

- GR3425 Fronica Groff, ca. 1710-between 1746 and 1754
m. ca. 1731 Henry Landis, 1700-wp. 1761, Warwick Twp.; evidently a Mennonite deacon in the Hammer Creek District of Lancaster Mennonite Conference.
Eleven children
- GR3426 Marcus Groff, Aug. 1712-wp. Nov. 2, 1791, Earl Twp.; blacksmith.
m.(1) Anna Huber, d. 1744; dau. of Hans Huber (d. 1750).
Four children
m.(2) Anna
Five children
- GR3427 Daniel Groff, ca. 1714-wp. Mar. 10, 1772
m. Mary
Four children
- GR3428 John Groff, b. ca. 1715. Bur. at Keedysville, Washington Co., Md.
m. Elizabeth Carpenter, b. ca. 1716; dau. of Henry Carpenter.
Five children
- GR3429 Mary Groff, ca. 1717-after July 30, 1746
m. John Kry/Groh (EF), ca. 1696-before July 30, 1746
- GR3420 David Groff, 1720 or 1721-Nov. 17, 1784; distiller. Buried in Groffdale (Brick) Mennonite Cem., Earl Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
m. Barbara Moyer, 1722-inv. Jan. 5, 1815
Four children
- ?GR343 Martin Groff (L), ca. 1685-wp. Aug. 9, 1759, Earl Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
m. Cathrina Bär (11422), bap. Oct. 2, 1687, Richterswil-after 1761
Nine children
- GR3431 Barbara Groff, ca. 1719-after 1761
m.(1) Peter Eby, ca. 1690-ca. 1750, Earl Twp.; widower.
Five children
m.(2) Dec. 3, 1750 Dewalt Leighty, d. Jan. 1791, Lebanon Twp.
- GR3432 Joseph Groff, ca. 1722-inv. Nov. 7, 1776
m. 1747, at meeting, Catharine Groff (EF3), b. ca. 1726
Five children
- GR3433 Christian Groff, ca. 1724-after 1761. Lived in Virginia(?).
- GR3434 Anna Groff, b. ca. 1726
m. before 1761 Christian Newcomer. In 1775 lived in Bethel Twp.
- GR3435 Elizabeth Groff, b. ca. 1728
m. before 1761 Andrew Livingston
- GR3436 Mary Groff, b. ca. 1730
m. before 1761 Peter Becker, ca. 1720-wp. Feb. 3, 1785
- GR3437 Jacob Groff, ca. 1733-wp. Oct. 19, 1805
Six children
- GR3438 Feronica Groff, b. ca. 1735
m. Abraham Groff (E14), b. ca. 1735; tailor. Lived in Earl Twp.
- GR3439 Mark Groff, ca. 1739-Sept. 29, 1808, Lower Massanutten, Va.
m.(1) by 1765 Susan Rhodes, ca. 1740-ca. 1770; dau. of John Roth and Catharine Albright.
Five children
- m.(2) Mary Groff (E15), ca. 1740-after 1786
Six children
m.(3) Susanna, wp. Sept. 12, 1814, Shenandoah Co., Va.
Three children
- GR344 Michael Graff (K?), bap. 1690, Steinsfurt-wp. 1760, Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. When baptized, he changed his name from Johannes to George Michael Graf.
m. Sara
Five children
- GR3441 John George Graff
GR3442 Anna Barbara Graff
GR3443 Magdalena Graff
GR3444 John Graff
GR3445 Marie Catharine Graff
- GR35 Elisabeth Graf, bap. Feb. 13, 1642, Bäretswil
GR36 Susanna Graf, bap. Sept. 22, 1643, Bäretswil
GR37 Jakob Graf, bap. July 25, 1647, Bäretswil
GR38 Elisabeth Graf, bap. Apr. 8, 1649, Bäretswil-1729. In 1683 lived at Birkenauerhof.
m. 1683, Weiler (Hilsbach), Heinrich Frey, d. 1721; son of Felix Frey (d. 1681).
- GR381 Margratha Frey, d. 1716
m. Hans Bär (5183), bap. Nov. 12, 1682, Hausen-1741, Birkenauer
Five children
- ?GR382 Elisabeth Frey, d. before 1726
m. Hans Bär (5183), bap. Nov. 12, 1682, Hausen-1741, Birkenauer
Three children
- GR4 Adelheid Graf, bap. Dec. 12, 1618, Bäretswil-Oct. 4, 1675
m. June 22, 1637 Nikolaus Pfenninger of Wappenswil, parish of Bäretswil
- GR5 Hans Jakob Graf,⁴² bap. June 15, 1623, Bäretswil
m.(1) July 4, 1643 Elisabeth Pfenninger of Waltsberg, parish of Bäretswil
- GR51 Regula Graf, bap. Dec. 7, 1645, Bäretswil
GR52 Elisabeth Graf, bap. Feb. 14, 1647, Bäretswil
GR5 Hans Jakob Graf m.(2) Verena. She m.(2) 1683 Hans Ruth; son of Hans Ruth of Weiler (Hilsbach).
- GR6 Ulrich Graf, bap. July 5, 1625, Bäretswil. Not listed in 1634 census of Bäretswil.

George Wäber of Bäretswil

WB George Wäber,⁴³ b. ca. 1586. Called *Kleinjörg*. In 1639 moved from Albis to Bäretswil; owned farm at Mülli Kraam, now Neutal; in 1639 imprisoned at Oethenbach prison in Zurich for seventy weeks.
m. _____, d. before 1634

⁴²Schulthess told me that the baptismal register of Bäretswil recorded the information that Hans Jakob Graf (GR5) acted as the male sponsor of the baptism of one of his brother Jakob's children because the father was opposed to infant baptism. It was the duty of the male sponsor and the female sponsor to take the child to church on a Sunday soon after birth for baptism.

⁴³Document 84, nos. 5-6, A 103, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich; the microfilm of Bäretswil census lists of 1634-1700 is available at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.; William Woys Weaver, "The Swiss Anabaptist Emigration to Germany," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 5 (January 1982): 7-8.



In 1651 Jakob Graf (GR3) with his wife and seven children left this home in Wirtzwil in the parish of Bäretswil for Sinsheim in the Kraichgau.

- m.(1) Verena Vollenweider; widow with a son, Oslu Huber.
 m.(2) July 31, 1633 Adelheid Funk of Unter Mettmens-
 stetten, bur. Feb. 10, 1672

Hans Graf of Bäretswil

- GR Hans Graf,⁴⁰ before 1590-before 1634. Called "Gusel";
 lived at Bäretswil, in canton of Zurich, Switzerland.
 m. Mar. 22, 1612, Bäretswil, Elisabeth Peter of Aarüti,
 parish of Fischenthal, d. after 1637; Anabaptist.
- GR1 Elisabeth Graf, bap. Jan. 24, 1613, Bäretswil. Not listed
 in 1634 census of Bäretswil.
- GR2 Rychli/Ricarda Graf, bap. July 17, 1614, Bäretswil-Nov.
 24, 1686, Bäretswil
 m. Marx Bodmer of Walpensberg, parish of Bäretswil
- GR3 Jakob Graf,⁴¹ bap. Jan. 28, 1616, Bäretswil. In 1651
 moved near Sinsheim; in 1661 and 1683 lived at
 Steinsfurt.
 m. June 21, 1636 Anna Spörri of Wolfensberg near
 Bauma in Bäretswil; dau. of Hermann Spörri?
- GR31 Hans Graf, bap. Dec. 6, 1636, Bäretswil
- GR311 Hans Jacob Graf, b. ca. 1660. In 1681 lived at Rauhof.
 m. 1681, Weiler (Hilsbach), Barbara Ruth; dau. of
 Hans Ruth.
- GR32 Hans Heinrich Graf, bap. Jan. 28, 1638, Bäretswil. Not
 listed in 1646 census of Bäretswil.
- GR33 Hans Heinrich Graf, bap. Jan. 22, 1639, Bäretswil
- ?GR331 Hans Groff (A), ca. 1665-inv. Mar. 1, 1726,
 Conestoga Twp., Chester Co., Pa.
 m.(1) _____
 m.(2) after 1721 Anna _____; widow of _____
 Lichti and Hans Konret Mier.
- ?GR3311 Anna Elisabeth Groff (A1), ca. 1691-after 1757
 m. Martin Ber (BD2), before 1690, Ittlingen-wp.
 Feb. 14, 1758, Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co.,
 Pa.; son of Martin Bär (BD) and Anna
 Magdalena Mayer; Mennonite bishop.
 Ten children
- ?GR3312 Barbara Groff (A2), b. ca. 1692
 m. Michael Kreider, 1690 or 1691-1739, Lancaster
 Co., Pa.
 Five children
- ?GR3313 John Groff (A3 and F), ca. 1695-wp. Feb. 1, 1749,
 Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
- m.(1) ca. 1722 Anna Bär (?51821), ca. 1703-ca.
 1730
 Four children
 m.(2) 1731 Barbara
 Two children
- ?GR3314 Jacob Groff (A4), ca. 1700-wp. Nov. 6, 1771, East
 Pennsboro Twp., Cumberland Co., Pa.
 m. Mary Good, ca. 1718-after 1771; dau. of Peter
 Good (d. 1754) and his second wife.
 Seven children
- ?GR3315 Fronica Groff (A5), b. ca. 1705
 m.(1) Hans Schneider/John Taylor
 Five children
 m.(2) by 1745 Peter Good
- ?GR3316 Anna Groff (A6), ca. 1710-after 1751
 m.(1) George Kreider, 1706 or 1707-wp. June 14,
 1744, Lancaster Co., Pa.
 Two children
 m.(2) 1746 Daniel Keeports
 Two children
- GR34 Marx Graf, bap. Nov. 1, 1640, Bäretswil
- ?GR341 Jacob Groff (C), before 1690-inv. Dec. 3, 1730,
 Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
 m. Elizabeth. She m.(2) by 1734 Valentine Miller.
- ?GR3411 Anna Grove, ca. 1713-after 1771
 m. Mathias Groh (EG), ca. 1710-wp. 1771, Bethel
 Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
- ?GR3412 Peter Grove, June 13, 1724-Feb. 13, 1803, Bethel
 Twp.
 m. 1747, at meeting, Veronica Groh (EF4), 1728-
 Jan. 25, 1773, Bethel Twp.
- ?GR3413 Marx/Mark Groff, d. Mar. 22, 1771, Ephrata
 Cloister; "the old brother with the wooden leg."
- ?GR3414 Catharine Elizabeth Greve, Oct. 22, 1715-Aug. 14,
 1776. Buried in Salem (Heller's) United Church of
 Christ Cem., Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
 m. Nov. 2, 1742, by Justice Emanuel Carpenter,
 John Swope; widower.
- ?GR342 Hans Groff (E), ca. 1675-wp. May 7, 1746, Earl
 Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; wagoner.
 m.(1) _____
- GR3421 Jacob Groff, Apr. 2, 1669-ca. 1740, Cocalico Twp.
 m. Elizabeth, d. after Jan. 31, 1745
- ?GR342 Hans Groff (E) m.(2) [Susanna?] Kendig
- GR3422 Peter Groff, ca. 1704-between 1761 and 1764, Earl
 Twp.; gristmiller.
 m. Barbara
- GR3423 Hannah/Anna Groff, ca. 1707-between 1746 and
 1750
 m. ca. 1728 Peter Good, b. ca. 1690-wp. Dec. 23,
 1754; widower.
 Two children
- GR3424 Samuel Groff, ca. 1708-between 1768 and 1774
 m. Christina Huber. She m.(2) George Bear (51873).
 Three children

⁴⁰E II 700.6, 1634-1723, Census of Bäretswil, 1634, p. 528, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich. Baptism and marriage registers begin in Bäretswil in 1590, and the death register, in 1675, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.

