

CRATER.

Origin.

A CENSUS of the different branches of the Crater family in this country would, no doubt, be quite large; but, scattered as they are, it would be impossible to approximate their number. The different branches include those who spell their names "Greter," "Greder," "Grader," "Grater," "Krater," and "Crater," and seem to have descended from four main roots, viz.:

Moritz Creeter, who arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August, 1729; Jacob Greter, who arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1733; John Crater, apparently a brother of Moritz Creeter; and Michael Kreter, who is mentioned by Prof. Muhlenberg as having been a partner of Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg in some real estate transactions in the city of Reading, Pennsylvania, and is named by Mr. Montgomery as having been among those who purchased several tracts of land in the town of Reading at the first sale of lots. Moritz and John seem to have settled in New Jersey, and Jacob and Michael in Pennsylvania.