

387 Linden Street,  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02181  
February 21, 1981

Dear Camilla,

You are quite knowledgeable about some early Pennsylvania German ancestors. I appreciate your information.

I'll give you what I know at present.

From Cathy Berger, 304 Trenton Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021:

Hanna Berger, born Dec. 7, 1810, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Berger of Tulpehocken, married Johannes Himmelberger, March 31, 1827, at Womelsdorf, according to Alt Berks (sic).

She also mentioned a Sarah Berger, died 1889, married to Benjamin Himmelberger, according to Ek Biog Berks Co PA 1898 (sic). Her ancestor, George Wilhelm Berger, is buried at Zion Blue Mountain Cemetery, Strausstown.

From Elsie Lebo Stauffer, 88 John Street, Kingston PA 18704:

Valentin Himmelberger died in 1788, Bern Township (see Federal Census page 1). Made will Feb. 28, 1787, recorded Aug. 2, 1788. Had eight children (Philip Jacob, Elisabeth, Catharine, Clara, George, Susanna and Eve).

George, Valentin's brother, came on the ship, Patience, Sept. 19, 1749, at Philadelphia.

In Federal Census of 1790, <sup>George</sup> George Himmelberger is listed as head of family, Bern Township. (Is this Valentin's brother or son?) Six daughters and two sons under 16. Died in fall of 1821. Will made April 19, ~~181~~ 1821, probated Oct. 15, 1821, recorded in Will Book C, page 248, Berks County.

Elizabeth, his wife, survived him. He had 11 children (George, Jonathan, Valentin, Philip, Magdalena, Catharina, Elisabeth (Fisher), Sarah, Sybilla, Susanna, and David (deceased who had a son, George)).

In Federal Census of 1790, Jacob Himmelberger, son of Valentin, had five daughters and 3 sons under 16. Died in 1824. Will in Will Book C, page 315. Among children were Johannes, Elizabeth and Susanna.

From Ray C. Nunemacher, 22 N. Ormond Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083:

His great-grandparents were John Himmelberger (1806-1885) and Hanna Berger Himmelberger (1810-1853), and are buried at Zion Blue Mountain Cemetery, Strausstown.

Michael Himmelberger (1808-1870) and Margueretta Haag Himmelberger (1816-1895) buried in Bernville Cemetery.

Ruben (1829-1895) wife Rebecca Grimes H. , 1829-1904, buried Zion EM

George (1829-1909) wife Sarah Robenson, (1837-1920), buried at Zion EM

The problem I have is that while Valentin's line seems to be somewhat clear, my ancestor, Solomon Himmelberger, does not appear. I must do some sleuthing into the sons of Valentin (other than Jacob and possibly George), and the sons of brother George. Strangely, Hans Melchoir has not turned up anywhere.

My father and sister still live in Lebanon, PA. He is 85 (I am 58)

I hope to find some time this year to do some research. Cordially,

Warren Himmelberger

Sorry, I typed this on a piece  
of scrap paper. I meant to use this as a backing sheet.

The Account of Valentine Mohel Administrator of All and singular the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits which were of Valentine Mohel late of Berks County German an Decd.

Account - Valentine Mohel

The Accountant charges himself with all and singular the Goods Chattels and Personalities which were of said deceased according to an Inventory thereof entered into the Registers Office at Reading in Berks County amounting to	\$	102	144
	\$	102	144

The Accountant craves allowance for the following disbursements Vizt By Cash for Jacob Bauer Reg. for Sett. of Adm <sup>r</sup> By do. for Ludwig Kestz - Dr. Recd. Nicholas Meyer - do George Meyer - do Henry Lutz - do Jacob Ulrich - do By Cash paid for printing expenses at Reading &c as per Bill By Christian Danastree drawing the Ad <sup>r</sup> By Jacob Bauer Reg. for a forch By do for copy Seal &c By Commission on Rec <sup>d</sup> \$102.14.4 By do on pay <sup>r</sup> 5.0.3 By Balance in hand of Accountants			
	1	8	0
	-	2	-
	-	7	6
	-	15	-
	-	5	-
	-	5	-
	}	10	-
	-	7	6
	-	1	6
	-	18	9
	\$	5	0
	\$	5	7
	92	6	4
	\$	102	14
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Reading the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 1797.  
 True & Excepted for



(This is a transcription of most of the material which you see in the original copy of Valentine Mockel (Mogle) Inventory.)

