will.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax Lists for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned two horses. He paid 24 cents tax on March 16, 1810.

The 1810 Census of Augusta County, Virginia lists the following:

1 male aged 16 and under 26 [Adam]

1 female aged 16 and under 26 [Sarah]

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 36 cents tax on March 1, 1811.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 36 cents tax on March 3, 1812.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 48 cents tax on March 5, 1813.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 63 cents tax on March 19, 1814.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned two horses and four chairs. The amount of tax paid was not recorded on March 6, 1815.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned two horses. He paid 36 cents tax on February 13, 1816.

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<sup>2</sup> Last name as Sheismann.

<sup>3</sup> The pension file shows the marriage as October 30, 1808.

<sup>4</sup> Date of death also as October.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 54 cents tax on February 13, 1817.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 54 cents tax on July 4, 1818.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned two horses. He paid 36 cents tax on February 5, 1819.

The 1820 Census of Augusta County, Virginia lists the following:

5 males under the age of 10 [Adam P., Simon, Andrew S.]

1 male between age 26 and under 45 [Adam]

2 females under the age of 10

1 female between age 10 and under 16

1 female between age 26 and under 45 [Sarah]

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned two horses. He paid 36 cents tax on February 3, 1820.

The 1821, 1825 - 1829 Personal Property Tax list is missing.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 40 1/2 cents tax on February 1, 1822.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 36 cents tax on February 22, 1823.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows one white male over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 36 cents tax on April 3, 1824.

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows three white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 24 cents tax on April 3, 1830.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows three white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam Junior owned three horses. He paid 24 cents tax on April 4, 1831.

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned four horses. He paid 24 cents tax on April 5, 1832.

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned three horses. He paid 18 cents tax on March 26, 1833.



The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows five white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned two horses. He paid 12 cents tax on March 15, 1834.

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned one horse. He paid 6 cents tax on April 3, 1835.

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam owned three horses. He paid 18 cents tax on March 31, 1836.

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam (now called Senior) owned three horses. He paid 18 cents tax on March 3, 1837.

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam (now called Senior) owned three horses. He paid 24 cents tax on April 11, 1838.

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for the 2nd District of Augusta County, Virginia shows four white males over the age of 16 years in the household, and that Adam (now called Senior) owned four horses. He paid 32 cents tax on April 4, 1839.

1. Adam Patrick Rusmisl - born in Augusta County, Virginia in 1813. Married Ann Eagle (sister to Lucinda) in Pendleton County, Virginia on October 12, 1843. She was born in 1814, the daughter of Christian Eagle and Jane Cook. She died in 1896. He died in 1891, and was buried in the Beechtown Cemetery, Frenchton, West Virginia. The 1840 Census of Augusta County, Virginia lists him by himself, between the age of 20 and under 30.

2. Simon Rusmisl - born in Augusta County, Virginia in June 1817. Married Sarah Swisher in Augusta County, Virginia on November 17, 1849. Sarah was born in December 1827 and died in June 1894. He died on September 7, 1879, age 62 years. Lived near Moscow, on Mossy Creek, Augusta County, Virginia.

3. Andrew Sherman Rusmisl - born in Augusta County, Virginia on August 17, 1819<sup>5</sup>. Enlisted in 2nd Company D, 62nd Virginia (Mounted) Infantry in Rockingham County, Virginia on September 8, 1863. Absent on detached service, September 19, 1864 through at least October 31, 1864. Admitted to CSA General Hospital at Charlottesville, Virginia, December 23, 1864 for treatment of a contusion caused by a falling tree. Paroled at Staunton, Virginia on June 3, 1865, and was described as being 5 foot 10 inches tall, gray hair and blue eyes, with a fair complexion. His pension application states that he also served in Company I, 5th Virginia Infantry. Resident and farm laborer of Moscow, Augusta County, Virginia. Died at Moscow, Augusta County, Virginia on January 24, 1904, and was buried at the Union Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Augusta County, Virginia. Drew a pension. Never married. His sister, Elizabeth lived with him in 1900.

