

THE RAMBO FAMILY TREE
DESCENDANTS OF PETER GUNNARSON RAMBO, 1611-1986



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CHAPTER 2

PETER GUNNARSON RAMBO AND HIS CHILDREN

PETER GUNNARSON RAMBO was the founder of the Rambo family in America, and as far as can be determined from existing records was the only one of that name who came to the New World. The exact year of his birth is not known, but in a document dated 25 May 1684, he claimed to be 72 years of age, making his birthdate about 1611-12 (6). According to an interview in Jan 1740, his grandson Peter Rambo of Raccoon, New Jersey, stated that Peter Gunnarson was born in Stockholm, Sweden (12). In 1692, the postmaster in Stockholm wrote a letter to America containing the inquiry of a woman who wanted to know if her brother Peter Gunnarson Rambo was still alive in America (13). This lends further support to Stockholm as his birthplace, although his ancestors may have originally been from a place, such as Rambo in Degersfors socken, Västerbotten, in northeastern Sweden.

As a mature man of twenty eight years of age, Peter Gunnarson Rambo signed on with the New Sweden Company to go to America as a colonist. In September of 1639, he sailed on the "Kalmar Nyckel" but twice the ship sprang leaks and had to turn back for repairs. Storms during December further delayed their departure, but they finally embarked on their journey across the Atlantic on 7 Feb 1639/40 (1).

The journey was far from pleasant for the Swedish colonists. The Dutch master of the ship spent his time smoking and drinking with the Company factor. They showed their disliking of the Swedes by scolding and cursing them. Both men were contemptuous of the Lutheran religion, and extremely disrespectful toward Rev. Torkillus who was being sent to a post in New Sweden. However, the ship safely reached port in New Sweden on 17 Apr 1640.

Peter Gunnarson Rambo, the Early Years.

Upon arriving in New Sweden, Peter Rambo lived at Christina, near the fort. The roll list of the colony by Governor Johan Printz dated 1644, named Peter Gunnarson Rambo as cultivating his plantation at Christina, and raising tobacco for the Swedish West Indies Company (16, 17). He was listed as a freeman in a document dated 1648.

Governor Peter Ridder and his successor, Johan Printz, complained that many settlers were inept and unskilled, but a few capable men like Peter Gunnarson Rambo rose to positions of leadership in the newly established colony. Capt. Sven Skute, Peter Cock, Peter Rambo, Michel Nilsson, the blacksmith, and Johan Stalkofta served on councils and committees and figured prominently in colonial affairs. Several of their children and grandchildren intermarried, further binding these families together. Peter Rambo's son Peter married the daughter of Sven Skute, and his sons Gunnar and John married daughters of Peter Cock who was a member of the fourth expedition (6).

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About 1648, Peter Rambo moved to a plantation near Cobbs Creek in Kingessing, which is located in present day West Philadelphia. Heavy rains in 1652 damaged many of the crops, but evidently Peter Rambo had some surplus grain, as he was charged by Gov. Printz for illegally selling grain to the Dutch. A short time later, Peter was one of twenty-two freemen in the Kingessing area who signed a bill of complaint against Gov. Printz on 27 Jul 1653 (14). They complained that their lives and property were not safe from dangers, that Printz imposed his will over that of the jury, prohibited settlers from trading with Christians or the savages, forbade the colonists from grinding their own grain at the mill, and withheld the use of rivers, woods, and land needed for their sustenance.

On 30 August 1655, he volunteered to proceed south by canoe to help defend New Sweden against the Dutch invasion (14). It is not known that he did go south, for on 7 Sep 1655 he was a member of the group of Swedes who met with Governor Peter Stuyvesant. On the 16th of September, he was present at a Council meeting where they agreed not to return New Sweden to Governor Rising.

The colony then passed from Swedish to Dutch rule, and in 1658, Governor Stuyvesant granted them a measure of self rule. These officers were elected 8 May 1658: Sven Skute as Captain, Anders Dalbo as lieutenant, Jacob Svensson as ensign, Gregorius van Dyck as sheriff, and Olof Stille, Matts Hansson, Peter Rambo, and Peter Cock were selected as magistrates (14). They performed their duties proficiently and gained the confidence of the Dutch authorities. The Dutch hired the Swedes to chop wood for export, and on 3 Dec 1657, a Dutch officer made payment to Peter Rambo of 1 1/2 jugs brandy, 1/2 barrel beer, and food worth 38 guilders for the workmen (18).

By 1669, Peter Gunnarson Rambo moved to Passyunk on the east side of the Schuylkill River, opposite Aronameck. The patent for this 300 acres of land was dated 1 Oct 1669 (19). It is here that he spent the rest of his days, living with his son Andrew after the death of his wife Britta.

His Court Experiences.

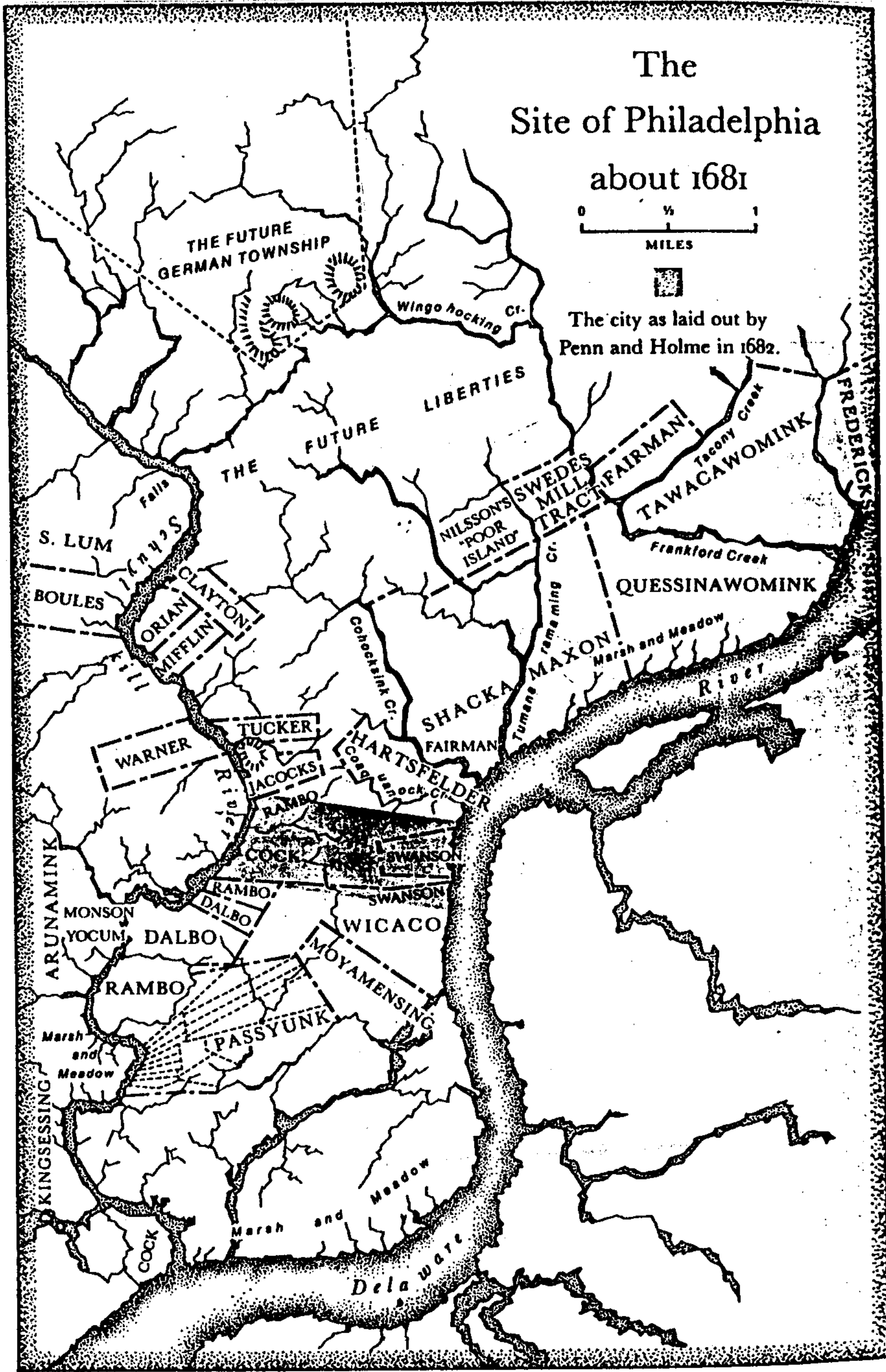
Most legal and governmental affairs of the settlement were handled by the magistrates of the court. Only one court existed in what is now Pennsylvania until the arrival of William Penn. Peter Gunnarson Rambo was elected a magistrate of the court in 1658, and served almost continuously until 1680 when he stepped down (20). The court first met at Tinicum Island, but later moved to Upland. It heard all civil and criminal cases, as well as functioned as a legislative body to levy taxes as needed, order roads to be built and maintained, name county officials, etc.