INVENTORY OF THE GOODS & CHATELS WHICH WERE OF VALLINTIN MOCKEL  
LATE OF BERN TOWNSHIP IN BERKS COUNTY DREASSET THE 13th DAY OF  
APRIL 1795 By Vallindin Mockel Junr Son of the aforesaid  
Administrator Value as underneath Set forth by the Subscriber

1 Coat & Jacket	[ This column is an attempt at modern transcription and spelling)
1 Coat & Jacket	
4 Pairs of Trowsers	
2 Hankerchifs	
1 Hat & Cap	
3 Pair of Stockins	
1 Great Coat	
1 Lether Epron	Leather Apron
24 Chrls	
1 Pocket Hanckerchifs	
8 Yeard Hemp Linnen	Yard Hemp Linen
7 Yeard Dowlinnen	Yard Towel Linen
2 Yeards of Stribs	
2 Yeards & ½ of Lincey	2 Yards & ½ of Linsey
2 Pillo Casses	2 Pillow Cases
1 Beld Case	1 Belt Case
10 Hand Towls	
8 Cheats	
8 Tapel Cloaths	8 Table Cloths
Scheaving Tools	Shaving Tools
1 Lucking Glas	Looking Glass
1 Plnacket	1 Blanket
20 Yeards Hemp Linnen	
3 Puther Dishes	Pewter Dishes
1 Ruther Playd	Pewter Plate
10 Buther Plaids	Pewter Blates
13 Spoons	
2 Buther Tankards	Pewter Tankards
4 Iron Laydels & -----fork	Iron Ladles & ---
1 Cow	
3 Sheap	3 Sheep
4 Semming Books	
1 Testament	
Som old Books	
1 Scrap Iron	
1 Buether Botel & Salt=Box	Pewter Bottle
3 Boettels	
2 Glaysses	Glasses
2 Lamps & 1 Candelstick	
3 Forks	
1 Coffee Mill	
1 Greap Iron Brush & Don Scheaper	

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INVENTORY-

Estate of Valentine Mogle, continued:

2 Specktakels	2 Spectacles
1 pair of Shoes	
1 Kittel & Funnel	1 Kettel & Funnel
Som Shomaker Tuyls	Some Shoemaker Tools
2 Pans	
1 Iron Kittel & Pot	1 Iron Keettle & Pot
2 Bells	
1 Atz	1 Axe
2 Saws	
3 Playns	3 Planes
4 Packers	
Some Tuyls & Cheassels	Some Tools & Chisels
2 Hamers & Tong	
Some Cooper Tuyls	Some Cooper Tools (barrel making)
1 Watering Pott	
5 Drawing Knives	
3 Sigkels	3 Sickles
1 Split Iron	
1 Real --	
1 Oil Jack Kan & Bottel	
3 Cask	
Some Hemp Yearn	
3 Chairs	
2 Axeses & a Chopper	
Rope	
1 Landern	
1 pair of Silyerds	
1 Sheep-Shear & Shoe Iron	
1 Splinning Wheel	
3 Buckets	
2 -----	
1 Chirn	
4 Cups	
1 Cup & Wooden funnel	
1 Capsitch Cup	
3 Barrels	
1 CAsk	
1 Saw	
Some Yearn	
9 Bags	
Some Lether	
1 Bed	
1 Chest	
1 Chaff Back Cheed & Betease	
1 Chest	
1 Bed & Bedstraw	Total value 102 pounds
By a Note	14 shillings
By a Note	4 pence
Cash	
By a vendue Peaper	

Duly appriased by the Subscribers the 28th day of April Anno Domini 1795.....

Inventory - Valentine

Inventory of the goods & Chattels which were  
of Vallentin Mochel Late of Bern Township in  
Berks County Preset the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1795  
By Vallentin Mochel Junr Son of the afore said  
Administrator - Valued & as underneath set forth  
by the subscribers

	£	s	d
1 Coat & Jacket	0	15	0
1 Coat & Jacket	0	5	0
4 Pair of Trowsers	0	12	0
2 Handkerchiefs	0	3	6
1 Hat & Cap	0	6	0
3 Pair of Stockings	0	3	0
1 Great Coat	0	5	0
1 Leather Apron	0	2	0
24 Shirts	4	0	0
1 Pocket Handkerchiefs	0	1	0
8 Yards Hemp Linnen	1	4	0
7 Yards Tow Linnen	0	14	0
2 Yards of Strips	0	6	0
2 Yards & 1/2 of Lincey	0	6	0
2 Pilla-Cases	0	6	0
1 Betob-Case	0	15	0
10 Hand-Towls	0	11	0
8 Cheats	1	10	0
8 Saper Cloaths	0	18	0
<del>2</del> 2 Scheaving Tools	0	2	6
1 Luching Glas	0	1	3
1 Planchet	0	15	0
20 Yards Hemp Linnen	2	15	0
3 Butther Dishes	0	15	0
1 Butther Playd	0	3	9
10 Butther Plaids	0	10	0
13 Spoons	0	2	2
2 Butther Tankerts	0	5	0
4 Iron Layrels & Flesh fork	0	7	6
1 Box	4	0	0

