

## MOHLER

The origin of the name is German. Genealogists are inclined to believe this name as well as similar ones as Moler, Moller and Mueller are derived from Latin “Molarris” which means grinding. All are translatable into the name “miller”.

Armes: per fesse, or and azure, a horse reared up. This is one of the armes recorded for the name Mohler or Moler by J.B. Reitstap Amorial General. Each one is described by Halberts in the appendix. The insignia, a horse reared up, originated in Nuremberg and was used in southern Germany before the dating of authorized insignia in 1464-1483. At that time the Heralds College was founded to begin recording and dating coats of armes in Germany. It is one of the oldest armes and since the insignia is the horse, it probably originates from the Saxon device before 1100 AD and perhaps from as far back as 800 AD. In French the armes are described as Coupe d' or sur azur; a un cheval cabre au nat br, sur le toat. Per fesse denotes a shield divided by a horizontal line in the center. Or is the color gold and azure is the color blue.

In Switzerland, J.P. Zwicky, a licensed professional genealogist in Zurich was quite familiar with the name Mohler or Moler and said the family was from around Basel, Switzerland. The Staatsarchive, Des Kantons, Bern confirms “the Mohlers are natives since long ago in several townships of Basel-land, Switzerland.” Staatsarchive could find no record of Ludwig Mohler. It is concluded this was because he was taken to Germany by his parents before he was five years old. Peter Stocklin of Diegten, Switzerland found that Mohler is an old race proved before 1500. A Rudi Moler was warden of Eptigen in 1461. In 1467 a document says Ruotsch Moler was from High Dietkon (the old spelling of Diegten). Joggi Mohler, an innkeeper from Oberdiegen led a farmer’s war for which he was decapitated July 14, 1653 by the city of Basel. In 1953, 300 years later, a celebration was held in his memory throughout Basel-land.

Some writers have tried to trace Ludwig’s ancestors in Germany and list:

Martin Moeller of Wittenberg Born 1547, Died 1606 or  
Johann Moeller of Drachenberg Born 1611, Died 1651 or  
Johann Moeller of Erfurt Born 1610, Died 1657 or  
Johann Moeller of Greiffenberg Born 1623, Died 1680.

Dr Fritz Braun of Kaiserlautern found in the records of the Old Reformed Church at Hassloch, a village not far from Darmstadt in Hessen, that Mathes Mohler and his wife Gretha (Margaretha) were members there in 1700. The record showed that they were from Switzerland “von der Schweiz” as it reads in German. The same words are on the original tombstone of Ludwig who died at Ephrata, Pennsylvania. It is history that many people left Switzerland about that time for religious reasons but clung to the distinction that they were Swiss, “von der Schweiz”. Mathes Sr. wed Margarethea about 1696.

The Hasslock records show that Mathes and Gretha had at least seven children: Mathes Jr., birthplace not recorded, born 1697, died August 19, 1712 in Hasslock; Maria

Elisabeth, baptized June 5, 1700, married in Hasslock, Frederick Zapp; Anna Elisabeth, baptized November 6, 1701; Johann George, baptized August 12, 1703; Johann Ludwig, baptized November 22, 1705; Johann Henrich born September 29, 1711; Anna Margaretha, born about 1712, married Conrad Seybert. The fact that the name Johann was given to three sons was not unusual in that section of Germany in those days. It was considered a sort of title and referred to the beloved disciple. The connection to the Mohlers who emigrated to America is uncertain considering the facts that follow but it is believed that the fifth child was baptized at birth and again in 1705. It is suggested that because of the other children and the exigencies of moving he may have been left with relatives in Switzerland for awhile and was baptized in Hasslock, 22 November 1705, when he was rejoined with the rest of the family.

Ludwig (born April 4, 1696, died aged 58 January 6, 1754) came to America with his wife Anna (born May 22, 1698, died December 23, 1772, aged 74) in 1730. They arrived in Philadelphia on August 29, from Rotterdam, Holland by way of Cowes, England from which they departed on June 19, 1730. Their voyage was made on the ship "Thistle", Colin Dunlop, Master. This was the eleventh ship listed that brought Germans to Pennsylvania. The first arrived September 18, 1727. The 260 passengers on the vessel were listed as Palatines and only 77 males over 16 years of age were registered by name. Upon arrival all were sworn before the governor and several city magistrates. Ludwig is recorded to have signed his surname interchangeably as Moler once and Mohler twice while en route and upon taking the oath of allegiance.

