# Jacob SAMMET (1710-1782)

## Summary

When Jacob SAMMET was born in 1710 in Baden-Baden, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, his father, Johanne, was 25 and his mother, Maria, was 20. He had three sons and two daughters with Rosina Anna Barbera SCHOLL between 1733 and 1754. He died in 1782 in West Virginia at the age of 72.

*Birth: about 1710; Baden, Baden-Baden, Baden-Württemberg, Germany; Arrival: 1753; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Residence: 1761; Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA; Land Grant: 22 August 1778; (Hamshire) Virginia USA, Lord Fairfax Land Grant; Death: about 1782; Present Day, West Virginia, United States*

Jacob SAMMET was born in Baden-Baden, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, to Maria Magdalena Barbara KELLER, age 20, and Johanne Jakob SAMMET, age 25 in 1710[[1]](#footnote-1). In 1710, Baden-Baden was a significant town in the region of Baden, known for its Roman baths and as a spa destination. It served as the seat of the margravate of Baden until 1705 and was recovering from destruction during the French occupation in 1688. Located in southwestern [Germany](https://www.britannica.com/place/Germany), the city lies along the middle Oos River in the [Black Forest](https://www.britannica.com/place/Black-Forest-mountain-region-Germany) (Schwarzwald)[[2]](#footnote-2). In January 1710 Tsar [Peter the Great](https://www.onthisday.com/people/peter-the-great) set the first Russian state budget. In February, in the Battle of Helsingborg, 14,000 Danish invaders under Jørgen Rantzau were decisively defeated by an equally sized Swedish force under Magnus Stenbock. In October British troops occupied Port Royal, Nova Scotia. In December, in the Battle of Brihuega during the War of the Spanish Succession, British General James Stanhope was captured by French & Spanish forces. At the Battle of Villa Viciosa, France defeated the Habsburgers[[3]](#footnote-3).

Jacob’s son Christian was born in Moenchsberg, Jagst, Wuert, Germanyon December 29, 1733[[4]](#footnote-4). Jacob was 23. In January of 1733 British officer James Oglethorpe and 130 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina. In February, Oglethorpe founded the Georgia Colony at the site of Savanah. In May Great Britain passed the Molasses Act, putting high tariffs on rum and molasses imported to the colonies from a country other than British possessions. The right of Canadians to keep Indian slaves was upheld in Quebec City. In October France declared war on Holy Roman Emperor [Charles VI](https://www.onthisday.com/people/charles-vi)[[5]](#footnote-5).

Jacob’s son Christian was christened in Oberstebfeld, Marbach, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany on 18 Jan 1734[[6]](#footnote-6). In March of 1734 a Spanish army under Don Carlos III entered Naples. In June French troops occupied Philipsburg on the Rhine. In Montreal, New France (Quebec), black slave Marie-Joseph Angélique, having been convicted of the arson that destroyed much of the city, was tortured and hung by the French authorities in a public ceremony. The Russian army occupied Danzig[[7]](#footnote-7).

Jacob’s son Francis, my great-great-great-great-grandfather, was born in Philadelphia, Oder-Spree, Brandenburg, Germany in 1741[[8]](#footnote-8). Jacob was 31. In that year, Prussia defeated Austria in the Battle of Mollwitz during the War of the Austrian Succession. Charles Albert of Bavaria invaded Upper Austria and Bohemia. French troops attacked the Rhine. [Elizabeth Petrovna of Russia](https://www.onthisday.com/people/elizabeth-of-russia) seized power in a coup with the aid of the Imperial Russian guards in Saint Petersburg, Russia becoming Tsarina of Russia. A French and Beiers army occupied Prague. Prussian forces took Olmutz, Czechoslovakia[[9]](#footnote-9).

