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Name	Lifespan	Where Born
John <a href="#">FUNK</a>	1750-1812	<a href="#">Old Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA</a>
<b>Additional Notes</b>		<b>Migration Steps</b>
<p>John Funk*, was born in Old Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was a regular graduate of an Allopathic school of medicine. He was bitten [1780?] by a mad fox while walking through a meadow in the night. He was bled nearly to death, but rallied and lived for twenty years, when he took with a trembling in the arm that was bitten, and that side became paralyzed and remained so for twelve years when death released him at the age of 62. John lived on the border of Berks and Lancaster Co, PA in the 1780s and paid taxes in both counties, but lived on the same land which was 130.5 acres called ^Rockhill^ in Brecknock Twp. It was surveyed 21 Apr 1785 on a warrant dated 16 Nov 1784 and was patented 17 Apr 1787 to Abraham Ziegler. (The record is found in both counties, and is the same piece of land... on the map called 34B.) Some time in 1786 John and his brothers Peter, Michael, and Philip, moved from Lancaster Co to Frederick Co, VA. On a land deed in Frederick Co dated 26 Mar 1788 John and Priscilla Tharp deed to John Funk ^late of the county of Lancaster state of Pennsylvania.^ This same land sold</p>		<p>to <a href="#">Rockingham County, VA</a> in 1793 to <a href="#">Monongalia County now Preston County, VA now WV</a> in 1799</p>

10 Aug 1793 to Tomas Baston. Soon after the sale of this property John Funk and family moved to Rockingham Co, VA, living there until about 1800, and then moved to Preston Co, WV. [WV was part of VA until 1863; Preston Co WV was formerly part of Monongalia Co, VA.] John and his father in law, Benjamin Britain, had gone to Monongalia Co by Sep 1799 when they signed an agreement with Conrad Sheets for land that Sheets held from Hugh Morgan. A lawsuit followed in which Sheets sued for money promised to be paid the following Mar 15. The suit dragged on until 8 Nov 1803 when the verdict stated, ^We the jury find for the defendant. J Tate.^ Details of the case may be found in a packet in the University Library at Morgantown WV. (Comment [VC]: Witnesses in the case for Funk were Hugh Morgan and Phillip Martin. Hugh Morgan, who seems to be the actual owner of the land, was the father-in-law of John's son Jacob Funk. Phillip Martin is John Funk's son-in-law. Did Sheets have a chance???) John and Jemima Funk bought land abt 1806 in Monongalia Co and sold it in 1809. He was exempt from a poll tax beginning in 1805, but remained on the personal property roll until 1812. d: ^probably along the Cheat River in an area called Dunkard Bottom about 2 miles east of Kingwood.^ From tax records he died abt 1812 as he remained on the personal property tax roll until then when Jemima appears on the roll as a widow. (W VA was part of VA until 1863) For more on the Funks there is a link on my web page at <http://www.labs.net/dawghouse>

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