

**Ann Currence  
&  
Peter Conrad**

and

**Their Descendants  
of  
Randolph County, VA (WV)**

**Part 1**

Featuring children  
Nancy Conrad  
Elizabeth Conrad  
Sarah Conrad  
Phoebe Conrad  
Allcey Conrad

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## Preface

The information contained within this book has been collected from numerous sources over the years. These details vary from genealogist's handwritten notes, items scribbled on bits of paper or in the margins of books, to documented records found at the FFAA library, county court houses or state archives and my personal genealogy files. The information from transcribed records is essential to this book, but the process opens the possibilities for errors. I have found that information can be misinterpreted in many ways.

I have done my utmost to "give credit, where credit is due." If I have not properly acknowledged a source, it was through an error in record keeping and not an intentional act. If this oversight has occurred, **in which case I sincerely apologize**. My goal is simply to preserve the history of Nancy Friend and her family before it is lost to time.

Patty (Friend) Thompson (2015)

## Introduction

Ann Currence was the daughter of Nancy Friend, the granddaughter of Jonas, the great granddaughter of Israel Friend, the great, great granddaughter of Andrew Friend, the great, great, great granddaughter of Nils Larsson Friend. She was a sixth generation American, whose family had watched this nation develop since the early 1600's.

Although Ann Currence Conrad did not leave any self-portraits or any for her husband, Peter Conrad and I haven't found evidence of any diaries or personal papers, I have attempted to create a profile of her and that of her descendants through the use of documents giving the best possible account of her life and times. I have used US Census records, obituaries, newspaper articles, military records, as well as birth, marriage and death records.

Ann Currence and her children, Nancy, Elizabeth, Sarah, Phoebe and Allcey, will be covered in this book, *Ann Currence & Peter Conrad and Their Descendants of Randolph Co., VA Part 1 (WV)* by Patty (Friend) Thompson (2015).

Ann Currence's children, John B., Diana, Rachel, Mary Polly, Maria, and Barbara will be covered in *Ann Currence & Peter Conrad and Their Descendants of Randolph Co., VA (WV) Part 2* by Patty (Friend) Thompson (2015).

Ann Currence's children, David, Peter, Syrena and Jacob B. will be covered in *Ann Currence & Peter Conrad and Their Descendants of Randolph Co., VA (WV) Part 3* by Patty (Friend) Thompson (2015).

Although the children are featured in one book, they will be briefly outlined in the corresponding books.

I hope that these three books will provide researchers the tools (and clues) to aid with their own studies and lead to a greater understanding of the life of Ann Currence and her vast number of descendants.

Books covering the lives of Nancy Friend's eight remaining children, Elizabeth Betsey, Samuel, Sarah, John G., Delilah, William B., Eleanor and possible son, Perry, will be published at a future date.

**Nancy Friend**<sup>19</sup>

- a. Birth: 14 Jun 1759
- b. Death: 26 Sept 1851
- c. Burial: Currence-Wamsley Cemetery,  
Randolph County, WV<sup>20</sup>
- d. husband of Nancy Friend:
  - John Currence
  - 1. Birth: 19 June or July 1757
  - 2. Death: 31 July 1849
  - 3. Married: Abt. 1783
  - 4. Burial: Currence-Wamsley Cemetery  
Randolph County, WV
  - 5. son of William Currence  
and Lydia Steele
- e. children of Nancy Friend<sup>21</sup>
  - 1. Aley Elsey Currence
  - 2. Ann Currence
  - 3. Elizabeth Betsey Currence
  - 4. Samuel Currence
  - 5. Sarah Currence
  - 6. John G. Currence
  - 7. Delilah Currence
  - 8. William B. Currence
  - 9. Eleanor Currence
  - 10. Perry Currence

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<sup>19</sup> Daughter of Jonas Friend

<sup>20</sup> Wamsley Cemetery is located about four miles south of Huttonsville, WV

<sup>21</sup> Nancy Friend and her children Elizabeth; Samuel; Sarah; John G.; Delilah; William B. and Eleanor Currence will be covered in greater detail in a future publication



**1840 US Census:  
Currence, John G.**

male

under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 over
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

female

under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 over
2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

