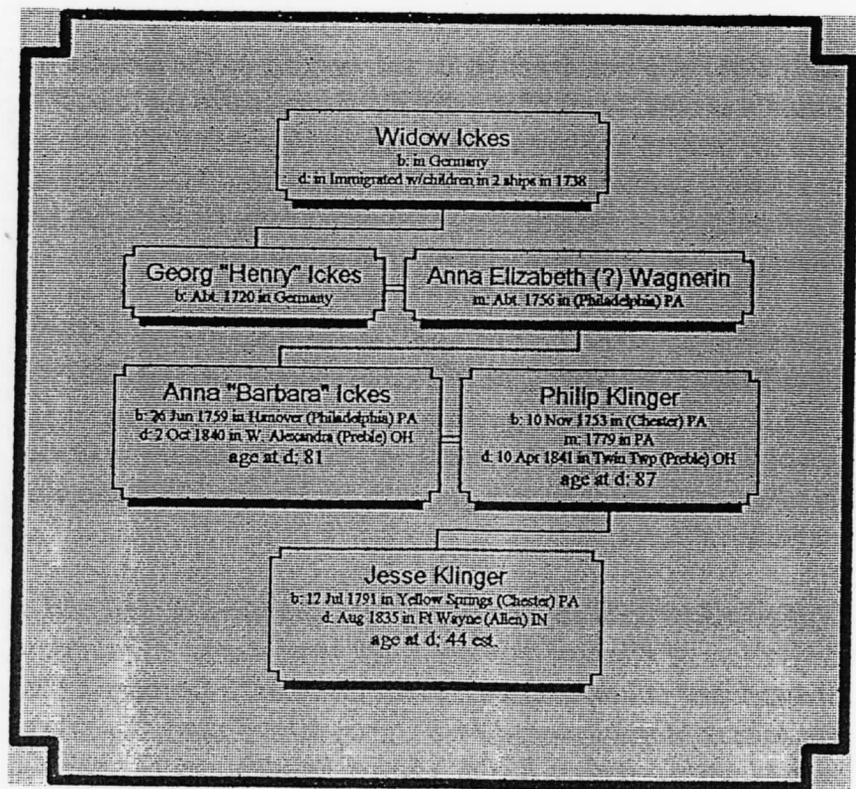


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In the beginning of my genealogical research. . . one of the first references found for a possible link to a revolutionary war ancestor was in the printed DAR listing of soldiers:

*Klinger: (includes Klinker) ... Philip b: 11-10-1753/4 PA d 1841 OH m Barbara Ecos Pvt PA PNSR (PNSR meaning Pension Record - referring to the Affidavit).*

After determining that Philip was my ancestor and working on the premise that the printed and published information was right, I looked in every index imaginable for "Ecos" but could find none. I did a search of the internet and came up with about 10 persons with this surname in the United States. I wrote a letter to them all and got back a few responses. Mainly they came from one family. Their father had immigrated to the US in 1920 with a long Greek name and it had been shortened to Ecos. No such name existed back in the 1700's.

In trying to locate Philip's father, my first find was *The Foos Family of Pennsylvania and Ohio*, by Rosalie Fellows Bailey, New York City, written in about 1910, originally published in the Pennsylvania Genealogy Magazine and later published in the multi-volume series Geneologies of Pennsylvania Families, Vol. I, edited by Arnold-Hertzel, in 1982 in Baltimore by Genealogical Publ. Co., Inc., which made reference to Johannes Klinger, wife of Christina Elisabetha Fussin (feminine ending), which further made reference:

*1784-85 Appt of guardians and Petition re real estate, c80 acres & grist mill, stated that John Clinger late of Pikeland Twp dec'd left issue 4 sons & 7 daus: Philip Clinger eldest son & heir at law, Elizabeth Fekis (or Jekis?), Dorothy & Catherin Clinger of age, John & Magdalen aged 14-20 (grdn John Walter), Jacob, Peter & Margaret under 14 (grdn Jonathan Wells), Mary & Sarah under 14 (grdn George Deery).*