Jacob’s son Johann Conrad was born inMoenchberg, Jagst, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany on July 11, 1742[[10]](#footnote-10). Johann Conrad’s twin sister Maria Cathrina was christened on July 14, 1742[[11]](#footnote-11). Jacob was 32. In January German leaders elected Charles VII, Prince Elector of Bavaria, Holy Roman Emperor. In February Sardinia and Austria signed a military alliance known as the Convention of Turin. In April [Elizabeth of Russia](https://www.onthisday.com/people/elizabeth-of-russia) crowned herself Empress in the Dormition Cathedral in Moscow. In May Prussia, led by [Frederick the Great](https://www.onthisday.com/people/frederik-the-great), defeated Austria at the Battle of Chotusitz. In July Spanish forces assaulted British colonial forces on Simons Island, Georgia, and were decisively repelled at the Battle of Bloody Marsh. Maria Theresa of Austria and Prussian King [Frederick the Great](https://www.onthisday.com/people/frederik-the-great) signed a peace treaty in Berlin. In November Empress [Elizabeth of Russia](https://www.onthisday.com/people/elizabeth-of-russia) proclaimed her nephew Peter of Holstein-Gottorp (later Peter III) her heir. Prussia and Great Britain signed an anti-French military covenant. In December Empress Elisabeth orders expulsion of all Jews from Russia[[12]](#footnote-12).

Jacob’s father Johanne Jakob passed away in Grauthof, Neckar, Württemberger Hof, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, on April 5, 1753, at the age of 67. Jacob was 43. On September 10. 1753, Jacob arrived with his family at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the ship Beulah[[13]](#footnote-13). In 1753 philosopher [Voltaire](https://www.onthisday.com/people/voltaire) left the court of Frederik II of Prussia.  King Louis XV disbanded the French parliament. Austria, Great Britain, and Modena signed a secret military treaty. The British parliament granted Jews citizenship[[14]](#footnote-14).

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Jacob Sammett - Pennsylvania German Pioneers - Ship Beulah - 10 Sept 1753 List of foreigners/passengers from Rotterdam Netherlands

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Signatures and marks of the passengers of the Beulah

Jacob’s daughter Rosannah was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1754[[15]](#footnote-15). He was 44. In May forces led by [George Washington](https://www.onthisday.com/people/george-washington) killed French Canadian officer Joseph Coulon de Jumonville at the Battle of Jumonville Glen. In July Washington surrendered Fort Necessity to the French during the Seven Year’s War[[16]](#footnote-16).

Jacob SAMMET lived in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in 1761[[17]](#footnote-17). In that year in one of the largest battles of the century, the mostly Muslim Afghani Durrani Empire defeated the mostly Hindu Maratha Empire in Northern India. An estimated 60,000–70,000 were killed in the fighting and about 40,000 Maratha prisoners were massacred afterwards. The British captured Pondicherry, India, from the French. After a four-month siege, a Russian army under Pyotr Rumyantsev took the Prussian fortress of Kolobrzeg (German: Kolberg) during the Seven Years' War[[18]](#footnote-18).

On April 7, 1769, Jacob received a Land Warrant location NP-2910 for 300 acres[[19]](#footnote-19). He was 59. That year American frontiersman [Daniel Boone](https://www.onthisday.com/people/daniel-boone) climbed Pilot Knob, and set his sight on the fertile hunting grounds of what is now known as the Bluegrass Region of the State of Kentucky[[20]](#footnote-20).

On August 22, 1778, Jacob received a land grant from Lord Fairfax. Jacob was 68.

