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# Klepper Genealogy

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ANCESTRY OF (Georg) Michael Klepper, MD

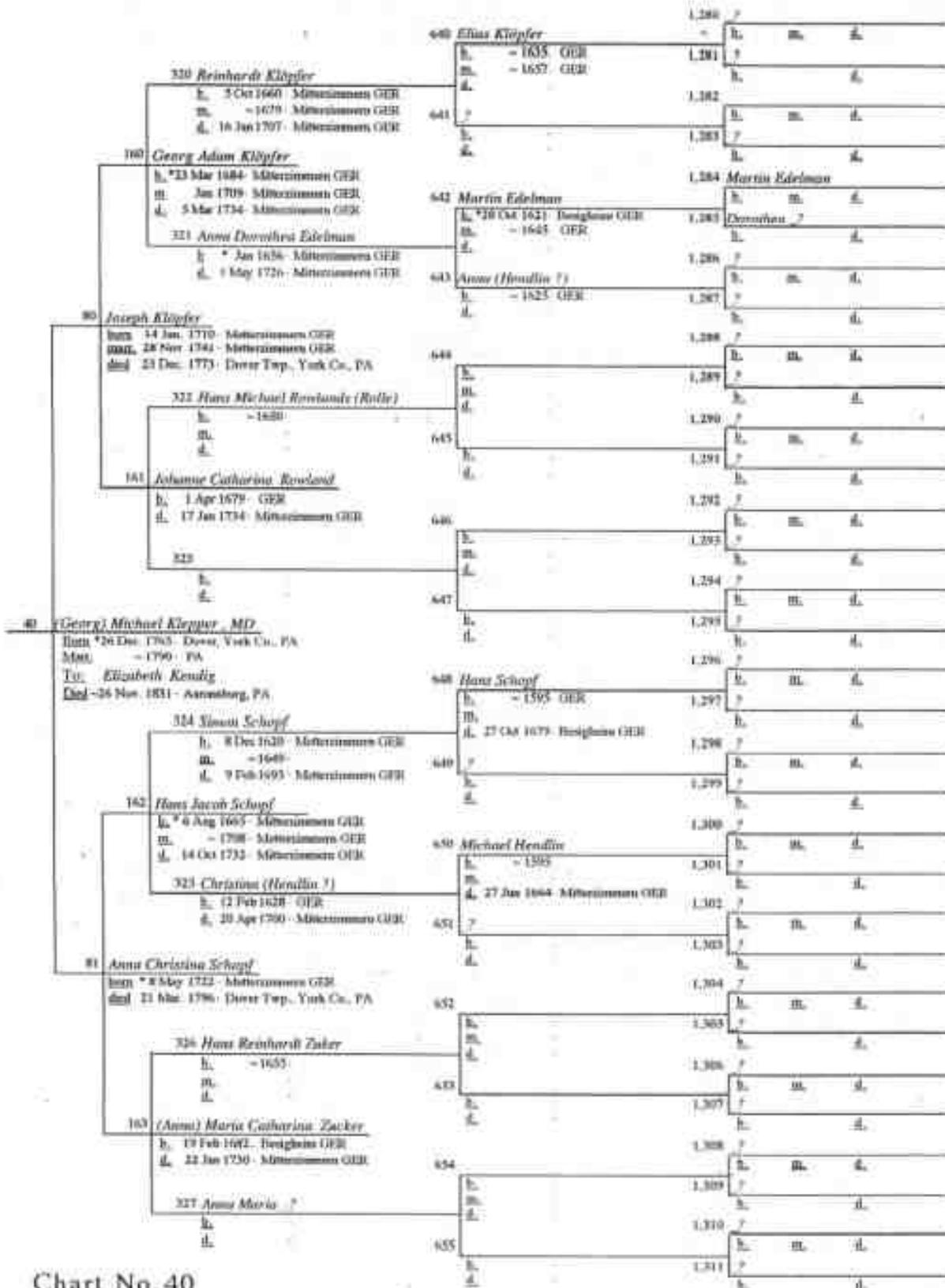


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(The following was excerpted from my 1989 book "The Ancestry and Descendants of George W Rodgers and Minnie Klepper" and modified to reflect some new findings)

**Klepper Line - Great Grandfather -**

- 24 - **George Michael Kloepper**\* - Yeoman; Surveyor; Doctor - went by his middle name  
b. Dec., 1765; bapt. as George Michael Klöpfer\* on 26 Dec. 1765, Salem Lutheran Church (Strayers), Dover, York Co., PA; son of 48 - **Joseph Klöpfer** and 49 - **Ann Christina** \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsors: George and Catherine Spaar (Spahr).  
m. [1] ca 1791, probably York Co., PA, 25 - **Elizabeth Kendig**, daughter of 50 - **Henry Kendig** and 51 - **Anna Miller**.  
m. [2] ca 1810, **Rebecca** \_\_\_\_\_  
d. ca 26 Nov. 1831, Aaronsburg, Centre Co., PA.

Once we found John G. Klepper in the 1850 Fed. Census, we checked to see what other Kleppers were in the area in 1810, 1820, 1830 and 1840. There was only one "Klepper" family and that was "Michael Klepper". The next question was, "Where did he come from?"

The "History of Centre and Clinton Co.s, PA" by John Blair Linn and the Bicentennial Committee of Haines Twp. publication of 1976, state that Dr. Michael Klepper (& Kloepper) was in Haines Twp., Centre Co., PA, by 1801.

From Linn's History of Centre and Clinton Counties, page 172: "1801 - Dr. Michael Klepper located at Haines Township" and "Dr. Klepper, Brush Valley, of Millheim". (I'm not sure what that means. Millheim is in Penn's Valley and Dr. Klepper located at Aaronsburg.) Also, "Dr. Michael Klepper succeeded in 1811 by Charles Coburn, Mill Hall, Bald Eagle Twp., Centre Co., PA. (Actually, Dr. Coburn succeeded Dr. Klepper in Aaronsburg.)

The Bicentennial Committee publication is far more factual: "Dr. Michael Kloepper (sic) was the first resident physician in the town of Aaronsburg. He came in 1801, accompanied by Dr. Christian Horton, who remained but a short time." and "Dr. Charles Coburn began his practise in Aaronsburg in 1811."

Dr. Kloepper purchased a lot in Aaronsburg in 1803 from Mr. Levi and built a brick house. It was the first brick house in Penn's Valley and still stands, basically unchanged. A small side and front porch has been replaced with a wrap-around porch, across the front and along the East side of the house. The house was actually a log house with brick veneer. Today the brick is painted white and it is still a nice home. The Bicentennial Committee publication states that "In ten years, Dr. Kloepper moved, leaving his son to reside in the house until 1832." (Questionable. He may have gone to Brush Valley for a time but he certainly didn't stay there until 1832. We find no proof for that statement.)

It took awhile to find Michael Kloepper, Kloepper, Klepper, etc., in the Federal Census. Jim finally found him listed under "Klapper"

FEDERAL CENSUS 1800	PENNSYLVANIA	York Co.	Heidelberg Township
Michael Klapper - Males:	4 under 10 years of age	(Henry, John, Jacob, Moses)	
	1 26 to 45 years of age	(Dr. Michael)	
Females: 1	26 to 45 years of age	(Elizabeth, nee Kendig)	

From this we concluded that Michael Kloepper and Elizabeth Kendig were married ca 1791. Henry b. ca 1792; John b. ca 1794; Jacob b. ca 1796; Moses b. 1798; Mary b. ca 1801; Levi b. ca 1804; Michael b. ca 1806; Elizabeth b. ca 1809.

We could find no marriage record and wondered how Michael Kloepper of York Co., PA met Elizabeth Kendig of Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA? We think we may have the answer but it is conjecture on our part. Deed Book 2-G, p. 357, York Co., PA, 27 June, 1791: "Henry Gram of Windsor Township in the County of York and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Yeoman and Christina his wife" sell to "Michael Klopfer of the same place, Yeoman", 54 acres 43 perches of land in Windsor Twp., County of York aforesaid.

\*(The German spelling was "Klöpfer but the English language has no "ö" so the "e" was added to replace the umlaut and the name became Kloepper; later the "o" was dropped, the "l" was changed to a second "p" and the name became Klepper.)

Who were "Henry Gram (Grom) and his wife Christina"? Christina Gram was Elizabeth Kendig's sister. According to this Deed, Michael "Klepfer" was living in Windsor Twp., York Co., PA. Michael Klepfer was married ca 1791 and we believe Elizabeth may have been living with her sister in Windsor Township. (Southeast of the City of York.)

Elizabeth Kendig's father died when she was a young girl. Her step-father was responsible for her care only to a certain age. After that age, Elizabeth could have gone to live with her sister. This conjecture is supported by the fact that Michael Klepfer seemed to know very little about Elizabeth's parents.

We found nothing that would help us determine how long the Michael Klepfer family remained in Windsor Twp., but by 1800 they are in Heidelberg Twp., York Co., PA.

Deed Book 3-H, page 338, dated 15 Nov. 1792 (recorded 5 Feb. 1825): "Michael Klepfer of Windsor Twp. in the County of York and State of Pennsylvania and Elizabeth his wife" sell to Peter Reisinger "5 acres near" of the aforementioned property, purchased from Henry Gram. Within this Deed it is stated that Peter Reisinger shall be "Keeping and reserving all ways -- Liberty and full privilege of the tail race of the said Klepfers mills". In other words, Peter Reisinger cannot do anything that would interfere with the flow of water from the mill. It does not say what kind of a mill it was but we guess it was probably a grist mill. Turning grain into flour was a vital necessity.

Nowhere could we find when this property was sold but in 1831 it is not listed in Dr. Michael Kloepper's Estate. Whoever purchased the mill did not have the Deed recorded within a reasonable amount of time.

In 1791, Michael "Klepfer" is a Yeoman. By 1801, he is in Centre Co., Haines Twp., Aaronsburg, Pa. and is referred to as "Doctor Michael Kloepper". How and when did he become a "Doctor"? We never did find out. One did not go to college to become a doctor in the 1790's. One "read" with another physician until qualified. Just whom Michael Kloepper "read" with is another mystery. However, he did go to Aaronsburg, "accompanied by a friend, Dr. Christian Horton, who remained but a short time". Perhaps Dr. Horton was the "qualifying physician" but that, again, is conjecture on our part. Another possibility is Surgeon Francis Neff, father of Elizabeth Kendig's "Aunt Catherine", wife of Jacob Kendig, brother of Henry Kendig (Elizabeth's father).

Elizabeth (Kendig) Kloepper d. ca 1808/09. By 1810 Dr. Michael Kloepper (which is the way he signed his name) had married, again. This time to Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_.

**FEDERAL CENSUS 1810 PENNSYLVANIA Centre Co. Haines Township**

Klepper, Michael - Males:	2	0 to 10 years of age	(Levi and Michael)
	3	10 to 16 years of age	(Jacob, John, Moses)
	1	16 to 26 years of age	(Henry)
	1	26 to 45 years of age	(Dr. Michael)
Females:	2	0 to 10 years of age	(Mary and Elizabeth)
	1	16 to 26 years of age	(Rebecca)

The 1976 Bicentennial Committee Publication states "Dr. Kloepper moved from Aaronsburg after 10 years, leaving his son to reside in the house until 1832". We wonder where this info came from?

"Michael Klepper", Centre Co., PA, Haines Twp., appears in the 1810, 1820, and 1830 Federal Census. No son, during those years, has the number of children who are listed in Dr. Klepper's household (1820 - 9 children)(1830 - 9 children) If Dr. Kloepper ever left Aaronsburg, it was for a very short time.

Centre Co., PA Deed, dated 29 Aug. 1803 between "Aaron Levy of the City of Philadelphia Gentleman" and "Michael Klepfer of the Town of Aaronsburg Doctor of Medicine", lot #44, bounded on the North by Aaron's Square, on the East by Chestnut Street, on the South by Apple Tree Alley and on the West by lot #43". (for \$1.00)

Centre Co., PA Deed, dated 9 July 1810, from "Simon Gratz of the City of Philadelphia Merchant and Michael Kloepper of the Town of Aaronsburg, in the County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania" resells lot #44. (5 shillings)

On the 25th (?) day of June, 1808, Aaron Levy sold Simon Gratz "all the same Town of Aaronsburg". The inhabitants of Aaronsburg had to purchase their property, again, from Simon Gratz. (How would you like that?) In our research, we came across this "repurchasing" of land several times. Some took the matter to court and still ended up buying their land a second time.

Taxable inhabitants of Aaronsburg, Haines Twp. - 1805: Michael Kloepper, Doctor - 1 house and lot

Aaronsburg Assessment list - 1812: Doctor Michael Klepper - House and lot

Taxable inhabitants of Aaronsburg, Haines Twp. - 1820 and 1821: Michael Kloepper, Doctor - 1 house and lot; 4 and one half acres; 1 horse; 1 cow. (We never did find a Deed to this 4 and one half acres of land.)

Centre County, PA Court, August term 1819, received petitions from Michael Kloepper (the father) and Levi Klepper (son) requesting that the court appoint legal guardians for the minor children of Elizabeth Kendig (d. ca 1808/09)

Michael Kloepper knew that Elizabeth Kendig's mother was "deceased" because he had been notified by her brother Henry, Jr. that he was to receive payment for Elizabeth's share of her mother's dower share of Henry, Sr.'s Estate. He proceeded to request from the court (August term, 1819) guardianships for the minor children who might be entitled to any inheritance that his deceased wife was entitled to from her mother's Estate.

*"To the honourable Charles Huston, Esquire, President, and his associates, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Centre, now composing an Orphans Court, in and for said County. The Petition of Michael Klepper, of the Town of Aaronsburg, in said County humbly sheweth that your Petitioner hath been intermarried with Elizabeth, late Elizabeth Kendig, of the County of Lancaster, since deceased, she having been a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Kendig near the Town of Strasburg, in said Lancaster County, she left issue seven children, three of whom, viz: Michael Klepper, Mary Klepper and Elizabeth Klepper, are Minors under the age of fourteen years, and have no lawful guardian to receive and take care of a Legacie or Legacies bequeathed to them by their grandmother on their deceased Mothers Side, and other Estate which might be due to them in said County of Lancaster or other Places, as Heirs in Law of their said deceased Mother. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honours to appoint some proper Person or Persons as guardians of said Children. And Your Petitioner will pray"*

*signed: Michael Kloepper*

At this same time, there is a similar petition from "Levi Klepper" stating that he is a minor above the age of 14 years, a son of Elizabeth Kendig, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Kendig of the Town of Strasburg (sic), County of Lancaster, who died leaving issue "4 children". Levi requests that "His father Michael Klepper" be appointed his guardian. (Levi's "4 children" refers to the minors.)

