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THE SELTZER FAMILY

1st Generation

Jacob Seltzer -1732-1788)	Jacob Seltzer - 1764-1825
Married)	Mary Seltzer
Catherine Marie Heister)	Elizabeth Seltzer
1735-1817)	Catherine Seltzer
	Michael Seltzer
	Another daughter

The first Jacob Seltzer was born in Germany at Seltzer Springs; near Coblenz, the Upper Rhine.

He came to this country in 1752 and arrived at Schochary, N. Y., BUT DID NOT SETTLE THERE. He went on to Middletown, N. Y. and then down to the Tulpehocken in Pennsylvania. Many of them cut a road from Schochary to the Susquehanna River, carried their goods there, made canoes and floated down the river to the mouth of Suataro (Swatara) Creek and drove their cattle over the land; settled where it was first known as Heidelberg Township, and where later Womelsdorf was laid out. He built a hotel of solid limestone in the center of town, before Womelsdorf was laid out, and it is still standing, a beautiful place. It takes up almost a square, with trees, etc., and next to it is a house they called the Stock Exchange, where they met to transact their trade in

those days. Rebecca Seltzer Cockill visited it several years ago. It had the original locks, etc., but had had a furnace and a few new windows installed. This was built in 1762 and was long used as a tavern and well adapted for that purpose. It was at this house that Washington sojourned all night, November 13, 1793, and where John Pliny addressed him in behalf of the citizens. It is claimed that at one time Jacob Seltzer owned the town and one hundred acres in the neighborhood.

He was naturalized in 1765. He was married to Maria Catharin Heister (or Catherine Marie Heister) of Bern Township, Berks Co., Pa., and from this union were born the six children mentioned above, but we do not know the order of their birth.

He served in 1777 as Court Martial Man in Capt. Conrad Weiser's Company, 6th Battalion, Colonel Spycker's Regiment.

Mrs. Lillian M. Seltzer Hegler (D.A.R. Registration No. 94230) is a descendant of Jacob Seltzer (1732-1788) and gives this record of his service.

2nd Generation

Jacob Seltzer was born in 1764 at Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa., where he carried on farming and kept an hotel until his decease in 1825. He was married to Catherine Kauffman of Oley, Berks County who died in 1842. By her he had eight children, as follows:

3rd Generation

William Seltzer, who married Catharine Ruth

John Seltzer, who married Mary Van Reed

Daniel Seltzer, who married a Weiser. She was a daughter of Conrad Weiser, the great Indian interpreter.

David Seltzer, who married Eliza O. Sheets (or O'Sheets) and moved to Ohio. He married a second time to Margaret Kuntz in 1833.

She was born in 1805 and died in 1866.

Jacob Seltzer, who married a Hassinger.

Michael, who married Catherine Hain.

Anna remained single.

Elizabeth, who married George See.

2nd Generation

Mary Seltzer, who married a Jacob Spang,
 prominent iron master of Oley, Berks County.
 Catherine, who married a David Dewces.
 Elizabeth, who married a Dr. David Tyron, a
 prominent physician of Tulpehocken, Berks
 County.
 A daughter who married Christopher Reed.
 Michael Seltzer, whom we will mention on page 3.

2nd Generation

Michael Seltzer. Served)
 and died in the Revolutionary)
 War. No record of his birth.)
 death or marriage, but he left)
 these three sons.)

3rd Generation

Abraham Seltzer
 John Seltzer
 Jacob Seltzer

Mrs. Peter Miller (nee Catherine Seltzer) told
 her grandson, Harold Medlar, many times about her
 grandfather, Michael Seltzer, who went to war, was
 captured by the British and died in captivity, either
 from exposure or starvation. The story of their
 imprisonment was brought back by one of the prisoners
 from their neighborhood, who had escaped. Michael
 left a widow with three sons, of whom Abraham, her
 father, was one. John and Jacob being the names of

the other two.

The following are scattered accounts relating to him and the conditions under which he lived and suffered during his short time in the war.

