

**JOHANN ADAM BIBLE SENIOR AND HIS SONS,
JOHANN CHRISTIAN BIBLE AND ADAM BIBLE, JUNIOR**

In June of 1775, forty-seven year old Johann Adam Biebel (Bible), Sr., who was born in Goersdorf , Alsace in 1728, was a member of the Augusta County, Virginia, militia company of Captain John Skidmore, at Fort Henckel, Virginia. The family had lived at the fort at least as early as 1770, as two of their children were born there in 1770 and 1772.

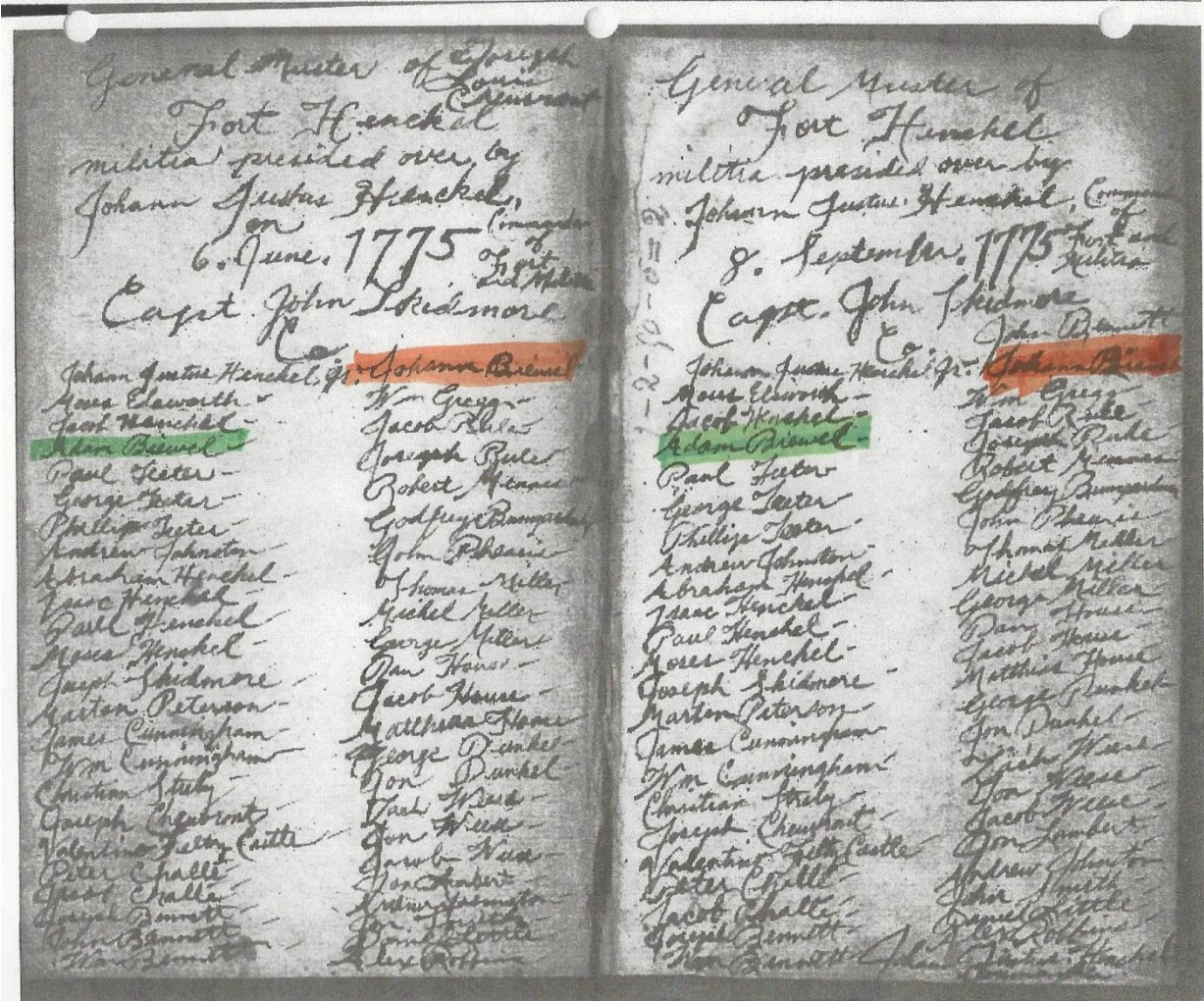
Twenty-three year old Johann Christian Biebel (Bible), who was the son of Johann Adam Biebel (Bible), Sr. and his wife Maria Eva {Mueller} Biebel (Bible), was also a member of the same militia company. Johann Christian Biebel (Bible) had been born in January of 1752, in the German settlements of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, (now Montgomery County), after his parents arrived in November, 1750.