⁴¹Clyde L. Groff, Walter B. Groff, and Jane Evans Best, *The Groff Book*, vol. 1: *A Good Life in a New Land* (Ronks, Pa.: Groff History Associates, 1985), p. 2.

- m. Feb. 22, 1676 Elisabeth Frey of Zwillikon in Affoltern, bur. Mar. 31, 1707, Hausen
- 5191 Jakob Bär, bap. Nov. 17, 1678-bur. May 19, 1689, Hausen
- 5192 Gorius Bär, bap. Oct. 1, 1682-bur. May 28, 1708, Hausen
- 5193 Magdalena Bär, bap. May 8, 1687. Lived in 1709 in Ober Albis.
- 5194 Rudolf Bär, bap. Feb. 8, 1685-bur. Aug. 22, 1685, Hausen
- 510 Anna Bär, bap. Mar. 28, 1652
m. Feb. 22, 1676 Hans Jakob Kleiner of Wadenswil
- 51a Felix Bär,³⁴ bap. Apr. 23, 1654, Hausen-July 1689, Ittlingen in Kurpfalz. Lived at Bruder Albis in the Pfalz according to 1678 Hausen census; in 1682 *Bestander* at Dammhof near Eppingen in the Pfalz; in 1686 *Hofbauer* at Ittlingen with 95 morgens of land.
m. Margaretha Hägi of Rossau, Mettmenstetten. In 1682 Felix paid for his wife's departure papers. "The marriage probably took place in the Pfalz, and near 'Rychen' is mentioned."
- 51a1 _____, bap. 1682 at Richen in the Pfalz
- 51a2 _____, bap. 1684 at Richen in the Pfalz
- 51a3 Johann Ulrich Bär (U1),³⁵ bap. Apr. 23, 1689, at Lutheran church at Ittlingen in the Pfalz-inv. 1749, Elizabeth Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. Immigrated to America, Sept. 30, 1732, on *Dragon*.
m.(1) Nov. 19, 1715, Kirchar dt Reformed Church, Anna Klein, Dec. 25, 1693-1730; dau. of Hans Michael Klein (b. 1656) and Susanna Elisabetha Wohl gemuth (b. 1658) of Kirchar dt.
Eight children
m.(2) Aug. 28, 1731, Kirchar dt Reformed Church, Anna Schupp; dau. of Christoph Schupp. She m.(2) by 1767 _____ Ziegler.
- 51b Elisabeth Bär,³⁶ bap. Apr. 12, 1658-1689, in the Kurpfalz
m. Mar. 5, 1678 Hans Heinrich Huber of Altstetten near Zurich
- 52 Katharina Bär, bap. Nov. 6, 1614-bur. Nov. 24, 1684. Lived at Heisch, Hausen.
m. Nov. 20, 1633 Ulrich Hägi of Heisch, d. before 1684
- 53 Hans Jagli Bär,³⁷ bap. May 20, 1616. Lived at Ratlisberg until after 1662.
m. Feb. 27, 1639 Elizabeth Frick of Knonau
- 531 Heini Bär, bap. Nov. 21, 1641 in Knonau. Not listed in 1670 census.
m. Jan. 29, 1668 Anna Frey of Maschwanden
- 5311 Ulrich Bär, bap. Dec. 20, 1668. Not listed in 1670 census.
- 5312 Heinrich Bär, bap. June 4, 1671
- 5313 Heinrich Bär, bap. Feb. 2, 1673
- 5314 Barbara Bär, bap. May 17, 1674
- 532 Jakob Bär, bap. Mar. 10, 1644
m. Jan. 16, 1667 Elisabeth Hitz of Bruder Albis; widow in 1678 and 1689 census.
- 5321 Ulrich Bär, bap. Oct. 27, 1667-bur. Apr. 20, 1668
- 5322 Hans Jageli Bär, b. ca. 1670
- 5323 Hans Bär, b. ca. 1673
- 533 Hans Jakob Bär,³⁸ bap. Mar. 16, 1645, Hausen-Oct. 12, 1704 Rieschweiler. From Bruder albis; shoemaker in Unterlunnern; in 1704 *Kubhirt* (herdsman) in Rieschweiler.
m. Elsi Stehli of Unterlunnern, bap. Feb. 25, 1649, Ottenbach-Dec. 12, 1704, Rieschweiler
- 5331 Elsbeth Bär, bap. Ottenbach June 3, 1677
- 5332 Barbara Bär, bap. Dec. 7, 1679-bur. Jan. 14, 1742, Ottenbach
m. July 6, 1706, Pirmasens, Heinrich Haberling of Ottenbach
- 5333 Barbara Bär, bap. Dec. 2, 1683 Ottenbach. Confirmed Apr. 16, 1702, at Rieschweiler.
- 534 Adelheid Bär, bap. Apr. 26, 1646, Hausen. Listed in 1649 Hausen census.
- 535 Hans Bär, bap. Aug. 5, 1679, Hausen. Listed in 1649 Hausen census.
- 536 Hans Heinrich Bär, bap. Nov. 2, 1651, Hausen(?);³⁹ Mennonite minister in Elsenz in 1682.
- 537 Ulrich Bär, bap. Nov. 13, 1653, Hausen
- 538 Rudolf Bär, bap. Mar. 2, 1656, Hausen
- 539 Anna Bär, bap. Oct. 10, 1658, Hausen
- 530 Elisabeth Bär, bap. Jan. 26, 1662, Hausen
- 54 Barbara Bär, bap. Jan. 25, 1618, Hausen, after death of her father-bur. Feb. 29, 1680, Hausen
m. July 15, 1635 Jakob Russer of Heisch, Hausen, d. after 1680
- 6 Adelheid Bär, bap. Oct. 10, 1583, Hausen-bur. Dec. 31, 1667, Hausen
m. Oct. 18, 1618 Hans Weber of Hausertal
- 7 Anna Bär, bap. Mar. 21, 1585, Hausen-Nov. 1, 1629; twin to Andreas Bär (8).
m. Dec. 14, 1652 Ludwig Näf of Hiesch
- 8 Andreas Bär, bap. Mar. 21, 1585, Hausen; twin to Anna Bär (7). Died young.
- 9 Katharina Bär, bap. July 20, 1588, Hausen
m. Feb. 11, 1610 Hans Huber in Altstetten near Zurich
- 91 Hans Hueber of Altstetten
- 92 Anna Hueber. Lived at Ruedersteten.
m. a Roman Catholic
- 0 Hans Jakob Bär, bap. Aug. 22, 1591, Hausen-bur. Sept. 20, 1668, Hausen. In 1641 lived in lower house at Ober Albis. His will, dated Apr. 26, 1652, bequeathed the Hausen church 25 florins. He had no children. His estate records defined the family in 1668.

³⁴LaRue Neff Olsen, 455 East 600 South, Logan, UT 84321, on Feb. 8, 1984, sent me Bear abstracts from "Emigrants from the Palatinate to America," filmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (film no. 823, 861, p. 40), which contains the following item: "Felix Baer, gestorben im Juli 1689 in Ittlingen, Kurpfalz. Sohn des verstorbenen Hans Baer, ab der Bruder albis, Pfarrei Hausen (Kirchenbuch Hausen)." This was the clue that led to my second trip to Zurich, to Schulthess' discovery of the estate papers of Hans Jaggeli Bar (0), and finally to this article.

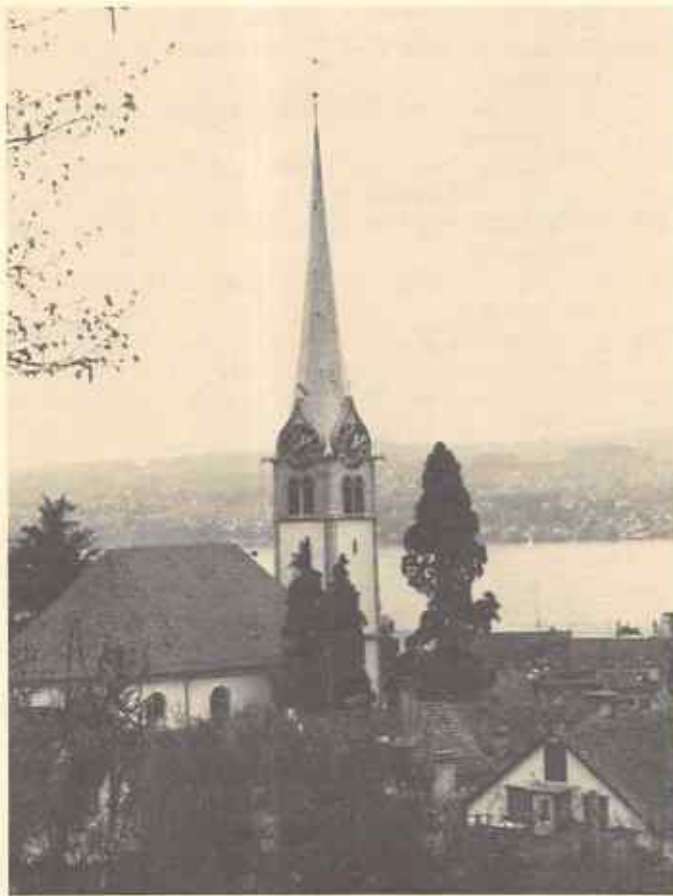
³⁵Burgert, *Northern Kraichgau*, pp. 40-41.