Adam, like his brother Christian, served in the War of 1812. He was drafted in Captain Briscoe G. Baldwin's Company, Virginia Militia, which formed part of James McDowell's Regiment, on July 8, 1813. He later transferred to Captain Hanah's Company, Virginia Militia. He first went to Richmond, then to Camp Holly, then to Norfolk. From

<sup>5</sup> Date of birth appears as September 1822 in the 1900 Augusta County Census.

Norfolk he marched to the Bay, then back to Norfolk, where he was discharged on January 20, 1814, having served 104 days.<sup>6</sup>

The 1830 Census of Augusta County, Virginia lists the following:

3 males between the age of 10 and under 15

2 males between the age of 15 and under 20

1 male between the age of 40 and under 50 [Adam]

2 females between the age of 5 and under 10

1 female between the age of 40 and under 50 [Sarah]

4. Catherine Ann Rusmiser - born in Augusta County, Virginia June 5, 1822. Never married. Died October 10, 1892, age 69 years.

5. Elizabeth 'Eliza' Salome Rusmiser - twin, born in Augusta County, Virginia November 9, 1824<sup>7</sup>. Never married. Died June 9, 1908.

6. W. H. Rusmiser - twin, female, born in Augusta County, Virginia on November 9, 1824.

7. George Rusmiser - born in Augusta County, Virginia. Died as a baby.

8. John C. Rusmiser - born in Augusta County, Virginia about 1812. Married Elizabeth Obaugh in Augusta County, Virginia on October 31, 1835. Lived at Middlebrook, Virginia. Lived to be over 90 years of age.

✓ 9. Peter Rusmiser - born in Augusta County, Virginia about 1807.<sup>8</sup> Married Lucinda Eagle (sister of Ann Eagle) in Lewis County, Virginia on March 17, 1846. She was born about 1819, the daughter of Christian Eagle and Jane Cook. He moved to Barbour County, West Virginia, and his family later moved to Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Died in 1907.

10. Sarah Rusmiser - born in Augusta County, Virginia about 1827.

The 1840 Census of Augusta County, Virginia lists the following:

4 males between the age of 20 and under 30

1 male between the age of 50 and under 60 [Adam]

2 females between the age of 15 and under 20

1 female between the age of 50 and under 60 [Sarah]

The 1850 Census of Augusta County, Virginia lists the following:

Adam Rusmiser - Age 64, born in Pennsylvania, a farmer.

Simon Rusmiser - Age 30, born in Virginia

Andrew S. Rusmiser - Age 28, born in Virginia

Sarah (Salena) Rusmiser - Age 55, born in Pennsylvania

<sup>6</sup> Pension File of Sally Sherman, on the service of Adam Rusmiser

<sup>7</sup> Date of Birth also as March 1828, according to the 1900 Census of Augusta County, Va.

<sup>8</sup> Date of birth also as 1815.

Catherine A. Rusmiser - Age 16, born in Virginia

Elizabeth L. (S.) Rusmiser - Age 14, born in Virginia

Sarah Rusmiser - Age 23, born in Virginia

When the Congress passed the act allowing veterans of the War of 1812 to claim land for their service in that war, Adam filed two claims for 80 acres each. Only one Bounty Land Warrant Number has been found, and it is: 1054-80-55.

The 1860 Census for Augusta County shows the following:

Adam Rusmiser - Age 76, a farmer born in Penn.

S. Rusmiser - Age 75, wife, born in Virginia

A. S. Rusmiser - Age 30, son, born in Virginia

E. S. Rusmiser - Age 20, female twin

W. H. Rusmiser - Age 20, female, twin

C. A. Rusmiser - Age 22, female

The 1870 Census of the 3rd District, Augusta County, Virginia, with a post office of Mt. Sidney, shows the following (real estate valued at \$2500, personal property valued at \$500):

Andrew Rusmiser - age 50, farmer

Saloam Rusmiser - age 86, without occupation [mother]

Catharine Rusmiser - age 38, keeps house [sister]

Elizabeth Rusmiser - age 36, at home [sister]

Charles Stuart - age 13, black male, domestic servant

In 1872, Sally Rusmiser filed a claim for a pension on the basis of Adam's service in the War of 1812. The claim was approved, and she received \$8.00 per month.

### THIRD GENERATION

#### PETER RUSMISEL

(Of Adam Rusmisel)

(1815 - 1907)

Peter Rusmisel was born in Augusta County, Virginia about 1815<sup>14</sup>.

