

## When was Caleb Greenland of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, son of Moses and Mary, born?

In Roher's "A Brief Sketch....," our subject Caleb's birthdate is stated, but undocumented, as Jan. 3, 1773.<sup>1</sup> Laurel Shanafelt Powell used this same date in her book, "Greenland-Corbin-Loveall...."<sup>2</sup> This date used by many other researchers is wrong.

If this date is correct, then Caleb would be the eldest son of Moses Greenland, which he is not. Nathan is. Except for the 1850 and 1860 censuses, no documents state an age for Caleb. These two censuses provide ages of 69 and 77 respectively. An analysis of the censuses and his first year appearance on the tax lists provide support for a birth year range of 1780-1785. The table below shows that all of the available data intersect in this timeframe.

**An Analysis of Caleb Greenland's Birth Year Range<sup>3</sup>**

1773	1774	1775	1776	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1790	1791	1792	1793	1794	1795	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800									
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													He first appeared on tax records in 1806. If 21 at that time, then born no later than 1785.																							
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In addition, the age at death information on his gravemarker calculates to 4 Jun 1783, not 3 Jan 1773.<sup>4</sup> When these two dates are placed side by side, it is easy to see the error was more likely typographical than anything else.

Caleb Greenland was born in 1783, not 1773 as previously reported by others.



Grave marker - Caleb Greenland

<sup>1</sup> Frank W. Roher, *A Brief Sketch of Caleb Greenland and his Wife, Christina Curfman with Some of their Ancestors and Part of their Descendants* (unstated but probably Pennsylvania: self published, 1924), 2.

<sup>2</sup> Laurel Shanafelt Powell, *Greenland-Corbin-Loveall, The Ancestry of Keziah Greenland who married Nicholas Shanafelt, Jr.*, (Ocala, Florida, 1993); digital download, *FamilySearch* (<http://familysearch.org> : accessed 11 June 2010).

<sup>3</sup> 1790 U.S. census, population schedule, Baltimore, Maryland, p. 173, Patapsco Lower Hundred, col. 1, line 17, Household of Moses Grayland [Greenland], Caleb is inferred. **Also** 1800 U.S. census, population schedule, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Union Township, p. 147 (penned), line 33, Household of Moses Greenland, Caleb is inferred in the 10-16 year column. **Also** Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, 1793-1833 Tax Book, p. Unpaginated, alphabetical by year, entry for Caleb Greenland, 1806-1828; FHL microfilm 1,148,581. **Also** 1810 U.S. census, population schedule, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Union Township, p. 166, line 10, as "P. Greenlaw"; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 8 Jul 2012); citing NARA microfilm M252, roll 51. **Also** 1820 U.S. census, population schedule, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Union Township, p. 41 (Stamped), line 28, Caleb Greenland; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm M33, roll 104. **Also** 1830 U.S. census, population schedule, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Union Township, p. 15, line 23, Caleb Greenland; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm M19, roll 166. **Also** 1840 U.S. census, population schedule, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Union Township, p. 123 (penned), 266B (stamped), line 19, Calep [Caleb] Greenland; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 462. **Also** 1850 U.S. census, population schedule, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Cass Township, p. 210A, dwelling 82, family 82, Caleb Greenland; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 784.

<sup>4</sup> Grave marker, Trough Creek Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, Caleb Greenland, Personally read, 10 July 2009 and 14 Oct 2014. Birth date is calculated from age inscription of "83 Yr, 2 Ms, 28 Ds" based upon date of death.