**Land Grant**

Lord Fairfax Land Grant

22 August 1778 • (Hamshire) Virginia USA

The Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Brittain Called Scotland, Proprietor of the Northern neck of Virginia.  To all to whom this present writing shall come sends greetings:  Know ye that for good causes for and in consideration of the composition to me paid and for the annual rent herin after reserved I confirm unto Jacob Summett of Hampshire County assignee of Henry Lauderman a certain track of waste and ungranted land on Hugh's Run in the said county, bounded as by a survey there of made by Richard Rigg, beginning at two white oaks near the foot of a hill in James Moore's line, there along it South seventy degrees East four poles and croped the said run and the course continued 53 poles to three pines in the line, then bearing North thirty-five degrees East 142 poles to two pines close on the South side of a valley, then North 55 degrees West 52 poles to three pines, then South West 78 poles to two pines on the East side of a very rocky high ridge, then North 87 degrees West 106 poles to a Spanish Oak and a White Oak on very stoney ground in a valley in a line of Sommett's land, then along it and poping the corner South 38 degrees West 4 poles and croped the said Run and the Course continued 142 poles to a large White Oak and a Chestnut Oak on the top of a veryh high hill and then South 74 degrees East 166 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and fifty four acres.  Together with all Rights, members, and opportunites there unto belonging Royal Mines excepted and a full third part of all lead, copper, tin, coal, iron mine, and iron ore that may be found thereon.  To have and to hold the said 154 acres of land together with all rights, profits, and benefits of the same belonging or in any wise appertaining except before excluded.  To him the said Jacob Summetts, his heirs and assigns forever.  He the said Jacob Sammetts, his heirs and assignees therefore yeilding and paying to me my heirs  or assigns or to my attorney or attornies, agent or agents or to the certain attorney or attornies of my heirs or assigns Proprietors of the said Northern neck yearly and evbery year on the last day of St Michael the Archangel the fee Rent of one shilling Sterling money for every fifty acres of land hereby granted and so proportionalbly for a greater or upper quantity provided that if the said Jacob Summetts his heirs and assigns shall not pay the said reserved Annual Rent as aforesaid so that the same or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of two whole years after the same shall become due if legally demanded then it shall and may be lawful for me my heirs or assigns proprietors as aforesaid my or their certain attorney or attornies agent or agents into the above granted promise to re-enter and hold the same as if this grant had never happened.

Given at my office in Fredrick County under my hand and seal

Dated 22 August 1778

Fairfax

Jacob Summetts  
154 Aires  
Hampshire

Jacob’s wife Rosina Anna Barbera passed away in Maidencreek, Berkes County, Pennsylvania, in 1780 at the age of 66[[21]](#footnote-21). That year a snowstorm hit [George Washington](https://www.onthisday.com/people/george-washington)'s army at Morristown, New Jersey. The American Continental Congress established court of appeals. Pennsylvania became the first US state to abolish slavery. Unfortunately, it was for newborns only. American General [Benjamin Lincoln](https://www.onthisday.com/people/benjamin-lincoln) surrendered Charleston to the British. At the Battle of Waxhaw Creek an alleged massacre of 113 of Colonel Abraham Buford's continentals was carried out by Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton's troops after the continentals raised a white flag. The Battle of Springfield was fought in and around Springfield, New Jersey. The [comte de Rochambeau](https://www.onthisday.com/people/comte-de-rochembeau) and his French force of 7,000 troops landed at Newport, Rhode Island, to join the American Revolutionary War. The British decisively defeated Americans in Battle of Camden, South Carolina. American Army Officer [Benedict Arnold](https://www.onthisday.com/people/benedict-arnold) gave British Major John André the plans to West Point. Andre then revealed Arnold’s plot and Arnold defected to the British. A British force was defeated by an American militia near Kings Mountain, SC. A French American force under Colonel LaBalme was defeated by Miami Chief Little Turtle. Britain declared war on Holland[[22]](#footnote-22).

Jacob SAMMET died in what is now West Virginia in 1782 when he was 72 years old. In that year [Robert Morris](https://www.onthisday.com/people/robert-morris), Superintendent of Finance, recommended to the U.S. Congress the establishment of decimal coinage and a national mint. The Ohio militia killed 90 Native Americans in what is known as the Gnadenhutten Massacre. [John Adams](https://www.onthisday.com/people/john-adams) secured the Dutch Republic's recognition of the United States as an independent government. The house he purchased in The Hague became America's first embassy. Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States of America with the bald eagle as its symbol. Commander of the Continental Army, [George Washington](https://www.onthisday.com/people/george-washington), created two Honorary Badges of Distinction and a Badge of Military Merit (now the Purple Heart). This was the first time military awards were presented to common soldiers. In what would be one of the last battles of the American Revolutionary War, fifty Loyalists and 300 Indigenous warriors ambushed and routed 182 Kentucky militiamen, including [Daniel Boone](https://www.onthisday.com/people/daniel-boone), in Kentucky County, Virginia, in what became known as the Battle of Blue Licks.  Britain signed an agreement recognizing US independence. The British evacuated Charleston, South Carolina[[23]](#footnote-23).

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