Fort Henckel was built between 1760-62, by Johann Justus “Jost” Henckel, the patriarch of a large German family. He was the overall commander of the fort, which sheltered men and horses and furnished supplies to Virginia militia troops who were headed further west, especially during Lord Dunmore’s War. The fort was located deep in the Allegheny Mountains on the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River in what is now Pendleton County, West Virginia.

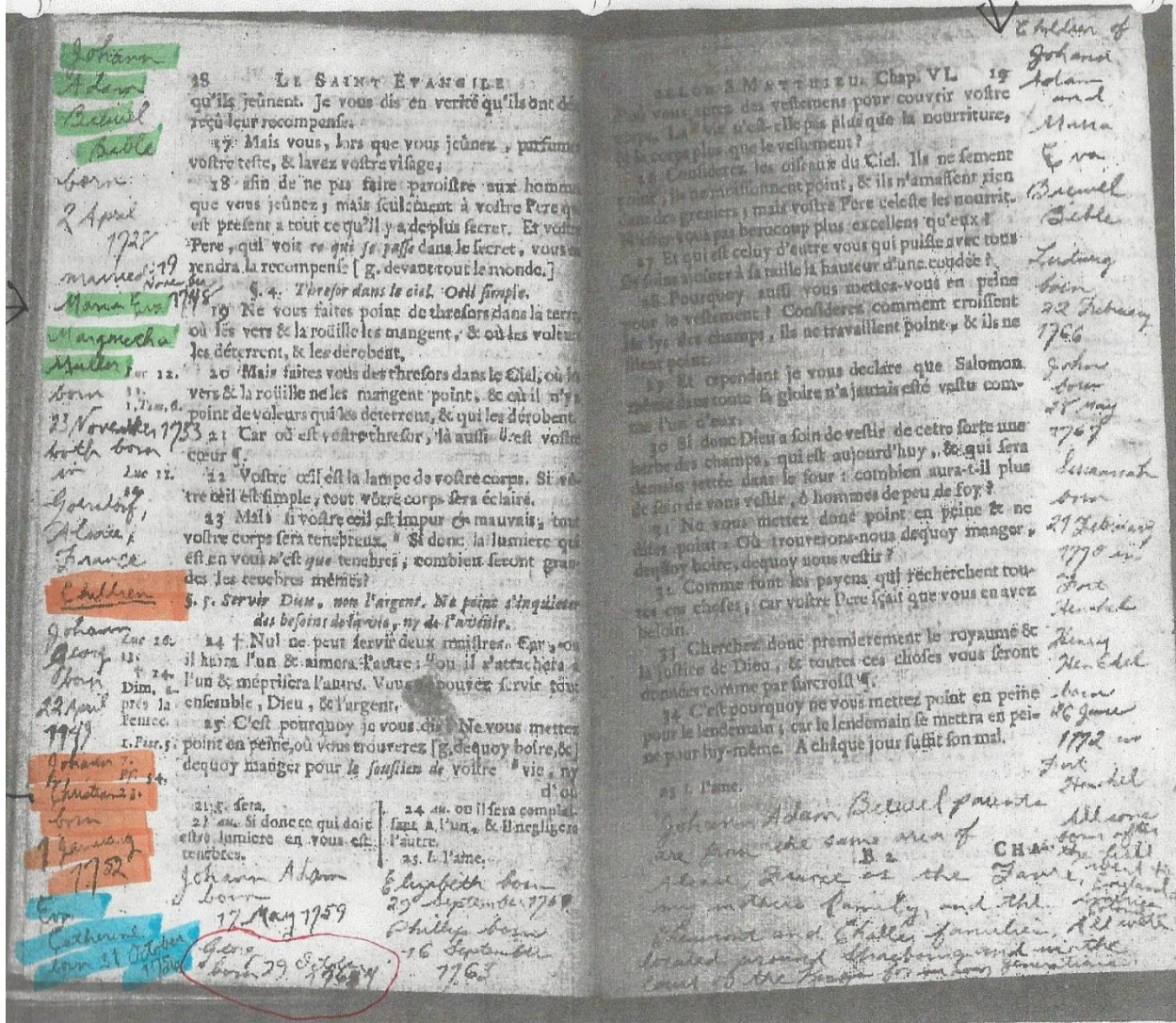
The women of the fort served in making ammunition, bandages, caring for horses and serving as nurses. It was a well-organized operation that served the small community well. Maria Eva Biebel (Bible) who was born in Alsace, and her daughter Eva Catherine, born in Pennsylvania in 1756, both served in the production of ammunition. The mother is recorded as having been the “head of ammunition.”