3 Sheep	£ 5 06
4 Sewing Books	2 26
1 Testament	0 10 0
1 Som old Books	5 39
1 Scrab-Iron	5 33
1 Another Potel & Salt-Box	5 22
3 Boettels	5 20
2 Glayses	5 15
2 Lamps & 1 Candelstick	0 13
3 Forks	5 23
1 Coffee Mill	5 60
1 Scrap Iron Brush & Dow secraper	5 46
2 Specktacles	0 90
1 Pair of Shoes	0 20
1 Kittel & Funnel	2 16
1 Som sheemaker Tujls	5 06
2 Plans	0 26
1 Iron Kittel & Pott	5 76
2 Bells	0 10
1 Atr	5 26
2 Saws	5 09
3 Playns	0 15
4 Oakers	5 26
1 Some Tujels & Chapsels	5 46
2 Hammers & Tong	5 13
1 Some Cooper Tujls	0 16
1 Watering Pott	5 26
5 Drawing Knives	5 26
3 Sighels	5 50
1 Split Iron	0 23
1 Peal	5 26
1 oil Jock Pan & Pottel	0 20
3 Cask	0 50
1 Som Hemp-Yearn	1 00
3 Chairs	5 30
2 Stoeses & a Chopper	0 46

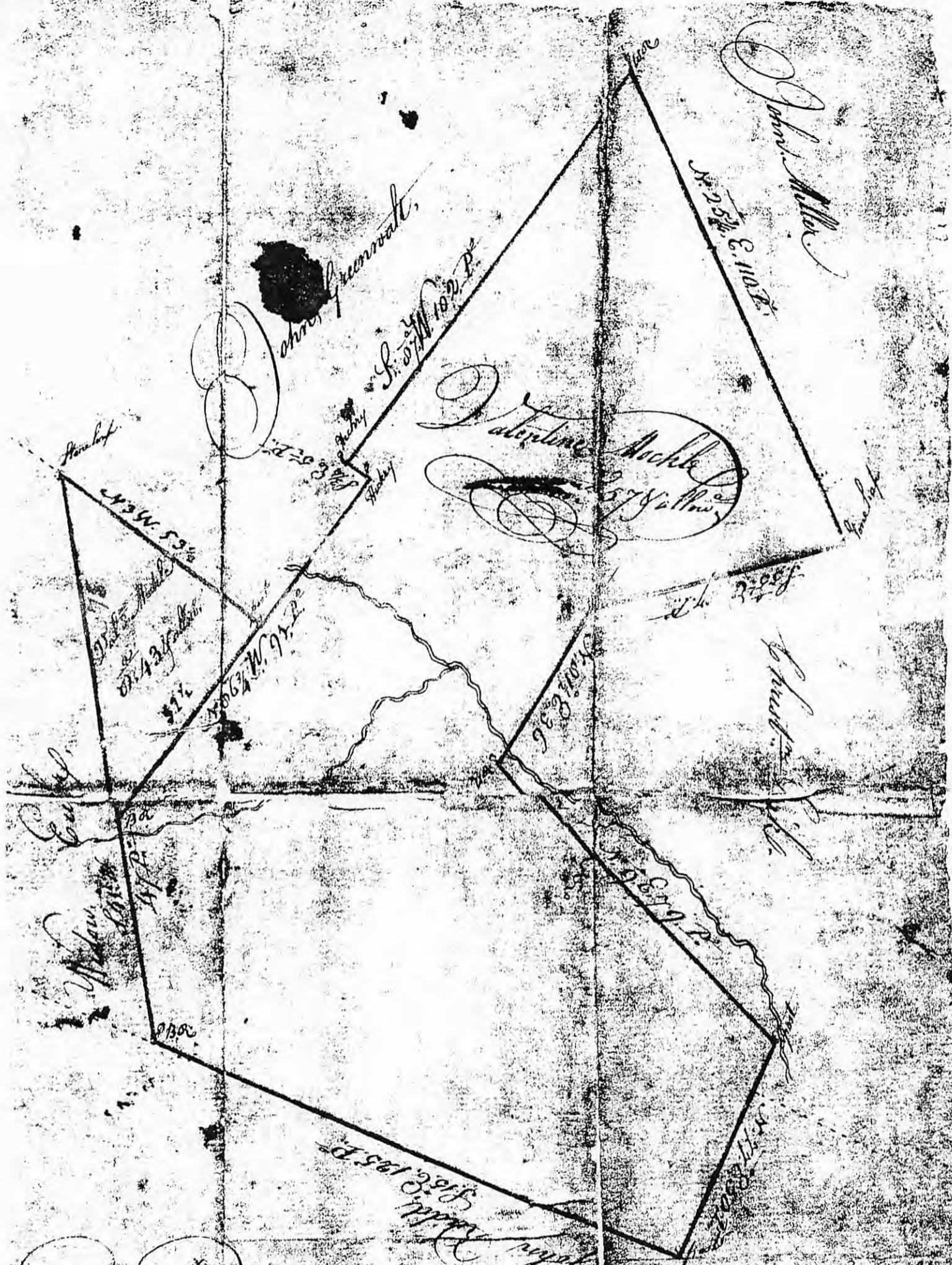
1 Rope	£	5	6
1 Woodn Tankart & Bail	—	2	6
1 Landern	—	1	6
1 Pair of Sillyerds	—	9	—
1 Sheep Shear & Shoe Iron	—	1	6
1 Spinning Wheel	—	1	6
3 Buckets	—	9	—
2 Hwoes & aspate	—	1	—
1 Churn	—	3	9
4 Tups	—	8	6
1 Tup & Woodden funnel	—	6	—
1 Capith Tup	—	6	—
3 Barrels	—	12	—
1 Lask	—	9	—
1 Saw	—	1	3
Some Yearn	—	2	—
9 Bays	—	16	—
Some Lether	—	2	6
1 Bed	—	2	10
1 Chest	—	3	—
1 Chaff Back Sheed & Pretence	—	7	6
1 Chest	—	9	—
1 Betts Bedstead	—	3	—
By a Note	—	25	—
By a Note	—	6	—
Cash	—	14	8
By a Vendue Peaper	—	13	16
	£	102	14