Michael Kloepper was appointed guardian for his "Minor children" on 27 and 28 Aug. 1819, but we were amazed to note that Dr. Michael Kloepper did not know the "given name" of his mother-in-law and did not seem to know that she had remarried. Elizabeth Kendig's mother, Anna, was no longer a Kendig having married Jacob Fritz long before Michael ever met Elizabeth.

These petitions led us to believe that Michael Kloepper knew very little about his first wife's family; and is one reason why we thought that Elizabeth Kendig might very well have been living in York Co. with her sister, Christina Gram.

Lancaster Co., PA Deed Book 17, Volume 4, pages 651-3, dated 4 Oct. 1819:

*"Michael Klepper of Aaronsburg in the County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania Yeoman, who was intermarried with Elizabeth Kendig, now deceased, one of the Daughters of Henry Kendig late of Strasburg Township in the County of Lancaster yeoman deceased", etc.*

This is a lengthy legal document, explaining that Henry Kendig, Sr., died intestate in 1773, owning two certain tracts of land. The court decided not to divide the land but keep it intact until Henry Kendig, Jr. (the youngest child and only son) became of age. In 1787, Henry, Jr., was ordered to pay his siblings for their share of the two thirds evaluation of their fathers estate (£176, 3 shillings and 4 pence each). The widow's

one third dower was not to be paid to her, but she was to receive interest thereon until her death. The widow's name was specified as "Anna, relict of the said Henry Kendig". Anna having died in 1819, Henry Kendig, Jr., was now paying off his siblings their share of their mother's dower. Henry Kendig, Senior's, Estate is, at long last, being settled.

Although Elizabeth Kendig Kloefer had died in 1808/09, Michael Kloefer's children by her, as her heirs, were entitled to her inheritance.

Michael "Klepher", at the Lancaster Court, received his full share with interest — "Henry Kendig, Jr., hath well and faithfully paid and made full satisfaction for the part or share of the said Michael Klepher and Elizabeth his wife (£88, 1 shilling and 8 pence). For this "Michael Kloefer" signed a Quit Claim. (From this document Michael would have learned what his mother-in-law's given name had been.)

If one looks through the early Deed Books of Centre Co., PA, one will note that Michael Kloefer surveyed a number of pieces of land. His name appears on those Deeds as the surveyor of the property. Hence we have Dr. Michael Kloefer, surveyor; Michael Kloefer, Doctor of Medicine; and Michael Kloefer, Yeoman. The latter causes us to smile a bit. His 4 and one half acres was about enough land to raise food for his family, horse and cow.

Dr. Kloefer appears to have been an active individual. Centre Co. PA, Probate Docket #695: Michael Kloefer, Administrator of Catharine Cummings late of Aaronsburg, Haines Township. We are not certain who Catharine Cummings was. A previous husband, "P. Hening", had left her Real Estate which was to be sold. She was also owed money from someone in Ohio.

It would seem that Catharine Cummings had no heirs and Dr. Kloefer "*charges himself with all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said deceased, agreeably to an Inventory thereof, filed in the Registers office at Bellefonte*", etc. The last date on this Estate was 6 Sept. 1831 but the money from Ohio was still uncollected.

At first we thought Catharine Cummings might be Dr. Kloefer's sister but she had married a "George Jacob". If Catharine is Michael Kloefer's sister, she has been married three times. Then we thought she might be a sister-in-law, for she was "of Aaronsburg, Haines Twp." We went through the 1820 Tax List but found no "Cummings" or "Hening" or any surnames that came close to these. We could only conclude that Catharine Cummings did not live in Aaronsburg for any length of time. We still don't know why Dr. Michael Kloefer was the Administrator of Catharine Cumming's Estate but there must be some connection. As of 1831, he still signed his name as "Dr. Michael Kloefer".

Dr. Michael Kloefer died about 26 Nov., 1831, Aaronsburg, Haines Twp., Centre Co., PA. We have gone through a number of cemeteries in this area of Aaronsburg but have never found a headstone for Michael Kloefer, Elizabeth Kendig Kloefer, Moses Kloefer or Jacob Kloefer.

On 26 Nov. 1831, the following was written:

*"Know all men by these Presents, That I Rebecca Klepper widow and relict of doct. Michael Klepper Late of the Town of Aaronsburg Centre County deceased do renounce and by these presents renounce and decline administering on the Estate of my said Husband deceased and desire that the same be committed to John G. Conser and Levi Klepper."*

*Witness my hand November the 26, 1831.  
Rebecca "X" Klepper (her mark)*

*Attest: George Kloefer*

On 28 Nov. 1831 Administrators were appointed for the Estate of Michael Kloefer:

*"Levi Klepper, John G. Conser, Johannes Weaver and Henry Moyer (Mayer), all of the County of Centre in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are held and firmly bound unto the said Commonwealth in the sum of six hundred dollars lawful money of the United States" — etc. —  
Sworn and subscribed before W. Pettit and James Foster.*

Levi Klepper signs his name in the German script. It looks like "Liebsey Klepper". All of this handwriting is difficult to read!

On the 5th of Jan. 1832, an inventory was made of "the goods and chattels" of Dr. Michael Klepfer, Town of Aaronburg, Centre Co., deceased. (We will correct spelling, when possible. Sometimes we had a hard time figuring out what the item was.)

*To wit: Doctor Tissott, 7 Volumes; Thomases Practice; Hoopers Medical Dictionary; American Dispensatory; Lewis Dispensatory; Fwells Medical Composition; Collins Practice; Leutards Synopsis; Medical Recorder 2 Vol.; Buchan Domestic Medicine; Gibsons Survey; Beutmans Synopsis; Duncon on Consumption; geography and Atlas; a small Pennsylvania map; Medical Chemistry; Book of Arts and Sciences; Kemp on Medicine; Pocket Companion; A German Book; a Latin medical book; Justices and Prudence; Dictionary; Life of Washington; surgical instruments; a case of surgical instruments; pestal and mortar; 1 old map and pocketbook; 2 pair specks; a tenon saw; 1 lot pinchers; 1 lot chisels, files and gimblets; 1 brace and bit; 2 ink stands; 2 syringes; 1 sieve and line; 1 magnet; 1 slide (slide?) horn and lantern; 1 pair scales and weights; 1 box scales and weights; 1 pair small steelyards; 1 box clock makers tools; 1 box small clock makers tools; "clisten" pipe (?); 1 silver watch; 1 umbrella; clock wheel cutting machine; 1 small vise; 1 box medicines; 1 lot box drugs and medicine; 1 lot empty bottles; 1 lot vials with medicine; 1 bottle clarified honey; 1 box with medicine; 3 acres wheat in the ground; 1 shotgun; the possession right of three squares land; 1 sleigh; 1 Dearborn wagon; 1 plow and Harrow; 1 blind horse; 4 bags; 1 windmill; 1 cutting box; 1 saddle; 1 half bushel and shovel; 1 set harness; 1 sheepskin; 1 chest and barrel; 1 bedstead; 2 cow chains; 1 adz and drawknife; lot nail rings; 1 axe and tomahawk; 5 augers and saw; 1 shovel and mattock; 1 meat vessel; 1 sythe and brush; 1 barrell and tub; 1 pan; 1 sheep; 1 pair bellows; 1 table; 1 stand; 1 crosscut saw; 1 bed and bedstead; 2 beehives and chains; 2 sieves; 1 shot pouch; 1 vinegar barrel; 2 planes; oil cloth; 1 oil can; 1 roaster; 1 cupboard; 1 coffee browner; 2 pots; 1 water can and tub; 1 coffee mill; 2 candlesticks and trap; 1 cupboard; 1 pot and crock; 1 keg and barrel; 6 crocks applesauce; 1 note on Daniel Kuntz dated 20 Nov., 1826 for \$40; bushels wheat (no amount given)".*

The following articles were taken by the widow, agreeable to the Poor Law:

*"1 stove and pipe; 1 bed and beddings; 1 bed and beddings (2 in all); 1 spinning wheel and Reel; 1 cow; 6 sheep; 1 hog; the deceased's apparel; Bibles and school books; 6 bushels potatoes; 6 bushels wheat; hay and fodder; a compass, chain and surveyors instruments - tradesmans tools; household furniture; 2 tubs and churn; 4 plates; 6 cups and saucers; 2 bowls and plate and cream jug; 1 tea pot; canister; candlestick and oil jug; 1 coffee mill and tin dish; 6 knives and forks; 1 tin cup and dipper; 1 tea kettle; 1 pot and 2 pans; 1 shovel; tongs; and hook; 1 swill bucket; 6 chairs; 1 table; 1 chest; 1 tin bucket; 1 treadle with bedding; 1 cupboard; 1 kettle; 2 trunnels; 1 pair andirons; 1 vinegar bottle strainer; 5 crocks; 1 earthen pitcher; 1 salt and spice box; 1 looking glass; 1 stone jar; 1 coffee pot; flat iron and dough trough".*

On 9 Jan. 1832, Levi Klepfer petitions the court to permit him to sell the house and lot of Dr. Michael "Klepfer" and also "3" acres of land to enable the administrators to pay the debts of the Estate and educate and maintain the said minor children", etc.

The petition states:

*"Your petitioner humbly showeth that the said Dr. Michael Klepfer died Intestate leaving a widow and fifteen children viz: Jacob Klepfer, Levi Klepfer, Michael Klepfer, Polly Klepfer inter-married with Peter Swartz (Swartz), Henry Klepfer, John Klepfer, Betsy Klepfer, George Klepfer and Chulrin (sic) Klepfer all above age. Samuel Klepfer, William Klepfer, Susan Klepfer, Sophia Klepfer, Unida (sic) Klepfer, Emanuel Klepfer, Murgret (sic) Klepfer and Andrew Klepfer all minor children of said Intestate".*

You count them; it says "fifteen children" and then lists "17 children". The document we copied is in English in the handwriting of the clerk of court; was the original in German? It is supposedly authored by Levi as his name is given as the petitioner. But Levi signed his name in the German script on the Administration Bond, and probably could not write in English script. So the clerk of court or someone that could write in English must have helped Levi prepare this petition. We suspect that accounts for the number discrepancy. It could also explain why the "Jonathan" noted below isn't listed. We never find any other record of a "Unida"; perhaps it's a misinterpretation of a nickname for "Jonathan".

The evidence that there was a "Jonathan" is as follows:

According to the 1833 tax list which included school-age children, the widow Klepfer had an 8 year old son Jonathan in school. This would make him b. ca 1825. In the 1830 Fed. Census, there is a son listed for this age, but only one daughter. We can accomodate all the minor children listed on Levi's petition only if we assume "Unida" is a son. Strange name for a male - thus we conclude it may be an error for Jonathan.

Also in the History of Hamilton Co. Indiana, a biography for Margaret (Klepfer) Gascho  
bothers George and Jonathan lived East of Cicero in that County.

**FEDERAL CENSUS 1830 PENNSYLVANIA Haines Township (Western Penns;**

KLEPFER, Michael Males:	1	under 5 years of age	(Andrew)
	1	5 to 10 years of age	(Jonathan)
	2	10 to 15 years of age	(William and Samuel)
	1	15 to 20 years of age	(George)
	1	60 to 70 years of age	(Dr. Michael)
Females:	1	under 5 years of age	(Margaret)
	1	5 to 10 years of age	(Sofia)
	1	10 to 15 years of age	(Susan)
	1	15 to 20 years of age	(Catherine)
	1	30 to 40 years of age	(Rebecca)

(Note - Emanuel was not born until 1831).

As noted above, some of the Centre Co., PA tax lists would include the names of heads of h  
their children who would be attending school the following school year. 1837 Centre Co.  
Miles Township. Widow of Michael Klepper; Margaret 10, Jackson 8, and Andrew 7. (Jael  
No way!!! We believe someone erred. We think it should be Margaret 10; Andrew Jackson  
Emanuel - b. 1831.)

20 April 1832: John G. Conser, Levey Klepfer, Johannes Beehl and Henry Royer "are bound  
of \$400" for selling "the real Estate" of Doct. Michael Klepfer, late of the Town of Aaron

The sale of this real estate was granted on 24 Jan. 1832. It was to be sold by auction, on th  
the Town of Aaronsburg, on the 19th day of March, 1832. One half of the purchase money  
the confirmation of the sale and the other half one year thereafter with interest. By order of  
of 23 April 1832, Dr. Kloeppers house and lot in Aaronsburg had been sold to Samuel Lin  
acreage to Christian Meis.

As noted above, Dr. Kloepper's widow and children eventually lived in Miles Twp., Cent

**Children of Michael and 1st wife, Elizabeth (Kendig)Kloepper -**

**12A - Henry Kloepper**

b. 1792, York Co., PA;

m.[1] ca 1816, Centre Co., PA, **Susanna Snyder** (b. ca 1798; d. 27 Feb. 1828;  
daughter of **John Snyder** and **Anna Margaretha Lawall**)

m.[2] ca 1829, Centre Co., Pa, **Elizabeth Swarm** (b. 1793, Lancaster Co., PA;  
d. 7 Sept. 1879, Marion Co., Ind., Lawrence Twp., P. O. Castleton, Indiana;  
possibly the daughter of **Nicolaus Swarm** ?)

d. before 1870, Marion Co., Indiana

Children of Henry and Susanna (Synder) Kloepper:

12A.1 - **Lewis Kloepper**, b. 24 Feb., 1818, Centre Co., PA; d. 3 March 1886  
m. **Mary Olvy**

12A.2 - **Jesse Kloepper**, b. 2 April 1820, bapt. 18 June 1820, Evangelical Luthc  
Church, Brush Valley

12A.3 - **Simon Kloepper**, b. 1822

12A.4 - **Leah Kloepper**, b. 1824 m. **John Mock**

12A.5 - **Mary Kloepper**, b. 1827

Children of Henry and Elizabeth (Swarm) Kloepper:

12A.6 - **Noah Henry Klopfer**, b. 28 June 1831, Centre Co., PA; d. 1 April 191  
m. **Elizabeth Pickel**

12A.7 - **Franklin Klopfer**, b. 1838, Indiana

12A.8 - **Aaron Klopfer**, b. 1839, Indiana

Henry Klepfer (which is the way he eventually spelled his name) moved to Wayne Co., Indiana, 1836 and then to Marion Co., Indiana by 1840.

