

## Cemetery Note

**Adam Householder** (1746-1804) is another of our Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots buried in the old cemetery. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., the son of Johann Adam Hausholter who had arrived in Philadelphia from Germany in 1739. The family moved to Washington County, Md. around 1777, and Both Johann Adam and his son Adam signed the Oath of Fidelity and Support to the Government of Maryland in 1778—which was considered an act of treason by the British. Adam also served in Capt. Swingle's Company of the Maryland militia during the Revolutionary War.

Adam and his wife Catharine Bechtel moved to the German Settlement in Loudoun County around 1780, and affiliated themselves with the German Lutheran Church—now New Jerusalem. Adam is listed as one of the church Trustees on the 1797 deed, which confirmed the earlier grant of land by George William Fairfax to the German Lutheran Church. Adam's wife Catharine died in 1794 at 44 years of age. Two years later he married Susannah Rickard (d. 1818), the widow of Simon Rickard, who was a probable Hessian soldier who settled in this area. When Adam died in 1804, he was buried next to his first wife, with the following inscription on his gravestone:

"In memory of Adam Housholter  
Who departed this life  
September 27th, 1804, aged 55 years,  
Farewell, my spouse and children dear,  
As you must yet remain.  
The Lord of host be your defense,  
Till we meet again."



Marker for Adam Housholter.



Anna Maria Christina Spring Fawley (1786-1861), daughter of Andreas and Anna Maria Steinbrenner Spring, and grand-daughter of Susanna and Caspar Spring.