Married Lucinda Eagle in Lewis County, Virginia on March 17, 1846. She was born about 1819.<sup>15</sup>

Their children are:

1. Mary J. Rusmisel - born about 1849.

The 1850 Census of Augusta County, Virginia shows the following:

Peter Rusmisel - age 43, farmer

John N. Rusmisel - age 3, son

Lucinda Rusmisel - age 31, wife

Mary J. Rusmisel - age 1, daughter

2. Alexander Fillmore Rusmisel - born 1852. Later moved to Kansas. He took part in the land rush into Oklahoma, claimed a homestead, then returned home in West Virginia and brought his family out. His descendants later moved to San Antonio, Texas. Died in 1940.

The 1860 Census of Barbour County, Virginia shows the following:

Peter Rusmisse - age 45, farmer, \$1200 real estate, \$532 personal

Lucinda Rusmisse - age 41, wife

John N. Rusmisse - age 13, son

Alexander F. Rusmisse - age 8, son

Martha C. Rusmisse - age 6, daughter

Margaret A. Rusmisse - age 4, daughter

Celia V. Rusmisse - age 1, daughter

3. George Lee Rusmisel - born 1862.

The Index to the 1870 West Virginia Census shows the following:

Peter Rusmissell - age 54, Philippi Township, Barbour County, page 80.

The 1880 Census of Barbour County, West Virginia shows the following:

Peter Rusmisel - age 64, farmer

Lucinda Rusmisel - age 61, wife

<sup>14</sup> Date of birth also as 1807.

<sup>15</sup> Records show Peter Rusmisel married Cecelia Eagle.

Alexander F. Rusmisl - age 27, son, stone cutter

George L. Rusmisl - age 19, son, at school

4. John Newton Rusmisl - born near Staunton, Virginia on January 16, 1847. He was a school teacher and lived in Philippi, West Virginia and later at Plano, Kansas. Married Mary Jane Ritter at Burnsville, Braxton County, West Virginia about 1871.

5. Margaret Alice Rusmisl - born 1855. Married Jacob Joseph Lough (born 1854 - died 1906). She died in 1905.

6. Martha C. Rusmisl - born about 1854.

7. Cecelia V. Rusmisl - born about 1859. Married S. W. Talbott and had two girls.

8. Sarah J. Rusmisl - born in Barbour County, Virginia in 1850. Died October 7, 1855 in Barbour County, Virginia of yellow jaundice, age 5 years, 6 months, 19 days.

Peter Rusmisl lived to be over 90 years of age.

Levi Clyde, a grandson of Peter's, says 'My grandfather was a great Bible reader, when I was a kid he showed me his Bible and I was interested in the Family Record. He died when at Enid, Oklahoma...'

**FOURTH GENERATION**  
**ALEXANDER FILLMORE RUSMISEL**

(Of Peter Rusmiser)

(1852 - 1940)

Alexander Fillmore Rusmiser was born in 1852.

Married Sallie Rosalie Phillips (born 1852 - died 1951), daughter of George H. Phillips and Martha Hillyard Phillips.

Children:

1. Mabel Grace Rusmiser - born in 1890. Died in 1951.
2. Franklin Lee Rusmiser - born October 23, 1891. Died in June 1979 at San Antonio, Texas.
3. Martha Pearl Rusmiser - born 1895. Married J. M. Reed.
4. Guy Dewey Rusmiser - born 1897. Married Fredda James and Estelle Ragin.
5. Marcellus Clay Rusmiser - born October 3, 1900. Married Helen Holter. Died in February 1980.

Later moved to Kansas. He took part in the land rush into Oklahoma, claimed a homestead, then returned home in West Virginia and brought his family out. His descendants later moved to San Antonio, Texas. Died in 1940.

