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The surname Vinsel, I have learned, had its origin in Bohemia, now a province in present day Czechoslovakia, although the various importations of the family into the United States of America all seem to have come from Germany. After many hours of research I have determined that there were two distinct migrations of Vinsel's into the area of Muskingum County, Ohio, both of whom settled in the northeastern part of the county.

The earliest arrival in Muskingum County, Ohio, to bear the surname seems to have been one ADAM VINSELL, who arrived about the time of the War of 1812, or soon thereafter, so he may have been a veteran of that war. My research uncovered many spellings of the surname, some of which are as follows: Vinsil, Vinsill, Vinsel, Vinsell, Vintzel, Vinzel, Vensil, Vensill, Ventzel, Ventzil, Venzil, Vencil, Vencill, Vensel, Vensell, Vincel, Vincell, Vincil, Vansil, and Vansel. All of these various spellings seem to be an Americanization of the original name. According to Mr. John William Vinsel, late of Adams Township, Muskingum Co., Ohio, who claimed the name was originally spelled with a "W" instead of a "V," the name was correctly spelled "Wentzel" in German. I think probably he was right as my research unearthed this interesting item:

"Wenceslaus: means victory of the people or subduer of the people; occurs as Wendel, Wentz, Wenslas and Wenzel. It is perhaps derived from the latin (vinco, vincere), to conquer, and the Greek (laas), the people. It is a Bohemian name, written 'Wenceslaw,' and is derived from (wenec), wreath of honor, chaplet of honor; and (slawa), praise, honor, celebrity, glory, hence one that has been crowned with glory."

The late John William Vinsel was a neighbor to my late grandfather in Adams township, and everyone knew him as "Red John Vinsel," because of his red hair and ruddy complexion; also, the by-name helped to distinguish him from the various other John Vinsel's in the area. That Red John was correct in his understanding of his surname was revealed to me as I read of the several importations of the family into the U.S.A. from Rotterdam, to wit:

Sept. 16, 1736, among Palatines with families on the Princess Augustus, was one John Adolph Wenssel.
 Sept. 9, 1738, among Palatines on the Two Sisters, was one Johan Wilhelm Wentzel.
 Sept. 7, 1748, among the foreigners on the Hampshire, Lorentz Wentzel.
 Oct. 4, 1752, on Neptune, Phillip Wentzel.
 Nov. 5, 1764, on Jeneffer, Johannes Andreas Wentzell.
 Sept. 18, 1773, on Brittania, Johann Carl Wentzel.
 Oct. 22, 1773, on Charming Molly, Johann Henrich Wentzel.
 Oct. 5, 1763, on Richmond, Johan Henrich Wensell.

There were several emigrations of Vinsel's into Muskingum County, Ohio, between 1812 and 1860, most of them coming from Loudoun County, Virginia, and most of them disclaiming any relationship to one another. However, I believe that those from Virginia probably all had a common ancestor, but were probably not related to the family that came in from Pennsylvania. Since the Virginia Vinsel's arrived in Muskingum County at a later time than the Pennsylvania family, I shall first record what I have learned of the Pennsylvania Vinsel's, then move on to the Virginia family.

Mr. ADAM VINSELL (spelling found in real estate and census records, other spellings found for him were Vensel & Vinsel), was born 1787 near Meadville, Pa., and died 1853 in Monroe township, Muskingum Co. Ohio. I have not been able to locate where he is buried. Early records show that he owned much land in Monroe, Adams, Salem, and Blue Rock townships. Recorded in the early real estate transfers in Muskingum County, is a parcel of land in the southeast quarter of Section 2 of Monroe township, which Adam Vinsell transferred to one John Shepardson on Sept. 3, 1816. This proves that he was indeed an early arrival in the area. Also, on July 4, 1820, he transferred a parcel of 172 acres in Sec. 2, Monroe Twp. to Mr. Tunis Elson, whom I believe to have been his brother-in-law. (According to early history of Monroe Twp., Tunis Elson came to that part of Ohio from Meadville, Pa. about 1817. He also had a son Henry, who settled and died there, so perhaps Christina Vinsell was a second wife.)