*John G. Currence* | | / | | | | | / | | | | | | | 2 | / | / 2 | | | /

**1850 US Census: Randolph Co., VA**

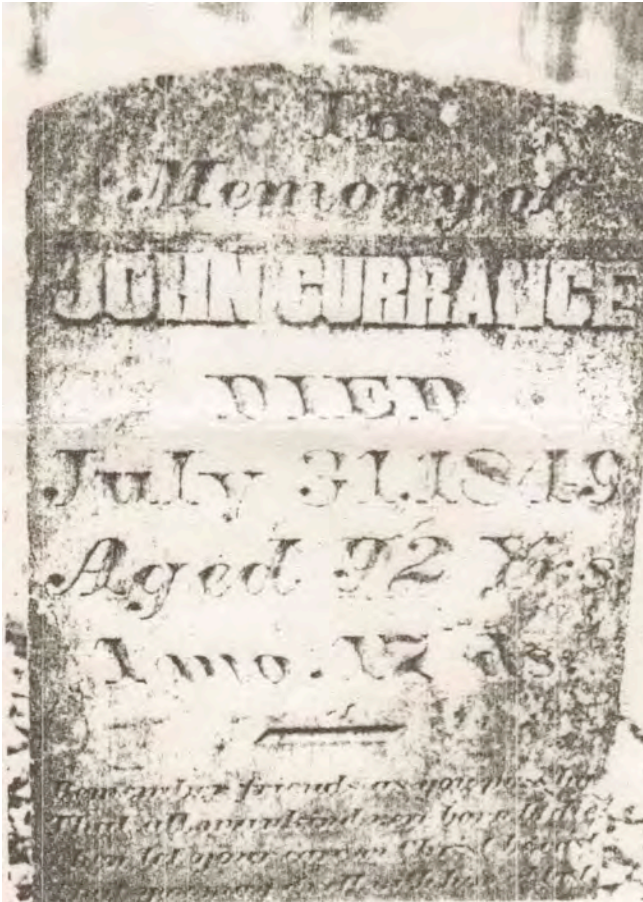
**Currence**

**House 111-111**

Name	age	occupation	State of birth
John G.	58	farmer	VA
Rebecca	53		VA
Nancy	26		VA
Mary	25		VA
Elizabeth	19		VA
Abraham	18		VA
Sarah A.	15		VA
Virginia	12		VA
Nancy	90		VA



FFAA Document Archives submitted by Tom Friend. Photograph owner- Joe Williams  
 “Place Taken: Old Wamsley and Currence Cemetery. The graveyard is located on the ridge separating Tygart’s River and Becky’s Creek. It is directly across from the Catholic Conference Center.”



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f. Notes on John Currence

1. William Currence emigrated to America from Ulster, Ireland, when but 17 years old and eventually settled in the Tygart Valley, now Randolph Co., WV, built the first mill in the county, built Currence Fort and is said to be the first white man killed by the Indians west of the Alleghany Mountains.

John Currence was a member of the first grand jury of Randolph County in 1797, Sheriff in 1806 and Captain of the County Militia in 1805. He lived eight years less than a century, dying 30 July 1849 and is buried beside his wife in the Currence Wamsley Cemetery about 4 miles south of Huttonsville, WV –

FFAA Library, submitted by Trissa Haefling, 1988

CAPTAIN JOSEPH FRIEND AND WILLIAM  
CURRENCE.

ISRAEL AND JONAS FRIEND.

The pension files at Washington have disclosed important and authentic history pertaining to soldiers in this valley who took part in the War of the American Revolution, and we are now able to produce the proof that William Currence saw service in the Revolution and that Joseph Friend was a militia captain in the conflict for American Independence. (Statement of William Currence on file at the Pension Department at Washington).

"William Currence, Virginia R 1738.  $\frac{1}{2}$ . William Currence, applicant. On the 7th day of November, 1838, William Currence stated that he was a native of Pennsylvania, but he had lived in the Tygarts Valley ever since 1774, he was seventy years old May last, that he was drafted (but cannot tell in what year) under Captain Joseph Friend, was placed under Capt. George Jackson, rendezvoused at Morgantown, from there he was marched to Pittsburgh. Captain Curtis also had a company along. Col. Lowther was Colonel and remained awhile at Pittsburgh, and then went to Shirtee; remained there awhile and then the expedition went to Wheeling where General Clark joined the expedition, the army then floated down the Ohio River to Parkersburg, he was gone not quite three months."

This claim was not approved on the ground (as noted on official card), "Did not serve six months."

Agreeable to his statement, William Currence was born in 1764, and Senator C.H. Scott of Elkins, a descendant of this soldier, tells me he died after 1838. The Clark expedition of which William Currence refers, under General George Rogers Clark, "The Napoleon of the West", started on his campaign for Vincennes and other points in the Wabash country against the Indians and British post in the west in 1779; this would have made William Currence a soldier at the early age of some fifteen years.