Family tradition holds that Ludwig had originally intended to settle in New Jersey. However, while on board the "Thistle" he met and became influenced by the Seventh Day Adventist clergyman, Peter Miller who founded the cloisters at Ephrata. Miller persuaded Ludwig to go to Ephrata instead. Ludwig purchased 110 acres of land from William Penn in 1735 and 81 more in 1741. The deed can be found in the Lancaster County Courthouse where he settled in that county with his wife and four sons. Monuments to the establishment of the family are the stone Mohler Meeting House (the Dunkard Church of the Brethren) and the white stone and brown stone houses built by Henry and Jacob. Jacob's is the oldest built in 1767. All are still standing in 1999. Ludwig probably wed Anna about 1714 because their oldest child had to be born before 1714 in order to be less than 16 years of age when he sailed on the "Thistle" with his parents. The issue were Ludwig Jr. born after 1714, (ca.1726?) died after May 7, 1776 aged 62 (-); Henry born after 1714 died April, 1774 aged 60 (-); George Adam born after 1714 died November 1783 aged 69 (-); Jacob born after 1714, died unknown. Ludwig Jr., Henry and Jacob obtained naturalization papers in Philadelphia on April 11, 1761 whereby the Naturalization Act of 1740 required applicants to have been in this country over seven years. (George Adam had moved to Virginia by 1761).

Ludwig Jr. is believed to be Johann Ludwig's eldest son. Genealogists differ on the number, rank and existence of Johann Ludwig's sons but the foregoing record of Ludwig, Henry, George and Jacob is the best substantiation by virtue of the records at Conestoga

Church, the naturalization record cited above and C.C. Moler's case for Ludwig as follows:

This writing by Clyde C. Moler is the only one we know of that even suggests a Ludwig Jr. We could not escape it because of seven records found.

1. The Lancaster County Conestoga Dunker Church records show Ludwig Mohler and wife baptized in 1738. Other writers have assumed this to have been Ludwig Sr. and wife. Because of later records we believe this was Ludwig Jr. Ludwig Sr. was 42 years old at the time and being of a strict faith which required baptism shortly after marriage he would most certainly have been baptized before coming to America in 1730.

2. In the Daughters of the American Revolution Library, Washington D.C., the Lancaster Pennsylvania tax list of 1751-1758 by Albert H. Gerberich and Gaius Brumbaugh show that in 1756 Ludwig Mohler (Sr.) paid taxes on 120 acres in Earl township to collector Rudy Stone (Rudolph Steiner, an early maker of grandfather clocks in Ephrata). This was over two years after Ludwig Sr. died in 1754.

3. Pennsylvania Archives, Volume II, page 356 shows that Ludwick Mohler of Lancaster County and of faith "who conscientiously scruple to take an oath" obtained naturalization papers in Philadelphia, April 11, 1761. The same record shows that Henry and Jacob Mohler of Lancaster County, who all writers agree were sons of Ludwig Sr. obtained naturalization papers in the same court on the same day April 10 and 11, 1761 (this date is confirmed). These three are the only Mohlers who appear on the record in Pennsylvania during the 36 years before the Revolution during which naturalization was available. Their brother George had already moved to Virginia.

4. Frederick County, Maryland land records Liber M. Folio 568 show that on November 8, 1769 Lodowick Moler, a farmer of Frederick County bought 230 acres of land called "Range" just south of the Pennsylvania line from Nicholas Cope for 650 pounds, Pennsylvania currency.

At the request of Lodowick Moler the following deed was recorded November 8, 1769 wherein Nicholas Cope of Frederick County sold to Ludwick Moler of the same county, farmer, for 650 pounds Pennsylvania currency that part of a tract of land called the Range, lying in Frederick County on the Little Pipe Creek containing 230 acres of land together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereon. The record was signed by Niclus Cop (sic) and witnessed by Jos. Wood and (illegible). The endorsement by Nickolas Cope, and examination of his wife Catherine's rights to the property were acknowledged on the back of the deed by Jos. Wood and Wm. Blair. Another notation is as follows: Received Nov. 8, 1769 of Lodowick Moler Nine shillings and two pence, half penny sterling, an alienation fine on the within land (above) by order of Daniel St. Thomas Jenifer Esq. his Lordships agent. Signed Chris R. Edelen

5. Frederick County, Maryland records Liber V Folio 480 show that on May 13, 1774 Ludwick Mohler sold 30 acres of land part of "Range" purchased Nov. 8, 1769 to Jacob Harmon for 100 pounds Pennsylvania currency.