Found in Pennsylvania Archives of the Revolutionary War, 5th Series, Volume V, and in Berks County History of the Revolutionary War at the Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Three Companies from Berks County were in service at New York and in that vicinity in 1776. Two of them formed part of the 5th Battalion of Pennsylvania. The troops were under the command of Col. Robert Magaw of Carlisle. The Captains were John Spohn and Peter Decker, both residents of Reading. The men of Spohn's Company were also from Reading, but those of Decker's Company were mostly from the districts surrounding Reading. In the roll of Spohn's Company were a private, Michael Seltzer (Selser), a Jacob Miller and a Peter Miller. The command of the Company was from January 5th, 1776 to November, 1776.

On the 11th of June, 1776, Congress ordered this Battalion, with Col. Magaw, to New York. On the 15th, they marched, reaching New York from the 20th to the 25th, and on the 29th they were put under the command of Brigadier General Mifflin.

Both Battalions were marched toward Kingsbridge, encamped upon the ground where Fort Washington was erected, and immediately employed in the construction of that Fortress under the direction of Col. Rufus Putnam. They remained there all summer.

Sickness prevailed towards fall to so great an extent that little more than half of the men were fit for duty. They remained undisturbed until the Battle of Long Island on the 27th of August, when they were marched down to New York, reaching the city in the afternoon, after the battle was over. Early on the 28th they were transported to Long Island, marched down to the entrenchments at Brooklyn and posted at the left, extending to the wallabout. Here, annoyed by continual rain, without tents, they lay upon their arms, keeping up

incessant skirmishing with the British. After dark on the 29th of August, orders were received to hold the Battalion in readiness for an attack on the enemy, but this was only an artifice. These battalions, with the Maryland Battalions, were detached to cover the retreat of the main army from the Island.

On the 31st of August they marched beyond Kingsbridge toward the Sound and crossed the Bronx, encamped about eighteen or twenty miles from the city. After this post was sufficiently strengthened, the two Battalions reoccupied their old ground at Fort Washington.

The main army remained on the Heights of Harlem a period of five weeks. Magaw's Battalion constituted a part of it and did duty accordingly.

Capt. John Spohn's Company, enlisted at Reading, Pa. on the 28th of May, 1776. His Company numbering 78 men, including officers. The entire Battalion, including Spohn's Company, was captured at Fort Washington.

On the 16th of November, 1776, Fort Washington, on the east bank of the Hudson, near the city of New

York, after a desperate resistance on the part of the Americans, was surrendered by Col. Magaw of the Pennsylvania line.

The Middle Dutch Church in New York City had 3,000 prisoners, taken at Long Island and Fort Washington. Sick, wounded and well were huddled together by hundreds and thousands, large numbers of whom died from disease and many were poisoned by their attendants for their watches and silver buckles.

For weeks the dead cart visited the prisoners every morning and took away from eight to twelve corpses, which were dumped into ditches on the outskirts of the city.

Of the numerous prison pens in the city of New York during the war (among which were the old sugar houses), only two yet stand like charred and battered monuments of cruelty and tyranny, the North Dutch Church on William Street and the Middle Dutch Church (the present Post Office). In the former edifice, 800 prisoners were incarcerated without fuel or bedding during two of the coldest winters New York ever had known. Their provisions were scanty and of

the poorest quality, and as a natural result, many died from cold and starvation.

There was not a fire except in the lamps and not a pane of glass in the windows, and nothing to keep out the cold except the iron grates.

Adolph Mayer, a prisoner, said their allowance was one loaf of bread, one quart of peas, half a pint of rice and one and one-half pounds of pork for six days.

3rd Generation

Abraham Seltzer (son of Michael)

Was born in East Brunswick Township. Married Catherine Faust. Kept a hotel at Orwigsburg. Died at the age of 91 and is buried at the Red Church below Orwigsburg.

(For data, see Berks Co. Court House)

This man was the father of my grandmother Miller (nee Catherine Seltzer, my mother's mother.

The above information was given to me by my father's cousin, Harold Medlar, who is a Seltzer descendant through his mother.

