

2013, Dec 29 - Proof: William Greathouse In Twain: The Conflicting Timelines of William Greathouse of Northampton County, Pennsylvania

Problems: Early Greathouse researchers prematurely concluded that a William Greathouse of Upper Saucon, Northampton County, PA was responsible for creating all Greathouse records found in the county, without considering the possibility that there could have been two contemporary men by the name of William Greathouse, residing in their respective townships of Upper Saucon and Plainfield, Northampton County, PA between 1773 and 1784. The latter was a more plausible conclusion based upon both men's militia service alone.

- 1) William Greathouse of Upper Saucon, enlisted and served as a private in Cpt. John Robert's Company in 1778 and in Cpt. John Stahl's Company in 1783. Both companies were raised from Upper Saucon.
- 2) William Greathouse of Plainfield, enlisted and served as a Corporal in Cpt. Lewis Stacher's Company between 1780 and 1783. Cpt. Stacher's Company was raised from Plainfield, garrisoned at Fort Penn, present-day Stroudsburg, PA and tasked with preventing the Indians from using the mountain passes at Wind Gap, to attack the settlements in lower Northampton County. Wind Gap is located about 30 miles north of Upper Saucon.

Proof Summary: A compilation of evidence from Northampton County, PA strongly supports a conclusion that there were two men by the name of William Greathouse, who were residing in their respective townships of Upper Saucon and Plainfield between 1773 and 1784. Both men also married wives who were named Maria or Mary.

Footnotes:

- 1) William Greathouse of Upper Saucon was a documented resident of the township between 1772 and 1791. Between 1791 and 1792, he moved his family to Greenwood, Mifflin County, PA, where on 13 Nov 1792 he purchased Deer Lick, 200 acres from Henry Drinker. He resided in Greenwood, Mifflin County, PA through his death which occurred in 1804. He was buried in Thompson's Lock Cemetery, Thompsettown, present-day Juniata County, PA. The inscription on his headstone reads: In Memory of Wm Grothouse, who departed this life Sept 23rd 1804 in the 56 Year of his Age. The headstone of his wife Mary Owen Grothouse is located nearby. A William Grothouse, who was age 56 when he died in 1804, would have been born in 1748.

Article: [1792 - Land: Henry Drinker to William Grothouse, Mifflin County, PA](#)

Evidence follows:

William Greathouse of Upper Saucon		William Greathouse of Plainfield	
1770, Aug 16 – Northampton	Catechumen: St. John’s Lutheran Church, Easton, PA. William Grothouse Footnotes: 1) Either this record represents a William Grothouse, born 2 Aug 1748, who was preparing for confirmation at age 22 in 1770... Article: 1770 - Communion: William Grothouse, St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton	1770, Aug 16 – Northampton	Catechumen: St. John’s Lutheran Church, Easton, PA. William Grothouse Footnotes: 1) Or a William Grothouse, born between 1750 and 1752, who was preparing for confirmation at age 18-20 in 1770. Article: 1770 - Communion: William Grothouse, St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton
1772 – Northampton	Tax List: Upper Saucon, Single Freemen Thos. Owen William Rothaus [Grothaus]		
1773, Mar 22 – Northampton	Deed: Thomas Owen to William (Note: This William Grothouse of Upper Saucon, is listed as a cordwainer/shoemaker.) Article: 1773 - Deed: Thomas Owen to William Grothouse, 41 acres, Upper Saucon	1773, Aug 3 – Northampton	Land Warrant: William Krothouse, 10 Acres, Plainfield (Note: The William Grothouse in Plainfield Township was listed as a taylor/tailor in 1780.) Article: 1773 - Land Warrant: William Krothouse, 10 acres, Plainfield
		1775, Sep 10 – Northampton	Birth: John Leonard Greathouse , son of William and Maria Grothaus , born 10 Sep 1775, baptized 5 Nov 1775 at Plainfield Reformed Church by Rev. John William Weber . Sponsors: Johannes Leonhardt Beyer & Wife Article: 1775 - Baptism: John Leonard Grothaus, Plainfield Reformed Church
		1775, Nov 5 – Northampton	Baptism: John Leonard Greathouse , son of William and Maria Grothaus , born 10 Sep 1775, baptized 5 Nov 1775 at Plainfield Reformed Church by Rev. John William Weber . Sponsors: Johannes Leonhardt Beyer & Wife . Article: 1775 - Baptism: John Leonard Grothaus, Plainfield Reformed Church