At the request of Jacob Harmon a deed was recorded on the 13th day of May 1774 in re an indenture made the 26th day of April 1774 between Ludwick Moler of Frederick County and Province of Maryland, farmer and Jacob Harmon of said place "Yeoman" whereby Ludwick Moler in consideration of 100 pounds common lawful money of Maryland paid him by Jacob Harmon gave grant to a certain parcel of land lying in Frederick County being part of a tract called "Range" surveyed for Richard Crop (sic) amounting to 30 acres. Ludwick Moler made his mark "M" witnessed by Upton Thorodine and William Beatty. On the back of the deed, "At the same time came Honor (Anna?) Moler, wife of said Ludwick Moler who was examined (regarding her rights to the property) by Upton Thorodine and Wm. Beatty.

6. Frederick County, Maryland land record Liber W Folio 362 show that on May 7, 1776 Ludwick Mohler sold 230 acres of land called "Range" just south of the Pennsylvania line to Peter Shits (pronounced Sheets) of York County, Pennsylvania for 1,600 pounds Pennsylvania currency. Ludwick Molor made his mark "M" on this document.

Examined and delivered to Peter Shits 4th June 1779. At the request of Peter Shits a deed was recorded on the 7th day of May 1776. The document states Ludwick Moler of Frederick County, for consideration of the sum of 1,600 pounds, Pennsylvania currency sold to Peter Shits of York County ,Pennsylvania that part of a tract of land lying in Frederick County situated on Little Pipe Creek called the "Range" containing 230 acres of land more or less. Together with all buildings, improvements, advantages and appurtenances, edifices, orchards, gardens, water, woods, timber and easements. (Boundaries are cited in detail on folio 362). Lodowick Moler made his mark in the presence of Upton Thorodine and Tabitha Richardson. Ludwig's wife Anna was examined regarding her rights to the property above by Upton Thorodine and Wm. Beatty. Note: Other records of interest in Frederick County land records regard Peter Schill of Cumberland County Pennsylvania in 1783; Peter Sheets April 14 and October 2, 1797 and Peter Shutt April 3,1797. Peter Sheetz left an estate of 1,891 pounds, 16 shillings and 9 pence to a widow and children administered by Catherine Hartman, dated April 3, 1787 in Frederick County.

7. C.M. Mohler of Ipsilonlanti, Michigan stated Paul Mohler saw a deed signed by Ludwig Mohler dated 1761 or 1766 at least seven years after Ludwig Sr.'s death.

Ludwig came to Frederick County from Earl township, Lancaster County with the general migration of Germans about 1740 to settle at Pipes Creek in the vicinity of Keymar and Detour. We have found no further record of Ludwig Jr. after 1776 but the above evidence convinces us that there was a Ludwig Jr. (See below for proof - The Information found in the First Reformed Church of Baltimore on page 7). In addition, Ludwig Jr. received a grant of 81 acres from the Penn's adjoining and to the north of his father's 110 acres which was surveyed.

Henry born 1718 was baptized 1739 on the occasion of his marriage to Elizabeth (Landis?) at Conestoga Dunker Church. His children were Christian, born 1740/41 (He had a son, Jacob); Henry born 1740/42; John, born 1742/43; Jacob, born 1744; Mary and Elizabeth. Hans Henry had 70 acres surveyed for him on June 12, 1751. On January 10, 1763 he and his wife conveyed 96 of their 140 acres to their son Henry. In 1771 son Henry was assessed for 175 acres, 2 horses and 4 cattle in Lancaster County. This was still in the hands of the Mohler family in the mid 20th century. It contains the white stone house just east of the Mohler Church. Henry was on the tax list of Cocalico Township in 1780.

George was baptized and married Eva Horn at Conestoga Church in 1739 also. He went to Virginia in 1751. His children were Elizabeth, Ann, Michael, George Adam (born 1758), Casper, Frederick, John, Henry, Jacob (died 1804), and Mary. The births date from circa 1756-1769.

Jacob married Maria Bucher. He was born 1728 and died 1774. They were married and baptized at Conestoga Church in 1742. Their children were John, Martin and Jacob, who was born in 1751 and died in 1833. This Jacob wed Elizabeth Doons. They had 4 daughters and a son George. They lived in Cocalico Township where he was on the tax list of 1780. His descendants emigrated to Virginia, Ohio and Indiana.

The original family tree did not show the descent of the Jacob who lived in Baltimore. Catherine Steiner (Stone) Schitz (Shits, Sheets, Sheetz, etc.) must have been Jacob's only(?) sister and daughter of Ludwig Jr.. When Rudolph Steiner died she married Peter and moved with her children to her new husband's farm in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County in 1781. Peter was on the tax list of 1780 there. Later, Peter purchased Ludwig Jr's farm in Frederick County as stated elsewhere. It is not known if the family actually dwelled there or which, if any, of the ten children were fathered by Peter.

