

First Generation

1. **William LIGHTNER**¹⁻³ was born in 1730 in Germany.⁴ Location: Came to what was later Highland County, VA from York County, PA about 1790.^{1,4} He died in 1812; at the age of 82 in Back Creek, Bath County, VA.⁴ He was buried in Campbell Family Cemetery, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.⁴⁻⁵ Military: In Captain Skile's Company, 1st Battalion, Lancaster County Militia, PA during Revolutionary War.⁴

Elizabeth Ann ROBY⁶ was born (date unknown).

William LIGHTNER and Elizabeth Ann ROBY had the following children:

- +2 i. **Peter LIGHTNER**, married Annie Elizabeth HARPER, 1796; died 1853, Pocahontas County, WV.
- +3 ii. **Samuel LIGHTNER**.
- +4 iii. **Christopher LIGHTNER**.
- +5 iv. **John Michael LIGHTNER**.
- +6 v. **Elizabeth LIGHTNER**, born 1780; married Henry HARPER, 1799; died 1876.
- 7 vi. **Andrew LIGHTNER**⁷ was born (date unknown).
- +8 vii. **Mary LIGHTNER**, married Adam MATHENY, 7 Sep 1813, Bath County, VA.
- +9 viii. **Adam LIGHTNER**, born 30 Sep 1760, Lancaster, PA; married Susannah HARPER, 1798, Pendleton County, VA; died 3 Jan 1843, Bath County, VA.

Katie SHARAT⁴ was born (date unknown).

Second Generation

2. **Peter LIGHTNER**^{1,4,8-9} (William-1) died in 1853; in Pocahontas County, WV.⁴

Peter LIGHTNER and Annie Elizabeth HARPER¹⁰ were married in 1796.^{1,4,8} Individual Note: in 1818 second oldest daughter of father Nicholas.⁸ Location: in Knapps Creek, Pendleton County, WV.^{1,4} **Annie Elizabeth HARPER**¹¹⁻¹³, daughter of Nicholas HARPER and Mary Elizabeth PENNINGER, was born (date unknown).

Peter LIGHTNER and Annie Elizabeth HARPER had the following children:

- +10 i. **Mary "Polly" LIGHTNER**, married Sheldon CLARK, 1827, Pocahontas County, VA.
- +11 ii. **Phoebe Ann LIGHTNER**, born 26 Feb 1813; married John CLEEK, 11 Mar 1834, Pocahontas County, VA; died 26 Sep 1885.
- +12 iii. **Elizabeth LIGHTNER**, married Joseph SHARP, 12 Nov 1818, Bath County, VA.
- 13 iv. Location: in Back Creek area, Highland County, VA in 1890.¹⁴ **Peter LIGHTNER**¹⁵⁻¹⁶ was born (date unknown).
- +14 v. **Jacob LIGHTNER**, married Elizabeth MOORE, 4 Jun 1823, Pocahontas County, VA.
- +15 vi. **Susan LIGHTNER**, married George M. GAY, 31 Oct 1826, Pocahontas County, VA.

3. Location: Went from Bath County to Greenville, Augusta County, VA.^{1,17} **Samuel LIGHTNER**^{1,17} (William-1)

was born (date unknown).

Individual Note: Had 9 children.¹⁷ **Elizabeth SENSEBAUGH**^{1,17} was born (date unknown).

4. Moved to: in Kentucky .^{1,17} **Christopher LIGHTNER**^{1,17} (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Catherine ZICKAFOOSE^{1,17} was born (date unknown).

Christopher LIGHTNER and Catherine ZICKAFOOSE had the following child:

16 i. **William LIGHTNER**¹⁷ was born (date unknown).

5. Location: in Lancaster, PA .¹⁷ **John Michael LIGHTNER**¹⁷ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Elizabeth REEDER¹⁷ was born (date unknown).

