

The author probes the historical background of one family's migration from the United States to Canada in the wake of the American Revolution and lists descendants.

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## John Groh and the Earliest Emigration of River Brethren from Pennsylvania to the District of Niagara in Canada in 1788

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**O**n February 4, 1789, the *Pennsylvania Gazette* lamented that "on purpose to avoid the disagreeable consequences of our ridiculous and tyrannical test law," some "thirty families of the people called Mennonites are about to emigrate from Lancaster County to Niagara."<sup>1</sup> The disagreeable test law referred to presumably was the law passed by the Pennsylvania Assembly on June 13, 1777, that required all white males over eighteen years of age to take an "Oath of Renunciation and Allegiance."<sup>2</sup> This act was passed at a time when the success of the Revolution was not at all certain—before the victory at Saratoga (October 1777) and the French Alliance (February 1778). It was an understandable measure for an insecure revolutionary Assembly to enact, but it immediately provoked a determined reaction from Pennsylvania's paci-

fist religious groups, not least among them the German-speaking Mennonites, Amish, and Dunkers, who since the Reformation had held it as one of their cardinal tenets to avoid all oaths.

In consequence, therefore, of their not taking the required oath and/or not joining the militia to fight the British, additional taxes and fines were levied on these nonresistant sectarians during the course of the Revolutionary War. Although some even suffered dispossession and sale at auction of their personal property, by and large no widespread confiscations or persecutions were inflicted upon them—it was more the dislike and suspicion of their neighbors that they endured—and so for the most part they remained on their farms and became relatively apolitical citizens of the new Republic.<sup>3</sup>

Nevertheless, a combination of both the memory of bad experiences during the Revolutionary War and a continuing sentiment of loyalty to the British Crown, which previously in their own lifetime and/or that of their parents had offered them asylum in Pennsylvania from genuine persecution in Germany and Switzerland, caused several families from Bucks County to emigrate to Upper Canada (Ontario) in 1786. They followed in the



The Butler Burial Ground, located in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, was named after Lieutenant-Colonel John Butler, a Loyalist who led the Butler's Rangers. This group of colonists remained loyal to the British crown during the Revolution, became a part of the British army, and were rewarded with land grants on the Niagara peninsula at the end of the war.

<sup>1</sup>Quoted in Richard K. MacMaster, *Land, Piety, Peoplehood* (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1985), p. 278.

<sup>2</sup> Richard K. MacMaster, Samuel L. Horst, and Robert F. Ulle, *Conscience in Crisis: Mennonites and other Peace Churches in America, 1739-1789, Interpretation and Documents* (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1979), ch. 6; Wilbur J. Bender, "Pacifism Among the Mennonites, Amish Mennonites and Schwenkfelders of Pennsylvania to 1783," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 1 (July and Oct., 1927): 21-22 in Oct.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 14-29; MacMaster, *Conscience in Crisis*, pp. 399-401, 405-406, and passim; MacMaster, *Land, Piety, Peoplehood*, ch. 10; Frank H. Epp, *Mennonites in Canada, 1786-1920* (Toronto: Macmillan, 1974), pp. 50-54.



Fine and Speer concluded that the acquisition of new knowledge and its inclusion in subsequent tour performances "demonstrates the epistemological nature of oral, social re-production of history."<sup>34</sup> Franke's interest in accurate claims for the Herr House as the oldest Mennonite meetinghouse concurs with this notion. It also coincides nicely with Holloway's statement on tour guides as educators: "The accuracy of the information they impart to their tourists is also, in their view, a characteristic of the professional role."<sup>35</sup> Franke's willingness to incorporate new, more reliable information into subsequent tour performances typifies the intentions of the Herr House tour guides to provide tourist audiences with an authentic tour performance.

## Conclusion

As a sight preserved to commemorate the arrival of the early Mennonite immigrants in North America, the very ground on which the tours are held becomes a central element of the performance itself. The enshrined stories and artifacts that are revealed through the tour guide narratives carry added significance and impact when presented within the physical context of the Herr House. For example, when audience members are able to walk into the large fireplace or sit on the straw mattress, aural and visual responses are supported by kinesthetic stimuli made possible through the ritualistic interaction between tour guide, audience, and setting. This authentic, holistic experience cannot be replicated when the same narratives are shared in other performance settings, at least in part because the ritualistic elements of the enshrinement phase are not possible in any other setting. Therefore, these cultural performances are sight-specific; their uniqueness and authenticity are dependent upon the setting.

According to Fine and Speer, certain "high cultural" tourist attractions, such as national parks or monuments to national heroes, may require little or no elaboration by an intercessory tour guide. For less imposing sights, however, such as the Herr House, the role of the tour guide becomes a focal point of the touristic experience. Echoing the ideas of MacCannell, Fine and Speer assert that "shared expectations form the basis of the authentic tourist experience as collective ritual."<sup>36</sup>

The feeling of solidarity between the tour guide, audience and setting provides fulfillment for all participants. The tour guides feel a sense of accomplishment following a successful tour. Similarly, tour audiences can also come away refreshed, renewed, and enlightened as a result of the tour experience. Non-Mennonite audiences may take with them a keener appreciation for Mennonite Great Traditions. Herr descendants may experience a familial connectedness to their familial past. Likewise, Mennonites may be empowered to continue living out their Great Traditions by feeling a solidarity with their cultural and religious past.

When these examples of *communitas* are effectively attained through the tour experience, the result is a cultural performance that not only reflects Mennonite Great Traditions, but serves a reflexive function, as well. Stated otherwise, the degree of authenticity of a given tour is directly related to its ability to meet the shared expectations of the participants, tour guide and audience alike.

The Herr House tour guides recognize the differing expectations of various tourist audiences. The non-Mennonite tour guides gravitate toward culturally similar audiences. The ability of these tour guides to create first-person and second-person points of view out of the third-person perspectives of the audience members is the key to a mutually satisfying and authentic tourist experience. Potter writes of the interpretive task of tourist attractions:

There is no question that talking to visitors about themselves (and ourselves) is a complex and delicate interpretive undertaking; the third person flows off our tongues rather more easily than the second person or the first person. But after all, the first and the second persons are the people who make up any interpretive situation.<sup>37</sup>

The communication of Mennonite Great Traditions to Mennonite audiences involves not only revelation (reflectivity), but also perpetuation (reflexivity) in the shared tour experience. One tour guide noted that the difference in the responses of Mennonites and non-Mennonites to the 1719 Herr House is expressed as the difference between "How wonderful!" and "How austere!" Both types of audiences can experience *communitas* through the Herr House tours, however, depending on the tour guides' abilities to meet the expectations of the given audience.

During the latter half of the twentieth century, Mennonites have become increasingly aware of their denominational past and its significance for Mennonites and non-Mennonites alike. As a part of this recent development in the history of Mennonites, several sights, including the 1719 Herr House, have been set aside and opened for public visitation due to their inherently venerable qualities. Mennonites are not alone in this shift toward the elevation of sacred sights. In his study of tourism, MacCannell finds that "traditional religious institutions are everywhere accommodating the movements of tourists. . . . Throughout the world, churches, cathedrals, mosques, and temples are being converted from religious to touristic functions."<sup>38</sup>

Despite a commonly held Mennonite belief that structures cannot be sacred, the 1719 Herr House is today celebrated by the North American Mennonite community as one of its earliest places of Christian worship. Upon visiting this historical setting, tourists function as audience and ritual participants in the storytelling performance of a tour guide. With each tour the 1719 Herr House undergoes anew the process of sight sacralization. The result is a sight-specific cultural performance which reveals and perpetuates the Mennonite Great Traditions of the Centrality of Scripture, Service, Community, Simplicity and Peace for audience and tour guide. □

<sup>34</sup> Fine and Speer, "Tour Guide Performances as Sight Sacralization," p. 89.

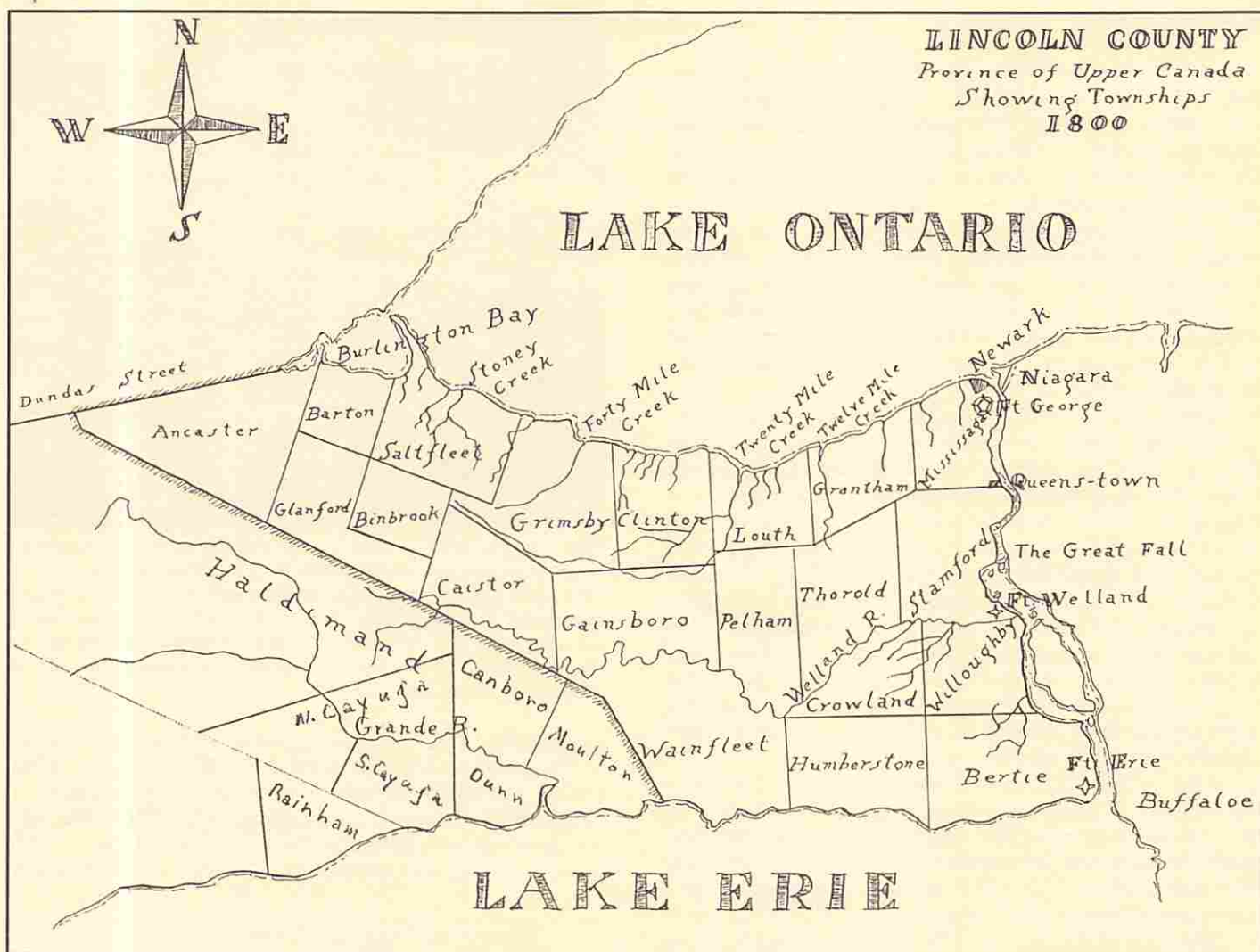
<sup>35</sup> Christopher J. Holloway, "The Guided Tour: A Sociological Approach," *Annals of Tourism Research* 8 (1981): 386.

<sup>36</sup> Fine and Speer, "Tour Guide Performances as Sight Sacralization," p. 83.

<sup>37</sup> Parker B. Potter, Jr., "Interpreting the Visitor," *History News* (May/June 1992): 22-23.

<sup>38</sup> MacCannell, *The Tourist: A New Theory of the Leisure Class*, p. 43.





This map of the Niagara peninsula in Ontario shows the townships as they existed in 1800, twelve years after the first River Brethren or Tunkers emigrated from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to the northern part of Pelham Township known as the Short Hills. Johannes Groh (G4) or John Crow joined that migration.

tracks of the Pennsylvania loyalists, or Tories, who during the war had gathered at Fort Niagara and from that interior British outpost conducted guerrilla raids on, and rescues of relatives from the frontier settlements of colonial New York and Pennsylvania.

These raiders were known as Butler's Rangers after their commander, Lieutenant-Colonel John Butler, who had been driven from his home in the Mohawk Valley.<sup>4</sup> For their loyalty and service, the British Crown gave them land across the Niagara River in the unsettled wilderness of the Niagara Peninsula at the end of the war in 1783. They were soon joined by more loyalist families who were expelled from, or could not abide the new Republic, so that by the summer of 1784 a true settlement had been planted beyond the colonial frontier line in this relatively remote region of Upper Canada.<sup>5</sup> It seems that as word of this largess of land to loyalists spread amongst the rural inhabitants of Pennsylvania, those Mennonite families who had revealed active loyalist sympathies with the British Armies operating in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, i.e., the Mennonites farthest east in Bucks County, and who had known neighbors and even relatives who had served in Butler's

Rangers, also decided to leave Pennsylvania for the new Niagara settlement. They came as a group and were settled on the shore of Lake Ontario at "The Twenty" (Twenty Mile Creek); this marked the beginning of a virtual trek of Mennonites and other Pennsylvania German sects to Upper Canada over the next four decades.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Wilbur H. Siebert, *The Loyalists of Pennsylvania* (Boston: Gregg, 1972; first pub. 1920), pp. 19-20; G. Elmore Reaman, *The Trail of the Black Walnut* (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1957), p. 54; Nick and Helma Mika, *United Empire Loyalists, Pioneers of Upper Canada* (Belleville, Ont.: Mika, 1976), pp. 110-111, 188.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., pp. 140-144, 184-190; Reaman, *Trail of the Black Walnut*, pp. 44-50; Fred Landon, *Western Ontario and the American Frontier* (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1967; first published 1941), pp. 11-12; Marcus Lee Hansen, *The Mingling of the Canadian and American Peoples* (New York: Russell & Russell, 1970; first pub. 1940), p. 59.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., p. 85; John L. Ruth, *Maintaining the Right Fellowship: a Narrative Account of Life in the oldest Mennonite Community in North America* (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1984), pp. 159-163; J. Winfield Fretz, *The Waterloo Mennonites* (Waterloo: Wilfred Laurier Univ. Press, 1989), pp. 24-26; Epp, *Mennonites in Canada*, pp. 55-57; Harold Nigh, "The Lost Tribes of the Niagara Plain Folk," *Mennogespräch* 4 (Sept. 1986): 13-18; Lorna L. Bergey, "Early Mennonite Migrations from Pennsylvania and Subsequent Settlements in Canada," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 9 (Apr. 1986): 2-12.



## River Brethren to Canada

In 1788, just two years after this first emigration from Bucks County, another group of families left the northern frontier district of Lancaster County further to the west likewise to emigrate to the Niagara Peninsula. These families were members of a newly formed revivalist pietist sect called River Brethren in Pennsylvania, or Tunkers in Upper Canada. Their leader was a John Winger, some of whose family lived in Bethel Township, then Lancaster, now Lebanon County, and it appears that several of the group came from this township, which in fact was quite close to where the River Brethren had first arisen in Donegal Township during the Revolutionary War (1778-80).<sup>7</sup>

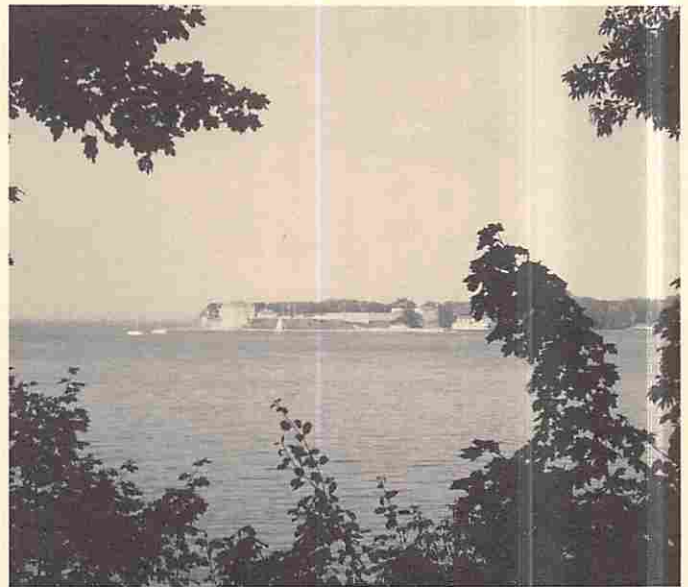
Their trek took them up the Susquehanna River, across the wild mountainous divide between Pennsylvania and New York, northward through the Finger Lakes to the flat land south of Lake Ontario; thence to the Niagara River which they crossed on rafts above Grand Island (it was the most frightening part of the trek and would be so still today), and then into the middle of the Niagara Peninsula where they settled on the high ground between Lakes Erie and Ontario in what came to be called the Short Hills of Pelham.<sup>8</sup> This party of River Brethren or Tunkers were almost certainly the first of their sect to emigrate to Canada and were among the very earliest settlers in Pelham Township, then Lincoln, now Welland County, Ontario.<sup>9</sup>

Among these first trekkers from Lancaster County to the District of Niagara was a John Groh and his wife Magdalena Meyer; at the time of their trek they had three children, and subsequently seven. In his land petition dated March 13, 1797, in Newark (present-day Niagara-on-the-Lake, then the capital of the newly-created Province of Upper Canada), Johannes Groh anglicized his name to John Crow and stated that he was "one of the people called Dunkers [sic], and came into the Province in the year 1788 with a wife and five children—and now has six—that altho not professing to bear arms, [he] was always attached to his Majesty and Government—and suffered therefor ...." <sup>10</sup>

This statement would seem to confirm the above-mentioned historiographical view that at least some of the early emigrants from Pennsylvania to Upper Canada were indeed disaffected by their experiences during the Revolutionary War and subsequent rule by the patriots prior to adoption of the federalist constitution in 1789. The generally accepted view that these non-fighting "late loyalists" were only motivated by a desire for cheap land, while not entirely inaccurate, is perhaps somewhat unfair and even cynical. If cheap land were the only motivation, then these Mennonite and Tunker trekkers could just as well have gone west along with the very many more of their neighbors and contemporaries who in fact did so.<sup>11</sup>

## John Groh in Pennsylvania

Who in fact was this John Groh and what was his provenance? His paper trail is spare: for the two years, 1774-76, he (a weaver) owned a lot on Market Street in Fredericksburg (then Stumpstown) in Bethel Township;<sup>12</sup> he was assessed additional taxes as a non-



Fort Niagara, established by the French in the seventeenth century on the east bank of the Niagara River where it flows into Lake Ontario, fell into British hands in 1759. The fort remained under British control throughout the American Revolution and not until 1796 was it finally ceded to the United States. This view is from the Canadian side at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

associator in 1777;<sup>13</sup> he appears on the tax lists for Stumpstown in 1778 (weaver), 1779, 1780 (weaver), 1782, 1783;<sup>14</sup> and finally he was a party to a long and complicated quitclaim deed, dated March 15, 1788.<sup>15</sup> This last document is very informative, for it not only names his father, mother, and siblings, but also his wife and father-

<sup>7</sup> Carlton O. Wittlinger, *Quest for Piety and Obedience* (Nappanee, Ind.: Evangel Press, 1978), pp. 1-15; Margaret C. Reynolds, "A Chronicle in Stone and Wood: the Magdalena House and the River Brethren," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 16 (July 1993): 2-5. E. Morris Sider, *The Brethren in Christ in Canada* (Nappanee, Ind.: Evangel Press, 1988), pp. 1-10;

<sup>8</sup> A family tradition holds that it took them four months to make the trek; *Ibid.*, p. 9; Samuel S. Wenger, ed. *The Wenger Book: A Foundation Book of American Wengers* (Lancaster, Pa.: Pennsylvania German Heritage History, 1978), p. 104; for maps see Bergey, "Early Mennonite Migrations," p. 2.

<sup>9</sup> Asa O. Hansler, "A Brief History of the First Settlement of Pelham Township," unpublished ms., 1993, Special Collections, St. Catharines Public Library, St. Catharines, Ontario; Asa Hansler of R. R. 4, Fenwick, Ontario, is particularly knowledgeable on Niagara Tunker history and tradition; he is a direct descendant of George Hansler, who with several families from New German Town (Oldwick), New Jersey, were the first to penetrate into the interior Pelham area of the Niagara Peninsula in 1786; being German-born these families easily assimilated with the Pennsylvania settlers of 1788 to the point of becoming Tunkers themselves; also *idem*, "The History of the Pelham-Boyle, Bertie, Wainfleet (Tunker) Brethren in Christ Churches," unpublished ms., 1992, in possession of the author, pp. 13-63.

<sup>10</sup> National Archives of Canada, Ottawa, RG1, L3, Upper Canada Land Petitions, Bundle C4, no. 161 (microfilm reel C-1649); also printed in *Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society*, Vol. 26 (Toronto, 1930), p. 147; the date 1788 is supported in a testimonial by David Secord, J. P., attached to the petition; and an earlier petition of John Crow [sic] dated Newark, Mar. 8, 1797 (Bundle C2, no. 103; microfilm reel C-1647), stated that he "came into this province Nine Years back . . . having always been a steady Loyalist."