I ordered a copy of the probate records for John Clinger from the Chester Co, Pennsylvania Archives, No. 3634, and found a division of property as follows:

*... Two full and Equal twelfth parts thereof by metes and bounds to and for the said Intestates Eldest son Philip one twelfth part thereof by metes and bounds to and for the said Intestates daughter Elizabeth the wife of Nicholas Iekis - one other twelfth part thereof by metes and bounds to & for the said Intestates daughter Dorothy, one other twelfth part thereof by metes and bounds to and for the said Intestates daughter Catherine ...*

I didn't pay much attention to the actual writing and spelling of Elizabeth's husand's last name at the

time, but note that instead of "F" or "J" as the first letter, from my analysis of the handwriting, it is now apparent that it is an "I."

*... manner following to wit, Two full and equal twelfth parts thereof by metes and bounds to and for the said Intestates eldest son Philip One twelfth part thereof by metes and bounds to and for the said Intestates daughter Elizabeth the wife of Nicholas Ickis - One other twelfth part thereof by metes and bounds to and for the said*

Copy of partial excerpted lines quoted above showing the name "Nicholas Ickis"

In the meantime, when my husband would go with me to the library, he would work on the "Ecos" problem. He got the idea that maybe it was the German omlaugh "Ö" which would sound like an "E" and so he searched through indexes for Ökos, or something of the sort, to no avail. In May, 1997, I attended a genealogical conference in Valley Forge, Penn. and spent some time at the Chester County Archives (the greatest place anywhere around to do original document research), and got a copy of the Power of Attorney from William Lightfoot, et al (members of Pikeland Company and settlers of Pikeland Twp) to Benjamin Chew (recorded Sept 1, 1791 in Vol. ?, page 224). There was a big problem involving title to the land in Pikeland Twp in the 1700's and I had been working to recreate the community through the records created to straighten out this mess. In the body of the

*Power of Atty  
William Lightfoot  
et al. to  
Benjamin Chew Jr.*

*Whereas by Indenture bear-  
ing date on or about the sixth day of No-  
vember in the year of our lord One thousand seven hun-  
dred & seventy three, and made on our records to be  
made between Samuel Kennedy Isaac Maffey Wm.  
Lightfoot Thomas Lightfoot James Pecker John Boggs  
Samuel Baugh John Clinger John Cook Jacob D.*

*Nicholas Ickis*                      *Nicholas Ickis seal*  
*Philip Clinger*                      *Philip Clinger seal*

Beginning of Power of Attorney, signatures from Lists 2 (left) and 3 (right)

Power of Attorney there is first a list of the original members of Pikeland Co. as of Nov 6, 1793; a second list of the current (Apr 30, 1791) holders of title (some original, others subsequent); a third list showing original signatures on or about Apr 30, 1791; and a fourth list written by the notary public listing those who appeared before him. In studying this list, I noted that "John Clinger" appeared in the first list, that "Philip Klinger" appeared in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lists and that "Philip Clinger"

appeared in the 4<sup>th</sup> list. I also noted that although there was no listing for anything that resembled "Iekes" in the first list, there was a "Nicholas Ikafs" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lists and a "Nicholas Ickes" in the 4<sup>th</sup> list. It finally dawned on me that perhaps this Nicholas Ickes was the husband of Elizabeth Klinger and . . . that perhaps Barbara Ecos was really Barbara Ickes and a relative (sister?) of Nicholas, so I set out to prove this theory.