Evidently Adam Vinsell did not marry. In his will, which was written February of 1853, and filed in Muskingum County Probate Court on Mar. 24, 1853, he left his estate to his brothers: Henry and David Vinsell; to his sister Christina Elson, and to Eliza Jane and Catharine Vinsell, whom I believe to have been his nieces. In the 1850 Census Mr. Adam Vinsell was listed as living in the household of his sister Christina Elson, as was his brother David Vinsell. Adam was a farmer and miller by trade.

Although Adam does not mention a brother George in his will, I believe he had a brother George Vensel, a veteran of the War of 1812, who was also an early resident of Monroe township, Muskingum Co., Ohio. While searching through some of the old records at the Court House in Zanesville, Ohio, I found an article of disagreement between Adam and George Vensel, which had been legally resolved, and it had been recorded on Mar. 3, 1846, in Vol. 8, page 250. Perhaps that is why George was omitted from the will. Later research proved to me that George Vensel of Monroe township was also born in Pennsylvania, as was attested to by his sons, Samuel T. and George W. Vensel, in the Census records, and so I believe I am right in my assumption that Adam and George were brothers.

The ages given in this account of Vinsel's were determined mostly from census records, gravemarkers, and some came from family Bibles, diaries, and county death records.

CHRISTINA VINSELL, born about 1789 (?), in Pa., died in Ohio; was married to Tunis Elson, who died before the 1850 Census. The only ones listed in her household for that year were her brothers, Adam and David Vensel; also, Eliza Jane Vensel who was 17 years of age. Evidently Christina Elson did not have any children as in her will she left a legacy to a John A. Vensel, one which he later passed on to his three sons. I don't know where Christina and her husband are buried.

GEORGE VENSEL, b. 1790 in Pa., d. Aug. 22, 1853, in Ohio. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, and seems to have come to Ohio at an early time. He was married in Muskingum Co., Ohio, on Apr. 9, 1822 to Elizabeth Donaker, b. Feb. 7, 1801, in Meadville, Pa., d. Feb. 6, 1885, in Ohio. They are buried at Mt. Union M.P. cemetery in Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio. They were the parents of 5 sons: John, Washington, Henry, Samuel, and James.

1. George Washington Vensel, b. 1827, d. 1908, mar. Sept. 16, 1847 in Coshocton County, Ohio, to Elizabeth Wiggins, b. Sept. 8, 1828, d. Mar. 10, 1860. They were residents of Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio, and became the parents of 6 children: Sarah, John, Mary, Lucinda, Martha, and Annis. After Elizabeth's death he remarried on Aug. 23, 1860 to Mrs. Sarah Ann Elson Vensel, b. March 9, 1836, d. Nov. 1, 1900, the widow of John A. Vensel of Monroe Twp., and his sister-in-law. Washington and Sarah became the parents of a daughter, Melissa, (I think, from what I can figure from the census records on Melissa). G. W. Vensel is buried by his first wife at Mt. Union M.P. cemetery in Monroe Twp... After Sarah's death he remarried a third time in Muskingum Co., Ohio, on Sept. 21, 1902 to Mrs. Sarah (McCormick) Miskimen, b. Dec. 7, 1853, d. Apr. 7, 1951, widow of Arthur Miskimen, and daughter of James and Julie (Barnett) McCormick. She was the mother of Lina, Ola, Mary, Bruce, Orpha, and James Miskimen. G. W. Vensel's progeny follows:

(1). Sarah Jane Vensel, b. Aug. 12, 1848, d. Feb. 27, 1893, mar. Perry Baker. They became the parents of 6 children: Ella, Sadie, Mollie, Mahala, Nora, Charles, and Harvey.

- A. Ella Baker
- B. Sadie Baker
- C. Mollie Baker
- D. Mahala Baker
- E. Nora Baker
- F. Charles Baker
- G. Harvey Baker

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(2). John A. Vensel, b. Mar. 8, 1851

(3). Mary Elizabeth Vensel, b. Apr. 18, 1852, d. Nov. 11, 1922, mar. Henry Martin Shryock, b. Jan. 7, 1854, d. Nov. 8, 1922. They became the parents of a daughter Cora.

A. Cora Shryock, b. Oct. 16, 1877, d. Apr. 27, 1963, mar. Baxter Phillips, b. Sept. 2, 1872, d. Feb. 20, 1945. Were parents of a daughter, Bernice.