Duly appeared by us the subscribers the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
 April Anno Domini 1795

Jacob Wining

April the 28<sup>th</sup> 1795. Then appeared the above named appraisers  
 Henry Lutz and Jacob Wining and were respectively duly sworn  
 to the aforesaid Inventory according to Laws  
 sometimes the Administrator — Coram Me  
 was duly sworn according to Law & — Chris Barranthe Sheriff  
 Chris Barranthe Sheriff





Of the land of Valentine Mochler, <sup>situate</sup> in Bern Township  
 and County of Berks Survey'd <sup>on</sup> the Day of December 7<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 containing One Hundred and <sup>thirteen</sup> Acres & fifty seven  
 Squares with the usual allowances of Six Feet for Roads &c.  
 J. S. [Signature]



*George Smith* — Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, in and for the county of Berks.

D. W. Hyde, Printer.

*Seal*  
*ccc*

To *Valentine Mogle, Peter Mogle and Henry Mogle, sons of Valentine Mogle, late of Upper Bern Township County aforesaid, deceased* —

**GREETING.**

Whereas the said *Valentine Mogle* —

died intestate, (as is affirmed) having whilst *he* lived, and at the time of *his* death, divers goods, chattels, rights and credits within the said county, by means whereof the full disposition and power of granting the Administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, within the said county, and also the auditing the accounts, calculations and reckonings of the said administration and final dismissal from the same to me is manifestly known to belong. I, desiring that the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased may be well and truly administered, do hereby grant unto you the said *Valentine Mogle, Peter Mogle and Henry Mogle* —

in whose fidelity in this behalf I very much confide, full power, by the tenor of these presents, to administer the goods, chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, within the said county: and also to ask, collect, levy, recover and receive the credits whatsoever of the said deceased, which at the time of *his* death were owing or to *him* did any ways belong, and to pay the debts in which the said deceased stood obliged, so far forth as the goods, chattels, rights and credits will extend, according to their rate & order of law, especially of well and truly administering the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, and make a true and perfect inventory thereof and exhibiting the same into the **REGISTER'S OFFICE**, at the town of Reading, in the county of Berks, at or before the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* next, and render a true and just account, calculation or reckoning of the said administration, at or before the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* — in the year of our **LORD** one thousand eight hundred and *thirty one* — And also, I do by these presents ordain, constitute and appoint you the said *Valentine, Peter and Henry Mogle* — Administrators — of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits which were of the said deceased, within the limits aforesaid, saving harmle and forever indemnifying me, and all other officers against all persons whatsoever, by reason of your administration aforesaid, and saving to all others their rights.

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof I have hereunto set my **HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE**, the *twentieth* day of *May* — in the year of our **LORD** one thousand eight hundred and *thirty* —

*George Smith Reg<sup>r</sup>*

ing Letters of Administration, in,  
and for, the County of Berks.

To Valentine Mochel, Son of Valentine  
Mochel late of Bern Township in Berks  
County Cooper deceased (the Mochel the  
Widow and Relict of the said deceased  
having first duly renounced her Right  
of Administration)

Greeting

**W**HEREAS, the said Valentine Mochel  
lately died Intestate, (as is affirmed) having, whilst he lived, and at the Time  
of his Death, divers Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, within the said  
County, by Means whereof, the full Disposition and Power of granting the  
Administration of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits,  
which were of the said Deceased within the said County; and also, the audit-  
ing the Accounts, Calculations and Reckonings, of the said Administration, &  
a final Dismission from the same, to me is manifestly known to belong. I de-  
siring that the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, of the said Deceased, may  
be well and truly administered, do hereby grant unto You, the said  
Valentine Mochel in whose Fidelity in this Behalf, I very  
much confide, full Power by the Tenor of these Presents, to administer the  
Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, which were of the said Deceased, within  
the said County; and also, to ask, collect, levy, recover and receive, the Cre-  
dits whatsoever of the said Deceased, which at the Time of his Death, were  
owing, or to him did any Ways belong, and to pay the Debts in which the  
said Deceased stood obliged, so far forth, as the Goods, Chattels, Rights and  
Credits, will extend, according to their Rate and Order of Law, especially of  
well and truly administering the Goods, Rights and Credits, of the said De-  
ceased, and making a true and perfect Inventory thereof, and exhibiting the  
same into the Register's Office, at the Town of READING, in the County of  
BERKS, at or before the twenty eighth Day of May  
next, and rendering a true and just Account, Calculation or Reckoning, of the  
said Administration, at or before the twenty eighth Day of April  
in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, seven Hundred and ninety six  
And also, I do by these Presents, ordain, constitute and appoint, you the said  
Valentine Mochel Administrator of all and singular  
the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, which were of the said Deceased,  
within the Limits aforesaid, saving harmless, and for Ever indemnifying me,  
and all other Officers, against all Persons whatsoever, by Reason of your Ad-  
ministration aforesaid, and saving to all others their Rights. IN TESTIMO-  
NY whereof, I have hereunto set my HAND & SEAL of Office, the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Day of April in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand,  
seven Hundred & ninety five.