None of the Jacobs above could be closely related to the Maryland Mohlers. More evidence was sought to link Jacob to Ephrata. He is known to have ties to Lancaster County. He probably learned the craft, grandfather clock making, as an apprentice to one or more of the outstanding clockmakers In Ephrata, Jacob Gorgas or more likely Rudolph Steiner who wed Jacob's sister Catherine. (See notes regarding her on this page) Both of these Mastercraftsmen were manufacturing clocks in Ephrata from about 1760 when Jacob Mohler of Baltimore was 16 years old. Three other clockmakers in Lancaster County at this time were Christian Huber, Abram Leroy and John Eberman.

Jacob Mohler of Baltimore was born April 5, 1744, probably in Earl Township where his father Ludwig Jr. was farming before buying "Range" in Frederick County. Jacob wed Elizabeth Tschudy on April 4, 1768, she aged 19 years. She was born March 17, 1743 and died September 11, 1787 aged 44. In Baltimore Jacob pursued the trade of clockmaker. He lived at 28 Harrison St. and had his shop under the printing office on South St. near Market (now Baltimore) St. On August 10, 1773 he inserted an advertisement in the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser as follows:

Jacob Mohler Clock and Watchmaker Under the printing office on South St. Makes, sells and repairs all sorts of horizontal, musical, repeating and plain clocks and watches in the best and neatest manner. New work warranted for three years. Likewise all kinds of gold, silver and jewelry made and carefully mended. Those Gentlemen and Ladies who will favor him with their custom may depend on their work being dispatched and their favors gratefully acknowledged by their very humble servant Jacob Mohler N.B. the highest price will be given for old gold and silver. An apprentice is wanted who can be well recommended.

One of Jacob's clocks was found in York, Pennsylvania in 1973 by Lewis E. Lear who wrote to the National Association of Clock and Watch Collectors as follows:

"I have found a cherry tall case clock 91 inches high with a flat top hood and the opening flanked by columns, quarter columns on the front corners of the body and base. There is a beveled panel set into the base which has carved feet. The face of the clock appears to be pewter with brass filigree corner mounts and a round brass plaque inset above with the name: Jacob Mohler-York-75. I would appreciate any information on the clock or its maker. I cannot find his name among the clockmakers of York, York County, or Pennsylvania."

A James Gibbs replied in the association bulletin Volume XV #12, #166 issued in October 1973 as follows:

Evidently you have unconsciously discovered some new evidence about Mohler, for although I have done considerable research on clockmakers of York County, I never encountered Mohler's name. On the other hand, in writing about Maryland clockmakers, we found Jacob Mohler in Baltimore 1744-1773."

The writer then quotes the advertisement above and part of the death notice below. Then he writes "Despite his untimely demise, Mohler must have been a real craftsman as one of his clocks is in the Maryland Historical Society. It is a tall case oak wood, eight day T and S brass movement, with elaborate dial being brass with brass grill-work sprandrels. The hands are worked in intricate detail. It is interesting to note that not until December, 1971 did we discover a son Peter, who was also a clockmaker of some note despite the fact that he was only one year old when his father died."

The second clock referred to above, was the oldest clock in the Jacob Miller collection which was later given to the Maryland Historical Society. In a biography of Jacob in Maryland Silversmiths page 162 (Enoch Pratt Central Library) the clock is described as well made of walnut. A toddy spoon owned by the Cradock family made about 1775 has his mark I-M believed to be Jacob's punch.

Elizabeth Landis Carson received an e-mail from Mr. Brent Glad of South Jordan, Utah. He found information in the First Reformed Church of Baltimore. There is a section on Jacob Mohler as follows:

1745 Was born into this world April 5. His parents were Ludwig Mohler and Anna Huntzigerin presently living at the small "Prifstwig" (sic). Note: Anna Huntseeker - Hunsaker -Huntzigerin,

under 16 on the 10th of September 1731, was the daughter of Hartman Huntseker, born about 1693 in Switzerland and died in Pennsylvania per Faye Steele of Salt Lake City, Utah.

1768 April 4 he married miss (virgin) Elizabeth Tschudy and with God's blessing in 1769 January 27 a son was born to us, baptized February 10th named Jacob. Witnesses were his parents.

