

# **THE ANCESTORS**

**of**

## **SAMUEL LEVAN HERSHBERGER**

Including allied families of keller, shirk, LeVan  
schneider, klein, mertz, derr, westen, kohler and haffa

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## Introduction

The research on this book has been a labor of love for thirty-seven years. Some times it was almost an obsession other times it ended up on the back shelf while I raised five children and managed several businesses. I wish I had the end in mind when I started this research and I would have been more diligent in picture taking and documentation. As it is both of those areas are lacking. As much as I disliked living back East for eight years it was a blessing for my research. We lived only three hours away from Lancaster and Berks Counties and it was my favorite place to spend my weekends. My oldest daughter wrote her first college English paper on how her mom dragged her around all the cemeteries when she was a little girl. I remember taking our third child as a baby to the county court house and the employees babysat her while I researched. All of these fond memories I share with you in this book.

This book had a two fold plan. One to share the stories and pictures with family members and also to provide other genealogists with access to my research. Hence there are parts of this book that may seem boring to family members, and intimate family stories that will be of no interest to researchers. I know that names and dates can be very boring reading so I have put the histories at the beginning of each chapters.

The book ended up much larger then I planned but it was so hard to leave anything out. I did have to condense the ancestors chapters to only include our direct line and not all the information that I had. Also I found my endnotes to be rather cumbersome so I condensed a lot of them. To those using this book for research I apologize for the limited information I gave for my research. I included notes throughout the chapters as to how I know the information but every date and place has not been documented in this book. I used the standard abbreviation of **FHL** to denote the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, where I read the microfilms.

A few words about some things I have done in this book. First of all I have included ancestry charts to help in understanding relationships. This is the condensed version and therefore a little harder to understand. Starting from the left, each bracket is one generation from the number "1" person. Small numbers in front of the name represent the number of generations from number 1. Abbreviations are: b-born, m-married, d-died.

Second, I have tried to define words that you might not understand and put them in parentheses. The quotes from wills, deeds, and letters include ....., this to symbolize that I left material out and [ ], to add my own thoughts to the quotes. Direct quotes are all indented and in smaller font. I tried to keep these quotes as close to the original as I could, so some of the information might seem confusing as we deal with earlier writings and spellings. You will also noticed that the years of the events are missing for all living persons, this was done to ensure the privacy of those who names appear in this book. Also some names will not have numbers in front of them because they were added later.

There is a variety of spelling in names especially in the German and Switzerland research, that is because I transcribed the names just as written and I am not sure the parish priests ever spelt a name the same way twice.

Some information has not been added because I did not receive it in time to include it in the book. There are sure to be some error in my data and for this I can only say I am sorry. I have tried to the best of my ability to present the information as correct as it was given to me.

All of the pictures, some just copies, are in my possession. Most of the letters and Grandpa's journals, except for a couple of years that my father had, were in the possession of Lynda Warren, now deceased.

I must give a special thanks to my husband Jim, whose love and patience has gotten me to the end of this book. Over the years he unselfishly let me travel on my genealogy trips and then, there were days when he wondered if I would ever get home from the genealogy library. He has edited this book so many times I am sure he has it memorized. He supported and encouraged me to finished this, without him, there would be no Hershberger book.

As years go by and this book survives me I hope that my children will carry on this labor of love. So for those of you reading this book years later here is my daughter's address also.

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## Reading This Book

If, while reading the following pages of this book, the reader will keep these few facts in mind, a much clearer understanding of the contents will result. The format or style used in this book is known as the **Modified Register System**, which has been refined by the National Genealogical Society.

Three types of numbers are used: one to uniquely identify the individual, one to indicate the generation into which that person falls, and one to denote his or her birth-order within the nuclear family. The identification numbering system used in this book is called **By Descendants, Not in Sequential Order**. The starting person is 1, his first child is 2. After all the descendants of the first child are listed, then the descendants of the second child are listed, and so on until 8 generations. The ID numbers are numbered by generation, not in sequential order.

