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THROUGH THE EFFORTS of Mr. Arthur R. Stover of 425 West Hopi Drive, Holbrook, Arizona, the tantalizing mystery which has enshrouded the life of Sarah, daughter of George Boone III, since her marriage to Jacob Stauber (Stover?) in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa., March 15, 1715, is having a few rays of light turned on it. By obtaining copies of little known records, Mr. Stover has added important facts to existing knowledge about her. With his full permission, the SCOUT is privileged to present three of these from the pen of Mrs. James R. Spraker.

FIRST: Sarah, wife of Jacob Stauber (Stover?) was living in 1723. A deed of September 10, 1723 shows that Jacob Stauber and wife Sarah sold to John Lienbach 273 acres of their Oley (Pa.) patent. (Ref.: Robert C. Benham, Title Recording Officer, 156 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. File ref. not given.)

AS IT IS KNOWN that Jacob Stover of Orange County, Virginia, died before March 22, 1741, leaving a son, Jacob, Jr. as his administrator, and a minor son, Abraham, who was allowed to choose his guardian, it follows that Sarah, the first wife of Jacob Stover, Sr. must have been the mother of the son Jacob, Jr., of age in 1741, and probably the mother of Abraham.

SECOND: Jacob Stauber, or Stover, formerly of the then Philadelphia County, Pa., was living in Salem, West Jersey in 1730, when he filed a power of attorney to his "beloved friend" George Boone to sell his land in Pennsylvania. (Ref.: Letters of Attorney D-2, Vol. 2, pp. 63-64, Dept. Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pa.) This was the same year in which Jacob Stover petitioned the Council of Virginia for a grant of 10,000 acres of land in the Shenandoah Valley.

THIRD: That Jacob was recommended for his important venture in Virginia is shown by a letter from J. S. Sprogill, Sr. dated October 2, 1731, which reads in part:

"Jacob Stauber intends to settle beyond the Blew Hills in Virginia which was never tempted yet. I therefore certify that the said Stauber is the fittest and properest person to undertake and accomplish the same having known him this twenty years in Pennsylvania when he made settlements in the remotest parts among the Indians, whereby he hath acquired the reputation among all that knew him as one of the Very best skilled in husbandry and acquired by this industry very handsome means." (Ref.: Monthly Bulletin, Dept. Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pa.)

IT WILL BE NOTED that Sprogill's statement of having known Jacob Stauber for twenty years corroborates the only mention of Sarah Boone in the old James Boone Genealogy, which says that her parents moved "thence to Oley in the same County of Philadelphia, where Sarah (being married) had moved some time before." While Jacob Stover was granted his land in Virginia as early as June 17, 1730, the date of the Sprogill statement would indicate that he may not have moved south or begun his colonization until after October 2, 1731. In fact, Jacob Stover did not receive complete title to his grant and issue deeds of land to petitioners until 1733. (Ref.: Short History of Page County, Virginia, by Strickler, p. 64.)