1771 February 24 another son was born to us and was baptized on March 31 and named Wimbert. Witnesses were his parents.

1773 April 7 another son was born, baptized April 25 and named Peter. Witnesses were his parents.

1773 September 12 Jacob Mohler died.

Jacob's Obituary reads

"On Sunday last (September 12, 1773) departed this life after a few days illness in the 29th year of his age, Mr. Jacob Mohler of this town, watchmaker, an honest, industrious man respected by all who knew him." (Reference Maryland Journal, September 9-16, 1773)

His will dated September 10 and proved September 27, 1773 makes his wife Elizabeth and his brother-in-law Peter Schitz of York, Pennsylvania executors and directs that his sons Jacob, Wimbert and Peter be bound out to trades at his wife's discretion. He described himself as a watch and clock maker. His wife died in 1787 and her will proved September 15, 1787 names the same children. When she died her sons Jacob and James Calhoun settled her estate on October 12, 1787. She was the daughter of Wimbert Tschudy (see Tschudy family). Son Jacob was born January 29, 1771; son Wimbert was born February, 1772 and son Peter was born April 9, 1773. James Calhoun, a Scotch-Irish native of Lancaster County who came to Baltimore before 1761, was the first mayor of Baltimore and was Peter's guardian. The authors of Maryland Silversmiths state that Peter was apprenticed to a clockmaker named Atkinson. An antique grandfather's clock nearly eight feet tall, in a walnut case, was the subject of an article in the Evening Sun of December 15, 1971. It stated that the clock was made by Peter Mohler, son of Jacob, also a clockmaker. Peter was a brass founder and machinist as well as a clockmaker. From 1802 through 1827 he lived on Harrison St. north of Baltimore St. with his wife Barbara Lutz, whose parents had come from the same parts of Lancaster County that the Mohler's lived in. There is a Barbara Lutz in the records of the Conestoga Church.(see Lutz History) Peter witnessed the will of George Culliden on January 18, 1815 in Baltimore. Peter died in February, 1827. He and Barbara had ten children, five boys and five girls. Son Jacob worked in the foundry. Peter's brother Jacob, born 1769, wed Sarah Mathers and he died March 11, 1796 in Baltimore. His children were Anna Maria, born 1792; Catherine, born 1795 and Jacob, born 1795. Peter's own children were Jacob T. b.1802 – d. 1869 wed Mary Ann, he aged 48 in 1850; Peter, died 1829; Alonzo, died 1829; Ann Maria, born 1812, died 1875; Edward born 1814, died 1857; Cora born 1822, died 1858; Mary born 1826; Isaac Wimbert, born 1823, and Barbara born 1827 died ?. It appears that none of the girls ever married.

Isaac was born July 3, 1823 and died February 18, 1906 aged 83. He was a "forty niner", one of many gold prospectors who went to California after the "strike" at Sutter's mill in 1849. He came back from California with one nugget of gold. He told of being drunk and in jail, packed so greatly that several died of suffocation. He survived by putting his face near a hole in the floor while lying on his belly. (This tale was probably told to, among others, Frank Larsh Mohler who recorded this and much else that was found in Donald I. Mohler's collections.)

Isaac formed a company of men into a military unit and got permission from the Governor to save Fort Howard from the "Yankees" during the Civil War. His wife Julia Virginia Larsh was born in Baltimore on October 20, 1833 and died December 31, 1891 aged 58 years. She was the daughter of Silas Larsh M.D. and Emma Adams (see Adams and Larsh families). Julia was educated at Hannah More Academy at Reistertown. Isaac and Julia were married on October 22, 1856. They had five children: Hugh Peter, born June 16, 1869 married Alice Whiting; Joseph Edward, born April 26, 1866; Isaac Wimbert, born June 28, 1860 married Ella C. Elzey; Julia Irma, married William C. Codd; And Frank born June 7, 1872 married Lily Brown. Julia and Isaac lived at 298 east Baltimore St. with their children and a relative named Ann. Shortly before Julia died, the family moved to 1933 East Baltimore St. where they lived with Isaac's sisters Mary (Mame) and Barbara Mohler. Barbara and Mary, daughters of Peter, had also resided with Isaac at 298. Isaac's occupation was listed as clerk in the Baltimore city directory through 1875. In 1895 he was a bookkeeper residing at 1804 East Baltimore St.

Son Isaac Wimbert Mohler Jr., born June 28, 1860 was secretary to the Baltimore City Board of Health in 1872, 1873 and 1874 and went to work as a clerk about 1880. In 1885 he was a bookkeeper for the E.J. Codd Company. By 1890 he was Secretary-Treasurer of the E.J. Codd Co., Machinists, Foundry and Boiler works. About 1895 he resided at 2131 Bolton St. By 1900 he left the E.J. Codd Co. and in 1905 he was with the firm of Cuyler and Mohler. At his death he resided at the Homewood at the 3000 block of north Charles St. Isaac and Ella had a daughter, Mabel who married Algernon Gardiner, a Washington D.C. real estate broker. They had two sons named Algernon and Wimbert. Mabel owned two very interesting mementos of the family. One item was a silver snuff box owned by Casper Lutz inscribed with his name. Casper was the forebear whom Frank Mohler Sr. used to become eligible to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (see Lutz Family). The other item was a set of two three dimensional paintings on wax of Alexander J.C. Adams and his wife Jane Christine Beafeau.