When an individual is introduced in his/her separate sketch, the name appears in boldface letters with the surnames in all capital letters. The name is preceded by the identification number. The last given name is followed immediately by a superscript number indicating the number of generations from the starting individual in this book. In parentheses following the name is a list of direct ancestors back to the starting individual. Only the given name is listed, preceded by his/her ID number, and followed by the generation number in superscript.

When the list of children is presented, the plus (+) sign indicates that more about this child will be presented in his/her separate sketch. The ID number is printed, followed by M/F indicating the sex. Next a small roman numeral in front of the name designates birth-order. Next the name is followed by the birth and death dates.

The term "Spouse" may have several different meanings: husband, wife, partner, mate, parent, or significant other. The couple involved may not be legally married. The term "stepchild" may have several different meanings: the child may be a stepchild, adopted child, foster child, or just raised in the home. If there are any other children of the spouse, they will be designated as stepchildren.

The index is arranged alphabetically by surname. Under each surname, the given names are alphabetically arranged. The name is followed by the ID number in parentheses, The number to the right indicates the page where this name appears.



## Dedication

This book is dedicated to my Grandfather Samuel LeVan Hershberger. Because of his journals and his life story that he wrote, I started on this quest to learn of my ancestors. As I grew up and listened to his stories I developed a love of family and a desire to learn more of not just who they were but of their sorrows and their laughter. Thank You Grandpa.

