

The Wortman Word

A Quarterly Newsletter about Wortman, Workman and Wortmann families

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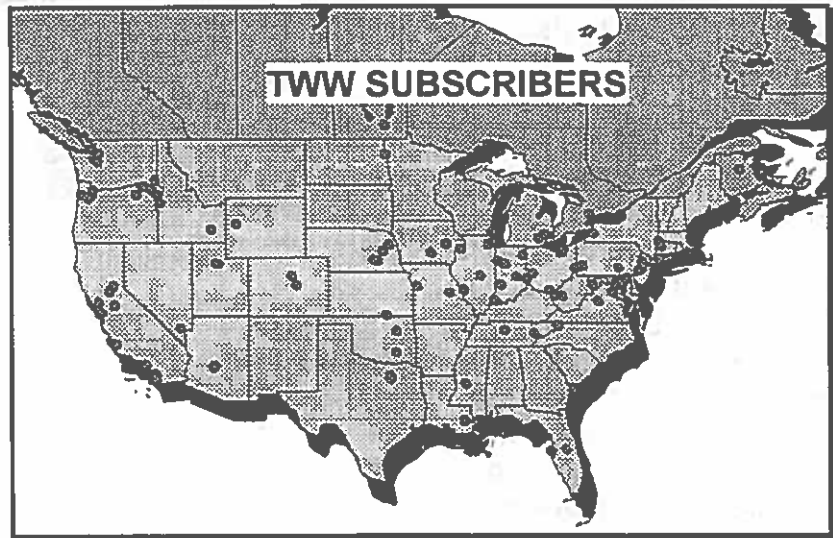
Who could have predicted the success this chatty newsletter has had? When we started *The Wortman Word* two years ago, I never imagined the enjoyment it would give me, nor the friends I would discover. In the beginning, I vividly remember a phone conversation with my 2nd cousin, Reta Davis. I was bemoaning my lack of subscribers (about 12) and asking, "But who will want to read this"? Reta just said, "I think you'll be surprised".

Well, 2 years later, I am surprised. This September, membership passed 100 and only 2 people have ever failed to renew. We must be doing something right.

Let me just say, thank you to all you folks out there in Wortman land, for your support, your letters, pictures and stories -- I read and enjoy every one!

Warren

Wortman Word Subscribers



With the exception of Anton Van Reekon of the Netherlands, the map above shows the homes of our subscribers, as of September 1998. We do not keep statistics on our members, so we don't know things like age, income or shoe size. Collectively, we can only assume our members have a strong interest in their family. My wife would refer to my own interest as "mental illness".

"There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness"