The John Hart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Elkins, last year, erected a marker that indicates the location of the old Friend Fort on the highway near Elkins, and made special mention of Captain Joseph Friend, but not until now has the proof of this rank as captain been printed. Captain Friend for many years after the Revolution was an important factor in this valley in material matters and a man of character and dignity.

William Currence was early in the Upper valley and at Mill Creek and vicinity, he and his family materially shaped the affairs of his settlement. His descendants still occupy important station on the County, and the line of this patriot may be found on the waters of the Ohio and westward to the Pacific Coast.

The Randolph County Historical Society is glad to furnish this important piece of history of early settlers of the Tygarts Valley.

William Currence mentioned in the above document was the son of William Currence and Lydia Steele and a brother to John Currence, husband of Nancy Friend.

## 2. Virginia Land Office Grant

Book 91 p. 57

Transcribed by Patty-Friend-Thompson (Feb 2012)

**48 acres** on Conrad's Run a branch of Reedy Creek. Obtained from the Online catalog of the Library of Virginia.

Thomas W. Gilmer Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia: To all to whom these presents shall come; Greeting: Know Ye, That in conformity with a survey made on the 6th day of July 1838, by virtue of Land Office Treasury Warrant No. 13010 there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto **Peter Conrad**, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing forty eight acres situate in Jackson County on Conrad's Run a branch of Reed Creek, Beginning at a sugar tree upper corner to a 200 acres survey patented to John Sergerist, thence running N 5 ½° W 72 poles crossing said run to a white oak, thence N 81° W 100 poles crossing two drains to a white oak, thence S 5 ½° E 88 ½ poles crossing said run to a sourwood & dogwood on the point, thence N 88 ½° E 99 ½ poles crossing 2 drains to the beginning with its appurtenances, To Have and To Hold the said tract or parcel of land, with its appurtenances, to the said Peter Conrad and his heirs forever.

In witness whereof, the said John B. Floyd Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed, at Richmond, on the thirty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and of the Commonwealth the 65th.

Thomas W. Gilmer



## West Virginia State Death Certificate

- a. Name: **Abby Carper Hamrick**  
 b. Father: **Robert H. Townsend**  
 c. Mother: **Rebecca Townsend**  
 d. Date of birth: 19 Dec 1866  
 e. Place of birth: WV  
 f. Age: 63 yr 8 mo. 17 days  
 g. Occupation: --  
 h. Married  
 i. Residence: Bernardstown, Webster Springs, WV  
 j. Informant: Homer Hamrick  
 k. Cause of death: apoplexy  
 l. Date of death: 17 Sept 1930

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1 PLACE OF DEATH (Dist. No. <i>277</i> ) County <i>Webster</i> District <i>Fork Lick</i> Town or City <i>Bernardstown</i>				Series No. <i>20</i> Division of Vital Statistics West Virginia State Department of Health CERTIFICATE OF DEATH <b>13032</b> (For State Reg. use only)	
2 FULL NAME <i>Abbie Carper Hamrick</i>				No. .... St. .... Ward .....	
(a) Residence No. .... (Usual place of abode)				St. .... Ward .....	
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. days. How long in U. S. A., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. days.					
3 SEX <i>Female</i>	4 COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced <i>married</i>		15 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) <i>Sept 17 1930</i>	
5a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of (Give full maiden name)				17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <i>July 1928</i> to <i>Sept 16 1930</i> that I last saw her alive on <i>Sept 16 1930</i> and that death occurred on date stated above, at ..... M.	
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) <i>Dec 19 1866</i>				The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <i>Apoplexy</i>	
7 AGE Years Months Days If LESS than 1 day .... hrs. or .... min. <i>63 8 28</i>				<i>82</i>	
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work. (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer). (c) Name of employer				Contributory <i>mitral regurgitation</i> <i>myocardial sclerosis</i>	
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <i>W. Va</i>				18 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? .....	
10 NAME OF FATHER <i>Robt. H. Townsend</i>				Did an operation precede death? <i>No</i> Date of .....	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) <i>W. Va</i>				Was there an autopsy? <i>No</i>	
12 MAIDEN NAME MOTHER <i>Rebecca Townsend</i>				What test confirmed? (Signed) <i>J. B. Degriff</i> M. D. (Address) <i>Webster Springs, W. Va.</i>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) <i>W. Va</i>				19 PLACE OF BURIAL Cremation or Removal <i>Bernardstown</i>	
14 SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT (Address) <i>Homer Hamrick</i> <i>Webster Springs</i>				Date of Burial <i>Sept 18 1930</i> 20 Undertaker <i>W. V. White</i> Address <i>Richwood, W. Va.</i>	
15 Received <i>Sept. 17 1930</i> <i>G. C. Dyer</i> REGISTRAR					

## Nicholas County West Virginia Marriage Record

Groom: Jerome Smiley

Age: 39

Bride: Ida Salisbury

Age: 24

**Married: 24 Dec 1902**



Photograph provided by Anna Chandler

Stone reads:

To all you strangers,

Passing by;

As you are now, so once was I,


As I am now you will soon be,

Prepare for death and follow me.

