

German Settlers in the Holston Territory

ANTHONY LINDER

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Anthony purchased land in Washington County (part of the Loyal Company Grant) and settled there in 1769. His initial land was in the Rich Valley near Chestnut Ridge (northeast of Abingdon), but by the time the first surveys were recorded in Washington County in 1782 he was living on the North Fork of the Holston River about 2½ miles downstream from the present Highway 19 bridge. His immediate up-stream neighbor was Frederick GOBBLE; Jacob MUNGLE was about 1 mile up-stream. Just to his south, in the Raccoon Valley, were John ZION and Philip GOBBLE. His down-stream neighbor was his brother-in-law, Abraham NEWLAND, and beyond him, John FROST.

Anthony and Mary LINDER moved southwestward into Tennessee in 1795, but three of their sons and three daughters retained their association with Washington County. Elizabeth LINDER married George GOBBLE, son of Frederick; they spent their lives in Washington County. Jemima LINDER married John GOBBLE, another son of Frederick; She is said to have died in Washington County at the age of 102 years. Sarah LINDER married Michael FLEENOR, one of Washington County's more successful early land-owners. George LINDER continued to farm a portion of his father's farm on the North Fork. A LINDER-surname descendent of his lives on Smith Creek today. Two other sons, Isaac LINDER and William LINDER, were in Washington County for about twenty-five years after their parents left, and then they, too, moved on westward. Three other children of Anthony and Mary moved into Tennessee with their parents; one other LINDER recorded in Washington County records through most of the 1800's, Abram LINDER, is believed to have been a grandson of Anthony and Mary LINDER who returned to Washington County from Tennessee.

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*Give me wide walls to build my house of life,
The North shall be of love against the winds of fate,
The South of tolerance that I may out reach hate
The East of faith that rests bright and clear each day
The West of hope that even dies a glorious way
The floor beneath my feet shall be humility
The roof the sky itself, infinity,
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---Gustav Viegeland, Norway's Sculptor
Fragner in Oslo*

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Dear Mrs. Edwards,

The September issue of the Holston Pastfinder listed a few of the early families who were of German origin. I am enclosing notes on another of those, Anthony Linder. I have been trying to trace all of his descendents, at least through four generations, so I have made a number of visits to the courthouse at Abingdon, and have searched other records of the general Holston area. It is interesting to note that those who moved westward from southwest Virginia in the early years tended to seek settlements where there were others from the same area whom they had probably known and grown up with. Thus the influence of their German origin continued through two or more generations. After about two generations that influence is not so evident, and those with other origins appear.

I enjoy the Pastfinder; it is quite carefully edited, with a range of topics, and virtually no errors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Isham Linder', written in dark ink.

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