

KUNKEL FAMILY COLLECTION, 1801-1885

Christian Kunkel, son of John Christian, was born July 10, 1757 in the Palatinate, Germany; died September 8, 1823 in Harrisburg, Pa. His father arrived in Pennsylvania September 23, 1766, subsequently locating at or near York, Pa. In the Revolutionary War he was commissioned an ensign in Colonel Slagel's battalion of associators and was in active service during the campaign around Philadelphia in 1777 and 1778. He located at Harrisburg in 1786 with his brother-in-law George Hoyer and went into the mercantile business. He contributed towards the organization of the first German Church in Harrisburg, was a burgess of the borough in 1796 and frequently a member of the council. He was elected one of the directors of the branch bank of Philadelphia at Harrisburg in 1809 and, at the same time, was appointed one of the commissioners for erecting a bridge across the Susquehanna by Governor Simon Snyder. He was married twice, first to Catherine Hoyer on May 4, 1779 in York; she died August 27, 1796 at Harrisburg. They had five children. He then married Anna Maria Elizabeth Welshofer (December 1, 1773-July 24, 1862) on May 25, 1797. They had eight children.

George Kunkel was the oldest son of Christian and Catherine Kunkel, born December 15, 1784 at York, and died July 29, 1850 in Harrisburg. He was a prosperous merchant in Harrisburg for many years. He married Catherine Ziegler (January 21, 1797-July 3, 1883) in Harrisburg and had six children.

George Ziegler Kunkel was the second son of George and Catherine Kunkel, born February 7, 1820 at No. 21 South Front Street, died in Harrisburg, October 24, 1905, was the brother of John Christian, born September 18, 1816. He was a clerk in his father's store, had an interest in a hardware business and became interested in banking. About 1850, he went into partnership with J. C. Bomberger in the Mechanics' Bank. He was prominent in church circles, serving as a trustee of the Lancaster seminary of the Reformed Church. He married Sarah Isabella Herr on December 28, 1852 and they had eight children.

The above sketches taken from COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, 1896, J. M. Runks and Co., Chambersburg, page 247 and HISTORY OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, Luther Reily Kelker, 1907, Lewis Publishing Co., New York & Chicago, pages 62 and 63.

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