*"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6*





**PART I**

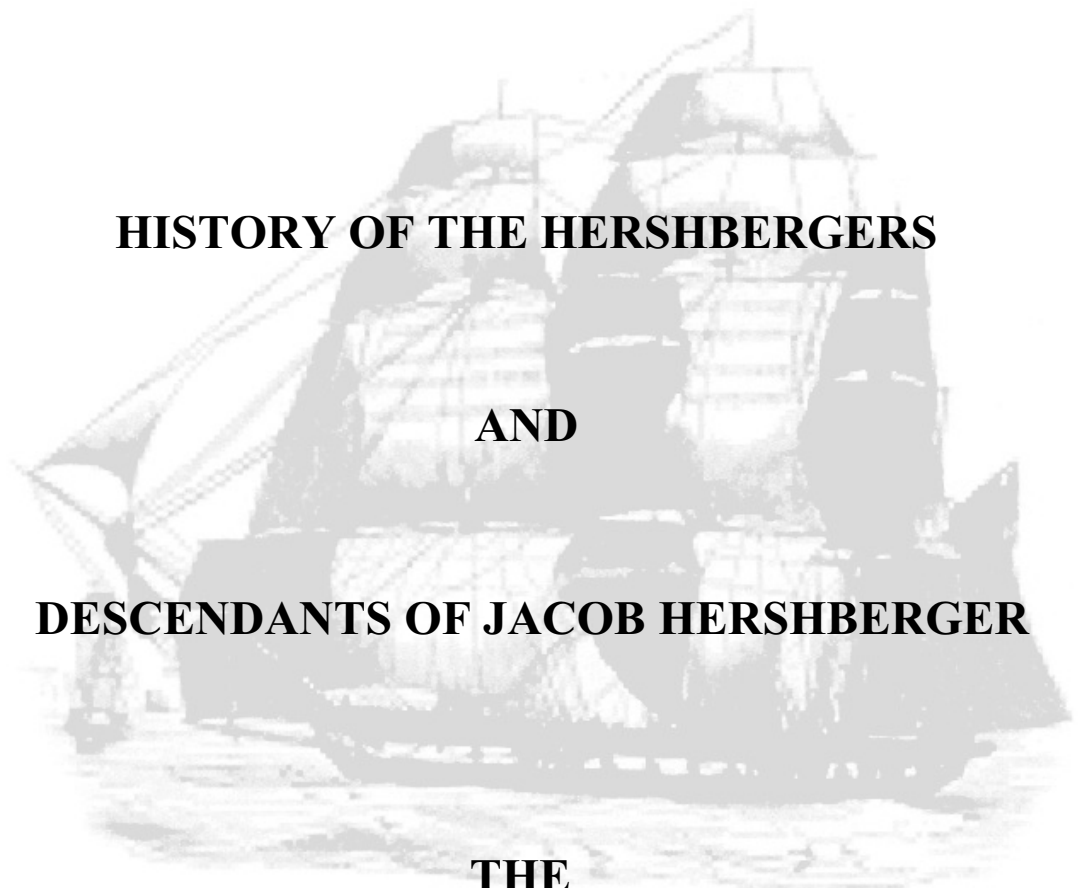
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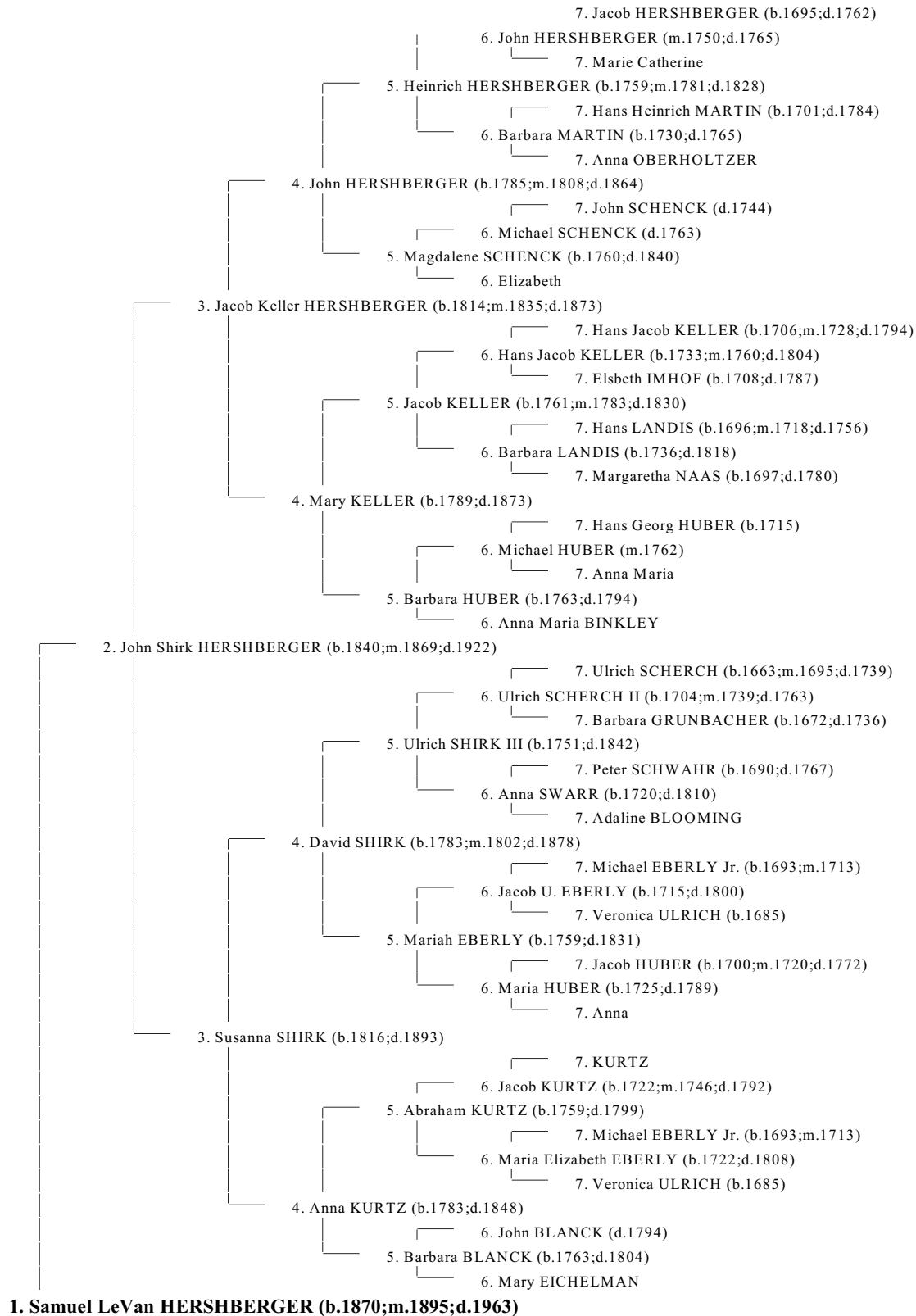
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## Ancestors of Samuel LeVan HERSHBERGER