I first located a Nicholas Ikess in the 1790 Pennsylvania Census Heads of Families living in Chester Co. with 1 adult male, 1 male under 16, and 3 females. I next found reference to a Johan Nicholas Ickes, b 1714 in Germany, wife Anna Clara, d 11 Jul 1765, with Probate Records in File 153 in the Philadelphia City Records (Will: Book N, Page 292), so I sent off for a copy. I also was aware that a Nicholas Ickes had moved to Perry Co about the same time that Philip Klinger moved from the 1800 census records. Beginning to fit in!!! In the meantime, I was on the internet. I had posted the names I was researching on several lists and got a message from Ginny Hench (hench@hawaii.edu) regarding the Ickes family (turns out, the Hench and Ickes families intermingled in Perry Co, PA), and then heard from Shirley Shope who wrote and filled me in on the Nicholas Ickes who had moved to Perry Co., who is apparently the Nicholas Ickes in the deed and in the Census records. He had bought land in Pikeland from Hench (although no such name on any of the 4 lists above), and then later sold out and moved to Perry Co. He had two wives, neither of whom were Elizabeth Klinger, and 20 children. He founded Ickesburg, PA, and most Ickes of today are descended from him. BUT, not my guy. Then, I got the long-awaited for Will. Johan Nicholas, the Elder, had two sons, Michael and John and made no mention of any others. Michael, turns out, is the father of Nicholas with the 20 kids. There is a Hench family book and a book called "Family Record of the Ickes Family" compiled by Mrs. Susan A. Ickes Harding, written in 1892, which more than adequately cover the Nicholas with the 20 kids. Shirley also wrote, which was later confirmed, the following:

Other early arrivals on the Limerick scene were members of the Ickes family. Four brothers and three sisters came to America from Germany in September 1738 in two ships with their widowed mother, which arrived within a week of each other. One of them was Johan Nicholas Ickes, who purchased land in Limerick Twp. (note: Montgomery Co, PA, then Philadelphia County) in 1745. The other brothers were Johannes, Peter and Georg Henry.

Still believing in my theory, I have found additional clues, which have come to me primarily by way of another net friend, Arthur James Ickes of 3101- 126th St., Toledo, OH. 43611, 419-729-5810, aji94@aol.com. He has been doing "Ickes" research for 20 years and has provided the following:

The York Co. Historical Soc. (PA) has in their Deeds file, 2 L p.221, Aug.24, 1795 - Catherine Klinger of Huntington Twp. to her sister Elizabeth Ickes in Augusta Co., Virginia: *absolutley without any manner of consideration all of my whole Estate that I am now processt (sic) of onle my funeral expenses being paid first: . . .*

I have yet to check Augusta Co, Virginia, or order a copy of the Will, but will soon; and, the best of all,

29 July, 1759: Anna Barbara Ickes, daughter of Georg Henry Ickes: St. Mathew's Lutheran in Hanover (now Montgomery Co, PA), G.T. Bahn, p.44 Sp: Jacob Wolfe and wife Anna Barbara.

Since the date previously published by Klinger cousins applying for membership into DAR for Barbara's birthday, with the source listed as "The Family Bible," was 29 July, 1759, this fits. Also, in York County, her possible siblings:

ICKES, Heinrich & Anna Elizabeth, parents of:

- (1) Johann Michael bp. 11-17-1761; sp Michael JICKES & Anna Maria Wagnerin;
- (2) Sussanna Maria bp Jan 15 1764 sp Frederick Berling & Sussanna Wagnerin
- (3) Maria Christina bp Mar 23, 1768.

York County is plausible to be the county of Barbara's childhood and where the couple would have met since I believe Philip probably spent the later part of the war in York Co with General Clark, and this is where he was when he was discharged. Also, if his unmarried sister, Catherine, lived in York County, she may have come to live near her brother.

Back to Elizabeth and Nicholas, the following lists the Ickes serving in the Revolutionary War from Pennsylvania:

ICKES, John: b8-23-1742 PA d1-19-1829 PA m (1) Magdalena Stambaugh (2) Elizabeth Pvt PA; John: b 1740 PA d p1785 PA m Margaret Krauss Pvt PA; Nicholas: b 1764 PA d 3-25-1848 PA m (1) Mary Magdalene Christman (2) Mrs. Susan L. Bernheisel Pvt PA

The third one is the Perry Co, 20 kids Nicholas. The middle one I don't know, but the first is somewhat intriguing. Many times throughout the listings, men who were given the first name, Johan, as a courtesy name, were often picked up as "John," rather than by the name by which they were known, so its possible that this John is really Johan Nicholas. No last name is given for wife two, and although Elizabeth would be 17 years younger, for a second wife that is possible and even probable.

