

MICHAEL COYNER

This family of numerous descendants and connections looks to their patriarch Michael Keinadt as progenitor and earliest immigrant.

Born in Germany February 29, 1720, he passed much of his life in Augusta County, Virginia. His wife Margaret Diller was of French Huguenot ancestry.

Before coming to Virginia the family lived in Lancaster County where Michael and Margaret had met and married February 21, 1749. Thirteen children were born to this union.

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| George Adam | born | 1753 |
| Conrad | born | 1755 |
| George Michael | born | 1758 |
| Elizabeth | born | 1760 |
| Mary | born | 1762 |
| Casper | born | 1764 |
| Catherine | born | 1766 |
| John | born | 1768 |
| Martin Luther | born | 1770 |
| Jacob | born | 1772 |
| Christian | born | 1774 |
| Philip | born | 1777 |
| Frederick | | |

Michael and four of his sons George Adam, Conrad, George Michael and Casper rendered service to their country in the Revolutionary War. The sixth son Martin Luther married Elisabeth Rhea and one of their sons, Robert married Margaret Crawford, daughter of William Crawford of Revolutionary service. A large number of descendants have claimed membership in patriotic societies, among them Mrs. Pearle Coyner Hiser, a great granddaughter of Robert Coyner.

The name has undergone many changes in spelling and in Virginia is spelled with both initial C's and K's, and the second vowel is found to be "i" almost as frequently as "y". In any present form it bears scant resemblance to the original spelling Keinadt. The family was strongly of Lutheran faith and many descendants are still prominently identified with that denomination.