(A). Bernice Phillips, b. June 6, 1896, mar. Aug. 15, 1917 to George Malachi Jones (Ki), b. May 31, 1896.

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(4). Lucinda Vensel, b. Nov. 5, 1854, d. June 25, 1881, mar. Dec. 7 1876 to Israel Washington Snoots, b. 1854. They became parents of Hattie and Sam. After her death, Washington remarried and became the father of a son Jesse.

- A. Hattie L. Snoots, b. Sept. 20, 1877, mar. John Peoples, b. 1881, d. 1963.
- B. Samuel Snoots, mar. 1st to Elena Lane, b. 1892, d. 1958. He remar to Mrs. Florence (Freitage) Durben, b. 1899.

- (5). Martha Vensel, b. Dec. 9, 1856, d. Jan. 7, 1885 (the death records in Musk. Co., Ohio, ^{state} states she was 24 yrs., 6 mo., and 15 dys when she died, which would make her birthdate June 22, 1860; 1st birthdate supplied by Mrs. Bertha Welker). She was mar. Sept. 6, 1877 to Jacob C. Bradford, b. May 12, 1855, d. Dec. 10, 1885, son of Archibald and Mary (Echelberry) Bradford. They were the parents of a daughter Mary Leutta. Jake and Martha Bradford died a month apart, and their daughter was raised by her grandparents. They are buried at Otsego, Ohio.
- A. Mary Leutta Bradford, b. July 19, 1878, d. Aug. 12, 1889, at the home of her uncle, J.D. Elson, Coshocton, Ohio.
- (6). Annis Vensel, b. Nov. 26, 1856, ^{was} d. Jan. 2, 1880. She never married.
- (7). Jane Melissa Vensel, b. 1861, d. Mar. 11, 1938, mar. first to _____ Sprague, who probably died young. About 1879 she remarried to Charles W. Buker, b. 1852, d. 1942, son of Decatur and Lucy Marie (Barnard) Buker. They were residents of Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio, for a number of years, and parents of 8 children: Myra, Clayton, Rex, Bruce, Guy, Vere, Bernice, and Harry. Melissa Buker is buried at Fairfield cemetery, West Lafayette, Ohio. (In the 1880 Census, a James M. Vensel, listed as brother-in-law, was living in the home of Charles W. Buker of Monroe Twp... That is why I have placed her in the G.W. Vensel family).
- A. Myra Buker, b. Dec. 27, 1881, d. 1926, mar. Jan. 1, 1900 to Charles E. Vinsel, b. Dec. 11, 1873, d. 1951, son of D. Henry and Lockey (Miskimen) Vinsel of Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio. They were parents of a son Wilbur. ★
- (A). Wilbur Vinsel, b. 1903, d. 1953.
- B. Harry Buker, b. 1880, d. 14 days later, and is really the first child of Charles and Melissa Buker.
- C. Clayton Buker
- D. Rex O. Buker, b. Apr. 7, 1886, d. Apr. 12, 1969, mar. Dec. 26, 1905 to Nellie Williams. Lived near Plainfield, Ohio, and became parents of a son, Charles. A daughter died. They are buried at Methodist cemetery, Otsego, Ohio.
- (A). Daughter, died young.
- (B). Charles B. Buker, lives Pittsburg, Pa., and father of 4 children.
- E. Bruce E. Buker, b. May 15, 1889, d. June 26, 1967, mar. on Mar. 25, 1907 to Harriet May Derr, b. May 14, 1891, d. Nov. 21, 1971, daughter of Jacob and Lovina (Wilson) Derr. Were residents of the area of Plainfield, Ohio, and parents of a daughter Gladys, and a son died.
- (A). Son, died young.
- (B). Gladys Buker, mar. Apr. 3, 1926 to Donald Sprague, and they had 4 children: Dale, Gary, Harietta, and a son died. She is remarried to Phillip Reese.
- a. Dale Sprague, lives Columbus, Ohio.

