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**17th Annual
AOLRC**

**ANTIQUÉ GUN
AND ARMS SHOW**

**Saturday, September 26
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Grotto Hall
124 Waterworks Road
Newark, Ohio**



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President's Letter

Fellow members,

Hello from South Dakota! If you have ever driven across some of our great western states you know that it can give you plenty of time to think. So, what else would come to mind but Ohio longrifles? As our great country expanded west, Ohio-made rifles went along. I have bought Ohio rifles from as far away as California and I know of at least two in Alaska. So, if you travel, pack some reference material and keep your eyes open. Ohio longrifles can be found anywhere.

Our 40th Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Marietta, our first and hopefully last one-day meeting, is behind us. I would personally like to thank each exhibitor and member who helped make this meeting a success. We will be holding our standard two-day meeting, with a banquet and business meeting, April 1 – 3, 2016.

Sadly, our annual shoot/picnic in Centerburg had to be cancelled. A number of our regular attendees notified us that they would be unable to participate this year, and the Board of Directors decided that the expenses of the event were too great for just a few members. It may be back next year if enough members indicate an interest.

Our Newark show, scheduled for Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, promises to again be one of the premier shows for buying and selling longrifles and related items. This buy-sell-trade show will once again be held in the Grotto Hall, 124 Waterworks Road, Newark, Ohio. Contact Jim Claggett for information on table rental.

Work is almost finished on our next book on Ohio longrifles. To help cover publishing costs, our Board has decided to have Ken Netting build a rifle for us to raffle off. Ken will build the rifle with parts donated by various AOLRC members and by the Log Cabin Shop. The Log Cabin Shop has been a supporter of our Picnic and Shoot in the past, and has done much to promote the various muzzleloading activities.

Tom Oakes





Some New Thoughts on Joseph Clippinger, Gunsmith

By James G. Clippinger

Anyone who has done research for a paper or genealogy for the family tree feels that they have reached the final answer. There is nothing left to discover. Then what happens - a new window appears, causing you to doubt your previous findings and causing you to wonder how you could have missed it. So it has happened with the Clippinger family and Joseph Clippinger the gunsmith. Researching on Ancestry.com for information on other branches of the family, I came across the following thoughts on who Joseph Clippinger may have served his apprenticeship with.

George Kleppinger of Pfungstadt, Hesse, emigrated to Philadelphia on the same vessel as gunsmith Peter Newhard's father in 1737, and gunsmith David Kuntz's father of nearby Alsace followed with his family a year later. In Germany the three families had lived within an 80 mile circle and they eventually settled together in Old Northampton County: Newhard at Laury's, Kuntz at Cherryville, and Kleppinger at Kreidersville, within just a few miles of each other. They were of the same German Pietist culture, attended the same churches, their children soon began to intermarry and they formed close, insular relationships.

Anthony Kleppinger, the youngest child of the second generation, moved his family to the Shippensburg area after buying land there in 1796, and gunsmith Joseph Clippinger was the first child born there. However, Joseph's parents died prematurely while he was still a boy, and Joseph was likely sent to live with relatives. Apparently unaware of the relationship with the Kuntz gunmakers, Clippinger family histories speculate that he was sent to the Waynesboro area to live with an older brother, and that a local gunsmith there named John Noll (1780-1852) was probably his teacher. The Kuntz-Newhard-Moll connection offers another strong possibility, as there were many more family members remaining in Kreidersville than in the area Anthony had migrated to, and those families were more settled and more prosperous.

Further, priority for apprenticeships was always to family members, and during Joseph's apprentice years (roughly 1812-1820) there were at least six active and prosperous gunmakers in his extended family, not including the largest gunmaking operation of all, his in-law John Moll II in Allentown. From relatively poor beginnings, Joseph achieved professional competence and prosperity quickly, as at age 24 as a "gunsmith", he bought a house in Waynesboro for \$300 for his new bride, further indicating timely and generous family assistance.

