

Court Records Book 1; Pittsylvania County 1767-1772

“...26th day of August 1768...

...Stober for a mill

On Motion of Jacob Stober, setting forth that he is owner of the Land on one side of Pigg River and being desirous to build a Water Grist Mill thereon, Ordered that the Sherif summon twelve honest, intelligent freeholders of the Vicinage to meet upon the Land where such Mill is proposed to be built, and being first sworn before a Magistrate of this County or the said Sherif, are to view the same and the Lands adjacent thereto, together with the Timber and other Conveniences which may be affected or laid under Water by means of building such Mill and Report the true value of the damages to the Person or Persons under their hands and Seals here to the next Court...”

Henry Co. VA Deed Book 2, p.101, August 24, 1780

“Robert Woods of Henry Co. to John Martin of the same, whereas the said Robert Woods and Robert Weekley being in partnership in an order of council of 4,600 ac of land on Chestnut Creek, the same was granted by patent to the said Robert Weekly, the said R. Weekley selling his part thereof unto the said John Martin and Robert Woods being desirous to convey the said John Martin a right and title to the same for which purpose the said Woods and Martin have jointly agreed on a dividing line of which the said Martin part is bounded, Mill Dam on Chestnut Creek now occupied **by Jacob Stover.**”

John Adkins was the son of Jacob Stover and Mary Adkins:

John Atkins/Adkins Revolutionary War Application R291 indicates

"...he was discharged at Yorktown and **returned home to his fathers house in Henry County Virginia**".

Note: ..."Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on 19 Oct 1781"

Son **David Adkins** was also in the Revolutionary War

1782 Henry County, Virginia Personal Property Tax List

Transcribed by Jeffrey C. Weaver, July 30 - August 1, 1998

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Name	Tithes	Negroes	Horses	Cattle
Stober, Jacob	1	-	2	3
Adkins, David	1	-	1	4
Atkins, Jacob	1	-	1	4

Jacob Stover, Sr. Family & Children

In **1715**, Jacob Stover and Sarah Boone were married in Christ's Church in Philadelphia. They became the parents of three children, Barbara, Jacob, Jr. and Abraham. Sarah is thought to have died in Philadelphia prior to her father's death in 1744 as she was not named in his will as one of his survivors.

Jacob Stover, Sr. — Pennsylvania to Virginia Migration

In **1729**, Jacob decided to go to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and was granted 10,000 acres if he would bring 100 persons to dwell in the colony. He was an enterprising man and made several trips to Switzerland in the interests of colonizing the new land. He also made efforts in England to secure immigrants. At one time, he failed to get the required number and in desperation gave names to his various farm animals to help fill his quota in reports to colonial authorities.

Jacob Stover, Sr. — Pioneering into Blue Hills in Virginia

Among **Papers in the British Office in Philadelphia** is a statement which says,

"Whereas **Mr. Jacob Stauber** intends to settle beyond the Blew Hills (sic) in Virginia which was never tempted (sic) yet but if once begun will prove very beneficial. I hereby certify that the said Mr. Stauber is the fittest and properest person for to undertake and accomplish the same, having known him this twenty years in Pensilvania where he made settlements in the remotest parts among Indians."

As witness my hand this 2nd day of October, 1731. signed *J. S. Sprogell, Senior*

Jacob Stover, Sr. — Important Events & Estate Information

- Jacob and Sarah lived together twenty-two years after their marriage.
- Their son, Abraham, was still a minor when his father died in 1741.
 - His brother, Jacob, Jr. was appointed administrator of the estate and Jacob Castle was appointed guardian for Abraham.
- Jacob the elder was baptized by the Rev. John Craig of Augusta Stone Church (Presbyterian) on March 14, 1741.
 - He died sometime between that date and March 23, 1741 when his son qualified as administrator.

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"When grandfather died he left eight children, fifty-two grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren -in all seventy, being as many as the house of Jacob which came into Egypt."

...This significant entry in the **Boone family Bible** records the death of George Boone III, the head of the family which came to America, and the grandfather of the American Moses. Here is a poetic coincidence in truth that assumes the aspect of destiny because Grandson Daniel led his people into a promised land-into that rarely trodden Canaan of Kentucke. It was on November 2, 1734, that Daniel Boone was born among the patterned hills of Oley in German Pennsylvania. His father was Squire, third child of grandfather George, and he had come to America with his older brother and sister during the early months of 1713. On November 27, 1720, he held Sarah Morgan's hand and in a solemn manner declared to the Gwynedd Meeting that he took her to wife. In the chapter of "begats" that followed, these Quaker pioneers named their first son Israel. The parallel of coincidences was continued. ...

...The real motive for George's emigration is most likely embedded in the fact that on July 27, 1713, only a few months after his arrival in Philadelphia, he married Deborah Howell of Haverford whom he had known and loved back home in Devonshire. After his marriage he settled down on a farm near Abington, his brother Squire and his sister Sarah living with him-these three being the original Boone immigrants to Pennsylvania. ...

...George Boone IV occupied the early months of 1718 by making a transcript of the Abington Meeting Records. In October he bought 400 acres along the Manatawney, near Jacob Stover's tract, at ?14 per hundred acres and fourteen shillings quit rent-lands that today would bring a stunning figure. In February of this year (and it must be remembered that February was the last month) his father also purchased 400 acres of land near his son's lands at the same price...

...The first documentary allusion to the Boones in Oley occurs in a petition to the Provincial Court in Philadelphia requesting the formation of Oley Township out of what was then Philadelphia. **George Boone (III or IV?) and Jacob Stover were among the signers.** The date of this document was **September 5, 1720.** ...

Regarding President Dwight David Eisenhower, Descendant of Jacob Stover, Sr.

The Charleston Gazette, November 30, 1952

by William H. McGinnis, Staff Historian

When the present industrialized County of Kanawha was a wilderness and still part of Augusta County, Va., there moved into Augusta many hardy pioneers and none sturdier than the German speaking Swiss family of Stover. Later there came into that region another German speaking Swiss family which spelled its name Icenhower, Iseenhower, and in other ways. **President-elect Eisenhower's mother, the former Ida Elizabeth Stover, was born at Mt. Sidney, VA**, 11 miles east of Staunton, Va., a direct descendent of the Stovers who settled there more than two centuries ago. Being of Alpine stock, they took to the mountains and multiplied.

Many Stovers are found in Raleigh, Fayette, Boone and Kanawha Counties (WV), and it is reasonable to assume that they are akin to the Stovers of the Valley of Virginia.

Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Stover Eisenhower was born 5-1-1868 and was the great great granddaughter of Jacob Stover, who in 1720 received a grant of 8,000 acres along the South Fork of the Shenandoah River at the base of Massanutten Mountain.

Jacob's (grand)son Daniel Stover, Sr., his son, Daniel, Jr. and his son, Simpson P. Stover, formed the line of descent to Ida and her son, the General and President Elect.

[all from "The Alexander Watts Family" by Carolyn Clarke]

Another source gives his DOD as 14 Mar 1741. That was the day he was baptized. William Turner (see source) says that the Stovers were originally from Franklin Co., VA and relocated to what is now Raleigh Co., WV around 1815.