Dave Barry

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WOR(TK)MAN(N) LINES

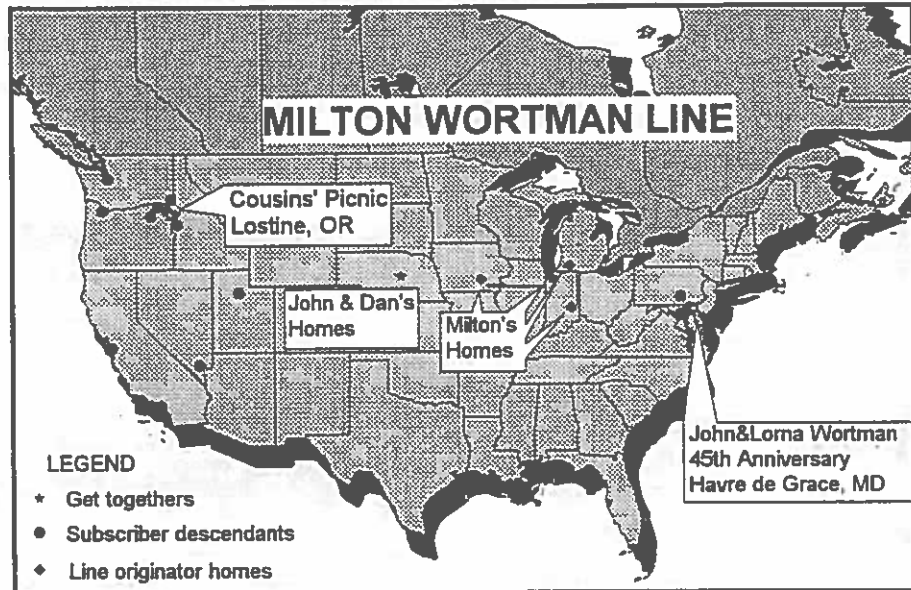
Milton Lad Wortman

According to the 1840 census, he was born between 1800 and 1810, place unknown. He married Mary Corey in Rush County, Indiana in 1830. He signed a petition in the territory of Michigan in 1836, then shortly thereafter, purchased land in LaPorte County, IN. There he married Lucinda Doud were they had at least 2 children.

Milton and Lucinda moved to Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa. There they had their youngest son, Daniel in 1846. In 1847, tragedy struck, when Milton died. Lucinda could no longer care for the children and they were left to foster families.

Some Milton Subscriber Descendants:

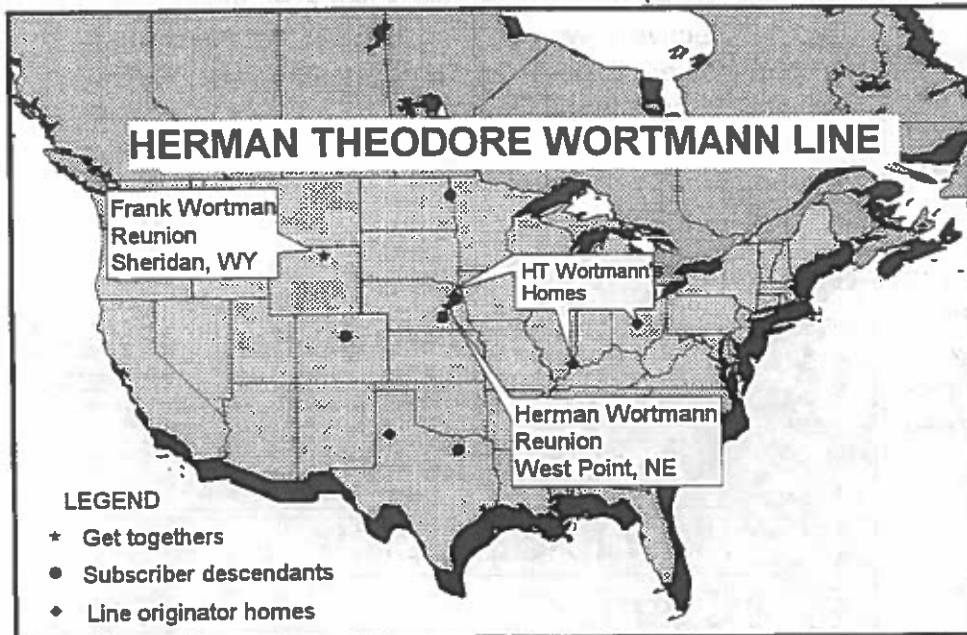
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The family of H.T. Wortmann lived first in Ohio, I don't know what county or town. Some or all of them then moved to Posey County, Indiana. Later, all of them moved to Cuming County, Nebraska, near West Point, though not all at the same time. One of H.T. Wortmann's sons stayed in Ohio where some of his descendants still live.