- b. Gary Sprague, lives Columbus, Ohio.
- c. Harietta A. Sprague, mar. _____ Clenard. Lives Glendale, Calif....
- d. Sprague son, died young.
- F. Guy Edgar Buker, mar. Dec. 24, 1914 to Leona Mae Watson. He was a minister of the gospel in Indiana, and the father of a son Watson.
- (A). Watson Buker, b. 1915
- G. Lauren Vere Buker, b. Apr. 28, 1893, d. Dec. 21, 1958, mar. Lillian Wolfe, b. 1895. Residents of Coshocton Co., Ohio, and parents of 2 daughters, Vesta and Mabel. He is buried Fairfield cemetery, West Lafayette, Ohio.
- (A). Vesta E. Buker, b. 1931, d. 1958, mar. Peter John Damiene, b. 1927, and became mother of 3 children.
- (B). Mabel Buker, mar. Ralph Smith, son of Roy and Vera (Addy) Smith. They are parents of a daughter.
- H. Bernice E. Buker, b. 1899, mar. Russell G. Ridgeway, b. 189 d. 1962, son of John F. and Lillian (Ross) Ridgeway. They moved to Summit Co., Ohio, and became the parents of 3 daughters; a son Edwin, died young. Russell is buried at Methodist cemetery, Otsego, Ohio. Bernice has remar. to C.L. Marsey, and living in Akron, Ohio.
2. John A. Vensel, b. May 31, 1830, d. Feb. 6, 1858, second child of George and Elizabeth (Donaker) Vensel, was mar. Jan. 1, 1852 to Sarah Ann Elson, b. Mar. 9, 1836 in Coshocton Co., Ohio, d. Nov. 1, 1900. (Sarah was probably related to Christina Elson's husband). John and Sarah Ann were the parents of 3 sons: John, George, and Heslip. They are buried at Mt. Union Chapel M.P. cemetery in Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio. After his death she remar. on Aug. 23, 1860 to G. Washington Vensel, her brother-in-law. They became the parents of a daughter Jane Melissa. (See pages 3 & 4 for the account). In John A. Vensel's will he left his legacy which had been bequeathed to him by Christina Elson, to his 3 sons: John D. Vensel, George W. Vensel, and Heslip Vensel. Will filed in Muskingum Co., Ohio, Probate Court in 1858.
- (1). John D. Vensel, b. 1853
- (2). George W. Vensel, b. 1855
- (3). Heslip Vensel, b. May 16, 1857, d. Oct. 23, 1880. Never married.
3. David Henry Vensel, b. 1836, d. Jan. 16, 1901, mar. Feb. 4, 1866 to Lockey Miskimen (Lutta), b. 1847. Were residents of Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio, and parents of 7 children: Sarah, Laura John, Charles, Charlotte, Maude, and Clara. Mr. Vensel is buried at Mt. Union Chapel cemetery near his parents. I think she remar. on Mar. 9, 1920 in Coshocton Co., Ohio, to Robert Kirk, because such a marriage is recorded there.

- (1). Sarah A. Vensel, b. 1866
- (2). Laura E. Vensel, b. 1868
- (3). John H. Vensel, b. Feb. 11, 1870, mar. Apr. 30, 1903 to Susan Wilson (Susie), b. Mar. 14, 1884, daughter of Thomas D. and Luzetta (Hamilton) Wilson.
- (4). Charles E. Vensel, b. Dec. 11, 1873, d. 1951, mar. Jan. 1, 1900 to Myra Buker, b. Dec. 27, 1881, d. 1926. (See page 4 ~~of this history for account~~).
- (5). Charlotte E. Vensel, b. 1875
- (6). Maude Vensel, b. Sept. 8, 1876, d. Feb. 13, 1973, mar. Wilbur Marlatt, b. July 18, 1874, d. Sept. 2, 1970. Parents of a daughter Ruth. They are buried Fairfield cemetery, West Lafayette, Ohio.
 - A. Ruth Marlatt, mar. John Parks. Parents of a daughter Irene.
 - (A). Irene Parks, mar. _____ Jackson. Lives Maryland, and parents of 3 children, all of whom are married and have families.
- (7). Clara B. Vensel, b. Sept. 17, 1878, d. Nov. 25, 1894. Buried Mt. Union Chapel cemetery, Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio.

4. Samuel T. Vensel, b. 1838, d. 1916, son of George and Elizabeth (Donaker) Vensel, was mar. Oct. 5, 1865 in Coshocton Co., Ohio, to Nancy A. Bowman, b. 1840 (according to 1860 Census he was b. 1838, but his tombstone states he was b. 1841). His parents were both born in Pa., as were Nancy's parents. They are buried at Mt. Union Chapel M.P. cemetery, Monroe Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio. Evidently they had no children as there were none listed in the Census records.