The muster roll, as well as genealogical information pertaining to the forty-seven men in the militia company of Capt. John Skidmore, was recorded by a young French blacksmith from Alsace, who also served as the company clerk for Captain Skidmore. His name was Joseph Louis Chevront. He later married a granddaughter of old “Jost” Henckel the builder and commander of the fort....and became a renowned early day Methodist minister in what is now West Virginia and Ohio.

The information was recorded on blank pages and in page margins of a 1672 dated French language New Testament, owned by Joseph Louis Chevront. On the muster roll Chevront wrote the Biebel surname as Biewel, but elsewhere in the records of the New Testament, he wrote it as *Johann Adam Biewel Bible born 2 April 1727 married 19 November 1748 Maria Eva Margaretha Müller born 23 November 1733 both born in Goersdorf Alsace France.* Joseph Louis Chevront was at Yorktown when British General Cornwallis surrendered, to Americans and French.



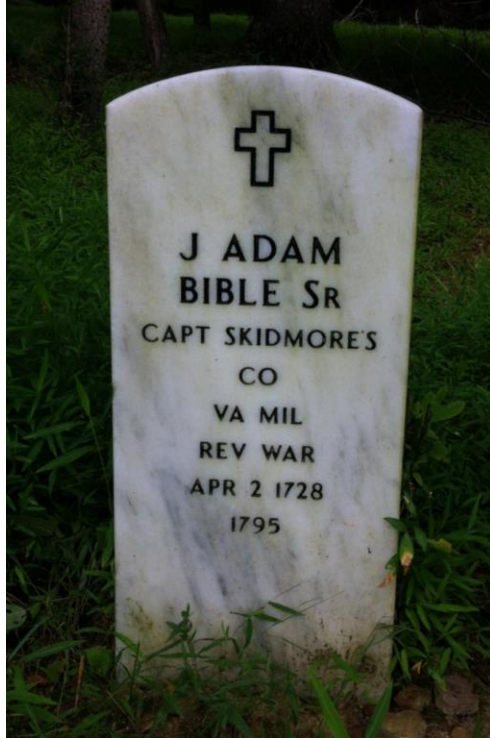
The muster rolls for Capt. John Skidmore's Company of Augusta County, Virginia Militia for 6 June 1775 and 8 September 1775 recorded in the 1672 dated French language New Testament of Joseph Louis Cheuvront, have been certified by the Library of Virginia.