The following is information received from Rebecca Seltzer Cockill, another cousin of my father on the Seltzer side;

Abraham Seltzer was born in Womelsdorf, Berks County in 1769. died in Dreherstown, January 10, 1860. Buried at McKeanburg, Schuylkill County, Pa.

Married Catherine Faust, who was born in Berks County, 1771, died April 9, 1855 or 1858. They were married in 1789. She passed away at Dreherstown.

He was an early settler in East Brunswick Township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed farming at Dreherstown, also kept a hotel there for a number of years, besides following agriculture.

He and his wife were both buried at the Red Church at McKeanburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

3rd Generation

Abraham Seltzer

(son of Michael)

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4th Generation

Joseph Seltzer

Married Bessy Miller, a sister of Peter Miller, who married Catherine Seltzer, the sister of the above Joseph. They moved out west. It was their dog that ran away from them from fright at the sound of the falling trees when they cleared the land. He traveled all the way from Indiana on

foot, alone, to Drehersville, Pa. When he arrived, he was exhausted and his feet were bleeding.

Evelyn Seltzer Griffith, a distant cousin in Philadelphia, wrote that he lived in Ohio later because he was a Mormon, and then went on to Salt Lake City.

Michael Seltzer

Married Mary Freyer, also known as Dolly Freyer, also known as Maria Freyer.

Michael was born in the southern part of Schuylkill County, April 8, 1810. This was originally a part of Berks County, and understand he was born in Brunswick or Brownsing Township.

Maria was born January 3rd, 1808, in same Township. They were married at Drehersville or Pinedale, Schuylkill Co., Pa. on July 4, 1834.

She died March 11, 1882, at Fairland, Ill. and was buried at Lin Grove, Champaign Co., Ill.

He died September 21, 1888 at same place and was buried same place.

Nathan Seltzer - Married Cath-
Albright.
Lived at
Drehersville.

Elizabeth Seltzer

Catharine Seltzer

Polly Seltzer

Rebecca (or Becky) Seltzer

Susanna -(Deceased)

4th Generation

Michael Seltzer .)
 (Son of Abraham))
 Grandson of Michael)
 Great Grandson of)
 Jacob)

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5th Generation

Francis- Married Hannah E.
 Garrett of Mahonoy
 City, Pa.
Abraham- Married Lizzie Koch -
 moved west and was
 never heard from again.

Rebecca (sometimes called Becky)
 Married John C. Medler.

Charles- Married Hetty Nester.

John- Married Sarah Erb- Lived
 in Villa Grove, Ill.

Amanda- Married Jacob Mimmel.

Elizabeth- Married Joseph Bordy.

4th Generation

Joseph Seltzer - Have no information other than that
 given on page 10.

4th Generation

Nathan Seltzer

5th Generation

Elizabeth- Burned to death at
 age of five.

Born 1827 in East
Brunswick Township,
Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Kept an Inn at Dre-
hersville for a time.
Member of Reformed
Church. Died 1860 and
buried at the Red
Church, Orwigsburg,
Pa. Married to Cath-
erine, daughter of
Peter Albright of
West Brunswick Twp.,
Schuylkill Co., Pa.

Wesley A. - Married Joanna Hoy.

Oscar - Deceased

Mary - Married and lived
out west.

4th Generation

Elizabeth Seltzer

Married to William
Kershner

5th Generation

Susanne - Married Mr. Zehner.
Lived at Tamaqua, Pa.

Catharine - Married Mr. Kock.
Lived near New Ring-
gold, Pa.

Wyletta - Married Mr. Levann.
Lived at Reading.

Mary - Married Mr. Fegley.
Lived at Red Dale,
Schuylkill Co., Pa.

Morgan - Drehersville, Pa.

James - Tamaqua, Pa.

Abraham - McKeansburg, Pa.

Phoebe -

4th GenerationCatherine Seltzer

Married Peter Miller,
brother of Betsy Miller,
wife of Catherine's
brother Joseph.
Born April 8, 1811, in
Brunswick Twp., Schuyl-
kill Co., Pa. They
lived at Orwigsburg,
later in Dreherstown.
Died February 21, 1900,
in the home of her
daughter, Mrs. L. T.
Medlar, Pottsville, Pa.