In 1660 and again in March of 1661, Peter petitioned Gov. Stuyvesant to be discharged as a magistrate claiming he "has to take care of a very large family and therefore cannot well, unless to his great disadvantage, spare the time to attend to the aforesaid

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office." His resignation was accepted, but he was again appointed justice on the Delaware River by Gov. Lovelace in 1664.

Historical records show that some court sessions were held at Peter Rambo house, that he was repaid for entertaining the governor and other high ranking officials, and heard criminal cases of murder and rape (20). He signed a proposition in 1671 regarding the defense of the Delaware River against Maryland's



Location of the Rambo lands on the Schuylkill River, 1677.
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threatened invasion. On 12 Mar 1677/78, Peter Rambo and his son-in-law Peter Mattson Dalbo petitioned the court to grant them 200 acres each on the east side of the Schuylkill. Peter also petitioned the court on 13 Nov 1677 for 250 acres between the land of Wicaco and that of Jurian Hertswelder. He lost a court case in Mar 1678/79 in a dispute with the Svenson brothers over a tract of land in Wicaco when they provided evidence of an earlier patent for the land. Another land dispute involved ownership of 12 acres of marshland used by Hans Mänsson and Peter Jocum, and claimed by Peter Rambo. The jury found Peter Rambo had legally obtained a patent for the marshland, and the plaintiffs had not.

In 1684, Peter Rambo gave testimony about Dutch settlements along the Delaware River established before 1632 to refute Lord Baltimore's claim to the territory for the state of Maryland (6). In one deposition of "Certain Ancient Sweeds Living on the West side of Delaware," Peter Rambo, Peter Cock and Hance Monson gave testimony regarding the establishment of New Sweden and the purchase of land:

"In the year 1639. 10th March one of the abovesaid shippes returned with Peter Holland (Peter Holland Ridder) deputy Governor for the Sweeds, Peter Rambo, Andrees Bown (Andreas Boon) & severall other Sweeds, who bought Land from an Indian king Named Kekesikkun from the abovenamed distance of a Cannon bullet shott as farr as over against Mekaquatshoe eight miles above Burlington."

In the same document, they told of being sent by Gov. Printz in 1651 to Colonel Lloyd, the deputy of Lord Baltimore, in Severn (now Annapolis), Maryland. They were treated kindly during a stay of nine days, and were given a letter assuring Gov. Printz there was no claim on the Swedish settlements and lands. Peter Rambo was a man of about forty years when he made this trip.

Interpreter to the Indians.

During his years of trading with the Indians, Peter Rambo learned enough of the language to serve as Interpreter. Of interest is a colonial document, describing a conference between the governor, magistrates of Newcastle, and Indian sachems of New Jersey (20):

"At Newcastle, May 13th 1675
Upon an Appearance of the Indiyans before the Vo; & the New Magistrates in the afternoone. They were those who came in the morne, with Mr. S. Edsall, Isr. Helme, and Lanse Cock. The names of the Chiefs were Renowewan of Sawkin on the Eastern side, Ipan Kickan of Rancokeskill, Kitmarius of Soupnapka, Manickty of Rancokestill heretofore all of N. Jersey side. The Govenor declares his desire to continue in friendship with them & his readiness to protect them, & thanks them for their coming down.

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They by Israel Helme the Interpreter expresse thie rediness to continue in good friendship, & return their thanks to the Gov. They are told that it is not, that the governor wants their help --if the other Indiyans will bee bad, he can deale well enough with them, but now is wishing to be kind to those that will live quietly and well. They believe so they say.

They are told they must not kick the beasts or swine belonging to the Christians & the Christians shall not doe them any injury, but justice shall be done as they might see today in the case of Jam Sandylands.

The first sachem rises up & walks up & down taking notice of his old Acquaintance P. Rambo & Peter Cock, Lansa Cock with C. Cantwell then taking a band of sewant, he measured it from his neck to the length downward & said his heart should bee so long & so great to the Gov. & the Christians & should never forget the Gov. so presents the belt of wampum, throwing it at the Gov. feet. The next rises up & professing much friendship & thanks to the Gov. for his kind expressions presents another belt of wampum.

The Gov. (Andros) tells them the two belts shall be kept as bands of friendship between them. The belts of sewant were written upon to be kept in token of a continuance of Peace. The first belt was 15, t'other 12 wampum high.

The Gov. presents them with 4 Coates and 4 lappeloathes. They return thanks and fall a kintacooying with expressions of thanks, singing kenon, kenon."

Peter Gunnarson Rambo As Remembered by His Grandson.

In 1749, Peter Gunnarson Rambo's grandson was interviewed by Peter Kalm, a young Swedish traveler, and gave this account of the early days in the colony (12). (Note that the date of PGR's arrival in New Sweden was in error in this account.)

"30 Jan 1749. Mr. Peter Rambo, who lived down in Raccoon, N.J., related to me the following concerning the first coming of the Swedes, which he had heard from his father who died six years ago, and had at the time of his demise been very old (John Rambo). His grandfather's name was Peter Rambo; he had been born in Stockholm, had with others been hired to come here, and had gotten his freedom after three years to return to Sweden if he so desired. Several of these so hired had returned to their homeland, but he had remained. But those who had been sent here because of some misdeed had not been allowed to return.

The first Peter Rambo landed here when the original settlers had been here for four years (1642). He was then unmarried, and when he had been here a short while he married and had several sons of whom this Peter Rambo's father was the youngest. He was born in 1661, and was 12 years younger than his oldest brother.

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The original Peter Rambo, when he emigrated, had brought apple seeds and several other tree and garden seeds with him in a box. He had also taken some rye and barley along. Later when the Englishmen came, he had often told them that his hands had been the very first to sow seed into the settlement, thereby announcing that the first Sweedes had not brought these seeds with them, and consequently no European seed had been sown here before he upon his arrival had made a beginning.

His grandfather had prospered, so that Governor Penn had often lodged at his house; and when the English first came here it had been rather difficult for some of them, so that Rambo not only helped them as much as he could, but for ten years gave to everyone that came to him free food and lodging. The old man was very kind, but liked to drink a bit at times."

The Rambo Apple.

The Rambo apple was extensively grown in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. It was also spread to other localities as the early settlers spread south and westward. The apple is advertised by a Georgian nursery as follows:

"The Rambo has pale greenish yellow mottled skin with red strips. The flesh is firm, fine, tender and whitish. It is a subacid apple that begins ripening in early July here in Georgia. It is one of the very best for jelly, pies and dried fruit. It dates back to the late 1500." (21).

His Land Holdings.

Over the years, Peter Gunnarson Rambo acquired a considerable amount of land which he willed to his sons. He owned 650 acres on the west side of the Delaware which is now known as Kingsessing, 300 acres on Homan's and Little Mantua Creek in what is now Gloucester Co. New Jersey, and tracts of land on the west side of the Schuylkill River (22).

The Rambo family were well-known by William Penn who referred to them in his correspondence in 1684 and later. Penn wrote from London to Thomas Lloyd on 16 Jan 1685, "Salute me to the Swedes, Captain Cock, old Peter Cock and Rambo and their sons, the Swan-sons, Andrew Binkson, P. Yoakum, and the rest of them (23). The Proprietors of Pennsylvania under William Penn, claimed possession of lands purchased by the Rambo family from the Indians. In return, other tracts of lands further inland were granted to Peter and his sons.

His Religion and Church.

The family were Lutheran, and Peter Gunnarson Rambo was one of the founders and longtime vestryman of one of the first Swedish churches in America, located at Wicaco, which was a short distance south of Penn's Landing in Philadelphia. In the 1660's, services were held in a log blockhouse, but in 1697, the cornerstone of Gloria Dei church was laid, and the building of red

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brick with bell tower and steeple was completed in 1700. Over the altar was suspended the figure of the trumpet-bearing angel, Gabriel, which was commonly found in Swedish churches.

When the new church was built, the decision was made not to move the grave of the venerable Peter Gunnarson Rambo who had served his church so many years, but to build over it. His grave is under the altar, according to the report of a church rector (4). Gloria Dei (Old Swede's) Church still stands in Philadelphia, and is a National Historic Shrine.

His Wife and Children.

Peter Gunnarson Rambo was single when he journeyed to America, but married BRITTA (?) about 1647-48 as their son Gunnar was born the following year. Britta most likely came on one of the voyages prior to the "Swan" that arrived in Jan 1648. She probably was born in Sweden about 1630.

Britta Rambo was a witness in a defamation suit bought in the Upland court on 12 Sep 1682 (19). The suit was brought by Harmon Enoch against her son-in-law Peter Mattson alias Dalbo. She died sometime between 8 Jul 1684 when she consented to sale of land at Passyunk, and 1688 when her name was not listed as a co-grantor with Peter on a land deed dated that year (24).