From "History of Centre & Clinton Co.s" by Linn, p. 526: "*City of Lock Haven, Clinton Co., PA - Jersey Shore, Sept. 1, 1833 - Canal Riots - Irish - List of volunteers at Dunnstown on 24th and 25th of August, under Samuel H. Wilson, Capt. Snyder's Rifleman included George Klepper and Henry Klepper.*"

(Some Snyder and Klepfer information from "One Line of Descent from Philip Schneider/Snyder of Northampton Co., PA" by Mary Snyder Stoll.)

FEDERAL CENSUS 1850	INDIANA	Marion County	Lawrence Township
House #656	Family #656		
KLEPFER, Henry	age 58	farmer	b. PA
Elizabeth	53		"
Polly (Mary)	21		"
Noah	19		"
Franklin	12		b. IND
Aaron	11		"

12B - **John Kloefer**

b. 1794, York Co., PA

m. ca 1819, Centre Co., PA, **Elizabeth Hubler**, daughter of **John Hubler**

d. Mifflin Co., PA ?

Deed Book D, page 33, Centre Co., PA, 5 May, 1821: John Kloefer of Rebersburg, Miles Twp., Centre Co., PA, Wheelright, buys Lot #16 in Rebersburg from John Kiplinger. Witnessed by George Bear and Michael Kloefer (Sr.)

From Linn's history, p. 357:

*"John Klepfer built the house now owned by Aaron Leitzell, circa 1820, Rebersburg, Brush Valley, PA."*

1835 - 1838: John Klepper received inheritance payments from the Estate of John Hubler.

1842: John Klepper and wife (Elizabeth Hubler) moved from Miles Twp., Centre Co., PA to Union Twp., Mifflin Co., PA.

Children of John and Elizabeth Kloefer:

12B.1 - **Daniel Klepfer** b. 19 March 1820, bapt 25 June 1820, Evan. Lutheran Church, Brush Valley, Centre Co., PA.

12B.2 - **Michael "Klepper"** b. 30 June 1822 (or baptized), Evan. Lutheran Church, Brush Valley, Centre Co., PA.

12B.3 - **Sarah J. Klepfer**, b. 1836

12B.4 - **Benjamin F. Klepfer**, b. 1838\*

12B.5 - **Levi Klepfer**, b. 1840

12B.6 - **Joseph H. Klepfer**, b. 1842

(We are undoubtedly missing some children between 1822 and 1836.)

FEDERAL CENSUS 1850	PENNSYLVANIA	Mifflin Co.	Union Township	28 Aug.
House #181	Family #185			
John Cleopper	age 55	Wheelright	b. PA	
Elizabeth	50		"	
Sarah J.	14		"	
Benjamin F.*	12		"	
Levi	10		"	
Joseph H.	8		"	

\*Notes on Benjamin F. Klepper:

From Linn's History:

page 616 - "*B. F. Klepper, Centerville, member of Sugar Valley Lodge, Green Township, Clinton Co., PA.*"

page 645 - "*B. F. Klepper built fine home in Logan Township, Clinton County, PA. Mary A. Klepper, wife of B. F. Klepper, d. 28 Dec. 1877, aged 36 years (Burial Lutheran Church Cemetery, Bonneville, PA.); B. F. Klepper, resident of Boonessville.*"

From "Johannes Baer (1749 - 1798)" by Daniel M. Bare and Robert Bruce Bare. (Library of Congress):  
*"Benjamin F. Klepper m. Mary Ann Baer. Benjamin F. Klepper came from a poor family but managed to make the most of his limited education., etc."*

Heirs to B. F. Klepper, Logan Twp., 1 April, 1907:

*"William Howard Klepper and Ida V. his wife; George O. Klepper and I. Mable his wife; A. H. Schrack & Jennie his wife; W. L. Wolfe and May his wife. His property transferred to Paulina Klepper."*

Clinton Democrat (Newspaper clipping), Loch Haven Library:

*"B. F. Klepper was born at Salona (ca 1839); d. 12 May, 1906 at the age of 67 years. His wife, Mary Ann Klepper, d. 3 Jan. 1878 (which does not agree with Linn's History.) B. F. Klepper moved to Sugar Valley in 1858 (Clinton Co., PA)"*

(We believe both B. F. Klepper and Mary Ann Klepper are buried in the Baer Cemetery Plot in Millheim, Centre Co., PA. If not, we have been seeing things!!! There is a large headstone and a small headstone. Edith Smith, Bob and Jerry Henderson were there.)

12 - **Jacob Kloepper**, b. ca 1796, York Co., PA.; profiled above.

12C - **Moses Kloepper**, b. 4 Dec., 1798, York Co., PA; d. before Aug., 1819, Centre Co., PA.

(St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Hanover, York Co., PA records the baptism of: Moses b. 4 Dec. 1798; bapt. 10 Feb. 1799, son of Michael Klepfer and his wife Elizabeth. Sponsors: Johannes Lang and his wife Christina. Church located 1 mile East of Hanover, South side of Carlisle Turnpike.)

We had looked for Michael Klöpfer in the Federal Census for a long time, under a number of spellings. We finally found him listed as: "Klapper, Michael", York Co., Heidelberg Twp., PA. We decided to check available church records for this area and found this baptism for "Moses".

Moses apparently died after 1810 (he is accountable for in his father's household in the 1810 Fed. Census, Centre Co., Haines Twp. PA.) but before August 1819, when his father made his petition to the court for guardianship of the minor children of Elizabeth as noted above.

12D - **Levi Kloepper**, b. ca 1802, Centre Co., PA. m. **Mary** \_\_\_\_\_

Deed Book P, page 69 (1832): *"Levi Klepper and wife Mary, Haines Township, sell to Samuel Klingerman."*

Children of Levi and Mary Kloepper: (Both bapt. Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brush Valley PA)

12D.1 - **Ammon Kloepper** - b. 20 Feb. 1827; bapt. 4 May 1827 - sponsors: Jacob Lotz and wife.

12D.2 - **Ruben Kloepper** - b. 11 Jul. 1830; bapt. 19 Sept. 1830 - sponsors: Parents.

12E - **Michael Kloepper**, b. ca 1804, Centre Co., PA.

In 1830 was living in "Le Mar" Twp., Centre Co., PA. (between 20 and 30 years old.) Occupation: Carpenter. On the Lamar Township assessment list, 1839. (Clinton Co. came out of Centre Co. Lamar Twp. is now in Clinton Co., PA.)

12F - **Mary Kloepper**, b. ca 1806, Centre Co., PA. m. **Peter Swartz** (Swartz ?)

12G - **Elizabeth Kloepper**

b. 25 May 1809, Haines Twp., Centre Co., PA;

m. **Simon Snyder**, Walker Twp., Centre Co., PA. 23 Sept., 1831.

d. 18 Nov. 1862, Tippecanoe Twp., Marshall Co., Ind.

(Simon Snyder was the son of **Daniel Snyder** and nephew of Susannah (Snyder) Kloepper, wife of Henry. As of June 1826, Simon Snyder was an orphan. On 21 May 1827 (at age 14), Simon Snyder was indentured to his Uncle Henry Kloepper, to "learn the mystery of a house carpenter".)

**Children of Dr. Michael and 2nd wife, Rebecca ( ) Kloefer:**

**12H - George Kloefer,**

b. 11 March 1812, Centre Co., PA;  
m. June 1834, Centre Co., PA. to **Margaret Snyder**, (b. Feb. 1816; d. March 1875),  
daughter of **John Snyder** and **Anna Margaret Lawall** (Hamilton Co., Ind.,  
Ancestors and Descendants, Vol. 5, p. 47.)  
d. Sept 1886, Indiana

**FEDERAL CENSUS 1860 INDIANA** Marion Co. Lawrence Twp. P.O. Germantown 21 June  
House #249 Family # 242

George Kloefer	age 48	Clergyman, Evan. Assn.	b. PA
Margaret	44	"	"
Enos	20	"	"
Levi	17	"	"
Paul	15	"	"
Rebecca	12	"	"
Solomon	10	"	"

(From the 1850 Fed. Census: Omri 15, b. Ind.; Sarah 12, b. Ind.)

**12J - Catharine Kloefer**, b. ca 1814, Centre Co., PA. No information.

**12K - William Kloefer**, b. ca 1816 (?), Centre Co., PA.

We have been unable to find William Kloefer in the Federal Census for Pennsylvania or Indiana, so calculate his year of birth as best we can. Don't know where he went.

**12L - Samuel Kloefer**

b. 1819, Centre Co., PA.  
m. [1] 10 Dec. 1837 by John Colip, J.P. Hamilton Co., IND to **Linnette Leaning**  
m. [2] 3 July 1842 by J. Longley, Elder, Christian Church, Hamilton Co., IND  
to **Katherine DeWeese**

**FEDERAL CENSUS 1850 INDIANA** Hamilton County White River Township  
House #58 Family #59

Kloefer, Samuel	age 31	Tailor	b. PA
Catharine	25	"	IND
William	6	"	"
Lewis	2	"	"
Mary E. Black	12	"	"

**12M - Susan Kloefer**, b. ca 1821 (?), Centre Co., PA. We have no further information.

**12N - Sophia Kloefer**

b. ca 1823, Centre Co., PA.  
m. ca 1842 to **Christian Urban**

From "Hamilton Co., Indiana Ancestors and Descendants" Vol 2, page 244:

*"Sophia Kloefer married Christian Urban (1808 - 1882) and settled in this area in 1842.  
Urban came directly from Germany (Alsace, Lorraine) to escape mandatory military duty."*

**12P - Jonathan (Unida?) Kloefer**

b. ca 1825 (?), Centre Co., PA.  
m. 16 Jan., 1851, Hamilton Co., IND to **Rebecca Moon**

**12R - Margaret Kloefer**

b. 1827, Centre Co., PA.  
m. ca 1850 to **John Gascho, Sr.**  
d. 15 July 1907

From Hamilton Co. Ancestors and Descendants", Vol. 3, page 321 - 325:

*"Margaret Klepfer m. John Gascho, Sr., some years before the Civil War. Margaret d. 15 July 1907. John Gascho, Sr., d. March 1879."*

From Hist. of Hamilton Co., Indiana" by John F. Haines) re Margaret Klepfer Gascho -

*"Her father died when she was 2 and her mother remarried a second time. Brothers Jonathan and George are tailors and settled East of Cicero."*

(Here is the name of "Jonathan", again, and it states he is a brother of Margaret. Either someone omitted a child's name in Levi's list or they "goofed" the spelling.)

<b>FEDERAL CENSUS 1880</b>	(Soundex System)	INDIANA	Hamilton Co.	Noblesville Twp
Gascho, Margaret	age 56	b. PA	Widowed	
Levi	15	Ind.		
Sarah	14	"		
Martha	14	"		
Jesse	10	"		

(Twins!! We have decided that "Levi Klopfer" must have been a favorite brother. Several siblings have named a child for him.)

#### 12S - Andrew Klopfer

b. ca 1829, Centre Co., PA.

m. ca 1850 to Rosanna \_\_\_\_\_, (b. ca 1832, Ohio.)

**FEDERAL CENSUS 1860** INDIANA Marion Co. Lawrence Twp P.O. Germantown 21 June

House #159	Family #154		
Andrew Klopfer	age 31	railroad laborer	b. PA
Rosana	28		Ohio
Susanna	8		IND
Nancy A.	4		"

#### 12T - Emanuel Klopfer

b. 2 Sept. 1831 (Salem Evangelical Church, Aaronsburg, PA, record shows "Immanuel Klopfer b. 2 Sept., 1831; bapt 28 Sept. 1831, son of Michael and Rebecca Klopfer.")  
d. 2 May, 1902, Lock Haven, Clinton Co., PA

From Linn's History, page 24:

*"1881 - Trustees of Bellefonte Lutheran Church, Bellefonte Borough - David and Emanuel Klopfer (Centre County, PA) David Klopfer was a son of Emanuel. He (Emanuel) died 2 May, 1902, Lock Haven, Clinton Co., PA. He was born 75 years before at Aaronsburg."*

(Many thanks to Lisa Hanshumaker, a descendant of Henry Klopfer, who sent me many bits of info from Indianapolis.)

#### Klepper Line - Great, great grandfather -

(Note- We believed Joseph Klöpfer and his family came from Württemberg, Germany, in the area of the Neckar Valley. We went through old church records for this area and found marriage records for several Klöpfers in different villages but only one record at a time. We had not been able to find any church records listing a number of Klöpfers and had not found a Joseph and Anna Christina Klöpfer when the book was published in 1989. Further research finally determined their parish of origin to be Metterzimmern, Württemberg. The original text has been modified to reflect the data found and a summary of both Joseph's and Anna Christina's lineage are appended. Baptisms vs. births are denoted by an asterisk before the date)

Christening Records for Joseph Klöpfer & Anna Christina Schopf from Parish Register of the Evangelical Church of Metterzimmern, Württemberg

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Names of Sponsors
1780	Joseph	Georg Adam Klöpfer Catharina	...
...	Lucia	Martin ... Catharina	...
...	Josephine	Margarethe ... ...	...

Joseph ->

Note that Joseph's Parents are listed as "Georg Adam Klöpfer uxor Catharina" - "uxor" signifies "wife".

...	Anna Maria	Jacob ... Maria ...	...
...	Anna Christina	Hans Schultheiss Jacob Schopf Maria Catharina ux	...

Anna Christina ->

Note that Anna Christina's Parents are listed as "Hans Schultheiss Jacob Schopf & Maria Catharina ux" "Schultheiss" translates as "Village Magistrate" or "Mayor" and "ux" signifies "wife".

48 - **Joseph Klöpfer**: Ycoman

b. \*14 Jan. 1710, Metterzimmern, Württemberg, son of 96 - **Georg Adam Klöpfer** and 97 - **Johanne Catharina Rowland** (see Appendix 1)

m. [1] **Maria Agnes Rapp**, 23 Jan 1731, Metterzimmern, Württemberg (d. there 8 May 1741.)

m. [2] 49 - **Anna Christina Schopf**, 28 Nov. 1741, Metterzimmern, Württemberg; she was the dau. of 98 - **Hans Jacob Schopf** and 99 - **Maria Catharina Zucker** (see Appendix 2)

d. 23 Dec. 1773, Dover Twp., York Co., PA; buried Strayer's Church Cemetery.

"Pennsylvania German Pioneers" by Strassburger and Hinke:

*"At the courthouse at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Friday 20th Nov., 1750 — Present: The Worshipful Wm. Plumsted, Esqr., Mayor — The foreigners whose names are underwritten imported in the Ship Sandwich, Capt. Hazelwood, from Rotterdam and last from Cowes, did this day take & subscribe the usual Qualifications. By List 97. Whole freight 200."*

Among those named were: Joseph Klöpfer and Lorenz Klöpfer. Only males over sixteen years of age were listed, thus no mention is made of Anna Christina or other children.