by Alice Plumlee
 Plano, TX

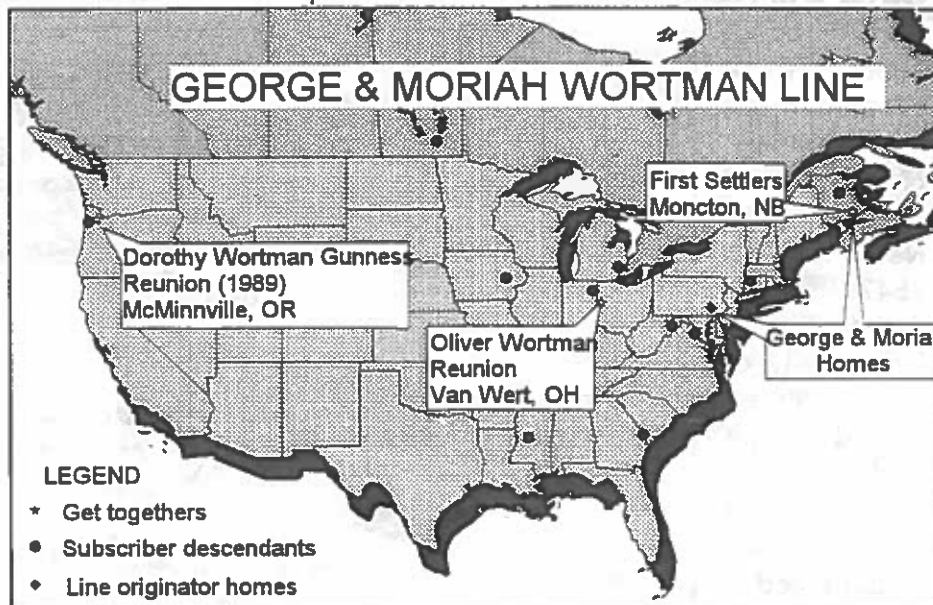


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George & Moriah

George Wortman settled in Schuylkill, PA, just outside of Philadelphia. He had emigrated from the Rhine area of Germany in 1749. In 1763, George joined 8 other families in settling in Moncton, New Brunswick, where he died in 1788.

Summarized from:
Michelle Stallings
Abrey, TX



Some George Subscriber Descendants:

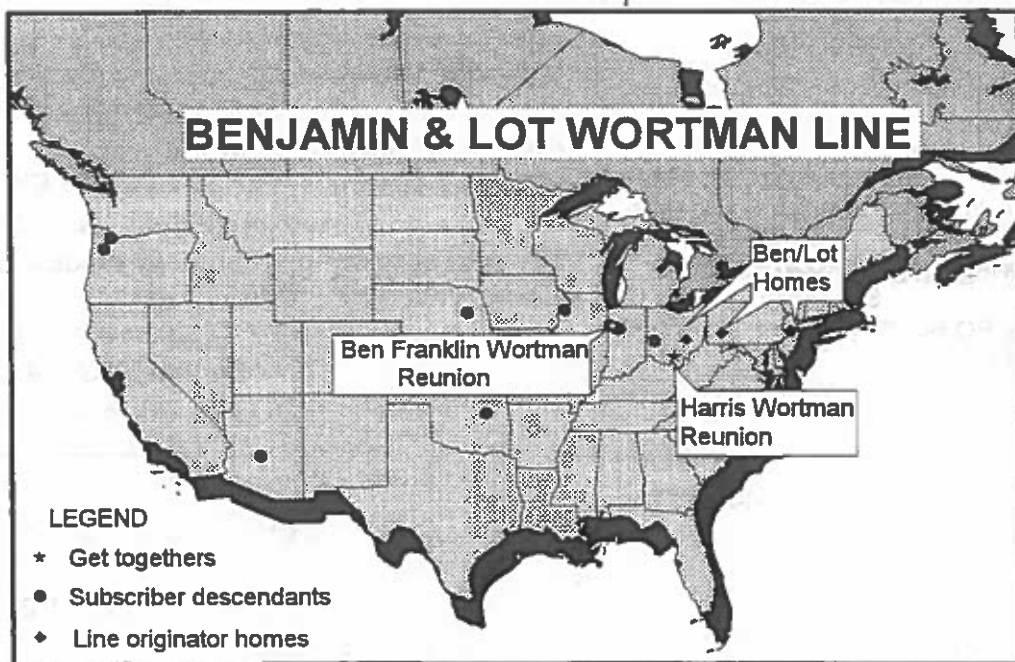
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IA, 52228

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Benjamin & Lot Wortman

Some Ben/Lot Subscriber Descendants:

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Pearl M Wortman, 3438 Kimberly Downs
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Janet R. Wortman, 7043 N. Commercial,
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Two possible brothers, Ben and Lot Wortman (1779-1839), came from New Jersey and settled in Westmoreland, Co., PA. Both Ben and Lot settled in Muskingum Co., OH.