Peter and his wife had the following children who grew to adulthood (25, 26).

1. GUNNAR RAMBO, b. 16 Jan 1648-49
2. GERTRUDE RAMBO, b. 19 Oct 1650
3. PETER RAMBO, b. 17 Jun 1653
4. CATHERINE RAMBO, b. 1655
5. ANDREW RAMBO, b. 1658
6. JOHN RAMBO, b. 1661

His Death and Will.

Peter Gunnarson Rambo died before 20 Jul 1698, one of the last survivors of the original Swedish settlers. He was buried in the churchyard at Wicacoa where his wife was probably laid to rest years earlier. His will was probated 6 November 1698 and is recorded in Philadelphia County (27, 28). His son Andrew was designated executor, but he had died by this time, so Peter Rambo, Jr. was named executor. The will reads as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen, I Peter Rambo, Senior of the Countie of Philadelphia in the Province of Peansilvania in parts of America being in good health of bodiey in perfect sound mind & Memorie, praise be therfore given unto Almighty God, do make & ordain this my Last Will & testament in manner & form following; that is to say, first & principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the meritts, death & passion of my Savior Jesus Christ to have full satisfaction & forgiveness of all my Sins and inherit eternal life. And my bodie

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I committ into ye earth to be (---) decintlie buried att ye burying place at Wicacoe, att ye discretion of my dear son after mentioned; and as to touching the disposition of all temporal estate it hath pleased God in his Mercie to bestow upon me I give and Dispose thereof as followeth---

First. I will that all debts & funeral charges be 1st paid and discharged. Secondly. I give & dispose unto my son Gunner Rambo three hundred acres of land in West-New-Jersey on Homons Creek. Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my Son John Rambo the tract of land which he now liveth upon in West-New-Jersey aforesaid Lying on Little Mantua Creek. Fourthly. I give unto my Son Andrew Rambo the tract of land whear I now live Containing three hundred fiftie three acres of said land, marsh, and provits. As also twelve acres of Meadow ground Lying opposite to the Township of Passayunk, With all and singular rights privileges & Appertenances there unto the said Marsh and privets belonging & containing to his Heirs and Assigns forever after my decease, further I give unto my Son Andrew all right title and interest in Costers Saw Mill, and further all my Moveables, Lands, good Chattells, besides what is particularlie disposed of & I equallie give & Disppose thereof unto my Sons Gunner, Peter, and John Rambo & to Yertrude Bankson, wife to Andrew Bankson & Catherine Dalbo, wife of Peter Dalbo, all which Said Six persons I desire to be justlie equal & order not anie one to have any greater part or share in value than the other of the sd Lands, goods & chattels as aforesd mentioned, And unto this my Last Will and Testamt I ordain and Appoint my Son Andrew Rambo my full & sole exec to this my Last will and testam, Revoking Disannualling and making void absolutie by these presents all will & Wills or testaments whatsoever heretofore by me made either in words or writing and this & none other is to be taken for my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I Peter Rambo have Set my hand and Seal the 3rd Day of August 1694."

Witnessed by

Robert Langshore
Peter Dalbo
Matthias Holstein
Lasse Cock

his
Peter Rambo
mark

SECOND GENERATION

Peter Gunnarson Rambo's children comprise the second generation of the Rambo family in this history. They were born between the years of 1648-1661 in the colony of New Sweden, located on the shores of the Delaware River where the city of Philadelphia is now located.

1. GUNNAR RAMBO, Peter's eldest son, was born 6 Jan 1648-49 and married ANNA COCK in 1670. Anna was the sister of Brigitta who married Gunnar's younger brother John. They were the daughters of PETER LARSON COCK who was born in Sweden in 1611, and his wife Margaret. In 1677, Gunnar Rambo was among the 23 Swedes who presented a petition to the court at Upland "to settle together in a town at the west side of the river, just below the falls" (29). Gunnar was willed

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300 acres of land on Homan's Creek, Gloucester County, New Jersey by his father in 1698, but he apparently preferred living on the tract of land he purchased in 1707 on the Schuylkill River lying adjacent to Peter Cock's land, and the Widow Yocum's land on the south. It was near what is now Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Gunnar Rambo was a large land owner, and occupied a prominent place in the affairs of the province. Old property rights show a warrant for 1000 acres of land dated 26 Mar 1700-01 with a Ret'n Res'y (return of resurvey?) of 614 acres dated 10 Feb 1702 and 214 acres, dated 18 Feb 1702 (30). He was a member of the first grand jury under William Penn, and a member of the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly in 1685. In 1699, he deeded to John Bowyer 100 acres of the land in Shackamaxon township, Philadelphia County that he had inherited from his father (31). Gunner and his brother John sold 250 acres of land on Homan's Creek in New Jersey to John Bowles in July 1698 after their father's death.

Gunnar and his family belonged to Gloria Dei church at Wicacoa and in 1684, he and his brother Peter, Jr. made a voluntary contribution of 30 guilders for the support of Rev. Jacob Fabritius (32). The 1697-98 roll of the Swedes on the Delaware prepared by Andreas Rudman, pastor of the Gloria Dei Church, listed eight of the nine children in the family, and their ages (25). Gunnar and Anna had the following children:

11. JOHN RAMBO, Jr. b. 1676
12. PETER RAMBO, b. 1678
13. GUNNAR RAMBO, b. 1680
14. ANDREW RAMBO, b. 1682
15. MONS RAMBO, b. 1684
16. BRIGITTA RAMBO, b. 1685
17. GABRIEL RAMBO, b. 1687
18. MATHIAS RAMBO, b. 1690
19. ELIAS RAMBO, b. 1693

Gunnar Rambo died in Jan. 1724, at age 75, and his will was entered for probate in Philadelphia on 20 Mar 1723-24. It reads as follows (33):

"In the Name of God Amen, I Gunner Rambo of Matson in the County of Philada. finding myself weak of body but of perfect and sound memory Blessed be God for it, do make this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills ever heretofore made by me or for me this fourth day of January one thousand seven hundred and twenty three/four. Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and my body to be buried in a christian and a decent manner as my Executor hereafter named shall think fitt.

Item I Give unto my Eldest Son John Rambo, the sum of five

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shillings, which, with what I have heretofore Given him, shall be in full demands and his share or portion of this my Estate. Then I give unto my son Peter Rambo the Bed and Bolster that I now lye on, with what he has had before shall be in full of all demands for his share or portion of this my Estate. Then I give unto my son Mounts Rambo the sum of five shillings which with what he had before shall be in full of all demands for is share or portion of this my Estate. Then I give unto my son Gabriel Rambo the sum of five shillings which with what I gave him before shall be in full demands of his share or portion of this my Estate. Then I give unto my Granddaughter Katherin Holston the sum of five shillings which is likewise in full of all demands from this my Estate. Then I give unto my son Andrew Rambo the sum of forty pounds current lawful money of the province of pensilvania to him his heirs or assigns to be paid in Manner and form following Elias Rambo to pay upon the 26th day of March, yearly after my decease the sum of five pounds per annum of Current Lawfull money of ye province of pensilvania for eight years until the whole sum of forty pounds be paid and in the mean time that he shall give Andrew security for the payment of the several sums yearly which is likewise in full of all further Demands from the sd Andrew to this my Estate. Then I give unto my son Ellias Rambo this my plantation containing two hundred and fifty acres of land with all my Improvements and all the rest of my Estate both Real and personal as if every particular were named and I likewise appoint my son Ellias my sole Executor this my last will and Testament witness my hand and seal the day and date first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the
presence of us

Gunnar Rambo

Edward ffarmer, Joseph Gray
Peter Yokm, Lovell Jarpson"

2. GERTRUDE RAMBO was born 19 Oct 1650 and married ANDREW BANKSON Nov 22, 1668. Andrew Bankston was born about 1640 in Stockholm, Sweden and sailed to New Sweden on the ship "Mercurius" in 1656 (34). He was a large land owner in New Sweden, and one of the justices of the New Court at Upland in 1682. Andrew drowned in the Schuylkill River in 1706 and his will was proved on Sep 2, 1706 in Philadelphia. It named his wife and children as follows (28, 34):
 21. BENGT (BENEDICT) BANKSON, b. 1669
 22. ANDREW BANKSON, b. 1671
 23. PETER BANKSON, b. 1677
 24. CATHARINE BANKSON, b. 1679
 25. JOHN BANKSON, b. 1681
 26. JACOB BANKSON, b. 1684
 27. BRETТА BANKSON, b. 1687
 28. DANIEL BANKSON, b. 1691
 29. JOSEPH BANKSON, b. 1696

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PETER RAMBO was born June 17, 1653 and married MAGDALENA SKUTE on Nov 12, 1676 (20). She was born 15 March 1660, the daughter of Capt. Sven Skute who came to the New Sweden colony in 1643 with Gov. John Printz. Capt. Skute was second-in-command to the Governor, and returned to Sweden on several occasions as personal envoy to the Company. He served as negotiator of peace terms with Capt. Stuyvesant following the recapture of Fort Casimir, which the Swedes under Capt. Skute's command had captured earlier (1).

