

We have always heard that the Mullendores came from Holland. I believe that they migrated to Holland from Germany. To support the belief that the Mullendores originated in Germany I submit the following evidence: (1) a boy from Holland, Dick ten Doessschate who has been a student in Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, since 1950, stated that the name Mullendore or Mollendorf is German rather than Dutch. (2) A World War II German war bride, Mrs. Anni Davis who has lived as a neighbor of my sister, told her that the name Mollendorf was common along the Rhine in Germany. (3) When I was a girl at home I remember that a letter came addressed to Frank Mollendorf. My father opened it but it was not for him. A day or two later a peddler came to the door and remarked about the similarity of his name and that of my father, which he had noted on the mailbox. My mother hastened to tell him that a letter for him had been delivered to our house.

The Mullendores came to America sometime before 1771, the date of the will of Jacob Mullendore, which was proven in Frederick, Maryland court.

The stories of the early Mullendores seem to be contradictory at several points. The present account may not go back as far as some would like, but it is an attempt to have the early story based on authentic records, as far as possible.

A letter from William Clint Mullendore, Edison Building, Los Angeles, sent to Edit Mullendore Waggoner, 1032 North Morgan Street, Rushville, Indiana about 1941, contained a copy of the following will, which had been obtained through Albertus Mullendore of the John V. Abxamier and Company, Bennsboro, Maryland.

In 1940 the Will of one Jacob Mullendore was found to have been proven in the Frederick Maryland Court in the year 1771 (Volume 1, Page 432).