6. **Elizabeth LIGHTNER**¹⁷⁻¹⁸ (William-1) was born in 1780.¹⁸ She died in 1876; at the age of 96.¹⁷

Elizabeth LIGHTNER and Henry HARPER were married in 1799.¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Individual Note: in 1818 eldest son of Nicholas.⁸ Property: owns land on Naps Creek in Bath County, VA in 1818.⁸ **Henry HARPER**^{8,17-18}, son of Nicholas HARPER and Mary Elizabeth PENNINGER, died in 1859; .¹⁷

Henry HARPER and Elizabeth LIGHTNER had the following child:

+17 i. **Samuel HARPER**, married Malinda MOORE, 23 Apr 1835, Pocahontas County, VA.

8. **Mary LIGHTNER**^{3,17} (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Minister: Otho Wade in 1813 .³ Mary LIGHTNER and Adam MATHENY were married on 7 Sep 1813 in Bath County, VA.^{3,17} Location: in Missouri .¹⁷ **Adam MATHENY**^{17,19} was born (date unknown).

9. **Adam LIGHTNER**^{1,8,20-26} (William-1) was born on 30 Sep 1760 in Lancaster, PA.^{21,27} Location: Back Creek, near Bath County line about 1790.²⁷ Property: Pendleton County land patent for 6 acres on Jackson River in 1838.²⁸ Property: on third share in 688 acres in Alleghany Mountain bought of John Berry in 1839.²⁵ He signed a will on 12 Feb 1839 in Bath County, VA.²⁵ He died on 3 Jan 1843; at the age of 82 in Bath County, VA.^{21,29} Estate: on 1 Feb 1843 in Bath County, VA inventory: 10 sheep, 30 geese, 53 cattle, 11 horses, 20 hogs, 3 Negroes, still, truck wagon, and several other items .²⁶ Adam was buried in 1843.²¹ Military: Served as a prison guard in the Revolutionary War.²¹ Estate: will states that he owned 20,000 acres on Back Creek .^{21,30}

Adam LIGHTNER and Susannah "Susan" HARPER were married in 1798 in Pendleton County, VA.^{1,8,20-21,25}
Susannah "Susan" HARPER^{1,8,20-23,25,31-32}, daughter of Nicholas HARPER and Mary Elizabeth PENNINGER, was born in 1777 in Pendleton County, VA.^{21,33-34} She died on 25 Mar 1868; at the age of 91.²¹

Adam LIGHTNER and Susannah HARPER had the following children:

- +18 i. **Sarah "Sally" LIGHTNER**, married Jacob BIBLE, 18 Dec 1832, Bath County, VA.
- +19 ii. **Elizabeth "Eliza" LIGHTNER**, born 8 Oct 1800; married Otho GUM, 21 Oct 1819, Bath County, VA; married Hugh MCLAUGHLIN, 1 Feb 1844, Bath County, VA; died 8 Jul 1885.
- +20 iii. **John LIGHTNER**, born 3 Oct 1803, Bath County, VA; married Virginia Jane MOORE, 24 Sep 1826, Pocahontas County, VA; died 7 Jul 1863.
- +21 iv. **Adam LIGHTNER**, born 8 Apr 1808, Bath County, VA; married Eleanor SLAVEN, 4 Nov 1830, Pendleton County, VA; died 7 Jul 1882, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +22 v. **William LIGHTNER**, born 5 Dec 1812, Bath County, VA; married Mary Davis HAMILTON, 27 Nov 1843, Bath County, VA; married Elizabeth M. WOODDELL, 13 Apr 1871, Pocahontas County, VA; died 15 Nov 1887.
- +23 vi. **Peter LIGHTNER**, born 1816, Bath County, VA; married Rachel Berry HAMILTON, 25 Nov 1838, Bath County, VA; died 1871, Shelby County, MO.
- +24 vii. **Jacob LIGHTNER**, born 11 Sep 1821, Bath County, VA; married Nancy Jane WARWICK, 6 Apr 1843, Pocahontas County, VA; died 8 Nov 1904, Back Creek, Bath County, VA.

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