Peter, like his father and brothers, was a large landowner. He, rather than his father, probably obtained a warrant for 12 acres of marsh in 1683, and a draft for 300 acres land with 3 acres meadows in 1685 (30). In 1684, a list of landowners between the age of 16 and 60 listed Peter Rambo as having 600 acres of which 12 acres were improved (35). He resided in Lower Dublin Township, an area which is now part of Philadelphia. Peter was a representative of Philadelphia County at the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1709. He and Magdalena had these children, according to the records of Gloria Dei Church (25):

31. SWAN RAMBO, b. Oct. 19, 1677
32. BRIGITTA RAMBO, b. Mar 10, 1679
33. PETER RAMBO, b. Dec. 20, 1682
34. ANDREW RAMBO, b. Apr 2, 1691
35. ELIAS RAMBO, b. Feb 7, 1694
36. JACOB RAMBO, b. Mar 28, 1697
37. JOHN RAMBO, b. after 1697

Peter Rambo died 12 Dec 1729 at the age of 76 and was buried in the churchyard of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes Church) Philadelphia. Although he had transferred much of his property to his sons earlier, he left the following will (36):

"In the name of God, Amen, the third day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and twenty seven, I Peter Rambo of the lower Dublin Township, County of Philadelphia, and senior freeholder being verry sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make and ordain this Last Will & Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth, to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estated as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis to my two sons Swen and Peter and my daughter Britta, I give and Bequeath to each one shilling silver.

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Item to my two sons Andrew and John Rambo I give and Bequeath out of my Real Estate in Land that lying between the river and the run before the doore and so along that run to the widdow Boors line Containing forty-nine acres, to be Equally Divided between them both meadow and upland, together with three cows, a bed and furniture apiece to them their heirs or assigns and Note, that if either of these two shall decease before marriage or without assigns the Survivor shall have the deceased Estate, more to each of them I give one Shilling Sterling. Item to Jacob Rambo my son, I give and Bequeath my whole Estate now in my possession both Real and moveable (together with those Acres where the widdow Gustenberrys house and stand) with all its appurtenances meadow Orchard and to him and his heirs or assigns forever. Note that if Jacob shall die before marriage then Andrew shall take his Estate and Andrew shall give up his before named to John. Last of all to Madlena my beloved wife whom I likewise constitute, make and ordain my only sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament I give sufficient suteable maintainance for time and term of life out of that part of my Estate given to Jacob and I do hereby utterly disallow, Revoke and disannull all and every other former Testaments will and Legacies, Bequests and Exec by me in any ways before this time named, willed and Bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming that this and no other is my last will and Testament. IN WITNESS whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Lawrence Boon

Niels VB (his mark) Boon

John Ewing

his

Peter P Rambo

mark

4. CATHERINE RAMBO was born about 1655 and married PETER MATTSON (alias DALBO) on FEB 16, 1674. Peter was born in New Sweden in 1647, the son of Mats and Elizabeth Hanson (37). His father died in 1654, and his widowed mother married Anders Larsson Dalbo. In 1658, Anders Dalbo was elected lieutenant of the colony, and his wife Elizabeth survived until 1700. [Other genealogists have considered Peter Mattson as the son of Matts Mattson, and his wife (38). The parents and their son Peter left the town of Daalboe, on the island of Gotland, Sweden for America on 17 Oct 1655.] Prof. Keen thought Peter Mattson was probably the son, rather than the step-son, of Anders Larsen Dalbo who came from Sweden in one of the first groups of settlers (39).

Peter Mattson was one of the first representatives to the General Assembly elected from the Fourth Tenth (Gloucester Co. NJ) in May 1685, and again in 1687. He was a member of the House of Representatives, along with John Rambo and Andrew Robeson, on May 1697 when they and the Governor, the Council, and other members signed an agreement to uphold to the utmost of their power, the authority of the King against all his enemies (40).

The Mattson family was devout, and several of the daughters

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married ministers who had been sent from Sweden to serve the colonists and the congregation of Gloria Dei Church at Wicaco (Philadelphia).

Peter Mattson (alias Dalbo) died about 1700 and left a nuncupative will (41). His will was taken in writing by Andrew Rudman, minister of Wicaco in the presence of Andrew Bankson and Wola (Olla) Dalbow: "Wife ____, children Peter, Mathias, Jacob, Elizabeth, Katherin, Mary, Bridget, and Margaret. Land 450 acres on Little Mantos Creek, 10 acres on Trumpeter's Creek Samenceing Island "on" Schuykill, 270 acres on the Schuykill, rent due by Benjamine Chambers to be paid to the fund for building the church at Wicaco. Wife the executrix. Proved and administration granted to Katherine Mattson, widow of Testator, March 1, 1700-01."

Catherine Rambo Mattson probably lived beyond 1722, if she was the one who witnessed an estate inventory that year. Peter and Catherine Mattson had the following children:

41. BRIDGET MATTSON, b. 1674
42. ELIZABETH MATTSON, b. 7 Feb 1678
43. CATHERINE MATTSON, b. 29 Dec 1679
44. MARIA MATTSON, b. 11 May 1682
45. PETER MATTSON, b. 27 May 1685
46. MATHIAS MATTSON, b 12 Aug 1688
47. MARGARET MATTSON, b. 1 Feb 1692
48. JOHN MATTSON, b. 14 Jun 1693
49. JACOB MATTSON, b. 25 May 1697

5. ANDREW RAMBO was born in 1658 and married MARIA COCK, probably another daughter of Peter Larsson Cock, one of the original settlers of New Sweden. Peter Larsson Cock was born in 1611 in Smedjegarden, Sweden, and died in Philadelphia by Mar 1688 (42). Andrew Rambo was appointed an overseer of highways in 1681 by the Court at Upland (43). His area extended from Tacony creek to the falls of the Schuykill, and the law required that the roads be repaired before the last of May. In the list of settlers in 1693, Andrew was shown to have 9 people in his household.

Andrew Rambo died sometime between the time his father Peter died (prior to July 1698) and the proving of the will in Nov 1698 since his brother Peter was appointed administrator. After his death, his widow married a man named MAIERS and in 1702, Rev. Sandel wrote in his diary that he had begun to instruct her son Peter Rambo in his school and religious studies (44). However, this branch of the family became extinct as Andrew's 3 sons had no male issue and the descendants of his daughters died out by the time of the Revolution (26).

51. JOHN RAMBO, b. ca 1687
52. ANDREW RAMBO, b. ca 1689
53. PETER RAMBO, b. pre 1697

- 54. BRIGITTA RAMBO, b. pre 1697
- 55. MARIA RAMBO, b. pre 1697
- 56. MARTHA RAMBO, b. pre 1697

6. JOHN RAMBO was born in 1661 and married BRIGITTA COCK after 1684. She was a sister of Anna Cock, who married Gunner Rambo, and the daughter of Peter Larsson Cock. John was an ardent suitor of Brigitta, and went to the Cock house about midnight on Christmas 1684 where he gained entrance to her chamber by pulling a plank off the house. He got into bed with Brigitta, and since it was crowded, her two sisters withdrew and lay all night on the floor. John was indicted for his action, and the verdict of the jury was that he should marry Brigitta before she delivered, or maintain the child. Both were fined £10 each, and they married sometime later after the birth of their first child (45).

John's father gave him a tract of land in Gloucester County in New Jersey on the Little Mantua Creek, adjacent to land held by his brother Gunner, and it was here that John and Brigitta made their home. In 1698, John and Gunnar deeded 257 acres of the West Jersey land they had inherited from their father to John Bowles of Philadelphia (46). In 1704, Gunnar and the rest of the family released their interest in the family lands to John and his descendants (26).

John Rambo was a Deputy to the West Jersey Assembly in 1697, and with the Governor, members of the Council, and fellow representatives, including kinsmen Peter Mattson, signed the agreement to uphold the authority of the King against all enemies (13). On the 12th of May 1701, he signed a petition to the King drawn up by the Council and House of Representatives to confirm Col. Andrew Hamilton as governor. He was a Justice of the Peace for Gloucester County, 1695-97, 1704, and 1710.

In 1740, at the age of 79, he gave testimony in the boundary dispute between the Colonies of Pennsylvania and Maryland over the Three Lower Counties that make up most of what is now Delaware (23). He testified to names and places in the area since he had lived his first twenty years in Philadelphia, and resided the rest of his life in the Jerseys.

John Moone (Moore?) left a legacy to a John Rambo of Dedford Township on 8 Oct 1715 (47). John Rambo, Sr. may have married Moore's daughter after the death of Brigitta, or the legacy could have been intended for his son, John Jr. who was then about age 23. On 30 Sept 1727, John Rambo Sr. and Robert Lord were made trustees for William Chester's wife Mary and his sons Samuel and William Chester (48). William Chester's son, John of Great Mantos Creek in Gloucester Co. refused to serve as executor of the will.