Hugh Peter was employed as a clerk in 1885 through 1910. He and his wife had no children. He lived at 119 North Broadway with his brother Edward in 1895. He spent his last years at Jenkin's Memorial Hospital on Caton Avenue where he was treated for a crippling case of arthritis. He died December 18, 1936.

Edward Joseph was employed as a clerk for William C. Codd (later his brother-in-law) in 1885. By 1895 he was a partner in the firm of Cuyler and Mohler, distributors of plumbing supplies, which proved to be a very profitable enterprise. At this time he was living at 119 north Broadway, but by 1900 he was living with his sister Irma and her husband William Codd at 702 Lennox St. In 1905 he was living with his father at 1804 east Baltimore St. in 1910 he was living

at the Rochambeau (now the site of the Prayer Garden) on Charles St. at Franklin St. He died August 8, 1912 of liver trouble and was buried at Bonnie Brae. His Obituary reads as follows:

**MOHLER DEATH A SHOCK**

Sewage Commissioner, Friends unaware of critical illness.

City Hall Flag at half mast.

Trustees of St. Mary's Industrial School will act as pallbearers tomorrow at the funeral of Edward J. Mohler, member of the sewerage Commission and of the firm of Cuyler and Mohler who died yesterday morning at his apartments in the Rochambeau. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at the Cathedral. His body was taken yesterday to the home of his brother Mr. I. Wimbert Mohler at 2131 Bolton Street. Services will be conducted by Reverend James F. Donahue, rector of St. Patrick's Church, assisted by Reverend Louis O'Donovan of the Cathedral. Burial will be in New Cathedral Cemetery. A meeting of Trustees of St. Mary's Industrial School, of which Mr. Mohler was a member, was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Mr. Adam Deuport, secretary. A Committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions. The trustees will act as honorary pallbearers at the funeral. At the cemetery the Funeral procession will be met by the Junior band of the school and escorted to the grave. Mr. Mohler was a member of the board four years and was greatly interested in the school bands. Mr. Mohler's death was a shock to his friends most of whom did not know that he had been stricken. He had a complication of diseases, the attacks of which he withheld so well that he did not go to bed until last Saturday. His sister, Mrs. William Codd of 702 Lennox Street is seriously ill and even after Mr. Mohler had gone to bed he got up one day long enough to visit her. Born April 26, 1866 Mr. Mohler was educated at St. Patrick's Parish school. He became a bookkeeper when young for a plumbing firm and the knowledge he gained served him well in future life when he himself entered business. With Mr. E.G. Cuyler, he built up large trade and one of the earlier friendships he formed was with Mr. Frank A. Furst Founder and President of the Arundel Corporation. They were thrown together in the Assurance Permanent Loan Association of which Mr. Furst has been president for many years. Having worked hard for passage of the sewerage loans Mr. Mohler was appointed a member of the Sewerage Commission by former Mayor E. Clay Timanus. Beside his activity in the business and political life of the city, Mr. Mohler was well known in sporting circles, being particularly fond of aquatics. He held membership in the Baltimore Yacht and the Baltimore Athletic Clubs. His charitable works were many. Noted for his good nature, he also possessed ability as a wit and although his friends often got the better of him in intellectual encounters he never gave way to wrath. Mr. Mohler was a bachelor. He is survived by I. Wimbert, Hugh P. and Frank L. Mohler and one sister, Mrs. William C. Codd. Mr. Mohler was the third member of the Sewerage Commission to die since the beginning of the work under the Timanus administration. General Peter Leary Jr., chairman of the commission died nearly two years ago. His successor, former Congressman William W. McIntire died several months ago. The flag at the city Hall was placed at half-mast as soon as Mr. Mohler's death was recorded.

A successor to Mr. Mohler, who will be a Democrat, will be selected by the Mayor. The belief is that the new commissioner will be a physician or a man well acquainted with laws governing sanitation, although some think an engineer will be selected.