5th Generation

Amanda- Married Charles Miller.
Lived on a farm at
Dreherstown, Pa.

Catharine- Married Nathan
Kindt. Lived on a farm
at Dreherstown, Pa.

Sarah- Married Samuel Leffler.

Sybilla- Married Lewis T. Medlar.
Lived in Pottsville, Pa.
He was a brother to John
C. Medlar, who married
who married Rebecca
Seltzer, daughter of
Michael Seltzer, who was
a brother of Sybilla's
mother, Catherine
Seltzer.

Wesslian- Married Elizabeth
Ganger. Lived on a farm
near Leesport, Pa.
Later in Reading, Pa.

Emma- Married Abraham DeLong.
Lived at Orwigsburg, Pa.

4th GenerationPolly Seltzer

Married Isaac Miller
and moved out west.
Isaac was a brother of
Peter Miller, who
married Polly's sister,
Catharine, also a
brother of Charles
Miller, who married
Catherine's daughter,
Amanda Miller.

5th Generation

Reuben- Lived in Nebraska. Had
two daughters.

Wesslian- Died a bachelor.

Hanna- Married Mr. Sterner and
lived in Elkhart, Ind.
Had three sons and a
daughter.

Mrs. Berger- Have no record
of her first name or
where she lived. She
had one daughter,
Catherine, and two
sons.

4th Generation

Rebecca Seltzer

Married Edward Eveland.

5th Generation

Dan-

Abraham-

George

Thomas

Franklin

Tillie- Married Mr. Brown.

EMMA- Married Mr. Blackwood

Elizabeth- Married

Catharine-

5th Generation

Francis Seltzer

Married Hannah E.
Garrett

6th Generation

Rebecca- Married Timothy
Cockill and lives in
Mahanoy City, Pa.

George W. R.-Lives at Mahanoy
City, Pa. Not married.

Mabel- Married Harry Noeher.
Lives in Milton, Pa.

5th GenerationAbraham Seltzer

Married Lizzie Koch.

6th GenerationAlice SeltzerMarried Mr.
Walters and lived
in Bethlehem, Pa.7th GenerationJoseph A. WaltersFanter H. WaltersMamie A. WaltersIda P. WaltersFlorence O.
WaltersClara- Married Mr.
Klingerman.
Lives at West
Leesport, Pa.6th GenerationMichael Seltzer- Married and lives
in Bethlehem, Pa.
Has one boy and
one girl.

Descendants of Michael Seltzer (4th Generation) continued-

5th GenerationRebecca SeltzerMarried John C.
Medlar, brother of
L. T. Medlar, who
married Sybilla
Miller, a first
cousin of Rebecca.
Lived in several
places, but the
last years lived on
a farm at Dreher-
ville, Pa.6th GenerationMabel- Married Frank Mendenhall,
moved to Pasadena, Calif.
Frank Mendenhall died about
1913. Mabel married a Mr.
Williams later, who passed
away sometime later. Mabel
passed away Feb. 1937.John- Married Amanda May Plank,
Aug. 13, 1887, at Los
Angeles, Calif. Married
Fannie Dean Collins,
October 1920. First wife
died Mch. 3, 1914.

Elizabeth- Married Dr. Hoover, D.D.
and lived in Harrisburg
until the death of her
husband, when she moved
to Philadelphia and made
her home with her aunt and
uncle Ziegenfus.

Bertha- Married Mr. Kershner and
lives in Bound Brook, N.J.

Irvin- Married Lotta Jenkins,
lived in Omaha, Neb. until
his death Aug. 1938.

Estella-Married Mr. Moyer and
lives in Tamaqua, Pa.

5th Generation

Charles Seltzer

6th Generation

Mabel- Single

Charles-Married, no children.

Elizabeth- Married, one child.

5th Generation

John Seltzer

6th Generation

Elinore-Married to Mr. Hayes.

Amanda- Married to Mr. Joseph.

Liddy- Married to Mr. O'Niel.

John- Married.