Brigitta Rambo may be the one who died 21 Aug 1726, and buried in the Raccoon churchyard at Raccoon (49). John Rambo

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Sr. died at the age of 80, prior to the proving of his will on 21 Nov 1741 (50). Only four of his children were named in his will: John, Peter, Gabriel, and Deborah, but their other children were named in the Gloria Dei Church Records.

61. BRIGITTA RAMBO, b. 1685
62. CATHERINE RAMBO, b. 1689
63. MARGARET RAMBO, b. 1691
64. JOHN RAMBO, b. 1692
65. PETER RAMBO, b. 1694
66. MARIA RAMBO, b. 5 May 1695
67. ANDREW RAMBO, b. 1701
68. GABRIEL RAMBO, b. ---
69. DEBORAH RAMBO, b. ---

THE COCK FAMILY

A number of members of the Rambo and Cock families intermarried. Lawrence (also written as Lasse, or Lars) and Erick Cock were the sons of Peter Larsson Cock (later the name Cock was changed to Cox and Cook). Peter Larsson Cock was born in 1611, and was sent to New Sweden in the third expedition for punishment, but also received pay of 2 daler copper money for necessary food and clothing (42). By 1648, he was a free man, and held several offices in the government of the colony. He died in Philadelphia Co. by Mar 1688-89. His sons, Lawrence and Erick were included in the list of the Gloria Dei Church families of 1697/98, and Rev. Rudman recorded the following members (25):

Eric Cox living at the other side of the river, Sensmensing in New Jersey, his wife Elizabeth and children: Peter, 23 years of age, John 21, Laurence 14, Olave 12, Helene 10, Margret 8, Anna 4, and Maria 2. Erick Cock died 22 Aug 1701.

Capt. Lawrence Cox was born March 21, 1646, the son of Peter Lasse Cock. On 15 May 1669 in New Sweden, Lawrence Cox married Martha (?) who was born August 1650. They had at least seven children listed in the Gloria Dei records (25).

A list of families living in Montgomery Co. PA in 1734 included the names of Mons Rambo, Gabriel Rambo, John Rambo, Elias Rambo, in Upper Merion and Peter Rambo in Providence TWP (43).

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3rd GENERATION: PETER RAMBO'S GRANDCHILDREN

The children of the third generation were born between the years of 1669 and 1707, as far as can be ascertained from these records. Although the birthdates of many are not known, we know they belong to certain families when the parents named their living children in family Bibles and in their wills. However, not all had written wills, and in those early years, wills were not required to be recorded, so some were lost.

Children of Gunnar and Anna (Cock) Rambo (son of Peter).

11. JOHN RAMBO was born in 1676 and first married ANNA LYCON who was born Aug 21, 1673 and died prior to 1718. She was the daughter of Michael and Helen Lycon (25). In 1696, John Rambo and his father Gunner arranged to purchase a tract of land in what is now Upper Merion in 1696. Before finalizing this deal, it was found the land was part of 7,800 acres Penn had granted to his daughter, Letitia. However, in 1709, Penn's attorneys restored 250 acres to John Rambo (23).

John died sometime between signing his will on 27 November 1745 and before 6 January 1746 when his will was probated (51). In his will, he named the children born during his first marriage to Anna, and those born to his wife Sarah. Children of John and Anna Rambo were as follows:

111. PETER RAMBO, b. pre 1697, d. y.
112. MONS RAMBO, b. ca 1700
113. GABRIEL RAMBO
114. MICHAEL RAMBO
115. ANN RAMBO, b. ca 1716
116. ELCANDE (or possibly Eleanor) RAMBO
117. EZEKIEL RAMBO, b. ca 1723

John's second wife was SARAH (?) and she survived her husband who died in 1746. Sarah was the mother of the following children, although the 1754 census of members of Christ Church in Upper Merion listed Ezekiel Rambo, his wife Maria, and his mother Sarah Rambo (52). John and Sarah had these children:

118. GUNNER RAMBO
119. MAUDLIN RAMBO
- 11A. LYDIA RAMBO
- 11B. ISRAEL RAMBO
12. PETER RAMBO was born in 1678 and married MAGDALIN BAURIN, but little is known about her. However, she probably was of German parents named Bauer, as the custom of that time was for the young women to add "-in or -en" to the family name. One of Magdalin Baurin Rambo's relatives, probably a niece also named Magdalena Bauerin, lived with her son Peter Rambo Jr. and died in Jan 1753 (53). Peter's wife, Magdalin Rambo, died sometime before Jan 1753 when her kinswoman Magdalena

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Bauerin's will called her the "late Magdalin Bowerin," and the mother of Peter Rambo.

Peter and Magdalena Rambo lived in New Providence, Philadelphia Co. In 1738, Peter Rambo was warden of St. James's church in Perkiomen with Samuel Lane as one of the vestrymen. Peter died and his will was proved in July 1753 with his son John Rambo as executor (54). He and Magdalin had the following children who were named in his will:

- 121. ANN RAMBO, b. 1716
- 122. MARY RAMBO
- 123. JOHN RAMBO
- 124. PETER RAMBO, ca 1724-1728
- 125. WILLIAM RAMBO
- 126. GUNNAR RAMBO, ca 1723

GUNNAR RAMBO, Jr. was born 1680. He was not mentioned in his father Gunnar's will proved 1723-24, so he may have died before that time.

ANDREW RAMBO was born 1682 and was mentioned in his father Gunnar's will of 1724. He died unmarried on 3 July 1755, age 71, at Matzong, and his will was probated 1 Oct 1755 which named his brother Elias' children: Elias, Gunner, Jonas, Jeremiah, and Ann Carsine (55).

MONS RAMBO was born in 1684 and married KATHERINE BOON. She was born in 1691, the daughter of Swan Boon and his wife Brigitta Swanson (25). Katherine's grandfather was Anders Svensson Bonde (Boon) who was born in Sweden about 1620, and settled at Tinicum, New Sweden, in June 1644. He was employed to "make hay for the cattle" and to sail Governor Printz's "little yacht." By 1693, Swan Boon was the wealthiest man in Philadelphia County, west of the Schuylkill (17). The Boon family lived at Calkoon Hook in 1697/8. Catherine inherited three acres of land on an island from her father when he died in Darby, Pennsylvania in Nov. 1729.

Mons Rambo and his family lived in Kingsessing, in Philadelphia Co. He died in 1760 and his will proved on 3 May of that year (56). The will named his wife and children: Ann Lincoln, Mary, Swen; and his grandchildren: Abraham Lincoln, Catherine Campbell, Margaret Campbell. His wife Catherine and son Swen Rambo were named executors. Catherine died the following year and her will was proved 2 May 1761 (57). Mons and Katherine were probably married about 1713, and their children born after that time.

- 151. BRITTA RAMBO, b. 1718
- 152. ANN RAMBO, b. 1725
- 153. SWAN RAMBO
- 154. MARY RAMBO

BRIGITTA RAMBO was born 15 Nov 1685 and married MATTHIAS HOLSTEIN Oct. 10, 1705 in Wicaco Church (58). Mathias was the son of Matthias Classon, alias Holstein and his first wife who has been incorrectly identified as Britta Gostenburg. Olle Nilsson alias Gostenberg's daughter married Derick Johnson, and secondly, John Enockson (59). Mathias Holstein, Jr. and his family resided in Upper Merion,

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Pennsylvania in 1714, where they built a stone house in which more than four generations were born and lived. Brigitta Holstein was still living in 1754 when she was listed in the census of nine Swedish families that formed the beginning of Christ Church (52). The census showed that Brigitta, her sons and their families still spoke and read the Swedish language as well as English. * Brigitta died by 1758 when her estate was administered (60). Mathias and Brigitta Holstein had the following children:

161. FREDERICK HOLSTEIN, b. 1709, d. inf.
162. BRITA HOLSTEIN, b. 1710, d. 1712
163. DEBORA HOLSTEIN, b. 5 Sep 1714
164. ANDREW HOLSTEIN, b. 15 Apr 1716
165. MATTHIAS HOLSTEIN, b. 2 Dec 1717
166. MARY HOLSTEIN, b. 23 Apr 1720
167. JOHN HOLSTEIN, b. 26 Mar 1724
168. FREDERICK HOLSTEIN 2nd, b. 11 Feb 1728
169. CATHARINE HOLSTEIN
- 16A. ELIZABETH HOLSTEIN
- 16B. BRIDGET HOLSTEIN (listed as Britchard by Holstein)
17. GABRIEL RAMBO was born 1687 and married Christian (?). The family lived in Upper Merion where he died in 1734, about age 46. Administration papers were issued his widow Christian on 2 Dec 1734 (61). Known children were these (62):
 171. MATTHIAS RAMBO, b. 1716
 172. GABRIEL RAMBO
 173. ANDREW RAMBO
 174. MARTHA RAMBO
 175. CHRISTIAN RAMBO (dau)
18. MATTHIAS RAMBO was born 1690. He may have died prior to 1723 since he was not named in Gunnar's will.
19. ELIAS RAMBO was born 1693, and married, but the name of his wife is not known. Elias lived on the family plantation and received the greater part of the estate from his father's will. Elias and Mathias Rambo built a boat to help their neighbors cross the Schuylkill River when the waters were high, according to a petition in 1746 for Plymouth Mill Road (63). Ferry boats in those days were flat, propelled by the current and manpower, with a rope across the stream for guiding it to the opposite side. In time, mischief makers made a sport of cutting ferry ropes, so the Assembly made this a misdemeanor.