³⁶"Emigrants from the Palatinate to America" also had this item: "Elsi Baer, gestorben 1689 in der Kurpfalz, Ehefrau von Hans Heinrich Huber von Altstetten unterhalb Zuerich. Tochter des verstorbenen Hans Baer." Schulthess added that this was reported by Hans Hagi of Walldorf in the Kurpfalz.

³⁷According to Hermann Guth of Saarbrücken, a Hensli Bär lived in Lunnern and a Jos. Bär lived in Ottenbach from 1402 to 1420. Guth says a history of Obfelden shows that in 1639 a Hans Jagel Bär hid his sister at Lunnern. This is probably the same person.

³⁸*Auswanderer aus der Kirchgemeinde Ottenbach in die Gegend von Zweibrücken*, (aufgenommen wurden Personen, welche in den bevölkerungsgeschichtlichen Quellen des Zweibrücker Landes Nachgewiesen werden können).

³⁹Newman and Groff, *Palatine Ancestors*, pp. 126, 185.



At Horgen on Lake Zurich Hans Jakob Bär (5182) and Anna Bär (5185) worked as servants in 1709 on the Bocken estate.

- 516 Ulrich Bär, bap. Sept. 17, 1643-bur. Apr. 17, 1707, Hausen; single in 1689.
- 517 Adelheid Bär, bap. Oct. 18, 1646-bur. Dec. 4, 1646, Hausen
- 518 Hans Bär,²⁶ bap. Jan. 23, 1648-ca. 1717 on London Company tract near present Lancaster, Pa.
m.(1) Aug. 27, 1673 Verena Huber of Schweickhof, Hausen, bur. Oct. 20, 1679, Hausen
- 5181 Ulrich Bär, bap. Mar. 7, 1675-bur. Aug. 19, 1676
- 5182 Hans Jakob Bär (O),²⁷ bap. Mar. 18, 1677, Hausen-1759; Mennonite; farmer. In 1709 servant at Bocken in Horgen; between 1715 and 1718 moved from Sinsheim to Dühren; in 1719 sold "Haus und Hof" in Dühren; emigrated with wife Anna Barbara and eight children; in 1721 appeared on tax list of present Lancaster County; in 1740 sold Leacock Twp. tract to John Leonberger; died intestate in Lancaster Co., Pa.

Bear (BD2) (see Deed R-2-276, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, Pa.).

²⁷Jane Evans Best, "European Roots of the Bear Families of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: An Update," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 7 (January 1984): 27; *Schweizer Einwanderer*, p. 199 (no. 5188); Generallandesarchiv, Karlsruhe 61-5552, pp. 31, 44, 46.

²⁸Generallandesarchiv, Karlsruhe, 229/111 183. Hansely Bär's estate papers on almost one hundred pages clearly document his family, and I believe that Hans Bär and Barbara Hauser are his parents.

²⁹Willis N. Baer. *The Genealogy of Henry Baer of Leacock, Pennsylvania* (Allentown, Pa.: Schlechter's, 1955), pp. 13-15; Wilbur Hanson Kalb, 163 West County Line Road, Hatboro, PA 19040, to Jane E. Best, Mar. 14, 1986, and many other times.

m. ca. 1701 Barbara Frederick; dau. of Isaac Frederick.

- 518 Hans Bär m.(2) Jan. 11, 1682 Barbara Hauser of Rifferschwyl, [1656?]-bur. Jan. 30, 1709; dau. of Hans Hauser (d. by 1678) and Barbara Ringger (b. 1622).
- 5183 Hansely Bär, bap. Nov. 12, 1682, Hausen-1741;²⁸ *Bestander* (attendant) at Birkenauer in 1709 in the Pfalz.
m.(1) Magdalene Frey, d. 1716; dau. of Heinrich Frey (d. 1721) and Elizabeth Graf (GR38) (d. 1729).
Five children
m.(2) 1717 Elisabeth Frey
Three children
m.(3) 1726 Margarethe Strickler, b. ca. 1700; widow.
Six children
- 5184 Jagely Bär,²⁹ bap. Dec. 30, 1683, Hausen-after 1740, perhaps in Virginia; tavern keeper. In 1709 in Ober Albis. Warranted 600 acres in Leacock Twp. on June 21, 1721; in 1726 served as road supervisor; moved from Leacock Twp. ca. 1740.
Six children.
- 5185 Anna Bär, bap. Apr. 5, 1685, Hausen. In 1709 listed in Hausen census as servant in Meilen, as servant at Bocken in 1709 Horgen census.
- 5186 Hans Rudolf Bär, bap. July 4, 1686; in 1709 servant in Kilchberg.³⁰
- 5187 Hans Heinrich Bär (H),³¹ bap. Feb. 29, 1688, Hausen-1738, Earl Twp., Pa.; twin to Anna Bär (5188). Lived in 1709 in Ober Albis.
m.(1) _____
Four children
m.(2) Barbara Eby, d. ca. 1744; dau. of Theodorus Eby and his first wife.
- 5188 Anna Bär, bap. Feb. 29, 1688, Hausen-d. before 1751; twin to Hans Heinrich Bär (5187). Lived in 1709 in Ober Albis.
m. Michael Shank (SD),³² ca. 1690-wp. Dec. 24, 1763, Warwick Twp. He married two more times and had a total of seven children.
- 5189 Elisabeth Bär, bap. Feb. 2, 1690, Hausen. Lived in 1709 in Ober Albis.
- 5180 Heinrich Bär (Y1),³³ bap. Nov. 13, 1692, Hausen-before Dec. 15, 1749, intestate, Lancaster Co., Pa. Lived in 1709 in Ober Albis
[Seven children?]
- 518a Barbara Bär, bap. Oct. 21, 1694, Hausen. Lived in 1709 in Ober Albis.
- 518b Susanna Bär, bap. Apr. 26, 1696, Hausen. Lived in 1709 in Ober Albis.
- 519 Heinrich Bär, bap. Jan. 27, 1650-bur. Dec. 17, 1704, Hausen

³⁰Hans Rudolf Bär may have had a son, Bart. Rudolph, who immigrated on the *Lydia* on December 11, 1739, with Hans and Henrich Bär from Ottenbach. This son may be the one who died ca. 1754 in Cocalico Township and whose widow's will (F-1-427, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, Pa.) is dated August 13, 1789, and was proved February 28, 1793.

³¹Best, "Three Bears": 12-13.

³²Will C-1-48, Lancaster [dated Sept. 7, 1763]; Deeds C-348 and D-393, Lancaster.

³³Heinrich Bär is listed as Henry Y. Bare, deceased, in the Orphans' Court Records, Miscellaneous Book, 1742-60, p. 61 [dated Dec. 5, 1749], Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, Pa.; Taylor Papers, nos. 2480, 2488; Best, "Three Bears," p. 27.



This upper house at Ober Albis in Switzerland was occupied in 1641 by Hans Bär (51) and Hans Jakob Bär (53). Hans' son, Felix Bär (51a), died in 1689 in Ittlingen in the Kraichgau region of Germany, and his grandson, Ulrich (51a3), died in 1749 in Elizabeth Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

- 31b5 Hans Heinrich Bär, bap. Jan. 22, 1671
m. Apr. 28, 1697 Barbara Huber of Wesenmatt, Hausen
- 31b6 Barbara Bär, bap. Mar. 5, 1673. Not listed in 1695 census.
- 31b Hans Jacob Bär, m.(2) July 14, 1675 Verena Kleiner of Rifferswil, bur. Mar. 7, 1703
- 31b7 Margaretha Bär, bap. Apr. 26, 1676-bur. July 5, 1676
- 31b8 Susanna Bär, bap. Jan. 1, 1678
m. [Nov. 20, 1700 Heinrich Huber of Heisch?]
- 31b9 Hans Jakob Bär, bap. Apr. 21, 1679
m. after 1700 Verena Ringger
- 31c Elisabeth Bär, bap. Mar. 17, 1644
m. Mar. 3, 1663 Hans Vollenweider of Zwillikon in Affoltern
- 31d Barbara Bär, bap. Aug. 2, 1646
m. Oct. 3, 1665 Wäli Vollenweider, the older
- 32 Barbara Bär, ca. 1609-Dec. 28, 1675. Lived in Ebertschwyll.
m. Jan. 19, 1631 Hans Heinrich Suters, d. before 1678
- 33 Anna Bär, bap. Nov. 29, 1618-d. after 1668. Imprisoned in 1638 and 1642; moved to the Pfalz.
m. ca. 1635 Martin Meili²⁵ of Tägersch, Stallikon, b. 1607; son of Hans Meili (d. ca. 1651) and Elsbeth Hochstrasser; Anabaptist historian; widower with three children; in 1650 in Dühren in Pfalz; author in 1658 of parts of the *Martyrs' Mirror*.
- 331 Elisabeth Meili, b. 1636. Lived with Hans Hochstrasser of Landikon in 1641, with Jakob Hochstrasser of Landikon in 1643-44, with Heini Funk in Mettmenstetten in 1645-47.
- 332 Verena Meili, b. ca. 1637. Lived with her sister Elisabeth in 1641-47.
- 333 Jakob Meili, b. ca. 1639. Lived with Jakob Vollenweider of Aeugst in 1641, with Gorius Wyss of Affoltern in 1642. In 1649 his father took him away without the knowledge of his foster father. He is probably the son who attended the Steinsfurt meeting in 1661.
- 334 _____ Meili, b. 1642 in hospice in Zurich
- 335 Anna Meili, bap. Apr. 13, 1645, Obholz (Kloten)
- 34 Anna Bär, bap. Sept. 11, 1625-bur. Feb. 5, 1650; "presthafts Leybs." Lived with her brother Jacob (31).
- 4 Verena Bär, ca. 1578-Nov. 22, 1640
m. Heinrich Rutsch, d. before 1640; butcher.
- 41 Anna Rutsch. Lived in the hospice.
- 42 Catharina Rutsch. Lived in Gfang near Wangen.
- 5 Lorenz/Lenz Bär, bap. July 10, 1580, Hausen-bur. Dec. 9, 1617, Hausen. Lived in Albis.
m. before 1612 Anna Strehler, d. before 1634
- 51 Hans Bär, ca. 1612-July 4, 1659, Hausen. Lived in Ober-Albis.
m. Nov. 16, 1634 Verena Huber of Mettmenstetten, bur. Mar. 28, 1676, Hausen.
- 511 Jakob Bär, bap. Jan. 10, 1636, Hausen. Not listed in 1644 census of Hausen.
- 512 Verena Bär, bap. Oct. 2, 1637, Hausen
m. 1659 Gorius Grob of Hirzwagen in Hausen
- 513 Verena Bär, bap. June 10, 1638, Hausen
- 514 Lorenz Bär, ca. 1639-Dec. 21, 1687. Lived at Ober Albis; died when a saw log fell on him.
m. Nov. 19, 1662 Katharine Humber of Tufenbach, d. after 1689, Hausen.
- 5141 Hans Jageli Bär, bap. Sept. 11, 1664, Hausen.
m. Anna Ringger, b. 1668
- 51411 Elsbeth Bär, b. 1696, Hausen
- 51412 Hans Bär, b. 1699, Hausen. Listed in 1709 and 1762 census of Hausen in Ober Albis.
m. Anna Grob
- 51413 Barbareli Bär
- 51414 Rudi Bär
- 51415 Anna Bär, b. 1709
- 5142 Heineli Bär, bap. Mar. 17, 1667, Hausen
m. Barbal Huber, b. 1671
- 51421 Anna Bär, bap. Aug. 18, 1695, Hausen
- 51422 Regula Bär, b. 1697
- 5143 Reguli Bär, bap. Nov. 13, 1670, Hausen
- 5144 Heinrich Bär, bap. Apr. 20, 1673-bur. Feb. 11, 1675, Hausen
- 5145 Elsbeth Bär, b. ca. 1678
- 5146 Heinrich Bär, bap. 1676-bur. May 21, 1676, Hausen
- 5147 Barbara Bär, bap. Dec. 9, 1683-bur. Sept. 2, 1685, Hausen
- 515 Veronika/Fronegg Bär, bap. Apr. 17, 1642
m. Apr. 1, 1663 Heinrich Näf of Heisch, bap. Oct. 18, 1640
- 5151 Uli Näff, b. ca. 1665
- 5152 Barbeli Näff, b. ca. 1667
- 5153 Hans Näff, bap. Aug. 1, 1669, Hausen
- 5154 Elsbethli Näff, b. ca. 1672. Not listed in 1682 census of Hausen.
- 5155 Elseli Näff, bap. Oct. 3, 1686, Hausen
- 5156 Hans Heinrich Näff, bap. Feb. 23, 1679, Hausen
m. Elsbet Trinkler/Treichler
- 51561 Jageli Näff, b. 1708
- 5157 Madlenli Näff, bap. Mar. 1, 1682
m. _____ Gallman