<p>1778, May 14 – Northampton</p>	<p>1778, May 14 – Upper Saucon: Muster Roll of Capt. John Roberts Company, 1st Batt. North'ton Co., 2nd Class: William Grotehouse Source: First Battalion Northampton County Militia. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VIII. Page 87. Online: http://www.fold3.com/image/3420418/grotehouse</p>		
<p>1778, Jun 2 – Northampton</p>	<p>Oath of Allegiance: Return of Jacob Morry Esquire, Justice of the Peace, Upper Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA William Grothouse and David Owen took the oath before Jacob Morry. The following day, 3 Jun 1778, Morry delivered the oath to David Owen and Thomas Owen. Footnotes: 1) These entries provide evidence that the listed Owen men resided near William Grothouse. Jacob Morry was a resident of Upper Saucon Township. It is logical to believe he administered the oath to men residing in Upper Saucon Township or an adjacent Township. Upper Saucon is bounded by the townships of Lower Saucon, Salisbury and Upper Milford. Source: Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Vol 3, Names of Persons Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania Between the Years 1776 and 1794. Page 4: http://www.footnote.com/image/3072053; Page 5: http://www.footnote.com/image/3072057.</p>	<p>1778, Jul 2 – Northampton</p>	<p>Oath of Allegiance: Return of Lewis Stacher, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, Plainfield 135. July 2 - William Grothous 151. July 7 - Leonhard Beyer Footnotes: 1) Lewis Stacher was also Captain of the 4th and 6th companies of Plainfield Township, 2nd Battalion, Northampton County Militia, under whom William Grothous served as a Corporal between 1780-1783. It is logical to assume this William Grothous was also a resident of Plainfield Township or the surrounding area when his son, John Leonard was born on 10 Sep 1775 and baptized at Plainfield Reformed Church on 5 Nov 1775; when he took the oath in 1778 and while he was serving in the militia of the township from 1780-1783. Sources: Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Vol 3, Names of Persons Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania Between the Years 1776 and 1794. Page 4: http://www.footnote.com/image/3072053; Page 5: http://www.footnote.com/image/3072057. Plainfield Township, Northampton County, PA. Oath of Allegiance: Return of Lewis Stacher, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, Plainfield Township. William Grothous, line 135 – View @ Fold3: http://www.fold3.com/image/228574078. Leonhard Beyer, line 151 – View @ Fold3:</p>

			<p>http://www.fold3.com/image/228574054. Document photos by: Dick Musselman, Nazareth, PA, email: ram@enter.net.</p>
<p>1778, Aug 29 – Northampton</p>	<p>Estate Sale: Henry & Peter Zell Estate Sold at Public Vendue Aug 29, 1778 Page 436 William Grothouse, Saw and joiners tools,1 5 Source: Pennsylvania Archives; By Samuel Hazard, John Blair Linn, William Henry Egle, George Edward Reed, Thomas Lynch Montgomery, Pennsylvania Dept. of Public Instruction, Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth, Gertrude MacKinney, Pennsylvania State Library, Charles F Hoban, Secretary of the commonwealth, Pennsylvania General assembly. Published 1935 printed by J. Severns & co. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3242119/grothouse</p>		
		<p>1780 – Northampton</p>	<p>Tax List: Plainfield The following is a list of the taxable inhabitants of the present county of Northampton, together with their occupations, and the assessed value of their property in the year 1780. It is copied from the original "Return for Northampton County, of the eight-monthly tax. Beginning from the 1st of January to 31st of August, 1780." Grothouse, William taylor 48 Source: http://ftp.rootsweb.ancestry.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/northampton/history/local/davis/davis08.txt</p>
		<p>1780 – Northampton</p>	<p>May 16 – Plainfield: Muster Roll of Capt. Lewis Stacher's Company, 2nd Batt. North'ton Co. Corp's William Grothouse Source: Second Battalion Northampton County Militia. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VIII.</p>

			<p>Page 122. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3421090/grothouse Source: Ibid., PH & MC.</p>
		1781 – Northampton	<p>Apr 10 – Plainfield: A List of the 4th Company of the 2d Battalion of Militia of Northampton County, Captain Lewis Stacher. Corporal, William Grothouse Source: Second Battalion Northampton County Militia. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VIII. Page 138. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3421464/grothouse Source: Ibid., PH & MC.</p>
		1781 – Northampton	<p>July – Plainfield: A Class Roll of Fourth Company of the Second Battalion of the Northampton County Militia, Captain Lewis Stacher. Corporal, Will'm Grothouse I do hereby Certify that the above Class Roll is a trued Class Roll of my Company. Witness my hand the 30th Day of Nov'r 1782. Lewis Stacher, Capt. Source: Second Battalion Northampton County Militia. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VIII. Page 148. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3421257/grothouse Source: Ibid., PH & MC.</p>
		1781 – Northampton	<p>Sep 1 – Plainfield: A Class Roll of Capt. Stacher's Company, Captain Lewis Stacher. Corporal, William Grothouse Source: Second Battalion Northampton County Militia. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VIII. Page 149. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3421271/grothouse Source: Ibid., PH & MC.</p>
1781 – Northampton	Tax List: Upper Saucon William Grothous; 1L . 7s . 6p		
		1782 – Northampton	<p>April 18 – Plainfield: A Class Roll of the Fourth Company of Militia of the Second Battalion of</p>