<sup>11</sup> Donald F. Durnbaugh, "Religion and Revolution: Options in 1776," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 1 (July 1978): 2-9; also Epp, *Mennonites in Canada*, pp. 54-55; Bergey, "Early Mennonite Migrations,"



in-law. Furthermore, it catches him finalizing his inherited property in Pennsylvania and then selling it to his father-in-law on March 31, 1788, prior to leaving for Upper Canada. This transaction, moreover, serves to confirm the date 1788, given subsequently in his land petitions, as the date of his emigration—not the date 1784 which has crept into the historiography of settlement in the Niagara District.<sup>16</sup>

John Groh's antecedents in Pennsylvania can only be pushed back one generation; it is even uncertain when and where he was born, though probably it was in Bethel Township in the 1740s.<sup>17</sup> He was one of twelve children of Mathias (or Matheas) Groh and Anna Groe who lived in Bethel Township from the 1740s to their deaths in 1771 and 1782 respectively. His father's origins are unknown for want of written evidence. But the end of his father's life is well documented, for Mathias Groh (also Grow, Groe, Cro, and Gray) signed his will, dated September 6, 1762, in rough German script as Mathdyss Groh, and in it identified his wife as Anna and her brother as Peter Groe.<sup>18</sup> The two surnames are very similar but distinct and should not be confused even though several members of the Groh family married Groves in Bethel Township in the eighteenth century.<sup>19</sup>

Mathias did not name his children in his will, but stressed that his estate was not to be divided until his youngest child reached his/her majority and that if his wife Anna did not remarry she was to have full use of his undivided estate for her lifetime. The division of the estate seems not to have been begun before 1782, which presumably was the date of Anna's death.<sup>20</sup>

At the time of Mathias's death in 1771 the estate consisted of £312, 7s, 8d of "goods and chattels, rights and credits," and a tract of land in Bethel Township just south of Fredericksburg.<sup>21</sup> This tract was warranted to Mathias Grow [sic] on May 6, 1752; it was surveyed on March 22, 1763, and found to contain 191 1/2 acres, and was patented to Mathias Grow [sic] by the then Proprietors, Thomas and Richard Penn, on October 24, 1764.<sup>22</sup> A note on a survey draught by Surveyor General William Parsons says that "this tract was settled in the year 1743." So presumably it was in 1743 that Mathias Groh settled in Bethel Township, i.e., on the northern frontier of settlement at that time. In any case, he was definitely there in 1746, for he is mentioned by name in the August 16, 1746, issue of Christopher Sauer's Germantown newspaper: "Matheas Groh, on Little Swatara Creek."<sup>23</sup> But where he came from and who his progenitors were remains a frustrating mystery; he does not seem to appear anywhere in the immigration lists. Any information that could throw light on Mathias Groh's provenance, therefore, would be much appreciated by the author.

He did, however, leave a few more traces of his life in Bethel Township. He appears on the tax lists in the 1750s and was constable of the township in 1759.<sup>24</sup> More interesting, perhaps, is his name and signature, together with widow Maria Groh, on the administrative bond for one Johannes Groh, deceased. The date on the bond is September 24, 1751, although a Widow Groh already appears on the Bethel tax list for 1750.<sup>25</sup> Was this Johannes Groh a relative? A brother or cousin?

pp. 9-11; Fretz, *Waterloo Mennonites*, pp. 27-29. The view that German-speaking sectarians were seeking to preserve their German culture by emigrating to Upper Canada, seems to me doubtful, particularly when one considers that they settled more among English-speakers in the Niagara Peninsula than they had been in Pennsylvania. When problems developed with clear title to land in Waterloo County in 1803, the trekkers from Pennsylvania were diverted to Markham Township north of Toronto (pp. 29-30), where again they settled among English-speakers. It was the relative isolation and consequent homogeneity of the Waterloo settlement that allowed the German language to continue there; this was simply reinforced by immigration direct from Germany from the 1820s onward (pp. 30-31).

<sup>12</sup> Deed S-1-559, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, Pa.

<sup>13</sup> William H. Egle, *History of the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon* (Philadelphia: Everts and Peck, 1883; reprinted 1977), p. 36.

<sup>14</sup> Gary T. Hawbaker and Clyde L. Groff, *A New Index, Vol. 2, 1780 Tax Records* (Hershey, Pa.: Hawbaker, 1982), p. 29; and microfilms of the original lists held by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.

<sup>15</sup> Amy Daub Deed Collection, no. 621; photocopy at Lebanon County Historical Society, Lebanon, Pa. This is a private collection of deeds and land surveys, many of which are unrecorded.

<sup>16</sup> *Places in Ontario*, Vol. 2, Part III (Belleville, Ont., 1983), p. 183; Sider, *The Brethren in Christ in Canada*, p. 271, n. 12; the source of this earlier and erroneous date appears to be *The History of the County of Welland* (Welland Tribune Printing House, 1887; reprinted 1972), pp. 291, 469. The eldest son of John Crow, John Crow Jr., in his land petition in 1801 stated that he "came into this country in the year 1790 with his father John Crow Sen. who now dwells in the Township of Pelham," which may in fact be correct for the son, but an accompanying testimonial, dated June 1, 1801, by David Secord, J. P. (which appears to confuse the son with the father), states that "John Crow has lived this 13 years in the Province of Upper Canada," that is, since 1788: National Archives of Canada, RG1, L3, Upper Canada Land Petitions, Bundle C6, no. 21 (microfilm reel C-1649).

<sup>17</sup> A transcription by Roy Johnson of R.R. 1, Ridgeville, Ontario, of the inscription on a gravestone, since removed and lost, for John Crow would have it that he d. Jan. 11, 1816 (or 10) age 86 y., 7 mo., 2 da.; but this would put his b. in June 1729 which would mean that his ch. were b. between his 47th and 68th year! I believe that this is more likely a misreading of Feb. 11, 1816, age 36 and is the inscription for John Crow, Jr. (see n. 45 below); there is no known source for dates of John Crow Sr.'s b. and d. or age at d., and no known gravestone for him or his wife.

<sup>18</sup> Will C-1-132, Lancaster, original will extant.

<sup>19</sup> The court clerk clearly differentiated the two surnames; at the time of probate in July 1771 he wrote "Anna Groe & Peter Groe," and then inserted a "v" with a caret between the "o" and "e" in Peter Groe; in July 1775 on closing the estate he wrote "Anna Cro" and "Peter Groe." See also n. 28.

<sup>20</sup> Amy Daub Deed Collection, no. 621: Anna's ch. execute a series of releases of their rights under their father's will in Oct. 1782 and Apr. 1783; Anna had d. by Mar. 1788 when the deed was written.

<sup>21</sup> Inventory of Mathias Groh, dated July 8, 1771, Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.; for location of his land see map in B. Morris Strouss, "The Founding of Fredericksburg," *Papers of the Lebanon County Historical Society* 6, No. 5 (1913): between 104-105.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 108; Warrant no. 304[1752], Survey A-73-34, Patent AA-6-31, Division of Land Records, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, Pa.; photocopy of survey draught no. 67, Amy Daub Deed Collection, Lebanon County Historical Society.

<sup>23</sup> Edward R. Hocker, *Genealogical Data Relating to the German Settlers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Territory from Advertisements in German Newspapers Published in Philadelphia and Germantown, 1743-1800* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1981), p. 6, gives abstract from *Pennsylvanische Geschichts-Schreiber*.

<sup>24</sup> Egle, *History of Lebanon County*, p. 172; Hawbaker and Groff, *A New List, Vol. 3, 1750 Tax Records*, p. 39.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 40; Letters of Administration and Inventory of Johannes Groh, Lancaster County Historical Society.



John Groh (Grow, Gray) received a warrant for a tract of land in Bethel Township on October 6, 1747; it was surveyed on May 30, 1748, and found to contain 257 acres, but it was not patented until 1810, and that presumably to this grandson, John Groh (1766-1850).<sup>26</sup> A note on the survey draught again by Surveyor General William Parsons says that the tract was likewise settled in the year 1743. So both Johannes Groh and Mathias Groh appear to have arrived in Bethel Township the same year. Furthermore, the only known source for the children of Johannes and Maria Groh is a nineteenth century history of Lebanon County. Its author, William Henry Egle, was Pennsylvania State Archivist for many years and must have seen some document which led him to specifically cite John Groh of Bethel as having died "about 1747, leaving children: Peter, Isaac, Catharine (m. Joseph Groff), Franey (m. Peter Groff), Barbara (m. Abraham Stiner), Mary, Anna (m. Abraham Wingard)."<sup>27</sup>

I mention these names in full because they are nearly identical with the names of the children of Mathias and Anna Groh, but must not be confused with them.<sup>28</sup> That Peter and Isaac were indeed brothers is confirmed in Peter Groe's [sic] will, dated April 2, 1769,<sup>29</sup> and it is this very Isaac (he appears to be the only Isaac Groh in Bethel Township at that time) who witnessed Mathias Groh's will (1762), signing his name Isag Groh in rough German script; he also signed Mathias Groh's estate inventory on July 8, 1771.<sup>30</sup> The fact that Isaac witnessed Mathias's will, on the one hand, and that Mathias signed the bond of Isaac's father's estate papers, on the other hand, would seem to suggest a familial relationship between these two Groh families, which is strengthened by the fact that they settled on nearly adjacent tracts in Bethel Township in the same year. But unfortunately, it cannot be known for certain given the documentation that has come to light to date.<sup>31</sup>

It is hypothesized in *The Groff Book* that Johannes Groh, whose administrative bond Mathias Groh signed in September 1751, was one and the same person as John Kry or Krey (of the Kreys of Germantown) who married Mary Groff.<sup>32</sup> But there are many problems with this identity. First of all, the estate papers of a Jan Krey/Cray came to light in Coventry Township, Philadelphia County, where he apparently died shortly before May 24, 1750; he names his widow, Magdalena Cray, his administratrix, so that Jan Krey could not be the John Kry who had left Mary Groff a widow by July 30, 1746.<sup>33</sup>



The Hansler Cemetery in Pelham Township, Welland County, Ontario, Canada, is the burial location for some of the first River Brethren or Tunker settlers in Canada. In 1988 a historical marker was erected to commemorate the bicentennial of that settlement by emigrants from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Nor in my opinion could this John Kry be Johannes Groh of Bethel Township because the latter lived at least to 1747, and probably to 1750.

Moreover, there is no fathomable reason for the change in surname from Krey to Groh. The Grohs knew well their name and could write it in German script. To be sure, Groh was frequently phonetically written by English-speaking court and tax officials as Grow or Groe, even Cro, and as indicated above in Upper Canada it

<sup>26</sup>Warrant no. 218[1747], Survey C-67-121; Patent H-3-259, Division of Land Records, Pennsylvania State Archives; also photocopy of a survey draught, no. 68, Amy Daub Deed Collection, Lebanon County Historical Society; see also the two survey draughts (nos. 701, 778) made in Dec. 1792 which indicate that this tract passed from John Groh Sr. to Isaac Groh, deceased, to John Groh. I must express many thanks to Nita Groh of Port Charlotte, Florida, for much information and fruitful discussion on Groh genealogy; she is particularly knowledgeable on the line descended from Isaac, which includes her husband and children.

<sup>27</sup> Egle, *History of Lebanon County*, p. 338.

<sup>28</sup> Confusion must especially be avoided considering the fact that Franey's husband, Peter Groff or Grove, was the brother of Mathias's wife Anna; although he is named Peter Grove in Mathias's will, he is signed Peter Groff, his mark, by the court clerk in Mathias's inventory; see n. 19.

<sup>29</sup> Will A-1-241, Lancaster, original will extant.

<sup>30</sup> See n. 18 and 21.

<sup>31</sup> Although there are some Johann Grohs in the immigration lists, none of their immigration dates match with this Johannes Groh who arrived in Bethel Twp. as early as 1743 and certainly no later than 1747. *Pennsylvania Archives*, Ser. II, Vol. 19, p. 742, gives a reference to a Hans Krow in the Minutes of the Board of Property in 1726: "Ulrick Burkhold, Hans Krow and Hans Leman request by Christian Herr some lands to settle on in their neighborhood, they being honest men and will pay." This intriguing note needs corroborating evidence which so far has not been forthcoming.

<sup>32</sup> Clyde L. Groff, Walter B. Groff, Jane Evans Best, comp., *The Groff Book*, Vol. 1 (Ronks, Pa.: Groff History Associates, 1985), pp. 73 and 83.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, "Corrections and Cross References" for pp. 73 and 83.



was anglicized to Crow.<sup>34</sup> Sometimes it was translated into English as Gray, as appears in the Bethel Township tax lists, and most notably on the verso of Isaac Groh's estate papers: "Isaac Gray dec[ased], alias, Groh."<sup>35</sup> But to my knowledge there is no phonetic or semantic reason for changing Krey (in German pronounced cry) to Groh. Consequently, I believe that Johannes Groh of Bethel Township was always a Groh and was almost certainly related to Mathias Groh of Bethel Township, probably a brother, and that their provenance has yet to be discovered.

Nor is their religion known for certain, though the presumption is that they were Mennonite. Some of their grandchildren are buried in the graveyard of the Shirksville Mennonite meetinghouse situated directly between their respective tracts of land south of Fredericksburg, and of course Mathias's son, John Groh/Crow, via an English-speaking writer, designated himself a "Dunker", i.e., a Tunker or River Brethren, in his land petition in Upper Canada. This sect drew its members mostly from former Mennonites and German Baptists, who confusingly were also called Dunkers or Dunkards. To distinguish between the "old" and "new" Dunkers/Brethren very soon the name River Brethren was applied to the new Brethren because their sect had recently come into existence near the Susquehanna River in Donegal Township (Lancaster County).

In Upper Canada, however, the original German word, Tunker, became the common name by which the sect was known.<sup>36</sup> Presently the largest group to descend from the River Brethren is the Brethren in Christ, which again should not be confused with the present name of the German Baptists or Dunkers, i.e., Church of the Brethren. The close resemblance between the names of the two sects is not accidental, for it seems that probably a number of the original River Brethren had previously been German Baptists, and certainly their characteristic

insistence on baptism by full immersion thrice prone as well as other religious practices makes for a strong link between the two.<sup>37</sup> And in this connection, there is some indication to the effect that John Groh's father-in-law and his mother-in-law were German Baptists.

John Groh's wife was Magdalena Meyer, daughter of Jacob Meyer (Myer, Moyer), also of Bethel Township and a near neighbor. This relationship is documented both by Jacob Meyer's will (May 13, 1800, proved March 5/ May 6, 1801)<sup>38</sup> and by the quitclaim deed of March 31, 1788 by which John and Magdalena sold his inherited land to her father; and when one of their sons, Jacob, at age sixty-six was remarried in 1860 in Lincoln County, Ontario, he named his father and mother as John and Magdaline [sic].<sup>39</sup>

The eighteenth century British baptist, Morgan Edwards, in his *History of the American Baptists both British and German* (1770 ff.) specifically named a Jacob Moyer and wife as baptized members of the Little Swatara [sic] congregation, some of whose members "live in Bether [sic] Township in Lancaster County."<sup>40</sup> Most probably this refers to Magdalena's parents. Consequently, John Groh and his wife Magdalena Meyer seem to fit well the profile of the early River Brethren: they very likely represented both the Mennonite and German Baptist backgrounds that fed into this new revivalist and personal faith. Probably moved both by their new faith as well as their experience in the American Revolution, the couple joined with a number of their Brethren neighbors and left in 1788 for a pious life in the wilderness of Upper Canada.<sup>41</sup>

### John Crow in Canada

Like their fellow trekkers, John and Magdalena Groh, now Crow, established themselves eventually on a 100-acre lot in Pelham Township in the District of Niagara and remained there the rest of their lives.<sup>42</sup> They

<sup>34</sup> Although all the descendants of John Groh/Crow in the Niagara Peninsula continued to bear the surname Crow (sometimes Crowe), one of his grandsons who reemigrated to Buffalo ca. 1885 "remembered" the original German surname and readopted it; his family and descendants in New York State are all Grohs (the author is his great-grandson). A similar "memory" is evident in the author's wife's family: Strohm in Pennsylvania, Strome in Waterloo County, Ontario, and again Strohm upon reemigration to Chicago in the 1920s.

<sup>35</sup> Administration Account, dated Dec. 3, 1783, Lancaster County Historical Society.

<sup>36</sup> Carlton O. Wittlinger, "The Origin of the Brethren in Christ," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 48 (Jan. 1974): 68-72; Wittlinger, *Quest for Piety*, pp. 25-30.

<sup>37</sup> Ibid., pp. 19, 21-25; Sider, *The Brethren in Christ in Canada*, pp. 3-4; on the old Brethren/Dunkers, or German Baptists, who arose in Germany (Hesse) in 1708, see Donald F. Durnbaugh, *The Church of the Brethren Past and Present* (Elgin, Ill.: Brethren Press, 1971), ch. 1.

<sup>38</sup> Will B-1-50, Dauphin County Courthouse, Harrisburg, Pa.

<sup>39</sup> Archives of Ontario, Toronto, RG8, Series 1-6-B, Vol. 33, Lincoln County (MS248, microfilm reel 10), p. 18; printed in *County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869*, Vol. 19, Lincoln and Welland Counties (Agincourt, Ont.: Generation Press, 1989), p. 26. This is the only known documentation of John Crow's wife's name from Canadian sources; my thanks here to Mrs. Esther Summers of R.R. 1, Fonthill, Ontario, for bringing it to my attention.

<sup>40</sup> quoted in Donald F. Durnbaugh, ed., *The Brethren in Colonial America* (Elgin, Ill.: Brethren Press, 1967), p. 182; also Rev. Jacob G. Francis, "Church of the Brethren in Lebanon County," *Papers of the*

*Lebanon County Historical Society* 8, No. 3 (1916): 92-93, 105-107.

<sup>41</sup> See Elinor Mawson, *Uncle Abram: a Very Singular Moote* (St. Catharines, Ont., [1979]), ch. 9; this complete biography of Abraham Moote (1814-1903), grandson of John Groh and Magdalena Meyer, is based on memoirs he wrote during the last years of his life in St. Catharines, Ontario. The author is a descendant of Lution Huntsman (G44b1) and Elizabeth Gowanlock.

<sup>42</sup> Lot No. 9 in the 6th Concession, patented to John Crow on Apr. 27, 1797; Old Series Book A., p. 109, Welland County Registry Office, Welland, Ont. John Crow was confirmed on 200 acres in 1797 and granted a further 300 acres "family land" in 1798; where these tracts were located is not known, except that a map of Pelham Twp. "examined by Thomas Rideout [Surveyor General], September 20, 1811," though probably drawn already by 1795, shows John Crow in Lot 9 and half of Lot 8, 6th Concession: *Mini Atlas of Early Settlers in the District of Niagara, 1782-1876*, rev. ed. (St. Catharines: Historical Society of St. Catharines, 1984), p. 53; see also the *19th and 20th Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario*, 1930 (Toronto, 1931), p. 102, and 1931 (Toronto, 1932), p. 148, respectively. John Crow did petition for and receive lands in Markham Twp., York Co. in 1802 and 1807, but these lands were granted only on lease from crown reserves, and were cancelled upon his death in 1816: National Archives of Canada, RG1, L3, Upper Canada Land Petitions, Bundle C Leases, nos. 25 and 65 (microfilm reel C-1740); already in 1801 John Crow Jr., "being now of full age," had petitioned for land in York Co., but apparently never moved there; RG1, L3, Bundle C6, no. 21 (microfilm reel C-1649); on the movement of Mennonites and Tunkers to the Markham settlement see Reaman, *Trail of the Black Walnut*, pp. 101-108; see also Bergey, "Early Mennonite Migrations," p. 9.



had seven children, five boys, two girls, who in turn produced a numerous progeny most of whom remained on the land in the Niagara region as farmers and rural craftsmen.<sup>43</sup> Magdalena most probably predeceased her husband because she is not mentioned in his will, which is dated April 23, 1815, within a year of his death early in 1816.<sup>44</sup> He bequeathed his estate to all his children equally—they are named in the will—but presumably by verbal agreement the land in Pelham passed to his eldest son, also John, who however died intestate within a few weeks of his father on February 11, 1816, age 36 years.<sup>45</sup> The land then passed to John Jr.'s wife (Sarah) in 1818 and from her out of the family in 1847.<sup>46</sup>

John Crow Jr. and his two sisters remained Tunkers, but the other boys in the family "married out" and followed the denominations of their wives, all Protestant of course. In the next generation, however, a good number of the grandchildren in the 1820s and afterward became members of the Disciples of Christ due to the preaching and appeal of the Scottish Baptist founder of that sect.<sup>47</sup> It is interesting to note, nevertheless, that to the census takers in 1851 and 1861 many of the rural descendants were enumerated as having "no religion," perhaps a reflection of official incomprehension towards deeply religious people who have little or no formal church structure.<sup>48</sup> It should be noted here as well, that in the anglophone environment of the Niagara Peninsula the descendants of John and Magdalena Crow sooner or later married non-German-speaking spouses and conse-

quently totally lost their German speech. Here follows a genealogical listing of the parents, siblings and descendants of John Crow to the fourth generation.<sup>49</sup>

## Outline

**G Mathias/Matheas Groh**, d. 1771, Bethel Twp., then Lancaster, now Lebanon Co., Pa.

m. Anna Grove, b. ?Canton Zurich, Switzerland;<sup>50</sup> d. ?1782, Bethel Twp.

**G1 Abraham Groh**, d. 1797, Lebanon Twp., then Dauphin, now Lebanon Co., Pa.<sup>51</sup>

m. Aug. 30, 1760, Maria Shaeffer, widow<sup>52</sup>

**G11 Mathias Groh**<sup>53</sup>

**G12 Abraham Groh**, Feb. 11, 1773-Jan. 1, 1835<sup>54</sup>

m. Elisabeth Haldeman

**G13 Eva Groh**

m. James Welch

**G14 Elizabeth Groh**

m. John Lentz

**G15 Christina/Christiana Groh**

m. George Burkart

**G2 Henry Groh**<sup>55</sup>

**G3 Mathias Groh**<sup>56</sup>

**G4 John/Johannes Groh/Crow**, b. ?1740s, ?Bethel Twp.;

d. 1816 Pelham Twp., District of Niagara, then Lincoln, now Welland Co., Ontario; bu. farmstead.

m. Magdalena Meyer, b. ?Bethel Twp.; d. before Apr. 1815, Pelham Twp.

**G41 Anna Jane Crow**, b. Feb. 9, 1776, Bethel Twp.; d. Feb. 18, 1842, Pelham Twp.

<sup>43</sup> This is evident from the census returns for 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1881.