²⁵W. H. Ruoff, *Martin Meilis Herkunft* (Zürich: 1952), based on mss. 72, 684,686, Zentralbibliothek Zürich; *Schweizer Einwanderer*, p. 202 (no. 5263); Jane E. Best, "Germantown Links to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Families," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 6 (October 1983): 24.

²⁶He was listed in the Hausen census until 1709, but there is no record of his death in Hausen. I believe he is the Hans Pare who warranted 400 acres in the London Company tract, according to the "Supplement to the Account of the Surveyed Lands in the County of Chester," the mouse-eaten manuscript now at the Chester County Courthouse at West Chester, Pa. This 400-acre tract was surveyed to Hance Graff (A) (see Taylor Paper 2409) and deeded in 1722 to Martin

- 11 Hans Jakob Bär m.(3) May 15, 1644 Adelheid Nageli of Mettmensstetten, bur. Dec. 14, 1667, Hausen
- 12 Oswald/Osli Bär,¹⁷ before 1614-after 1679. Lived in 1641-42 in Ebertswil, where he kept Katharina Meili, small dau. of Hans Meili; in 1643 moved to Richterswil; in 1649 sold farm on Ober Albis; not listed in 1650 census of Richterswil; in 1668 living in the Pfalz; attended the Steinsfurt meeting in 1661; "converted young lads from the Ref. to Anabaptist religion" in 1679; and had Martin Bär (BD) as servant in 1679.
m.(1) Anna Ringger, d. after Aug. 6, 1635
- 121 Ulrich Bär, b. ca. 1636. Listed in 1643 census of Richterswil but not in 1646.
- 12 Oswald/Osli Bär m.(2) May 30, 1638 Elisabeth Lamprecht of Aesch/Birmensdorf, d. between Mar. 2, 1661, and Apr. 23, 1662. "Her family provided one third of the employed help in the House of Streichenberg before her death."
- 122 Anna Bär,¹⁸ bap. May 1639, Hausen; *Tauferin* of Streichenberg(?).
m. 1667 Hans Nüssli
- 123 Heinrich Bär,¹⁹ bap. Dec. 1640. Listed in Richterswil census in 1643 but not in 1646; Mennonite *Hofbauer* at Streichenberg in 1661, when he attended the Steinsfurt meeting; wrote letter of Apr. 23, 1662, requesting to be excused from paying 18 fl. to the authorities to get married or have it confirmed. I attribute four children to him.
m. 1662 _____ Mayer; dau. of Michael Meier (d. Aug. 15, 1676, aged 60 years) of Reihen, an Anabaptist.
- ?1231 Hans Bär (M?),²⁰ b. ca. 1664
- ?1232 Michael Bär(C?),²¹ b. ca. 1670
- 1233 Heinrich Behr,²² b. 1679, Steppach-Apr. 27, 1747; lived at Streichenberg.
- 1234 Ulrich Beer,²³ b. ca. 1675. Lived at Steppach.
m.(1) Regina
Two children
m.(2) Veronika
Five children
- 124 Galli Bär, bap. 1644 Richterswil. Listed in 1646 census.
- 125 Barbara Bär, bap. 1645, Richterswil. Listed in 1646 census.
- 2 Barbara Bär, d. by 1668
m. _____ Baumann of Horgen
- 21 Elisabetha Buman. In 1668 lived in Horger Berg.
m. Jos Be_____
- 22 Rudli Buman. In 1668 lived in Alsace; "said to be a *Touffer*."
- 23 Barbeli Buman. In 1668 "has lived for 2 years near Stuttgart."
- 3 Osli Bär, ca. 1574-bur. May 5, 1648; Anabaptist. Lived at Langen Rüti in Ebertswil.
m. Barbara Biedermann, ca. 1580-bur. Jan. 9, 1634; *Widerteuffer*.
- 31 Jakob Bär, b. ca. 1603-bur. Jan. 25, 1671, Hausen; church elder and *Ebegaumer*.²⁴ Lived at Langen Rüti.
m.(1) Nov. 5, 1623 Anna Hitz of Ratlisberg, bur. Nov. 23, 1637, Hausen
- 311 Jakob Bär, bap. May 1, 1625-Jan. 13, 1702; *Kilchmeyer* (sexton).
m. Nov. 19, 1645 Elisabeth Huber of Heisch, bur. Dec. 6, 1688
- 3111 Hans Bär, bap. Oct. 17, 1647-bur. Nov. 18, 1665, Hausen
- 3112 Hans Rudy Bär, bap. Sept. 21, 1651-bur. Sept. 21, 1686
m. Oct. 26, 1670 Barbara Wyss of Ebertswil
- 3113 Henrich Bär, bap. Sept. 25, 1653. Lived in Ebertschwyl.
m. May 12, 1680 Barbara Frick of Vollenweid, 1643-bur. Aug. 3, 1685
- 3114 Hans Jacob Bär, bap. Mar. 28, 1658-May 5, 1659, Hausen
- 3115 Jakob Bär, bap. Apr. 27, 1656-Apr. 27, 1659
- 3116 Anna Bär, bap. Mar. 18, 1660
m. Dec. 29, 1685 Hans Rudolf Weber. Lived in Hauserthal.
- 3117 Barbara Bär, bap. Nov. 16, 1662
m. Oct. 10, 1682 Oswald Huber of Unter Mettmensstetten
- 3118 Jakob Bär, bap. May 28, 1665
m. Mar. 25, 1691 Anna Baumann of Hausen
- 3119 Elisabeth Bär, bap. Nov. 14, 1669-bur. Dec. 26, 1669
- 3110 Hans Bär, bap. Sept. 29, 1672
m. after 1700 Adelheid Ringger
- 312 Veronika/Fronegg Bär, bap. Feb. 18, 1627. Not listed in 1634 Hausen census.
- 313 Hans Bär, bap. Mar. 2, 1628. Listed in 1634 census but not in 1637.
- 314 Barbara Bär, bap. Nov. 29, 1629. Not listed in 1634 census.
- 315 Barbara Bär, bap. June 24, 1632. Not listed in 1634 census.
- 316 Hans Bär, bap. Oct. 7, 1633. Not listed in 1634 census.
- 317 Anna Bär, bap. Apr. 1, 1635
m. Oct. 13, 1658 Kappel Heinrich Suter of Ebertswil near Kappel
- 318 Adelheid Bär, bap. Aug. 28, 1636
m. Dec. 3, 1656 Jakob Huber of Kappel
- 319 Hans Bär, bap. Nov. 6, 1637. Not listed in 1644 census.
- 31 Jakob Bär m.(2) Dec. 13, 1637 Verena Glattli of Bonstetten, d. before 1671
- 310 Georg Bär, bap. Jan. 1639. Not listed in 1644 census.
- 31a Heinrich Bär, b. Aug. 1640-bur. Jan. 1, 1654
- 31b Hans Jacob Bär, bap. Apr. 17, 1642-bur. Aug. 28, 1688
m.(1) Aug. 6, 1662 Barbara Vollenweider of Zwillikon, bur. Apr. 16, 1675
- 31b1 Anna Bär, bap. May 17, 1663-bur. Aug. 12, 1697, Hausen
- 31b2 Elisabeth Bär, bap. Apr. 8, 1664-bur. Jan. 16, 1679
- 31b3 Hans Bär, bap. Feb. 18, 1666-bur. May 7, 1678
- 31b4 Jakob Bär, bap. Oct. 11, 1668-bur. Jan. 25, 1679

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²⁰We have no record of what his name was or whether he was a son of these parents. However, both Michael and Henry had eldest sons named Hans. Samuel Bear (12315) named his brothers and sister in his will, dated 1743. He came to America with Jacob Bear on the *Molly* in 1727. Michael is probably no. 5189 in *Schweizer Einwanderer*. Henry warranted land in Hempfield Township in May 1718 and is probably the Henrich Beer at Kloster Lobenfeld in 1717 with Michel Mayer, who warranted land in Lancaster County near him.