*From Ohio
Valley Genealogies.*

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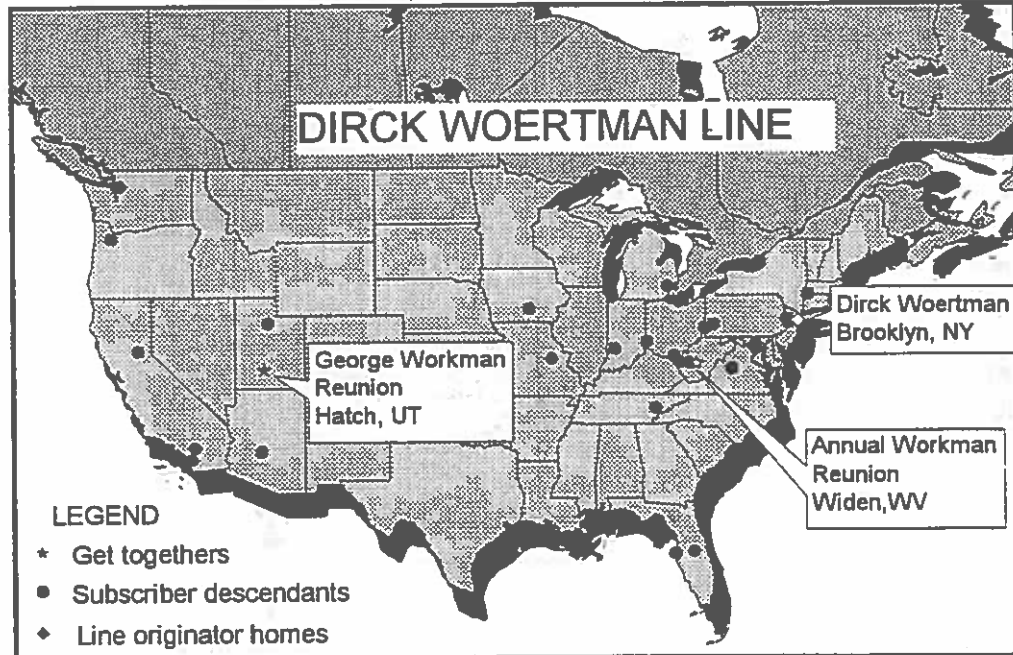
Dirck Woertman

Born about 1630, Dirck Woertman left his hometown of Amsterdam, emigrating to New York in 1647. He settled in Brooklyn. Many of his children moved to the wilds of New Jersey. This line is heavily documented in Thelma Anderson's *The Workman*

Family, although the accuracy of that work is in question.

Some Dirck Subscriber Descendants:

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 Robert Workman, 55 Tara Court,
 Wheelersburg, OH, 45694
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 UT, 84092
 Emma Becraft, 4408 Sandy Spring Road, Burtonsville,
 MD, 20866
 Betty Cox, 105 N. Lessie St.,
 Worthington, IN, 47471
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 burgh, PA, 15213
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 San Diego, CA, 92117
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 Marysville, WA 98270

**Miscellaneous Lines**

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 Michelle Dabel, 3523 Poleline Rd,
 Pocatello, ID, 83201

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 Karl H. Reken, 17645 SE Walnut Hill Rd,
 Amity, OR, 97101

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 Joanne Wortman, 61 Eckernkamp Drive,
 Smithtown, NY, 11787

Edwin Wortman, Decatur IL
 David F Wortman, 718 Fairway Dr, Eliza-
 bethton, TN, 37643

**Mary Ann Workman,
 Nodaway Co., MO 1865,**
 Amy Davis, 707 NW Rosaceae Dr., Blue
 Springs, MO, 64015

Many previous issues of the Wortman Word refer to particular lines.