### Randolph County West Virginia Marriage Record

Groom: Louis A. Swint  
 Age: 39  
 Bride: Ida Smiley  
 Age: 38  
 Married: 1916

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**



**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

Preliminary inquiries and answers thereto made and ascertained by Thaddeus Pritt  
 Clerk of the County Court of RANDOLPH COUNTY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, relative to  
 Mr. Louis A. Swint of Randolph County, and  
 State of West Virginia and Mrs. Ida Smiley of Randolph  
 County, and State of West Virginia to whom the accompanying Marriage License is issued.

THE FULL NAMES OF THE PARTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

His full name is Louis A. Swint  
 Her full name is Ida Smiley  
 His age is 39<sup>1/2</sup> years His age is 38<sup>1/2</sup> years  
 He was born in Duport County, State of New York  
 She was born in Randolph County, State of West Virginia  
 His place of residence is Pickens, W. Va.  
 Her place of residence is Pickens, W. Va.  
 The name of the party giving the foregoing information is Louis A. Swint  
 of Randolph County, State of West Virginia  
 Given Under My Hand, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept., 1916  
Thaddeus Pritt  
 Clerk County Court.

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**West Virginia, County of Randolph, To-wit:**  
 TO ANY PERSON LICENSED TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGES:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or religious denomination, and the laws of the State of West Virginia.

Louis A. Swint  
 and Ida Smiley  
 Given Under My Hand, as Clerk of the County Court of the County of Randolph, this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept., 1916 Thaddeus Pritt  
 Clerk County Court.

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**MINISTER'S RETURN OR ENDORSEMENT**

I certify that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1916 at  
Wheeling, West Virginia I united in marriage the above named and  
 described parties/under authority of the foregoing License.  
Edward E. Weber



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2258	1. NAME (Print) Louis A. Swint	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Pickens, W.Va.,		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS same		
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 67	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Catahilla
	DATE OF BIRTH 8 27 1877	(Town or county) W. Va.
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Ida Swint, Pickens, W.Va.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS self		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	16-51030-3	Louis A. Swint (Registrant's signature)

WW II Draft Registration with signature of Louis Andrew Swint

### West Virginia State Death Certificate

- Name: **Louis Andrew Swint**
- Father: **Peter Swint**
- Mother: **Caroline Winkler**
- Date of birth: 3 Aug 1877
- Place of birth: New York
- Age: 79 yr 6 mo 9 days
- Occupation: Carpenter laborer
- married
- Residence: Pickens, Randolph Co., WV
- Informant: Mrs. Ida Swint
- Cause of death: carcinoma of stomach
- Date of death: 11 Feb 1957

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE,**

PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS THERETO, made and ascertained by  
*Lee Council* Clerk of the County Court of Randolph County, State of West Virginia,  
 relative to Mr. *Perry Wade Sabalony* of *Randolph* County and  
 State of *West Virginia* and *Mrs. Grace Stalaker* of *Randolph*  
 County and State of *West Virginia* to whom the accompanying Marriage License is issued.

THE FULL NAMES OF THE PARTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

His full name is *Perry Wade Sabalony* Her full name is *Grace Stalaker*  
 His age is *Twenty two years* Her age is *Twenty years*  
 He was born in *Randolph* County, State of *West Virginia*  
 She was born in *Randolph* County, State of *West Virginia*  
 His place of residence is *Randolph County West Virginia*  
 Her place of residence is *Randolph County West Virginia*  
 The name of the party giving the foregoing information is *Lee Council*  
 of *Randolph* County, State of *West Virginia*  
 Given under my hand, this *12* day of *November* 189*7*  
*Lee Council* Clerk County Court.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

West Virginia, County of Randolph, to-wit:

**To Any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:**

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according  
 to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the State  
 of West Virginia, *Perry Wade Sabalony* and *Grace Stalaker*  
 Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of the County of Randolph this  
*12* day of *November* 189*7*  
*Lee Council* Clerk.

**MINISTER'S RETURN OR ENDORSEMENT.**

I certify that on the *12* day of *November* 189*7* at the *Bride's Residence*  
 I UNITED IN MARRIAGE the above named and described parties, under authority of the forego-  
 ing License.  
*Rev. M. B. Phillips*

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