  
a Register

6. Each congregation is to have one Elder and two Deacons, the latter to be elected every two years but the former every four years.

7. Unanimously resolved by the congregations that order and discipline according to the teaching of Christ be maintained. This to be in force for both congregations until amended or recinded by a majority of both congregations.

And so, Old Belleman's still stands beside the road, no longer in a wilderness, but yet a place of Christianity. It is still used for worship on Sunday and other days for many years after we occupied the new church, an annual service would be held in the old church beginning in the morning with Sunday School, followed with an English service and continued in the afternoon with a German service. Again, usually an outsider would deliver the sermon.

the planning stage. Our Sunday School services are an integral part of the morning worship service in this old edifice. Usually an outside speaker is procured for the occasion. Many renowned man and women from over a wide area have had this privilege. For many years after we occupied the new church, an annual service would be held in the old church beginning in the morning with Sunday School, followed with an English service and continued in the afternoon with a German service. Again, usually an outsider would deliver the sermon.

Not only unique in its setting, old Belleman's has always been quite different in the way of worship. Even now, this old edifice knows no artificial light but on occasion the old gas lamps for picnics and festivals and more frequently kerosene lamps; no heat but the two potbelly stoves that adorned the very center of the main aisle with stove pipe chimneys extending up through the ceiling, seemingly a mile high; and water has never found its way inside by way of pipeline.

The goblet or wineglass pulpit with its sounding board roof still clings to the north wall and keeps a vigil over the square Altar immediately below it. Members commune around it in a "square circle" as I like to term it, and within the minister presents the elements and then pronounces the words of "Peace". On the balcony directly across and elevated slightly above the level of the pulpit, reposes the old pump organ with its unique bellows, still ringing out the sounding joy or in case of a funeral, the sadness which the congregation around it and below now follow with expertise. But one thinks of years gone by when they sang "after" a song leader then called the "Fohrsinger". In that age the so called song leader or chorister would read or sing a line of the hymn and the congregation would repeat after him the same line. Sometimes the minister did the reading. But the old organ which is the original one does not even produce a whimper, unless some good-natured soul volunteers to man the pump lever at the right back corner, giving the organ the necessary volume of air to pour out its melody. But even then, it needs must have a musician at the keyboard to manipulate the right buttons and keys in order to bring out the majestic music it is capable of producing. The writer remembers two things that never added to the harmony of pumping and playing - the leaking of the bellows and the drowsiness of the pump-man.

The pews are hard and straight and most uninviting, and the roll-top decor used as trim across the very top of each pew back, certainly does not add to the comfort of the worshiper. I guess this helps to keep the would-be listener awake. One beauty of the pews is their location, so that wherever one sits, you always face the pastor. The church holds three balconies and five groups of pews in the lower level, of the sanctuary. The Choir occupies that part around the sides and front of the organ on the south balcony. The young single men sat on the east balcony and the fathers on the west balcony. The

# 1813 Church Resolutions

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In the name of the Father, Amen

1<sup>st</sup> And you being gathered, be joyful and rejoice in the Lord, and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in the communion of the saints, and in the unity of the Church, and in the peace of the world, and in the good will of all men.

2<sup>nd</sup> And you being gathered, be joyful and rejoice in the Lord, and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in the communion of the saints, and in the unity of the Church, and in the peace of the world, and in the good will of all men.

3<sup>rd</sup> And you being gathered, be joyful and rejoice in the Lord, and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in the communion of the saints, and in the unity of the Church, and in the peace of the world, and in the good will of all men.

4<sup>th</sup> And you being gathered, be joyful and rejoice in the Lord, and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in the communion of the saints, and in the unity of the Church, and in the peace of the world, and in the good will of all men.

5<sup>th</sup> And you being gathered, be joyful and rejoice in the Lord, and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in the communion of the saints, and in the unity of the Church, and in the peace of the world, and in the good will of all men.

*George Smith* — Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, in and for the county of Berks.