5. James Monroe Vensel, b. 1844, never married. He lived with his sister, Mrs. Charles W. Buker, according to the 1880 Census.

NEICE
 DAVID VINSELL, b. 1796 in Pa., d. in Ohio; in 1850 Census of Ohio, he was listed as living with his sister Christina Elson, Monroe Twp. Muskingum Co., Ohio. He is probably buried at Mt. Union Chapel M.P. cemetery, but I have not been able to verify this. He probably died sometime between 1850 and 1860.

HENRY VINSELL, b. in Pa., came to Ohio at an early age. Was mar. in Muskingum Co. on Dec. 14, 1828 to Lavina Hahn. I think they may have been the parents of the Catharine and Eliza Jane Vinsell who were mentioned in the will of ADAM VINSELL, subject of the beginning of this account. I don't know where this family lived, but they must have died before 1850, as Eliza Jane was living with her Aunt Christina Elson at time of the 1850 Census.

1. Catharine Vensel, born about 1829. (There is a marriage recorded in Muskingum Co., Ohio: John O. Sullivan on Dec. 24, 1842 to Catharine Vintzel; could this be the niece of ADAM VINSELL, and

the daughter of Henry and Lavina (Hahn) VInsell? If so she would have been 13 years of age when she married.)

2. Eliza Jane Vensel, b. 1832 (Census), was married in Coshocton Co., Ohio on Sept. 1, 1864 to Johnson House.

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This concludes the data I have collected on the Pennsylvania family of Vensel's who settled in Monroe Township of Muskingum County, Ohio. Perhaps what I have recorded here will serve as a basis for anyone who wishes to do a further study of this family line. The various surname spellings I have used in this account are ones that I found used in various records concerning this family. I settled on the spelling "Vensel" for consistency, and because it seemed to have been the one which they had more widely adopted.

Those who understand the German language have informed me that the letter "W" is given a "V" sound in that country, which I have found to have been the case in my study of other families of German origin; therefore, I believe the original spelling of the surname of this family was spelled with a "W;" and that the spelling has since become Americanized, just as the late John William Vinsel of Adams Township, Muskingum Co., Ohio, had said.

Throughout this account I have included some of my own conclusions which were determined from the various pieces of data I have collected. I have done so for the benefit of those who wish to carry this research further. I do not claim to have all the right answers to the structure of this family line, or to the one succeeding it. My only aim in this record is to put the data in my possession into some sort of perspective, hoping it will benefit others who are doing more extensive research on these various VINSEL (Vensel, etc.) lines.

Sometime between 1830 and 1840 there began the emigration of various Vinsel's from Loudoun County, Virginia to the area of north - eastern Muskingum County, Ohio. The first Virginia emigre I have found was one George Vinsel, Sr., who settled in Washington township sometime after 1830. Other Vinsel's from Loudoun County followed him at various times between 1830 and 1860, all claiming not to be related to one another; however, the late John William Vinsel (Red John), who has been mentioned at the beginning of this composition, insisted that all of the Loudoun County Vinsel's from Virginia were related, either closely, or distantly, and I believe that he was right.

Ms. Estelle Stewart King has researched the Loudoun county records in Virginia, and has published her findings of "Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administrator Accounts, 1757 - 1800." In her book there is this entry:

WINZEL, ADAM

Will written 20 Oct. 1772 -- Filed Nov. 1772

Wife: Elizabeth Winzel. Children mentioned, but only eldest son Adam named. Exrs: Frantz Richie, & Henry Daub.

Wit: George Shoemaker, Eva and Rudolph Bartel (?).

I suggest that this ADAM WINZEL could very well be the progenitor of the Virginia Vinsel's. The 1892 publication of the Goodspeed History of Muskingum County, Ohio, gives an account of the George H. Vinsel ancestry on page 601, to wit:

"John Vinsel, his grandfather, was a prosperous farmer of Loudoun County, Va., and of German descent. He married Miss Huff, also of German descent, and the following children were born to them: John, Adam, Phillip, George, Solomon, Kate, Polly, Eva, and Susan. He lived to the age of 65 years, and was a soldier in the War of 1812 and a member of the Lutheran church. John Vinsel, Jr., his son and father of George H., was born in Loudoun Co., Va., and was a blacksmith by trade. He married Mary Foley and their union was blessed with six children: Harriet, Eliza, Matilda, John H., Thomas W., and George H... The father died at age of 50 years, both himself and wife being members of the Lutheran church."