Susanna-Married to Mr. Ervin.
Cashier, First Natl.
Bank, Villa Grove, Ill.

5th GenerationAmanda Seltzer

Married to Jacob
Kimmel. lived on farm
Red Dale, Schuylkill.
Co., Pa.

6th GenerationRobert- Single

Elsie- Married Mr. Young. lives
in Origsburg, Pa. One
daughter.

George- Single.Andrew- Married.Lottie- Single.Annie- Married John Seltzer.5th GenerationElizabeth Seltzer

Married to Mr. Bordy.
Lived in Schuylkill
Haven, Pa.

6th GenerationHoward- Married. Died 1907. Two
children.Edward- Married.Charles- Married. No children.

Mary- Married to Mr. Teter.
Lives in Collingswood.
N.J.

Descendants of Rebecca Seltzer (5th Generation).
Married to John C. Medlar.

6th GenerationMabel Medlar

Married Frank Menden-
hall. Moved to
Pasadena, Cal.
Husband died and she
married Mr. Williams,
who also died. Mabel
died in Feb. 1937.

7th GenerationElizabeth-Deceased

Frank- Married- three child-
ren. Wife and two
daughters deceased.
Lives with son in
Omaha, Neb.

Estella- Married- has one daughter,
married. Lives in King-
man, Ariz. Husband deceased.

May- Married Fred Ross- has two
daughters, both married.
May and husband live in
Los Angeles.

Kenneth- Married- has four children.
Lives in Santa Maria, Calif.

Laura- Married first to Dr. Fiske,
deceased. One child by this
marriage. Later married Mr.
Albert Stewart, Pasadena,
Calif.

William- Married- has two children.
Lives in Glendale, Calif.

6th Generation

John A. Medlar

Married Amanda May
Plank, who died
Mch. 3, 1914. In
1920 married Fannie
D. Collins. Lives in
Los Angeles.

7th Generation

Frances Rebecca- Married James H.
Pence. Lives in Los
Angeles, Calif. Has one
adopted son.

Effie Elizabeth- Married Fred W.
Sweny. Lives in San
Francisco and has one son.

Allan Seltzer- Deceased (1889-1891)

Irvin Andrew

Married and lived in
Omaha, Neb. Deceased.

7th Generation

Etta-Married. Husband deceased.

Irvin Frank- Deceased.

7th Generation

Molly- Married Walter Myers. Lives in Bound Brook, N.J. One daughter. Bertha.

Bertha Medlar

Ada- Single, nurse. Lives in Bound Brook.

Married to Mr. Kershner. Lives at Bound Brook, N.J. Husband deceased.

Reba- Married. Lives in Bound Brook. Has one child.

Helen- Single, teacher. Lives in Bound Brook.

Catharine- Married.

7th Generation

Estella Medlar

Mabel- Married Mr. Yost. Lives in Tamaqua, Pa.

Married Fred Moyer, deceased. Lives in Tamaqua, Pa.

Anna- Married.

Elizabeth Medlar

Married Dr. Hoover, deceased. Lived in Philadelphia with her aunt, Mrs. A.F. Zeigenfus. Died in December, 1939. No children.

Descendants of Catharine (Seltzer) Miller, who was a sister of Michael Seltzer, 4th Generation.

6th Generation

Emma O.- Married William Warmkessel. Lives in Pottsville, Pa.

Joseph I.- Married Alice Marberger. Lives in Allentown, Pa. No children.

5th GenerationSybilla Miller

Daughter of Catharine Seltzer Miller.
 Married L.T. Medlar.
 Lived in Pottsville, Pa. Both deceased.

Catharine- 1872-1890

Mary Augusta- Deceased 1874.

Franklin B.- Deceased 1876

Ester I.- Deceased

Heber M.- Married Augusta Fertig.

Harold L.-Married Evelyn Lightenwalner. Lives in Philadelphia, Pa.

Lewis De Frane-Deceased 1887

6th GenerationHeber Medlar

Son of Sybilla and L.T. Medlar. Married Augusta Fertig. Lives Pottsville, Pa.

