

## Michael John Hengst (1731-1802)

Melchior Johann Hengst was born about 1732 in the Palatinate region of Germany. He immigrated on the ship named Ann, which arrived at the Philadelphia port on September 28<sup>th</sup> 1749. Melchior died March 1802 in York County Pennsylvania. His will was signed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1801, and probated March 8<sup>th</sup> 1802. His son, Michael, was the executor. <sup>1</sup>

Melchior (Michael) married about 1753 to Maria Catherine Meckele who was born about 1735 in Elsheim, located in the Rhineland Palatinate region of Germany.

Maria's father was Christian Meckele who was born about 1700 in Elsheim, located in the Rhineland Palatinate region of Germany. Christian died about 1764 in York County Pennsylvania. Christian also was the father to a son named Christian, <sup>2</sup> who was born about 1740 in Elsheim, located in the Rhineland Palatinate region of Germany.

- a. Maria Catherine Meckele married Michael Hengst
- b. Christian Meckele married Maria Catherine. Their children were. <sup>3</sup>
  - Maria Catharina Meckele daughter of Christian and Maria Catharina Meckele; born October 16<sup>th</sup> 1774; baptized November 27<sup>th</sup> 1774. Witnesses: Michael Hengst and Maria Catharina, his wife.
  - Johann Michael Meckele son of Christian and Maria Catharina Meckele, born March 1781, baptized April 15<sup>th</sup> 1781. Witnesses: Michael Hengst.
  - Margaret Meckele daughter of Christian and Catharina Meckele, born August 19<sup>th</sup> 1785, baptized October 16<sup>th</sup> 1785. Witnesses: Margaret, daughter of Michael Hengst.

Michael's wife, Maria was not mentioned in his will, so she must have died prior to 1801, when Michael's will was signed. Michael and Maria Hengst's children were all born in York County Pennsylvania. The following were the only children listed in Michael's will.

- i. Catherine Hengst was born about 1756, and married Mr. Vandermullen <sup>4</sup>
- ii. Christian Hengst was born February 28<sup>th</sup> 1758, and baptized April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1758. <sup>5</sup> Most likely died prior to Michael signing his will in 1801.
- iii. Jacob Hengst was born about 1765 <sup>6</sup>
- iv. Margaret Hengst was born January 24<sup>th</sup> 1760, and baptized privately on February 15<sup>th</sup> 1760. <sup>7</sup> She married Godfrey Kleindrenst. <sup>8</sup>
- v. Eva Hengst was born about 1763, and married George Philips <sup>9</sup>
- vi. Michael Hengst was born February 6<sup>th</sup> 1771. <sup>10</sup> He married Juliana Harbaugh
- vii. Elizabeth Hengst was born August 19<sup>th</sup> 1775, and baptized September 29<sup>th</sup> 1775. <sup>11</sup> She married George Wolf <sup>12</sup>
- viii. John Hengst was born about 1776, and baptized February 9<sup>th</sup> 1777. <sup>13</sup> John must have died prior to the 1801 signing of Michael's will.

The following child was listed by other genealogist, but cannot be verified as a child of Michael and Maria Hengst's child. Anna Margaret Hengst was born 10 A.M. May 11<sup>th</sup> 1761, and baptized May 31<sup>st</sup> 1761. <sup>14</sup>

There is an Ann Mary Hengst in a Lutheran Church record for May 1843, 1846, and 1854, taking communion in Delroy, York County Pennsylvania. In each case she is listed without a husband. <sup>15</sup> This church and location is the Hengst family church. There was also a birth for Ann Mary Hengst on August 24<sup>th</sup> 1820, and baptized October 26<sup>th</sup> 1820. <sup>16</sup> This is most likely a relative to another Hengst.

#### Michael Hengst (1771-1834)

Michael Hengst was born February 6<sup>th</sup> 1771 in York County Pennsylvania. He died September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1834, and was laid to rest in Salem Cemetery in Lower Chanceford Township, York County Pennsylvania. <sup>17</sup>

Michael Hengst married about 1792 to Juliana Harbaugh (Herbach), who was born March 30<sup>th</sup> 1772 in York County Pennsylvania. Juliana's parents were John Harbaugh and Maria Christina Elisabeth Mehl. <sup>18</sup> Juliana died July 19<sup>th</sup> 1852 in Chockley, York County Pennsylvania.

