

**ROUSH**  
**PHILIP RAUSCH**

From all careful research it is evident that the Roush or Rausch family came from Middle Germany. There are still people by that name there. The exact place of origin was probably between the Harz Mountains and the Rhine River. They were of the Protestant Faith, and that accounts for their emigration to America. The first emigrant was John Adam Roush, who came on Oct. 19, 1736. Some years were spent in Pennsylvania, but on Nov. 2, 1773, John Rausch of Shenandoah County, Virginia received from Lord Fairfax a grant of 400 acres of land on Mill Creek. From deeds, transfers, and will we ascertain his Wife's name was Susannah, and he had ten children. From records of Old Pine or Solomon's Church we find the name of eight of these children.

1. Philip Rausch 1741 – 1820 and Wife Catherine Kelchner.
2. John Rausch 1743 – 1816 and Wife Dorothea.
3. Jacob Rausch 1750 – 1830 and Wife Catherine
4. Henry Rausch 1752 – 1831 and Wife Dorothy Nease.
5. Daniel Rausch 1754 – 1832 and Wife Elizabeth.
6. George Roush 1761 – 1845 and Wife Catherine Zerkel.
7. Jonas Roush 1763 – 1850 and Wife Barbara Fox.
8. Mary Magdalene Roush and Husband Lewis Zerkel.

It is in Philip, the Eldest son we are interested. To him and his Wife Catherine Kelchner were born thirteen children. Their births and baptisms are recorded in the Old Pine Church Book. He and his family later removed to Gallia County Ohio, and in this County we find his will and that of his Wife Catherine recorded. Philip's Sons, John, Michael, Philip Jr., and Henry and a Daughter, married to Peter Pence, with others formed the first permanent settlement in Adams County, Ohio.

Michael was the fourth Son of Philip and Catherine Roush and was born in 1772 in Virginia. In 1794 he was married to Miss Nancy Savilla Frye. Two years later they came to Adams County, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives. Nine children were born to them, John, Absolum, Moses, Permenias, Michael Jr., Dobbins, Philip, Robert, Samuel and Catherine. The parents are buried in Hope Well Cemetery of the Roush settlement, in Adams County, Ohio.

Permenias, the fourth Son of Michael b. 1802 – d. Nov 11, 1878, married Mary Catherine Smith. Ten children were born to them. Their Youngest Son, Samuel Neal Roush, married Mary Jane Little. They had three children, the eldest being Nettie Viola, who married Robert C. Thoroman, and is now a member of Juliana White Chapter

Most families have some members to whom they point with pride. In unearthing all the data concerning this family it was found that Anton Rausch, the famous painter of madonnas, belonged to it. In a tower of St. Michael's Church (Schwitzerland) hangs a bell bearing the following inscription – "By the Help of God I was carved by Hans Heinrich Rausch 1677." The Roush family was a religious family.

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Wherever they settled, they immediately formed churches and schools. Many were ministers of the gospel. They were a patriotic family too. We know that at least six Sons of John the emigrant, were in the Revolutionary War. Tradition has it they were personal friends of George Washington. No doubt they participated in the French and Indian War too.

In Pennsylvania State Library we find Philip's Rev. Service record. See pp 342, Vol. IV and page 574 Vol. VIII. Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series.

John's record is found in Richmond. He was a captain. Also see McAllisters Militia, Rev. War. Jacob's was found on Romney and Winchester Pay Roll pages 29 and 30.

Henry's on same roll and Virginia State Library.

George's in Pension Department at Washington.

Jonas although quite young, substituted for Henry in 1871. Henry being ill, and saw the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, as did his Brother George.

Truly they must have said as Daniel Webster did, "Independence now and Independence forever."

For further information concerning this family see the Roush History published at Strasburg Virginia.