Elias died in 1750 and his will was probated at Upper Merion, Philadelphia on 1 Oct 1750. It named his children as listed below, while the executors were his sons Peter and George Rambo (64). They were probably the older sons, and were mentioned in their uncle Andrew Rambo's will of 1755. His sons Andrew, Gunnar, Jonas, and Jeremiah were under the age of 21 when his will was written in 1748.

191. PETER RAMBO, b. 16 Jan 1725
192. GEORGE RAMBO, b. 1727
193. JEREMIAH RAMBO, b. after 1727
194. JONAS RAMBO, b. after 1727
195. ANDREW RAMBO, b. ca Jun 1730

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- 196. GUNNER RAMBO, b. after 1727
- 197. ANN RAMBO, b. before 1727
- 198. ELIAS RAMBO, Jr.

children of Andrew and Gertrude (Rambo) Bankson (daughter of Peter). See A GENEALOGY OF THE BANKSTON FAMILY (34).

BENGT (BENJAMIN) BANKSON was born 1669 and married Catherine Cock, the daughter of Peter Cock. They lived on Holl-
Alexander Creek, near the Moyanancing District. Bengt died in
1748 in Philadelphia. He and Catherine may have had more
than these three children:

- 211. DANIEL BANKSON, b. 1695
- 212. PETER BANKSON, b. 1697
- 213. JACOB BANKSON, b. 1704

ANDREW BANKSON was born in 1672 and died in 1750 in Chester
Co. PA. His wife's name was GERTRUDE (?) and according to
the Gloria Dei list of members in 1697-98, they had these
children (1):

- 221. ANDREW BANKSON, Jr. b. 1695
- 222. ELIZABETH BANKSON, b. 1696-7
- 223. PETER BANKSON
- 224. JOHN BANKSON
- 225. DANIEL BANKSON
- 226. LAWRENCE BANKSON, b. 1704

PETER BANKSON was born 6 Mar 1677, and married CATHERINE
SWANSON, daughter of Swan and Catherine Swanson, who was
born in 1682. Catherine (Swanson) Bankston's father Swan and
his brothers owned two miles of land along the shoreline of
the Delaware, and Swan's widow Catherine, her daughters, and
their husbands donated land at Wicaco on which Gloria Dei
Church stands. Peter died in 1708 and Catherine died two
years later, in 1710. The only children named in Catherine's
will were these two:

- 231. GERTRUDE BANKSON, b. before 1708
- 232. SWAN BANKSON, b. before 1708

CATHARINE BANKSON was born 29 Jan 1679 and living with her
parents in 1698.

JOHN BANKSON was born 31 Mar 1681, and died 12 June 1739.
He married HELENA COCK, the daughter of Peter and Helena
(Helm) Cock, who was born about 1685 (59). John and Helena
had a number of children, and his will proved 7 Sep 1739
named his wife Ellen, sons Andrew, Peter, John, Jacob, and
his daughter Deborah.

- 251. ANDREW BANKSON, b. after 1703
- 252. PETER BANKSON, b. 1710
- 253. DEBORAH BANKSON
- 254. JOHN BANKSON, Jr.
- 255. JACOB BANKSON

JACOB BANKSON was born 19 Oct 1684, and died Aug 1766 (65).
He married MARGARET COCK, the daughter of Lawrence (Lasse)
and Margaret (Ashman) Cock, who was born 18 Feb 1685. His
will was as follows (66):

"In the name of God Amen. I, Jacob Bankson of Passayunk Township, in the County of Philadelphia, but not residing in the City of Philadelphia, Yeoman, being infirm in body, but thru the Mercy and Goodness of God, of sound and well disposing mind, and memory, and being sensible of my mortality and desirous of settling my worldly affairs, do make this, my last will and testament in manner following: that is to say, First, my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid by my executors, and I do nominate and appoint my well-beloved son, Andrew Bankson to be my sole Executor of this my last will and testament, and I do give and devise and bequeath unto him, my said Andrew Bankson, my Negro woman, named Bess, and all my monnies, goods, chattels, Rights, credits, and personal estate, whatsoever and wheresoever. Moreover, I do give, devise and bequeath unto him, my said son, Andreas Bankson, my 20 acres of swamp or meadow ground situated among the meadows in or near Gloucester Point, and also all and singular, My Messaues, Lanes, tenements, and hereditaments, whatsoever and wheresoever, To hold to him my said son, Andrew Bankson, his heirs and assigns, forever, they paying unto his two sisters, namely, Martha Fleeson and Deborah Palmer the sum of fifty pounds unto each of them, their several and respective heirs or Administrators within twelve months after my decease, and I do declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. By witness whereof, I, the said Jacob Bankson, have here-unto set my hand and seal, the twenty second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred, and sixty.

Witnesses:
Samuel Emblem
Robert Towers
William Falconer

his
Jacob J.B. Bankson
mark

Probated 3 Jan 1767"

They had these children:

- 261. DEBORAH BANKSON, b. 1719
- 262. ANDREW BANKSON, b. ca 1720
- 263. MARTHA BANKSON, b. ?, d. 1749

- 27. BRETТА BANKSON was born 10 April 1687.
- 28. DANIEL BANKSON was born 20 Jan 1681, and was a shipwright in Philadelphia. He married Barbara (?) and died 10 July 1742. Letters of Administration for his estate were granted to Barbara Bankson (67). If they had children, the names are not known.
- 29. JOSEPH BANKSON was born 12 May 1696 and married his cousin ELIZABETH BANKSON about 1721, but the names of her parents are not known. They lived in Baltimore in 1739 and had these children:
 - 291. JOSEPH BANKSON
 - 292. JAMES BANKSON
 - 293. MARY BANKSON

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The children of Peter and Magdalena (Skute) Rambo (son of Peter).

31. SWAN RAMBO was born 19 Oct 1677 in Lower Dublin Township and married first ANN CHRISTIAN. In 1711, Peter Rambo Jr. conveyed a parcel of 80 acres to his eldest son Swan. Swan later owned a plantation of 400 acres in Chester Co. which became Lancaster Co. in 1729 (68). He also owned the Swedish Bible which was printed in Stockholm in 1703. The names of their children were listed in it, and it was passed on to his oldest son Peter. Swan and Ann (Christian) Rambo had these children before she died (69, 70):

311. MAGDALENA RAMBO, b. 31 Mar 1701, d. 7 Dec 1702

312. PETER RAMBO, b. 19 Feb 1703

313. JOSEPH RAMBO, b. 17 Jan 1706

314. CHRISTIANA RAMBO, b. 8 Aug 1708

315. ANN RAMBO, b. 31 Mar 1711

316. LARS (LAWRENCE) RAMBO, b. 30 Dec 1713

317. MARIA RAMBO, b. 14 Apr 1716

318. MAGDALENE RAMBO, b. 19 Oct 1718

Swan later married BARBARA (?) sometime after 1718 in Pennsylvania where their children were born. Swan died in Robson TWP in Lancaster Co. (which later became Berks Co.). Barbara Rambo was administrator of his estate in Nov 1730 and the inventory listed 3 horses, 4 cows, 1 calf, a parcell of hogs, a Negro wench aged eight years, various tools, a parcel of books, and household goods (68). Barbara Rambo also witnessed the will of Jonathan Burden of Cacowson in Lancaster Co. on 21 Sep 1731 which named his wife Margaret and the wife's brother, Lodwick (71).

