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ANTHONY

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GEORGE ANTHONY, b. 1729-30; d. Oct. 10, 1810, at or near Trenton. He may possibly have been the "Georg Hans Anthoni" who was among the 339 immigrants, mostly Palatines, on the ship *Phoenix*, John Mason captain, from Rotterdam, but last from Cowes, England, which reached Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1750. A Jacob Anthoni was another passenger. The names of heads of families only were recorded. (Trenton *True Amer.* obit.; SGP 1:440.) George is said to have been a native of Strassburg, and to have come to Pennsylvania with his wife Catherine, but proof of these statements is lacking. He lived at Hopewell, then in Hunterdon Co., and was chosen overseer of the poor there in March, 1767. The Hopewell tax list of 1778 lists him as owning one acre of improved land, and his name is marked "Exempt," indicating some military service by a member of the family. (CSTE:6; HOTR:31; NJPRO.) On Feb. 12, 1766, he wit. the will of Caspar Michel Stapel of Amwell, who had come from Germany. In 1784 he was bondsman for the adm'r's of the est. of Benj. Ketcham, of Hunt. Co., and in 1793 he was listed as a debtor to the est. of Jacob Anthony, of Amwell. Cooley lists five ch'n, named below, but the source of these names is not stated. (NJA 33:405, 35:233; NJW: 1625J; CSTE:6.)

Children of George Anthony (and Catherine —?):

1. William, b. abt. 1765; md. Martha Biles of Maidenhead, who d. June 19, 1848, aged 81 (Obit. notice).
2. Mary; md. by lic. of Aug. 25, 1778, to John Paradise (NJMB P:334).
3. Catherine; md. Henry Simmons.
4. Sarah. In Cooley it is stated that she md. John Ballum, but this seems doubtful. Note mar. lic. of a Sarah Anthony and John Brant, of Hopewell, dated April 17, 1779, the bondsman being John Bollen. (NJMB B:686.)
5. Susannah; d. unkm.

JACOB ANTHONY (ANTSONI?, ANTONI) was born "in Alsace and Dominion of the French King," perhaps in the 1720's, and d. in Amwell Twp., N.J., in 1793. He was naturalized in N.J. in Nov. 1760, at which time he stated that he was a Lutheran, and had lived in Hunterdon County about eleven years. It has been thought that he was the Jacob Antoni who came to America on the ship *Phoenix*, in a party of Palatines which arrived at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1750, another passenger being Georg Hans Anthoni. But no proof of such identity is seen, and as the Palatines were required to take an oath of fealty immediately after arrival, there would

seem to be no reason for a legislative act more than ten years later "to render them [i.e. Antoni and one other] capable of enjoying in full the privileges and Liberties of Englishmen." (NJPRO-Naturalizations, p. 3; SGP 1:404, 440.) Jacob Anthony was taxed in Amwell Twp. in 1780 and later. On Aug. 14, 1793, adm. on the est. of Jacob Anthony of Amwell was granted to John Price of that place. The inventory of his personal est., Aug. 12, 1793, mentions a book debt of George Anthony, which the adm'r's acct. of Aug. 2, 1794, shows as still unpaid, as was the amount due for Margaret Anthony's purchases at the vendue. Who she was is not indicated. Ordinarily, if she had been decedent's widow, she would have been made administratrix, or else renounced her right in favor of the one appointed. (NJW:1625J.) No record of children.

PAUL ANTHONY (ANTONI, ANDONI) of old German Valley is probably he who, as Paulus Andoni, was one of thirty-seven "Foreigners from the Palatinate" who reached Philadelphia on Oct. 19, 1736, in the brigantine *John*, of Perth Amboy, George Fraiser master, from Rotterdam in Holland, via Dover in England. (SGP 1:167-68; 2:163, 165; CEG:235; SCHQ 4:120.) There was, however, another "Paulus Antoni," who arrived in the Delaware Sept. 29, 1741, aged twenty-two, and who conceivably could have been the Hunterdon County man. (SGP 1:300; 2:310.) In 1748-49 Paul Antoni subscribed ten shillings, and Maria Elizabeth Andoni two shillings sixpence, for the support of a minister to serve the congregations of Fox Hill, Rockaway (Potterstown) and Lesleysland, all in Hunterdon Co. At one time he owned or leased a tract in Tewksbury Twp., later (1770) mortgaged by Benjamin Archer. (NJHSP NS 10:306; HuM 1:109.) The name of only one child is known (CEG:235). No record has been found of the date and place of his death.

Child of Paul Anthony (and Maria Elizabeth —?):

+1. Philip, b. abt. 1724-34; md. Elisabeth DeWitt; d. 1813.

PHILIP ANTHONY, son of Paul, b. abt. 1724-34; d. between April and July, 1813, in Mansfield Twp., Sussex (now Warren) Co., across the Musconetcong River from Hunt. Co.; md. Elisabeth DeWitt. (CEG:235.) He was living in Lebanon Twp., near the present High Bridge, in 1767, and was on Lebanon tax lists from 1778 to 1780 or later. (NJA 25:310; NJPRO.) His will, April 9, 1813-July 31, 1813, names wf. Elisabeth and "the heirs" (unnamed). Philip Anthony, Jr., was named as an ex'r. Mention is made in the will or inventory of blacksmith tools, shoemaker's bench and tools, and