²¹Family tradition says the father of the Michael Bear who died in Cocalico Township in 1770 was also named Michael.

²²He seems to be the ancestor of the families who meet at Bärentap-

annually. One may contact Friedrich H. Baer, Königstrasse 45, D-8500 Nurnberg 1, West Germany, for information. His notebook on p. 2 contains this notation: GLA Abt. 65/11716 Henrich Baer, Dammhof, Gem. Adelslofen 1773 Ehefrau 5 Kinder. I think this is no. 123311. Bonfeld records may clarify this.

²³Hermann and Gertrude Guth, Parsevalstrasse 1, D-6600 Saarbrücken, abstracted the Steppach records from the church books in the Oberkirchenrates Karlsruhe on May 18, 1982. I believe the Henrich Baer in Streichenberg in 1773 with wife and four children was no. 12346, not no. 123311.

²⁴E II 700.87, Rifferswil census, 1637, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.



The Bären Hof near the cemetery in Ittlingen in the Kraichgau served as the home of Oswald Bär (12) in 1661 and of his servant, Martin Bär (BD), in 1679. Felix Bär (51a) was *Hofbauer* (estate farmer) at Ittlingen in 1686. Young Martin Bär (BD2) lived here in 1715 with his wife, Anna Elizabeth Groff (?GR3311), and died in 1758 in Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

- m.(1) Nov. 16, 1620 Barbara Rudolf of Hubscheren, Mettmensstetten, bur. Oct. 25, 1629 (plague year), Hausen.
- 111 Barbara Bär, bap. Feb. 12, 1626
m. May 28, 1644 Rudolf Wyss, Heferswil, Mettmensstetten
- 112 Anna Bär, bap. Apr. 14, 1628. Not listed in 1634 census.
- 11 Hans Jakob Bär, m.(2) May 26, 1630 Verena Illi/Gilli of Hubscheren, bur. Nov. 26, 1643, Hausen
- 113 Josabe Bär, bap. Mar. 22, 1631, Hausen-May 9, 1700, Dürsenen, Richterswil. Lived at Kneüwis.
m. Dec. 1, 1663 Richterswil, Barbara Treichler of Schwanden (Hütten), Richterswil, bap. Oct. 24, 1641; dau. of Heinrich Treichler.
- 1131 Margaretha Bär, bur. Oct. 13, 1666, Richterswil, age 3
- 1132 Barbara Bär, bap. Jan. 7, 1666, Richterswil
m. Oct. 6, 1685 Hans Georg Strickler
- 1133 Margaretha Bär, bap. Feb. 14, 1669-bur. Feb. 1, 1673, Richterswil
- 1134 Hans Bär, bap. Apr. 23, 1671-bur. Nov. 27, 1693, Richterswil
m. Mar. 7, 1692 Verena Zuricher. She m.(2) Mar. 31, 1696 Jacob Hiestand
- 1135 Kleinanna Bär, bap. Mar. 2, 1673, Richterswil
m. July 9, 1695 Georg Zuricher of Egg
- 1136 Barbara Bär, bap. Aug. 29, 1675, Richterswil
m. Apr. 28, 1696 Hans Ulrich Strickler
- 1137 Anna Bär, bap. Dec. 15, 1678, Richterswil
m. Sept. 20, 1707 Jakob Strickler
- 114 Heinrich Bär, bap. Feb. 3, 1633, Hausen
m. May 31, 1659 Richterswil, Anna Treichler, bap. Sept. 8, 1639
- 1141 Hans Jakob Bär, bap. Aug. 26, 1660, Richterswil
m. Apr. 20, 1686 Elisabeth Strickler, bap. Oct. 14, 1655
- 1142 Hans Heinrich Bär, bap. Jan. 26, 1662, Richterswil-inv. Mar. 11, 1731, Earlton, Pa.¹⁶
m. Nov. 18, 1684 Anna Hauser, d. after 1736
Ten children
- 1143 Hans Bär, bap. Jan. 17, 1664; surgeon.
m. Nov. 3, 1696 Elisabeth Eschmann
- 1144 Hans Konrad Bär, bap. Oct. 21, 1666

- m.(1) Barbara Lieberger, 1666-May 24, 1695, Ruschlikon
m.(2) Regula Luhr/Laur, b. 1676
- 1145 Henrich Bär, Apr. 5, 1669-Jan. 7, 1690, "neuenstadt in Churpfalz"
- 1146 Anna Bär, bap. July 31, 1670
m. Oct. 4, 1692 Hans Rudolf Bachman
- 1147 Ulrich Bär, bap. Jan. 18, 1672. Not listed in 1695 census of Richterswil.
- 1148 Jakob Bär, bap. Sept. 20, 1674
m. Oct. 29, 1700 Anna Treichler
- 1149 Agathe Bär, bap. Sept. 16, 1676
m. Bernhard Huber of Rain
- 1140 Johannes Bär, bap. Jan. 23, 1681
m.(1) Nov. 5, 1702 Katharina Treichler, bur. Nov. 11, 1705, Richterswil
m.(2) June 8, 1706 Katharine Hohn of Schwarzenbach
- 115 Jakob Bär, bap. July 6, 1634, Hausen. Not listed in 1689 or 1695 census.
m. May 31, 1659, Richterswil, Anna Bachmann, bap. Oct. 1, 1637
- 1151 Hans Heinrich Bär, bap. June 17, 1660-June 19, 1703, Kneüwis
m.(1) Dec. 13, 1692 Margaretha Müller, bap. Mar. 8, 1668
m.(2) Sept. 28, 1696 Katharina Lavater
- 1152 Hans Rudolf Bär, bap. Apr. 30, 1665. Lived in 1695 in Frombde.
m. May 10, 1698 Anna Strickler, d. Apr. 4, 1721
- 1153 Anna Bär, b. Nov. 24, 1667
m. Feb. 16, 1697 Jakob Hofman

Abbreviation Key

bap. = baptized
bur. = buried
wp. = will proved
inv. = estate inventory

- 1154 Barbara Bär, bap. Sept. 8, 1672-Jan. 30, 1687
- 1155 Hans Jakob Bär, bap. July 1, 1676-Nov. 15, 1700
- 116 Ulrich Bär, bap. Sept. 20, 1635, Hausen. Not listed in 1644 census.
- 117 Anna Bär, b. ca. 1636. Listed in 1650 and 1655 census of Richterswil.
- 118 Verena Bär, b. ca. 1637
m. Nov. 10, 1663 Andreas Bachman of Wädenswil
- 119 Hans Bär, bap. July 1640, Hausen-bur. Apr. 10, 1658, Richterswil. "Broke through the ice at Finstersee and drowned."
- 110 Elisabeth Bär, bap. Nov. 6, 1643, Hausen
m. Mar. 4, 1679 Hans Konrad Isler of Wädenswil

¹⁶Best, "Three Bears," 12-13. The 200 acres in his 1731 inventory was more likely the Earl Township tract patented in 1734 by Jacob Bear (11421), not the land now in the city of Lancaster. The Henry Pare who warranted the Lancaster tract in 1717 was probably John Henry Bear (5187).

¹⁷Karl Diefenbacher, Hans Ulrich Pfister, and Kurt H. Hotz, *Schweizer Einwanderer in den Kraichgau nach dem Dreissigjährigen Krieg mit ausgewählter Ortsliteratur* (Sinsheim: Heimatverein Kraichgau, 1983), p. 199 (nos. 5187-5193).

¹⁸She was baptized in Hausen, but her name did not appear in the 1643 or 1646 census of Richterswil with her parents.

¹⁹Jane Evans Best, "A Bear Hunt in Europe," *Mennonite Family*

June 1721 in Leacock Township, and the whole picture suddenly came into focus. By combining the research of Willis Nissley Baer and the reams of material sent to me by J. William Coe of Virginia, primary sources and family tradition reinforced each other, and another thorny problem was resolved. "Billy" Coe died in January 1986. How he would have loved to see the verification of his fifty years of research printed in this article!

Hans Heinrich Bär (5187) was obviously the same person as the John Henry Bear (H) who Anna Catharine Ressler said in her 1944 statement was her immigrant ancestor. He, not "Old" Henry, was probably the Henry Pare who in 1717 warranted 424 acres with Michael Shank in which is now the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The first wife of Michael Shank was Anna, who I believe was Anna Bär (5188), twin sister of Hans Heinrich. Martin Baer (51871) and George Bear (51873) were the first two of my "Three Bears of Earl Township." Research on John (51872) and Andrew (51874) Bear of Leacock Township adds details of an intriguing story of early craftsmen and the material culture of Lancaster County. For example, John Bear (5187235) in 1819 published in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the first folio German Bible printed in America.

Another surprise was that Henrich Bär (5180) fit well as the Henry Y. [the younger?] Bare who died intestate in Lancaster County and whose four minor children in 1749 had Andrew Shultz as guardian. (He was Y1 in my "Three Bears" article.) Of these, John Bear (51804) was the storekeeper of Lancaster who for a short time was a partner of Henry William Stiegel in his Elizabeth Furnace operation. Christian Baer (51805) died in 1795 in Heidelberg Township in York County, and his brother Michael (51806) died in 1809 in Franklin Township in Adams County. Michael's son, Martin Bare (518067), was the Mennonite minister who moved to Preston, Ontario, in 1801. Henry Bear (51802), who died in 1771 in Heidelberg Township in York County, was an older brother. I believe this family also includes the George Bear (51801) who moved to Frederick, Maryland, with his wife, Magdalena, by 1758 and the Jacob Bear (51803) who died in 1778 in Germany Township in York County.

Outlines of the 1142, 5182, 5183, 5184, 5187, 5180, and 51a3 families showing three additional generations of Bear descendants will be included in the January 1987 issue of this magazine in "A Bear Saga: Lancaster County and Beyond."

Bärentag Bears

According to the church records of Steppach parish, Heinrich Behr (1233) was born in 1679 at Streichenberg and died there on April 27, 1747. Ulrich (1234), his two wives, children, and grandchildren are recorded there also. The other children and grandchildren born there were undoubtedly those of Heinrich (1233). I believe Heinrich (1233) was the grandfather of the Heinrich Baer whose descendants have a reunion each year at Bärentag, and I have listed them as such.