<sup>44</sup> Archives of Ontario, RG22, Series 235, Box 7, no. 74 (microfilm reel C-1816); original will extant; it was proved Mar. 25, 1816; see also Mawson, *Uncle Abram*, p. 15.

<sup>45</sup> Archives of Ontario, RG22, Series 235, Box 7; Administrative Bond for the estate of John Crow, Jr., dated Mar. 25, 1816, indicates his deathdate specifically. This file mistakenly contains the estate papers of John Crow Sr. and John Crow Jr. as though they were one and the same person; no doubt the identity in names and the nearness of their deathdates has caused this conflation by the archivist in Toronto; however, the old will register at the Lincoln County Court House in St. Catharines lists them properly as two separate estates; see also the "Notice" in *The Niagara Spectator* (St. Catharines), Feb. 28, 1817, p. 3. John Crow Jr.'s age comes from his gravestone on Lot 9, 5th Concession as transcribed by W.G. Rieve on May 3, 1931: "Cemetery Records and Genealogical Notes in the Niagara Area," 1926, MS 198, Special Collections, St. Catharines Public Library.

<sup>46</sup> Old Series Book A, p. 109; on Apr. 22, 1816, Jacob Crow, John Crow Sr.'s surviving executor, made over the 100-acre lot to Sarah Crow, widow; original document extant, Pelham 5409 (1818), in the Welland County Registry Office.

<sup>47</sup> Mawson, *Uncle Abram*, pp. 15, 86-92; also *The Encyclopedia of Canada*, Vol. 2 (Toronto, 1948), p. 213 and the census returns for Pelham and Gainsborough Townships for 1871 and 1881.

<sup>48</sup> Census returns for Pelham and Gainsborough for 1851 and 1861.

<sup>49</sup> Mawson, *Uncle Abram*, pp. 186-187, for a "very incomplete" genealogical table; for the table here I am obliged to Beverly Timlock of Thorold, Ontario, who compiled it on the basis of the knowledge and memory of her mother-in-law, Helen Beatrice Timlock, a descendant of Polly Crow (G433) and George Coon. I have corroborated this information with census returns of 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1881 for Lincoln and Welland Counties. I am also very much indebted to Kenneth R. Crowe of R. R. 3, Fenwick, Ontario, for much information on the Niagara District Crows and for making available to me both Elinor Mawson's *Uncle Abram* and Beverly Timlock's genealogical list. I have since conferred with both women and must thank them too for their insights and information.

<sup>50</sup> According to Egle, *History of Lebanon County*, p. 241, her brother

Peter Grove was b. 1724 in Zurich, Switzerland—presumably she was also b. there. In *The Groff Book* (pp. 22-23) the birthdates and ch. listed for Anna (Grove) Groh are based on educated surmise without any documentary evidence at that time; however, the quitclaim deed of 1788 in Amy Daub Deed Collection, no. 621, Lebanon County Historical Society, now documents her children specifically by name. Possibly she, her brother, and two other siblings may have landed in Philadelphia in Sept. 1738 as ch. (perhaps orphans): Hans Gruve, age 10, Peter Gruve 8, Anna Groeffin 4, Veronica Groeffin 9; see Ralph B. Stassburger and William J. Hinke, comp., *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, Vol. 1 (Norristown, Pa.: Pennsylvania German Society, 1934; reprinted 1966), p. 210; see also *Pennsylvania Archives*, Ser. II, Vol. 17, p. 158. Yet this identification is doubtful since that means Anna (b. ?1734) would have become a parent at age 13 or 14 when Barbara (b. 1747) was born—a highly unlikely possibility!

<sup>51</sup> Will A-1-337[proved Nov. 7, 1797], Harrisburg.

<sup>52</sup> William H. Egle, *Notes and Queries*, 1896 (Harrisburg, 1897), p. 99; and the Mormon International Genealogical Index. My thanks here to George H. Webber of El Paso, Texas, a descendant of Abraham and Maria, for making available to me much factual information on the Grohs/Grows/Graus/Grays of eighteenth century Lancaster and Berks counties.

<sup>53</sup> Orphans' Court, Book 1, p. 48, 54, Harrisburg, describes him as "eldest son" and names his siblings; see also Egle, *History of Lebanon County*, p. 338, where the deathdate is in error.

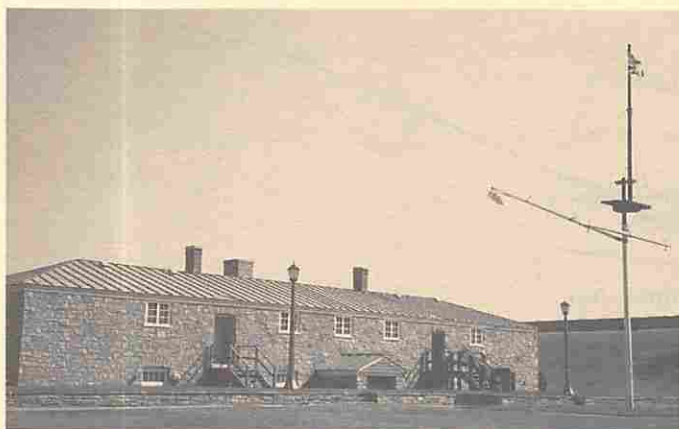
<sup>54</sup> Gravestone, near Myerstown, Jackson Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa., gives age at d. as 61 y., 10 mo., 21 da., from the author's photograph.

<sup>55</sup> Appears as a single male on the Lebanon Twp. tax list for 1771 in *Pennsylvania Archives*, Ser. 3, Vol. 17, p. 146, but nowhere else.

<sup>56</sup> According to *The Groff Book* (p. 23) he d. in Frederick Co., Va., by June 4, 1782, but this is problematical because the Amy Daub Deed Collection, no. 621, shows that the Mathias who was a son of Mathias and Anna Groh signed a release of his rights to property in Bethel Twp. under his father's will on Oct. 16, 1782. He appears on the Bethel tax list microfilm as a single male in 1771 and in 1776, but curiously not with his brothers John, Christian, and Michael as a non-associator there in 1777; Hawbaker and Groff, *A New Index*, Vol. 5, 1770 Tax Records (Hershey, Pa., 1989), p. 68; Egle, *History of Lebanon County*, p. 36.



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The 1797 land petition of John Crow (Johannes Groh in signature) was read in the Council Chamber of Upper Canada at Navy Hall, the Niagara-on-the-Lake site where the government of Upper Canada first met in 1792.

- m. Peter Hendershot, b. 1775, N. J.; d. June 18, 1819, Pelham Twp.; bu. Hillside Cem., Ridgeville.<sup>57</sup>
- G411 Elizabeth Hendershot, b. 1797  
m. David Moore
- G412 Mary Hendershot, b. 1799  
m. Henry Johnson
- G413 Abraham Hendershot, Oct. 6, 1801-Jan. 18, 1864  
m. Hannah Thomas, Dec. 1807-Mar. 27, 1882
- G4131 Peter Hendershot, b. 1823  
m. Mariah C., b. 1830
- G4132 Caroline Hendershot, Oct. 27, 1828-Apr. 18, 1862
- G4133 John Hendershot
- G4134 Abraham Hendershot, b. 1835, Pelham Twp.; d. 1920; mayor of Welland in 1878.<sup>58</sup>  
m. Nov. 19, 1861, Sarah Dunn, b. 1837, Wainfleet Twp.<sup>59</sup>
- G4135 Paul H. Hendershot, b. 1838, Pelham Twp.  
m. Sept. 22, 1863, Sarah Georgianna House, b. 1843, Bertie Twp.<sup>60</sup>
- G414 John Hendershot, b. 1802<sup>61</sup>
- G415 Jacob Hendershot, Apr. 3, 1803-Apr. 22, 1855  
m. Jemima Stewart, b. Apr. 15, 1804
- G416 David Hendershot, b. 1805  
m. Rebecca Smock, 1805-1868
- G417 Peter Hendershot, 1812-Mar. 2, 1882; bu. Mt. Carmel Cem., Moulton Twp.  
m. Catherine Anne Evans, 1821-Aug. 26, 1889; bu. Mt. Carmel Cem.<sup>62</sup>
- G418 Henry Miles Hendershot  
m. May 11, 1841, Mary Pratton<sup>63</sup>
- G419 Sarah Hendershot  
m. Benjamin Owens
- G410 Anna Hendershot  
m.(1) Jesse Thomas  
m.(2) Nathan Johnson
- G41a William Bradley Hendershot, 1815-Jan. 12, 1873; wealthy merchant in Thorold.<sup>64</sup>  
m. Abigail McPherson
- G42 John Crow Jr, b. 1779, Bethel Twp.; d. Feb. 11, 1816; bu. Lot 9, 5th Con., Pelham Twp.  
m. Sarah Disser, 1788-Oct. 30, 1870; she m.(2) David Bradt; bu. Hillside Cem., Ridgeville.<sup>65</sup>
- G421 Ida Elizabeth Crow
- G422 Anna Margaret Crow, 1805-1898

- m. Caleb Dawdy, b. 1798
- G4221 William Dawdy, b. 1834  
m. Mary
- G4222 Caleb Dawdy, b. 1840, Gainsboro Twp.  
m. Nov. 10, 1858, Avadna Crow(G4242); b. 1842.<sup>66</sup>
- G4223 Emerson Dawdy, b. 1841
- G423 David Crow/Crowe, b. 1809; d. 1881, Louth Twp.; bu. Victoria Lawn Cem., St. Catharines  
m. Jan. 14, 1843, Mary Ann St. John;<sup>67</sup> b. 1809, Lennox, Mass.; d. 1899, Louth Twp.; bu. Victoria Lawn Cem.
- G4231 Helen Crow, b. 1844
- G4232 Mary Elizabeth Crow, Mar. 10, 1845-Feb. 10, 1914; bu. Victoria Lawn Cem.
- G4233 John D. Crowe, 1847-Dec. 20, 1907; bu. Louth United Cem.  
m. Margaret Jane Broderick, 1851-Sept. 11, 1905; bu. Louth United Cem.
- G4234 Samuel Leonard Crowe, Sept. 10, 1849-Jan. 24, 1914; bu. Victoria Lawn Cem.
- G424 Jacob John Crow, b. 1810  
m.(1) ca. Apr. 7, 1835, Anna Bella Gregory, 1817- Nov. 13, 1852, Pelham Twp.<sup>68</sup>  
m.(2) Harriett Wilson, 1825-Dec. 12, 1891
- G4241 Chauncy B. Crow, 1839-Sept. 5, 1884
- G4242 Avadna Crow, b. 1842, Pelham Twp.  
m. Caleb Dawdy (G4222), b. 1840
- G4243 Anna Crow, twin, 1844-1845
- G4244 Sarah Crow, twin, 1844-1845
- G4245 Martha Crow, b. 1845  
m. Jan. 24, 1866, Augustus Pattison; b. 1837.<sup>69</sup>
- G4245 Mary Crow, b. 1846  
m. Sept. 22, 1875, Thaddeus Tate<sup>70</sup>
- G4246 Bertha Jane Crow, b. 1849
- G4247 John H. Crow, b. Nov. 21, 1856<sup>71</sup>
- G4248 William H. Crow, b. 1859  
m. Carrie Gaiser, d. Oct. 24, 1907
- G4249 Arthur Crow, b. 1867  
m. Gwen
- G425 Madalina Crow

<sup>57</sup> All locations are in the Niagara region (Lincoln, Welland, and Haldimand counties) unless otherwise indicated; for a full genealogy of the Hendershots see Alfred E. Hendershot, comp., *Genealogy of the Hendershot Family in America, 1710-1960* (Akron, Ohio: A. Hendershot, 1961), p. 194ff.

<sup>58</sup> *The History of the County of Welland*, p. 393.

<sup>59</sup> *County Marriage Registers*, Vol. 19, p. 51.

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>61</sup> "Militia Role of Rainham, Haldimand County, 1832," *The Ontario Register* 3, No. 4 (1970): 231; his uncle, John Hendershot, Private, 5th Lincoln Regiment, was killed at Queenston, Sept. 12, 1812; *ibid.*, Vol. 4, No. 2 (1971), p. 80.

<sup>62</sup> Emily Wilson, "Inscriptions of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Moulton," *The Ontario Register* 1 (July 1968): 191.

<sup>63</sup> "Marriage Register of the Western District," *The Ontario Register* 2, No. 2 (1969): 84-85.

<sup>64</sup> *History of Welland County*, p. 364; "Death Notices from Welland Newspapers, 1871-1875," *The Ontario Register* 3, No. 3 (1970): 162.

<sup>65</sup> Old Series Book A, p. 109; her ch. (except David) were all baptized on July 1, 1821: *Ontario Historical Society Papers and Records*, Vol. 3 (Toronto, 1901), p. 43.

<sup>66</sup> *County Marriage Registers*, Vol. 19, p. 29.

<sup>67</sup> *St. Catharines Journal*, Jan. 12, 1843.

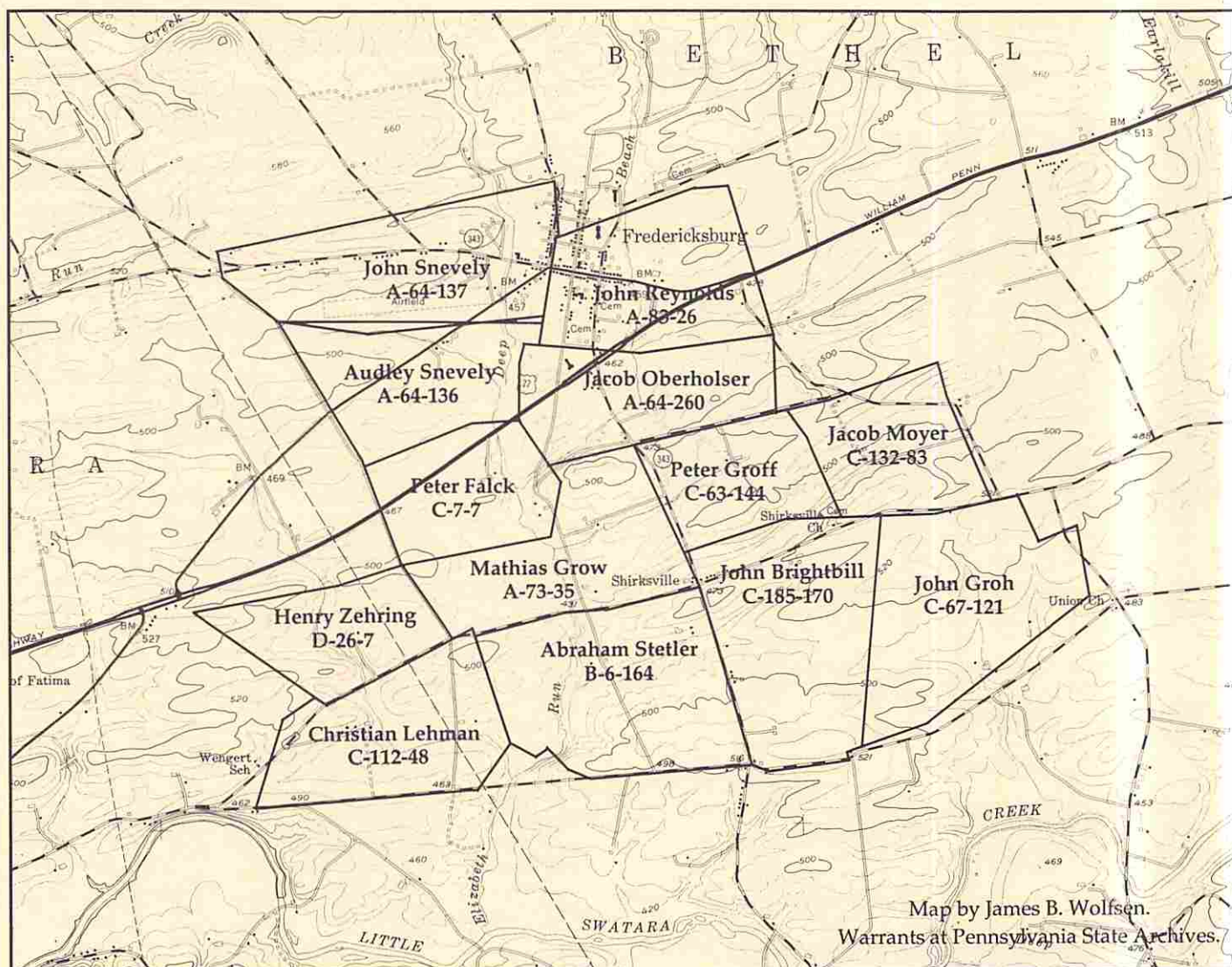
<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, Nov. 18, 1852; for the marriage bond see "Upper Canada-Index of Marriage Bonds," reel H-1126, National Archives of Canada.

<sup>69</sup> *County Marriage Registers*, Vol. 19, p. 91.

<sup>70</sup> "Marriage Notices from Welland Newspapers, 1871-1875," *The Ontario Register* 1 (July 1968): 181.

<sup>71</sup> *History of Welland County*, p. 552.





This map of the area around Fredericksburg, (now) Lebanon County, Pennsylvania shows thirteen tracts of land warranted to various persons, including Mathias Groh (Grow) (d. 1771) and John Groh (d. ca. 1747)—perhaps cousins or brothers. A survey draught of Mathias' tract states that he settled there in 1743, probably in the decade which saw the birth of his son Johannes (G4) (d. 1816).

G43 Abraham Crow, b. 1785, Bethel Twp.; d. 1867; bu. North Pelham Cem.

m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1793, Pa.; d. 1874; bu. North Pelham Cem.

G431 John Crow, b. 1811

m.(1) Hannah Johnson, b. 1804 <sup>72</sup>

m.(2) Nancy \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1811; d. Malahide Twp., Elgin Co.

G4311 Elizabeth Ellen Crow, b. 1838, South Cayuga Twp.; d. 1864.

m. May 5, 1863, Isaac Horning Will; b. 1817 <sup>73</sup>

G4312 Lydia Crow, b. 1840, South Cayuga Twp.

G4313 Jeremiah Crow, b. 1843, South Cayuga Twp.

G4314 Lavinia Crow, b. 1844, South Cayuga Twp.

G432 William H. Crow, Sept. 9, 1814-Sept. 24, 1900; bu. N. Pelham Cem.

m. Catharine Lambert, Aug. 21, 1817-June 24, 1894; bu. N. Pelham Cem.

G4321 Lucinda Crow, b. 1840, Gainsboro Twp.

m. Dec. 29, 1858, Amos Robins; b. 1835 <sup>74</sup>

G4322 Elizabeth Crow, b. 1842

m. Nov. 18, 1860, Matthias Robins; b. 1838 <sup>75</sup>

G4323 Solomon Crow, b. 1846, Gainsboro Twp.; d. 1920; bu. N. Pelham Cem.

m. Oct. 11, 1868, Barbara Weaver; b. 1848; d. 1920; bu. N. Pelham Cem. <sup>76</sup>

G4324 Mary Catherine Crow, b. June 9, 1848, Gainsboro Twp.; d. Mar. 6, 1918; bu. Mt. Carmel Cem., Moulton Twp.

m. May 31, 1868, Hiram Claton Johnson; b. Apr. 18, 1845, Clinton Twp.; d. Apr. 1929; bu. Mt. Carmel Cem., Moulton Twp. <sup>77</sup>

G4325 William S. Crow, b. 1853

m. Matilda J. \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1853

G433 Mary (Polly) Crow, 1819-1889

m. George Coon

G434 Peter Crow, b. 1825

m. Hannah \_\_\_\_\_, 1826-1869; bu. N. Pelham Cem.

m. (2) Jan. 1871, Lydia \_\_\_\_\_; b. 1825.

<sup>72</sup> Will 5-216, Lincoln County, Ontario; will of Jeremiah Johnson of Clinton Township, dated Apr. 6, 1844, proved Oct. 26, 1849, on microfilm, Special Collections, St. Catharines Public Library.

<sup>73</sup> County Marriage Registers, Elgin Co., Ont., Vol. 7, p. 315.

<sup>74</sup> Ibid., Vol. 19, p. 99.

<sup>75</sup> Ibid.

<sup>76</sup> Ibid., Vol. 21, Haldimand Co., Ont., p. 15.

<sup>77</sup> Ibid., p. 39; Wilson, "Inscriptions of Mount Carmel Cemetery," p. 191.