The will of John Herbach is dated November 26<sup>th</sup> 1802, and was probated (proven) on February 6<sup>th</sup> 1803. The executors were George Herbach (oldest son) and Michael Hengst of York County. John's wife was Magdalena, and their children are: <sup>19</sup>

- a. George Herbach
- b. Margaret Herbach wife of Peter Zeigler
- c. Elizabeth Herbach wife of Adam Balm
- d. John Herbach
- e. Juliana Herbach, wife of Michael Hengst
- f. Polly Herbach, wife of William Johnston

Michael and Juliana lived most of their life in the area of Delroy borough, Lower Windsor Township York County Pennsylvania, which is where all of Michael and Juliana Children were born. <sup>20</sup>

- i. Samuel Hengst was born September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1800
- ii. Daniel Hengst was born September 30<sup>th</sup> 1793, and baptized November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1793. <sup>21</sup>
- iii. John Hengst was born February 8<sup>th</sup> 1795, and baptized April 5<sup>th</sup> 1795. <sup>22</sup>
- iv. Jacob Hengst was born December 13<sup>th</sup> 1796
- v. Michael Hengst was born February 9<sup>th</sup> 1798, a twin with Juliana
- vi. Juliana Hengst was born February 9<sup>th</sup> 1798, a twin with Michael
- vii. George Hengst was born May 8<sup>th</sup> 1802
- viii. Mary Hengst was born March 25<sup>th</sup> 1804
- ix. Zachariah Hengst was born March 25<sup>th</sup> 1804
- x. Benjamin Hengst was born April 15<sup>th</sup> 1807, and baptized May 7<sup>th</sup> 1807. <sup>23</sup>
- xi. David Hengst was born June 25<sup>th</sup> 1809
- xii. Elisabeth Hengst was born August 11<sup>th</sup> 1811
- xiii. Joseph Hengst was born October 17<sup>th</sup> 1814. He married Sarah Conway

## Joseph Hengst (1814-1899)

Joseph Hengst was born November 11<sup>th</sup> 1814 in York County Pennsylvania. He died April 19<sup>th</sup> 1899.<sup>24</sup> Joseph married Sarah Conway who was born November 26<sup>th</sup> 1818, and died March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890.<sup>25</sup> Joseph and Sara Hengst were both laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery Lower Chanceford Cemetery, York County Pennsylvania. They had the following children who were born in Springfield Township, York County Pennsylvania.

- i. Henry Bershinger Hengst was born April 28<sup>th</sup> 1839
- ii. Amos Hengst was born November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1840
- iii. Leah Hengst was born April 30<sup>th</sup> 1843
- iv. John Hengst was born November 16<sup>th</sup> 1844
- v. Levi Hengst was born March 15<sup>th</sup> 1849
  
- vi. Benjamin Franklin Hengst was born in September 1852. He married Annie Dietz. They had a son George Hengst Sr. who married Annie Meyers. George Sr. and Annie had a son, George Hengst Jr. who married Gloria Ryer.
  
- vii. William Hengst was born in July 1856

## John Hengst (b. 1844)

John Hengst was born November 16<sup>th</sup> 1844 in Springfield Township, York County Pennsylvania. He was a farmer, and farmed in both the Springfield and York Townships of York County Pennsylvania. John married Fianna<sup>26</sup> Knaub October 28<sup>th</sup> 1866. Fianna was born about 1847 to Henry Knaub and Elisabeth Neff.

Fianna's father, Henry Knaub was born about 1825 in Pennsylvania, and her mother, Elisabeth Neff, was born in Pennsylvania about 1810. Both Henry and Elisabeth's parents were also born in Pennsylvania, circa late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Henry Knaub was also a farmer in both the Springfield and York Townships of York County Pennsylvania. Henry and Elizabeth had the following children, who were all born in Pennsylvania.

- a. Lydia Knaub was born about 1842/43
- b. Eli Knaub was born about 1844/45
- c. Fianna (Viana or Anna or Phianey) Knaub was born about 1847/48
- d. Daniel Knaub was born about 1849/50
- e. Jessiah Knaub was born about 1850/51
- f. Elisa Knaub was born about 1864/65
- g. Sarah Knaub was born about 1866/67

In 1770 John and his wife are living next to John's parents, Joseph and Sara, in York Township, York County Pennsylvania.

In 1880 John and Fianna Hengst's daughter, Emma Jane Hengst wasn't living with the family,<sup>27</sup> but the other members were, and they lived in Springfield Township, York County Pennsylvania. Emma may have been living with an extended family member (Benjamin and Sara Horn) as a servant, under the name of Jane, in Spring Garden Township, York County Pennsylvania.

In 1900 the family lived on West Main Street, York Pennsylvania.

John Hengst and Fianna Knaub had the following children, who were all born in Springfield Township York County Pennsylvania. According to the 1900 census record, Fianna had 9 children, and 8 were still living.