Ms. King's book of Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administrator Accounts of Loudoun Co. Va., also produced this bit of data: "Adam Vincill and Jacob Vincill, witnesses to the will of one Andrew Thompson. Mr. Thompson's will was written Feb. 8, 1791, where he named his wife Penelope Thompson, and 3 sons: Lomax, Isaac, and Andrew Thompson."

I believe that the said Adam and Jacob Vincill in the above entry could very well be sons of the ADAM WINZEL who died in 1772 in Loudoun Co., Va., and that Mr. George H. Vinsel's grandfather John Vinsel, Sr., and Mr. George Vinsel, Sr., who came to Ohio after 1830, were also sons of ADAM WINZEL. I see the beginning of the Loudoun County Vinsel's thus:

ADAM WINZEL, probably born in Germany, died 1772 in Loudoun Co. Va., was married to Elizabeth _____. Were parents of Adam, Jacob, George, John, and probably some daughters. I see their progeny thus:

I. Adam Vincill

II. Jacob Vincill

III. George Vinsel, Sr., born Oct. 5, 1769 in Loudoun Co., Va., a soldier in War of 1812, emigrated to Ohio after 1830, died there, and is buried at New Hope Lutheran cemetery near Adamsville, Ohio.

IV. John Vinsel, Sr., married Magdalena Huff (her name supplied by Mary (Slater) Bonifield of Zanesville, Ohio), and they became the parents of 9 children: John, Adam, Phillip, George, Solomon, Kate, Polly, Eva, and Susan. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. Died at his home in Loudoun Co. Va., at the age of 65 years. His progeny:

1. John Vinsel, Jr., b. in Loudoun Co., Va., died there at 50 years, married Mary Foley, and they became the parents of 6 children: Harriet, Eliza, Matilda, John H., Thomas W., and George H..... We know that George H. came to Ohio where he married, lived, and died. Eliza, whose first name was Catharine, married H. Thomas Lowe in Virginia, and later emigrated to Ohio where they lived and died. Her sister Harriet, who never married, came to Ohio and lived with the Lowe's. All are buried at the New Hope Lutheran cemetery near Adamsville, Ohio. Matilda E. Vinsel also came to Muskingum Co. Ohio, where she married on Sept. 17, 1855 to Levi F. Adams. Evidently John H. and Thomas W. stayed in Virginia.
2. Adam Vinsel, probably remained in Virginia.
3. Phillip Vinsel, of Loudoun Co., Va... I think his wife's name was Eliza, and that they could have been the parents of one Alice L. Vinsel, b. 1840 in Loudoun Co., Va., who became the second wife of Harvey L. Cogsill, b. 1832 in Loudoun Co. Va., son of Harry and Mary (Vinsell) Cogsill of that area (see page 416 of the Goodspeed History of Muskingum County, Ohio, 1892). Alice was the daughter of Phillip and Eliza Vinsel of Loudoun Co., Va.... Harvey and Alice (Vinsel, Vinsel) Cogsill became the parents of 5 children: Maude A., Frank, John T., Bruce, and Mabel.
4. George Vinsel, probably remained in Virginia.
5. Solomon Vinsel, " " " "
6. Catharine Vinsel, (Kate)
7. Mary Ann Vinsel (Polly); I think she married Harry Cogsill who was born 1806 near Danbury, Conn... He moved with his parents to Loudoun Co., Va. about the year of 1818 where he grew up, met, and married Miss Mary Vinsel, daughter of John Vinsel, who was a native of the Old Dominion state. They lived in Loudoun Co. until about 1838, then emigrated to Carroll Co., Ohio, where they purchased a farm and lived there until their deaths. They were the parents of 8 children: Antionette, Oliver, George, John, Harvey L., Mary, Anson, and a baby died. They were devout Lutherans. Their son Harvey L. was born Nov. 17, 1832 in Va., came with his parents to Carroll Co., where he was educated; studied law at Carrolton before enlisting in Co. H., 98th OVI, during the Civil War. After the war he came to Muskingum Co., Ohio, and purchased a farm. He was married in 1867 to Miss Roseta Schuebley who died in 1869, leaving him with 2 children, Harvey H., and Anna. He married a second time to Alice L. Vinsel, b. 1840 in Loudoun Co., Va., the daughter of Philip and Eliza Vinsel. They became the parents of 5 children: Maude A., Frank, John T., Bruce, and Mabel. They are buried at New Hope Lutheran cemetery near Adamsville, Ohio.
8. Eva Vinsel
9. Susannah Vinsel (Susan), b. Nov. 11, 1794 in Loudoun Co., Va., died July 31, 1878 in Muskingum Co., Ohio, was married in 1812 to Anthony Slater, born Oct. 2, 1789 in Loudoun Co., Va., died Jan. 23, 1885 in Ohio, a veteran of the War of 1812, and son of John William and Catharine Slator. They emigrated to Ohio in 1816,

