

PREFACE

The Yankey family lineage has been established. Andrew John Yankey came to America from Herrnhut, Saxony, Germany. He and his family were originally from Upper Silesia. The Yankey family consisting of mother, his step-father and two sisters arrived in Herrnhut in 1734 when Andrew was eight years old. Andrew Yankey was originally Roman Catholic

Documents included in this book verify that Andrew, the elder, and John Yankey were the same person. Moravian Archive records document the arrival of Andreas Jencke from Herrnhut, Germany. On September 15, 1748 Andrew became a member of the Moravian Order and on April 4, 1749 he received his first communion while living in Herrnhut.

An Andreas Jencke arrived in New York on June 22, 1750 on the ship, *Irene*, as part of the third Moravian voyage. Andrew Yankey, as a single Brother, lived with the Moravian community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, but, he left the society on March 31, 1761. In 1772, two court records in Dunmore County (Shenandoah), Virginia involved Andrew Yankey and his wife in a suit with Andrew Hudlow over a lease. In 1775, Andrew and Jacob Yankey, were baptized in the Rader Church, Timberville, Virginia. Young Andrew Yankey's sponsor was Andrew Zirkle and Jacob's sponsor was Jacob Moyer.

In 1783, John Yankey was listed as the father of three sons, Michael, Andrew, and Jacob who were bound out by the Overseers of the Poor in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Michael was bound to Michael Nease, Andrew to Andrew Zirkle, and Jacob to John Birt. In 1792, Andrew Yankey was listed as the son of Andrew Yankey in Overseer of the Poor records of Shenandoah County, Virginia. Andrew Yankey, the younger, was again bound to Andrew Zirkle but this time to learn a trade. In 2009, the author found these 1792 documents which identified Andrew Yankey and John Yankey as the same person. Andrew John Yankey is the immigrant ancestor of the Yankey family.

Tracing the Shenandoah County, Virginia tax records and Rader church records of Michael, Andrew, and Jacob Yankey helped to establish the birth order of the children. This book documents those records and elucidates the Yankey/Yankie family lineage.

In 1991 Barbara Mahoney had written that Andrew Yankey was the probably the unproven immigrant ancestor of this family. The author commends her for great attention to details and for her untiring assistance in the compilation of this book.

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The author invites future documented additions and corrections.

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