## Chapter 1

### History and Origin of the Hershberger Name

The name Hershberger is found under various spellings in old Pennsylvania records such as *Horsberger*, *Harshberger*, *Herschberger*, *Hertzberger* and *Hirschberger*. In the records searched in Switzerland the name has been spelt *Hersperg*. In the German language the letters *B* and *P* are interchangeable. The *er* at the end of the name means *of* a certain place. Every ethnic group has certain unique customs in regard to naming and spelling, and nowhere is this fact more true than in the families of emigrant Germans. Sound alike consonants contribute to the variety of spelling; *D* and *T* often interchange; *C*, *G*, and *K* often have a similar sound and letters *V* and *F* do the same. There appears to have been no correct way to write down a German name, it all depended upon just who was doing the writing. The colorful variety in the spelling of family names happened because the colonial ancestors came from non-English speaking countries and found themselves isolated in the New World, yet subjected to a progressive civilization. The immigrants cared more about pronunciation of their name than the spelling, because most of them could not write their names anyway. The name *Pennsylvania Dutch* was given to these people because they mixed English with German.

We are unable to tell from present records from what location the Hershbergers immigrated. Family rumors suggest that they came from Switzerland. There is a town in Switzerland called *Herberg*, which translates to deer mountain. But no direct ancestors were found in *Herberg's* records. There is also a village in Germany called *Hirschberg*, there again there is no sign of our Jacob Hershberger.

The name *Hersperg* is found in Switzerland before the 1800's, in the towns of *Diepflingen*, *Liestal*, *Seltesberg*, *Sissach*, *Tenniken* and *Zunzgen*, in the Canton of Basel. There are many Jacobs throughout these records and I have found a Jacob born in 1695, but no marriage record or death record to prove or disprove that this is our ancestor Jacob. This is the subject of ongoing research.

Many of the Switzerland Hershbergers were of the Anabaptist faith. The name Anabaptist was generic and encompasses the religion's Amish and Mennonites. In 1659, after 130 years of religious persecution, the council of Berne ordered the exile of all persons who would not conform to the state religion. It was reported that these were dangerous times in regard to the Protestant faith. Everywhere there was killing, burning, beheading, and people being thrown into prison. One of the reasons that the Protestant religion started parish registers in Switzerland was to determine which citizens had their children baptized in the true faith or whether some were deceived and led astray by the teachings of the religious denominations called *Wiedert Aufer* (Anabaptists). They were considered undesirables. By 1706 they were not allowed to build houses, and those who had already done so were expelled. By 1709 the Swiss began to solve the Mennonite problem by deporting them to the New World (America.) Some stayed in the Netherlands or went to the Palatinate area of Germany.

The Hershberger name appeared very early among the Anabaptists in Canton Basel. One of them was Elizabeth Hersberger, a midwife, who influenced parents not to have their infants baptized. In 1520 Hans Hersperger, a miller from Laufelfingen, appeared in the city of Basel with ten other Swiss Brethren for a disputation with city's reformers. Several years later on January 12, 1530 he was sentenced to death for having participated in a forbidden communion service. The sentence was commuted to a fine and banishment from the territory. A Jacob Hersperger, on July 14, 1535 had his tongue and two fingers from his right hand cut off as punishment for returning to Canton Basel after being banished. Today there is a large population of Hershbergers in the United States that belong to the Amish or Mennonite religion (originally called Anabaptists.)

Many of the people who were banished went to Alsace and the Palatinate. The Palatinate is a fertile area between the Rhine and the Saar Rivers, and has never had a uniform political structure. These were small and



large dominions governed by nobles at their own discretion. The Alsace bordered Switzerland and is now part of France. The Swiss were welcomed into Germany since they were good farmers who could help improve the land after the ravages of repeated wars. It is most likely that our ancestors immigrated to the Palatinate area and even possible that our Jacob was born there. There was a sizable migration in 1671 when an especially severe persecution took place. These families found their way to Holland, for refuge from the wars between Germany and France. This in turn became a place of embarkation for America. The largest migration of Swiss Mennonites to America took place between 1717 and 1732 when approximately three thousand emigrated from the Palatinate to Pennsylvania. By early 18<sup>th</sup> century most emigrants pleaded poverty as the primary motive for immigrating. Also the erratic phenomena of nature that occurred between 1708 and 1709, was also a motive. Such as when the Rhine River closed due to ice for five weeks.