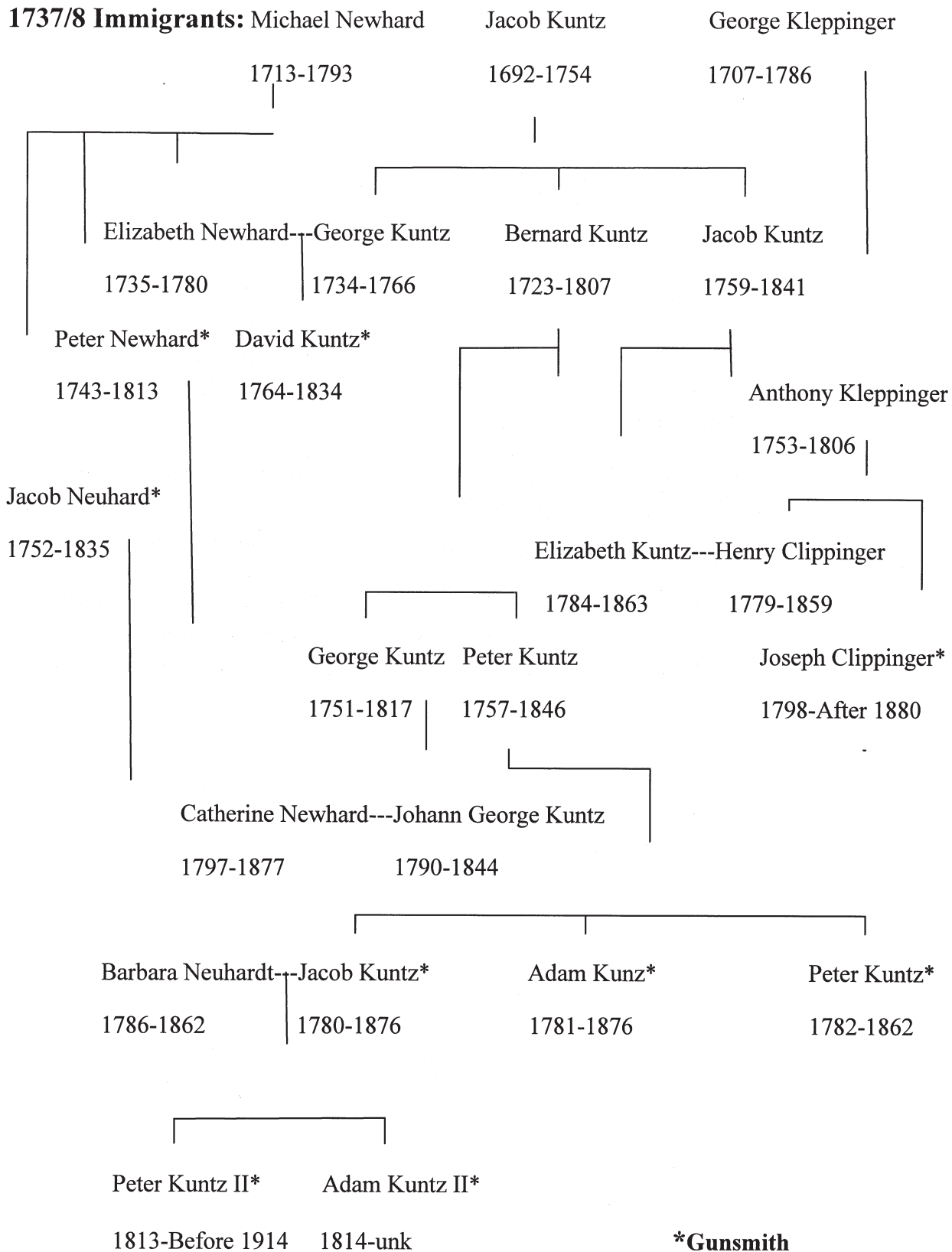
I have my own thoughts on this theory and would like to hear from others as to their opinions. I can be reached at jgcpst6@yahoo.com.

Reference Bob Smasher Chart and thoughts published in americanlongrifles.org/forum.