In a telephone call (Nov, 1997), Arthur Ickes filled me in a little on the German Ickes research. Harold Ickes (of White House staff fame) and two other Ickes researchers worked towards determining the Ickes heritage in Europe and to publish a book of his family. Harold had a disagreement with the other two researchers regarding the handling of adopted children, or some such thing, and Harold pulled his financial support, and the book was never published. To Arthur's knowledge, no one has ever tracked the Ickes back into Germany.

As you can see the process is not yet done, but will keep on "rooting." Perhaps by next year, I'll have the full picture.

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Christmas, 1997

## Descendants of Widow Ickes

- 1 ICKES, Widow b: in Germany d: in Immigrated w/children in 2 ships in 1738 # chldn: 7
- ..... 2 ICKES, Johan Nicholas b: Abt. 1714 in Germany d: 11 Jul 1765 in Limerick (Philadelphia) PA Age at death: 51 est. # chldn: 3 1: 1745 Purchased land in Limerick Twp in 1745. 2: 16 Sep 1738 Immigrated from Germany
- ..... +CLARA, Anna # chldn: 3
- ..... 3 ICKES, Elizabeth # chldn:
- ..... +HENCH, Peter m: Abt. 1809 d: 31 Jan 1814 Age at death: ? # chldn:
- ..... 3 [1] ICKES, John b: 23 Aug 1742 in PA d: 19 Jan 1829 in PA Age at death: 86 # chldn:
- ..... +ELIZABETH # chldn:
- ..... \*2nd Wife of [1] John Ickes:
- ..... +STAMBAUGH, Magdalena m: Abt. 1770 # chldn:
- ..... 3 ICKES, Michael b: Abt. 1740 in Limerick (Philadelphia) PA d: 14 Nov 1796 Age at death: 56 est. # chldn:
- ..... 1 1: 16 Mar 1770 Sponsors for Michael, son of Daniel Mertz. Zion's Luth. Chester Co PA
- ..... +ACKER, Catharine m: in Lutheran Ch, New Hanover, Montgomery Co, PA # chldn: 1
- ..... 4 [2] ICKES, Johan Nicholas b: 1 Oct 1764 in Limerick (Philadelphia) PA d: 25 May 1848 in Ickesburg (Perry) PA Age at death: 83 # chldn: 19 1: 1790 Bought Chester Co farm from Johannes Hench 2: 1795 Moved to Cumberland Co (now Perry Co) 3: Founded Ickesburg, PA 4: Buried in Buffalo Cem, Saville Twp, Perry Co, PA 5: 9 Dec 1764 Baptised 6: 20 Apr 1783 in Confirmed 7: In Revo War. In DAR Records.
- ..... +CHRISTMAN, Mary Magdalena m: in Montgomery Co, PA # chldn: 6
- ..... 5 ICKES, Elizabeth b: 5 Oct 1787 in Montgomery Co, PA d: 2 Aug 1859 in Perry Co, PA Age at death: 71 # chldn:
- ..... +HENCH, Peter b: 1781 in Chester Co, PA m: Abt. 1807 in Perry Co, PA d: 31 Jan 1814 in Perry Co, PA Age at death: 33 est. # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Samuel b: 29 Mar 1788 in Montgomery Co, PA d: 3 Nov 1857 Age at death: 69 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Susannah b: 11 Feb 1791 d: 1792 Age at death: 0 est. # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Jonas, M.D. b: 3 Feb 1793 in Montgomery Co, PA d: 29 Mar 1889 in Perry Co, PA Age at death: 96 # chldn: 1
- ..... +DUNCAN, Mary d: 1868 in Perry Co, PA Age at death: ? # chldn: 1
- ..... 5 ICKES, Catharina b: 31 Dec 1795 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Nicholas b: 1797 # chldn:
- ..... \*2nd Wife of [2] Johan Nicholas Ickes:
- ..... +LOY, Susan m: 1797 in (Perry) PA # chldn: 13
- ..... 5 ICKES, Margaretha b: 4 Apr 1798 in (Cumberland) PA d: 11 Jul 1888 in (Perry) PA Age at death: 90 # chldn:
- ..... +RICE, John b: 29 May 1792 in PA d: 25 Jul 1855 in (Perry) PA Age at death: 63 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Magdalena b: 3 Jul 1799 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Michael b: 27 Mar 1801 # chldn: 7
- ..... +RICE, Sarah m: in (Perry) PA # chldn: 7
- ..... 5 ICKES, Jacob b: 26 Mar 1803 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, John Loy b: 3 Jun 1805 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Susannah b: 27 May 1807 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Esther b: 19 Jul 1809 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, George Loy b: 13 Apr 1813 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Nicholas, Jr b: 13 Oct 1815 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Anna Mary b: 24 Oct 1817 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Sarah b: 2 Aug 1819 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Elsie Eleanor (Ellen) b: 11 Jul 1823 # chldn:
- ..... 5 ICKES, Sophia b: 1 Sep 1826 # chldn:
- ..... 2 ICKES, Daughter 1 b: Abt. 1716 # chldn:
- ..... 2 ICKES, Johannes b: Abt. 1718 # chldn: 1
- ..... 3 ICKES, John b: 1740 in PA d: 1785 in PA (pvt Revo War) Age at death: 45 est. # chldn:

..... +KRAUSS, Margaret # chldn:  
 ..... 2 ICKES, Peter b: Abt. 1720 in Germany # chldn:  
 ..... +KEBNER, Dorothea m: 10 Dec 1771 in Lutheran Ch, New Hanover, Montgomery Co, PA # chldn:  
 ..... 2 ICKES, Daughter 2 b: Abt. 1723 # chldn:  
 ..... 2 ICKES, Daughter 3 b: Abt. 1726 # chldn:  
 ..... 2 ICKES, Georg "Henry" b: Abt. 1720 in Germany # chldn: 4 1: 1783 Henry Eakis appears on tax schedule for Berwick Twp, Montgomery Co. 2: Also look in Adams & York Counties.  
 ..... +WAGNERIN, Anna Elizabeth (?) m: Abt. 1756 in (Philadelphia) PA # chldn: 4 1: May have been "Wagnerin" because sponsors may be sisters.  
 ..... 3 ICKES, Anna "Barbara" b: 26 Jun 1759 in Hanover (Philadelphia) PA d: 2 Oct 1840 in W. Alexandra (Preble) OH Age at death: 81 # chldn: 12 1: 29 Jul 1759 Bapt St. Mathew's Lutheran in Hanover, G.T. Bahn, p.44 2: Sp: Jacob Wolfe and wife Anna Barbara  
 ..... +KLINGER, Philip b: 10 Nov 1753 in (Chester) PA m: 1779 in PA d: 10 Apr 1841 in Twin Twp (Preble) OH Age at death: 87 # chldn: 12 1: Listed as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War in a list of cemeteries. 2: 24 May 1841 Peter Klinger granted ltrs of adm. (17) 3: Cens: 1800 & 1810 (Cumberland) PA; 1820 & 1830 (Preble) OH 4: Cens: 1790 (Chester) PA  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, John b: 26 Mar 1780 # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, Jacob b: 1 Aug 1782 # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, Henry b: 20 Jul 1784 # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, Philip b: 11 Nov 1785 # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, George b: 13 Sep 1787 # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, Samuel b: 26 Oct 1789 # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, Jesse b: 12 Jul 1791 in Yellow Springs (Chester) PA d: Aug 1835 in Ft Wayne (Allen) IN Age at death: 44 est. # chldn: 6 3: 1830 (Preble) OH 5: ABT 1835 Ft Wayne IN 1: 1830 Twin Twp (Preble) OH  
 ..... +CASSEL, Elizabeth b: 4 Jul 1799 in Wytheville (Wythe) VA m: 8 Apr 1820 in (Preble) OH d: Abt. 1850 in Verona (Darke) OH Age at death: 50 est. # chldn: 6 3: 1840 Verona (Darke) OH 8: Guardianship papers Ft Wayne IN (?)  