Julia Irma, born November 14, 1862, was educated at the Visitation Convent where she was the

recipient of awards. She and her husband William C Codd had five children. She died 9/21/1920, aged 57 of Bright's disease and is buried at Bonnie Bray cemetery. Daughter Irene married Spole Wilson Heaps, a pharmacist who graduated from the University of Maryland. They in turn had five children named Julia, Edna, Irma, Irene and Wilson (see Heaps family). Emma Anita never married. She was educated at the Visitation Academy as was her mother and sister Irene. She was a secretary to one of Maryland's congressmen and later was employed by the Internal Revenue service at Baltimore's Custom House. She resided most of her adult life at the Homewood on North Charles Street.

J. Early married Lucy Nottingham January 4, 1924 at St. Pious Church. Lucy was the director of the Women's Exchange on North Charles Street for several years. Early died of pneumonia not many years after his marriage to Lucy, they had no children.

James Edward married Mary Ann Duke. They had seven children.(see Codd family). James Sr. was one of Maryland's first 800 volunteers in the Navy in World War I. He attended Calvert Hall College for two years and later was employed as a clerk for E. Stuart Knatz sugar refinery. After the war he worked as a salesman as did Early for their father's firm, The Codd Tank and Specialty Company which was founded by William C. Codd. (see Codd family). After his father died he ran the company for a few years and was later associated with several Baltimore firms as a commission salesman. His Navy service is follows:

Apprentice seaman, Yeoman 3rd, Yeoman 2nd-Class	
Training Station - Newport, Rhode Island	
Receiving Ship - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
Receiving Ship - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	- 10/28/18
Naval Intelligence Office - Washington, D.C.	
Naval Headquarters -London, England	- 11/8/18
Receiving Ship - New York, N.Y.	12/18/18

Frank L. Mohler Sr. (born June 8, 1872) was employed as a stenographer in 1892. He lived at 1933 east Baltimore Street. On October 18, 1893 he wed Lily Brown of Woodstock, Maryland (she died April 24, 1937). By 1900 he succeeded his older brother Isaac as secretary-treasurer of the E.J. Codd Company and resided at 127 Jackson Place. In 1905 he was vice-president of the E.J. Codd Company and in 1910 he was also vice-president of the Marine Railway Machine and Boiler Works and had moved to Catonsville. Frank L. Mohler Sr.'s obituary in 1937 reads as follows:

Frank L. Mohler (died January 25, 1937), well known Catholic layman and was prominent in business circles in this city for many years, died at his home at Relhom aged 64 after a one year illness. He was the son of Isaac Wimbert Mohler and Julia V. Larsh. On his father's side he was descended from a veteran of the American Revolutionary War (see Lutz family). For 20 Years Mr. Mohler was Secretary-Treasurer of the E.J. Codd Company, maker of ships boilers; for 15 years a partner in the firm of Stuart, Keith and Company maker of overalls and for 15 years president of the Summit Park Company, a real estate company. He was a close

friend of the late Cardinal Gibbons and frequently drove his eminence to Woodstock College in the course of Episcopal visits. Mr. Mohler was a member of the Rolling Road Golf club, Sons of the American Revolution and the Catonsville Improvement Association, Frank and Lily had nine children; Donald Ignatius, Frank Larsh Jr., Emile Riggs, Dorothy, Lily, Edward, Julia, Gladys and John.

Donald graduated from Georgetown University School of Law and served in the Army in World War 1. His Army service from 3/2/1918 to 12/19/1918 is as follows:

Private, Corporal, Sergeant 437 Engineer Department Detachment

Honorable Discharge October 25, 1918

U.S. Army 10/26/1918 Second Lieutenant Chemical Warfare Service.

Engineer Officer Training School, Humphries, Virginia.

Gas School, Camp Kindrick, New Jersey.

He married Dorothy Rigg and had five children. Donald Ignatius Jr. who graduated from Loyola College and the University of Maryland Medical School; John Rigg graduated from Loyola College; Sally Ann graduated from Notre Dame College of Maryland; Walter Rigg graduated from Loyola College; James graduated from Loyola College.