Lot Wortman line: Volume 2.3
 Milton Lad Wortman line: Volume 1.3

George & Moriah Wortman: Volume 1.3
 Dirck Woertman: Volume 2.1
 Herman Theodore Wortman: Volume 1.2
 (Wortman disease)

YOUR LETTERS

Dirck Woertman Article

I have compiled an article on the first three or four generations of the family of Dirck Janse Woertman soon to be published in *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*. Recently my articles on the families of Van Sant, Ysbrant Elders and of Abraham Alling were published there. My Wortman line is Dirck¹, Tunis², Jan³, Tunis⁴, Frances⁵.

Denis³, son of Denis² Wortman and Margaret Beekman, born 28 March 1719, was baptized 2 April in the NY Lutheran Church, married on 3 Feb 1756 in the NY French Church, to Jeanne Aimar. He was probably the Dennis Wortman who was witness to the will of William Yeomans, Jr. of the Manor of Cortlandt, "soldier of the Provincial forces of the Colony". I have been told that this Dennis was seen in records of Westchester County but have not found him as yet. I would like to know where he lived, his wife, his children and their vital records. Was his son (or grandson) the Dr. Denis Wortman who m. Elizabeth Rapelyea and had a daughter Phoebe who m. 1843 Cornelius Richard Van Wyck (*Van Wyck Genealogy*, p225)?

There are a few female Wortmans I have not yet been able to identify:

- Elizabeth Wortman m. 7 Aug 1756,
John Margerson, NY Presbyterian Ch.
- Mary Wortman m. 8 July 1762,
Robert Berwick, NY Trinity Ch. Parish or
- Margaret Wortman m. 8 July 1762,
Robert Besswick (Tucker, NYM...MB)
- Elizabeth Wortman m. 19 Nov 1780,
Jarvis Dobbs, Grace Ch., Jamaica, LI, NY.
- Mary Wortman m. 17 Dec 1764,
William Richardson (Tucker, NYM...MB).

Mary⁴ Wortman, dau of Jan Tunise. Was she ever married? Was she born about 1725, first of Jan's children (mentioned first in his will), or born about 1740, his last child and one of the above Marys? I would need some proof or documentation.

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Wortman's and Hypokalemia

Familial hypokalemia with paralysis seems to be on the Wortman's side of the family, as my grandma had it and so did some of her brothers. My grandmother was a Wortman. It is a rare disease, my daughter was followed by two universities, and now my grandson is followed by the University of Texas. Patients usually wake up with paralysis and can be from weak to unable to move. Years ago people died in our family from it not knowing what it was. The potassium goes into the cells and the potassium level goes low, and then paralysis.

Here is my direct line to the Wortman's:
David (1790-1874,d. Adair Co., MO)*

David(1833-1865)

+ Martha Jane Walters

George Washington(1865-1861)

Zepher(Effie) (1896-1993)

Esther White (1911-1993)

Ruth Stoumbaugh(author)

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* *Editor's note, based on "We Are Wortman", by Dorothy Wortman Gunness:*

David is the eldest son of Jacob, who is the eldest son of George & Moriah Wortman(*TWW Vol 1.3*), of Moncton, NB. David was the first to leave New Brunswick, moving to Harrison Co., OH. Other New Brunswick Wortmans made the journey two years later, in 1827.

YOUR LETTERS

Wortmanns of Austria

There were three brothers, Josef, Robert and Hermann Wortmann, sons of Ignatz and Amalie Wortmann. I know nothing of Ignatz or Hermann, but Josef and Robert came to Vienna, Austria as students (probably in the 1870's, and I don't know where they came from). Therese Nagel, the eldest sister of my mother's mother, Malwine Nagel, married Josef Wortmann, and the youngest daughter, Berta Nagel, married Robert, Josef's brother. The brothers started a banking house and bureau de change, both of which were very successful. At one time, Robert was vice-president of the *Wiener Börse* (Vienna Stock Exchange). He built a grand Villa in the *Cottagegasse*, one of the most fashionable districts of Vienna, and was one of the first men in Vienna to possess a motor car.

They [*Berta and Robert*] had no children, but Therese and Josef had three children, Henriette, Oskar and Käthe. Henriette (Jetty) married Reinhard Popper, and they had two children, Georg and Hansi (?Johanna). Family stories tell that Hansi married into the British aristocracy, but I have not researched this. Oskar married Rita Karpeles, and they had a daughter, Susi. Käthe married Fritz Steiner, who had some association with the Bally shoe manufacturing company. Oskar Wortmann, the only son of Therese and Josef, was the company secretary of the banking business; he married Rita Karpeles, and they had a daughter Susi.