D. W. Hyde, Printer

*Seal  
ccc*

To *Valentine Mogge Peter Mogge*  
and *Henry Mogge*, sons of *Valentine*  
*Mogge*, late of *Upper Bern Township*  
*County aforesaid*, deceased —

**GREETING.**

**Whereas** the said *Valentine Mogge* —

died intestate, (as is affirmed) having whilst he lived, and at the time of his death, divers goods, chattels, rights and credits within the said county, by means whereof the full disposition and power of granting the Administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, within the said county, and also the auditing the accounts, calculations and reckonings of the said administration and final dismissal from the same to me is manifestly known to belong. I, desiring that the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased may be well and truly administered, do hereby grant unto you the said *Valentine Mogge, Peter Mogge and Henry Mogge* —

in whose fidelity in this behalf I very much confide, full power, by the tenor of these presents, to administer the goods, chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, within the said county: and also to ask, collect, levy, recover and receive the credits whatsoever of the said deceased, which at the time of his death were owing or to him did any ways belong, and to pay the debts in which the said deceased stood obliged, so far forth as the goods chattels, rights and credits will extend, according to their rate & order of law, especially of well and truly administering the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, and make a true and perfect inventory thereof and exhibiting the same into the **REGISTER'S OFFICE**, at the town of Reading, in the county of Berks, at or before the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* next, and render a true and just account, calculation or reckoning of the said administration, at or before the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* — in the year of our **LORD** one thousand eight hundred and *thirty one* — And also, I do by these presents ordain, constitute and appoint you the said *Valentine, Peter and Henry Mogge* — Administrators — of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits which were of the said deceased, within the limits aforesaid, saving harm and forever indemnifying me, and all other officers against all persons whatsoever, by reason of your administration aforesaid, and saving to all others their rights.

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

ing Letters of Administration, and  
and for, the County of Berks.

To Valentine Mochel, Son of Valentine  
Mochel late of Berks Township in Berks  
County, Sheriff deceased, the Mochel the  
Widow and Heir of the said deceased  
having first duly renounced her Right  
of Administration

*Greeting*

**W**HEREAS, the said Valentine Mochel  
late died Intestate, (as is affirmed) having, whilst he lived, and at the Time  
of his Death, divers Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, within the said  
County, by Means whereof, the full Disposition and Power of granting the  
Administration of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits,  
which were of the said Deceased within the said County; and also, the audit-  
ing the Accounts, Calculations and Reckonings, of the said Administration, &  
a final Dismission from the same, to me is manifestly known to belong. I de-  
siring that the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, of the said Deceased, may  
be well and truly administered, do hereby grant unto You, the said

*Valentine Mochel* in whose Fidelity in this Behalf, I very  
much confide, full Power by the Tenor of these Presents, to administer the  
Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, which were of the said Deceased, within  
the said County; and also, to ask, collect, levy, recover and receive, the Cre-  
dits whatsoever of the said Deceased, which at the Time of his Death, were  
owing, or to him did any Ways belong, and to pay the Debts in which the  
said Deceased stood obliged, so far forth, as the Goods, Chattels, Rights and  
Credits, will extend, according to their Rate and Order of Law, especially of  
well and truly administering the Goods, Rights and Credits, of the said De-  
ceased, and making a true and perfect Inventory thereof, and exhibiting the  
same into the Register's Office, at the Town of READING, in the County of  
BERKS, at or before the *twenty eighth* Day of *May*  
next, and rendering a true and just Account, Calculation or Reckoning, of the  
said Administration, at or before the *twenty eighth* Day of *April*  
in the Year of our LORD, *One Thousand, seven Hundred and ninety Six*

And also, I do by these Presents, ordain, constitute and appoint, you the said  
*Valentine Mochel* Administrator of all and singular  
the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, which were of the said Deceased,  
within the Limits aforesaid, saving harmless, and for Ever indemnifying me,  
and all other Officers, against all Persons whatsoever, by Reason of your Ad-  
ministration aforesaid, and saving to all others their Rights. IN TESTIMO-  
NY whereof, I have hereunto set my HAND & SEAL of Office, the *23<sup>rd</sup>*  
Day of *April* in the Year of our LORD, *One Thousand,*  
*seven Hundred & ninety five*

*[Signature]*  
a *[Signature]* Register





Amount Brought over		3251	88
Bonds	Daniel Wertman	239.75	
	Daniel Wertman	166.82	
	Peter Good	308.80	
	Jacob Roth	88.70	
	John Platt	57.03	
	John Faust and others	224.33	
Notes	Jacob Faust	95.00	
	Henry Meyer	85.67	
	John Kline	32.32	
	Peter L. Rerschmer	26.13	
Money advanced to some of his		1324.58	1324.58
Children in his lifetime			
To his son Valentine Mogle		533.33	
	Peter Mogle	266.67	
	Henry Mogle	266.67	
	Daniel Mogle	266.67	
		\$ 1333.34	1333.34

When and Appraised by us the \$ 5909 80  
 Subscribers the seventh day of June 1830

Daniel Wertman  
 Simon Wertman

Sparks County 33  
 on the 7th day of June 1830 before me the subscribers  
 one of the justices of the Peace in and for the said County  
 came the above named Simon Wertman & Daniel Wertman  
 who being duly qualified accord to Law do declare  
 that the foregoing inventory contains a just and true  
 appraisement of all and singular the goods & Chattels  
 Rights & Credits which were of the said Valentine Mogle  
 so far as the same come to their knowledge  
 Witness my hand & Seal the day & date above written

J. P. Wagner

Seal

John Miller

N. 25 1/2 E. 110 P.

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Adeline  
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Pennsylvania, ff.

