

**John Adam Bender**  
**(m. Margaret Gertrude Brandenburg)**  
**Lived in Niederhattert, Rhineland-Paltz, Germany, and Pennsylvania**

**John Adam/Johan Adam Bender/Benter/Becker**

b: ca 1704, Niederhattert, Rhineland-Paltz, Germany (church record, ship's rec.)  
m: m: 2 Feb 1731, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Niederhattert, Rhineland-Paltz, Germany (572)  
d: post 30 Sep 1740, unknown, U. S. A. (ship's record)  
bur: unknown, U. S. A.  
occ: unknown  
fa: **Johannes Bender ?** (572)  
mo: **Anna, daughter of Heinrick Jung Sendschoffe ?** (572)

**Margaret Gertrude Brandenburg/Margaretha Gertruad Brandenburgerin**

b: pre 1725, probably Niederhattert, Rhineland-Paltz, Germany (572, probable age at marriage)  
d: post 30 Sep 1740, unknown, U. S. A. (ship's record)  
bur: unknown, U. S. A.  
fa: **Johannes Gerhard Brandenburger** (572)  
mo: **Anna Elisabetha [unknown]** (592)

**CHILDREN - unknown**

**The John Adam Bender Family**

By Pat Bristley

So far I have found no records for the Benders in America, although I have not been exactly looking for them! There would be no gravestones remaining for the Brandenburger, Bender, Jung or Sendschoffe ancestors of John Adam and Margaret Gertrude Bender in Niederhattert, because the Germans have different burial customs from ours. There, as in several other Western European countries, the dead are buried, without embalming, for 30 years in wooden coffins, then that part of the graveyard is dug up, and what is left is put in the "bone house." Afterwards, new people are buried in that section of the graveyard. It saves land, in countries that have too little land already.

It is unknown if the Benders went to America as "Redemptioners." Since John Adam was almost a decade older than his brother-in-law, John Anthony Brandenburg, when they immigrated, he might have had money to pay his family's passage. Westerwald did say that he was allowed to take some money with him.

Although any money the poor Germans took to Rotterdam, was often used up on expenses while they waited for a ship to accept them as passengers. In fact, it is well-known that there were all sorts of scams at the seaports the Germans went to, to embark for America, in order to part them from all or most of their money.

*Pennsylvania German Pioneers* (see #574), pp. 279-280:

[List 7] A list of the Male passengers imported in the Ship "Samuel & Elizabeth," William Chilton, Com'r, from Rotterdam. Qualified September 30, 1740.

<b>Man's Name</b>	<b>Ages</b>
Anthony Brandenburger	29
John Adam Benter [sic]	36

Men in all: 56. Women: 28. total: 84.  
The above is a true list of the Male Passengers of the age of 17 years & upwards, imported by me, to the best of my knowledge.

Wm. Chilton

Sworn the 30th day of Sept'r, 1740.

[Endorsed]

Samuel & Elizabeth, Will'm Chilton, from Rotterdam & Deal. List of Palatines. Qualified 30th Sept'r 1740.

[List 77 B] Palatines imported in the Ship Samuel & Elizabeth, Wm. Chilton, Com'r, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 30, 1740.

Johan Andonges Brondenburg [he could sign his name]

Johan Adam Benter (+) [I do not know what the cross meant]

[List 77 C] At the Courthouse in Phil'd'a, Sept. 30th 1740, Present: Thomas Griffitts, Samuel Hasel, Tho's Graeme, Clem't Plumsted, Esq'rs.

The palatines whose names are underwritten, imported in the Ship Samuel & Elizabeth, William Chilton, Commander, from Rotterdam, but last from Deal, did this day take & subscribe the Oaths to the Government.

Anthony Brandenburg

Johan Adam Benter

**Note:** Deal was an English port. After leaving Rotterdam, the Netherlands, ships usually stopped at ports in England to pick up more cargo, supplies and passengers, before making the long trip to America.

If the immigrants were not from England, Scotland or Ireland, when they reached America, they had to swear an oath-of-alliegence to the British Government, which ruled the "Colonies" in 1741.

***Westerwald to America: Some 18th Century Immigrants***, Annette Kusselman Burgert & Henry Z. Jones Jr., (Ficton Press, P. O. Box 1111, Camden, Maine 04843), Ponca City, Oklahoma, Library, sent by Ruth E. Starnes, pp. 40-41:

**JOHANN ANTHONIUS BRANDENBURGER  
(Samuel & Elizabeth, 1740)**

The German home of this family was at 5238 Niederhattert, 8 kilometers Southeast of Altenkirchen [Old Church], records in registers of 5238 Hachenburg/Altstadt (old town), 4 kilometers farther east. Church books begin in 1661.

Johann Antonius Brandenburger, son of Johannes Gerhard Brandenburger, from Niederhattert, married 23 April 1737, Anna Ursula Westhoff, an illegitimate daughter.

Johannes Gerhard Brandenburger from Niederhatt, was buried 2 June 1731, aged

54 years; Anna Elisabetha, wife of Johann Gerhard Brandenburger, from Niederhatteroth, was buried 29 January 1730 - died of chest trouble. aged 48 years. "Anthony Brandenburger," also written "Johan Adonges Brondenburg" and "Johan Adonges Brandenburg," aged 29 years. was a passenger on the ship, Samuel & Elizabeth, in 1740 (S-H 1, pp. 2790281).

**JOHANN ADAM BENDER  
(Samuel & Elizabeth, 1740)**

One of this name, with a connective to another emigrating family, was found at 5238 Hachenburg/Altstadt, 15 kilometers Northwest of Westerburg. Church books begin in 1661, [and are] Reformed [Presbyterian], but with gaps [in the records].

Johan Adam Benner at Nd. Hatt., married Margaretha, daughter of Johannes Gerhard Brandenburger, 2 February 1731. She was a sister of the immigrant, Johann Anthonius Brandenburger (q. v.), both Brandenburger and John Adam Bender, who was listed as "John Adam Bentor," age 36, were passengers on the Samuel & Elizabeth in 1740. An earlier entry at Hackenburg/Altstadt, records that Johannes Bender from Weindorf in Kep, Fischbach, married Engen (Anna), daughter of Henrich Jung Sendschoffe from Nd. Hatt., 19 p. Trin.: 1681. [Could these have been John Adam Bender's parents?] This family appears to have had a strong Catholic orientation.

*More Palatine Families, Some Immigrants to the Middle Colonies, 1717-1776, and of European Origin*, Henry F. Jones Jr., (Univ. City, CA, 1991), Tunkhannock Historical Society Library, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, sent by Mollie L. Murray,

**JOHANN ADAM BENDER**

**p. 425:** Johann Adam Bender of Niederhattert, in the parish of Altstadt, moved to America in 1740 as "Johann Adam Becker." He was enrolled as taking property out of the country that year (343 Sayn-Hachenburg-Rechnungen). The sale of property of Bender and his wife, Margaretha Gertraud, is found in File #340/3891. For more on this family see *Westerwald To America: Some 18th Century Immigrants*. (One of this name with a connection to another emigrating family was found at 5238 Hachenburg/Altstadt (15 kilometers Northwest of Westerburg. Church books begin 1661, Reformed, but gaps.)

**Note:** Sayn-Hachenburg Rechnungen: Manuscript Materials on Emigration during various years for the region of Sayn-Hachenburg were found at the Hauptstaatsarchiv in Wiesbaden, Germany (Henry Z. Jones Jr.).