and were the parents of 6 children: Sampson, John F., George W., William A., Harrison V., and Solomon L. Slater. They are buried in New Hope Lutheran cemetery near Adamsville, Ohio. According to Susan Slater's descendants she always claimed that George H. Vinsel was her nephew. Also according to her family he stayed with her for a time after coming to Ohio, then went to work for Mr. Solomon Wenner, whose daughter he later married.

I do not claim that the foregoing outline of the Virginia Vinsel's is correct. I have used the data to show one way in which I can see the relationships between the various ones of the family who emigrated to the same area in Muskingum County, Ohio, all of whom were devout Lutherans, and most of whom are buried at New Hope Lutheran cemetery near Adamsville, Ohio. As a genealogist I have learned that most early arrivals of a particular surname into an area were usually members of the same family line, all related to one another in some manner, either closely or distantly.

As I stated, the first of the Virginia Vinsel's to arrive in Muskingum Co., Ohio, seems to have been George Vinsell, Sr., who was born Oct. 15, 1769 in Loudoun Co. Va.... The 1840 Census of Ohio lists a George Vinsell in Washington township of Muskingum County, whose household contained 1 male from 10 to 15 years of age; 1 male 70 to 80 years; 1 female 20 to 30 years, and 1 female 30 to 40 years. He is not listed in the 1830 Census, nor do I find any record of him in the annals of Muskingum County until after 1830. Also listed in the 1840 Census is one Samuel Vinsell in Washington township whose household contained 2 males under 5 years; 1 male 5 to 10; 1 male 30 to 40 years; 2 females 20 to 30 years. In Salem township the 1840 Census listed one George Vinsell whose household contained 2 males under 5; 2 males 5 to 10; 1 male 10 to 15; 1 male 40 to 50 years; 1 female 15 to 20, and 1 female 30 to 40 years. In the household of John Vinsell of Monroe township the 1840 Census listed 1 male 10 to 15 years; 1 male 30 to 40; 1 male 40 to 50; 1 female 5 to 10; 1 female 15 to 20, and 1 female 40 to 50 years.

The Real estate annals of Muskingum County show that Mr. George Vinsel, Sr., settled on land in the northeastern and southeastern quarters of Section 1 in Washington township; said land lying adjacent to the co-joining of the Salem and Perry township lines, which lines form the northwest corner of Perry township and the southwest corner of Salem; all land lying east of the Zanesville-Adamsville road, now known as State Rt. 93.

Further research at the Muskingum County court house uncovered the will of George Vinsel, Sr., which revealed that the above George, Samuel, and John were his sons. The will was filed Jan. 30, 1847, and those mentioned were his son Samuel, who was to inherit the home farm and serve as co-executor of the estate with his brothers. To his sons Michael and John he left land, and they were to serve as co-executors. He also left land to his son George, and to his daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Wine. He bequeathed a portion to his grandchildren Joseph and Amanda Filler, and Fenton Bogar, all of whom were to receive their deceased mothers' share; and, he named his niece Maria Amick, daughter of his sister Eliza Amick to share in the estate. No wife was mentioned, so I assume she preceded him in death either in Virginia, or soon after coming to Ohio; however, I do not find a grave for her at New Hope Lutheran cemetery where he is buried. He died Dec. 23, 1846, and his tombstone states that he was a veteran of the War of 1812. Mrs. Sam Taylor of Lancaster, Pa., a descendant of Mr. Vinsel, tells me that his wife's name was