

MEAD RELATIONS

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The only doubtful statement in the letter of Adam Strickler appears to be that Charles Keyser came to America "as a hired soldier in the service of Great Britain to fight against the French and Indians." That war began in 1754 when Washington was sent with Col. Fry to the west of the Alleghenies with a small army. On July 3, 1754, they encountered the French and surrendered Fort Necessity. Thereupon, in order to repell the French, England sent over General Braddock, with two regiments of British regulars, who landed in Virginia on the 19 Feb. 1755. There is no record of any hired soldiers being imported for this war before that time. If, therefore, the oldest son of Charles Keyser was born in 1752, as seems to appear from the indistinct and well worn inscription on his grave stone, then the marriage of Charles Keyser must have occurred some three or four years before the French and Indian war began.

The doubt suggested in the preceding paragraph does not, in any way, impeach Adam Strickler's statement of Charles Keyser's connection with Braddock's army. Mr. Waddell, in his *Annals of Augusta County*, said that Braddock's "command consisted of two regiments of regulars, augmented by some Virginia levies selected for the purpose; two companies of 'hatchet men'; six of rangers, from different provinces, and one troop of light horse. The whole composed an army of nearly twenty-five hundred men." The six companies of "rangers, from different provinces" may have included one from Pennsylvania with Charles Keyser in it; or he may have settled in Virginia before that time, and gone with the "Virginia levies selected for the purpose."

By deed of 6 Apr. 1765, recorded in Frederick County, Va., deed book No. 10, page 248, Lewis Rhinehart and Mathias Rhinehart of Frederick County, Va., conveyed unto Charles Keyser, of the same place, a parcel of land on the South Fork of the Shenandoah, being the lower end of two tracts of land granted to Mathias Rhinehart by deed of 8 Feb. 1764, from the Proprietor's Office of the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Judge E. J. Sutherland, of Clintwood, Va., has sent the following which he obtained from the records of Shenandoah County: "On May 28, 1778, the Shenandoah County Court appointed Bryant Breeding, Martin Comer, Matthew Mattocks and Peter Ruffner to appraise the estate of 'Charles Kizer, dec'd,' and

the following appraisement was made and recorded in Will Book "A" page 179:

"Shenandoah Set—In Obedience to an order of May Court 1778 to us Directed we the Subscribers being first sworn have meet and appraised the Estate of Charles Kisers in Ready money, which is as followeth

To a waggon and Lockchain & Breast Chain.....	£ 70	" 0	" 0
To Eight Sheep.....	16	0	0
To Twelve Geese.....	1	16	0
To an Iron Spade & Shovel.....	...	15	0
To a Dung fork hay fork and Turnep chopper.....	1	10	0
To three old axes.....	1	0	0
To five hoes and a mottock.....	3	0	0
To a maul and two wedges.....	...	18	0
To two ploughs and two clevises.....	3	0	0
To a cutting Box.....	1	5	0
To three steers & a Bull.....	16	0	0
To Eight cows.....	52	0	0
To four calves & a small hide.....	5	10	0
To Two mens Saddles.....	10	0	0
To Two pair Iron Traices and Two leather collars.....	6	0	0
To Two Bells & Straps.....	1	0	0
To a parcel of Iron Lumber.....	2	10	0
To two forging pans.....	2	0	0
To two Iron pots and one pare of Iron hooks.....	3	15	0
To one pot.....	...	10	0
To two Horses and a mare.....	135	0	0
To a sorrel Colt.....	40	0	0
To two pare of Iron hobbles.....	1	0	0
To two wheat sives.....	...	17	0
To three Little Wheales.....	3	0	0
To a smoothing Iron.....	...	6	0
To half Bushel.....	...	5	0
To a Tin Lanthorn.....	...	15	0
To a parcell of Shoemakers tools.....	...	12	0
To a Candlestick Lamp & a Gimlet and a fire Steal.....	...	10	0
To a peper mill and Box.....	...	5	0
To two Large Dutch Bibles.....	7	5	0
To a parcell of Books.....	4	12	0
To two Glass Bottles.....	...	6	0
To a Table.....	1	5	0
To an Iron Stove.....	8	0	0
To two punch Bowls.....	...	5	0
To a Small Trunk.....	...	12	0
To three Earthern Jars and a Bresh.....	1	3	0