- G435 Jacob Crow, b. 1827  
 G436 Elizabeth/Betty Crow, b. 182?  
   m. Isaac Overholt  
 G4361 William Overholt  
 G4362 Miranda Overholt  
 G437 Abraham Crow, b. 1830  
   m. Ellen H. Case, 1835-1896; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
 G438 Thomas Crow, b. 1832, Gainsboro Twp.  
   m. Nov. 21, 1867, Anna M. Brooks;<sup>78</sup> b. 1848, Ireland.  
 G4381 Olive Crow, b. 1869  
 G439 David H. Crow, b. 1836, Gainsboro Twp.  
   m. Aug. 7, 1861, Amey J. Rock; b. 1837.<sup>79</sup>  
 G44 Elizabeth Crow, b. 1790, Pelham Twp.; d. Feb. 1868,  
   Clinton Twp.  
   m. John Moote, b. Nov. 3, 1781, Mohawk Valley, N.Y.; d. June  
   1866, Clinton Twp.<sup>80</sup>  
 G441 Anna Moote, b. 1810; d. Mar. 1842, unwed in child  
   birth.<sup>81</sup>  
 G4411 Benjamin F. Moote, Mar. 1842-1887  
   m. Martha Fry, 1846-1930  
 G442 John Moote, 1811-1902  
   m. Elizabeth Fisher, 1819-1904  
 G4421 George Henry Moote, 1839-1862  
 G4422 Sophronia Moote, 1841-1928  
   m. Daniel K. Honsberger  
 G4423 Laney Moote, 1843-1943  
   m. John Tufford, 1841-1926  
 G4424 Phoebe Ann Moote, 1845-1921  
   m. William H. Zimmerman, 1841-1925  
 G4425 Veloris Moote, Apr. 2, 1847-July 17, 1925  
   m. Thecla J. Beamer, Dec. 17, 1850-May 21, 1911  
 G4426 John W. Moote, 1849-1886  
 G4427 Lafayette Moote, b. 1851  
 G4428 Margaret Jane Moote, 1854-1919  
   m. Henry Stirtzinger, 1853-1914  
 G4429 Simon Moote, b. 1857  
   m. Matilda Swayze, 1863-1926  
 G4420 Jacob Moote, b. 1859  
 G443 Abraham Moote, b. Nov. 15, 1814, Clinton Twp., twin; d.  
   Jan. 7, 1903, St. Catharines; single; bu. Lane's Cem.,  
   Gainsboro Twp.  
 G444 Magdalena Moote, b. Nov. 15, 1814, Clinton Twp., twin;  
   d. May, 1843  
   m. Daniel Awrey  
 G445 Son, left home before 1842  
 G446 Margaret Moote, 1819-1906  
   m. John Huntsman, 1819-1889  
 G4461 Elizabeth A. Huntsman, 1841-1843  
 G4462 Sarah Jane Huntsman, b. June 24, 1842, Clinton Twp.; d.  
   Mar. 9, 1929.  
   m. Jan. 20, 1863, William Crow (G477)<sup>82</sup>; Oct. 10, 1837-Feb. 4,  
   1915.  
 G4463 Flora Alice Huntsman, b. 1843, Clinton Twp.; d. 1900.  
   m. June 17, 1864, Joseph S. Martin;<sup>83</sup> 1837-1883  
 G4464 Robert Lafayette Huntsman, 1847-1860  
 G4465 Josephine E. Huntsman, 1849-1849  
 G4466 Electa Almeda Huntsman, 1852-1928  
   m. Oliver Tallman, 1846-1928  
 G447 Henry Moote, 1821-Aug. 1895  
   m. ca. May 31, 1847,<sup>84</sup> Ellen Lampman; b. 1821.  
 G4471 Phares Timothy Moote, 1848-1915  
   m. Clara Hazelton  
 G4472 Pharaoh Moote, 1850-1902  
   m. Bell McBeth  
 G4473 Zero Moote, b. 1857  
   m.(1) Fannie Horton  
   m.(2) Bell \_\_\_\_\_  
 G448 Son, left home ca. 1850  
 G449 Elizabeth Ann Moote, 1825-Mar. 1856  
   m. Willis Wiers
- G440 Mary Ann Moote, 1829-Apr. 10, 1909; single.  
 G44a Peter J. Moote, b. 1830, twin; d. Jan. 26, 1903; single.  
 G44b Hannah Moote, b. 1830, twin; d. Mar. 1862  
   m. Adam Huntsman, 1830-1901  
 G44b1 Lution Erotas Huntsman, Nov. 1856-1949  
   m.(1) Elizabeth A. Gowanlock, 1856-1892  
   m.(2) Araminta Romp, 1876-1906  
   m.(3) Louise Smart, 1878-1957  
 G44b2 Theste Thymele Huntsman, 1858-1949  
   m. William Stewart, 1847-1920  
 G45 Jacob Crow, b. 1792, Pelham Twp.  
   m.(1) Catharine \_\_\_\_\_, 1800-Nov. 11, 1855; bu. N. Pelham  
   Cem.  
   m.(2) June 4, 1860, Margaret Ann Adams; b. 1822, Saltfleet  
   Twp.<sup>85</sup>  
 G451 Magdalen Crow, 1817-Mar. 7, 1887  
   m. Nov. 1841, Jonas Steele;<sup>86</sup> b. 1816, Ireland; d. Mar. 26, 1887.  
 G4511 Alfred W. Steele, b. 1843  
 G4512 Miranda A. Steele, 1845-1850  
 G4513 Hiram P. Steele, 1847-1850  
 G4514 Sarah Maggie Steele, b. 1849  
 G4515 Martha A. Steele, 1858-1864  
 G452 John Bowman Crow, b. June 25, 1821, Pelham Twp.; d.  
   Apr. 22, 1887, Ridgeville;<sup>87</sup> bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
   m. 1851, Anna Maria Comfort; 1823-1896; bu. N. Pelham  
   Cem.<sup>88</sup>  
 G4521 Judson Comfort Crow, 1853-1925  
   m. Cassandra/Cassie Maria Pettit, 1853-1886  
 G4522 Jannette B. Crow, Feb. 16, 1860-Aug. 6, 1860  
 G4523 John Elmer Crow, Nov. 4, 1861-Feb. 24, 1932; bu. N.  
   Pelham Cem.; single.  
 G453 Adam Crow, 1833-Aug. 25, 1864; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
   m. Adaline \_\_\_\_\_  
 G46 Peter Crow, b. 1795, Pelham Twp.  
   m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1805  
 G461 Michael Crow, b. 1822  
   m. Aug. 29, 1848;<sup>89</sup> Anna S. Booker; b. 1824.  
 G4611 James Crow, b. 1843  
 G4612 Roxanna Crow, b. 1849  
 G4613 Alonzo G. Crow, Sept. 7, 1850-Nov. 2, 1915  
   m. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_, July 13, 1858-Aug. 7, 1919  
 G4614 Cinderella Crow, b. 1853  
 G4615 Cynthia Crow, b. 1855  
 G4616 "Sis" Crow, b. 1857  
 G47 Michael Crow, b. 1797, Pelham Twp.; d. May 26, 1880,  
   Gainsboro Twp.<sup>90</sup>  
   m. Mary Stewart, b. 1801<sup>91</sup>

<sup>78</sup> County Marriage Registers, Vol. 19, p. 26.

<sup>79</sup> Ibid.

<sup>80</sup> Mawson, *Uncle Abram*, passim, and pp. 183-188.

<sup>81</sup> Ibid., pp. 102-103.

<sup>82</sup> County Marriage Registers, Vol. 19, p. 26.

<sup>83</sup> Ibid., p. 76.

<sup>84</sup> "Register of Marriage Licenses issued by Jacob Keefer at Thorold, Ont., 1838-1874," p. 32, MG24, I33 (reel H-1811), National Archives of Canada.

<sup>85</sup> County Marriage Registers, Vol. 19, p. 26.

<sup>86</sup> St. Catharines Journal, Nov. 11, 1841.

<sup>87</sup> History of Welland County, p. 469.

<sup>88</sup> Cecelia Botting, *The Comfort Families of America* (Brookings, S.D.: Botting, 1971), pp. 104-108 for Anna Maria and her ch.

<sup>89</sup> St. Catharines Journal, Aug. 31, 1848.

<sup>90</sup> Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Office of the Registrar General, Toronto: death certificate, reg. no. 1880-05-008980.

<sup>91</sup> Archives of Ontario, RG22, Series 235, Box 28: inventory of the estate of Enoch Stewart (d. Mar. 1814 intestate), dated Gainsborough, Nov. 12, 1823, original extant.



- ...ort Lampman; b. Mar. 18, 1822.<sup>92</sup>  
 m. Isaac Currie, Apr. 1, 1848-June 18, 1914  
**G4712 Samuel Lampman**, b. Dec. 8, 1849  
 m. Harriet E. Comfort, Apr. 1851-1926  
**G4713 Michael Lampman**, b. Apr. 17, 1851  
 m. Jeanette Parker, b. Feb. 16, 1860  
**G4714 Abraham Lampman**, Feb. 19, 1853-May 16, 1930; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
 m. Sarah Elva Comfort, Dec. 14, 1855-Dec. 16, 1928; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
**G4715 Robert C. Lampman**, Sept. 16, 1855-1930; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
 m. Phoebe Ann Thomas, 1853-1940; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
**G4716 Joseph Wellington Lampman**, Mar. 31, 1857-1926  
 m.(1) Clara Baker, 1863-May 22, 1886  
 m.(2) Sept. 21, 1888, Emma J. Chadwick, Pelham Twp.  
**G4717 Amos Jesse Lampman**, b. May 3, 1863  
 m.(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 m.(2) July 6, 1898, Mary Alberta Hiltz, b. 1878, Gainsboro Twp.; d. Aug. 22, 1901, Gainsboro Twp.  
**G472 Enoch Crow**, b. 1823  
 m. Ann Lampman, b. 1825<sup>93</sup>  
**G4721 Hannah Minerva Crow**, 1852-1923; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
 m. John Greenwood, 1848-1930; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
**G4722 Samuel Judson Crow**, 1853-June 6, 1916; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
 m. Mary E. Greenwood, 1852-Apr. 27, 1913; bu. N. Pelham Cem.



The gravestone of Alma Groh (G4734) and sister Mary Groh (G3731), daughters of Joseph Groh (G473), stand in Elmlawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York.

- G4723 Charity Crow**, b. 1857  
**G4724 George W. Crow**, 1860-1926  
 m. Sarah Putnam, 1861-1913  
**G473 Joseph Crow/Groh**, b. 1825, Gainsboro Twp.; d. Apr. 10, 1904, Buffalo, N.Y.; bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
 m. Sept. 21, 1864, Mary Jane MacGlashan; b. 1833 (or 1837), N. Pelham; d. Nov. 19, 1903, Buffalo, N.Y.; bu. N. Pelham Cem.<sup>94</sup>  
**G4731 Mary Madora Crow/Groh**, b. Aug. 24, 1867, Jordan, Louth Twp.; d. Dec. 24, 1936, Buffalo; bu. Elmlawn Cem., Buffalo; single.  
**G4732 Lydia Naomi (changed to Cassie) Crow/Groh**, b. Dec. 17, 1868, Jordan, Louth Twp.; d. May 26, 1940, Buffalo; bu. Elmlawn Cem.<sup>95</sup>  
 m. William Hill, b. July 31, 1859, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland; d. Jan. 11, 1946, Buffalo; bu. Elmlawn Cem.  
**G4733 Joseph Melville Crow/Groh**, b. Nov. 10, 1870, Jordan, Louth Twp.; d. Dec. 14, 1943, Buffalo; bu. Elmlawn Cem.  
 m.(1) Mildred Pittman  
 m.(2) Ella Jackson, 1879-Apr. 12, 1967; bu. Elmlawn Cem.  
**G4734 Alma Jane Crow/Groh**, b. Dec. 4, 1871, Louth Twp.; d. Apr. 17, 1904, Buffalo; bu. Elmlawn Cem.; single.  
**G474 Michael Crow**, b. 1829  
 m. Susanna \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1830  
**G4741 Mary M. Crow**, b. 1849  
 m. David Guinter<sup>96</sup>

<sup>92</sup> On the Lampman genealogy see Henry R. Kelly, *Imprints on the Sands of Time Left by Certain Kellys, Lampmans, Craigs, Fergusons* (Towson, Md.; Kelly, 1972; 4th ed. 1991), pp. 201, 202, 204.

<sup>93</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 192; also Botting, *The Comfort Families*, p. 105; on her ch. see Thaddeus Snyder, *History of the Adam Snyder Family* (Fergus, Ont.: Snyder, [1957]).

<sup>94</sup> *County Marriage Registers*, Vol. 21, p. 15; see n. 34 above. Obituaries in the *Welland Telegraph*, Apr. 14, 1904, p. 2 (Joseph); and Nov. 26, 1903, p. 7, and in *The People's Press*, Nov. 27, 1903, p. 4 (Mary Jane); also Death Certificates nos. 37 and 272 (respectively), Bureau of Vital Statistics, Buffalo, N.Y.

<sup>95</sup> Cemetery records and Death Certificates nos. 3120 (Cassie), 7592 (Mary M.), and 7547 (Joseph M.), Buffalo, N.Y., for Cassie (Groh) Hill (the author's grandmother) and her siblings.

<sup>96</sup> *History of Welland County*, p. 473.



Joseph Crow/Groh (G473), a carpenter, was born in a log house in Gainsborough Township, Lincoln County, Ontario, Canada, but moved to Buffalo, New York about 1885, when he changed the spelling of his surname back the Groh—the original German spelling. He is the great-grandfather of the author of this article.



G4742 Euphemia Crow, b. 1854  
m. ca. Oct. 30, 1871<sup>97</sup> Peter Darker

G4743 Michael Edson Crow, b. 1855  
m. Matilda L. Haist, b. 1849

G4744 Jacob Crow, b. 1859

G4745 Albert Crow, d. at 3 y. 8 mo.; bu. Hansler Cem., Pelham Twp.

G475 John Crow, 1832-1870, bu. N. Pelham Cem.  
m. Margaret Lampman, b. Feb. 6, 1832<sup>98</sup>

G476 Henry Crow, b. Aug. 8, 1833; d. Jan. 22, 1911, Beamsville, Ont.  
m.(1) Nov. 22, 1854, Eliza Catherine Johnson; b. 1834, Gainsboro Twp.; d. Feb. 8, 1873, Gainsboro Twp.  
m.(2) Feb. 11, 1874, Helen Fisher;<sup>99</sup> b. Aug. 17, 1836.

G4761 John M. Crow, May 7, 1858-Dec. 14, 1901  
m. May 24, 1880, Susan \_\_\_\_\_; b. Sept. 3, 1859.

G4762 Mary Crow, b. 1860

G4763 Robert Henry Crow, b. Feb. 24, 1864  
m. Oct. 20, 1886, Alice Eliza Book; b. Feb. 28, 1864.

G4764 Thomas William Crow, May 10, 1865-Aug. 7, 1904  
m. Bessie \_\_\_\_\_, b. May 25, 1875

G4765 Eliza A. Crow, b. 1869

G477 William Crow, Oct. 10, 1837-Feb. 4, 1915  
m. Jan. 20, 1863,<sup>100</sup> Sarah Jane Huntsman (G462); June 24, 1842-Mar. 9, 1929.

G4771 Alice E. Crow, 1864-1938; bu. Hillside Cem., Ridgeville.  
m. Harry Clark Diffin, 1868-1946; bu. Fla.

G4772 Eroles L. Crow, b. 1865<sup>101</sup>

G4773 Alandes W. Crow, Aug. 25, 1868-Nov. 23, 1965<sup>102</sup>; bu. Hillside Cem.  
m. Minnie Ellen Scanlan, Mar. 22, 1869-Nov. 23, 1950

G4774 William L. Crow, b. 1869

G4775 Nellie E Crow, b. 1870<sup>103</sup>

G478 Elizabeth Crow, b. 1842

G5 Christian Groh<sup>104</sup>

G6 Michael Groh<sup>105</sup>

G7 Peter Groh, d. 1819, Bethel Twp.<sup>106</sup>  
m. Maria \_\_\_\_\_, d. 1836, Bethel Twp.<sup>107</sup>

G71 Catharina Groh, June 26, 1790-June 26, 1875; bu. Shirksville Mennonite Cem., Bethel Twp.  
m. Abraham Newcomet/Neukomet, Nov. 5, 1784-Sept. 11, 1855; bu. Shirksville Mennonite Cem., Bethel Twp.

G711 Catharina Newcomet, Dec. 14, 1815-May 24, 1872, bu. Shirksville Mennonite Cem.

G712 Jacob Newcomet  
m. Catharina Hunsicker, Sept. 2, 1813-May 24, 1852; bu.



The vandalized gravestones of Barbara Groh (G0), Henry Miley (spouse of Gb), and Israel Miley lie in the Grove Cemetery just south of Fredericksburg, Bethel Township, (now) Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Barbara was a sister of Johannes Groh (G4) who emigrated to Canada in 1788.

Shirksville Mennonite Cem.

G72 Barbara Groh, Mar. 11, 1796-Aug. 26, 1870; bu. Shirksville Mennonite Cem.  
m. Johannes Fieser/Fühsser, Jan. 22, 1789-Jan. 11, 1870; bu. Shirksville Mennonite Cem.

G721 Peter Fieser, July 25, 1817-Nov. 20, 1842; bu. Shirksville Mennonite Cem.

G722 Michael Fieser, Dec. 11, 1822-Oct. 29, 1841, bu. Shirksville Mennonite Cem.

G8 Elizabeth Groh  
m. Christian Stealey

G9 Ann [Groh]  
m. Christian Frantz

G0 Barbara Groh, b. 1747, Bethel Twp.; d. 1827, Bethel Twp.; bu. Grove Cem., Bethel Twp.<sup>108</sup>

Ga Franey/Veronica Groh  
m. Paul Hammon

Gb Mary [Magdalena] Groh, b. Sept. 14, 1758, Bethel Twp.; d. Mar. 18, 1822, Bethel Twp.; bu. Grove Cem.<sup>109</sup>  
m. Aug. 23, 1778, Henry Miley;<sup>110</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1748; d. Mar. 25, 1821, Bethel Twp.; bu. Grove Cem.<sup>111</sup> □

<sup>97</sup> "Register of Marriage Licenses issued by Jacob Keefer at Thorold, Ont., 1838-1874," p. 52, MG24, I33 (reel H-1811), National Archives of Canada.

<sup>98</sup> Ernest Voorhis et al., "Lampman [Family]," p. 27, Special Collections, St. Catharines Public Library.

<sup>99</sup> *The Canadian Baptist*, Vol. 20, No. 10 (Mar. 5, 1874), p. [3].

<sup>100</sup> See n. 82.

<sup>101</sup> Mormon International Genealogical Index: Canada, Ontario, Apr. 1988, p. 735.

<sup>102</sup> Ibid.

<sup>103</sup> Ibid., p. 736.

<sup>104</sup> Hawbaker and Groff, *A New Index, 1780*, p. 29, and Egle, *History of Lebanon County*, p. 36, shows that he is listed in the Bethel Twp. tax lists for 1780 and 1783 with brother John (in Stumpstown) and as a non-associator in 1777. Will L-1-164, Lancaster, for Christian Groh of Donegal Twp., dated Sept. 7, 1811 and proved Nov. 2, 1811, may well be his—wherein is named wife Barbara and 5 ch.: John; Anna, wife of Andrew Kauffman; Barbara, wife of Christian Gute; Christian, and Mary.

<sup>105</sup> Sources in n. 104 show that he too appears in the Bethel tax lists for 1780 and 1783 with brother John, and as a non-associator in 1777; he is probably the Michael Grow [sic] named as a party to the quitclaim deed of Mar. 15, 1788 (see n. 106).

<sup>106</sup> Inventory, dated Feb. 25, 1819, Lebanon County Courthouse, Lebanon, Pa; Amy Daub Deed Collection, no. 109[dated Dec. 26, 1810], between Peter Groh and wife Maria of Bethel Twp. and Henry Meiley and wife Magdalena "of the same place", i.e., between Peter Groh (G7) and his brother-in-law and sister, Henry Meiley and Mary Magdalena Groh (Gb); similarly quitclaim deed, no. 621, between Michael Grow [sic] (G6), Peter Grow [sic] (G7), Henry Miley and wife (Gb Mary Magdalena Groh), of the one part, and John Grow [sic] (G4) of the other.

<sup>107</sup> Will B-366[dated May 22, 1832, recorded Feb. 19, 1836] Lebanon, bequeaths to her two daughters—Catharina, wife of Abraham Neukomet, and Barbara, wife of Johannes Füsser (or Fieser)—a property in Bethel Twp. bounded by the same neighbors that bounded Mathias Groh's (G) warranted tract; hence almost certainly this tract passed from Mathias to his son Peter (G7) and then to Peter's widow, Maria Groh. The two daughters and at least some of their ch. are all bu. in Shirksville Mennonite Cem. adjacent to the Mennonite meetinghouse, built in 1755, just south of Fredericksburg, Pa.; Gravestone transcriptions of Shirksville Mennonite Cem. at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and Lebanon County Historical Society (entitled Old Mennonite Meeting House).

<sup>108</sup> Gravestone transcription by author.

<sup>109</sup> Gravestone transcription by author gives age at d. as 63 y., 8 mo., 17 da., which does not conform with dates of b. and d. on gravestone.

<sup>110</sup> Egle, *Notes and Queries*, 1896, p. 114.

<sup>111</sup> Gravestone transcription by author gives age at d. as 71 y., 1 mo., 8 da.



*The author focuses on Mennonite families in Europe and North America linked to a surname widespread in the history of Lancaster County.*

## Four Generations of the Descendants of Michael Schenk and Anna Stauffer

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**T**his article deals solely with the descendants of Michael Schenk, Jr. (b. 1639), of Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland, who also lived in the German Palatinate and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The title could pertain to Michael Schenk, Sr. (b. 1590) or to his son Michael Schenk, Jr., because both father and son were married to women named Anna Stauffer.

I believe that most, if not all, of the Mennonite Schenk immigrants of the early eighteenth century to Lancaster County were descendants of Michael Schenk, Jr., and his wife Anna Stauffer.<sup>1</sup> Their descendants of four generations lived in Switzerland, Germany, Lancaster County and other Pennsylvania counties, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Canada, Tennessee, and New York. Most of their descendants through the first four generations remained Mennonite and usually settled in Mennonite communities. Many of the men were Mennonite ministers as well as bishops.

Most of the Schenk immigrants to North America in the eighteenth century had German heritage and belonged to Lutheran or Reformed churches. However, the Mennonite Schenk immigrants were of Swiss heritage. In Switzerland and Germany the name was spelled Schenk or Schenck. By the nineteenth century in North America the spellings had changed primarily to Shenk and Shank. For consistency I have kept the spelling Schenk throughout this article.