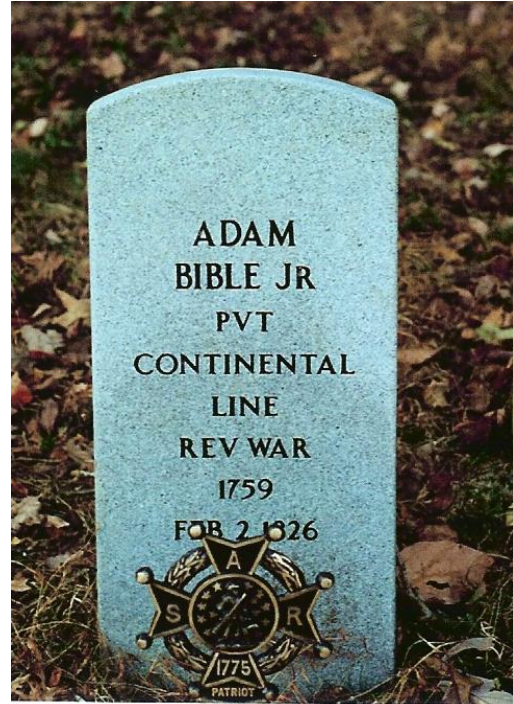
Later Adam Bible, Jr., another son living at Fort Henckel, joined the 8th Virginia regiment of the Continental Line. He served under Colonel (later General) Peter Muhlenberg, the son of their old German pastor of their church at New Hannover, Pennsylvania.

Adam Bible, Sr., and his wife Maria Eva Bible, are buried on their old farm in the Brock's Gap or Fulk's Run area of Rockingham County, Virginia, just over Shenandoah Mountain from the location of Fort Henckel. Their son Adam Bible, Jr., and his wife Magdelina (Shoemaker) Bible are also buried there.

Their oldest son was Christian Bible, who would soon become the patriarch ancestor of all the Bible Families originating in Greene County, Tennessee. The father Adam Bible, Sr., and his sons Christian Bible and Adam Bible, Jr., have Revolutionary War grave-markers.



Bible Farm, Rockingham County, VA



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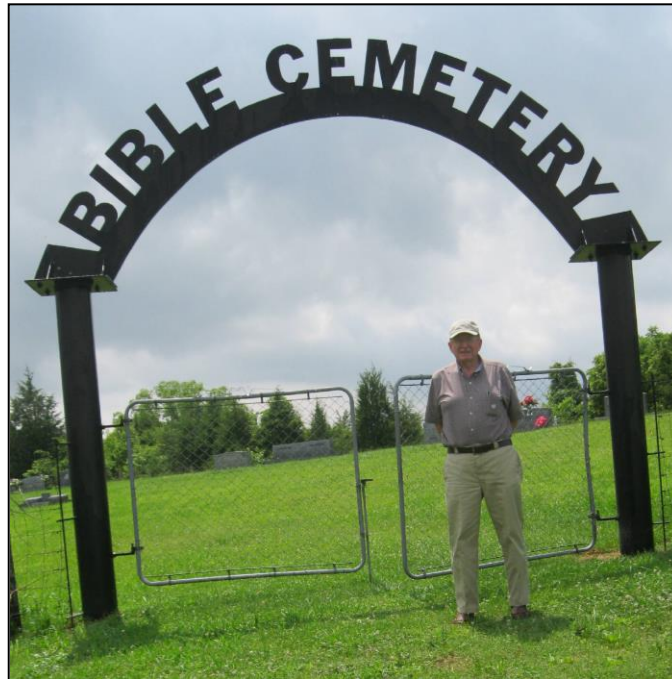
**Bible Family Cemetery, "Gum Springs"
Greene County, Tennessee
1790 Greene County, Tennessee**

The oldest son, Christian, moved to Greene County, Tennessee about 1790. He is buried in the Bible Family Cemetery at Gum Spring, near Warrensburg, (Greene County) Tennessee.

Two other sons, John Bible and Phillip Bible came to Greene County. John Bible married Rebecca Coffelt, in Greene County, in 1802, but later moved to what is now Marion County, Tennessee, west of Chattanooga. Two of his sons married into the Cherokee Indian tribe and their descendants are found on the early tribal rolls in Oklahoma.

Phillip Bible settled on Little Chucky Creek just upstream from his brother Christian Bible and lived out his life in Greene County.

The next child born was Johan Christian Biebel, who was born in Philadelphia County - now Montgomery County- Pennsylvania on January 7, 1752. This child, Christian Bible, was living in Greene County, Tennessee by the 1790s.



Donahue Bible at the well preserved and maintained Bible Family Burial Ground in Greene County, TN

[For further information on this Bible Family, originally, from Alsace prior to their migration to Pennsylvania, Virginia, and later Tennessee, please refer to the November 2017 issue of the Greene County Pioneer.]