Joseph Klöpfer and his family spent some time in the City of Philadelphia, PA, before moving westward. A child was baptized there in Jan. 1751 and the next child was baptized April 1754 in the City of Lancaster, PA.

Joseph Klöpfer was granted a Land Warrant on 4 April 1754. The Warrant was a part of his "167 acres North of Dover. It extended one half mile along the Eastern side of the York-Carlisle Road, somewhere near the former big elbow on the hill up the mountain." ("The Klöpfers: Joseph, Frederick and John", Hist. Soc. of York Co., PA, from information gathered by Nora Klepper Krall and Mr. Kauffman.)

The name of Joseph Klöpfer appears 30 May 1757, as one of the organizers of Strayer's Church near Dover. (We found but one Joseph Klöpfer baptism recorded at this church but others could have been destroyed by fire.)

Joseph Klöpfer's Will was written in German, later translated and sworn to be a "true translation". Wills are often long and sometimes complicated. I do not usually care to copy them; but I will, just to show what they are like. (From: "The Clappers In America" by Marie Leighty Engel and Gerald H. Helsel, Contributing Asst. and "The Klepper Family" by Dr. H. LeVern Krall, 1962.)

York Co., PA Will Book C, page 195, dated 22 January 1773, Dover Twp. - will of Joseph Klöpfer or Klepfer.) The first part contains the usual — "being weak of body but sound of mind, commit my soul to God, pay my just debts and provide a decent burial, etc." — and so we begin with the second:

*"2nd - My wife Christina shall have her Dwelling place and support in the old house Together with the stable and the adjoining Trees also third part of all Winter Grain and the fourth part of Buckwheat five bushels of Turneps and 50 Heads of Cabbage and 20 pounds of ackled hemp and 2 beds in the garden and one Cow shall be sustained (or Fathered) for her, and as Much good Fire wood as she shall want and her grain shall be Taken to Mill for her, and the Flower (or Meal) brought from same unto her again All which above mentioned she shall have Yearly During her Life and shall be rendered (or given) unto her just and Truly by him that shall Have in Tenure the plantation -*

*3rdly - My wife shall have (over and above all other) Her Bedstead and Beding the best cow one Heive or Bees one chesh one pail one — skillet one Frying pan one Barrel cask one Vinigar cask one — pot —*

*4thly - My wife shall Have the Yarn linen Woolen and Hemp for cloathing for herself and the children according as she things proper (and if need be ) also Rye and wheat as she shall be in need of until next Harvest also as much meat as she is in want of all that is to be had.*

*5thly - My wife shall raise my least child George Michael and send him to school to Learn to read out of her own Income.*

*6thly - If my wife should intermarry again the above Annuitys shall cease and of all that she hath To have no more than the Thirds part thereof.*

*7thly - My son in law Adam Spahr shall have the Plantation in Tenure and the above mentioned price appertaining to the wife — He must keep the barn cover in Repair all the fences and the old House and if Sparr cannot or refuses than my son Jacob shall be — for said price and this agreement Shall continue until my wife Christina is Dead or the youngest child 21 years of age and no longer.*

*8thly - And if my wife should die before the — of the youngest child's age Then my Nominated Executors Daniel Messerly and Adam Deal (or either of them which survives the other in Case of Death) shall have full Right and Authority to Sell the plantation and all that is remaining or left (By Publick — to the best*

*Advantage or otherwise as they shall think best for the good of my children as all other Things and That is left shall be sold immediately after my Decease.*

*9thly - And whoever Shall have the Plantation in Tenure shall always Leave so much seed or grain in the fields there is when he takes possession and the straw shall always remain upon the premises and he that has the premises in Tenure shall have the Waggon for three pounds - payable according to the condition of - vendue.*

*10thly - My son Jacob shall have Privilege to Dwell in the House (if my wife will suffer it) or not have use therefore.*

*11thly - All my 10 children shall have share each a like.*

*12thly - And lastly it is my Last Will and Testament That Daniel Messerly and Adam Diel shall be Executors and also guardian for my children.*

*And Therefore in Consideration of the Article I have by Premeditation Confirmed and subscribed same with my own hand and seal here in Dover Township The County of York This day being the 22nd of January In year 1773.*

*In the presence of These Witnesses John George Sparr - Frederick Stanch."*

Orphan's Court York Co., PA Docket J, page 399: (This paper states that the name of Joseph Klepfer is sometimes spelled Klepper, Klepher, Klepper. "The Clappers In America" show early spellings as Klöpfer, Klöpfer, Klöbber, and Clepper. We might add Clepfer and Kloepper, plus Clapper.)

Docket J shows that Phillip Adam Spahr (husband of Dorothea Klöpfer) purchased the farm of Joseph Klöpfer. Mortgage payments are to be paid to all of the children of Joseph Klöpfer on specified dates.

The children are listed according to age, viz: 1. Lorenz Klopfer; 2. Elizabeth intermarried with John Graff (Gross); 3. Thorty (Dorothea - Dorothea) intermarried with said Adam Spahr; 4. Jacob Klopfer; 5. Catharine intermarried with George Jacob; 6. Eva Klopfer; 7. Frederick Klopfer; 8. George Klopfer; 9. Joseph Klopfer; 10 Michael Klopfer.

An inventory was filed in York Co., Dover Twp., 6 Jan. 1774 for "Joseph Klepfer". (We did not find this inventory. The day we were at the York Co. Courthouse, the book was out, being microfilmed.)

### **Children of Joseph Klöpfer and Maria Agnes Rapp**

#### **24A - Lorenz Klöpfer**

b. \*12 Apr. 1733, Metterzimmern, Württemberg

m. ca 1761 to Eve \_\_\_\_?

d. ca 1790/1800, Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., PA;

Lorenz eventually purchased land in Manor Twp., Lancaster, PA, where he lived the rest of his life.

Penn. Archives, series 5, Vol. 7, page 848 (Peabody Library, Baltimore, Maryland):

*"Lorenz Klepfer, 8th Battalion of Lancaster Co. Militia between age of 18 and 15, taken 1782, In Fifth Class. Michael Klepper in Third Class."*

The Lorenz Klöpfer listed on the ship Sandwich is certainly over 18 years of age in 1782; presumably this Lorenz and Michael were sons of 24A - Lorenz Klöpfer.

Lorenz Klöpfer, Sr., d. ca 1790/1800, Manor Twp., and his wife apparently predeceased him. After the death of Lorenz Klöpfer, Michael Klöpfer is named on the tax list in place of his father.

Children of Lorenz and Eve Klöpfer:

24A.1 - **Michael Klöpfer** b. ca 1762, Lancaster Co. PA; m. **Magdalena** \_\_\_\_?

24A.2 - **Lorenz Klöpfer** b. ca 1764, Lancaster Co. PA; d. prior 1800.

Michael Klöpfer, the son of Lorenz, Sr., had a small piece of land adjoining his father's in Manor Twp., PA. He also owned an island in the Susquehanna River with all fishing rights.

We found it strange that there was nothing in the Probate Records of Lancaster Co., PA re Lorenz Klöpfer,

either under Wills or Intestate. We also found no deeds wherein he pays other heirs for their share of the estate. We, therefore, have to presume that Lorentz left no widow or any other children, so Michael took over all his father's property as the sole heir. Michael eventually removed to Cumberland Co., PA.

#### Deeds of interest:

Deed Book FF, page 1—Lawrence (Lorentz) Klepper and Eve his wife of Lancaster Twp., sell to John Rust 53 acres 10 perches in Lancaster Twp., 23 Aug. 1786 (This land sold to Lorentz Klepfer by Michael Cryder and Susanna his wife 5 March 1765 and signed Lorentz Klöpffer).

Deed Book FF, page 2—Lorentz Klepfer, 133 acres in Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., PA from Leonard Radfong and Christina his wife 23 Aug. 1786.

Deed Book FF, page 532—John and Maria Margaret Miller to Lorentz Klepfer 133 acres. Daughter of Gerald Brenner, late of Manor Twp. (Same as page 2.)

Deed Book K, Vol. 3, page 587, dated 7 Feb. 1795: Michael Klepfer 1 acre 5 perches along lines of Lorentz Klepfer and John Souter.

Deed Book W, Vol. 3, page 1 dated 21 June 1806: Michael Klepfer and wife Magdalena sell to Henry Eietrich, Sr. and Jr., a 72 acre tract sold to Michael Klepfer by Daniel and Barbara Brenneman 18 Jan. 1794.

Deed Book 24, page 22, dated 24 May 1822: Michael Klepfer of Middleton Twp., Cumberland Co., PA and wife Magdalena sell 10 acres in Martick Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.

Deed Book 24, page 24, 1822: Michael Klepfer of Manor Twp. sold a right-of-way to Christian Herr.

Michael Klöpfer removed to Middleton Twp. (South), Cumberland Co., PA ca 1814, where he lived the rest of his life. We checked tax lists to 1829 and he still appeared thereon. (Box 1, Sciffert Collection, PA State Library, Harrisburg, PA, says Michael Klepper was of Cumberland Co., PA from 1814 until 1829. His son, Michael, Jr., was buried at Barrens (Salem) Lutheran Church Cemetery, South of Dillsburg, York Co., PA.

24B - **Elizabeth Catharina Klöpfer** - b. \*14 July 1737, Metterzimmern, Württemberg  
m. **John Graff** (Groll)

#### Children of Joseph Klöpfer and Anna Christina Schopf

24C - **Dorothea** (Thorty, Dorotha) **Klöpfer** - b. \*7 May 1744, Metterzimmern, Württemberg  
m. 24 March, 1765 to **Philip Adam Spahr** (Spaar).

Lived in Dover Twp., York Co., PA and purchased Joseph Klöpfers farm. However, Adam Spahr died before payment was fulfilled and the Orphan's Court arranged that his Estate would pay the legatees of Joseph Klöpfer for the rest of the mortgage.

24D - **Philip Jacob Klöpfer** - b. \*1 May 1747, Metterzimmern, Württemberg  
m. **Magdalena** \_\_\_\_\_?  
d. 1815 Lancaster Co., PA, Intestate.

Administration letters (Book 7, page 298, 20 Nov. 1816), Donegal Twp., granted to John Cable. No children's names appear. However we did find the following baptism records at Salem Lutheran Church (Strayers), Dover, York Co., PA:

24D.1 - **Johann Peter Klöpfer**, b. 23 July 1773; baptized 8 Aug. 1773, Parents: Jacob and Magdalena Klöpfer. Sponsors: Peter and Barbara Weinbrenner.  
24D.2 - **Philip Adam Klöpfer**, b. 14 Nov. 1774; baptized 20 Nov. 1774. Parents: Philip Jacob and Magdalena Klöpfer. Sponsors: Peter and Barbara Weinbrenner.

Jacob Clepper, Revolutionary War, Lancaster County Battalion 1781, 1782, 1783.

1782 Assessment List, Lancaster Co., PA, Maytown Twp. — Jacob Clepper.

**24E - Marie Catharine Klöpfer**

b. 19 Jan. 1751 (baptized St. Michaels and Zion Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA, 26 Jan. 1751. Parents: Joseph Klepfer and wife Anna Christina. Sponsors: Michael Hahn and wife Cathrina. - Pennsylvania German Society Vol. VII, page 569)  
m. **George Jacob**. (Possibly moved to Ohio.)

**24F - Simon Klöpfer**

b. 12 Jan. 1753 (baptized Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA, 13 Feb. 1753. Parents: Joseph and Anna Christina Klepfer - PA Ger. Soc. Vol. III, page 211.)

This son is not listed by the York Co. Orphan's Court as a legatee of Joseph Klöpfer (Klepfer), so must not have survived.

("The Klopfers research by Nora Klepper Krall does list "Simon" as a son of Joseph Klöpfer.)

**24G - Eva Klöpfer**

b. 22 April 1754; (baptized Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA 19 May 1754  
Parents: Joseph and Christina Klöpfer); unmarried as of 1788.

**24J - Friedrich Klöpfer - tailor & farmer**

b. 4 Oct. 1755; confirmed Strayers Lutheran Church 1770;  
m. 6 Oct. 1775 to **Catherine Hoffman** (She d. 7 Dec. 1852, aged 97 years, 1 month, 25 days. Both buried Strayers Church Cemetery.)  
d. 3 Aug. 1826, York Co., PA

Children of Fredrich and Catherine Klöpfer:

24J.1 - **Magdalena Klöpfer**, b. 9 July 1786 Dover Twp, York Co., PA; d. 18 Mar. 1867, Dover Twp., York Co., PA;

24J.2 - **Susan Klöpfer**;

24J.3 - daughter, name unknown;

24J.4 - **Catharine Klöpfer**;

24J.5 - another daughter whose name is unknown;

24J.6 - **John Klöpfer**, b. 1804; d. 1889; m. **Sarah Moore**, b. 1809; d. 1854.

John was a constable in Washington Twp., York Co., PA and had twelve children.

("History of the Klöpfers" by Mr. Kaufman, York Co. PA)

Deed Book 3-H, page 59, York Co., PA, 30 March 1824: Frederick Klepper assigned his property over to Jacob March for settlement of his debts. (This may explain the absence of a Will or Estate.)

30 acres in Dover Twp.; 39 acres in Dover Twp near Orts Mill; 15 acres of woodland in Washington Twp., York Co., PA.

1780 - Taxable "Young Man", Frederic Kleber, York Co., Dover Twp.

1782 - Purchased lot 29, York Co., Dover Twp.

1783 - Tax List, York Co., Dover Twp. "only male inhabitant (Frederic Klepfer)".

**24K - George Klöpfer**

b. 1757, York Co., PA. Lived early in Hopewell Twp., York Co., PA.  
m. ca 1780 to **Elizabeth Souders** (b. ca 1763; d. 1852 Muskegum Co. Ohio.)  
d. 11 Aug. 1837 Muskegum Co., Ohio.

National Archives Pension Files: George Clapper was born in York Co., PA, in 1757. He was drafted in July of 1776 in York Co. Participated in Philadelphia, Elizabethtown, Trenton campaigns, served in the Flying Camp at Long Island, was a guard at the Continental Congress sessions in Philadelphia for 2 months, was taken prisoner at Ft. Washington above New York. Lived in York Co. for several years after the war. Moved to Fayette Co., PA. Moved ca 1816 to Ohio and lived 16 years in Salt Creek Twp., Muskegum County. Was a resident here when he filed his petition to receive a pension, 26 Oct. 1832.