The banking business apparently failed, possibly in the 1920's, and Robert committed suicide. I don't know when Josef died, but Berta and Therese made a home for themselves at *Strassergasse 13*, in the district of Grinzing. They were eventually ar-

rested by the Nazis and murdered in Theresienstadt in 1942. Ignatz, Amalie, Robert and Josef were buried in the *Döblinger Friedhof*, but were exhumed in 1972 and reburied at Vienna Central Cemetery.

Robert W. Fraser
Perth, Western Australia

E:Mail Funnies

Letters received by a Family History Dept.:

- Our 2nd great grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library. He was married 3 times in the endowment house and has 21 children. He and his daughter are listed as not being born.

- I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.

- Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?

- My Grandfather died at the age of 3.

- We are sending you 5 children in a separate envelope.

- Documentation: Family Bible in possession of Aunt Merle until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas, now only the Good Lord know where it is..

- The wife of #22 could not be found. Somebody suggested that she might have been stillborn -- what do you think?

- I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and 3 of their children.

- Enclosed please find my Grandmother. I have worked on her for 30 years without success. Now see what you can do.

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WOR(TK)MAN(N) NEWS

Brazilian Coach, Ivo Wortmann

According to 5 October 1998 issue of "Soccer America", Ivo Wortmann has a winning touch. Ivo replaced Cacho Cordoba as coach of the Miami Fusion, when they were 8-11. Once Ivo Wortmann took over, the Fusion went to a 7-5 record and clinched the fourth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference of the MLS. Although the Fusion fell to DC United in the playoffs, clearly Wortmann was an inspiration to his team.

Ivo Wortman played 10 seasons in Brazil. Wortman, age 49, was director of coaching at the Adidas Soccer Academy in Bradenton, FL when he got the call to take over the Fusion.

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- I have a hard time finding myself in London. If I were there I was very small and cannot be found.

- This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.

- We lost our Grandmother, will you please send us a copy?

- Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.

- A 14-year-old boy wrote: "I do not want you to do my research for me. Will you please send me all of the material on the Welsh line, in the US, England and Scotland countries? I will do the research.

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IN SEARCH OF...

Searching for parents, sibs, wife & ch. of John Gordon of Wyoming Co., PA in late 1700s. Was he father of Polly Gordon Wortman? Will share info of upstate NY Wortmans.

Another query: Need any info on the following:

(1) Hans Adam Wartman who arrived 16 Aug 1731 on ship *SAMUEL* w/ wife Elizabeth, ch. Abraham and Mary.

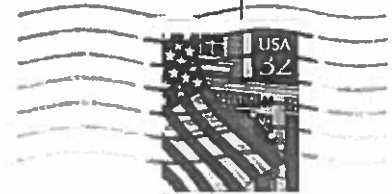
(2) Henrick Buchard Gabriel Wortman, a Lutheran minister who arrived 3 Nov 1752, a passenger on ship *QUEEN OF DENMARK*.

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Seeking more info on Tobiatha Bradford, who m. Benjamin Wortman on 9 Sep 1840 in Muskingum Co., OH. Tobiatha may be the daughter of William Bradford and Fannie Fulk.

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Seeking parentage of David Wortman (b. ?, m. 10 Jan 1770, Lydia Gordon, d. 1791, Readington, Hunterdon Co., NJ). He had 2 children: a girl and William b. 30 Mar 1779. David later m. ~1800, Anna Swartout, Hector, Schuyler Co., NY. They had 12 children, including Amos, b. 1803, Asa b. 1810, Joel b. 1813, Halsey b. 1817, William b. 1820, Andrew, b. 1823 and David, B. 1825. Possible parents, William (d. 1 Mar 1765, Picatway Twsp. Middlesex City, NJ) and Margaret Wortman. William's parents were Andries and Jannetje Post.

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