This left an interval of seventeen years between the marriage of Heinrich Baer (123) and the birth of Heinrich (1233). Because it was traditional for the youngest sons in Swiss families to inherit the homestead, it is quite probable that other children were born during that interval. The children I attribute to 1231 (M) were named in Samuel Bear's will as his brothers and sisters. Henry Bear (12313) warranted land near present Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on May 10, 1718, near Michael Meyers, with whom he apparently lived at Kloster Lobenfeld in 1717. Michael (12311) was in Leacock Township by 1721 with Hans Jacob Ber (5182) and had married Anna Elizabeth Ott of Ittlingen on January 15,

1714, at Adelshofen Lutheran Church. He was listed as an Anabaptist before 1714, then as a Lutheran. In 1719 he also sold "Haus und Hof" in Dühren. Samuel (12315) immigrated in 1727 with Jacob (12314), who in 1735 warranted land in Earl Township next to Martin Bear (51871) and George Bear (51873). At last I believe I can account for all three of the Bears of Earl Township.

According to family tradition, the father of Michael Bear (12321) of Cocalico Township was a Michael Bear. Some of the children in this (C) family migrated with other Bears to Cumberland County and to Canada. This seemed the logical place to list them because they, too, had sons named Michael, a name not previously mentioned in the Zurich records of these families. All of them fit according to date and location, and they interacted as extended family in various locations in America.

Graf and Wäber Families of Bäretswil, Zurich

Hans Bär (5183) had three wives. The first two were named Frey. One or both of them were daughters of the Heinrich Frey who died in 1721 at Birkenauer Hof in the Kraichgau. On June 26, 1683, Heinrich Frey of Birkenauer Hof, son of Felix Frey, had married Elizabeth Graf (GR38), daughter of Jakob Graf (GR3) of Steinsfurt. Because this was the Jakob Graf who I thought was the grandfather of many of the Groff immigrants to early Lancaster County, I asked Mr. Schulthess to search the Bäretswil records for his ancestors and descendants. These same parish records contained the information I was searching concerning the descendants of "Little" George Wäber so that I have included below the data for these families, both of whom married frequently into Bear families.

The following outline summarizes the known data and combines information from various sources. Some of the relationships are of necessity based on circumstantial evidence, and a question mark is used to show the point of doubt. Reference is made to other family outlines which, in addition to the ones which will appear in the next issue, are either in *The Groff Book* or are being compiled into my "Windows into the Past," a preliminary version of which should be available early in 1987 at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. All of these outlines should be used as clues for further research, not as proof of lineage.

Hans Bär of Albis

Hans Bär,¹⁴ ca. 1545-before 1614; Anabaptist. Lived at Bruder Albis/Ober Ratlisberg, Canton Zurich, Switzerland.

m. Kathrina Huber, bur. Apr. 22, 1622, Hausen in Albis

1 Hans Bär, ca. 1570-bur. July 20, 1617, Hausen; "Widerteuffer ab dem Albis."

m. Anna Biedermann, bur. Jan. 11, 1618, Hausen; "Widerteuffer ab dem Albis."

11 Hans Jakob Bär, ca. 1595, Bruder Albis/Ober Ratlisberg-bur. Feb. 4, 1674, Richterswil. Listed in 1650 census of Richterswil;¹⁵ listed in Kneiwis-Hof with seven children. "All of them came to us only a few weeks ago from the region of Knouau. This summer we shall see how it will be" [if they will belong to this parish].

¹⁴E II 700.44, Hausen census, 1634-1762; E III.47 Hausen church book, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.

¹⁵E II 700.85, Richterswil census, 1634-1730; E III.95 Richterswil church book, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.

when he attended the meeting of Anabaptists on March 2, 1661, at Steinsfurt with his wife and Hans Meyle. He was fined on property valued at 400 florins while Hans Meili was fined on 600 florins. In 1679 he was accused of "converting young lads from the Reformed to Anabaptist religion." He had a servant in 1679 named Martin Bär (BD), who was the father of Martin Ber (BD2), the Mennonite bishop of early Lancaster County. Barbara Bähr, who married Hans Meili, and Martin Bär were probably related to Oslī Bär (12), and a further study of the parish records of Birmansdorf and Stallikon may document the relationship.

Anna Bär (122) was baptized in May 1639 at Hausen. She was the same age as Katharine Meili and perhaps stayed with relatives during these troubled years because her name did not appear on any Richterswil census lists. An Anna Bär was listed as a *Taufer* (Anabaptist) of Streichenberg in 1667, when she married Hans Nüssli, and evidently these two are the same person. Heinrich Bär (123) was baptized in Hausen in December 1640 and appears on the 1643 census of Richterswil aged three years. The 1646 census does not mention Heinrich but does list Galli (124), born in 1644, and Barbel (125), born in 1645. He is probably the Heinrich Bär in the Streichenberg records in 1661, and he may have been taken by the Meilins to Kloten about 1645.

This was the time of a tax revolt in the area, and in 1646 the Zurich government advanced by force of arms and occupied Wädenswil,¹⁰ the town north of Richterswil on Lake Zurich. In February 1647 the Anabaptists left the Zurich area in the direction of the Rhine River. Because Oswald Bär (12) sold his farm in Albis in 1649 and his family is not on the 1650 census of Richterswil, they probably joined the older children. The tradition in the family of Marta Bär of Walldorf, Germany, is that her family's emigrants from Switzerland were on their way to Holland when the condition of the river prevented further passage. The elector of the Palatinate asked them to stay there and manage the depleted farms, and that is how the family got to Germany. The records in Amsterdam of the Netherlands Committee of Foreign Needs, which was begun about 1635 to aid the Zurich Anabaptists, may contain information about these families.

Heinrich Bär (123) was not quite twenty-one years old when he attended the Anabaptist meeting at Steinsfurt in the Kraichgau on March 2, 1661, with his parents and fifty other people. His mother died between that time and April 23, 1662, when he petitioned the elector to excuse him from the fee of eighteen florins for the public proclamation which would confirm his marriage to the daughter of Michael Meyers, a Mennonite of Reyhein. He pleaded that his mother's family had provided one-third of the employed help in the House of Streichenberg, and since her death his household was depleted to the extent that he also must look for a female helper as well as look for a companion and helper in his household. The reply, dated April 29, 1662, said the rule was not to be relaxed.

Hans Jakob Bär (53) was baptized at Hausen on May 2, 1616, and married Elisabeth Frick, daughter of Heinrich Frick of Knonau, on February 27, 1639. They spent some time with her father at Knonau, and their son Heinrich (531) was baptized there on November 21, 1641. He was buried October 12, 1704, at Rieschweiler, Germany, where he was listed as a shoemaker from Unter Lunnern. The father (53) is probably the Hans Jagel Bär who hid his Anabaptist sister at Lunnern in 1639. The last of their ten children were baptized at Hausen in 1662, and the parents seem to have left after that time. Hans Heinrich Bär

(536) was baptized on November 2, 1651, and may be the one who was a Mennonite minister in Elsenz in 1682.¹¹

Felix Bär (51a), baptized on April 23, 1654, left Ober Albis by 1678. He is recorded in Dammhof near Eppingen in 1682, and in 1686 he moved to Ittlingen, where he was a *Hofbauer* (estate farmer) with 95 morgens of land. He and his sister Elisabeth (51b) died in 1689—he in early July in "Ittingen" and Elisabeth "in der Curfurstl. Pfalz." This was the year of the invasion of the Kraichgau by the armies of King Louis XIV of France.

Felix (51a) was the bee that led us back to the hive. Records of his death in 1689 filmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints show that his father was the deceased Hans of Bruder Albis in the parish of Hausen. The prodigious work of Annette Burgert showed that immigrant Ulrich Bär was the son of this Felix. During H. Schulthess' professional research at the Zurich archives an official by coincidence called to his attention the estate records of Hans Jaggli Bär (0). This was the first proof of a link between Swiss Bär and American Bear families.

After 1709

Of the four brothers at Ober Rattlisberg in 1678 only Hans Bär (518) remained in 1709, and three of his ten surviving children were serving away from home at that time. The names and ages of five members of this family were exactly the ones for whom I was searching to match some of the immigrant Bears in Lancaster County from 1717 to 1743. Once before I thought I had found them in one family, but all in that family died in Switzerland. This situation proved that what fits is not always correct.¹² This time there can be little doubt that we have found the correct family.

Hans Jakob Bär (5182) was obviously the (O) of my previous articles. The 1709 census of Hausen said he was "servit Horgen," and the 1709 census of Horgen¹³ listed seven *Dienst* (servants) in the household of Hans Lüthold at the estate called Bocker, including Heinrich Meyer from Hausen, Jacob Sautman from Rifferswil, Jacob Staub from Richterswil, Jacob Bär from Hausen, Hans Huser from Rifferswil, Hans Brändli from Wald, and Anna Bär. He had a wife, Anna Barbara, and eight children by 1719, when he sold his "Haus und Hof" in Dühren, where he had moved from Sinsheim between 1715 and 1718. She was probably living with her family in one of the neighboring towns in 1709. Or did he acquire a wife and children at the same time he acquired the Dühren "Haus und Hof"?

Hans Bär (5183) was almost a perfect fit for the one whose estate papers, beginning in 1741 at Birkenauer, documented his family of three wives and fourteen children. The 1709 census of Hausen said he was "in Pfalz." I believe his son, Hans Heinrich Bär (51836), was (W) in my "Three Bears" article, and Jakob (51838) could have been the Jacob Bear who died in Codorus Township in York County about 1782.

Jakob Bär (5184) was the big surprise. He was clearly Jacob Bear, the tavern keeper, who had 600 acres surveyed to him in

¹⁰E II 700.87, Rifferswil census, 1678, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.

¹¹George Frederick Newman and Clyde L. Groff, *Letters from Our Palatine Ancestors, 1644-1689* (Hershey, Pa.: Gary T. Hawbaker, 1984), pp. 126, 185.

¹²E II 700.87, Rifferswil census, 1640, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.

¹³E II 700.53, Horgen census, 1710, p. 525, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich. This Hans Brandli may be the Hans Brand who patented land in the London Company tract near Hans Bär (518), John Heinrich Bär (5185), and Heinrich Bär (5180).

her *Kindtbererin*, or confinement. Their youngest child, Anna, was baptized on April 13, 1645, at Obholz (Kloten), northeast of Zurich, now the location of the Zurich airport.