"Elizabeth Clapper", widow of George Clapper (Sr.), was enumerated in the 1850 Federal Census of

Muskegum Co., Blue Rock Twp., Ohio, with her daughter, Barbara (wife of Joseph Paxton). Elizabeth applied for a pension after the death of her husband, but it was denied. It was an "informal application" and no one had sworn that her statements were true.

Children of George and Elizabeth Klöpfer:

- 24K.1 - **George Klöpfer** (1781 - 1864) m. **Susanna Baker**
- 24K.2 - **Elizabeth Klöpfer** (1783 - 1870) m. **Henry Colp**
- 24K.3 - **Peter Klöpfer** (1786 - 1838) m. **Sally Hambrick**
- 24K.4 - **Jacob Klöpfer** (1790 - 1879) m. **Herminia Skiles**
- 24K.5 - **Maria Barbara Klöpfer** (Saddler's Church, Hopewell Twp., York Co., PA: Maria Barbara, b. 24 Feb. 1792; baptized 29 July 1792. Parents: George and Elizabeth Klöpfer. Sponsors: Friedrich & Barbara Sattler.) m. **Joseph Paxton**
- 24K.6 - **Mary Klöpfer** ( b. ca 1794) m. **Elias Walters**
- 24K.7 - **Susanna Klöpfer** (b. 1796) m. **Eli McPeck**
- 24K.8 - **Joseph Klöpfer** (1801 - 1858) m. **Mary Echelberry**;
- 24K.9 - **John Alonzo Klöpfer** (1803 - 1872) m. [1] **Mary Elliott** and  
m.[2] **Rebecca Emenghizer**
- 24K.10- **Philip Klöpfer** m. **Jane Seright** (1805 - 1884).

24L - **Joseph Klöpfer, (Jr.)**

b. ca 1760, York Co., PA  
d. 30 Oct. 1817, (Lancaster Co., PA Will Book M-1, page 115), Donegal Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, leaving a Widow **Anna**, son **Joseph** (of age) and a minor son **John**, plus others not named. His Will was witnessed by Nicolas Clepper.

There is very little about Joseph Klöpfer, (Jr.). There is nothing that lists all the children of Joseph, but we believe he had at least: **Nicholas, Jacob, John and Joseph**\*

\*Joseph Clepper (III), d. 1810 Donegal Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, Intestate.

Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series, Vol II, page 603:

*"Joseph Klepfer, member of Capt. Baily's Co., 14 June 1776 in Yorktown, York Co., PA."*

Other entries re Joseph:

- 1782 - 1783 - Lancaster Co. Battalion - Joseph Clepper
- 1782 - Joseph Clepper taxable freeman, Elizabethtown Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.
- 1784 - 1790 - Joseph Klepfer capable of bearing arms.

Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series, Vo. VIII, pages 1101, 1105, 1107: *"John and Jacob Clepper, volunteers, 1st Regiment, 2nd Brigade, commanded by Capt. Thomas R. Buchanan, York, PA., 26 Aug. 1814. Place of residence: Maytown, PA. Discharged York."* (War of 1812) Jacob - Rendezvous at Baltimore, Maryland, 1st Regt. PA Militia 26 Aug. to 4 Dec 1814. John - Same as Jacob, except 26 Sept to 4 Dec. 1814. (John Clepper m. **Amelia Crane** 20 May 1819, Lancaster Co., PA; d. 5 Jan. 1893, Brookville, PA.)

page 1291 - 94: Nicholas Clepper, private, Capt. Thomas Hudson's Co., York, PA. Mustered out 4 Dec. 1814. Place of residence: Donegal. Commenced service 1 Sept. 1814 thru 4 Dec. 1814. Pvt. in Lotz's Virginia Militia under Capt. Thomas Huston, Infantry, 2nd Regt., PA Militia. (War of 1812) Died 15 June 1832, East Donegal Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.

24 - **George Michael Klöpfer**, b. 1765; d. 1831. Salem Lutheran Church (Strayer's) Dover, York Co., PA.: George Michael b. Dec. 1765; baptized 26 Dec. 1765. Parents: Joseph and Ann Christina Klöpfer. Sponsors: George and Catherine Spaar (Spahr).

Yes, we know! There are two George Klöpfers in this family but this one goes by the name of "Michael". Anyone who has researched German Church Records will know that you might have four "George's" or three "Johanns" or three "Wilhelms" within the same family. Perhaps one would use the first given name and the others would use their second or third name. For a German family to give sons the same first name is certainly not unusual.

His father refers to him in his Will as his "least child George Michael". The list of children refers to him as "Michael". Some maintain that "George" and "George Michael" are one and the same person. Not so, as we hope these records will prove. George Michael Klöpfer's family was discussed above.

#### **Additional Klöpfers - relationship unknown -**

Württemberg Province, Germany — Ludwigsburg: 1750 - **Matthias Klöpfer**, wife (**Rosina**) and four children (**George**, 8; **Elizabeth**, 6; **Johannes**, 3; **Michael**, 1) filed intent to immigrate to the middle colonies.

Why did we bother to research Matthias (Mathew) Klöpfer? We believe he might be a brother of Joseph Klöpfer of Dover Twp., York Co., PA, or at least a relative. We also wanted to make sure that the "Michael" named in "the intent to immigrate to the middle colonies" was not Dr. Michael Klepper who married Elizabeth Kendig.

We did not find the arrival of Matthias Klöpfer in Philadelphia, PA, nor his taking the "oath of allegiance". He did arrive, however, and settled in Hellam Twp., York Co., PA. The Will of Matthias Klöpfer of Hellam Twp., York Co., PA., entry dated 9 Oct. 1787, names the following: Widow **Rosina Barbara**; **George**, eldest son and heir; daughter **Mary Elizabeth** married **John Augenstein**; Daughter **Elizabeth** married **George Augenstein**; Daughter **Rosina Sophia** married **Peter Bergdoll**. No mention is made of **Johannes** or **Michael**, so we presume they were deceased before 1787.

**George Klöpfer** took over his father's farm in Hellam Twp., York Co., PA. He was a farmer and a carpenter. He had six children but we found only one birth record: Johan George Klöpfer, son of George and Veronica Klöpfer, baptized 4 Feb. 1786, Kreutz Creek Lutheran Church, Hellam Twp., York Co., Pa.

From "The Pennsylvania Archives 6th series, Vol. II, page 691 and Vol. III, page 1480: "Georg" Klepper, member of Col. David Jamison's Company of York County, PA 1782 - 83. George Klopfer on Capt. Philip Thomas' muster roll from Hahn Twp., York Co., 23 April, 1787.

York Co., PA, Deed Book 2E, page 105, dated 26 Feb. 1787: George Augenstein and wife Elizabeth; Peter Bergdoll and wife Rosina Sophia; John Augenstein and wife Mary Elizabeth all of Washington Co., Maryland and heirs of Mathias Klöpfer, sell their share of their father's farm (96 acres) to George Klöpfer, eldest son.

In 1790, George Klöpfer purchased land in Donegal Twp. which contained a Shad Fishery. In 1797, George Klöpfer and wife Veronica of Hellam Twp. deeded the 96 acres they owned to Christian Krall.

In 1798, George Klöpfer and wife Veronica of Hellam Twp., York Co., PA, sell their interest in the Shad Fishery to Abraham Lehman. In 1798, Washington Co., Maryland, George Clopper purchased 71 acres in "Whitman's Prospect" from Christopher Striegle of Berkeley Co. Virginia.

In 1801, George Clopper of Washington Co., MD sold 71 acres of "Whitman's Prospect" to John Harbaugh of Frederick Co., MD. In 1802, George Clapper of Washington Co., MD sold part of 71 acres of "Whitman's prospect" to George Heffebower, adjoining Christian Stover. (Signed by George Clopper and Fronich his wife—in German.)

Note "adjoining Christian Stover". Remember Michael Stover, son of John Jacob Stover, Sr., who moved to Maryland instead of going to Centre Co., PA? We have not researched "Christian Stover", but we would not be surprised if he were a descendant of Michael Stover. It's a small world!!

The following may be the Will of **Veronica Klöpfer**, wife of George Klöpfer, of Hellam Twp., York Co., PA, and "Whitman's Prospect", Washington Co., PA., Lancaster Co., PA. Will Book 4, Vol. 2, page 344-5, dated 10 Aug. 1822, Cocalico Twp., Veronica Klopfer, deceased, names children: **Jacob**; **Peter**; heirs of deceased son **John** and **Catherine** m. **Jacob Hagey**. Jacob Hagey, Executor and witnessed by Abraham Brubaker and John Grall (Krall).

#### **Other Klöpfers -**

# Ancestry of Elizabeth Kendig

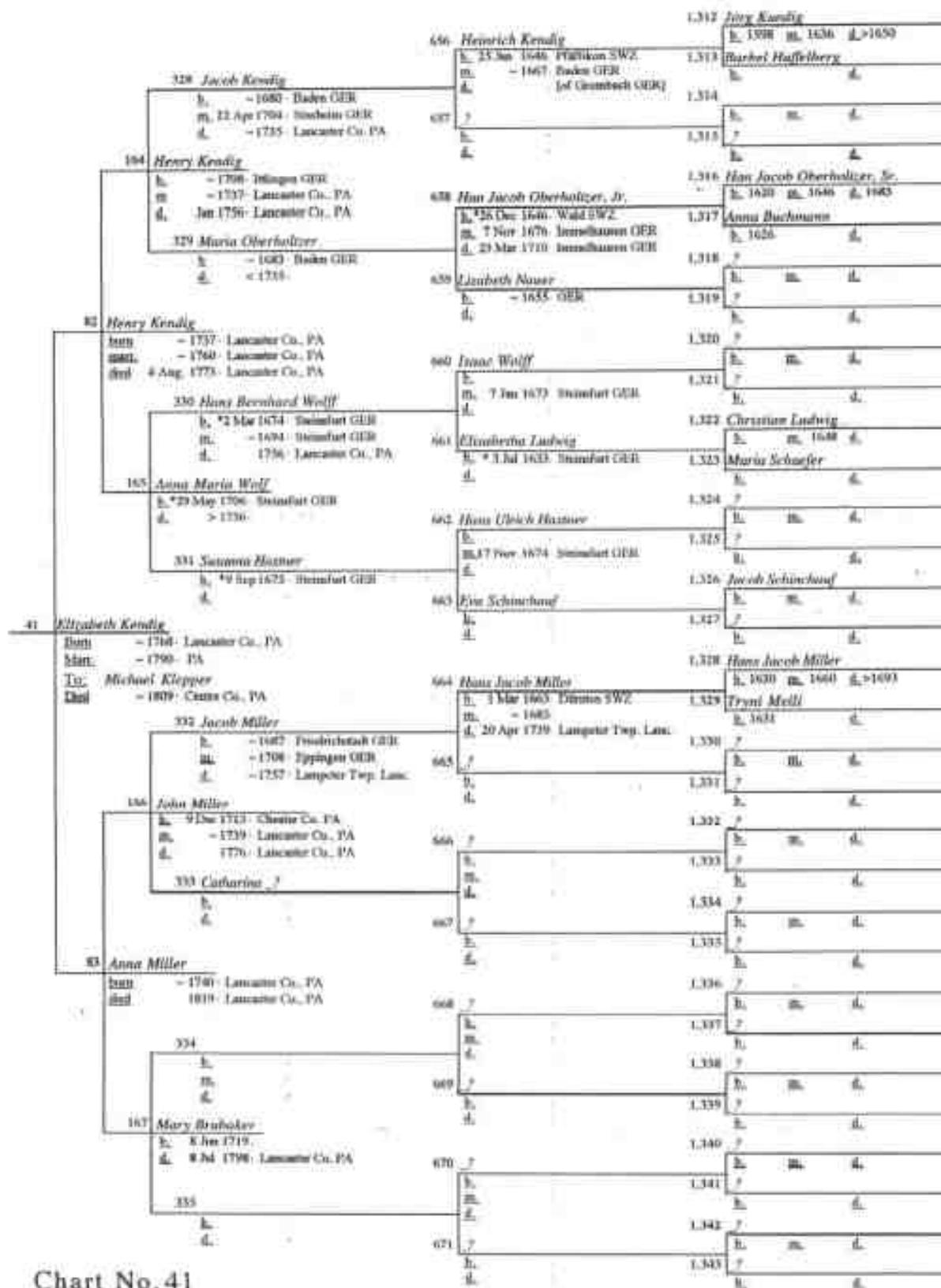


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(Rev. 02/11/99) Source of some data: "Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage" Vol. 15, No. 1, Jan. 1992

There were other Klöpfers in Pennsylvania, such as **Leonard Klöpfer** on early Brecknock Twp., Lancaster Co., PA records and later of Earl Twp., who arrived in the Colonies earlier than Joseph and Matthias. Lancaster Co., PA, Will Book H, Vol. 1, page 651-2, dated 4 Oct 1803, names son **George**; daughter **Elizabeth** married to **John Bowman**; daughter **Magdalen**; and daughter **Eve**. His wife is referred to as follows: "after my wife has taken and Received what she is entitled to agreeable to a marnage contract", etc. (Her name is not given but her brother, **Peter Good**, is named as Executor.)

There was a **William Klöpfer** of Germantown, PA, appears on the Tax List in 1780 and is in the 1790 Federal Census. We found no children for him but he was in Capt. Jacob Hall's Fifth Company, 7th Battalion, Philadelphia Company Militia 1780, during the American Revolution.

Thus ends our Klöpfer research.

### **Kendig Line -**

#### **25 - Elizabeth Kendig -**

b. abt. 1768, Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, dau. of 50 - **Henry Kendig** and 51 - **Anna Miller**  
m. abt. 1791, 24 - **Michael Kloefer**, son of 48 - **Joseph Klöpfer** and **Anna Christina Schopf**  
d. abt. 1808/09, Aaronsburg, Centre Co., PA

Elizabeth Kendig was born on her father's farm in Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA - located just South of the city of Lancaster. When a young girl, her father died (1772). From that time, the Orphans' Court of Lancaster Co., PA, has many papers concerning her father's estate.