7th Generation

Catharine- Married John Miller. Lives in Port Carbon, Pa. One son, John, single.

John Lewis- Married and lives in Shillington, Pa. Three children, Frances, Lucille, and James.

Augusta- Single

Elizabeth- Single

6th GenerationHarold L. Medlar7th Generation

Lewis A.- Single

Son of L. T. Medlar
and Sybille Miller.
Married Evelyn Licht-
enwelder. Lives in
Philadelphia.

Descendants of John Seltzer, son of Michael Seltzer,
second generation.

4th Generation

William- Married Leah Sheidey.
McKeansburg, had six
children.

Jacob- Married Rebecca Petre.
Ringtown Station, Pa.
Also married Miss Hurt.
Had eight children.

3rd Generation

John Seltzer

Married Mary Eliz-
abeth Faust, lived
at Drehersville, Pa.

John F.- 1818-1885- Married
Elizabeth Bock, Priscille
Hammer and Mary Rauch,
Brandonville, Pa. Had
eight children.

Francis- 1827-1900- married Sarah
Bair. Lived in Barns-
ville, Pa. Had three
children.

Benjamin-Single

Katie, Susan, Betsy, Mary, Lydia,
Phoebe, and Angelina, daughters
of John Seltzer.

5th Generation

William- Married Malinda Bock.
McKeansburg, Pa. Had
four children.

4th GenerationWilliam SeltzerMarried Leah Sheidey,
McKeansburg.Benjamin- Mary Jones of McKeans-
burg, wife.John- Married Jane Andreson.
Had one child.Francis- Wife's name illegible.Daniel- ---- GrommasElizabeth and Mary- Daughters.
No other information.5th Generation4th GenerationJacob married Sidney
Hart, also Rebecca
Petre, at Ringtown,
Pa. I believe his
children were by the
marriage with
Rebecca Petre.William- Married Mary Eisenhart,
Gilberton, Pa. buried
at Ringtown.John- Married Caroline Yost,
Ringtown, Pa. Had seven
children.Benjamin- Married Barbara Breisch.
Had two children.Nathan- Married Betsey Witner,
Ringtown, Pa. One child.
Curvey.Francis- Married Emma Montbeck,
Ringtown, Pa. Had seven
children.Sarah-Kitty-Sidney-

Descendants of John Seltzer, son of Michael Seltzer,
second generation.

5th Generation

William J.-Married Mary Koch,
Lilly Rausch, William
Penn, Pa. Five children.

3rd Generation

John Seltzer and
Mary Elizabeth
Faust.

Benjamin Lewis-Married Sarah Eisen-
hart, Philadelphia, Pa.
Six children.

Franklin P.-Married Betsey Beaver,
Shenandoah, Pa. Two
children.

4th Generation

John F. (1818-
1885) Married Eliz-
abeth Bock, Pris-
cilla Hemner, and
Mary Rausch,
Brandonville, Pa.

Jacob A.- Not married. Allentown, Pa.

Abraham L.- Married Mary Thomas,
Port Carbon.

Sarah-

Emma-

Bessie-

5th Generation

William J. Seltzer
married Mary Koch
and Lilly Rausch,
William Penn, Pa.

6th Generation

Livingston- William Penn, Pa.

Alice-

May-

Katie-

Maude-

5th Generation

Benjamin Lewis
married Sarah Eisen-
Philadelphia, Pa.

6th Generation

Franklin- Not married

Allen- Married Josephine Martin,
Philadelphia, Pa.

J. William-Married Clara Tyler,
Phila. Three daughters,
Constance, Evelyn and
Edith.

Emma-

Ethel-

Clara-

5th Generation

Franklin P. married
Betsey Beaver, She-
nandoah, Pa.

6th Generation

Valerie-

Maizie-

5th Generation

Jacob A.-Not married. Allentown, Pa.

5th Generation

Abraham L. married Mary Thomas, Port Carbon or Carbon.

5th Generation

Sarah Seltzer. No other information.

5th Generation

Emma Seltzer. No other information.

5th Generation

Bessie Seltzer. No information.