### Michael Schenk, Sr.

Michael Schenk, Sr., the Anabaptist, was christened in the parish of Signau in the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, on June 22, 1590, the son of Ulrich Schenk and Annali Rytz.<sup>2</sup> He married Anna Stauffer, the daughter of Hans and Adelheid (Schnyder) Stauffer. She was christened at Röthenbach on May 6, 1602. Michael lived at Hinten in the village of Eggiwil where all of their children were born. He was among the large group of Anabaptists expelled from Eggiwil and surrounding vil-



In the records of the Swiss Reformed Church of Würzbrunnen near Röthenbach, Switzerland, one may find the christening record (May 6, 1602) of Anna Stauffer, wife of Michael Schenk, Sr. (christened 1590).

lages in the Emmental valley in October 1671. According to an Anabaptist refugee list dated January 1, 1672, he was living at Ibersheim, Germany, and was age eighty-one with fourteen children, of which only one of his sons was with him.<sup>3</sup> His wife did not accompany him to Germany. I have only been able to identify seven of his

<sup>1</sup> I have not been able to place Michael Schenk (1737-1811) of Hempfield Twp. in this family, perhaps the 1754 immigrant. A Mennonite late in life, he married and had his children christened in the Lutheran and Reformed churches of Lancaster. Since none of his children appeared to be Mennonite, he may have converted. According to his grandson he was Swiss, while most of the other Lutheran and Reformed Schenks in Lancaster County were of German heritage. If he belongs to the Michael and Anna (Stauffer) Schenk family, he could possibly be a son of Jacob and Elisabeth (Bar) Schenk who lived at Hasselbach, Germany, in 1731 and Helmshof, Germany, in 1741.

<sup>2</sup> Church Register of Signau, Archives of Canton Bern, Bern, Switzerland. Michael was christened at Signau, but his parents lived at Eggiwil—at that time part of the Signau parish.



children in the Eggiwil church records. Of those seven, at least three of his youngest children were Anabaptists; Michael, Jr., Barbara, and Johannes. Michael Schenk, Jr., was referred to as "his obedient son" with him at Ibersheim in January 1672. His daughter Barbara Schenk was also exiled in October 1671, but returned within a year to Eggiwil with her husband. Johannes, his other Anabaptist son, appears to have never left Switzerland. The following are seven of his fourteen children.<sup>4</sup>

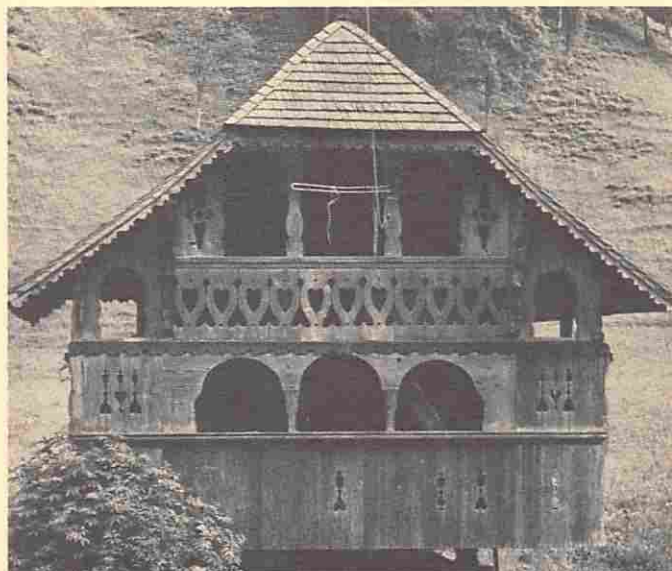
1. Ulrich Schenk, b. ca. 1622; lived at Hinten; 5 ch.  
m. Catherina Salzmann
2. Christian Schenk, b. ca. 1624; lived at Hinten; 4 ch.  
m. Margretha Salzmann
3. Margret Schenk, b. ca. 1631  
m. Dec. 15, 1656, Machael Stauffer at Eggiwil
4. Nicklaus Schenk, b. ca. 1633; 7 ch.
5. Michael Schenk, b. 1639; Anabaptist.  
m. Anna Stauffer
6. Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1640; Anabaptist; lived at Laber, Eggiwil; 6 ch.  
m. Christian Schenk; they went to Germany with her father in 1671 and were living at Oelitschorsch in Dec. 1671;<sup>5</sup> by Jan. 1, 1672, she was living at Osthofen, Germany, without her husband;<sup>6</sup> apparently he returned to Eggiwil by then; she also later returned to Eggiwil, as she christened her son Christian there on Aug. 17, 1673.
7. Johannes Schenk, b. ca. 1642; d. by 1704; Anabaptist.  
m. 1665, Margretha Forrer/Furer at Eggiwil; 7 ch.;<sup>7</sup> although he lived at Hinten, he was in trouble at Thun in 1698 and possibly went into hiding;<sup>8</sup> in 1704 Peter Neukommet m. widow Margaretha Forrer at Eggiwil.<sup>9</sup>

### Michael Schenk, Jr.

Michael was born in 1639 at Hinten, Eggiwil. There he married Anna Stauffer, daughter of Hans Stauffer and Madlena Neuenschwander.<sup>10</sup> Her grandfather was the Anabaptist preacher Christian Stauffer who was imprisoned at Thun in 1644 and exiled in October 1671 from Switzerland.<sup>11</sup> Michael with his wife and four children left Eggiwil with the other Anabaptist refugees in October 1671, and went first to live at Oelitschorsch, Germany.<sup>12</sup> By January 1, 1672, he was living at Ibersheim with his family and his father. Little is known of him in the Palatinate, but his wife Anna's brother Hans Stauffer lived at Ibersheim and later Alsheim before leaving for Pennsylvania in November of 1709.<sup>13</sup> Michael may have lived at Ibersheim the rest of his life or maybe in the Kurpfalz where at least two of his children later lived. Anna left money to her brother Hans Stauffer in 1707, which may indicate that she died that year. Michael and Anna had at least four children, all born at Hinten, and possibly more.<sup>14</sup>

1. Christian Schenk, chr. June 15, 1662, Eggiwil
2. Hans Schenk, chr. Dec. 4, 1664, Eggiwil
3. Barbara Schenk, chr. April 14, 1667, Eggiwil
4. Michael Schenk, chr. Jan. 4, 1670, Eggiwil

In 1717 Martin Kendig led a large group of Mennonites to Pennsylvania. Most of the group went to the Pequea settlement in Lancaster County, while the rest went to the Skippack/Perkiomen area in Montgomery County. The ship carrying the group land-



This is a granary (*Speicher*) in Fischbach near Röthenbach, Canton Bern, Switzerland. According to its inscription, it was built by a number of persons, including Christian Schenk (b. 1718), the carpenter, bookbinder, and author of the *Schenk Chronik*, a collection of writings which describes local history of the Anabaptists. Röthenbach is adjacent to Eggiwil – both home of numerous Anabaptists, including Christian Stauffer (ca. 1680-1735), 1718 Immigrant to Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

ed at Philadelphia on August 24, 1717, with a number of Mennonites on board.<sup>15</sup> Probably among the group were Christian Schenk (1662-1724), Michael Greider (1691-1739), Jacob Greider (1693-1758), Michael Schenk (b. 1670) and Michael's two sons—Michael Schenk (ca. 1694-1763) and John Schenk (ca. 1696-1744)—and John Schenk (ca. 1695-1752).

Prior to finding the Michael Schenk family in the Eggiwil church records and the 1671 refugee list manuscript in the Amsterdam archives, it had been difficult to determine the relationship of these first Schenk immi-

<sup>3</sup> Ms. #1248, Mennonite Archives in the City Archives of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

<sup>4</sup> Church Register of Eggiwil, Archives of Canton Bern.

<sup>5</sup> Ms. #1406, Mennonite Archives in the City Archives of Amsterdam.

<sup>6</sup> Ms. #1248, Mennonite Archives in the City Archives of Amsterdam.

<sup>7</sup> Julius Billeter notes on the Schenk family, Film #193,483, LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

<sup>8</sup> Abstracts by the late Ira D. Landis at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa., possibly from *Ratsmanuale* 261-51, Archives of Canton Bern, Bern. The abstracts are kept with microfilm records of the Mennonite Archives in the City Archives of Amsterdam.

<sup>9</sup> See note 7.

<sup>10</sup> Church Register of Eggiwil.

<sup>11</sup> Richard W. Davis, *The Stauffer Families of Switzerland, Germany and America* (Provo, Utah: author, 1992), p. 23.

<sup>12</sup> Ms. #1406, Mennonite Archives in the City Archives of Amsterdam. Michael Schenk was listed as age 32 and his wife Anna Stauffer as age 28.

<sup>13</sup> William T. Stauffer, "Hans Stauffer's Account Books," *Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania* 10 (Mar. 1929): 296.

<sup>14</sup> Church Register of Eggiwil.

<sup>15</sup> J. Arthur Shanks, *The Shanks Family from Pequea Creek* (Evansville, Ind.: Whipporwill Publications, 1985), p. 9.



grants. The only early Schenk immigrants that I have been able to identify as Mennonites were the members of the 1717 migration and Michael Schenk (ca. 1700-1744) who arrived in Pennsylvania with a large group of Mennonites from the Palatinate on September 30, 1727, on the ship *Molly*,<sup>16</sup> again led by Kendig.<sup>17</sup> Christian Schenk who arrived in 1717 is probably the child christened at Eggiwil, June 15, 1662. We know his children's name from a 1758 deed in Lancaster County.<sup>18</sup> The two Johns and the Michael who arrived with Christian are probably related to him. Given the fact that Christian had brothers John and Michael who went with him as children to the Palatinate in 1671, it appears that the young Schenk men who immigrated with Christian were his nephews.

Michael Schenk (ca. 1694-1763) was referred to several times in Lancaster County tax records and probate records as Michael Schenk "Jr." which may mean he was the son of Michael (b. 1670). I believe that Michael, Jr. was the brother of John Schenk (ca. 1696-1744), referred to as "Little" John. Michael, Jr., was the executor of the will of "Little" John and "Little" John's family continued the name of Michael through many generations, while "Big" John Schenk (ca. 1695-1752) did not name a son Michael and the name Michael was not continued at all for generations among his descendants. "Big" John is probably the son of John Schenk (b. 1664), who appeared to be still living at Hasselbach, Germany in 1731.<sup>19</sup>

All these 1717 Schenk immigrants first settled in Strasburg Township, Lancaster County. Christian Schenk lived there until his death and his family lived there many years, while the two Johns and the Michael as well as the two Greider boys moved to Lancaster Township by 1717/1718 and lived clustered around each other. Because Michael Schenk (ca. 1700-1744) who arrived in 1727 first settled at Strasburg Township, I believe he was related to the Schenks in the 1717 group. Henry Schenk (son of Christian) of Strasburg was a witness to Michael's 1744 will and was probably his cousin. Michael may be the son of John Schenk who remained in the Palatinate, and the brother of "Big" John Schenk. "Big" John Schenk and Michael Schenk, who I believe were the sons of John Schenk (b. 1664), could not write while Michael and "Little" John, who I believe are the sons of Michael Schenk (b. 1670), could write.

## Outline

- 1 Michael Schenk, Jr., b. 1639, Hinten, Eggiwil, Switzerland m. Sept. 21, 1660, Anna Stauffer; b. 1643, Eggiwil
- 11 Christian Schenk; christened at Eggiwil, June 15, 1662; d. intestate 1724, Strasburg Twp.;<sup>20</sup> 6 adult ch.; went to Palatinate at age 9; among the 363 Mennonites led by Benedict Brackbill who left Mannheim, Germany, in summer 1717 and arrived in Pa. on Aug. 24, 1717; ca. 1 month later purchased 530 acres with Brackbill in Strasburg Twp. on Sept. 25, 1717;<sup>21</sup> on first tax list of Conestoga (Lancaster Co.) in 1718.
- 111 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1695, Germany; d. between Mar. and May 1759, Conestoga Twp.<sup>22</sup>; on Aug. 21, 1740, bought 173 acres from George Gray in Conestoga Twp.;<sup>23</sup> on Dec. 16, 1753, bought land from Tobias Stehman and on Sept. 29, 1757 he gave 110 acres of that land to his son Michael; <sup>24</sup> in 1759 will he gave 173 acres to son Tobias; taxed on George Gray's land first in 1725; may have lived on father's land in

Strasburg Twp. until 1724 when father died.

m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_

- 1111 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1718, Strasburg Twp.; d. 1775, Conestoga Twp.;<sup>25</sup> received father's 100 acres in Conestoga in 1757;<sup>26</sup> taxed at Conestoga from 1751 until d.

m. Magdalena \_\_\_\_\_

- 11111 Mary Schenk, b. ca. 1743, Conestoga Twp. m. Abraham Brenneman, b. 1730; they lived in Augusta Co., Va., in 1777 and later in Shenandoah Co., Va.

- 11112 Michael Schenk, b. 1745, Conestoga; d. May 1, 1815, Derry, Dauphin Co., Pa.;<sup>27</sup> in 1777 living in Derry;<sup>28</sup> Mennonite minister; in will mentions his brother-in-law Adam Schenk.

m. Veronica Lehman, dau. of John Lehman of Mt. Joy Twp., Lancaster Co. <sup>29</sup>

- 11113 John Schenk, b. 1747, Conestoga; d. 1813, Conestoga; Mennonite minister for 20 years.

m.(1) Barbara Kauffman

m.(2) Mary Hershey

- 11114 Elizabeth Schenk, b. ca. 1750, Conestoga; d. 1815.

m. Daniel Heisey, 1747-1822; they lived at Lebanon Twp. in 1777 and prob. later at Donegal Twp.(Maytown).

- 11115 Magdalena Schenk, b. ca. 1752, Conestoga

m. Peter Gingrich; they lived at New Hanover Twp. in 1777.

- 11116 Veronica/Freaney Schenk, b. ca. 1754, Conestoga; single in 1775.

- 11117 Henry Schenk, b. Dec. 26, 1758, Conestoga; d. Oct. 19, 1836, Rockingham Co., Va.; sold share of father's land by deed dated Nov. 8, 1783, to bro. John; in 1783 in Augusta Co., Va.; Mennonite bishop; bu. Brenneman Cem., near Edom, Va. where gravestone has "For fifty-two years a diligent minister of the Gospel."<sup>30</sup>

m. 1782, Anna Reiff, 1762-1819; dau. of John Reiff.

- 1112 Christian Schenk, b. Nov. 14, 1719, Conestoga; d. Jan. 22, 1803, Martic Twp.

m. by 1745, Barbara Good; Oct. 12, 1723-July 16, 1803;<sup>31</sup> dau. of Peter Good of Martic Twp.; Christian and Barbara

<sup>16</sup> I. D. Rupp, *A Collection of Thirty Thousand Names of . . . Immigrants to Pennsylvania*. . . (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980 reprint), pp. 436-437 lists several Schenks in Lancaster Co. in 1709 and 1712, but these lists seem to be unreliable, as the first Mennonite settlers did not arrive at the Pequea settlement until 1710. There appears to be no reliable record of a Schenk in Lancaster Co. before 1717.

<sup>17</sup> Jane Evans Best, "Martin Kendig's Swiss Relatives," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 15 (Jan. 1992): 2.

<sup>18</sup> Deed WW-300, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, Pa.

<sup>19</sup> Harold S. Bender, ed. "Palatinate Mennonite Census Lists, 1664-1774," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 14 (Jan. 1940): 32.

<sup>20</sup> Administration Papers, 1724, Chester County Archives, West Chester, Pa. His wife may have d. prior to her husband since she is not noted here.

<sup>21</sup> Deed WW-300 [dated Jan. 1, 1758; recorded May 25, 1795], Lancaster, lists all the heirs of Christian.

<sup>22</sup> Will B-1-264, Lancaster.

<sup>23</sup> Survey D-13-53, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, Pa.

<sup>24</sup> Deed G-160, Lancaster.

<sup>25</sup> Deed EE-511, Lancaster. Also Administration Papers for Michael Schenk, 1775, Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.

<sup>26</sup> Deed G-160, Lancaster.

<sup>27</sup> Transcription of Shenk Union Church Cem., Conewago Twp., Dauphin Co., at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

<sup>28</sup> Ibid. 29. Luther Reiley Kelker, *The History of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania*, Vol. 3 (New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1907), p. 232.

<sup>30</sup> Harry A. Brunk, *History of the Mennonites in Virginia, 1727-1900* (Harrisonburg, Va.: author, 1959), vol. 1, p. 51.

<sup>31</sup> Transcription of Martic Methodist Cem., Lancaster Co., Pa., at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

<sup>32</sup> Shanks, *The Shanks Family from Pequea Creek*, p. 21.





Ibersheim Hof, near Worms, Germany, and the Rhine River, was probably the oldest Mennonite congregation established in the German Palatinate west of the Rhine River—probably soon after the end of the Thirty Years War in 1648. A number of Mennonite Schenk immigrants to North America came from this village. This contemporary painting, located on the exterior of a house in Ibersheim, has an unknown origin. It is probably based on some earlier landscape scene and was photographed in 1986.

received 203 acres in Martic Twp. from will of Barbara's father.<sup>32</sup>

**11121 Christian Schenk**, b. Dec. 5, 1745, Martic Twp.;<sup>33</sup> d. Aug. 8, 1833, Conestoga; as "Christian Shank, the younger," purchased 157 acres in Conestoga Twp. from Fredrick Hoffman on Apr. 5, 1779.<sup>34</sup>

m. June 11, 1770, Anna Kaegy, Dec. 19, 1748-Aug. 4, 1824; dau. of Abraham Kaegy of Martic Twp.;<sup>35</sup> Christian and Anna bu. Colemanville Methodist Cem.

**11122 John Schenk**, b. Dec. 26, 1746, Martic;<sup>36</sup> d. Sept. 25, 1818, Hempfield Twp.; miller.

m.(1) Anna Swarr, 1750-1798; dau. of Peter and Addah Swarr.

m.(2) Magdalene Ellenberger Kauffman, d. 1824; widow of Andrew Kauffman; she had son Andrew Kauffman by her m.(1).

**11123 Elizabeth Schenk**, b. ca. 1748, Martic; d. by 1795. m. Christian Shaup

**11124 Anna Barbara Schenk**, b. Oct. 25, 1750; Martic; d. Apr. 26, 1803

m.(1) Mr. Friedt

m.(2) Apr. 16, 1775, John Brenneman; lived at Donegal Twp.

**11125 Veronica Schenk**, b. ca. 1753, Martic

m. Abraham Miller; lived in Martic in 1803.

**11126 Margaret Schenk**, b. ca. 1756, Martic; d. before 1803, Strasburg Twp.

m. Jacob Hoover

**11127 Anna Schenk**, b. 1759, Martic; d. Dec. 24, 1783; bu. next to parents at Martic Methodist Cem.

**11128 Mary Schenk**, b. ca. 1761, Martic Twp.

m. George Stoner; lived at Conestoga in 1803.

**1113 John Schenk**, b. ca. 1721, Conestoga; d. Aug. 1791, Franklin Twp., York (now Adams) Co., Pa.;<sup>37</sup> lived in Conestoga Twp., Mar. 8, 1743, when he bought land in Lancaster Twp. from Andrew Miller<sup>38</sup> directly across Conestoga Creek from father's land; he sold that land on Dec. 15, 1766, to Valentine Bossler;<sup>39</sup> by Jan. 1767 living in Manheim Twp., York Co.; to Franklin Twp., from Manheim Twp. York Co., in 1791;<sup>40</sup> Mennonite minister; his will gave land to son Jacob and son-in-law Henry Hoover.

m. Mary

**11131 Mary Schenk**, b. ca. 1747, Lancaster Twp.

**11132 Michael Schenk**, b. ca. 1750, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1833, Hawkins Co., Tenn.;<sup>41</sup> moved to Va. and purchased 100 acres in Rockingham Co. on Mar. 18, 1777;<sup>42</sup> sold 100 acres to Uncle Adam Schenk in Rockingham Co. in 1786; received

patent on 274 acres in Greenbriar Co., (West) Va. in 1787;<sup>43</sup> living in Greenbriar Co. in 1789 with wife's sister Susanna and her husband John Schenk; still there in 1803;<sup>44</sup> in 1803 sold 274 acres and other lands in Greenbriar Co., and soon moved to Hawkins Co., Tenn.<sup>45</sup>

m. by 1774, Elizabeth Miller; dau. of John Miller of Rockingham Co.

**11133 Daughter Schenk**, b. ca. 1753, Lancaster Twp.

m. Henry Hooper of Franklin Twp., Adams Co.

**11134 Franey Schenk**, b. ca. 1755, Lancaster Twp.

m. Christian Shelley; was living in Augusta Co., Va. by 1803.

**11135 Elizabeth Schenk**, b. ca. 1758, Lancaster Twp.

**11136 Christian Schenk**, b. ca. 1761, Lancaster Twp., d. 1834, Botetourt Co., Va.;<sup>46</sup> received 290-acre patent in Greenbriar Co., W. Va., Apr. 17, 1787; sold that land on Apr. 28, 1803<sup>47</sup> and moved to Botetourt Co. where he bought land in 1803 from Peter Nofsinger.<sup>48</sup>

m. Catherine Beckner

**11137 Jacob Schenk**, b. ca. 1763, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1813, intestate;<sup>49</sup> received father's 253 acres in Franklin Twp., Adams Co., after father's d.; sold this 253 acres in 1803.<sup>50</sup>

m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_; she may have m.(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Bucher.

**11138 Adam Schenk**, b. ca. 1768, Manheim Twp., York Co., Pa.; d. Dec. 1822, Muhlenburg Co., Kent;<sup>51</sup> living in Rockingham Co., Va., by 1791 and in Greenbriar Co. W. Va., in 1803, then Botetourt Co., Va., then Kent. in 1810.

m. Sept. 17, 1797, Elizabeth Frantz in Botetourt Co., Va.

**1114 Jacob Schenk**, b. ca. 1723, Conestoga; d. intestate 1759/1760, Lancaster Co.;<sup>52</sup> weaver; took a warrant in Conestoga Twp., on Oct. 22, 1751, for 114 acres;<sup>53</sup> sold land in Conestoga on Dec. 16, 1751, to Hugh Roberts;<sup>54</sup> taxed only 1 year (1751) in Conestoga; sold 114 acres in Conestoga on Feb. 4, 1758, to Michael Quickle;<sup>55</sup> taxed in Donegal Twp. from at least 1756 to 1759 on 50 acres.<sup>56</sup>

m. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_; probably parents of 11141 to 11144.

<sup>33</sup> Thom Shank to Richard W. Davis, Mar. 26, 1993.

<sup>34</sup> Deed DD-19, Lancaster.