Edward Shippen jun. Prothonotary of the Supream Court of the Province of Pennsylvania,

do hereby certify, That at a Supream Court held at Philadelphia for the said Province of Pennsylvania, the tenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one Before

William Allen & William Coleman Esquires, Judges of the said Court, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day, *Volantius Mogli* of *Bern*

in the County of *Herkess* being a Foreigner, and having inhabited and resided for the Space of Seven Years in His Majesty's Colonies in *America*, and not having been absent out of some of the said Colonies for a longer Time than Two Months at any one Time during the said Seven Years. And the said *Volantius Mogli* having produced to the said Court, a Certi-

ificate, of his having taken the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper within Three Months before the said Court, took and subscribed the Oaths, and did make and repeat the Declaration (appointed by an Act, made in the First Year of the Reign of King *GEORGE* the First) according to the Directions of an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirteenth Year of His late Majesty King *GEORGE* the Second, intituled, *An Act for naturalizing such foreign Protestants, and others, therein mentioned, as are settled in any of His Majesty's Colonies in America*; and thereupon was admitted to be His Majesty's natural born Subject of the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, pursuant to the Direction and Intent of the said Act of Parliament. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and affixed the Seal of the Supream Court, the tenth Day of April in the Year first above mentioned.

*Edw Shippen jr prot*

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NEIDIG CEMETERY, (On Farm of McClelland Stover)  
 Haines Township,  
 Copied July, 1928.  
 About one mile North West of Woodward. (*back road*)

*elder* - NEIDIG, SOLOMON b. Aug. 17, 1744; d. Jan. 28, 1797, 52y.5m.11d.  
 NEIDIG, MARIA ELIZABETH b. in March 1745; d. Sep. 7, 1821,  
 76y.6m. "The love of my heart."  
 NEIDIG, JOHN b. Sep. 9, 1776; d. Mar. 4, 1838, 61y.5m.23d.  
 NEIDIG, CATHARINE (*Mokke*) w. of John, b. Aug. 8, 1780;  
 d. Dec. 25, 1841, 61y.4m.17d.  
 NEIDIG, MAGDALENA 1795 - - 20y.6m.  
 NEIDIG, ABRAHAM 1795 - - 15y.6m.  
 NEIDIG, DAVID 1795 - - 10y.11m.19d.  
 NEIDIG, (*name-broken*) d. Nov. 10, 1802, 1y.5m.2d.  
 NEIDIG, SOLOMON 1802 - 17months.  
 HENNIG, ADAM b. Jan. 8, 1757; d. Apr. 4, 1838, 81y.2m.26d, [*3d wife*]  
 HENNIG, BARBARA b. Feb. 6, 1772; d. Feb. 19, 1828, 56y.13d. [*3d wife*]  
 HENNIG, CADARINA b. Mar. 27, 1772; d. Sep. 4, 1795, 23y.5m.8d. [*1st wife*]  
 HENNIG, ANNA b. Jul. 16, 1767; d. Aug. 2, 1794, 27y.4m.18d. [*1st wife*]  
 HENNIG, ANN - 1794.  
 H. S. Sep. 24, 1790.  
 MOKEL, CHASPER b. Jan. 13, 1762; d. Jun. 16, 1822, 60y.5m.3d.  
*Moky.* *Michal said to have been buried here ? if so, no marker in*  
*we found*  
*1728*  
 A number of graves in this cemetery with no markers.

End of Neidig Cemetery.

*Newton B. Spangler & wife*  
*Cedella Link Spangler*

Copia Originaly of a  
 Inventarium from Valentin Himmelberger  
 of Bern Township Berks County and  
 State of Pennsylvania Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1787

Philipps Himmelberger & Co. Executors  
 & Abraham Bucks & Co. Executors

Two Cow one Three Pounds Specie Money	2	0	0
a folio biblio book of Basile	2	10	0
Arnds Scripturen of Chrestentom	2	10	0
School books or Three Psalmbook	2	2	0
five Old School books	2	2	0
a Steel yard	1	7	0
a Shears for Sheep and a Draw-knife	2	2	0
a Pincers and a Spine for a gun	3	0	0
Three Hammer and a Deandelstick	1	2	0
a Hatchell of flacks	1	10	0
a Cross-cut Saw	1	7	0
a hand or span Saw	1	5	0
a Cabbage-plane	1	2	0
Three indian corn sick-ax, and a Cruppling	5	0	0
a Plough-Coulter and Shroud	3	0	0
Old Iron	2	0	0
a Churn	5	0	0
Two Riddle	2	0	0
Two Stoo Iron	1	0	0
four small kask	5	0	0
a Wheel wheel and a Spinn wheel	2	0	0
Twelve Bushel Rie the Bushel 5/6	3	6	0
Six Bushel Wheat the Bushel 9/6	1	19	0
Eighteen Mill Sack one 1/6	1	7	0
a Ax	1	1	0
a Lantern Candelstick and Grass-Sickle	3	0	0
Twenty <sup>two</sup> Yards linnen the Yard 2/	2	1	0
Ten Yards linnen the Y. 3/	1	10	0
		£ 22.	17. 6