THE KEYSER FAMILY

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To a pair Sheep Shares two pair Taylors & a pair of Sivers	1	0	0
To one Bed and furniture.....	10	0	0
To one Bed and furniture.....	3	0	0
To a pare Stillards.....	2	5	0
To one chest.....	1	0	0
To one Woolen Wheel and two pare of old wool cards.....	3	0	0
To two new feather Beds.....	14	1	0
To two hackels.....	4	10	0
To one crout cutting Box.....	1	0	0
To two feather beds.....	8	0	0
To one watering can.....	...	12	0
To one Womans Saddle.....	1	5	0
To three scythes and two cradles.....	3	6	0
To a froe a Butchers file and hook.....	2	2	0
To a Dough trough.....	...	10	0
To three hundred and thirty pounds of Raw hemp.....	16	10	0
To four old sickles and a chizzels.....	...	12	0
To three Dishes one Bason & Eleven spoons.....	5	0	0
To Six plates and two small Basons.....	2	8	0
To a parcel of Tinware.....	1	0	0
To three Old Ladles and a pare of flesh forks.....	...	10	0
To Old Wooden Ware.....	...	6	0
To a Salt Box.....	...	4	0
To a Cag.....	...	7	0
To a churn & two casks.....	1	0	0
To a Broken Table.....	...	5	0
To three chairs.....	...	15	0
To a Shear and Coulter and Two Cleavises.....	5	10	0
To four head of cattle.....	16	0	0
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MARTIN COMER
 MATTHEW MATTOCKS
 PETER RUFFNER

There is Ten children £50"19"6 Each Share.

At a Court held for the County of Shanando the 28th Day of August 1778 This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Charles Kyser Deceased was Returned and ordered to be Recorded

Teste

THOMAS MARSHALL, C. S. C."

Charles Kizer was granted administration of the estate, and gave bond in the sum of £1,000 on the 28 May 1778, with Frederick Commer and John Hastings as sureties. Keyser and Commer signed the bond in German.

Adam Strickler, mentioned only seven of the children of Charles Keyser, Sr., though he must have had ten at the date of the foregoing appraisal. Of the three not named by Adam Strickler Judge Sutherland has stated that one was Joseph, who settled in Russell County, Va., at an early date, and his descendants spell the name, generally, "Kiser." Michael, who moved from Shenandoah to Rockingham county, and whose descendants also spell the name "Kiser," may have been another son of Charles Keyser, Sr., not mentioned by Adam Strickler. This would leave only one of the ten not accounted for. His name was probably David who, with Joseph, was grantee in the patent mentioned in the next paragraph. Issue:

2. CHARLES, Jr.
3. JOHN.
4. ANNA.
5. ANDREW.
6. MARY.
7. ESTHER.
- KATE, d. n. m.
8. JOSEPH.
- MICHAEL?
- DAVID?

2. CHARLES KEYSER, Jr., and Elizabeth, his wife, by deed of 9 Dec. 1790, recorded in deed book "I" page 265, conveyed unto Andrew Keyser a parcel of fifty-seven acres of land in Shenandoah County, Va., on the north side of the South Branch of the Shenandoah River, described as part of land conveyed to Charles Keyser, deceased, by Lewis Rhinehart, Mathias Rhinehart and Elizabeth, his wife, by deeds of lease and release dated the 6th and 7th days of April, 1765, and recorded in Frederick County, Va. The conveyance recites that Charles Keyser, deceased, dying intestate, the land descended to his eldest son, Charles Keyser. In the family grave yard on the old Keyser farm in Page County, Va., are several rough, unhewn grave stones of native blue limestone on which inscriptions have been carved by an unskilled workman. All of these stones appear to have been set up at the same time, and carved by the same hand. An attempted reading of one is as