On May 3, 1639, Martin Meyli; his brother Hans; and Barbara Bähr, wife of this Hans Meyli, were imprisoned at Zurich. "Their children, as poor, forsaken orphans, were put out among strangers." On the Friday before Easter 1641, after three years' imprisonment, they "were delivered, in an unexpected manner, from their bonds, keeping a good conscience."⁵

On March 28, 1649, Martin Meili took his son Jacob with him without the knowledge of his foster father. Records in the Palatinate show that he lived in Dühren by 1650. Martin Meylin's son attended the Steinsfurt meeting of Anabaptists on March 2, 1661, with Rudolf Hägi, also of Dühren, and each was fined on the basis of 400 florins' worth of property. Apparently Martin Meylin died between 1658 and 1668, for the estate records of Hans Jacob Bär (0) mention "Anneli Bär, wife of Martin Meylis, deceased resident of the Pfalz, who is reported to be an Anabaptist [*Toufferin*]."

Anna Bär Meyli's father was Oslü Bär (3), an Anabaptist, who was married to Barbara Biedermann, also an Anabaptist. The Hausen pastor in 1633 wrote of her family: "These are well to do people and even though they belong to this despised sect, they still do send their children to church diligently." In 1637 he wrote, "There is a Bible in this family." The other daughter, Anna (34), was lame and lived with her brother Jacob (31) and Jacob's fourteen children at Langen Rütli⁶ near Ebertswil in the parish of Hausen. He was appointed *Ehegauner*, a church official chosen by the congregation to supervise marriages and baptisms and specifically to watch the Anabaptists. Apparently he and his sister, Anna Bär Meylin, were on opposite sides of the religious questions that burned so tragically at that time.

Häns Bär (1) and his wife, Anna Biedermann, were both Anabaptists of Albis, and they left behind two sons. Hans Jakob Bär (11) was born at Bruder Albis about 1590 and married in 1620 Barbara Rudolf of Hubscheren in the parish of Metmenstetten. She died in the plague year of 1629. He outlived three wives and fathered ten children to become the progenitor of the Bär families in the Richterswil mountain. Hans Heinrich Bär (1142), his grandson, is a perfect fit as "Old" Henry Bear, who died in 1731 in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.⁷

To the Kraichgau

Oswald Bär (12) was a widower with one son when he married in 1638 Elisabeth Lamprecht of Aesch in the parish of Birmensdorf, the same parish in which the Meili family had lived in 1607. He lived in Ebertswil near Hausen when he kept Katharina Meili, the small daughter of Barbara Bähr and Hans Meili, the brother of Martin Meili, during their persecution from 1640 to 1642. When he moved in the spring of 1643 to Richterswil mountain, overlooking Lake Zurich, Katharina Meyli stayed behind with Hans Weber and his wife, Adelheid Bär (6), who had moved between 1637 and 1643 from Ober Albis to Hausenthal near Ebertswil.

Lorenz Bär (5) was thirty-seven years old in 1617, when he died before the birth of his fourth child. His wife died before 1634, and their children were reared by Hans Jakob Bär (0). On November 13, 1649, Oswald Bär (12) sold his dairy farm on Ober Albis to his uncle, Hans Jakob Bär (0), who lived in the lower house, and his cousins, Hans Bär (51) and Hans Jakob Bär (53), who lived in the upper house. The total price of two thousand florins was to be paid in installments on St. Martin's



The church at Hausen has records beginning in 1577 which show five generations of the Hans Bär family of Albis.

Day (November 11) until 1662.⁸ It was the first of many complicated land transactions between Bear brothers and cousins that have delighted and frustrated family historians ever since. It also involved a transaction between Oslü Bär (12) and Jacob Trinkler/Treichler for a farm in Richterswil called Kneüwis for 1,726 florins. Hans Jakob Bär (11) brought his family to this farm in 1650, and they intermarried with the Treichler family. He died there in 1674.

The estate records of Hans Jakob Bär (0) show that Oswald (12) lived in the Pfalz in 1668. He is undoubtedly the Oswald Beer who lived in Ittlingen⁹ under the Barons of Gemmingen

⁵van Braght, *Bloody Theater*, p. 1111.

⁶Langrütli Strasse from Ebertswil leads to this place, which is no longer shown on maps. In the marriage register of Hausen the first mention of a Bär is in 1645. The farmer who operates Langrütli in 1986 is named Bär.

⁷Jane Evans Best, "Three Bears of Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and Other Early Bears," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 4 (October 1981): 12-13.

⁸B XI Affoltern 31/32, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.

⁹Annette Kunselman Burgert, *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America*, vol. 1: *The Northern Kraichgau*, Publications of the Pennsylvania German Society, vol. 16 (Breinigsville, Pa.: Pennsylvania German Society, 1983), pp. 19, 26, 40-41, 419, 423, 432. In the introduction Frederick Weiser lists the Bärenhof and the Mayleshof among the Hof names which predate 1648. Gustav Neuwirt, *Geschichte der Gemeinde Ittlingen* (Ittlingen: Gemeinde Ittlingen, 1981), pp. 71, 131.

In 1936 Pastor Fellmann obviously "forgot" the flag salute in the Mennonite church in Monsheim. Itinerant pastor Christian Guth from Zweibrücken mentioned in a letter to Pastor Neff of the Weierhof that Pastor Fellmann had been called before the police director because of this omission. Later Fellmann became withdrawn and ill in 1942. At that time a Dutch acquaintance who had heard of the affair offered to share the position at Monsheim with him because he had a number of relatives in the *Schutzstaffel* (elite guards). The answer to this offer never became known; no replies can be found in the Mennonitische Forschungsstelle (Mennonite Research Center). In any event the Dutch acquaintance did not receive the post!

Various church activities—which included worship services, Bible classes, meetings and discussions, conferences and committee meetings—continued during the Third Reich and the war. However, the activities of the party and its divisions caused the number of persons attending church-related activities to shrink. The church struggle among Mennonites in the Third Reich and in Danzig played an important role though it was not significant because of the smaller number of people than found in the free churches and because of their different structure.

The official party inspector's office censored the editor of *Christliche Gemeindekalendar* (Christian Congregational Calendar) in 1938 with the charge that the calendar was too neutral and omitted some political work programs. A special demand was made for the publication of an "annual overview of the political and cultural developments of the preceding year." After the Mennonite publications had to appear in abbreviated form and finally were closed down completely, the Palatine-Hessian Conference released a circle letter.

The Rhönbruderhof, established in 1926 by Eberhard Arnold, who was born in 1883 in Königsberg and died in 1935 in Darmstadt, fell on financially hard times in the 1930s. The residents of the Hof turned to Palatine-Hessian churches for support. The Weierhof, Monsheim, and Ibersheim got together a wagonload of potatoes and sent them to the Rhönbruderhof. In a letter to Christian Galle in 1936 the sisters of the kitchen (*Küchenschwester*) expressed appreciation for this help.⁷⁵ For years and on into the war the South German Mennonite Conference made donations, as shown by the annual financial statement for 1942, for the "Conference," for "Brothers in Need," and for "Mission."⁷⁶

Following flight and expulsion, the Mennonites in Danzig-West Prussia and the Memel region, like their fellow countrymen, had to leave their homeland. A number of them went by ship to the camp in Denmark, then to the camp at Osthofen, and on to Rheinhesse. In order to help the fellow believers in the East with credit as well as with settlement possibilities, a meeting took place in the home of Otto Zerger of the Weierhof. An organization, *Genossenschaftliche Flüchtlingswerk e. G.* (Association of Refugee Work, Inc.), was formed at this meeting. The leaders were Otto Zerger of the Weierhof; Otto Kaegy of the Bolandenhof; and Johannes Driedger, who was formerly from Heubuden near Marienburg in West Prussia. After his flight Driedger became director of this work at the Weierhof.

Many Mennonite farmers who were driven from home could receive assistance in the form of advanced credit and security up to the sum of 5,000 German marks in order to become self-supporting again. Dealing with authorities and becoming accepted as tenants was equally helpful. Out of this reciprocal trust relationship grew also establishment of good credit. After the need disappeared, the *Genossenschaftliche Flüchtlingswerk* was discontinued in 1980.⁷⁷

Nonresistance Among Mennonites

After the collapse of the Third Reich in 1945 the first chairman of the Association of Mennonites in the German Empire, Emil Händiges, following his flight from Elbing in West Prussia, served as pastor at Monsheim and Obersülzen from 1945 to 1954.

During this time he seriously considered the earlier position of the Mennonites on nonresistance at least partly because he was influenced by the American Mennonites who had come to help the needy. In 1949 the parliamentary council of the West German Republic finalized the constitution, which stated in article 12 that "if a person rejects the use of weapons on conscientious grounds, he can be required to perform alternate service." Already in 1950 Händiges had written in Monsheim a "historical memorandum concerning nonresistance of Mennonites." In this document he clarified the position of Mennonites on renunciation of military service in light of their earlier position and with reference to article 4.3 of the proposed constitution of the West German *Bundesrepublik*.

In the twenty-six-page brochure he stated that the terrible catastrophe experienced by Mennonites and other people caused a renewed awareness among them for religious reasons and in recognition of the conscience of the individual. He stated that many Mennonites desired to find the way back to the faith of the old Mennonite confession of faith and the New Testament fathers in light of the New Testament and the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. Händiges then referred to the Prussian decree of 1868 and wrote: "Therefore we would urgently appeal to the highest government of the republic, not only for us but also on behalf of every person in our land, for the passage of the proposed clause in article 4 of the constitution—namely, 'No person shall be compelled to bear arms contrary to his conscience.'" He went on to say, "At the same time we appeal that the flag salute, which is also offensive to Mennonites and Quakers and to all others who share this concern with us, be replaced by a simple pledge and handclasp instead of the oath and that this be written into law."⁷⁸

Conclusion

The government did make provision for the pleas made by Händiges. In consideration of all this, Elector Karl Ludwig in 1664, in granting the act of tolerance, evidently was not ill advised. The Anabaptist Mennonites were for his land and for the lands into which they emigrated—Galicia, Volhynia, Russia, United States, and Canada—much more of a material and spiritual blessing than a handicap. Furthermore, their principles—nonresistance (not only in profession but also in practice) and the nonswearing of oaths—are today part of the law of the West German Republic and have become an accepted pattern of thought. Out of the relationship among church groups has grown a way of working together so that the influence of Anabaptist Mennonites in business, church, culture, and society has become far greater than would be expected by their relatively small number. □

⁷⁵Neff-Korrespondenz, 1933.