Eleven Yards Linnen the Yard 4/	1	2	
Shirteen Yards Linnen	3		
Eight Yards Linnen	1	6	
Four Yards Linnen	2		
Eight Yards Linnen	3		
Twelve Yards Linnen	1	4	
Eight Yards Strypset	2	2	
Seven Yards Linnen	1	12	
Eight Yards Linnen	1	1	
Fifteen Yards Linnen	1	4	
Ten Yards Linnen	2	6	6
Nine Yards Linnen	1	10	6
Eight Yards Woolen cloth	1	8	6
Three Table-cloth	2		
four Towel table cloth and a set	8		
four Linnen cloth	8		
Two pewter-dish	10		
Two pewter platen	7	6	
One pewter plat and Eight Spoon	17	6	
Eight pewter plate and one dish	5		
One pewter Stankard	10		
a Tin half-a Gallon and pint Sheeps	2	6	
a Meafs Crane-cock and Two nagel bore	2		
Two Shears and Two Knife	1	6	
a Felt-hat and Pfeffer mill	2		
Two par wool combs and a Reser	2	6	
a pair of Covers	1	6	
Eight Shirt of Man	1	10	
a Still with all things to him	18		
Two Iron Kiel	5		
a Grosse Kettle	2		
a Bedlade	4		
Three Kettle	10		
Seven bore and a Dessel	10		
a bedlade two Kneading trough and Meal hutch	1	8	
a half bushel a dung Sheeps and ax	4		
four plow Klubis and Swingeltre	7	6	
Three Hogshed and four Barrel	1	5	
Two Cow-chain and flax break	3		
four Hogshed and a Steaner	17		
a Wardrobe and Ward Kest	1	15	






# In the Name of Amen.

Valentine Himmelberger of Bern Township Berks County and in the State of Pennsylvania, find myself weakly in Body but thank God by my sound and full Understanding Considering the Mortality of my Body make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows. I recommend my Soul in the Hands of the Lord, of whom I have received it, and my Body ~~you my~~ ~~and to be~~ ~~by my~~ ~~Executors,~~ Touching my worldly Estate wherewith the Lord Blessed me in this life, I give and Bequeath to my Lawful Heirs as follows. Firstly I give and Bequeath to my beloved Wife Maria Elisabeth all my moveable Estate and that shall also be appraised piece for piece. But remain in her hand till six Weeks after her Death, then all the moveable goods shall be sold at Public Vendue and of the money arising therefrom, Ten Pounds shall be paid to my Eldest son Philip beforehand for his first Birth Right, and the remaining Money shall be distributed among my eight Children in eight equal Shares, therein my Son Jacob shall be excluded, my Son Philip the first Born I have already paid in hand two hundred pounds in Specie, I have paid in hand to my Daughter Elisabeth in Specie money and the worth of money one hundred Pounds, I have paid in hand to my Daughter Catharina Twenty Pounds Specie, and Seventy Pounds shall be paid to her Children Harry Fisher Michael & John with Lawful Interest from the fifteenth day of March one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five, and shall be paid to each as he arrives his age twenty three Pounds six shillings and eight Pence Principals except the Interest from the Time aforesaid, I have paid in hand to my Daughter Clara one hundred pounds Specie, I have paid in hand to my Son George one hundred and fifty Pounds Specie, I have deducted my Son Jacob's Inheritance in full of the consideration Money for the Land, I have paid in hand to my Son Ulrich two hundred Pounds in Specie I have paid in hand to my Daughter Susanna one hundred Pounds Specie in Money and Money's Worth, and I have also paid in hand to my Daughter Eva one hundred pounds Specie, this Bequest  
and

and paying beforehand shall be each of my Children's full  
Share, two Bonds one of thirty three pounds five shillings and  
eight Pence are yet remaining back by my Son Jacob, one Bond  
of Philip Reiser for twenty five Pounds, and one other of Matthias  
Weaver for thirteen Pounds these said Bonds and the Money arisen  
from the moveable Effects shall after my beloved Wife's Death  
be distributed in eight equal Shares, therein my son Jacob excluded  
a Bank Note whereby my son Jacob has one thousand and 3  
seven hundred Dollars, which is now alone in my Name to Fifty  
Pounds Nineteen shillings and five pence, my eight Children  
shall have ~~each~~ twenty one pounds part thereof. I make and  
ordain my Son Philip and my Son in Law Abraham Buehl  
to my only Executors of this my last Will and Testament, make  
Void and recall all former Wills and Testaments, ratify and  
confirm this my last Will and Testament and no other,  
Published Read Declared and subscribed the twenty eight Day of  
February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
eighty seven  
in the Presence of  
Jost Stoud  
Ulrich Wagenspfer

House  
Valentine X Himmellberger   
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a True Translation