Her father died intestate, so guardians were appointed by the court for Elizabeth and her siblings. As of 6 Dec. 1774, the court appointed:

*"Benjamin Breckbill and Jacob Neff guardians over the Estates of Susannah, Henry, Barbara, Mary, Elizabeth, Christena and Anna Kendig, Children of Henry 'Kendigh', deceased, they being Severally under the age of fourteen years during their Minority". (Misc. Book 1772-76, page 239)*

At the same time, the court appointed "John Hare (Herr), John Breckbill and Benjamin Graff, or any two of them, to Settle and Ascertain the Yearly Rents and Profits of the Plantation late of Henry Kendigh, deceased, Situate in Strasburgh Twp.", etc. (page 239)

On page 238, same book, John Miller and Jacob "Kendigh", Acting Administrators for the late Henry "Kendigh", produced to the court the account of their administration. Thereby follows a list of monies paid to the late Henry Kendig's family. Among those listed was Elizabeth "Kendigh".

We also note that her mother is now the wife of Jacob Fritz and that Henry "Kendigh" (Jr.) receives twice as much as his sisters, he being the only son.

Page 267, same book, Jacob Fritz and Ann, Widow and Relict of Henry "Kendigh", agree in open court with guardians Benjamin Breckbill and Jacob Neff, that they will do the following:

*"Maintain Cloath and Educate Susannah, Henry, Barbara and Mary Kendigh four of the said Minor Children until they Severally attain the Age of fourteen years without making any Charge whatsoever for the same against the Estates of Either of the said Children". Also "to Maintain and Cloath Elizabeth, Christena and Anna Kendigh Minor Children of the deceased until they severally attain the age of seven years at and for the sum of £5.0.0 each for the first year from and after their Father's decease and at and for the Sum of £4.0.0 each of every year thereafter until they respectively attain their said ages of seven years and to Maintain Cloath and Educate the said Elizabeth, Christena and Anna from and after their said ages of Seven Years until they respectively arrive at the Age of fourteen Years without making any further or other charge whatsoever against their Estates".*

I wondered to myself, "What happens when the child attains the age of fourteen years? Are they then supposed to fend for themselves?" I would prefer to think that they started to earn their keep by helping with farm work. (Lancaster Co., PA, Orphan's Court Misc. Book, 1784-1786, pp 293-294) 25 March 1786, Benjamin Brackbill and Jacob Neff submit another accounting re the Estate, payments being made to all,

including Jacob Fritz and Anna his wife, Henry, Jr., Mary, Elizabeth, Christena and Ann Kendig. Susanna is now the wife of Jacob Miller and Barbara is the wife of Samuel Shroy (Shray).

By 1787, Henry Kendig, Jr., pays his siblings for their share of their father's Estate and in 1819, he again pays the siblings - or their spouses - for their share of Anna Miller Kendig Fritz's Estate, being the Widow's Dower left to her by Henry Kendig. (See Michael Kloepfer.)

When Anna Miller Kendig married Jacob Fritz, they had a marriage contract. One of the stipulations was that Jacob Fritz was to buy each of Anna's children by Henry Kendig a £100 bond. (Lancaster Co., PA, Orphan's Court Misc. Book 1806 - 1808, pp 350-351, dated 28 Dec. 1807) Jacob Fritz, deceased, has seven bonds, dated 11 Feb. 1792, payable in £100 each to Susan Miller, Henry Kendrick, Barbara Shroy, Mary Weiss (Wise), Elizabeth "Clapper", Christian Gram (Christena) and Ann Graff (Graft). All are children of Henry Kendig and Anna Miller Kendig who married Jacob Fritz. These bonds are to be paid with interest of one year after the death of Ann, the Widow of the said Jacob Fritz, deceased (and the former wife of Henry Kendig.)

Since these bonds were dated 11 Feb. 1792 and one is made out to Elizabeth "Clapper", we know that she was married before this time.

The rest of Elizabeth's life has been discussed under Dr. Michael Kloepfer. She went to York Co., PA and then on to Centre Co., PA. The above 1807 document indicates to us that Elizabeth Kloepfer was still living at that time.

By 1810, the Federal Census for Centre Co., PA., enumerates a woman in her 20's, living with Michael Kloepfer. We believe this to be Dr. Kloepfer's 2nd wife, Rebecca. Elizabeth Kendig must have died after 1807 and before 1810. Hence we have her year of death as 1808/09.

Michael Kloepfer received several payments from the Estate of Henry Kendig, plus Anna, the widow of Henry Kendig and wife of Jacob Fritz. Those payments must have added considerably to the financial welfare of Michael Kloepfer and his family.

#### **Kendig Line - Father -**

##### **50 - Henry Kendig - Yeoman**

b. abt. 1727, Lancaster Co., PA., son of 100 - **Henry Kendig** and 101 - **Maria Wolf**,  
Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.  
m. abt. 1760, Lancaster Co., PA, 51 - **Anna Miller**, daughter of 102 - **John Miller**  
d. 4 Aug. 1773, Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.

Henry Kendig, born in Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, grew up and lived in the same area all of his rather short life. About 1760 he married Anna Miller, whose parents lived in the same area. In fact, the Kendigs and Millers were neighbors.

Henry Kendig owned land in both Strasburg and Bart Twps., Lancaster Co., PA. He died in 1773 (about the age of 46 years), intestate and litigation regarding his Estate was not completed until after the death of his widow in 1819. (Some of this has already been discussed under Dr. Michael Kloepfer.)

According to the Mennonite Library records (Mill Stream Road, Lancaster, Pa) and Lancaster Co., PA Deed Books, the children of Henry and Anna Kendig were:

- 25A - **Susannah Kendig** (d. before 1818) m. **Jacob Miller**
- 25B - **Henry Kendig (Jr.)** (b: 1 Dec. 1763 Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA) of Strasburg  
m. \_\_\_\_\_?
- 25C - **Barbara Kendig** (d. before 1818) m. **Samuel Shroy (Shray)** - to Baltimore, Md.
- 25D - **Mary Kendig** m. **Michael Wise** - to Huntington Co., PA.
- 25 - **Elizabeth Kendig** (d. 1808/09, Centre Co., PA); profiled above.
- 25E - **Christina Kendig** (d. before 1822) m. **Henry Gram** - to Ohio
- 25F - **Anna (Ann) Kendig** m. **Martin Graff (Graft)** - to Augusta Co., VA

Henry Kendig, Jr., retained his father's farm and his siblings were either deceased or had moved elsewhere.

As of 4 Oct. 1819, Dr. Michael Kloefer signed a Quit Claim to Henry Kendig (Jr.), relinquishing the claim of Elizabeth Kendig Kloefer, deceased, against the Estate of Henry Kendig, Sr.

(References from Lancaster Co., PA Deed Books: DB 17, Vol. 4, pp 651-2-3; DB 17, Vol. 4, pp 628-631; DB 44, Vol. 2, pp 539 thru 543; DB 22, Vol. 4, pp 241 thru 243; DB RR, Vol. 2, pp 111 thru 116; Deed Book YY, p. 539; Orphans Court Session, 1786, p. 257; Orphans Court Session, 1786, p. 293; Orphans Court Session, 1787, p. 462; Orphans Court, March 1785 Session, pp 257, 293, 294, 462, 463, 464, 465; Will Book S, p. 245.)

### **Kendig Line - Grandfather -**

#### **100 - Henry Kendig - Yeoman**

b. abt. 1714, son of 200 - **Jacob Kendig** of Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA

m. abt 1737, 101- **Anna Maria (Mary) Wolf**

d. 1756, Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA

Henry Kendig was settled on 150 acres of land by his father. The land was in Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. Nearly all of our line of Kendigs were "of Strasburg Twp.", Lancaster Co., PA.

What we know about Henry Kendig and his wife, Anna Maria (Mary) Wolf, was found in the records at the Lancaster Co., PA Archives and the Mennonite Research Journal. The records from the "Journal" were compiled by Evelyn A. Benson, with notes by Barbara K. Mylin, and published 1975 under the title of "Martin Kendig 1710 Mennonite Pioneer Leader".

Henry Kendig died, leaving a will dated 20 Jan. 1756 (Will Book B, p. 118). In this will he names his wife "Mary" (Maria) and the following children:

50A - **Elizabeth**, m. **Christian Forrer** of Lampeter Twp., clock maker (DB TT, p. 490.)

50B - **Mary**, m. **Benjamin Breckbill**

50C - **Jacob Kendig**, eldest son, d. 1814,

m. [1] **Catherine Neff**, daughter of **Francis Neff**, a surgeon (Catherine Neff Kendig's will located in LC, PA. Will Book H, page 296.) See below for their children.

m. [2] **Ann** \_\_\_\_? (Ann's will located in LC, PA Will Book N, page 210. Her children are by a previous marriage.)

50 - **Henry Kendig** m. 51 - **Anna Miller**, already discussed.

50D - **Martin Kendig**, a minor in 1756 when his father died; b. 3 Aug. 1750; m. **Mary Brenneman**\*; d. 1 March 1826.

\*(Albert H. Gerberich, "Brenneman History", p. 391, says: "Martin Kendig, son of Henry Kendig and Maria Wolf, grandson of Jacob and great great grandson of Martin Kendig". Gerberich, it has been proved, had the wrong Jacob Kendig - Jacob, son of Martin, was a cousin of our Jacob but not the grandfather of this Martin)

Children of 50C - Jacob Kendig and Catherine Neff (His will - LC PA Will Bk. K, Vol. I, pp. 496/7):

50C.1 - **Jacob Kendig**, whose children were **Samuel, Henry, George** and **Esther**.

50C.2 - **Henry Kendig**, whose children were **Jacob, Daniel, Susannah** and **Benjamin**.

50C.3 - **Magdalena Kendig**, wife of **Jacob Resh**.

50C.4 - **Francis Kendig**, b. 23 Apr. 1766; d. 25 Nov 1840; m. **Anna Neff**, (dau. of Rev.

**Jacob Neff** b. 21 Oct. 1767; d. 16 Apr. 1844; buried Tschantz Cemetery.)

50C.5 - **Elizabeth Kendig**, wife of **Christian Musser**.

50C.6 - **Esther Kendig**, wife of **John Harman**.

To date we have been unable to find much regarding Anna Maria Wolf. In 1758, after her husband died, Anna Maria "Kendrich" (Kendig) purchased 4 acres in Strasburg Twp. from Fredrick and Catarina Clingel. (Lancaster DB D p.473). The only other place we found her name was in Gerberich's Brenneman genealogy which says Martin Kendig was the son of Henry Kendig and *Maria Wolf*. (Apparently some of the Mennonite families kept records about their children.)

We found nothing on Anna Maria Wolf Kendig at the Mennonite Library. (Their index file is amazing! They have gone through the records at the Lancaster Co. Archives with a fine tooth comb. All references

have been listed under the proper families.)

(Refs.: Mennonite Research Journal Vol VI, No. 3, July 1975; Lancaster Co., PA Will Book B, page 118; Orphans Court Misc. 1772-1776, pp267, 338; A. Gerberich, "The Brenneman History", p. 391; LC, PA, Deed Book S, page 246; LC, PA Deed Book TT, p. 190.)

#### **Kendig Line - Great grandfather -**

200) - **Jacob Kendig** - Yeoman, from Germany

b. ?

m. 22 April 1704, Northern Kraichgau, Sinsheim Church, Neckar Kreis, Württemberg, to

201- **Maria Oberholtzer** m. Jacob "Kundig" of Ittlingen. (Possible but not proved)

d. 1735, Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA

The above marriage record is from "The Pennsylvania German Society Publications, Vol. 16, "Eighteenth Century Emigrants, The Northern Kraichgau". We cannot prove this marriage record but it is the right name, about the right time and place. That a close friendship between Kendigs and Oberholtzers existed can be proved.

When in London, awaiting passage, the Mennonite families going to America wrote a letter of thanks to the Amsterdam Mennonite Church. (24 June 1710) It was signed by Martin Kendig, Jacob Miller, Martin Oberholtzer, Martin Maili (Mylin), Christian Herr and Hans Herr. (Mennonite Research Journal, Vol XVI, April, 1975, No. 2)

On 11 Nov. 1725, Martin Kendig of Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA and wife Elizabeth conveyed to Jacob Kendig for £60 a tract of 530 acres, patented to Martin 30 June 1711. (PA Land Office, Harrisburg, Patent Book AA - 1 - 320; AA - 3 - 1; a tract of 1,060 acres.) This tract was divided in half and sold to a Jacob Kendig and Emanuel Herr in 1725. (LC, PA, Deed Book O, p. 187 and Deed Book WW, p. 305.)

This Jacob Kendig and Emanuel Herr were probably both nephews of Martin Kendig, the Pioneer. Gerberich says that this Jacob Kendig is the son of the Martin Kendig who died in 1748, but he has the wrong Jacob Kendig as noted before.

According to the Mennonite Research Journal, 1775, the Martin Kendig who died in 1748 had but one child - a son named John Jacob Kendig. (He used only "Jacob".) This Martin was of Conestoga and "gave" all of his remaining lands to his son, Jacob, and all of his grandchildren, "to share and share alike". (LC Will Book J, page 115) This "John Jacob Kendig" willed all of his land to his children by name. In a series of releases by these children (DB R, 1776), they state that "Jacob" Kendig is the same as "John Jacob Kendig" and a son of Martin Kendig. (The children of John Jacob Kendig were: Alice; Abraham; Martin; John; Henry and Isaac) This "Jacob" Kendig is not the one who purchased land in 1725 from Martin Kendig, the Pioneer, as is shown by the later distribution of that land by our Jacob's heirs.

Jacob Kendig, owner of the 530 acres, died intestate in 1735. The releases connected with the settlement of his estate and Deeds concerning transfer of this property, supply the information we need to identify his children and grandchildren. A release (DB S, p. 245; DB TT, p. 190; DB D, Vol. 1, pp 499 thru 501) dated 1 May 1751 gives their names:

100 - **Henry Kendig**, eldest son (m. Maria Wolf and already discussed.)

100A - **Maudlin Kendig** m. **Henry Weaver** (The name Maudlin is equivalent to Magdalena.)

100B - **Barbara Kendig** m. **Abraham Burkholder**

100C - **Elizabeth Kendig** m. 1. **John Longanecker**; m. 2. **Christian Herr**

100D - **Mary Kendig** m. **Christian Herr**

100E - **Abraham Kendig**, a minor (m. **Mary** \_\_\_\_\_? Moved to Frederick Co., VA before 1768.)

Because we find it interesting, we quote a part of Deed Book D, Vol. 1, p. 499:

*"This Indenture made the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty one Between Christian Hare of the county of Lancaster and in the Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman and Mary his wife of the one part and John Miller of the county and Province aforesaid yeoman of the other part."*

*"WHEREAS The late William Penn Esqr. Proprietor & Governour in Chief of the said Province by*

Patent under the hands of his Commissioners of Property and the Great Seal did (with other lands in the said Patent mentioned) grant release and confirm unto Martin Kendig A certain tract of land lying in that part of the county of Chester now called the county of Lancaster Bounded as is thereon set forth containing one thousand and sixty acres to be holden under the yearly quit rent of one English shilling for each hundred acres as by the said patent bearing date the thirteenth day of June Anno Domini 1711 may appear."