Northampton County Gunmaking Family Relationships

The Moll-Newhard-Kuntz Triangle

Kuntz - Clippinger Family Detail





Final Resting Place of Joseph Clippinger, Gunsmith

By James Clippinger

For years my mother Almeda Jane Clippinger searched for the resting place of Joseph Clippinger and his wife Elizabeth, but to no avail. Recently Dr. Whisker in his book *Arms Makers of Ohio*, in a search of Ancestry.com, found a family tree that indicated he died in Sacramento, California. A search of Census revealed that his daughter Mary moved with her husband Jacob Osborne to Sacramento, California. Family tradition maintained that he and his wife went west to visit family, and he died on the trip. Jane Clippinger believed that they went west to be with his wife Elizabeth's family in Kansas or Missouri. We now know they went to their daughter's home in California.

Recently, I started researching cemeteries in the Sacramento area and found a web page for the Sacramento City Cemetery. The Cemetery Association had created a PDF file of all interred in the Cemetery, and I found the following;

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Joseph Clippinger 82 years 2 months, Died December 17, 1882, Born Pa. October 17, 1800. Lot 105 section 89. Reinterment October 29, 1888 on stone "Grandpa" misc; res of Courtland.



Joseph Clippinger 1800 – 1882

Elizabeth Clippinger 80 years 3 months 23 days, Died January 3, 1886, Born NJ September 11, 1805 Lot 105 section 89. Reinterment October 29, 1888 on stone "Grandma" misc; res of Courtland.



Elizabeth Clippinger 1805 – 1886



Iowa Purchased Ohio Longrifles



Edited by Ron Yerian



Some forty-plus years ago John Shultz of Montezuma, Iowa, purchased an outstanding longrifle made in Ohio by Moses Wright of Freeport Township, Harrison County. Another Iowa gentleman, Ralph Parks, introduced him to such luminaries as Warren Offenberger and Forest Tilton. Friendships formed, and John has not missed an Annual Meeting in Marietta for the past twenty-nine years.

John has an extensive collection of fine Ohio longrifles and, to emphasize the fact that many collectors of Ohio longrifles do not cast a wide enough net, has provided the Association with a list of Ohio longrifles that he has purchased in Iowa.

Gunsmith

1. A. Young
2. H. D. Ziegler
3. Jacob Fisher
4. J. Hetrick & Co.
5. P. A. Reinhard
6. P. Powell
7. S. Stull
8. John A. Gardner
9. M. Sheets
10. Sweitzer
11. A. C. Swaidner
12. Boetcher
13. W. Barnhart
14. W. G. Jarvis
15. Moses Wright
16. James Teaff

Where Purchased

Black Powder trade Fair
Gun Show
Gun Show
Gun Show
Gun Show
Gun Show
Gun Show
Gun Show
Gun Show
Firearms Auction
Firearms Auction
Firearms Auction
Household Sale
Firearms Auction
Consignment Auction
Firearms Auction



Signed "Boetcher" (Christopher Boetcher, Guernsey County)



Signed "A. Young" (Marion County)



Signed "J. Hetrick & Co." (John Hetrick, Licking County)



Signed “W. J. Jarvis” (First initial is difficult to decipher.)



Signed “Sweitzer” (John Sweitzer, Darke County)



Signed “Moses Wright 1848” (Harrison County)



Ladies of AOLRC News



Time has again crept up on us and the Newark show is just around the corner. It seems like it was just yesterday we were in Marietta but four months have flown by and fall is quickly approaching. Even though the April show was shortened by a day, it was still very eventful and there was as always good, good fellowship. We have included pictures of the Friday evening buffet, ladies' luncheon at the Lafayette, and Saturday's show. Next year we will be in Marietta for the entire weekend and back to a 2 day show (April 1, 2, and 3 of 2016). I am happy to report that I have finally been able to schedule our ladies' luncheon on Saturday at the Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg. I will include more details in the next newsletter but it looks as if we may even have a speaker at the conclusion of our lunch to talk about the history of the hotel.

As Tom reported in his president's letter our August picnic was cancelled. Attendance was going to be down and it was just not feasible to have it for so few. Hopefully interest and participation will allow us to schedule it again next year. We may take a count at Marietta to see if it can be scheduled again.

We are looking forward to our Newark show to be held Saturday, September 26. On Friday the 25th we will be setting up and enjoying pizza and visiting with each other. It will be a good time to catch up on families, gun trades, purchases and just everyday life. Hope to see you there.

Hope this finds you all well. Judy





