histories during the 18th. and early 19th centuries. According to Crozier (4), the older Paul served in the Augusta County Militia in 1758, a year before his son Paul was born. I found that the older Paul had received a 200-Acre land grant in Augusta County from the Governor of Virginia in 1765. It was described as being "on Licking Creek, a tributary of the South Branch of the Potowmack on the East side of Shelton's Land--". He had probably lived there for several years before he received the grant and that was probably where he died in 1772.

Chalkley (3) made several references to the older Paul and his family taken from early Augusta County Court records. Many of the notes referred to various assignments which Paul accepted as a matter of civic duty such as helping with appraisals of estates, checking road locations, etc. He noted that Paul bought a portion of the estate of Peter Moser in 1758 but it does not appear that land was involved. Mention was made also of Paul's widow, Elizabeth, and eldest son George being appointed by the Court in 1772 to administer Paul's estate. Soon thereafter they sold the farm to a Michael Mallow.

A somewhat similar account is given by Price (13) who also states that Paul, Sr. immigrated from Germany and thereby started our line of the Shaver family in America. However, he does not support that statement in any way and I have found no other reference that identified my original Shaver immigrant. Of course there were many Shavers who immigrated to the U. S. from Germany during the first half of the 18th. century and at least three or four were named Paul or Paulus. I find it difficult at this time to rule out any of them as my ancestor.

Johnston (8) describes G.-G.-Grandpa Taul's brother Peter as a spy and scout who served in the Revolution also. He married Sara Riggle (spelled "Riffle" in Price's account) and they had four sons: John, James, Jacob and Francis. Francis married Phoebe Hall who bore him 11 children: Susanna, Sara, John, James, Jacob, Hezekiah, Frances Riffle, George W., Mary Eleanor and Edward. James married Elizabeth Campbell and they had 8 children, one of whom was named John Riffle Shaver. John married Sara Cunningham and they had 8 children, among them was Clem L. Shaver who lived in Fairmont and served in the U. S. Congress. The author gives no further information about that line of the Shaver family.

A cursory search of the available records indicates that there were numerous Shavers living in and around Randolph County during the early part of the 19th. century and many had the same first names, particularly Paul, John, Peter and Jacob. A study of those