<sup>35</sup> Archive Section [alphabetical by surname], LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

<sup>36</sup> Thom Shank to Richard W. Davis, Mar. 26, 1993.

<sup>37</sup> Will H-257, York County Courthouse, York, Pa.

<sup>38</sup> Deed G-81, Lancaster.

<sup>39</sup> Deed S-498, Lancaster.

<sup>40</sup> Howard Y. Musselman, "The Marsh Creek Settlement of Adams County, 1769-1823," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 2 (Oct. 1979): 10.

<sup>41</sup> Will 1-442, Hawkins County Courthouse, Rogersville, Tenn.

<sup>42</sup> Deed 21-434, Augusta County Courthouse, Staunton, Va.

<sup>43</sup> Deed 2-666, Greenbriar County Courthouse, Lewisburg, West Va.

<sup>44</sup> Deed B-97, Adams County Courthouse, Gettysburg, Pa.

<sup>45</sup> Deed 2-666, Lewisburg, West Va.

<sup>46</sup> Will E-435, Botetourt County Courthouse, Fincastle, Va.

<sup>47</sup> Deed 3-67, Lewisburg, West Va.

<sup>48</sup> Deed 8-307, Fincastle, Va.

<sup>49</sup> Administration of Jacob Schenk, May 13, 1813, Gettysburg.

<sup>50</sup> Deed B-103, Gettysburg.

<sup>51</sup> Shanks, *The Shanks Family from Pequea Creek*, pp. 35-36.

<sup>52</sup> Administration of Jacob Schenk, 1760, Lancaster, shows administrators as Barbara Shank, Michael Shank, Abraham Miller, and Adam Kindig.

<sup>53</sup> Warrant A-17-34, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, Pa.

<sup>54</sup> Deed C-305, Lancaster. This seems to be the same tract that he sold Feb. 4, 1758, to Michael Quickle; perhaps the land reverted back to Jacob. The 1751 deed states that Jacob Schenk was of Conestoga Twp., while the 1758 deed gives Lancaster Co.

<sup>55</sup> Deed FF-548, Lancaster.

<sup>56</sup> Tax records for Donegal Twp. are missing from 1760 to 1768.

<sup>57</sup> Will I-85, Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pa.



- 11141 John Schenk**, b. ca. 1748, Conestoga; d. 1804;<sup>57</sup> Fayette Co., Pa.; taxed in Donegal Twp. from 1769 to 1780; on Dec. 8, 1779, Thomas Charlton sold to "John Shank of Donigall Township, Lancaster County" a tract called "number five" in Washington Co., Md.;<sup>58</sup> on Sept. 18, 1784, he and brother brother Jacob, both of Washington Co., Md., bought land from Andrew Brandstatter called "Stoney Hill";<sup>59</sup> on Mar. 7, 1795, they divided the land in half;<sup>60</sup> and on that same day John sold his half to Dewalt Mung; in 1795 John purchased land in Fayette Co., Pa. and moved there that same year.  
m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_
- 11142 Jacob Schenk**, b. ca. 1752, Donegal; d. 1836, Washington Co., Md.;<sup>61</sup> bought land in Washington Co. in 1784 with brother John from Andrew Brandstetter called "Stoney Hill" in Cavetown/Smithsburg area; divided that land in 1795 with bro.  
m. Aug. 13, 1774, Mary Stiewig in Lancaster Co.<sup>62</sup>
- 11143 Maria Schenk**, b. ca. 1757, Donegal  
m. Christian Hege of Donegal, 1751-May 13, 1815; he m.(1) Maria Stauffer (1756-1784); in 1793 Christian and Maria sold land in Donegal Twp. and moved to Guilford Twp., Franklin Co., Pa.<sup>63</sup>
- 11144 Adam Schenk**, b. Dec. 8, 1759, Donegal Twp.; d. Apr. 2, 1839; bu. Shenk Union Church Cem., Conewago Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa.;<sup>64</sup> lived in Derry Twp., Dauphin Co., next to brother-in-law Michael Schenk; bought 140 acres in Londonderry (Derry) Twp. from Michael Schenk in 1783.<sup>65</sup> Adam was the guardian of Maria Brandstatter, daughter of Andrew Brandstatter; he and his sons Jacob and Christian as well as his brother-in-law, Michael Schenk, were members of the Mennonite church in (now) Conewago Twp.  
m. Nancy Lehman; dau. of John Lehman of Mt. Joy Twp., Lancaster Co.
- 1115 Henry Schenk**, b. ca. 1726, Conestoga; d. 1805, Codorus Twp., York Co.;<sup>66</sup> received land in Dover Twp., York Co., on Mar. 26, 1756; taxed in Dover Twp. in 1748; sold that land and moved to Codorus Twp., York Co. where he bought land Feb. 28, 1772 <sup>67</sup> and Nov. 6, 1772; <sup>68</sup> in 1779 taxed at Codorus on 200 acres with his son Michael; taxed on 237 there in 1793; by will left 237 acres in Franklin Twp. to son John.  
m. Anna Hoover; dau. of Ulrich Hoover.<sup>69</sup>
- 11151 Michael Schenk**, b. 1756, Dover, York Co.; taxed with father as a "single man" at Codorus in 1779; living at Codorus Twp. in 1799 when taxed on 232 acres and then gone by 1800; apparently the Michael who bought 200 acres in Rainham Twp., Ontario, Canada in 1800; In Jan. 1816 Michael applied for land grant stating that he was b. in Pa., was ca. 60 years old, came to Canada from Pa. in 1800 with wife and 10 ch.; Mennonite minister at Rainham Twp.<sup>70</sup>  
m. ca. 1779, ?Barbara Gingrich; dau. of Ulrich Gingrich of Lancaster Co.
- 11152 Mary Schenk**, b. ca. 1758, Dover; d. 1815, Codorus, single; noted as Henry's oldest dau. in his will; single in 1811
- 11153 Elizabeth Schenk**, b. ca. 1761, Dover; d. 1821, single.<sup>71</sup>
- 11154 Henry Schenk**, b. 1763, Dover; d. ?Dec. 1837, Dickinson Twp., Cumberland Co., Pa.;<sup>72</sup> moved to West Pennsborough Twp. ca. 1791 and to Dickinson Twp. in 1823.  
m. Elizabeth Bechtel, dau. of Jacob Bechtel of W. Pennsborough, Cumberland Co.<sup>73</sup>
- 11155 Anna Schenk**, b. ca. 1765, Dover; d. by 1811, single.<sup>74</sup>
- 11156 Barbara Schenk**, b. ca. 1768, Dover  
m. Joseph Hershey
- 11157 Veronica Schenk**, b. ca. 1770, Dover  
m. John Meyer
- 11158 Margaret Schenk**, b. ca. 1772, Dover; single in 1811 and 1815  
m. between 1815-1820, John Martin
- 11159 John Schenk**, b. ca. 1774, Codorus Twp.; d. 1832, Codorus; single in 1793;<sup>75</sup> taxed on 233 acres in 1799.
- 11150 Magdalena Schenk**, b. ca. 1777, Codorus; d. 1811,

Codorus, single;<sup>76</sup> noted in father's will as youngest dau.

- 1116 Margaret Schenk**, b. ca. 1729, Conestoga;  
m. Peter Wieland/Weyland; son of Peter Wieland of Lancaster Co.; they moved to Warwick Twp. in 1761; last taxed at Warwick Twp., in 1789; at least 2 sons.
- 11161 Michael Wieland**, b. ca. 1753, Lancaster Co.
- 11162 Peter Wieland**, b. ca. 1753, Lancaster Co.
- 1117 Tobias Schenk**, b. ca. 1734, Conestoga; d. 1767, Conestoga; on Mar. 20, 1760, received from bros. Michael and John 173 acres of late father's land in Conestoga Twp. next to his bro. Michael's land;<sup>77</sup> guardians of ch. were Jacob Menard and Jacob Stone.<sup>78</sup>  
m. Barbara Menard, dau. of Frederick Menard of Conestoga Twp.; she m.(2) by Dec. 1767, Daniel Brenneman.
- 11171 Anna Schenk**, b. 1760, Conestoga; d. in S. Huntington Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa.<sup>79</sup>  
m. Jan. 1782, Christian Funk of Manor Twp., Lancaster Co.
- 11172 Tobias Schenk**, b. ca. 1762, Conestoga; received father's 155 acres in Conestoga Twp. on Dec. 17, 1783, prob. at age 21; sold this land in 1794 to Daniel Brenneman and moved to Mercer Co., Pa.; ran tavern at Shank's Crossing at Greenville; prob. young son and dau. with him in 1800; in 1810, 1820 living in Tuscarawas Co., Ohio.  
m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_
- 11173 Maria Schenk**, b. ca. 1764, Conestoga  
m. Christian Heagy
- 11174 Barbara Schenk**, b. ca. 1766, Conestoga; m. before age 21.  
m. Christian Stoner
- 1118 Adam Schenk**, b. ca. 1737, Conestoga; d. ca. 1803, Rockingham Co., Va.; bought land in Manchester Twp., York Co., Pa., Nov. 3, 1761, from John Dickson; sold that land Feb. 15, 1784 <sup>80</sup> to Henry Brunner and moved to Rockingham Co., Va., where he bought land from John Schenk in 1785;<sup>81</sup> also bought land in Rockingham Co. from Michael Schenk in 1786; taxed from 1786 to 1802 there.  
m. Magdalena Eyeman

<sup>58</sup> Deed B-273, Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Md.

<sup>59</sup> Deed D-82, Hagerstown.

<sup>60</sup> Deeds I-100, I-102, I-104 and I-119, Hagerstown. On the same day he sold the tract called "number five" to Phillip Stern who had been from Donegal Twp., Lancaster Co.

<sup>61</sup> Will D-199, Hagerstown.

<sup>62</sup> Annette Simpson, *Marriages, 1753-1854, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania* (n.p.: author, 1986), LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Call #974.8 A1 #179.

<sup>63</sup> Daniel R. Lehman, *Mennonites of the Washington County, Maryland and Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Conference* (Hagerstown, Md.: Publication Board of the Eastern Pennsylvania Mennonite Church, 1990), p. 30.

<sup>64</sup> Thom Shank to Richard W. Davis, Mar. 16, 1993.

<sup>65</sup> Deed G-116, Dauphin County Courthouse, Harrisburg, Pa.

<sup>66</sup> Will L-304, York County Courthouse, York, Pa.

<sup>67</sup> Deed 2-W-200, York.

<sup>68</sup> Deeds E-224, 2-H-166, York.

<sup>69</sup> Deed H-92, Lancaster.

<sup>70</sup> Robert J. Shank, *The Descendants of Michael Shank, 1756-18??* (n.p.: author, n.d.), #929.271.A1.126, LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

<sup>71</sup> Orphans' Court N-241, York.

<sup>72</sup> *Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania* (Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905), p. 61.

<sup>73</sup> Will G-175, Cumberland County Courthouse, Carlisle, Pa.

<sup>74</sup> Deeds 2-W-196, 199, 200, York.

<sup>75</sup> Will Q-447, York.

<sup>76</sup> Orphans' Court K-313, York.

<sup>77</sup> Deed G-162, Lancaster.

<sup>78</sup> *Miscellaneous Book 1763-1767*, p. 326, Lancaster.

<sup>79</sup> Thom Shank to Richard W. Davis, Mar. 26, 1993.

<sup>80</sup> Deeds 1-F-401, 405, York.



- 11181 Mary Schenk, b. ca. 1767, Manchester Twp., York Co.  
m. Abraham Blosser
- 11182 Magdalena Schenk, b. June 22, 1769, Manchester Twp.;  
d. May 31, 1851, Fairfield Co., Ohio.  
m. Abraham Brenneman, 1744-1815; d. Va.
- 11183 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1771, Manchester Twp.; d. 1803,  
Rockingham Co.  
m. ?Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, d. 1810, Rockingham Co.
- 11184 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1773, Manchester Twp.  
m. David Martin; they lived in Augusta Co., Va.
- 11185 Anna Schenk, b. ca. 1775, Manchester Twp.  
m. Abraham Niswanger; Mennonite leader in Rockingham Co.
- 11186 Henry Schenk, b. Oct. 6, 1777, Manchester Twp.; d. Oct.  
17, 1831, New Geneva, Fayette Co., Pa.  
m. June 23, 1804, Frances Martin/Marti, at Rockingham Co.,  
Va.; b. Jan. 10, 1779, Lancaster Co.; d. Feb. 8, 1861; bu.  
Winesburg, Ohio.<sup>82</sup>
- 11187 Adam Schenk, b. ca. 1780, Manchester Twp.; d. ca.  
1845/1849, Rockingham Co.  
m. May 6, 1806, Elizabeth Eagle; dau. of Philip Eagle.
- 11188 Veronica/Fanny Schenk, b. ca. 1782, Manchester Twp.  
m. Oct. 20, 1807, Jacob Gochenauer at Rockingham Co.
- 11189 Elizabeth Schenk, b. ca. 1785, Linville Creek, Rocking-  
ham Co.; d. between 1811 and 1813; single in 1811; 1 ch. d. as  
infant between 1811-1813.
- 11180 Jacob Schenk, b. ca. 1787, Linville Creek, Rockingham  
Co.; not in Rockingham Co. records after 1813, but may be  
the Jacob in 1820 census with wife and two girls b. between  
1810-1820; not on 1830 census of Rockingham Co.<sup>83</sup>
- 1112 Margaret Schenk, b. ca. 1697, Germany; d. by 1758.<sup>84</sup>  
m. Jacob Graff; d. May 6, 1776, Ephrata, Lancaster Co.; they  
joined the Ephrata Cloister.
- 11121 Margaret Graff, b. ca. 1726  
m. Jan. 23, 1750, at Lancaster Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Ludwig Huber/ Hoober; b. Aug. 4, 1726, Ittlingen,  
Germany;<sup>85</sup> son of Jacob Huber.
- 11122 Barbara Graff, b. ca. 1730; single in 1758.
- 11123 Mary Graff, b. ca. 1733; single in 1758; prob. sister Prisca  
of the Ephrata Cloister.<sup>86</sup>
- 113 Henry Schenk, b. ca. 1700, Germany; d. 1762, Strasburg  
Twp., Lancaster Co.;<sup>87</sup> in 1758 received father's interest in  
1717 land warrant from the Brackbills and his sisters and  
brother; lived on half of the land (132 acres), and sold other  
half to niece Barbara (Schenk) Hoover in 1758; <sup>88</sup> dau. Hester  
received entire estate in his will.  
m. Margaret \_\_\_\_\_
- 1131 Hester Schenk, b. May 17, 1731; d. June 15, 1801.  
m. John Herr/Hare, 1720-1797<sup>89</sup>; son of Emmanuel and  
Maudlin (Brackbill) Herr.
- 114 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1705, Germany  
m. John Bowman; both alive in 1758; she may be the Barbara  
Bowman who had her land sold in 1761 by the sheriff of  
Lancaster Co. to pay off debts.
- 115 Jacob Schenk, b. ca. 1708, Germany; d. 1736, Strasburg  
Twp.;<sup>90</sup> 1 ch.
- 1151 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1734, Strasburg; bought 132 acres  
in 1758 from Uncle Henry Schenk;<sup>91</sup> lived in Strasburg Twp.  
m. Jacob Huber/Hoover, b. Aug. 7, 1728; son of Ulrich Huber  
of Conestoga.
- 116 Anna Schenk, b. ca. 1715, Germany  
m. Jacob Denlinger, b. ca. 1715, Ibersheim, Germany; d. 1787,  
Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co.; son of Michael Denlinger.<sup>92</sup>
- 1161 Christian Denlinger, b. ca. 1746, E. Lampeter, Twp.; d.  
1806, E. Lampeter  
m. Anna \_\_\_\_\_
- 1162 John Denlinger, b. ca. 1751, E. Lampeter; d. Apr. 19, 1792,  
Strasburg.  
m. Nov. 21, 1779, Catherine Bastler
- 1163 Jacob Denlinger, b. ca. 1754, E. Lampeter; d. 1818.  
m. Magdalene \_\_\_\_\_

- 1164 Abraham Denlinger, b. ca. 1756, E. Lampeter; d. Apr. 3,  
1785, E. Lampeter.  
m. June 2, 1785, Maria Bastler
- 12 Hans Schenk, chr. Dec. 4, 1664, Eggiwil; to Palatinate at age  
6; prob. living in Hasselbach, Germany, in 1731 with son  
Jacob;<sup>93</sup> prob. father of ch. below.
- 121 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1691, Hasselbach, Germany; immi-  
grated to North America on Sept. 21, 1731 as widow with 3  
sons; noted as "my sister Barbara Schenk, widow" with son  
Michael and Peter in 1758 will of sister Anna.<sup>94</sup>  
m. ? \_\_\_\_\_ Horsch/Horst; possibly d. on imm. trip; possibly  
the Jacob Horsch of Hasselbach noted as Mennonite in  
1731 with John and Jacob Schenk.<sup>95</sup>
- 1211 Michael Horsch, b. 1713, Hasselbach; received patent for  
land in S. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa. in 1735 and later  
d. there.
- 1212 Joseph Horsch, b. 1723, Hasselbach; d. 1804, W. Earl  
Twp., Lancaster Co.  
m. Mary Groff; dau. of Samuel Groff.
- 1213 Peter Horsch, b. 1729, Hasselbach; d. 1795, Newberry  
Twp., York Co.; lived in Lampeter Twp., until 1789.
- 122 John Schenk, b. ca. 1695, Hasselbach, Germany; d. 1752,  
Lancaster Twp.<sup>96</sup> warranted 200 acres on May 20, 1718, in  
Lancaster Twp. near relatives John Meyer, Jacob Cryder, and  
Michael Schenk;<sup>97</sup> son John received this land in 1756; on Jan.  
4, 1748, sold 150 acres to son Christian;<sup>98</sup> mason by trade and  
appears on 1718 tax list as "Big John Shank."  
m. Mary Meyer, dau. of Hans Meyer.<sup>99</sup>
- 1221 Christian Schenk, b. ca. 1720, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1759,  
Lancaster Twp.;<sup>100</sup> received 150 acres from father in 1748;  
gave by will 150 acres to sons Christian and John in 1759; ch.  
minors in 1759.

<sup>81</sup> Deed 000-35, Rockingham County Courthouse, Harrisonburg, Va.

<sup>82</sup> John Longenecker, *Adam Shank* (Wilmot, Ohio: author, 1908), Fiche #6018588, at LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

<sup>83</sup> From the 1810 census I surmise that he was living with a female b. between 1784-1794 (wife or sister Elizabeth?) and another female (mother?). Two other Jacob Shanks were living in Rockingham Co. on the 1830 census, but I believe neither was this Jacob.

<sup>84</sup> Deed WW-300, Lancaster.

<sup>85</sup> Jane Evans Best to Richard W. Davis, Jan. 11, 1993.

<sup>86</sup> Ibid.

<sup>87</sup> Will C-1-46, Lancaster.

<sup>88</sup> Deeds W-300, L-23, Lancaster.

<sup>89</sup> Jane Evans Best to Richard W. Davis, Jan. 11, 1993.

<sup>90</sup> Administration of Jacob Schenk, 1736, Lancaster, shows administrators as Henry Shank of Strasburg, Michael Shank of Conestoga, and John Line of Conestoga.

<sup>91</sup> Deed WW-300, Lancaster.

<sup>92</sup> Ralph E. Denlinger, "The Denlinger Family," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 3 (July 1980): 10.

<sup>93</sup> Bender, "Palatinate Mennonite Census Lists, 1664-1774," p. 32.

<sup>94</sup> She may have been referring to a sister-in-law Barbara instead of her sister.

<sup>95</sup> Clark E. Hess, "Poor Jacob Horst," *Mennonite Family History* 3 (July 1984): 107.

<sup>96</sup> Miscellaneous Book 1742-1760, pp. 7, 11, Lancaster. Administration Papers of John Schenk, 1752, Lancaster, shows executors as Christian Schenk and Jacob Meyer/Moyer.

<sup>97</sup> Patent A-5-420[July 5, 1718], Harrisburg, states that the land was surveyed on May 28, 1718.

<sup>98</sup> Deed Q-198, Lancaster. See also Deeds, D-260, D-358, D-445, D-494, E-316, DD32, Lancaster. When John purchased 150 acres from Ludwig Stone on June 11, 1746, in Lancaster Twp. he made his mark as "H.S."

<sup>99</sup> W. H. Egle, *Notes and Queries* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1970 reprint), ser. 1 and 2, vol. 2, p. 306.

<sup>100</sup> Will X-2-19, Lancaster, shows executors as Michael Schenk and John Cryder.