Sometime about the late 1730's or early 1740's, Barbara and her children journeyed south to settle in Augusta Co. Virginia. Barbara died there in 1748 and her son Swan Jr. was named the administrator of her estate (72). The inventory of the estate indicated that Barbara and her children raised a number of horses, 4 cows and 4 calves, and some sheep (68). Swan and Barbara were the parents of these children:

319. SWAN RAMBO, b. about 1720

31A. PETER RAMBO, b. about 1725

31B. WILLIAM RAMBO

31C. JACOB RAMBO, b. before 1730

31D. JANE RAMBO

32. BRIGITTA RAMBO was born 10 Mar 1679 and mentioned in her father's will dated 1727.

33. PETER RAMBO was born 20 Dec 1682 and married MARGARET JONAS-SON on 11 Nov 1709. Peter died 8 Mar 1739 and his wife, Margaret, died 13 Sept 1747 (73, 74). They resided in Lower Dublin Township, and had these children:

331. CHRISTIAN RAMBO, b. 6 Sept 1710, d. 26 Dec 1726

332. MAGDALEN RAMBO, b. 12 Nov 1712

333. BRIDGITT RAMBO, b. 20 Feb 1714, d.y.

334. ANN RAMBO, b. 10 Dec 1716

335. MARY RAMBO, b. 20 Apr 1720

336. ELIAS RAMBO, b. 26 Dec 1722

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337. MARGARET RAMBO, b. 1726
 338. CHRISTIAN RAMBO, b. 3 Feb 1729
34. ANDREW RAMBO was born 2 Apr 1691, and married CATHERINE whose last name is not known. She was born about 1688 and some researchers have mistakenly called her Catherine Boon who was the wife of Mons Rambo. Andrew and Catherine lived in Pennypack and had no children. Andrew died and his will was proved 22 Feb 1755 (75). In it, he named his wife Catherine, brothers John and Jacob, cousins Deborah, Cornelius, and Hannah Jones, and Elias and Peter Rambo, the children of Peter Rambo. His widow Catherine Rambo died Feb. 1758, age 70 years and left a will (76).
35. ELIAS RAMBO was born 7 Feb 1694 according to Gloria Dei church records, but probably died young as he was not named in his father's will when written in 1727.
36. JACOB RAMBO was born 28 March 1697 and died in Lower Dublin on 22 Aug 1769 at the age of 72. His will was proved on 2 September 1769, and named his cousins Ann Wood and Christian Johnson, the wife of Benjamin Johnson (77).
37. JOHN RAMBO was born after the church census by Rev. Rudman was taken in 1697, and was mentioned in his father's will proved 1729, as receiving land and other property. He died in the winter of 1766 in Lower Dublin and his will proved 8 Jan 1767. It named his brother Jacob and others (78).

The children of Peter and Catherine (Rambo) Mattson Dalbo (daughter of Peter).

41. BRIGITTA MATTSON was born in 1674 and about 1694, married JOHN HENDRICKSON, the son of Hendrick Jacobson (59). He died in New Castle Co. Delaware before 7 Nov 1745 when his will was proved. Eight children were named in his will. The widow Brigitta Hendrickson died in New Castle Co. on 11 Jun 1750 at the age of 76 (79). They had these children:
411. JOHN HENDRICKSON
 412. PETER HENDRICKSON
 413. MARY HENDRICKSON
 414. CATHERINE HENDRICKSON
 415. ELIZABETH HENDRICKSON
 416. BRIDGET HENDRICKSON
 417. SARAH HENDRICKSON
 418. SUSANNAH HENDRICKSON
42. ELIZABETH MATTSON was born 7 Feb 1678 and about 1698 married Rev. ANDREAS RUDMAN, pastor of Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia (44, 80). He was from Gestricia, Norrland and arrived on the Delaware in 1697 with his assistant, Eric Bjork. Rev. Rudman developed poor health as a result of pulmonary problems, so he moved to New York with his family. However, his health didn't improve in the climate there, and he returned to the church at Oxford, PA where he died 17 Sept 1708, at the age of 39. Rev. Eric Bjork preached the funeral service in Gloria Dei Church.

In the 8th month of 1701, Andreas Rudman obtained 1,000 acres of land in Philadelphia County by warrant (30). Foll-

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owing his death, Elizabeth lived on their plantation until she died on 5 Sep 1736. Her will, dated 1 Sep 1736, was proved in Salem Co., New Jersey (81). In it, she named her two daughters and her grandchildren Andrew, Rudman, William, Elizabeth and Sarah Robeson; and Andrew, Rebecka and Elizabeth Tranberg. The Rudmans had these two daughters:

421. MAGDALENA RUDMAN, b. 24 Feb 1699

422. ANNA CATHERINE RUDMAN, b. between 1696-1708

43. CATHERINE MATTSON was born 29 Dec 1679 and married JOHN COCK possibly the son of Erick Cock who was born in 1676 (25, 59).

44. MARIA MATTSON was born 11 May 1682 and on 22 Feb 1704 married REV. ANDREAS SANDEL, pastor of Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia (80). He was born in Hallnäs parish, Roslagen, Sweden on 30 Nov 1671, and studied at the University of Upsala (82). He was ordained 18 Jul 1701 by Dr. Eric Benzelius. Rev. Sandel kept a diary of his activities in America, and wrote that "the governor and a great many people present," at his marriage to Maria which was performed by Rev. Rudman (44). He was said to have had a violent temper, and received an official rebuke from the Provincial Council after his assault on Benjamin Chambers. Rev. Sandel took his family back to Hedemora, Sweden to live in 1719. Maria died there in 1739 at the age of 57, and Rev. Sandel died in 1744. They had these children:

441. PETER SANDEL, b. Jan 1706

442. ANDREAS SANDEL, Jr., b. 27 Jul 1711, d. Aug 1711

443. MAGDALENA SANDEL, b. 27 Nov 1714

444. MATTS SANDEL, b. 5 Dec 1720

45. PETER MATTSON was born 27 May 1685, and married CATHARINA (?) in 1710. He was overseer of highways in Deptford Township in 1716, and a Justice in 1721 (38). He died 28 Mar 1722, and an inventory of his estate was made by John Rambo, Henry Treadway, and Constantine Wood on 23 April 1722 (83). After his death, Catherine Mattson married JOHN VAN CULIN on 26 May 1726 (59, 82). She was buried 27 Sep 1735. Peter and Catherine Mattson had these children who were all, except Anders, baptized at the Swedish Lutheran Church of Racoon:

451. PETER MATTSON, II, b. 9 Jun 1713

452. MARIE MATTSON, b. 4 Dec 1714

453. JOHANNES MATTSON, b. 12 Aug 1716

454. ANDERS MATTSON

455. MATTS MATTSON, 29 Oct 1720, d. 6 Oct 1721

46. MATHIAS MATTSON was born 12 Aug 1688 and married JUDITH SWANSON in 1711 (38). She was the daughter of Olle and Lydia (Ashman) Swanson who was born in 1688 (1, 12). Mathias was active in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Racoon in Gloucester Co. NJ. The following is an abstract of his will (84):

"1750, Oct. 20. Matson, Mathias, of Greenwich Township, Gloucester Co., yeoman; will of. Wife, Judith. Sons -- Peter (had his share of the estate); Mathias, to have the remaining part of my home plantation; William, 141 acres,

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formerly belonging to John Swanson, also 96 acres I bought of John Alford. Daughters -- Mary, Lydiah and Cattern. Executors--sons, Mathias and William Matson. Witnesses-- Jacob Lippincott, Caleb Lippincott, Abraham Lord. Sworn and affirmed, 13 Nov 1750. Lib. 7, p. 20
1750, Nov. 7. Inventory (335 pounds) includes cattle, horses, sheep, corn, and hay. Appraisers--Jacob Lippincott, Benjamin Cheesman.

Matts and Judith (Swanson) Mattson had these children, most of whom were baptized at the church at Raccoon (82):

- 461. PETER MATTSON, b. 6 Sep 1713
- 462. CATHARINA MATTSON, b. 25 Jun 1716
- 463. LYDIA MATTSON, b. 24 Jul 1718
- 464. MARY MATTSON, b. 27 May 1721
- 465. MATHIAS MATTSON, b. 5 Feb 1724
- 466. WILLIAM (Olof) MATTSON, b. 8 Apr 1731
- 47. MARGARET MATTSON was born 1 Feb 1692 and married PETER COCK probably the son of Peter Cox Sr. and his wife Helene who lived in the city of Philadelphia in 1698. Peter Cox Sr. had a son Peter who was 9 years old at the time the list of Swedes was made (25). Margaret and Peter lived in Passayunk, Philadelphia County. Peter died on 17 Jan 1751 and his will named these children (76):
 - 471. ELEANOR COCK
 - 472. ISRAEL COCK
 - 473. REBECCA COCK
 - 474. MARGARET COCK
 - 475. MARY COCK
- 48. JOHN MATTSON was born 14 June 1694. On 1 May 1717, he married ANNICA COCK at Trinity Church (38). She was born in 1693, the daughter of Eric and Elizabeth Cock (25). John Mattson died before his wife, as the widow Annica Mattson died 11 Dec 1746 (12). They had these children:
 - 481. JOHANNES MATTSON, b. 30 Mar 1718
 - 482. ERIC MATTSON, b. 13 Mar 1720
 - 483. PETER MATTSON, b. 6 Jan 1724
 - 484. ELIZABETH MATTSON, b. 21 May 1726
 - 485. ISRAEL MATTSON, b. 15 Jul 1728
- 49. JACOB MATTSON was born 25 May 1697. He married LYDIA REBECCA CULEN on 29 Apr 1724, and they lived in Gloucester Co. New Jersey (82). Jacob was constable of Greenwich Township from 1716-1720. He and Lydia were the parents of these children:
 - 491. MARY BRIGITTA MATTSON, b. 10 Jan 1725
 - 492. ANNA CATHERINE MATTSON, b. 11 Nov 1734
 - 493. JONAS ABRAHAM MATTSON, b. 12 Oct 1736
 - 494. JACOB MATTSON, b. ca 1740
 - 495. MARIA MATTSON, b. ca 1744

The children of Andrew and Maria (Cock) Rambo (son of Peter).

