

**MICHAEL NEHS/NEAS/NEESE and Son, JOHANNES 'JOHN' NEHS
Soldier, Virginia**

Both Michael and his son, Johannes, are documented Soldiers of the Revolution by the D.A.R., who served under Captain Jacob Holman of the Dunsmore County, Virginia Militia. Michael was born in Germany and died in Greene County, TN on July 15, 1815. His wife was Margaretha Zerkel [1736-1796], said to have died in Virginia prior to the family's migration to Greene County, TN.



**Michael Nehs
St. James Lutheran Church Cemetery
Greene County, TN**

Find-A-Grave Biography

Michael was born 11 July 1730 and christened on 12 July 1730. His christening name was Michel Naess (or maybe Naass). At this time I am unable to read the parish records as to the exact location but it was the Mitschdorf area. Michael was the second of four children born to Michel Nehs and Anna Dorothea Pfeiffer.

Michael arrived in Philadelphia with his parents, Michael and Anna Dorothea, his grandfather, Mathias; and who are believed to be his 5 uncles, Johan, Dewald, Georg, Mathias and Jacob. Mathias Jr arrived with his wife, Anna Katherina and their 3 children - Magdalena, Jacob and Katherina. Maria Barbara Nehs traveled with the group and is believed by some to be the wife of Mathias Sr. The family's surname was recorded as "Nehs" on the ship records and when they took their oaths of allegiance.

Michael's family settled in Bucks county Pennsylvania. Michael was married to Margred (Margaret) Maria Zirkle on 6 Mar 1753 by Rev. Frederick Schultz of Indian Field Lutheran Church in Franconia Township (now in Montgomery county). Shortly after his marriage he relocated to a 360 acre

tract of land on the north fork of the Shenandoah River in Virginia.

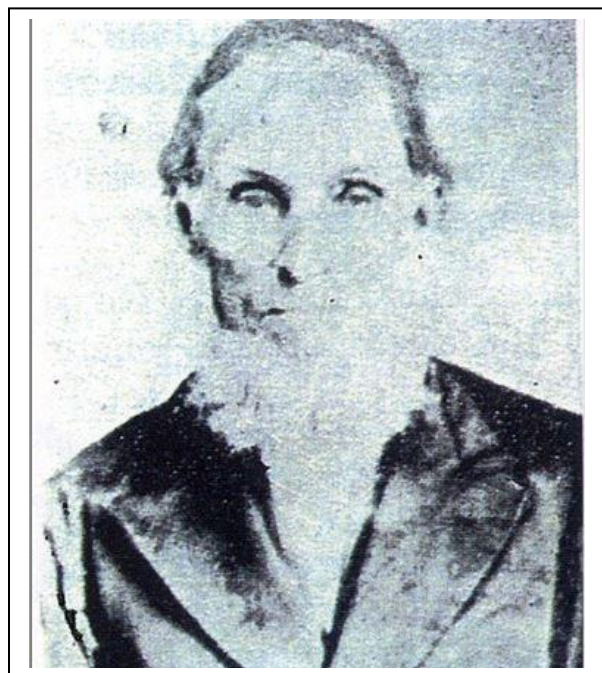
The church records at Pine Church in the Shenandoah valley Virginia lists Michael and Margaret as the parents of 5 children; Johannes, Dorothea, Adam and the twins, Eva and Elisabeth.

Michael again relocated in 1801 after the death of his wife to Greene county Tennessee with two of his children.

I have been asked to change the spelling of the last name to Neese because there was a marker added to the grave at a much later date that has that spelling. I have decided to retain the spelling of Nehs as it is spelled that way in his will and all other records. I believe that whoever had the later marker made used the Neese spelling incorrectly. If someone has a picture of the original marker which shows the name spelled "Neese" then I will consider changing the spelling.

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D.A.R. records state Michael's son, Johannes 'John' was born on January 8, 1758. His wife was Elizabeth Rausch. John died July 28, 1830 and he, too, is buried in St. James Cemetery.



WILL OF MICHAEL NEHS

Michael Nehs died.

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Tuesday 25th July 1815 Will proven by John Nease Jr. and John Renner and ordered to be recorded. Geo & C Nease the Executor gave bond with John Nease, Security, in \$1600. and qualified Jins. S. P. O.

Will. "In the name of God Amen. I Michel Nehs of the County of Green and state of Tennessee, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I therefore think proper to make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner and form: First I recomend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I comit to the earth to be buried in a christian deacent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors. And as touching such worldly estate and property wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and

bequeath it in the following manner and form. First I give and bequeath unto my three daughters namely Dolly the wife of Henry Rausk. Eve the wife of Philip Hearpine and Elisabeth the Wife of Michel Ditamore all my real and personal Estate which I now possess to be equally divided amongst them, if living. If dead or should die before either of their husbands then it shall be given to their children, And as my daughter Dolly hath already received to the amount of two hundred and eighty one dollars and 66 cents and Elisabeth hath received to the amount of five hundred and fifty two dollars and 32 cents And Eve hath received to the amount of Six hundred and twenty six Dollars, it is therefore my Will that my Estate should be so divided that these my three daughters, should

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receive agreeable to what they have already received to ~~as~~ to make them even. And as for my two sons John and Adam and their heirs I consider them that they have received their full portion. But as my son John has had the trouble of keeping me and nursing me for several years, I will that he should have my house clock and should be first of all amply rewarded so as to make full satisfaction for his trouble. I further Will that that estate I leave except my money shall be sold at publick sale and then as above mentioned equally divided amongst my three daughters. Further I do order, constitute and appoint my trusty friend and Grandson George Nehs to be my Executor of this my last Will and

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Testament, and I do hereby
disannull, revoke and revoke
all my former Wills, Testaments
and Executors previous to this ^o
and do declare this to be my
last Will and Testament In
witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and (P 69) seal
this 8th day of May
in the year of our
Lord 1815

Signed and sealed
in the presence of

foreigners

Michel Neks Seal.