- m. probably ca. 1746/47 Anna Nultz, dau. of Philip Nultz of Hempfield;<sup>101</sup> she m.(2) Philip Stern and moved to Donegal Twp. in 1771/72.
- 12211 Christian Schenk**, b. Feb. 23, 1748, Lancaster Twp.; d. Mar. 19, 1826, Millersville, Manor Twp., Lancaster Co.;<sup>102</sup> taxed on half of father's 75 acres from 1769 to 1826; purchased 12 more acres of father's land from Abraham Grinewalt, who had bought from Isaac Martin who had bought from bro. John in 1784.
- m.(1) 1771 at First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Barbara Henneberger; b. Aug. 6, 1747; d. Nov. 6, 1802.
- m.(2) Veronica \_\_\_\_\_, Mar. 22, 1757-Dec. 23, 1830<sup>103</sup>
- 12212 Anna Schenk**, b. ca. 1750, Lancaster Twp.
- 12213 John Schenk**, b. 1753, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1818, Washington Co., Md.;<sup>104</sup> received half of father's land of 75 acres on Apr. 23, 1774; taxed in Lancaster Twp. from 1771 to 1783 on 75 acres; in 1784 sold 75 acres in Lancaster Twp. by deed to Isaac Martin of Manor who then sold it to Abraham Grinewalt who then sold part of it to bro. Christian;<sup>105</sup> moved to Washington Co., Md., prob. in 1784; there bought on Jan. 13, 1798, land called "Dry land," from Philip Stern;<sup>106</sup> in 1799 release concerning mother-in-law, Magdalena/Molly Kauffman, it states that John lives in Washington Co., Md.<sup>107</sup>
- m. May 6, 1772, St. James Anglican/Episcopal Church, Lancaster; Magdalena/Molly Kauffman; d. Aug. 1822; dau. of Andrew and Magdalena (Martin) Kauffman of Manor Twp.
- 1222 John Schenk**, b. ca. 1723, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1803;<sup>108</sup> received from siblings father's 185 acres (1718 patent) in Lancaster Twp. on Feb. 6, 1756; his will left 219 acres to son John.
- m.(1) by 1757, Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_
- m.(2) by 1773, Esther \_\_\_\_\_
- 12221 Joseph Schenk**, b. ca. 1755, Lancaster Twp.; taxed in Lancaster Twp. from 1776 to 1780; taxed in Donegal Twp. on 112 acres until d.
- m. Barbara Blazer, dau. of Mathias Blazer of Donegal Twp.
- 12222 Magdalena Schenk**, b. ca. 1757, Lancaster Twp.
- m. Andrew Snavelly, 1751-1813, of Antrim Twp., Franklin Co., Pa.
- 12223 [?] Samuel Schenk**, b. ca. 1760, Lancaster Twp.; however could possibly be immigrant of 1774 and son of either Jacob Schenk of Hasselbach or Christian Schenk (b. ca. 1750) of Bockshaft, Germany.<sup>109</sup>
- 12224 Barbara Schenk**, b. ca. 1762, Lancaster Twp.; in 1804 single and living in Lancaster Twp.
- 12225 John Schenk**, b. ca. 1767, Lancaster Twp.; first taxed in Lancaster Twp. in 1788; single in 1789; inherited father's 215 acres in Lancaster Twp.;<sup>110</sup> living there in 1820, but not on 1830 census.
- m. Jan. 21, 1794, Anna Bär, at New Holland Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church; dau. of Jacob Bär of Strasburg.
- 12226 Esther Schenk**, b. ca. 1770, Lancaster Twp.; in 1804 single and living in Lancaster Twp.
- 1223 Mary Schenk**, b. ca. 1726, Lancaster Twp.
- m. before 1754, Jacob Immel/Emle; received 16 acres of her father's land in 1756 and sold it on Jan. 20, 1757, to Ulrich Reccor.
- 1224 Anna Schenk**, b. ca. 1729, Lancaster Twp.
- m. after 1754, Jacob Lyne/Line
- 1225 Jacob Schenk**, b. ca. 1732, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1757, Lancaster Twp.;<sup>111</sup> single; lived with bro. John in 1756 when Jacob had one lame hand and one lame leg.<sup>112</sup>
- 1226 Joseph Schenk**, b. ca. 1737, Lancaster Twp.; d. prob. by 1756; on Dec. 3, 1754 chose Hans Christy as guardian after other prior ones.<sup>113</sup>
- 123 Anna Schenk**, b. ca. 1698, Hasselbach, Germany; d. 1758/59, Martic Twp.;<sup>114</sup> prob. no. ch.; immigrated on ship *Molly* with husband and bro. Michael on Sept. 30, 1727.
- m. Samuel Bear/Bar, d. Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co.<sup>115</sup>
- 124 Michael Schenk**, b. ca. 1700, Hasselbach, Germany; d. 1744, Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co.;<sup>116</sup> immigrated on ship *Molly* on Sept. 30, 1727; although he received 147 acres on Nov. 8, 1738 in Martic Twp., he probably lived on land in Strasburg Twp. owned by m.(2); his will gave Martic Twp. land to ch. Barbara and Michael.
- m.(1) \_\_\_\_\_
- m.(2) by 1737, Barbara \_\_\_\_\_, widow of Hans Howry of Strasburg Twp.;<sup>117</sup> she had ch. by her m.(1): Frenny (m. Christian Neff), Elizabeth, Jacob (adult in 1746), Anna, John (minor in 1746).<sup>118</sup>
- 1241 Barbara Schenk**, b. ca. 1728, Strasburg Twp.
- m. Ulrich Everly, 1724-1809, of Martic Twp.
- 1242 Annali Schenk**, b. ca. 1730, Strasburg Twp.
- 1243 Michael Schenk**, b. ca. 1732, Strasburg, Twp.; d. 1782, Martic Twp.<sup>119</sup> on Feb. 10, 1754, received half of father's land from Ulrich and Barbara Everly;<sup>120</sup> taxed on 100 acres next to Everly from 1754 to 1782; under age 53 in 1779 tax list for Martic Twp.; his will gave 370 acres in Martic Twp. with mansion house to sons John and Michael—latter a minor in 1782.
- m. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_, d. 1785<sup>121</sup>
- 12431 John Schenk**, b. ca. 1757, Martic; d. 1836, Martic; mention in 1758 will of Anna Bear (123); first taxed in Martic Twp. as freeman in 1779; gave father's land in Drumore to

<sup>101</sup> Deed E-316, Lancaster.

<sup>102</sup> Will O-1-478, Lancaster.

<sup>103</sup> Transcription of Bethany Lutheran Cem., Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa., at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, shows bu. for Christian and both wives.

<sup>104</sup> Will C-32, Hagerstown.

<sup>105</sup> Deed BB-437, Lancaster.

<sup>106</sup> Deed I-162, Hagerstown.

<sup>107</sup> Deed G-3-581, Lancaster.

<sup>108</sup> Will H-1-356, Lancaster.

<sup>109</sup> In 1781 and 1782 tax lists he was next to John Schenk, Sr., but if he was John's son, then he d. by 1803 since no records mention him after then.

<sup>110</sup> Deed I-5-165, Lancaster.

<sup>111</sup> Will B-1-195, Lancaster.

<sup>112</sup> Tax Records of Lancaster County [Pa.], Lancaster Twp.[1756], LR209, Roll 15.

<sup>113</sup> Miscellaneous Book 1742-1760, p. 19, Lancaster.

<sup>114</sup> Will B-1-292, Lancaster. She divided her estate among Michael Schenk, Ulrick Everly, Peter Hursh, Michael Hursh, and Mary Musselman, probably all related to her; perhaps Peter and Michael were nephews.

<sup>115</sup> Will A-1-83, Lancaster.

<sup>116</sup> Will X-2-41[d. Jan. 28, 1744; proved June 4, 1744], Lancaster, has differences from the original German will. A witness to the German will was Henrich Schenck, not Michael Schenk as shown in the English translation. Annali is not mentioned in the English translation nor is the last name (Haure) of his step-children. In the German will Michael states that Barbara is his oldest daughter. The date at bottom of the will pertains to the date that the will was made—not the date that he bought his land as shown in the English translation.

<sup>117</sup> Miscellaneous Book 1742-1760 [Sept. 2, 1746], pp. 20, 22, Lancaster. Administration Bond of Hans Howry, 1737, Lancaster County Historical Society, was signed by Michael Schenk, Barbara Schenk by her mark, Jacob Meyer and Abraham Blaser and witnessed by Heinrich Schenk and Samuel Blunston.

<sup>118</sup> Miscellaneous Book 1742-1760 [Sept. 2, 1746], pp. 20, 22, Lancaster. Hans Howry was probably the brother of Ulrich Howry (d. before June 1, 1724) in Lancaster Co. Ulrich left a non-cupative will, written July 13, 1723, and proved Feb. 28, 1729, at Chester Co., Pa. in which all his estate went to wife Barbary with siblings to receive £30 each. Witnesses were Hans Herr, Peter Yorte and others.

<sup>119</sup> Will D-1-217 [dated May 20, 1780], Lancaster, shows administrators as Barbara Shank, John Shank, and George Multz on May 1782.



- bro. Michael on Jan. 30, 1790;<sup>122</sup> in 1792 taxed on 150 acres in Drumore as non-resident.  
m. Magdalena Stauffer; dau. of John and Barbara (Good) Stauffer of Martic Twp.
- 12432 Anna Schenk, b. ca. 1759, Martic  
m.(1) Apr. 27, 1778, Henry Whitestick  
m.(2) David Herr, 1758-1846
- 12433 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1765, Martic; d. 1815, Martic; on Jan. 30, 1790 received father's land in Drumore Twp. from bro. John and released interest in mother's land in Martic Twp. to bro. John; in 1797 taxed on 140 acres in Drumore, but lived in Martic; under 21 when mother d. in 1785. m. Jan. 10, 1792, at Lancaster First Reformed Church, Susanna Veit; d. Oct. 13, 1836, Martic; dau. of Arnold Veit/Fight.
- 1244 Mary Schenk, b. ca. 1735, Strasburg Twp.; noted in 1758 will of Anna Bear (123) with siblings.<sup>123</sup>  
m. by 1758, Christian Musselman<sup>124</sup>
- 125 ?Christian Schenk, b. ca. 1702, Hasselbach, Germany; living near Hasselbach, at Bockshaft, Germany in 1731;<sup>125</sup> may be son of 12.
- 126 ?Mary Schenk, b. 1704, Germany; may be dau. of 12; listed next to John and Jacob Schenk on the 1731 Mennonite census of Hasselbach;  
m. Oswald Hostetter; lived at Hasselbach; Oswald (age 30) and Mary (age 28) immigrated in 1732; took warrant for land on Jan. 3, 1733, in Warwick Twp., same day that Michael Schenk took warrant on adjoining land; oldest son John.
- 127 Jacob Schenk, b. ca. 1706, Hasselbach, Germany; in 1731 living at Hasselbach with father Hans Schenk; living at Hemhof, Germany, in 1741.  
m. before 1741, Elisabeth Beer; dau. of Mennonite Hans Beer/Bär of Streichenberg, Germany.<sup>126</sup>
- 13 Barbara Schenk, chr. Apr. 14, 1667, Eggiwil; to Palatinate at age 4.  
m. Jacob Greider/Greiter/Kreider; living at Ittlingen, Germany, in 1715 with Mennonite families;<sup>127</sup> at least 6 ch. of which 2 came to Pa.<sup>128</sup>
- 131 Michael Greider/Kreider, b. 1691, Ittlingen, Germany; d. 1739,<sup>129</sup> Lancaster Co.; went to Pa. in 1717, possibly with m.(1); at least 5 ch.  
m.(1) Barbara Graff; dau. of Hans Graff, who d. 1726, Conestoga.  
m.(2) Elisabeth \_\_\_\_\_
- 1311 Hans Jacob Kreider, b. ca. 1717, Ittlingen; d. 1745.  
m. Elisabeth \_\_\_\_\_
- 1312 Martin Kreider, b. ca. 1719, Ittlingen; d. 1785.  
m. Elisabeth Myers
- 1313 Anna Kreider, b. ca. 1722, Ittlingen; d. by 1766  
m. Jacob Mumma
- 1314 Peter Kreider, b. Apr. 12, 1729, Lancaster Co.  
m. Marie Hershey
- 1315 John Kreider, b. ca. 1732, Lancaster Co.; d. 1784.  
m. Anna Margaret Hostetter, dau. of Jacob Hochstetter
- 132 Jacob Kreider, b. 1693, Ittlingen; d. before 1758, Lancaster Twp.;<sup>130</sup> arrived in Lancaster Co. in 1717 with uncle Christian Schenk; owned 140 acres just south of land of "Little" John Schenk and Jacob Hochstetter.  
m. Elisabeth \_\_\_\_\_
- 1321 Jacob Kreider, d. ca. 1755  
m. Eve Schultz
- 1322 Michael Kreider, b. ca. 1720, Lancaster Co.; d. 1787/88  
m.(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
m.(2) Elisabeth Hess, 1725-1800
- 133 Hans Jacob Kreider, b. 1695, Ittlingen; d. Nov. 12, 1768, Ittlingen.  
m. Anna Oberholser, 1700-Aug. 30, 1754
- 4 Anna Kreider, b. 1700, Ittlingen  
m. ca. 1717, ?Jacob Hostetter; they bought land together with her bro. Jacob Kreider in Lancaster Twp. in 1718 before

dividing it.

135 Barbara Kreider, b. 1702, Ittlingen

136 Martin Kreider, b. 1706, Ittlingen; d. 1773, Ittlingen; Mennonite deacon.  
m. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_, 1707-1765

14 Michael Schenk, chr. Jan. 4, 1670, Eggiwil; to Palatinate at age 2; possibly came to Pa. and listed on 1718 tax records for Chester (now Lancaster) Co.;<sup>131</sup> may have d. in 1720 in Lancaster Co. or may have migrated;<sup>132</sup> he or his son Michael (b. ca. 1694) may have bought 400 acres in Lancaster Township in 1717 with Hans Henrich Bär.

141 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1694, Germany; d. between Sept. 7 and Dec. 24, 1763, Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co.;<sup>133</sup> he and Henry Pare/Bär lived in Strasburg Twp. when they warranted 400 acres in Lancaster Twp. on Sept. 25 1717;<sup>134</sup> also warranted 200 acres in Strasburg Twp. on Sept. 27, 1717; released Strasburg tract on Mar. 1, 1733 to Henry Hooper; warranted 273 acres in Warwick (now Elizabeth) Twp. on Jan. 3, 1733;<sup>135</sup> sold 30 acres of that land with m.(2) Maudlin to Elizabeth Deardorff on Nov. 30, 1751;<sup>136</sup> bought 94 acres next to Oswald Hostetter on Conestoga Creek, Dec. 1, 1740, from Joseph Shippen (Charles Jones' land).<sup>137</sup> On May 10, 1762, he

<sup>120</sup> Charles H. Eberly, "The Descendants of Ulrich and Barbara Eberly of Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 13 (Jan. 1990): 26-27. I assume that he was near age 21 in 1754 when he received half of his father's land, and that sister Barbara was older.

<sup>121</sup> Will E-1-229, Lancaster, states that Michael is not yet age 21.

<sup>122</sup> Deed KK-363, Lancaster, states that this is the 147 acres that Michael Schenk, father of the late Michael Schenk, who was the father of Michael and John Schenk, received on Nov. 8, 1738. It also states that Michael Schenk's will (dated Jan. 28, 1744) gave that tract to his son Michael and his daughter Barbara, wife of Ulrich Everly.

<sup>123</sup> Deed S-174, Lancaster, states that Christian and Maria Musselman lived in Earl Twp. in 1775. Though Maria is mentioned with the ch. of Michael Schenk, she may be related to Anna some other way.

<sup>124</sup> Will B-1-292, Lancaster.

<sup>125</sup> Bender, "Palatinate Mennonite Census Lists, 1664-1774," p. 32.

<sup>126</sup> Estate Papers (1741) of Hans Beer/Bar of Birkenauer Hof, translated by Noah G. Good, Jane Evans Best to Richard W. Davis, Jan. 11, 1993.

<sup>127</sup> Jane E. Best, "European Roots of the Bear Families of Lancaster County: An Update," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 7 (Jan. 1984): 26.

<sup>128</sup> Eugene K. Engle to Richard W. Davis, Nov. 24, 1992.

<sup>129</sup> Will A-1-43, Lancaster.

<sup>130</sup> Administration of Jacob Kreider, 1758, Lancaster.

<sup>131</sup> On 1718 tax records we see listed adjacently Benedict Brackbill, Christian Shank, Michael Shank Sr., and John Shank, and later Michael Shank Jr. On another assessment list "Big" John Shank appears. The "Sr." may be referring to Christian's son Michael, but perhaps he was not taxed until 1725 when he moved onto George Gray's land on the Conestoga Creek. On the 1719 tax records three Michael Schenk persons are listed: "Michell Shanke, Mickall Shanke Sr., Michal Shanke Jr." I believe that these three, in order, were Michael (ca. 1695-1759), son of Christian; Michael (b. 1670);, his son Michael (b. ca. 1694). Most of the Seniors and Juniors in the tax lists were father and son. When two men of the same name who were not father and son appeared, they used other means of identification such as "Big" or "on George Gray's place."

<sup>132</sup> A Michael Shank lived in Hanover Twp., Philadelphia Co. in 1734, but I cannot yet identify him.

<sup>133</sup> Will C-1-48, Lancaster, gives executor as Abraham Brubacher and witnesses as Hans Brubacher, Hans Hochstetter, and Hans Lang.

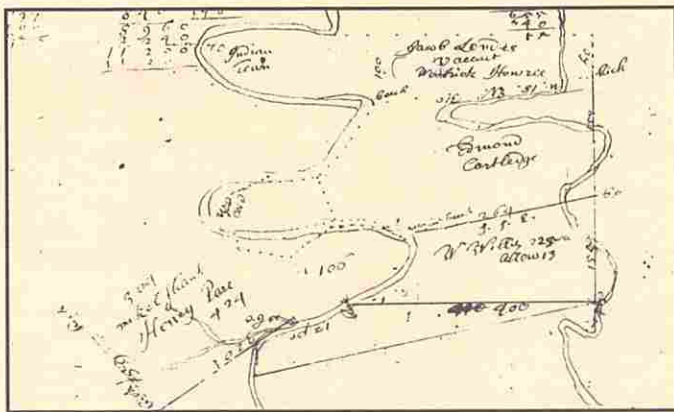
<sup>134</sup> Patent A-5-275, Harrisburg. His tract was 424 acres according to the patent maps drawn by Pennsylvania State Archives.

<sup>135</sup> Joanne K. Hoover, "Elizabeth Township Kinsmen and Some of Their Descendants from the Time of Settlement," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 10 (Jan. 1987): 15. His patent was dated Aug. 18, 1749.

<sup>136</sup> Deed C-348, Lancaster.

<sup>137</sup> Deed A-25, Lancaster.





This survey from the Jacob and Isaac Taylor Papers (#2559) shows the tract of 424 acres to Michael Shank (14 or 141) and Henry Pare/Heinrich Bear in what is now Lancaster Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on the western side of the Conestoga River. To the north of the Shank/Bear tract one can see the designation of "Indian Town" which lies in what is now Lancaster city in the area called Sunnyside formed by a sharp loop of the Conestoga River. The survey was dated November 24, 1717. The Mill Creek lies to the west of the Conestoga River in this survey drawing.

and m.(3) Elizabeth released to son Martin 197 acres in Warwick Twp.,<sup>138</sup> and on same day they released to son John 146 acres in Warwick Twp. next to Michael's other land;<sup>139</sup> held worship in his home and may have been a Mennonite minister.

m.(1) ca. 1717, Anna ?Kasey, after immigration on Aug. 24, 1717;<sup>140</sup> she d. between 1743-1749.

m.(2) Maudlin \_\_\_\_\_

m.(3) Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_

1411 Catherine Schenk, b. Apr. 1720, Lancaster Twp.; d. Nov. 29, 1760, Warwick Twp.

m. Fall 1738, John Stauffer, Aug. 6, 1715-Jan. 1767;<sup>141</sup> son of Daniel Stauffer of Mückenhäuserhof, Germany.

1412 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1723, Lancaster Twp.

1413 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1726, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1790, Heidelberg Twp., Lebanon Co.;<sup>142</sup> warranted 100 acres in Lebanon Twp. on Nov. 10, 1750, and took patent on July 20, 1770;<sup>143</sup> in 1759 taxed in Heidelberg Twp.

m. Maria Landis, dau. of Henry and Veronica (Graff) Landis of Manheim Twp. Lebanon Co.; by will left plantation in Heidelberg to son John; miller.

14131 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1758, Heidelberg Twp.

m.(1) Rudolf Meyer/Mayer; d. Somerset Co. Pa.

m.(2) Michael Brenniser of Westmoreland Co., Pa.

14132 Anna Schenk, b. ca. 1761, Heidelberg Twp.

m. John Meyer/Mayer

14133 John Schenk, b. Nov. 13, 1763, Heidelberg.; d. July 28, 1821, Bethel Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.;<sup>144</sup> inherited all father's land in Heidelberg Twp. (205 acres); brother-in-law Michael Brenniser sold the Heidelberg Twp. land to Mary (Bachman) Brennenman who then sold it to cousin John Shenk (1777-1842)<sup>145</sup> m. Anna (Nancy) Kratzer, d. 1843/44; dau. of Joseph Kratzer; no. ch.

1414 ?Anna Maria Schenk, b. ca. 1728, Lancaster Twp.

m. John Jacob Graff, 1724-1800, of Warwick Twp.<sup>146</sup>

1415 Elizabeth Schenk, b. ca. 1730/1758, Lancaster; d. by 1763; may have been younger dau. of Michael's m.(3) Elizabeth and d. single.<sup>147</sup>

1416 Anna Schenk, b. ca. 1735, Warwick Twp.

m. Hans Lang/John Long, b. Sept. 1, 1730, Manheim Twp., Lancaster Co; d. 1817, Manheim Twp.<sup>148</sup>

1417 Martin Schenk, b. June 30, 1737, Warwick Twp.; d. Mar. 11, 1813, Warwick Twp.<sup>149</sup>

m. Ann \_\_\_\_\_, d. 1827<sup>150</sup>

14171 Joseph Schenk, b. Dec. 1, 1760, Warwick; d. Feb. 15, 1838, Annville, Lebanon Co.<sup>151</sup>

m. Mary Bomberger

14172 Christian Schenk, b. ca. 1762, Warwick; d. 1829, Elizabeth Twp., Lancaster Co.<sup>152</sup>

m. Susanna \_\_\_\_\_, 1769-1826 <sup>153</sup>

14173 John Schenk, b. ca. 1763, Warwick; d. 1805, Warwick.

m. Elizabeth Dulabon

14174 Anna Schenk, b. ca. 1765

m. Jacob Kendig; they lived in Lebanon, Pa.

14175 Elizabeth Schenk, b. ca. 1767, Warwick

m. John Meyer; they lived in Lebanon, Pa.

14176 Martin Schenk, b. Dec. 15, 1770, Warwick; d. June 20, 1841, Manheim Twp., Lancaster Co.<sup>154</sup>

m. Elizabeth Long; dau. of John Long, Jr.