"AND WHEREAS the said Martin Kendig and Elizabeth his wife by their deeds of lease and release bearing date on the tenth and eleventh days of November anno Domini 1725 for the considerations therein mentioned did grant sell release and confirm unto Jacob Kendig late of the county aforesaid five hundred and thirty acres of land part and parcel of the aforesaid one thousand and sixty acres to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever under the quit rent aforesaid as in and by the said indentures may more fully & at large appear."

"AND WHEREAS the said Jacob Kendig so seized of the premises aforesaid and also of a considerable personal estate clear of debts died intestate leaving issue Henry Kendig (his eldest son), Maudlin, Barbara, Elizabeth and Mary the now wife of the said Christian Hare and one other son called Abraham (then a minor)."

"AND WHEREAS by an Equitable and friendly agreement made between the said parties and by consent of their parties to whose care the same was verbally comitted by the said Jacob on his death bed one hundred and fifty acres of the Uncultivated part of the aforesaid five hundred acres was allotted to be the shares and part of the said decedents estate of right belonging to the said Mary and was accordingly by consent as aforesaid divided by a line of marked trees from the rest of the said tract and survey'd Beginning at a marked Hickory in the line of lands now or late of Ulrick Barkhil.....etc."

The 530 acre tract at Strasburg which Martin Kendig had patented in 1711 and sold in 1725 to Jacob Kendig was one of those which the proprietors declared were not legally patented because Martin Kendig was an alien, never naturalized, so his sales of land were not good. Therefore whoever held this land had to buy it again from William Penn's sons and secure another patent. (The Pennsylvania law stated that aliens could not own land and sell or pass it on to their heirs. Therefore, it was most important to become a citizen. Most of the Mennonites, including Henry and Jacob Kendig took an oath of allegiance to the British sovereign in 1728, ostensibly for the purpose of removing this restriction. Why Martin Kendig, the Pioneer, failed to do this remains a mystery.) (Mennonite Research Journal, Vol. VI, July, 1975, No. 3, p. 28.) (We believe Martin had died before 1728; he would have been about 78 years old. Either that, or he didn't bother because he had disposed of all his land in 1725.)

\*L.C., PA, Minute Book "L", page 679, 22 Sept. 1717:

*"The Board taking into Consideration the Circumstances of those People in Relation to their holding of Lands in the Dominions of Great Britain, were asked if they understood the disadvantage they were under by Reason of their being born Aliens, that therefore their Children were incapable of inheriting what they purchased, according to the English laws, which in such Cases may be extended hither".*

When this unpleasant situation developed, Jacob's son Abraham Kendig took out a patent for all the original tract on 22 May 1761. He and the other heirs of Jacob then made deeds or releases to each other allotting it as Jacob and his deceased son Henry had desired. (Deed Book 17, page 651)

In 1768 when Abraham Kendig released to Henry Weaver 200 acres of this tract (citing the history of the property) he is referred to as "late of Strasburg Township, now of Frederick County, Colony of Virginia". His wife was named Mary.

#### **Kendig Line - Great Grandfather -**

400 - **Henry Kendig** - Yeoman

b. abt. 1653, Switzerland, son of 800 - **John Jacob Kendig** and 801 - **Jane Mylin**

m. 401 - **Barbara** \_\_\_\_\_?, probably Germany

d. Feb. 1725, Chester Co., PA (Countyseat before Lancaster Co. came into being.)

Henry Kendig was not among the first families to buy land from the Penns in 1711 and settle in what is now Lancaster Co., PA. By 1717 the first families had done so well that Martin Kendig returned to Germany to induce others to go to Pennsylvania. Among those who came with Martin Kendig in 1717 were a number of Kendig families - probably relatives. The first Lancaster Co. Tax List of 1718 shows five Kendig landholders: Martin, Henry and son (brother and Jacob, s/o Henry); George (brother); Jacob (brother);

Jacob, Jr. (s/o Jacob). (Chester Co., PA document.)

The 1726 Chester Co., PA Tax List for "Conistogoe" (the portion of Chester later separated off and called Lancaster) lists a number of "Kendericks". (Also spelled Kundig, Kendrick, Kundick, Kendigh, Kendig, etc. Like all names, this one has a variety of spellings.)

On 17 Feb. 1725, Barbara Kundick requests her brother-in-law, Martin Kundick, to be the Administrator of her late husband's estate; on this same date, the Inventory of Henry "Kundick" was taken by Wendell Bowman and Michel Myer.

We will list the items in this Inventory because they provide a glimpse into the way of life of the early settlers.

Item	- 150 acres of land with all Improvements thereon	£ 90 - 0 - 0
	- two horses and two mares and Harness	£ 19 - 10 - 0
	- four Cows	£ 8 - 10 - 0
	- four young Cattle	£ 4 - 10 - 0
	- 9 heifer Calves and one bullock Calf	£ 2 - 6 - 0
	- a Dung fork	£ 0 - 6 - 0
	- 2 augers, 1 barr. or tub and 2 large knives	£ 0 - 15 - 0
	- 18 Sheep	£ 4 - 10 - 0
	- one bell, 2 gimlets, and Sound Lead, one chisel	£ 0 - 6 - 10
	- one bible	£ 0 - 3 - 0
	- Iron Treau, a butter Tub, 1 pail	£ 0 - 7 - 0
	- 2 Guns	£ 2 - 7 - 0
	- a Straw Cutting box	£ 1 - 0 - 0
	- 2 Scythes	£ 0 - 5 - 0
	- a Large Kettle	£ 6 - 0 - 0
	- a Crosscut Saw, Iron Shovel and an adze	£ 0 - 18 - 0
	- 2 old axes, one hand screw, Iron wedges	£ 0 - 18 - 0
	- one Great auger, one handsaw, a scythe hammer	£ 0 - 13 - 0
	- one Large auger, and 3 Do Smaller	£ 0 - 10 - 0
	- a pr. Compasses, one hammer, a drawing knife	£ 0 - 3 - 6
	- one frow, one pr. Stillers, a frying pan	£ 1 - 12 - 0
	- one hoe, 2 forks and Dragg, 2 Scythes, 2 files	£ 0 - 16 - 6
	- a Large Bible	£ 2 - 0 - 0
	- 2 Psalm Books	£ 0 - 14 - 0
	- prayer Books	£ 0 - 2 - 6
	- a small Book	£ 0 - 2 - 0
	- 3 butter Tubs	£ 0 - 4 - 6
	- one Large pewter Tankard	£ 0 - 7 - 0
	- a Stone Jug, one pewter Dish	£ 0 - 11 - 0
	- 1 Bell and one Earthen Jar	£ 0 - 3 - 0

(We left out several items we couldn't decipher; also don't know what an "Iron Treau" is.)

On the 30th of March 1725, Martin Kundick (Kendig), John Harr (Herr) and Jacob Kundick (Kendig), probably the son of Henry and Barbara, are bonded to act as Administrators for the estate of Henry Kundick, dec'd. (Chester Co. Hist. Soc. Archives, Westchester, PA.)

In Nov. 1725, Jacob Kendig buys the 530 acre tract from Martin Kendig in Lancaster Co. The other half of this tract was sold to Emanuel Herr. We believe both to be nephews of Martin and Elizabeth (nee Herr), sister of Emanuel Herr. This Emanuel is probably the son of Elizabeth's brother; we've not researched the Herrs and so, again, merely speculate.)

In an unpublished manuscript, by Dr. Benjamin Kendig, (Lancaster Hist. Soc., Community Historian Bulletin XIII, pp8-11), it states that Martin Kendig m. [1] Elizabeth Herr, sister of Emanuel. m. [2] Barbary (Barbara), widow of Henry Kendig and brother of Martin Kendig. He offers no proof, and may have been doing some speculation of his own.

A Martin Kendig in his will, dated 20 Oct. 1748, names a wife Barbara. (LC. PA WB J, Vol. 1, pp 115-116.) However, as discussed above, we believe this is not Martin, the Pioneer. Another Martin Kindig arrived in Philadelphia on 30 Sept. 1727, aboard the ship "Molly". It is quite possible that this is the Martin Kendig who died in 1748. Someone should "research" this Martin Kendig.

#### **Kendig Line - Great, great grandfather -**

##### **800 - John Jacob Kendig**

b. 1620, Bern, Canton of Zurich, Switzerland

m. 801 - **Jane Mylin**, b. ? ; also a native of Bern Switzerland.

d. ?

The Mennonite Research Journal, Vol XVI, p. 16, No. 2, April 1975 by Evelyn A. Benson says the Herr tradition states that Martin Kendig's parents were John Jacob Kendig, born about 1620, and Jane Mylin, natives of Bern, Switzerland. Also, according to this tradition John Jacob, father of Martin Kendig, had a brother Frederick (1608 - 1672) who married, in 1636 Maria Herr (1611 - 1677) sister of Hans Herr.

It also says that John Jacob Kendig and Jane Mylin had the following children:

400A - **Jacob Kendig**

400B - **John Kendig**

400C - **George Kendig**

400D - **Martin Kendig** (1650 - 1748)

400 - **Henry Kendig** (already covered.)

400E - **William Kendig**

400F - **Elizabeth Kendig** (1639 - 1730) m. abt. 1660 to **Hans Herr**

("The Herr Line", by Meinel - Reily - Heyd, p. 165, gives Elizabeth Kendig's dates as 1644 - 1730, whereas the M.R.J. article gives her dates as 1639 - 1730. Both claim to have acquired data according to "the Herr tradition".)

We do not know if John Jacob Kendig and his wife, Jane Mylin, ever left Switzerland to go to Germany, but their children must have. Many eventually went to Pennsylvania.

Now that I have gone through all of that, I will say that we think Evelyn A. Benson erred in her research. We believe we have our Kendig family done properly but we don't think she has done the Martin Kendig line correctly. Quite honestly, we believe she has the wrong Martin Kendig. If we believe her research, Martin Kendig, the Pioneer, lived to be 98 years old. As noted above, we think the Martin, d. 1748, was another person who came in 1727.

We think Martin Kendig, the Pioneer, died shortly after the death of his wife, that he did not leave a will and that he did not have children. He sold his land to relatives, therefore had no estate to settle.

#### **Miller Line -**

##### **51 - Anna Miller**

b. abt. 1740, Lancaster Co., PA, daughter of 102 - **John Miller** and \_\_\_\_\_?

m.[1] abt. 1760, to 50 - **Henry Kendig**, Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA (d. 1772);

son of 100 - **Henry Kendig** (d. 1756) and 101 - **Maria Wolf**.

m. [2] before Aug. 1774, to **Jacob Fritz**, Strasburg, Twp., Lancaster Co., PA (d. 1807)

d. 1819, Lancaster Co., PA

(Refs.: L.C., PA Misc. Book, 1772-76, pp 238 -239; "An Index to Will Books and Intestate Records of Lanc. Co., PA - 1729 - 1850" by Fulton Mylin, p. 68; L.C., PA Will Book D, Vol. 1, p. 206; Deed Book 17, Vol. 4, pa. 652, dated 4 Oct. 1819.)

The Millers and Kendigs were neighbors and for children of neighbors to marry was the usual. We have discussed much of Anna Miller's life in the Kloefer and Kendig sections. To repeat the settlement of Henry Kendig's estate, which started in 1772 and lasted until 1819, would be a test of endurance for both "thee and me". The children of Anna Miller and Henry Kendig are listed under "Henry Kendig (d. 1772).

Anna did have children by Jacob Fritz and I can thank James Mason Fritz of Pitman, New Jersey, for sharing his Fritz family research with me.

According to the Fritz family reunion notes, "Young Fritz worked for Anna Miller and later married her. To this union Feb. 10, 1782— 141 years ago — a son named Jacob was born. There may have been other children, but we have no record of them".

Mr. James M. Fritz has done further research and found that at the time of Jacob Fritz, Sr.'s death, his son Jacob (Jr.) petitioned the court. The papers indicate he was survived by his wife, Ann; 2 children — Jacob and Esther (m. Christian Hoover). Also listed a deceased daughter — Frena m. Jacob Frelich who had children Frena, Jacob, John and Esther Frelich.

Jacob Fritz (Jr.) m. Elizabeth Howery on 21 Dec. 1802 (d/o Jacob Howery). Frena Fritz m. Jacob Frelich on 2 Sept. 1794.

Jacob Fritz, Sr. d. 1807. As of 21 Jan. 1808, his son is informed that an Inquisition has decided that the land owned by his father cannot be divided without spoiling the whole. (L.C., PA Misc Book 1806, pp 350 - 351).

The land was valued at £3,650.3.4, subject to the payment of seven bonds, at £100 each, made payable to the children of Henry Kendig and Anna Miller (L.C., PA Misc. Book 1806 - 1808, pp 350 - 351.) Since we did not research too much re Jacob Fritz, I do not know what happened to his estate.

Anna Miller Kendig Fritz d. 1819 and Henry Kendig, Jr., finally was able to settle his father's estate, including his mother's dower rights. However, Jacob Fritz, Jr. did not settle his mother's estate until 1828. He was busy suing the Estate of Henry Kendig for interest due Anna Miller Kendig Fritz. (I think these estates prove that everyone should write out a will.)

On 15 May, 1828, Jacob Fritz, David Miller and Major John Getz are "firmly bound" to administer the estate of Anna Fritz. (L.C., PA Bond Book D, Vol. 1, p. 206). On 20 March, 1830, Jacob Fritz finally registers his accounts for his mother's estate. (L.C., PA Misc. Book 1828- 1831, p. 350) Champney's and Henry were administrative counsels.

Inventory of the goods and chattels of Anna Fritz, late of Strasburg Twp., at the time of her decease:

*"1 churn; 2 tubs; 3 barrels; iron kettle; 3 buckets; 1 tea kettle; 1 wool wheel; 1 reel; 1 tin plate stove; pewter ware; 1 table; 4 chairs; shovel and tongs; 1 clothes press; 1 desk; 1 bed and bedstead."*

Jacob Fritz, Jr., went to court, claiming the estate of Henry Kendig owed Anna Fritz over \$1,116 in interest. The court awarded him \$116.63. As of 1830, and eleven years of trying to settle an estate, the accountants final balance was \$35.29 and one half cents. (Administrative accounts for the estate of Anna Fritz at the Lancaster Co. Hist. Soc. Lancaster, PA.)