⁷⁶Neff-Korrespondenz, 1942.

⁷⁷Lichdi, *Mennoniten im 3. Reich*, p. 138.

⁷⁸Ortwin Driedger, "Genossenschaftliche Flüchtlingswerk e. G.," *Mennonitisches Jahrbuch* 79 (1979): 95ff.

⁷⁹"Historisches Memorandum zur Wehrlosigkeit der Mennoniten," Sept. 11, 1950, p. 26.

Bear
fan

The author provides the European background for most of the early Bear immigrants to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, from 1717 to 1732 as well as related Groff and Weber data.

A Bear Saga: Albis to America

by Jane Evans Best

Every family has a story to tell. This is the first part of the story of fifteen generations of a Bear family of Switzerland, Germany, and America and of how records on it were discovered, analyzed, and integrated into this article. Perhaps by examining the family history of one of the trees in the forest of history, we can come to a better understanding of the forest.

Hans Bär was an Anabaptist who died before 1614 at Albis in the parish of Hausen about nine miles southwest of the city of Zurich, Switzerland.¹ The youngest of his ten children, Hans Jacob Bär (0), died childless in 1668. His heirs were the children of his deceased brothers and sisters, and they provide for us, together with parish records, a roster of the children and grandchildren of Hans Bär of Albis. Granddaughter Anna (33) married Martin Meyli, who in 1658 wrote an account of the persecution of the Anabaptists which was included in the *Martyrs' Mirror*. Three of his grandsons—Hans Jakob Bär (11), Osli Bär (12), and Hans Bär (51)—can be linked to most of the early Bear immigrants to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, from 1717 to 1732 as well as to the Bärentag families now headed by Friedrich H. Baer of Nürnberg, West Germany. We have finally found one of the common Bear ancestors whose identity has eluded us for so many years. In the process we have found a common Groff and a common Weber ancestor. Here is the story that has been four hundred years in the making.

"Ab dem Bruder Albis"

When Cathrina Huber was buried at Hausen on April 22, 1622, the pastor called her in the church books "deceased Hans Bär's widow of the Bruder Albis." This place name was used for the three *Hofs* (farms) called Unter Albis, Mittel Albis, and Ober Albis—each a cluster of several farmhouses then and now located along the road to the top of the mountain above Hausen called Ratlisberg. Two other Bärs were mentioned in the early Hausen records. Heinrich Bär was the father of Oswald, baptized July 19, 1578; of Mary, baptized February 10, 1581; and of Frantz, baptized February 14, 1582. Felix Bär was the father of Anna, baptized June 26, 1582; Jacob, baptized November 15, 1587; and Elsbeth, baptized July 27, 1589. Were Hans, Heinrich, and Felix the original brothers of Albis? Where did Heinrich and Felix go when they left Albis after 1589?

The Persecution

Anna Bär (33) was baptized on November 29, 1618, at Hausen. Martin Meyli was born in 1607 on the mountain called Altenberg in the parish of Birmensdorf, and in 1611 his family moved to Tägerst, a *Hof* in the Reppisch Valley in the neighboring parish of Stallikon. He and his first wife, Katherine Wintsch of Landikon, had three children before she died about 1633. The pastor of Stallikon wrote in the 1637 census that Martin Meyli was married to Anna Bähr and lived in the household of his father, Hans. "Martin Meyli also an Anabaptist



This view from Ober Albis shows Baar on Lake Zug, five miles away, and the snow-covered Alps beyond. Ebertswil lies in the foreground.

[*Touffer*], allowed himself to be converted by his wife." The children of Martin and Anna were listed as Hans, 4; Barbel, 3; and Elsbeth, 2, with a comment about "an unblessed marriage."²

Anna Bär Meyli was imprisoned in the convent prison called Othenbach in Zurich in 1638 while still nursing her infant daughter, Verena. The *Martyrs' Mirror* says she was

for a long time on bread and water, and very severely treated, in order to cause her to apostatize; but she continued steadfast in all her temptations, and was ultimately, through the grace of God, wonderfully delivered from bonds. Subsequently, being enceinte, she was again apprehended, and taken to the council house at Zurich, thence to Othenbach, and finally into the hospital, and there made fast to a chain, until the pains of travail came upon her, when she was loosed from her bonds, and seeing an opportunity for deliverance, once more escaped the persecutors' hands.³

This is verified by a record of fines⁴ that shows five and one-half weeks of *Tischgelt*, or board, paid in May 1642 for her during

¹H. Schulthess, a Swiss professional researcher, to Jane E. Best, Jan. 21, 1985, Feb. 7, 1986, and May 15, 1986. Detailed documentation is included in the footnotes to the outlines; translations were done by Noah G. Good.

²E II 700.102, Bevölkerungsverzeichnisse, 1634-1708, Census of Stallikon, 1637, p. 638, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland.

³Theileman J. van Braght, *The Bloody Theater, or Martyrs Mirror of the Defenseless Christians . . .* (Scottsdale, Pa.: Mennonite Publishing House, 1951), pp. 1110-1111.

⁴F III 36 b 30, Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich.

BEAN FAMILY

22 June 1985
3311 Decatur Pike
Winchester, Ohio 45697

Dear Rod,

Received your letter in regards to Judge Roy Bean and Leonard Bean. This is the line of my husband- Leonard Bean. I have never felt that any connection has been proven to connect Roy Bean to Leonard Bean. It is possible- but I have found no proof as yet.

Leonard Bean b. 20 Nov 1756 in Maryland; d. 29 May 1851 Mason Co., Ky. married ca 1788 to Eda Kilgour. He was the son of John Bean. Eda was the daughter of a William Kilgour. He is reported to have served in the 1st Maryland Regt during the Rev War- but I have found no record as yet. He may have supplied supplies or he may have served & I have missed it. I can find no proof that he was ever in Mason County, Kentucky. Eda Kilgour Bean b. 16 Sept 1758; d. 19 July 1831. Both Eda & Leonard are buried at Stonelick Cemetery in Mason Co., Kentucky. I have visited the cemetery and the DAR has put up a marker on his grave.

Children of Leonard Bean & Eda Kilgour was:

- ① Letitia Bean b. before 1790 Md.; m. 14 Oct 1807 John Crutcher
- ② Charlotte Bean b. 31 Dec 1789 Md.; m. 23 Dec 1810 Joseph Tolle; d. 10 May 1872
- ③ John Albert Bean b. ca 1792; MD.; m. 22 Sept 1824 Zelpha McClure
- ④ Leonard Harrison Bean b. 16 Apr 1797; never married; d. 21 June 1833 bur Stonelick C.
- ⑤ Eda Matilda Bean b. b. ca 1802 Md.; m. 9 Mar 1824 Francis "Frank" McClure d. 29 June 1865; bur Miller's Chapel Highland Co., Ohio.
- ⑥ Frances "Fanny" A. Bean b. ca 1804 Md.; m. 31 Dec 1852 Alfred G. Berry Footmarkers F.A.B. & A.G. B. on lot adjoining Leonard Bean's lot. *age 48 on marriage Rec*
- ⑦ William Galleanaous Bean b. ca 1807; Ky; m. 22 Dec 1829 Julia Ann Dunaway *This family moved to Ohio - Brown Co. & High Co., Ohio*

I have census records on all these families and some family data on all except for Letitia Bean & John Crutcher. I do have some info on them but have never found any descendants as yet to correspond with.

I remember seeing some data on Roy Bean in some old Beanstalks and also the names of a couple who are descended from him. They have researched some on that line. I think the answer is probably in Harrison County, Kentucky records. Harrison County is just behind Mason County and also Roy went to California before he went to Texas. (this from memory). Perhaps a query in the Beanstalk would help you.

Sincerely,

Let me know if you find any proof on Roy -

Kathryn E. Miller

age 64 b on 16 d. (b. Va.)

A John Bean died 14 Sept 1858 Mason Co. Ky. - (These Beans from Va.)
He was s/o William + Joana Bean

A Elizabeth Gibson d. 13 Dec 1858 Mason Co. Ky, *white + age 89*
d/o John + Elizabeth Bean + b. Pa.

Call the ones I've circled named as heirs of Wm Kilgour since they are children of Leonard Bean + his wife Eda Kilgour, Eda is deceased & it states Wm Kilgour was a priv in 1st Md Regt - Rev. War.
Court Order Book M page 53 Mason Co. Ky. They were probably *born in Va.*

(over)

*my husband's
line
They are
buried in
Stonelick Cem.
Adams Co., Ohio*



Leonard Bean in Ohio Co. Ky. was $\frac{1}{2}$ Henry Hanson Bean.

" b. 13 July 1787 MD

d. 1841 Sulphur Springs Ky.

m. 4 Jan 1810 Charles Co. Md.

Sarah Boswell

10 children

" brother of Leonard Bean
who m. Eda
Kilgus

- Birt -

from Clan Mac Bean in North America page 339

Judge Roy Bean - his ~~mother~~ was Anna _____ + his father

here's some source material on him!

Francis

- ① - Roy Bean, Law West of the Pecos by C. L. Sonnichsen
- ② - Law West of the Pecos by Everett Lloyd
- ③ - Letter in the Mac Bean Archives
- ④ - The Dallas Morning News, 2 Jan 1973
- ⑤ - "Texana" Vol 1, pg 60 (Letter written by Roy's Doctor)
- ⑥ - Roy's death certificate
- ⑦ - The Houston Post, 31 Mar 1948

His parents supposed to be buried in Mason Co. Ky. -

They had 5 ch:

- ① Joshua H. Bean b. ca 1817 Mason Co. Ky. - He was mayor of San Diego
d. San Diego 11-21-1852 (killed by an outlaws gang)
- ② Samuel D. Bean b. 1819 Ky.,
div in N.M. in 1903. m. Mar 1849 Juarez, Mexico to Petra
Kilker
He was sheriff in Dona Alta Co., N.M.
- ③ Roy Bean b. ca 1825 Ky.; d. 16 Mar 1903 Langtry, Texas
m. 28 Oct 1866 Maria Anastasia Virginia Chavez,
br. Del Rio, Texas
ch. Roy, Samuel + Laura, Zelema + John "Toney" Bean
adopted

1850 census - San Diego Calif.

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Bean, Farnoberry age 19 b. Ky.

" , Joshua H. age 32 b. Ky.