14177 Michael Schenk, b. 1772, Warwick; d. 1844,<sup>155</sup> Amherst, Erie Co., N. Y.; Twp. when he purchased land in Annville, Lebanon Co. in 1799; in 1808 bought land in Derry Twp. from bro. Joseph which he sold in 1812; in 1810 living in Hanover Twp. when he bought land in West Hanover Twp.; in 1827 reported from Amherst, N. Y. that John Gingrich satisfied an 1822 mortgage for Lebanon Co. land.<sup>156</sup>

m. 1792, Catherine Ellenberger

14178 Maria Schenk, b. ca. 1774, Warwick Twp.

m. Martin Wenger; they lived in Jonestown, Lebanon Co.

14179 Susanna Schenk, b. ca. 1776, Warwick Twp.

m. John Weidman; they lived at Dauphin Co., Pa.

14170 Catherine Schenk, b. 1779, Warwick; d. 1860.

m. Moses Bomberger

1418 John Schenk, b. Jan. 20, 1740, Warwick, Lancaster; d. Apr. 10, 1814, Buffalo Springs, Heidelberg Twp., Lebanon Co.;<sup>157</sup> in 1762 received 146 acres in Warwick Twp. from father (1749 patent); miller.

m.(1) 1760, Barbara Hershey, d. 1786; dau. of Christian and Barbara (Bomberger) Hershey;<sup>158</sup> 5 ch.

m.(2) 1791, Maria Stohler, May 9, 1761-Mar. 5, 1835;<sup>159</sup> 1 ch.

<sup>138</sup> Deed H-124, Lancaster.

<sup>139</sup> Deed H-123b, Lancaster.

<sup>140</sup> The Bible record has not been located. An English translation was sent to me by Joanne Hoover, 644 Coleman Place, Westfield, NJ 07090. Anna's maiden name could perhaps be Keesy/Geesy, Kagey, Kendig or another surname. which begins with a "K" and ends with a "y" or "g." A Mennonite named Casper Rasy or Kasy lived at Hasselbach, Germany, in 1731.

<sup>141</sup> Bible of Johannes Stauffer, Lebanon County Historical Society, Lebanon, Pa.

<sup>142</sup> Will F-1-229[proved May 22, 1790], Lancaster.

<sup>143</sup> Warrant A-11-570, Harrisburg.

<sup>144</sup> Orphans' Court B-112, Lebanon.

<sup>145</sup> Joanne Hoover to Richard W. Davis, Jan. 1992.

<sup>146</sup> Jane Evans Best to Richard W. Davis, Jan. 11, 1992.

<sup>147</sup> Ibid.

<sup>148</sup> Deed D-3-627 [dated Dec. 18, 1795], Lancaster, states that Anna was John Long's wife.

<sup>149</sup> Will K-1-586[dated Dec. 2, 1811; proved May 3, 1813], Lancaster, shows executors as Peter Martin and Moses Rosenberger.

<sup>150</sup> Will P-1-57, Lancaster.

<sup>151</sup> Will B-459, Lebanon.

<sup>152</sup> Will P-1-334, Lancaster. Christian was executor of his mother's estate in 1827.

<sup>153</sup> Joanne Hoover to Richard W. Davis, March 28, 1993.

<sup>154</sup> Will S-1-485, Lancaster.

<sup>155</sup> H. Perry Smith, ed., *History of the City of Buffalo and Erie County New York*, Vol. 1 (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason and Co., 1884), p. 715.

<sup>156</sup> Deed A-2-450, Dauphin County Courthouse, Harrisburg.

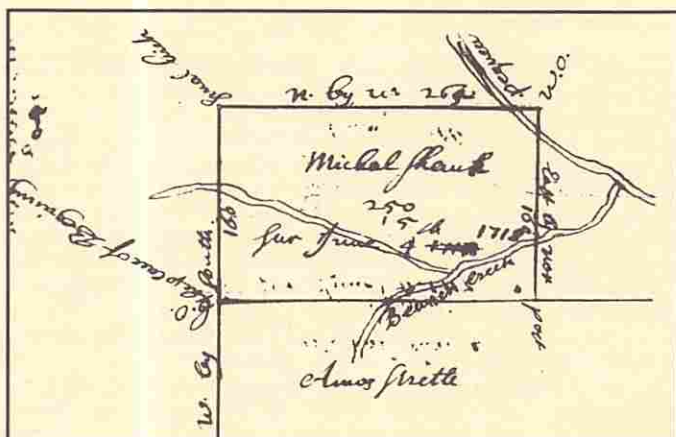
<sup>157</sup> Will A-36, Lebanon.

<sup>158</sup> Bible record in Schenk surname file, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa., has b. and m. for John Schenk family.

<sup>159</sup> Thom Shank to Richard W. Davis, March 26, 1993.



- 14181 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1765, Heidelberg; d. 1791.  
m. Barbara Stauffer, b. Sept. 19, 1767, Warwick Twp.; dau. of Christian and Anna (Eby) Stauffer of Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co.
- 14182 Christian Schenk, b. Jan. 5, 1767, Heidelberg; d. after 1826, Heidelberg; single and handicapped.
- 14183 Barbara Schenk, b. Dec. 5, 1772, Heidelberg Twp.; d. Apr. 2, 1826  
m. Jacob Thommes
- 14184 John Schenk, b. Oct. 16, 1777; d. Sept. 2, 1842, Heidelberg Twp.  
m. (1) Barbara Bachman, Apr. 17, 1782-Sept. 19, 1818; dau. of Christian and Maria (Snyder) Bachman.  
m. (2) Feb. 6, 1821, Maria Heise, at Tabor Church, Lebanon, Pa.; b. Jan. 12, 1778; d. Oct. 21, 1865.
- 14185 Joseph Schenk, b. Oct. 12, 1779, Heidelberg; d. Dec. 27, 1857; Heidelberg.<sup>160</sup>  
m. Oct. 17, 1802, Veronica Ober, d. Apr. 23, 1856; from Mastersonville, Lancaster Co.
- 14186 Michael Schenk, b. June 26, 1792, Heidelberg; d. young
- 1419 Magdalena Schenk, b. Feb. 27, 1760, Warwick; d. Sept. 14, 1840; her mother was Elizabeth.  
m. May 15, 1781, Henry Hershberger
- 142 John Schenk, b. ca. 1696, Germany; d. Sept. 11, 1744, Lancaster Twp., on same day he made his will;<sup>161</sup> inv. Nov. 5, 1744; listed as carpenter in 1720; on June 4, 1734, patented 150 acres in Lancaster Twp. on Conestoga Creek next to Jacob Hochstetter and Peter Martin;<sup>162</sup> probably living there since Feb. 17, 1718; warranted 197 acres in Manor Twp. on July 30, 1741, which was patented by John Shank "Jr." (probable son) 20 days later;<sup>163</sup> on Sept. 11, 1744, gave 150 acres by will to sons, Michael and Christian, and mentions dau. Barbara; perhaps other ch.  
m. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1421 John Schenk, b. ca. 1719, Lancaster Twp.; d. ca. 1782, Manor Twp.<sup>164</sup> taxed at Manor on 197 acres his father warranted until 1781; next to Abraham Hare and Andrew Kauffman.  
m. Barbara Gingrich; dau. of Hans Gingrich of Warwick Twp.
- 14211 John Schenk, b. Aug. 6, 1744, Manor;<sup>165</sup> d. Feb. 10, 1819, Manor; taxed in Manor Twp. on 150 acres from 1771 to 1819.  
m. Maria Elizabeth Habecker
- 14212 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1750, Manor; d. Apr. 12, 1816, Howard Twp., Centre Co., Pa.; in 1773 moved from Manor



This survey from the Jacob and Isaac Taylor Papers (#2728) shows a tract of 250 acres to Michael Shank (141 or 111) in what now the border area of northern Providence and southwestern Strasburg townships in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where the Beaver Creek flows into the Pequea Creek. Dated June 4, 1718, it lies adjacent to the huge survey of 3,380 acres to Amos Strettle, the Philadelphia fur merchant and Quaker.

Twp. to Conestoga Twp., then to Centre Co. Pa.; Mennonite minister.

m. Magdalena Menard, d. Oct. 25, 1818<sup>166</sup>; dau. of Frederick Menard of Conestoga Twp.; Frederick Menard left 163 acres in Conestoga by will of July 14, 1773.

14213 Anna Schenk, b. ca. 1752, Manor  
m. Henry Shopf

14214 Henry Schenk, b. Jan. 14, 1756, Manor; d. Sept. 13, 1853, Manor;<sup>167</sup> on Apr. 12, 1783, received from siblings by deed 193 acres in Manor of late father which grandfather John Schenk had warranted on July 30, 1741.

m. Barbara Hostetter; dau. of Abraham Hostetter of Manor

14215 Magdalena (Martha) Schenk, b. ca. 1757, Manor; single.

14216 Elizabeth Schenk, b. ca. 1759, Manor  
m. after 1783, Martin Funk

14217 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1761, Manor  
m. ca. 1783, Henry Gasho

14218 Daniel Schenk, b. 1762, Manor;<sup>168</sup> d. 1854, Washington Twp., Holmes Co., Ohio;<sup>169</sup> taxed in Manor from 1788 to 1800 on 25 acres; moved to Centre Co. ca. 1800; weaver; moved to Holmes Co. in 1829.

m. 1788, Susanna \_\_\_\_\_<sup>170</sup>

1422 Michael Schenk, b. ca. 1721, Lancaster Twp.; d. Feb. 1804, Lancaster Twp.;<sup>171</sup> taxed in Lancaster Twp. from 1750 to 1803 on 150 acres; received half his father's 150 acres (patented in 1734) by father's will in 1744; received other half from bro. Christian on Feb. 28 1748; on July 15, 1763 received patent as alien patent;<sup>172</sup> on June 16, 1766, warranted 114 acres in Donegal Twp. and took patent on Aug. 12 1766;<sup>173</sup> Nov. 30, 1771, patented 205 acres in Donegal Twp. called "New Meadow";<sup>174</sup> deeded this land on Nov. 4, 1772 to son John "of Donegal."

m. Barbara Kauffman; dau. of Andrew Kauffman of Manor Twp.<sup>175</sup>

14221 John Schenk, b. ca. 1746, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1815, Donegal.<sup>176</sup>

m. Veronica Gingrich; dau. of Ulrich Gingrich; moved from Lancaster Twp. to Donegal Twp. in 1771/1772.

14222 Barbara Schenk, b. ca. 1748, Lancaster Twp.; "idiot" and single.

<sup>160</sup> Will C-631, Lebanon.

<sup>161</sup> Will X-2-23[proved Dec. 4, 1744], Lancaster, gives executor as bro. Michael.

<sup>162</sup> Patent A-6-342, Harrisburg, notes receipt for quit claim rent due from warrant of Feb. 17, 1718, paid by John Shank on Apr. 7, 1734.

<sup>163</sup> Patent A-10-290, Harrisburg. Deeds BB-85, BB-88, Lancaster.

<sup>164</sup> Deeds BB-85, BB-88[dated April 12, 1783], Lancaster.

<sup>165</sup> Data from Thom Shank, 5701 Burna Vista Terrace, Los Angeles, CA 90042.

<sup>166</sup> J. Clayton Shank, "Michael Schenck and His Descendants in Centre County, Pennsylvania," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 7 (Apr. 1984): 16-17.

<sup>167</sup> Lancaster Co.[Pa.] Death Register, 1852-1855, p. 108, Lancaster, is LDS film #941264.

<sup>168</sup> Census of Holmes County in 1850, lists Daniel as age 88.

<sup>169</sup> Will 1-70, Holmes County Courthouse, Millersburg, Ohio.

<sup>170</sup> Tax Records of Lancaster County[Pa.], Manor Twp., LR209, Roll 21, for 1788 shows Daniel on a list of single men with his name crossed out; he probably m. that year.

<sup>171</sup> Will H-1-441, Lancaster.

<sup>172</sup> J. Clayton Shank, *One Shank Ancestral Tree* (Quarryville, Pa.: author, 1963), pp. 16-17, Family History Library film #875,369, item 8. Neither Michael nor father John had given formal allegiance to the British crown. Michael later gave this allegiance in order to legitimize his land purchases; he transferred the 150 acres to son Andrew in 1787.

<sup>173</sup> Warrant AA-7-215, Harrisburg.

<sup>174</sup> Warrant AA-11-605, Harrisburg.

<sup>175</sup> Charles Fahs Kauffman, *A Genealogy and History of the Kauffman-Coffman Families* (York, Pa.: author, 1940), p. 242.

<sup>176</sup> Miscellaneous Book 1816-1822, p. 95, Lancaster.



# Religion

- \_\_\_\_\_ Schenk, b. ca. 1751, Lancaster Twp.; no. ch.  
m. Emmanuel Herr
- 14224 Henry Schenk**, b. ca. 1754, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1827, Clear Spring, Washington Co., Md.;<sup>177</sup> taxed in Lancaster Twp., 1776-1777, 1782-1786; taxed in Donegal Twp. from 1787-1793; lived in Donegal in 1796; by 1800 living in Washington Co., Md.; on Feb. 10, 1805, Henry and Mary Schenk of Washington Co., Md., sold property in Donegal to John and Veronica Schenk, then occupied by Jacob Schenk.  
m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_
- 14225 Christian Schenk**, b. Sept. 8, 1756, Lancaster Twp.; d. Oct. 4, 1804, Manheim Twp., Lancaster Co.<sup>178</sup>  
m. (1) Susanna Mayer, Aug. 24, 1760-ca. 1784/1790; dau. of Abraham Mayer of Lancaster Twp.  
m. (2) Elizabeth Huble, ca. 1791; she m. (2) Mr. Brenner.
- 14226 Michael Schenk**, b. July 20, 1759, Lancaster Twp.; d. Oct. 18, 1806, Conestoga Twp.;<sup>179</sup> bu. River Corner Mennonite Cem.; taxed in Conestoga from 1779 to 1806; County Commissioner of Lancaster Co. at d.  
m. 1779, Anna Stehman, d. Mar. 9, 1842
- 14227 Andrew K. Schenk**, b. ca. 1761, Lancaster Twp.; d. 1826;<sup>180</sup> taxed in Lancaster Twp. from 1779 to 1826 on 150 acres.  
m. (1) Maria Bossler, 1769-1809 ); dau. of John Bossler of Manheim Twp.  
m. (2) Anna Stauffer, b. Apr. 23, 1767, Lampeter; d. June 11, 1832; dau. of John Stauffer of Lampeter Twp.
- 14228 Jacob Schenk**, b. ca. 1765, Lancaster Twp.; d. after 1824; taxed in Lancaster Twp. from 1788 to 1790; living in Donegal Twp. in 1801; on May 4, 1805, he and wife sold 236 1/2 acres in Donegal to Henry Bates Grubb<sup>181</sup> which Jacob had received on July 13, 1798.  
m. Catherine Phyfer; dau. of Jacob Phyfer/Pfeiffer of Manheim Twp.
- 14229 Anna Schenk**, b. ca. 1770, Lancaster Twp.  
m. Apr. 11, 1797, Lancaster, Jacob Harnish
- 14220 Mary Magdalena Schenk**, b. ca. 1772, Lancaster Twp.  
m. Aug. 6, 1793, Jacob Bossler
- 1423 Christian Schenk**, b. ca. 1723, Lancaster Twp.; received 75 acres (patented 1734) in Lancaster Twp. from father's 1744 will; sold 75 acres to bro. Michael on Sept. 28, 1748;<sup>182</sup> taxed in Manor Twp. in 1757; by 1761 living in Hellam Twp., York Co., Pa.;<sup>183</sup> final record in York Co. in suit of May 10, 1768;<sup>184</sup> prob. bought tract "Goodwill" in Washington Co., Md., in 1769 from Yost Zimmerman;<sup>185</sup> bought land in 1785 from Mennonite Andrew Postater, called "Wolfe's Lott;"<sup>186</sup> on

- Feb. 19, 1785, bought 100 acres in Bedford Co., Pa. and sold it on May 19, 1792 while living in Washington Co.;<sup>187</sup> sold "Goodwill" tract in 1793 to Dr. Henry Schnebly;<sup>188</sup> on Feb. 10, 1798, sold "Wolfe's Lott" and "Walnut Bottom" tracts to Jacob Zeller;<sup>189</sup> probably moved to Somerset Co. Pa. in 1798 with son Christian after selling his land.  
m. Mary Kauffman; prob. d. by 1792; dau. of Andrew Kauffman of Manor.<sup>190</sup>
- 14231 ?Andrew Schenk**, b. ca. 1747, Lancaster Twp.; d.? after 1769; taxed in Manor Twp. as freeman in 1769.
- 14232 ?John Schenk**, b. ca. 1750, ?Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; bought land at Mennonite community in Rockingham Co., Va. in 1773;<sup>191</sup> sold land to Henry Schenk (1758-1836), son of Michael Schenk, Rockingham Co., in 1784 with witness to deed <sup>192</sup> as Michael Schenk (son of John Schenk of Franklin Twp., York Co., Pa.); living in Greenbriar Co., W. Va., in 1798 with his brothers-in-law Michael Schenk and John Miller, who had also moved from Rockingham Co.;  
m. Susanna Miller; dau. of John Miller (who d. 1784, Rockingham Co., Va.)
- 14233 Christian Schenk**, B. 1752, Manor Twp.; fined for refusing to bear arms in Washington Co., Md., in 1776 with bro. Michael; on 1790 census in Washington Co.; moved to Stoney Creek, Somerset Co., Pa., in 1798, after father sold land in Washington Co., and died at Stoney Creek in 1832.<sup>193</sup> The town of Shanksville in Somerset Co., is named for him.<sup>194</sup>  
m. ca. 1778, Elizabeth Washabaugh; dau. of Mennonite Dilman Washabaugh of Washington Co., Md.<sup>195</sup>
- 14234 Michael Schenk**, b. ca. 1755, Manor Twp.; bought lot in Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., in 1779 and sold it in 1784;<sup>196</sup> prob. d. intestate in Washington Co., Md., in 1785;<sup>197</sup> no ch.  
m. May 19, 1780, Christina Gross, in Washington Co., Md.
- 14235 Catherine Schenk**, b. ca. 1758, Hellam, York Co., Pa.  
m. July 10, 1779, at Washington Co., Md., Johan Lower
- 1424 Barbara Schenk**, b. ca. 1726, Lancaster Twp.; father's will states that "my daughter Barbara is to have four pounds a year as wages as long as she stays to work on ye place."
- 1425 Elizabeth Schenk**, b. ca. 1730, Lancaster Twp.  
m. John Hostetter, d. 1765, Lancaster Twp.; son of Jacob and Anna Hostetter; owned land next to Elizabeth's father's farm.<sup>198</sup>
- 143 Barbara Schenk**, b. ca. 1698, Germany; signed 1728 deed with husband and Michael Schenk in Lancaster Co., Pa.<sup>199</sup>  
m. Hans Heinrich Bär, b. ca. 1688, Europe; d. ca. 1738, Earl Twp., Lancaster Co.; he m. (2) Barbara Eby. □

<sup>177</sup> Will C-322, Hagerstown.  
<sup>178</sup> Archives Section [alphabetical order by surname], LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
<sup>179</sup> Will J-287, Lancaster.  
<sup>180</sup> Will O-1-559, Lancaster.  
<sup>181</sup> Deed R-3-484, Lancaster.  
<sup>182</sup> Deed K-1-1, Lancaster.  
<sup>183</sup> Deed G-360, Lancaster.  
<sup>184</sup> "Civil Docket: Abstracts of the County Court of Common Pleas," *Codorus Chronicles: the History and Genealogy of York County, Pennsylvania* 2 (Nov. 1984): 21, gives an entry for the July 1768 court term: "... the said sheriff took in execution as the estate of John Waggoner at the suit of Henry Strickler, Christian Stoner, and Christian Shank."  
<sup>185</sup> Deed M-218, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Md.  
<sup>186</sup> Deed D-464, Hagerstown.  
<sup>187</sup> Deeds B-114, C-591, Bedford County Courthouse, Bedford, Pa.  
<sup>188</sup> Deed H-368, Hagerstown.  
<sup>189</sup> Deed K-705, Hagerstown.  
<sup>190</sup> Kauffman, *History of the Kauffman-Coffman Families*, p. 242.  
<sup>191</sup> Deed 19-356, Hagerstown.  
<sup>192</sup> Deed 000-354, Harrisonburg.  
<sup>193</sup> Lineage Book 70, p. 237, Daughters of the American Revolution, lists Christian Schenk of Stoney Creek as a member of the

Lancaster Co., Pa. militia. However, I have not found a military record or pension for Christian. In *Inactive Duty Militia, Records of Comptroller General*, RG 4, A(5), VII, pp. 436-438, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, Pa/ [LDS Film #1,205,997], one sees a militia list dated Aug. 10, 1782, which records inactive members who did not show for role call. There are Mennonite names on the list who appear to have refused duty. I believe the Christian Schenk referred to in the 1782 list is Christian Schenk (1751-1833) of Conestoga Twp. who m. Anna Kaegy, not the Christian of Stoney Creek as stated in the DAR Lineage Book. Tobias and Michael Schenk, both of Conestoga, were also on the same militia inactive list.  
<sup>194</sup> *History of Bedford, Somerset, and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania* (Chicago: Waterman, Watkins, and Co., 1884), p. 520.  
<sup>195</sup> Administration, A-1-96, Hagerstown. Will K-A-36, Hagerstown [dated 1777; proved Sept. 30, 1780] shows that Dilman Washabaugh's dau. Elizabeth was then single, but his administration papers of 1783 state that Elizabeth m. Christian Schenk. All of Washabaugh's other daus. m. Mennonite men.  
<sup>196</sup> Deeds 2-536, 2-538, Franklin County Courthouse, Chambersburg, Pa.  
<sup>197</sup> Administration of Michael Schenk, Aug. 6, 1785, Hagerstown.  
<sup>198</sup> Richard L. Hostetter, *Hostetter Family: Descendants of Jacob at Anna Hostetter of Engleside, Lancaster Cty., Pa.* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), p. 4.  
<sup>199</sup> Jane Evans Best to Richard W. Davis, July 28, 1993.