			<p>Northampton County delivered to the Lieutenant of the County by Captain Lewis Stacker. Corporal, William Grothouse I do Certify that the above Class Roll is a true Class Roll of my company. Witness my hand the 30th day of Nov'r 1782. Lewis Stacker, Capt. Source: Second Battalion Northampton County Militia. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VIII. Page 173: William Grothouse. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3421451/grcthouse Page 175: William Grothouse. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3421464/grothouse Source: Ibid., PH & MC.</p>										
1783 – Northampton	<p>Upper Saucon: A Class Roll of Captain John Stahl's 5th Company, 4th Battalion, Northampton County Militia, 2nd Class: W'm Grothouse Source: Fourth Battalion Northampton County Militia. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VIII. Page 360. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3530652/grothouse Source: Ibid., PH & MC.</p>												
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1785 – Northampton	<p>William Grothouse listed as a neighbor of David Snyder in Upper Saucon Township. Page 67: #679</p>												

	<p>David SNYDER, Upper Saucon, yeoman 22/8/1785 – 1/10/1785 Esther wife Children: Jacob, Catherine, John et al. Neighbors Abraham Snyder, John Geissinger and Philip Sharry Z. William Grothouse Witness Source: <u>Will Abstracts of Northampton County, Pennsylvania 1752-1802</u></p>												
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1789 – Northampton	<p>Dec 3 – William Grothouse listed as warrentee of land.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Acres Surveyed</p> <p>Grothouse, Wm. 15 . 110 Dec 3, 1789</p> <p>Source: Provincial Papers: Warrantees of Land in the Several Counties of the State of Pennsylvania. 1730 – 1898. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Volume XXVI. Page 84. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/3372821/grothouse</p>		
1790 – Northampton	<p>U.S. census, population schedule</p> <p>William Grothouse household, Upper Saucon, Northampton; NARA microfilm publication M637, roll 3.</p> <p>males: 16 and up: 1 [William]; females: 5.</p>		
1790 – Northampton	<p>Mary Owen Grothouse, the wife of William Grothouse is mentioned as a child of David Owen in his will.</p> <p>Page 52 #529 David OWEN, Upper Saucon, yeoman 26/7/1786 – 29/6/1790 Sarah wife Executor Children: David, Joseph, Jonathan, Nathan, Lydia, Sarah (wife of Jonathon Scot of Upper Milford) Co-Executor, Rachael (wife of Samuel Bachman), Mary (wife of William GROTHOUSE), Abigail (wife of Jacob Zieglerfuss).</p> <p>Mentions Sarah, Owen and Hannah daughter of son Thomas deceased; land of in Lower Saucon and Salisbury: lands of Ehrhart Weaver, George Hall, Matthias Egner, Michael Zeisler and David Smith.</p> <p>J Okely, George Hall, Christopher Hansel</p>		

	<p>Witnesses. Source: <u>Pennsylvania Births: Northampton County 1733-1800</u> by John T. Humphrey</p>		
1791 – Northampton	<p>William Grothouse, husband of Mary Owen Grothouse, serves as the executor for his brother-in-law's, David Owen, estate. Page 52 #526 David OWEN, Upper Saucon, yeoman 17/3/1791 Probate 10-/5/1791 Margaret wife Executor Children: Elizabeth, Hannah, Solomon, David Brother-in-law William GROTHOUSE Executor Abraham Seider Executor Christian Clymer, Conrad Brinker, Witness Abraham Sellers Witness to renuncn. Of executor of will. Source: <u>Pennsylvania Births: Northampton County 1733-1800</u> by John T. Humphrey</p>		
1792 – Mifflin	Grote, House , 300 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow.		
1793 – Mifflin	Assessments: Greenwood Grotehouse, William , 180 acres, 2 horses, 4 cows.		
1794 – Mifflin	Assessments: Greenwood Grotehouse, William , 170 acres, 1 still, 2 horses, 6 cows.		
1799 – Mifflin	Assessments: Greenwood Grothouse, William , 182 acres, house lots & cows. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/67084510		
1800 – Mifflin	Census: William Grothouse household, Greenwood, Mifflin County, page 486; NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 37. males: 10-15 yrs: 2; 45 yrs and over: 1 [William]; females: 10-15 yrs: 1; 16-25 yrs: 2; 26-44 yrs: 1; 45		

	yrs and over: 1 [Mary]. 1) William Grothouse , age 45 yrs and over, born before 1755. 2) Mary Grothouse , age 45 yrs and over, born before 1755. 3) Female, age 26-44 yrs, born 1756-1774. 4) Female, age 16-25 yrs, born 1775-1784. 5) Female, age 16-25 yrs, born 1775-1784. 6) Male, age 10-15 yrs, born 1785-1790. 7) Male, age 10-15 yrs, born 1785-1790. 8) Female, age 10-15 yrs, born 1785-1790.		
1802 – Mifflin	Assessments: Greenwood Groathouse, William, house, lot, distillery, horse & c. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/67084513		
1803 – Mifflin	Assessments: Greenwood Groathouse, William, mare, oxen & cows. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/67084514		
1804 – Mifflin	Assessments: Greenwood Groathouse, William, horse, cows and stere. Online: http://www.footnote.com/image/67084517		