- i. Emma Jane Hengst was born May 10<sup>th</sup> 1867, and baptized June 5<sup>th</sup> 1867 by Rev J. Smith of Paradise York County Pennsylvania. <sup>28</sup> Emma is listed in the 1870 census, but lives with the Horn family in 1880. Emma died August 14<sup>th</sup> 1934 at 67 years, 8 months, 26 days. She was laid to rest in the Yoe Union Cemetery Yoe Borough York, York County Pennsylvania. Emma married: James Kenneth Taylor <sup>29</sup>
- ii. Lillian Etta Hengst was born March 18<sup>th</sup> 1869. In the 1870 and 1880 census.
- iii. Alpheus Theodore Hengst was born April 5<sup>th</sup> 1871. In the 1880 census.
- iv. Milton Henry Hengst was born September 12<sup>th</sup> 1874. In the 1880 census.
- v. Ida May Hengst was born October 11<sup>th</sup> 1877. In the 1880 census.
  
- vi. Urben Joseph Hengst was born February 24<sup>th</sup> 1879 in Jacobus, Springfield Twp., York County, Pennsylvania. In the 1880 and 1900 census. He married Lottie May Shearer
  
- vii. John A. Hengst was born February 6<sup>th</sup> 1883. Died prior to the 1900 census.
- viii. William Edward Hengst was born July 5<sup>th</sup> 1885, in the 1900 census
- ix. Matilda Lucrita Hengst was born January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887, in the 1900 census

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1880 Jane Hengst Census: Spring Garden, York, Pennsylvania; Roll: 1207; Family History Film: 1255207; Page: 222D; Enumeration District: 020; Tenth Census of the United States, 1880; (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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## End Notes

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<sup>2</sup> Christina Meckele son Named Christian: Vol. 1, Records of Friedensall (Schuster's White) Church, Springfield Township, York County, Pennsylvania, 1755-1801. York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403

<sup>3</sup> Christian Meckele married Maria Catherine and their Children: Vol. 1, Records of Friedensall (Schuster's White) Church, Springfield Township, York County, Pennsylvania, 1755-1801. York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403

<sup>4</sup> Catherine Hengst Marriage to Mr. Vandermullen: Melchior Johann Hengst Will, Wills and Estate Records, York County Archives, 1500 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402

<sup>5</sup> Christian Hengst Birth and Baptism: Vol. 2, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, City of York, York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403

<sup>6</sup> Jacob Hengst Birth: Melchior Johann Hengst Will, Wills and Estate Records, York County Archives, 1500 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402

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- <sup>13</sup> John Hengst Birth and Baptism: Vol. 2, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, City of York , York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403
- <sup>14</sup> Anna Margaret Hengst Birth and Baptism: Hertzog, F. J. C.. Records, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, City of York, York County, Pennsylvania, 1733-1800, published 1919, York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403
- <sup>15</sup> Ann Mary Hengst: Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records; Reel: 697.
- <sup>16</sup> Another Ann Mary Hengst Birth and Baptism: York County, Pennsylvania, 1801-73: Canadochly Lutheran and Reformed Congregations, York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403
- <sup>17</sup> Michael Hengst Death and Burial: The cemetery is currently known as the Canadochly Evangelical and Reformed Church Cemetery, located near the small village of Yorkanna, 4845 East Prospect Road in Lower Windson Township, York County, Pennsylvania.
- <sup>18</sup> Juliana Harbaugh (Herbach) Parents: John Harbaugh (1735-1803), Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs, PA 17372
- <sup>19</sup> John Herbach Children: John Herbach Will, Abstracts of wills from York County, Pennsylvania for the years 1749 to 1819, Wills and Estate Records, York County Archives, 1500 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402
- <sup>20</sup> Michael and Juliana Hengst Children: The birth dates and death dates of the children were obtained from church records, and cemetery headstone inscriptions.
- <sup>21</sup> Daniel Hengst Birth and Baptism: Vol. 2, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, City of York , York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403

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<sup>22</sup> John Hengst Birth and Baptism: Vol. 2, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, City of York , York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403

<sup>23</sup> Benjamin Hengst Birth and Baptism: Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records; Reel: 697; Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

<sup>24</sup> Joseph Hengst Death: Calendar of Vital Records, York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403

<sup>25</sup> Joseph Hengst Marriage to Sarah Conway and Her Birth and Baptism: Records, York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403

<sup>26</sup> Fianna is spelled as it appears on the Emma Jane Hengst, Certificate of Birth and Baptism, Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs, PA 17372

<sup>27</sup> Emma Jane Hengst: We know Emma is the daughter of John Hengst and Fianna Knaub by the names listed on Emma's Certificate of Birth and Baptism, and Vol II. York County Biographical History, page 164-165; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs, PA 17372

<sup>28</sup> Emma Jane Hengst Birth and Baptism: Certificate of Birth and Baptism, Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs, PA 17372

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