**FIFTH GENERATION**

**MARCELLUS CLAY RUSMISEL**

**CLAY MARCELLUS RUSMISEL**

(Of Alexander Fillmore Rusmisel)

**Marcellus Clay Rusmisel was born October 3, 1900.**

**Married Helen Jane Holter (Halter).**

**Children:**

1. **David L. Rusmisel - Married Dorothy Carolyn Kush, June 21, 1950 in San Antonio, Texas.**

2. **Ruth Ann Rusmisel - Married D. Sheedy. Star Rt. 4, Box 52 Blanco, Texas 78606 210-833-4845.**

3. **Mary Frances Rusmisel - Married K. Harris. 7204 Seidel, San Antonio, Texas 78209. 210-828-0016.**

**Died in February 1980 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.**

## **SIXTH GENERATION**

### **DAVID L. RUSMISEL**

(Of Clay Marcellus Rusmisel)

David L. Rusmisel was born in Drummond, Oklahoma on January 28, 1924.

Served in World War II as an Army Air Force Pilot. He served in the India, Burma and China theater, and was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Later employed as a school administrator.

Married Dorothy Carolyn Kush, June 21, 1950 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born October 27, 1927 in San Antonio, Texas and worked as a math teacher and school counselor.

Children:

1. Leanne Cristine Rusmisel - born in San Antonio, Texas on April 15, 1960. Married Donnie Lynn Timmons in San Antonio, Texas on June 6, 1986. He was born in Red Bay, Alabama on August 4, 1958 and is a pharmaceutical representative. Leanne is a teacher.

2. Lanette Elizabeth rusmisel - born in San Antonio, Texas on June 6, 1962. She is a lawyer, living in Fort Worth, Texas.



**SEVENTH GENERATION**  
**LEANNE CRISTINE RUSMISEL**

(Of David L. Rusmisel)

Leanne Cristine Rusmisel was born in San Antonio, Texas on April 15, 1960.

She is a teacher.

Married Donnie Lynn Timmons in San Antonio, Texas on June 6, 1986. He was born in Red Bay, Alabama on August 4, 1958 and is a pharmaceutical representative.

Children:

1. Kara Elizabeth Timmons - born in San Antonio, Texas on May 14, 1991.
2. Brea Christine Timmons - born in San Antonio, Texas on October 2, 1993.

# Rusmisel

In 1938, Mr. Lee Rusmiselle with the help of Mrs. Ruth Rusmiselle Gordon started a Rusmiselle history. Mr. Lee Rusmiselle was 87 years old at that time. The original material was written in long hand by Mrs. Ruth Gordon.

Adam the First was 20 years old when he left Germany in 1770. He was hired by one of his countrymen who had been drafted to fight in the French and Indian War to take his place in the war in exchange for a free fare to America. Adam came as a soldier, but the war ended before he was called to fight. He was allowed to go free, so he made his way up the Shenandoah Valley and settled at Parnassus, Virginia. The homeplace stood in the field across the road from where the Methodist Church presently stands in Parnassus. Adam married a Miss Pennawake. Their children were Adam, John, Christian, and David. Adam was a hammerman by trade and practiced at a furnace at Mossy Creek. He is said to have walked from his home in Parnassus to Mossy Creek with a cane six days a week, carrying his dinner in a little tin pail.

This history contains no record of any decedents of John and David, sons of Adam the first. Nor has there yet been found the official spelling of Adam the first's last name.

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Adam Rusmisell (the second) married Solome Sherman. To them were born 6 sons and 2 daughters: George, John, Adam, Peter, Simon, Andrew, Catherine Ann, and Elizabeth. George died as a baby. John, Adam and Peter lived to be past ninety years old. Elizabeth, Catherine, and Andrew never married.

John married Elizabeth Obaugh. Their children were Sarah, William, H. H. George, James and Alice. They lived at Middle Brook, Virginia.

Adam the third married Ann Eagle. To them were born three children. Dr. Samuel Cooper Rusmisell, Emma, and John Rusmisell. They lived in (Buckhannan) Upshur County, West Virginia.

Christian Rusmiser was the son of Adam the first. His home was near Mount Solon. The children from his marriage were: Marriam, Sarah, Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Martha, George and John.

Marriam married Dave Kennedy. They lived near Mount Zion and had no children.

Sarah married Asher Argenbright. Their three children were Joe, Dora, and Fannie.

Mary married Simeon Cupp. They had two children: Annie and Jim.

Martha married Robert McLaughlin. They had a family of 10 children: Brassie, Cam, Kate, Melessie, Russell, Love, Bertha, Criss, Lawrence and Rus.

Rebecca was married to David Props. They had eight children: Matt, Pet, George, John, Ella, Jeff, Lissie, and one who later became a Mrs. Crosby.

