

### CHAPTER III

#### THE SECOND OR CALEB WINGET FAMILY

The earliest record we find of the CALEB WINGET branch of the family is in the Bible of William Winget, a grandson of Caleb, now in possession of Mary Hazel Winget Varner, Dayton, Ohio, a great granddaughter of Ziba Winget. The record was written near the time of Caleb's death, 1817. This record states that Caleb Winget emigrated from England when a young man, to America. The legend coming down through all branches of the family is that Caleb and two brothers came to America by way of Scotland, changing the name from "Wingate" to "Winjit" the Scotch form of the name, giving the impression they were Scotch. Rev. C. L. Winget told the Compiler his immigrant ancestor was a son of Capt. Wingate of England, who was a Guard of the Gate at Windsor Castle. Mrs. Della Winget Gardner had in her possession a chest said to have been brought from England by this ancestor. Since she left no descendants, no further information can be found regarding it.

It has been thought by earlier writers that this Caleb Winget was a descendant of John Wingate, N. H., through his son Caleb, who migrated to Delaware or New Jersey, but recent research throws no light on this idea, then the above record disputes that theory.



CALEB WINGET, 1744-1817



SARA WINGET, 1745-1830



CALEB WINGET settled in Morris Co., N. J., but when 22 years of age went to Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania, where he purchased a tract of land. A few years later he left N. J. with his family and settled in western Pennsylvania.

The Court Records of Greene, Washington and Fayette Counties, Pennsylvania, show that Caleb Winget purchased 250 acres of land on Ten Mile Creek in 1776 from John Walton. He took a patent on another tract of 400 acres called "Deerpark" on Brush Fork of Ten Mile Creek, surveyed 1/1/1786 in pursuance of a warrant granted to Benjamin Morgan, 10/13/1775. He settled on a tract of 262 acres on Ten Mile Creek, in Morris Township that he purchased and granted to his son, Daniel, on 2/20/1786. It was surveyed 7/20/1786 and called "Winget Disaster". This farm was sold in three tracts to Timothy Lindley, David Conger and Rhoda Gardner, according to Court Records. Caleb Winget sold his first tract of 205 acres to Joseph Lucky for 80 pounds, 6/10/1782, and 150 acres to Rev. James Dunlap for 150 pounds, 8/21/1781.

Caleb Winget's name is found on records to be spelled "Winget" and his descendants all use this spelling with a few exceptions as hereinafter mentioned. Some families use two "tt"s. Caleb Winget, born England, died 2/13/1817 and is buried in Old Prosperity Cemetery, western Pa. His wife, Sara, born 1/1745, died 6/8/1830 and her body lies beside that of her husband. Her stone bears her name and dates. Caleb's stone has the following inscription: Here lies the body of Caleb Winget who departed this life February 13th 1817, age 73 years. "Behold and see as you pass by as you are now so once was I. As I am now so you shall be prepare for death and follow me." Caleb Winget had five sons, Reuben, Ziba, William, Daniel and Stephen and a daughter Hannah. No data has been found regarding Hannah other than she was with the family when they moved to Pa. Three sons came to Ohio and the children of the fourth, William, remained in Washington Co., Pa., as did many of his descendants.

Reuben, Ziba, Stephen and Daniel moved, with their families to Ohio on their way back, in 1800. Daniel returned to Pa, but the others remained. They came by the way of Kentucky, crossing the Ohio River at Marietta. The water was high at the time and the horses had to swim across the river. They stopped at Marietta for a short time, then went to Germantown, where they lived in blockhouses for a time. While in Marietta, Stephen's wife, Hanna, gave birth to her third child, Calvin, 4/23/1801.

REUBEN WINGET owned a tract of land in Fayette County, Pa. called "Blacksmith" It was sold in three tracts as recorded August 26, 1793. Sixty acres were sold to Jesse Lucas for 75 pounds, 160 acres to Samuel Torrence for 110 pounds, and 159 acres to James Adams for 110 pounds. He came to Ohio with his brothers but did not stop at Marietta but went on to Cincinnati, an Army Post, by flatboat. He later settled in Clark County, Ohio, in a section of 640 acres which was granted to him by the Government for \$1.25 per acre. Part of this farm was divided among his sons, each receiving 70 acres for the sum of fifty dollars. He gave each daughter \$1,500 in cash. After his death the balance of the estate was sold. Some of this land remained in the hands of his descendants for over a hundred years and some of it has been repurchased by his younger descendants. Reuben Winget married twice in Pa. and a third time in Ohio. See Family Tree following.

HUGH WINGET, a son of Reuben, took part in the War of 1812. In 1848, he moved to near Selma, Indiana. Some of his descendants lived around Selma and Montpelier and others have moved to Illinois.

REBECCA WINGET, daughter of Reuben, married Ephriam Shellabarger. His ancestry is given in the Allied Families, Chapter. See pictures of Rebecca and