- 51. JOHN RAMBO was born about 1687 and married CHRISTIAN (?). He was a yeoman, living in Passayunck, Philadelphia County. He became ill and made his will 23 Nov 1716. He died before

#4 CATHERINE RAMBO MATTSON, 4th GEN.

share of the estate" (84). He married ELIZABETH ARCHER who was born about 1716. She died on 16 Mar 1771 at age 55 years, and Peter was found dead in a canoe on Raccoon Creek just fifteen days later (82). He had a reputation as being a great drinker. Both were buried in the Swedish Lutheran graveyard at Swedesboro.

4611. JUDITH MATTSON, b. 1744

4612. ANDREW W. MATTSON, b. 1748

462. CATHERINE MATTSON was born 25 Jun 1716 in Gloucester Co. NJ and on 22 Feb 1736 she married JACOB RICHMAN of Pittsgrove, Salem Co. (38). Jacob died sometime between the signing of his will on 10 Jun 1771, and 24 Dec 1772 when it was proved. They had these children, several of whom were baptized at the Old Swedes Church at Raccoon (82):

4621. JOHN RICHMAN, b. 1 Jan 1737

4622. MATHIS RICHMAN, b. 23 Dec 1739

4623. LYDIA RICHMAN, b. 29 Mar 1741

4624. DAVID RICHMAN

4625. HENRY RICHMAN

4626. ANDREW RICHMAN

4627. WILLIAM RICHMAN, b. 16 Oct 1749

4628. MARY RICHMAN, b. 20 Oct 1751

4629. HARMON RICHMAN

462A. RACHEL RICHMAN

462B. JACOB RICHMAN

462C. REBECCA RICHMAN

463. LYDIA MATTSON was born 24 Jul 1716, and married Mr. GRANTHAM (38). They had no children, and when she died on 8 Apr 1791, she left her estate to her brothers and sisters.

464. MARY MATTSON was born 27 May 1721, and married Mr. LOCK. She was living in 1791 when her sister Lydia left her a bed, silver spoon, and other items in her will (38).

465. MATHIAS MATTSON was born 5 Feb 1724, and in 1750 was named one of the executors of his father's will. He was also bequeathed the remaining portion of the home plantation in Greenwich Township, Gloucester Co. NJ (84). He married ELIZABETH WILKINS on 12 Sep 1754, and passed away thirteen years later, on 18 May 1767. He and Elizabeth had these children:

4651. HEPSIBA MATTSON

4652. MARY MATTSON

4653. SARAH MATTSON

466. WILLIAM MATTSON was born 8 Apr 1731, and was named as the second executor of his father's will in 1750. He also inherited 141 acres of land that had been bought from John Swanson, and 96 acres his father had purchased from John Alfort (84). His wife's name was DEBORAH, but they had no surviving children. William left his estate to his wife during her lifetime, and upon her death it was to go "to the Swedish Lutheran Church of Swedesborough" (162). Deborah Mattson died 23 Mar 1803, and her estate was inventoried on 30 May 1803 by Matthew Gill and Joseph Harker. Both William and Deborah were buried in the Trinity Church yard (163).

#4 CATHERINE RAMBO MATTSON, 5th GEN.

Catherine Richman's will of 1783:

46281. REBECCA KEEN, b. pre 1783

4629. HARMON RICHMAN married RACHEL MILLER on 6 Feb 1773 (273).
They lived in Salem Co. NJ.

462A. RACHEL RICHMAN married CHARLES McCOLLISTER on 25 Oct 1781
at the Pittsgrove Baptist Church (275). She was called
"Rachel Collester" in her mother's will, signed in July 1783
(272).

462B. JACOB RICHMAN was the youngest son as named in his
father's will in 1771, and was willed about 200 acres of
land bought from Elias King, 100 acres bought from John
Alford, and 11 1/2 acres of meadow (272).

462C. REBECCA RICHMAN married Mr. GARRISON, and was named in her
mother's will dated July 1783 (273).

The children of Eleanor (Cock) and Daniel DuPuy (daughter of
Margaret, Catherine Rambo, Peter).

4711. JOHN DUPUY was born 10 June 1747 (164, 276). During the
Revolution, as a member of the "Silk Stocking Brigade of
Philadelphia," he escorted the shipment of specie from Can-
ada for the colonial government. He died in 1838.

4712. JANE DUPUY was born 20 June 1749 (165). She married
WILLIAM COATES on 11 May 1775 at Christ Church (102).

4714. DANIEL DUPUY, Jr. was born 3 May 1753 in Philadelphia
(165). He was a manufacturer of gold and silver wares and
became a prominent citizen (164, 276). On 23 Oct 1788, he
married MARY MEREDITH, daughter of Charles Meredith, a Phil-
adelphia merchant who in 1765 signed the "non-importation
resolutions opposing the Stamp Act." Mary was born in 1758
and died in 1832, while Daniel died 30 June 1826. They had
two known children:

47141. JOHN DUPUY, b. 2 May 1789

47142. CHARLES MEREDITH DUPUY, b. 1792

and other children as listed in the 4th generation.

The child of Israel Mattson and his wife (son of John, Catherine
Rambo, Peter).

4851. ANNE MATTSON was probably born about 1750-55. She died 27
Feb 1771, one year after her father (38).

The children of Jonas Abraham and Rachel (Adams) Mattson (son of
Jacob, Catherine Rambo, Peter). See GENEALOGY OF THE MATTSON
FAMILY (38).

4931. SARAH HANNA MATTSON was born 13 Jun 1762 at Racoon, and
married Mr. CAMPBELL. They had a number of children, and
she died 4 Mar 1825.

4932. DEBORAH MARY MATTSON was born 3 Dec 1763 and married Mr.
GUEST. They had four children, but only the name of one is
known:

49321. RACHEL GUEST

4933. JACOB MATTSON was born 14 Mar 1765 and on 9 Jan 1800, he
married GRACE RAYWORTH who was born in 1764. They lived in

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THE RAMBO FAMILY TREE

CORRECTIONS

Page	Change or add:
11	Line 9: change "in Stockholm . ." to "in Gothenberg"
23	2nd to last line: add Andrew to the sons married to Cock daughters.
31	for Maria Cock, add, "born in 1662 and died after Apr 1717."
31	For Ann Christian, add "daughter of Christian Thompson, and probably the grand-daughter of Thomas Jacobson who arrived in America on the <u>Mercurius</u> in 1656 with his wife, three children, and a maid servant."
33	Add a fifth child: "445. SAMUEL SANDEL, b. 14 Dec 1724"
35.	Under 52: add that Martha Griffiths was the "daughter of John and Margaret (Swanson) Cock."
36	Under 62, second paragraph: delete "and Ake died 21 Mar 1763."
37	Change 671. "CATHERINE" to "MARIA".
38	Under 112, line 2, delete "at" from "Countyat."
49	Change birthdate of Lawrence Rambo from "13 Dec" to "30 Dec".
55	Add: "445. SAMUEL SANDEL was born 14 Dec 1724 in Hedemora, Sweden, educated at Uppsala University, was active in mining councils, and was given noble rank in 1772. He married CATHARINA ELISABET BRANDT who was born 20 Nov 1735. They had 13 children, 8 of whom died young."
62	Change 671. "CATHERINE" to "MARIA"
65	11232. Rachel Rambo was born in 1767.
66	Tobias Rambo died before his will was proved on 17 Mar 1796.
75	1125. "Abraham's will was proved 6 Nov 1806."
109	Add: "Aaron Rambo's will was signed on 25 Nov 1803, and proved 23 Dec 1803." Renumber: 65133. MARGARET RAMBO 65134. JESSE RAMBO 65135. TABER RAMBO
195	Renumber: 1121122. KATHERINE RAMBO 1121123. male 1121124. male 1121125. male 1121126. ELIZA RAMBO, b. 31 Dec 1808 1121127. female
219	Add: 123327A. THOMAS HENRY RAMBO, B. Aug 1875
340	Add: 11121126, ELIZA RAMBO was born 31 Dec 1808, and died 6 Sep 1891. She married EDWARD RIDER who was born 30 Apr 1808, and died 25 Nov 1872. They lived in Clark Co. OH.
524	XXA1148. ELI GRANT RAMBO. Add: "Mrs. Ada Rambo died in 1959, age 93."
762	middle of page: change "Hunt G." to read "Randall Hunt". Change: THOMAS NOLIN" to read "THOMAS McLIN in 1899".