

Gabriel and Rebecca Skidmore Coil (Abt. 1728- Aft. 1808)

Gabriel Coil was born about 1728, most likely in Germany. As a young man, Gabriel and his brothers George and Jacob, were active in the French and Indian Wars. Gabriel's first public record appears in 1756 Augusta Co., VA. Gabriel and his brothers Jacob and George were listed under command of Captain Patrick Martin, providing 15 days ranging service.

Augusta County Court Records states: in 1758 Valentine Guille filed a lawsuit against Captain Patrick Martin for 15 days service provided by Gabriel, Jacob and George Guille, not paid for in 1756.

1761 was a busy year for Gabriel 28th June, 1758 George Mouse's Will was probated and Gabriel received payment against the estate for horse hunting by Michael Mallow. Allowed 19th May, 1761 Chalkleys Chronical Vol 3 page 65. He also had a claim against the estate settlement of Jacob Sivers. He was paid for horse hunting: 19 August 1761, Gabriel received payment of one clerks note for swearing into commission, Daniel Smith's Estate settlement of Jacob Sivers. (Chalkleys Chronicals Vol 3 page 65 Augusta County, VA - Will Book 3.) 1761-AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA - CHALKLEY'S CHRONICLES; Vol 3, PP 370 - 379

Page 469.--29th May, 1761. Same to George Kaplinger, £19.7, at same place, corner George Hammer, 114 acres, part of 350 acres patented as above. Delivered to same. Teste: Gabriel Coil.

Gabriel Coil was well associated with John Skidmore and took a fancy to John's younger sister Rebecca. It is believed that Gabriel married Rebecca Skidmore about 1761, in Augusta Co., VA. Rebecca Skidmore was the daughter of Joseph Skidmore and Agnes Caldwell. Rebecca was born about 1741 and moved to the South Branch with her family in 1754. Shortly after Rebecca and Gabriel married, Joseph Skidmore Jr., sold 101 acres on South Branch of the Potomac to John Skidmore and Gabriel Coil. 20 August 1761, deed recorded 1764 February. On the same date Gabriel purchased an additional 102 acres also from Joseph Skidmore, Jr.

Gabriel and Rebecca settled close to her family and their first child Elizabeth was born in 1762. Gabriel became nationalized in the same year on 18 May, Augusta County, VA.

Several of Gabriel's close friends had settled in the same vicinity. Life seemed to be moving along for the young couple. However, Gabriel's father Felty Coil passed away in 1765-66. Gabriel was appointed executor of his father's estate. (See Valentine Coil's Will)

Gabriel Geill, is found attending the Evangelical Reformed Church in the Upper Tract on 17 May 1767, along with Adam Herber, Frantz Ewig, Ulrich Conradt, Nicolaus Simmon, and Posina Schudi.

We find Gabriel and his family on the list of the Tithables of Capt. Robert Davis's Company taken 10th September 1777. GAB. KILE 1 tithable and 100 acres. (Gabriel the only one over 16)

Rebecca and Gabriel's family was growing by leaps and bounds. Elizabeth b. 6 Sept, 1762, Catherine b. Abt. 1764, Gabriel Jr. b. Abt. 1765, Andrew b. Abt. 1770, Samuel b. Abt. 1772, Joseph b. Abt. 1773, Sarah b. 1774, George b. 1776, Barbara b. 1778, Jacob b. Abt. 1780, John b. 13 August 1785, James b. 1788, and Thomas b. 7 Jan 1790, Mary Margaret b. abt 1792.

In 1788 Gabriel Coyl is found in the service Robert Harrison's Co., No. 5, along with his son's Samuel and Andrew. (VA Valley Record's, pg. 102). Shortly after this time Gabriel was getting itchy feet to move on to the newly formed lands of Ohio.

1799 May 17, Gabriel and Rebecca sold their 45 acres of the jointly held property purchased in 1761 from Joseph Skidmore Jr., to John Skidmore. Gabriel and Rebecca sold the 102 acres purchased in 1761 to George Coil, brother to Gabriel.

Gabriel Coil is listed on the Ross Co., Tax records in 1806. Gabriel and Rebecca had acquired a substantial amount of land in Ohio and were approaching the age of considering their continued welfare and care. Gabriel and Rebecca signed an Article of Agreement on 20 July 1808, Ross County, Ohio. This agreement specifies that all land owned by Gabriel and Rebecca is assigned to their sons John, Jacob, James, and Thomas, providing the sons care for Gabriel and

Rebecca for the remainder of their lives. There are no further known records of death for either Gabriel or Rebecca Skidmore Coil. It is fairly certain they were both deceased by 1812 in OH.



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