#### **Miller Line - Father -**

102 - **John Miller** - Yeoman

b. abt. 1714, Lancaster Co., PA, son of 204 - **Jacob Miller** and 205 - **Catherine** \_\_\_\_?

m. ?

d. 1776, Lancaster Co., PA

John Miller's wife predeceased him. We found no legal document with her name thereon. The index file at the Mennonite Library had no information about his wife, so we have another unknown female on our family tree.

The Mennonites who settled in Lancaster Co., PA, were hard-working people who cleared forests and

turned the area into some of the best farms in this country. They were industrious, knowledgable farmers who earned the respect of Pennsylvania's governing body. Because of their good character and industry, these people were permitted to purchase thousands of acres from the Penns.

John Miller lived his life in the area of Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, where he died. The Orphans Court Session 1776 - 1779, p. 330, appointed, on 5 March 1776, Jacob Eshlman and Jacob Neff as guardians for Rebecca Miller, under 14 years of age; Daniel Miller, above 14 years of age; Simon Miller under 14 years of age, children of John Miller of Strasburg Twp., deceased.

There seems to have been several changes of guardianship for these children. Orphans Court Session, 1776 - 1779, p. 200, 24 July 1779, John Miller replaces Jacob Kendrich (Kendig) as guardian for Daniel and Simon Miller, minor children of John Miller of Strasburg Twp., deceased.

In the settlement of John Miller's estate, Jacob Fritz purchased one half part of 212 acres from the heirs of John Miller (L.C., PA Deed Book NN, Vol. 2, p. 645, 26 July 1780. L.C., PA Deed Book D, p. 499)

On 2 Dec. 1784, Jacob and Anna Fritz of Strasburg Twp. sold to Daniel Miller 212 acres in Bart Twp. (L.C., PA DB QQ, pp 99 - 100; DB SS, p. 13).

Often one can learn much from Deeds. When dividing property, all of the living children are listed. If there are deceased children, the grandchildren are also named. This is important when there is no will. Many of these early settlers did not leave wills so Deeds become a good source of information.

The children of John Miller were:

51A - **John Miller** (the designation of "Jr." is not seen in these records.)

51 - **Anna Miller**; m. [1] **Henry Kendig**; m. [2] **Jacob Fritz**; profiled above.

51B - **Daniel Miller**

51C - **Rebecca Miller** (not listed in the Deeds so probably is deceased)

51D - **Simon Miller** m. **Barbara** \_\_\_\_\_?

#### **Miller Line - Grandfather -**

204 - **Jacob Miller**, (Jr.) Pioneer; Yeoman

b. abt. 1688, Switzerland or Germany? Son of 408 - **Jacob Miller**

m. abt. 1710 to 205 - **Catherine** \_\_\_\_\_?

d. abt. 1758, Lancaster Co., PA

Jacob Miller must have been newly married when he came to this country with his parents in 1710. Their son, Samuel, was the first white child born in Lancaster Co., PA. (Mennonite Library files.)

"The History of Lancaster Co., PA" by Rupp refers to Jacob Miller and sons Samuel and John. L.C., PA Deed Book D, p. 502, 17 May 1751, states:

*"Jacob and Catherine Miller give to son John, for love and affection, 200 acres in Strasburg Twp., next to Jacob and Henry Kendig".*

The children of Jacob Miller, Pioneer, and Catherine were:

102A - **Samuel Miller**, the first white child born in what is now Lancaster Co., PA. He was b. 22 Jan. 1711; d. 4 Nov. 1739. (In 1711, Lancaster Co., area of Strasburg Twp., was referred to as Conestoga Twp., Chester Co., PA.)

102 - **John Miller**, b. abt. 1714; d. 1776, Lancaster Co., PA

102B - **Jacob Miller** m. **Ann** \_\_\_\_\_?; b. abt. 1717, Lancaster Co., PA

### Miller Line - Great grandfather -

408 - **Jacob Miller (Sr.)** - Pioneer; Yeoman

b. 28 Feb. 1663, Zurich, Switzerland

m. \_\_\_\_\_?

d. 20 April 1739, Lancaster Co., PA. Buried Hans Tschantz (Schantz) Cemetery, West Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. (Mennonite Library files)

"Early German Settlers" by Rupp, p. 7:

*"Because of relentless persecution and oppression in Switzerland, a large body of defenceless Mennonites fled from the Canton of Zurich; of Bern and Schaffhausen, about the year 1662 and took up their abode in Alsace", above Strasburg, on the Rhine, where they remained till they emigrated, 1708, to London, thence to Pennsylvania. They lived some time at Germantown (PA.) and in the vicinity of Philadelphia. In 1712, they purchased a large tract of land from Penn's agents, in Pequea, then Chester, now Lancaster Co., PA. Here this small colony erected some huts or log cabins, to serve temporarily as shelters" —etc.*

Mennonite Research Journal, Vol. XVI, April 1975, No. 2, Evelyn A. Benson, p. 137:

*"Historians of Lancaster Co. universally date the county's beginning as 1710 with the arrival of some half dozen Swiss Mennonite families who settled upon 6,000 acres of land located between present day Strasburg and West Willow Road. When they arrived the country was a wilderness inhabited only by a few Indians and some French and other fur traders.*

*"Sometime in the Spring of 1710 these six families came down the Rhine to Rotterdam, from Rotterdam took ship for London and on June 24, 1710 went on board the MARIA HOPE, bound for Philadelphia. While on shipboard, but before the ship sailed, the heads of the six pioneer families wrote a letter to a committee of the Amsterdam Mennonite Church, thanking them for their assistance in their journey. This London letter of 27 June 1710, still to be seen in the Amsterdam Mennonite Archives, is signed by MARTIN KENDIG, JACOB MILLER, MARTIN OBERHOLTZER, MARTIN MAILJ (Mylin), CHRISTIAN HERR and HANS HERR".*

*"Within a month after arriving in Philadelphia aboard the sailing ship "Maria Hope" this small band of Swiss pioneers secured from William Penn's land commissioners 10,000 acres of the best farming land in Pennsylvania."*

*"Lancaster County's first pioneers came to Pennsylvania because a century of cruel wars and religious persecution in Germany and Switzerland, especially throughout the Rhine Valley, had destroyed the estates of many noble people, creating acute social, religious and economic problems. The proprietors of the British colonies in America were eager to increase the value of their holdings by securing as settlers these people of high character and abilities. In 1708 they had sent glowing descriptions of the New World throughout the Rhineland to induce the war-weary people to come to America. Over 13,000 responded in 1709 and 1710, but the Swiss Mennonites, in spite of the most adverse conditions, were so devoted to their homeland that they preferred familiar troubles to unknown dangers. Only a handful of the most daring left for America before 1711, among them the half dozen first families of Lancaster County".*

(It would be nice if historians agreed on whether they went to London in 1708 or 1710, but it hardly matters to our story. On the other hand I find this bit about "six families" misleading. These "six heads of families" had children and some of those children were married men with families of their own. "The Herr Line" by Meinel - Reiley - Heyd says that "in 1710 six sons and one daughter of Rev. Hans Herr [b. 1639; d. 1725] went to America with their uncle, Martin Kendig". Thus there were in reality six elders, as heads of the family, who had a large number of their relatives with them.)

Thus Jacob Miller (the elder), Pioneer, with his family, came to Pennsylvania (and so we have two Jacob Miller, Pioneers). On 30 June 1711, the Penns sold a 1,000 acre tract of land on Pequea Creek to Jacob Miller, and there he remained for 28 years. (L.C., PA Deed Book D, p. 183)

There is never a mention of his wife. It puzzles me that a man's date and place of birth, his date and place of death, plus burial, are known but no one knows whom he married. Unless families kept records in their bibles or elsewhere, such information was lost.

(Mennonites also settled in the Neckar Valley: "Penn. Ger. Society", Vol. 16)

Children of Jacob Miller, Pioneer (the elder):

204A - **John Miller** (d. 1719); m. abt. 1705 to **Anna \_\_\_\_\_**? (L.C., PA DB M. p. 149, 12 Dec. 1719) (Widow Anna Miller m. 2nd. **Jacob Kastner**)

Children of John and Anna Miller:

204A.1 - **John Miller**

204A.2 - **Hannah Miller** m. **Jacob Haines**

204 - **Jacob Miller**, Pioneer (Jr.); 1688 - 1758 m. **Catherine \_\_\_\_\_**?

204B - **Martin Miller** (L.C., PA Deed Book D, p. 183, 1731: Jacob Miller sells to Martin Miller, land next to Jacob Miller [Jr.].)



*House of Dr. Michael Klepfer in Aaronsburg PA - left about 1920; right as of 1983*

## Appendix 1 - Descendants of Elias Klöpfer, ancestor of 48 -Joseph

### Elias Klöpfer

Hom - 1635 -

Marr. - 1657 -

#### Death Date Unkn.

#### Children

- i. Reinhardt b. 5 Oct 1660 m. Anna Dorothea Edelman
- ii. Hans Georg - 1670 m. Magdalena ? 14 Aug 1694
- Undoubtedly others

### Reinhardt Klöpfer

Hom 5 Oct 1660 - Metterzimmern

Marr. - 1679 - Metterzimmern

Anna Dorothea Edelman (\*Feb 1636 - 1 May 1726;  
da. of Martin and Anna Edelmann)

Deed 16 Jan 1707 - Metterzimmern

#### Children

- i. Hans Martin Klöpfer \*20 Jan 1680
- ii. Anna Maria Klöpfer \*28 Mar 1681
- iii. Maria Agnes Klöpfer \*17 Jul 1682
- iv. Georg Adam Klöpfer \*23 Mar 1684
- v. Joseph Klöpfer \*25 Jun 1685
- vi. Anna Dorothea \*19 Jan 1687
- vii. Hans Michael Klöpfer \* 6 Sep 1688
- viii. Elias Klöpfer \*16 Jan 1691
- ix. Maria Agnes \*16 Apr 1696
- x. Hans Jacob \*15 Jul 1700

### Georg Adam Klöpfer

Hom \*23 Mar 1684 - Metterzimmern

Marr. 12 Jan 1709 - Metterzimmern

Johanne Catharina Rowland [1 Apr 1679 - 17 Jan 1734]  
da. of Hans Michel Rowlands]

Deed 5 Mar 1734 - Metterzimmern

#### Children

- i. Joseph Klöpfer \*14 Jan 1710
- ii. Hans Georg Klöpfer \* 4 May 1712 (d.v.)
- iii. Johann Martin Klöpfer \* 3 Sep 1713
- iv. Maria Magdalena Klöpfer \* 1 Mar 1716
- v. Georg Adam Klöpfer \*20 Oct 1718
- vi. Christina Klöpfer \*21 Dec 1721 (d.v.)

### Joseph Klöpfer

Hom \*14 Jan 1710 - Metterzimmern

Marr. 23 Jan 1731 - Metterzimmern

[1] Maria Agnes Rupp [1712- 8 May 1741]

Marr. 28 Nov 1741 - Metterzimmern

[2] Anna Christina Schopf [\* 8 May 1722- 21 Mar 1794]  
da. of Hans Jacob & Maria Catharina Schopf]

Deed 23 Jan 1773 - York Co. PA.

#### Children

- i. Lourenzia Klöpfer \*12 Apr. 1733
- ii. Elizabetha Catharina Klöpfer \*14 Jul 1737
- iii. Dorothea Klöpfer \* 7 May 1744
- iv. Joseph Klöpfer \*25 Nov 1745 (d.v.)
- v. Philip Jacob Klöpfer \* 3 May 1747
- vi. Maria Catharina Klöpfer 19 Jan 1751
- vii. Simon Klöpfer 12 Jan 1753 (d.v.)
- viii. Eva Klöpfer 22 Apr 1754
- ix. Friedrich Klöpfer 4 Oct 1755
- x. George Klöpfer -1757
- xi. Joseph Klöpfer - 1760
- xii. George Michael Klöpfer \*26 Dec 1765

\*Christenings found in Parish Register of the Evangelical Church of Metterzimmern, Württemberg

## Appendix 2 - Descendants of Simon Schopf, ancestor of 49 - Anna Christina

<u>Simon Schopf</u>	1
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**Born** 8 Sep 1620 -

**Mar.** - 1649 - Mitterzimmern

*Christina (Hendlin ?) [1628 - 20 Apr 1700; dau. of Mayor Michael Hendlin and Anna ?]*

**Died** 9 Feb 1693 - Mitterzimmern

**Children**

i. Barbara \*13 Sep 1650

ii. Johannes \*6 Feb 1652

iii. George \*26 Nov 1653

iv. David \*26 Nov 1653

v. Anna Christina \* 1 Oct 1655

vi. Catharina \* 14 Aug 1657

vii. Simon \*26 Oct 1660

viii. Anna Maria ? 1662 ?

ix. Jacob \*7 Aug 1665

x. Anna Dorothea \*27 Jul 1668

<u>Hans Jacob Schopf</u>	1.08
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**Born** 7 Aug 1665 - Mitterzimmern

**Mar.** - 1691 -

*[1] Susanna (Langen ?) [16 Mar 1671 - 30 Mar 1707]*

**Mar.** - 1708 -

*[2] Maria Catharina Zucker, dau. of Hans Reinhardt and Anna Maria Zucker [19 Feb 1682 - 22 Jan 1730]*

**Died** 14 Oct 1732 - Mitterzimmern

**Children**

i. Anna Maria \*29 Feb 1692

ii. Anna Christina \*26 Jan 1694

iii. Hans George \*21 Sep 1695

iv. Maria Barbara \*16 Nov 1696

v. Hans Jacob \*10 Apr 1699

vi. Maria Agnes \*29 Jul 1700

vii. Anna Dorothea \*29 Jul 1700

viii. Geotr Adam \*25 Feb 1703

ix. Maria Mucedolina \*26 May 1709

x. Jacob \* 1 Aug 1710

xi. Susanna Elisabeth \*30 Nov 1712

xii. Jacobina \* 5 Jul 1715

xiii. Simon \* 9 Mar 1717

xiv. Catharina \* 1 Sep 1718

xv. Anna Christina Schopf \* 8 May 1722 m. Joseph Klöpfer 28 Nov 1741

<u>Anna Christina Schopf</u>	1.08.15
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**Born** \* 8 May 1722 - Mitterzimmern

**Mar.** 28 Nov 1741 - Mitterzimmern

*Joseph Klöpfer [\*14 Jan 1710-23 Dec 1773]*

**Died** 21 Mar 1796 - York Co. PA

**Children**

*(see Klöpfer file)*

\*Christenings found in Parish Register of the Evangelical Church of Mitterzimmern, Württemberg