Elizabeth married Thomas Burton. Their children were named Mary, Sarah, Nancy, George, Bill, John, Susan, Rebecca, and Kate.

George was married to Catherine Cupp. They had 6 children: Dave, John, Lydia, Laura, Margaret and Vernie.

John married Elizabeth Woodell.

The following is found on the grave site of Christian at the Union Presbyterian Church near Parnassus. (spellings as on stones)

Christian Rusmiser: Sept. 7, 1860. age 73 years.

(also there is a stone for a Martha Rusmiserelle dated Feb. 11, 1805-June 29, 1887.)

The following stones are found in the cemetery at the Emmanuel Church of the Brethren near Mt. Solon, Virginia. (spellings as on stones)

George Rusmiser: Feb. 16, 1819-Mar. 19, 1889.

Catherine Rusmiser, wife of George; died June 20, 1911; age 86 years.

Peter married Lucinda Eagle. Their children were named John Neuton, Alice, Martha and George Lee. They lived in West Virginia then moved to Oklahoma.

Simon married Sarah Swisher. Their five children were Harrison Lee, Elizabeth, Catherine, Neuton, Margaret, and Charles Adam. Catherine and Elizabeth never married. (The data for this genealogy was supplied by Harrison Lee Rusmisell of this family.) They lived in the Mossy Creek community near Moscow.

Harrison Lee married Maggie Ann Pence.

Newton married Addie Ferie. They lived in North Carolina, and had 4 children: Newton, Sarah, Betty and Maggie Lee.

Margaret married Jim Props and lived near Moscow. They had no children.

Charles Adam married Kinny Reeves. They lived in North Carolina and the only child died an infant.

The following names, spellings and dates can be found in the cemetery of the Union Presbyterian Church near Parnassus, Virginia:

Adam Rusmisell: died August 14, 1863, age 77 years, 11 months, 2 days.

Salome Sherman Rusmisell, wife of Adam Rusmisell: March 11, 1785-Oct. 9, 1873;  
age 88 years.

Catherine Ann Rusmisell, daughter of Adam and Salome: June 5, 1822-Oct.  
10, 1892.

Andrew Sherman Rusmisell, son of Adam and Salome: Sept. 17, 1819-Jan. 24, 1904.

Elizabeth Salome Rusmisel, daughter of Adam and Salome: Nov. 9, 1824-June 9, 1908.

Simon Rusmisell (June, 1817- Sept. 1879) and his wife, Sarah Swisher  
Rusmisell (Dec. 1827- June 1894).

Elizabeth C. Rusmisell, daughter of Simon and Sarah; Oct, 1852- March 7, 1928.

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David Rusmisel was the son of George Rusmisel who was the son of Christian Rusmisel. His first wife was Eliza Andrew. Their five children were named: Josie, Willie, Maggie, Paul and Claud. His second wife was Regina Miller and they had seven daughters: Ethel, Edith, Beulah, Artie, Zelma, Lula, and Arvetta.

The grave stones for Dave and Regina Rusmisel are found at the Emmanuel Church of the Brethren near Mt. Solon.

David Rusmisel: May 3, 1854- Oct. 10, 1934.

Regina Rusmisel: Aug. 6, 1863-May 15, 1940.

John Rusmiselle was the son of George Rusmisel, brother of David Rusmisel. He married Rachel Miller. Their eight children were named: Cora, Lena, Ruth, Edgar, Bertha, Roy, Grace, and George.

The grave stones for John and Rachel Rusmiselle are found at the Emmanuel Church of the Brethren cemetery.

John Rusmiselle: Jan. 4, 1866-Mar. 19, 1948.

Rachel Rusmiselle: Oct. 17, 1866- July 3, 1960.

<i>Roy Arnold Rusmisel</i>	<i>1/30/99</i>	} <i>married</i>
<i>Pansy <del>Eckle</del> Landes</i>	<i>5/2/1900</i>	
<i>married</i>	<i>5 children</i>	<i>Oct. 14, 1920</i>

*Mary Elizabeth  
Roy Dewitt*

*Miss Bobbie Spencer Rusmisel - May 14, 1925*

*Guy Wilmer  
Dorsilla Ann*