John Rigg Mohler died in 1956. His obituary is as follows:

John Mohler; star athlete who had become a building contractor, died yesterday morning at Bon Secours Hospital after an illness of eight months. He was 29 years old. A successful competitor in sports from his high school days at Mt. St. Joseph's, he became lacrosse coach at Loyola College and later at Maryland University. He also worked with the Maryland Lacrosse Club. Young Mohler was star defenseman at Loyola in 1947' 48 and 49. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. Born in Catonsville, Mr. Mohler was the son of Donald I. and Dorothy Rigg Mohler. After attending (St. Mark's) parochial school He went to Mount St. Joseph's where he played center and was selected for the All Maryland high school lacrosse team. His skill in lacrosse also was apparent there. At Loyola, the young athlete competed also in wrestling, swimming and diving. In 1948 he captured the Mason-Dixon Conference diving champion for two years he was picked to play in the North-South All Star lacrosse championship game. Mr. Mohler devoted two years to service in the Coast Guard and was in the organized reserve with the rank of lieutenant junior grade at the time of his death. He had helped recruit an entire unit in the Guard. Funeral services will be held at the home, 301 Montrose Avenue, Catonsville at 9:15 A.M. tomorrow. Requiem Mass will be said at 10 o'clock at St. Mark's Church in Catonsville. Burial will be in the New Cathedral Cemetery. Beside his parents Mr. Mohler is survived by a sister and three brothers. They are Dr. Donald I. Mohler Jr., of Reno, Nev.; Mrs. John Charles Norton Jr., Walter R. Mohler and James W. Mohler, all of Baltimore.

Frank Jr.served in the Navy in World War I. His Navy service was from 5/13/1917 to 1/23/1919 and is as follows:

Seaman 2nd, Yeoman 2nd, Yeoman 1st class U.S.S. Bulgaria

Naval training Station, Hampton Roads, Virginia

Receiving Ship, Norfolk, Virginia

U.S.S. Mayrant, Receiving Ship, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Frank was the treasurer of the Kirmo Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, (which he established with his brother-in-law Joseph Kirby) for 48 years. He was a charter member of the Catonsville Post of the American Legion, an honorary life member of the fourth degree of Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly Knights of Columbus and a life member of the Patapsco Council. He was honored as a 50 year member of Alcala Caravan of the Alhambra. He was also a member of the Baltimore Philatelic, as well as the Vatican and American societies and a member of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, the Postal History Society of the Americas and the first Day Cover Society. He was a member of the Baltimore Laundry and Dry Cleaning Association, the Catonsville Business Men's Association, the Sterling Club and the Hibernian Society. He married Elizabeth M. Damitz and had a son Frank L. Mohler III who graduated from the University of Notre Dame and was an Air Force pilot.

Emile served in the Army in World War I. His service from 4/17/1917 to 2/27/1919 is as follows:

Private, Private 1st class,  
Corporal 4th and 3rd Co. Md. Coast Artillery Corp  
Battery F 58th Artillery CAC  
Headquarters 54th Artillery CAC  
Prov. Repl Org. & Trng.Ctr. tractor Artillery  
Battery B 68th Artillery CAC  
Overseas 5/22/18 to 2/16/19

Emile was associated with his brother Donald in the real estate business in Catonsville. He married Helen G. McGraw and they had four children; Emile Riggs, graduated Loyola College and Georgetown University Medical School; Mary Helen graduated Visitation Jr. College and Georgetown University; Hugh Wimbert graduated Loyola College and Catherine Marie graduated Notre Dame College.

Dorothy was employed for several years as a secretary in the office of the chief, Retail Sales Tax Division, Maryland State Comptroller's Office.

Lily graduated from St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg. She married Joseph Starr Kirby and they had six children; Joseph Starr Jr., graduated from Loyola College; Frank Larsh, graduated from Loyola College, (married Connie Smith of Philadelphia, a cousin of Princess Grace Kelly Ranier); John Carroll, graduated from Loyola College; Lily Brown, graduated from Bon Secours School of Nursing; Mary Elizabeth graduated Mount DeSales Academy and Mark McCormick graduated Loyola College.

Edward was employed for many years as a salesman with firms that bottled and distributed soft drink beverages. He was also employed by the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn for many years.

Julia graduated from St. Joseph's College Emmitsburg and Towson State Teachers College. She was a teacher at Catonsville Elementary school. She married Eugene M. Waldron a

Naval Officer who taught mathematics at the Naval Academy and served in the Mediterranean Sea during World War II. They had four children; Jeanne Brown, graduated from Notre Dame College; Julia Virginia, graduated from Bon Secours Nursing School and Catholic University; Eugene Matthew Jr., graduated from St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg and Bernard Baruch School of Economics, New York; and Charles Joseph, graduated from St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg and the University of Baltimore. Gladys graduated from St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg. She married Lane Johnson and they had a daughter Mary Lane who graduated from Mt. Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

John established his own Insurance Agency in Catonsville. He married Leila Mathews of St. Mary's County and they had five children: Anne Brooke graduated from Notre Dame College; Elizabeth Lancaster graduated from Notre Dame College; Mary Brent graduated from Villa Julie College; Francis Neal graduated from Catonsville Community College and John Gassoway Jr. graduated from the University of Scranton.

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