

## Introduction

That portion of York County, which is now Franklin Township, was probably first settled about 1760. Franklin Township was formed in 1809 from a part of Monaghan Township. The petition for the new Township was signed with names such as: Logan, Prosser, Gatticart, Anderson, Elcock, Mumper, Smyser, Lau, Klugh, and Knisley.

There was a considerable difference of opinion as to what name should be given. It was proposed to call it Dill Township, but this did not receive sufficient support and the new district was named Franklin. By 1810 it had 175 taxable inhabitants and a property valuation of \$ 97,521.

In that same year, the following businesses were in Franklin Township: 3 inn-keepers, 2 physicians, 1 tannery, 11 weavers, 4 sawmills, 4 distilleries and 3 gristmills. Franklin Township was reduced to its present size in 1831, when part of it was taken to form part of Carroll Township. In what was to become Franklin Township, the Germans predominated.

The Kinter name appears in the local region within Monaghan, Carroll, Franklin, and Washington Townships of Northern York County. From an interpretation of the 1790-1850 census records for these townships, the following is assumed.

### Valentine Kinter (1740 – 1766)

Valentine Kinter was born in 1740 to Anthon Kinter (1715-1775) in Germany. Valentine married Anna Maria Prince, who was born in 1740.

Valentine passed away on April 1766 in Franklin Township, York County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest at the St. Johns Church, Clear Springs, Franklin Township.

Abba died in 1778.

Valentine Kinter and married Anna Maria Prince children.

- i. Anna Maria Prince (1740-1778)
- ii. John Kinter (1763-1842)
- iii. Elizabeth Kinter 1765-Unknown
- iv. Valentine Kinter (1766-1814)

## John Kinter (1763-1842)

John Kinter was born 1756-1765. He married, who was born 1756-1774.

In 1790 he was living in Monahan Township next to his brother Valentine.

- In 1790 another John Kinter was recorded 40 homes away from Valentine in Monaghan Township. This John was 16 years old or older living with another male 16 and over, and two females. John and his wife, and their son and daughter.
- In 1810 John Kinter 45 and over is living next door with his family; one male 16-25 years old (1785-1794); two males 10-25 (1785-1800); one male 10 and under (1800); one female 26-44 (1766-1784); one female 16-25 (1785-1794); one female 10-15 (1795-1800); and one female 10 and under (1800-1810).
- The 1820 census is a mess...the name is spelled as Kiner and Ginder. The Widow, John, and Peter Ginder live as neighbors. The Widow Kiner lives five homes away from Peter Ginder.
- By 1830 the Kinther (Kinter) families are still neighbors. George and John live beside each other, a Magdalina lives three homes away, and a senior John 11 homes away from Magadalina.
- John and John Jr. (Jr. was on the census) live beside each other. Father and son live a distance away from the other Kinter members.
- By 1840 there is Peter Kinter living in Washington Township and a John Kinter living in Carroll Township. These Townships are all within 3 miles of one another.

By 1800 John had the following children.

- i. Son born 1790-1800
- ii. Son born 1790-1800
- iii. Son born 1790-1800
- iv. Daughter born 1790-1800
- v. Daughter born 1800-1810

## Valentine Kinter (1766 – 1814)

Valentine Kinter was born before October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1766 to Valentine Kinter and Anna Maria Prince in Franklin Township, York County, Pennsylvania.

Valentine married Magdalena Hoffman, who was born 1774 to Christopher Hoffman and Anna Elisabeth Graves in Monaghan Township, York County.

In 1790 he was living in Monahan Township by himself, next to his brother, John Kinter. Valentine's wife is unknown and most likely died prior to 1790.

In 1800 Valentine and his son live together. Valentine Kinder (Kinter) – Living with his son John and his family.

- In 1800 Valentine is now living with five other people. Valentine is listed as 45 years old or older living with one male 26-44 years old (1756-1774); two males under 10 years old (1790-1800); one female under 10 years old; and one female 26-44 years old.

By 1810 Valentine and John live beside each other in Franklin Township York County, which is about 3 miles from Monaghan Township.

- Valentine Kinler (Kinter) and John Kinter - Neighbors. Like the 1790 census record, in 1810 Valentine and John Kinter families are living as neighbors. Valentine is 45 and over living with one male 26-44 (1766-1784); two males 10-15 years old (1795-1810); one male under 10 (1800-1810); one female 26-44 (1766-1784); and two females under 10 (1800-1810)

Valentine died in 1814. He was laid to rest at the St. Johns Church, Clear Springs, Franklin Township.

- By 1840 the Kinter families are closer together. Michael and Daniel live beside each other. George and John are two homes away. Magdalena, David, and Jacob are beside each other, which is one home away from George and John, and another John is one home away from Jacob.

Magdalena passed away on Jul 5<sup>th</sup> 1851 in Franklin Township.

Valentine had these children

- i. Jacob Kinter 1797-1854
- ii. John Kinter (1799-1889)
- iii. Elizabeth Kinter (1800-1883)

- iv. Sallie Sarah Kinter (1805-1884)
- v. Daniel Kinter (1808-1879)
- vi. David Kinter (1811-1879)
- vii. Michael Kinter (1811-1879)
- viii. Mary E Kinter (1814-1897)