 ..... 5 [3] KLINGER, Daniel Ritter b: 19 May 1821 in New Lexington (Preble) OH d: 4 Aug 1910 in Mansfield (Piatt) IL Age at death: 89 # chldn: 15 3: Mansfield (Piatt) IL 4: Farmer 5: Mansfield (Piatt) IL - homesteaded property 8: Mansfield (Piatt) IL 1: Mansfield, IL 1: 1860, 1870  
 ..... +MARSHALL, Sarah Jane b: Abt. 1825 in OH m: 1841 in (Preble) OH d: Abt. 1856 in (Preble) OH Age at death: 31 est. # chldn: 6  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of [3] Daniel Ritter Klinger:  
 ..... +GIFT, Elizabeth Alfretta b: 22 Dec 1834 m: Abt. 1857 in (Preble) OH d: 30 Oct 1871 in Mahomet (Piatt) IL Age at death: 36 # chldn: 6 1: 1871 Mahomet, IL (old cemetery)  
 ..... \*3rd Wife of [3] Daniel Ritter Klinger:  
 ..... +DAWSON, Barbara b: 1 Mar 1838 in Circleville (Pickaway) OH m: 20 Feb 1874 in \*Mansfield (Piatt) IL d: 27 Dec 1918 in Mansfield (Piatt) IL Age at death: 80 # chldn: 9 1: 1870  
 ..... 5 KLINGER, Joseph b: 28 Sep 1823 # chldn: 4: Remained single.  
 ..... 5 KLINGER, Peter b: 26 Oct 1825 # chldn:  
 ..... 5 KLINGER, Elizabeth "Lib" b: 14 Jan 1828 in OH d: 1871 in OH Age at death: 42 est. # chldn:  
 ..... +CARR, Married # chldn:  
 ..... 5 KLINGER, A.J. "Jack" b: 18 Mar 1830 in (Preble) OH d: 4 Nov 1915 in Greenville (Darke) OH Age at death: 85 # chldn: 8 3: Greenville (Darke) OH 4: Proprietor City Mills & Elevator (dealers in grain & seed) 6: in Obituary 1: Greenville (Darke) OH  
 ..... +WERT, Caroline m: 13 Jun 1856 in Greenville (Darke) OH d: 13 Mar 1915 in Greenville (Darke) OH Age at death: ? # chldn: 8 6: in Obituary  
 ..... 5 KLINGER, Samuel A. b: 10 Jun 1833 in OH # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, William b: 13 Apr 1793 # chldn:  
 ..... 4 KLINGER, Peter b: 20 Jun 1795 in Junata Twp (Cumberland) PA # chldn:  
 ..... +CASTLE, Catherine m: 21 Jan 1819 in (Preble) OH # chldn:

- ..... 4 KLINGER, Michael b: 31 May 1797 # chldn:
- ..... 4 KLINGER, Nicholas b: 15 Jan 1799 # chldn:
- ..... 4 KLINGER, Isaac b: 4 Jul 1803 # chldn:
- ..... 3 ICKES, Johan Michael b: 17 Nov 1761 # chldn: 1: Bapt. York Co. Church Records. Sp: Michael Jickes & Anna Maria Wagnerin
- ..... 3 ICKES, Susanna Marie b: 17 Jan 1764 # chldn: 1: 15 Jan 1764 Bapt. York Co. Church Records. Sp: Frederick Berling & Sussanna Wagnerin
- ..... 3 ICKES, Maria Christina b: 23 Mar 1768 in York Co, PA # chldn: 1: 23 Mar 1768 Bapt. York Co. Church Records. Sp: None

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