For two hundred years these pious 'Plain People' occupied Southeastern Pennsylvania almost exclusively. They were composed of Mennonites, Dunkards, Amish, Brethren, Moravians, Quakers and a small group of Schwenkfelders. Charles the Second of England granted Pennsylvania to William Penn in payment of a claim of 16,000 pounds that Penn's father held against the crown. The fur traders, some of whom were French, were the first persons who came into the Conestoga and Cocalico valleys in Lancaster County. The early settlers were almost exclusively from continental Europe and mostly of German descent.

The following is a list of the Hershbergers coming into Pennsylvania during the 1700's. Although there are Jacobs listed, the dates are too late to be our ancestor Jacob.

Christian Hertzberger	1737
Christian from Epstein, Germany	1749
Casper Herschberger	1749
Jacob Herschberger	1749
Jacob Herschberger	1754
Johannes Herschberger	1754 (age 21)
Heinrich Herschberger	1768

There has been much confusion about all the Jacob Hershbergers found in Pennsylvania. Many histories list our Jacob as the immigrant Jacob of 1749. My research shows this to be incorrect, there must be some relationship between these two Hershbergers, but that has yet to be proven. The confusion arises from the fact that so many Hershbergers were contemporaries, and they all gave their children the same names. There were many Hershbergers who spread throughout Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and then into Ohio.

Some Hershbergers found in early Pennsylvania are:

- Heinrich Hirschberger who was permitted to go to Pennsylvania where three brothers of his already resided. Recorded by the Palatine State Archives in 1768. This Heinrich first lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, then Frederick County, Maryland, and finally Shenandoah County, Virginia. Is he related?
- Christian Hertzberger whom in 1737 chose to live in an area northwest of Reading Pennsylvania. He was Amish and a descendant of his named, Moses Hershberger, was a full deacon in the Amish community in Ohio in 1886. He was part of the nine Hershberger brothers who in 1757 left Berks County and came across the mountains to Somerset County, Pennsylvania. A History of this family has been written.
- There was a large group of Hershbergers in Bedford County, Pennsylvania who probably came from Lancaster County. In visiting with some descendants of this branch, it was interesting to hear the same story, 'that the Hershbergers came with William Penn.'

The following tax lists beginning in 1771 shows the Hershbergers living in Lancaster County.

• Adam (could be Abraham)	City of Lancaster	1771	
• Abraham		1771	120 acres, 2 horses
• Jacob		1771	30 acres, 1 horse
• Widow		1771	

• Isaac		1771	100 acres, 2 horses
• Abraham	Cocalico	1773	
• Isaac	Cocalico	1773	
• Jacob	Cocalico	1773	
• Isaac	Cocalico	1782	
• Henry	Cocalico	1782	
• Abraham		1782	
• Isaac	Cocalico	1779	150 acres, 4 horses
• Abraham	Cocalico	1779	100 acres, 2 horses
• Henry	Cocalico	1779	100 acres, 3 horses

The 1790, 1800 and 1810 census records for Lancaster County show the following Hershbergers:

• Isaac	Cocalico Township	1790
• Joseph	Cocalico Township	1790
• Barbara	Cocalico Township	1810
• David	Earle Township	1810
• Henry	Cocalico Township	1810
• Abraham		1800

Problems arise in researching because there are very few written records from that time period. Though Pennsylvania was one of the first states, it was very slow in keeping vital records. There were not even records of marriages, except for scattered records retrieved from various sources. Traveling ministers who kept their own records in private notebooks, many of which have not survived, performed most marriages. Even in early-organized religions such as the Presbyterians, there was no central record keeping. I found this very unusual and frustrating, as these people were immigrants from countries who were very interested in preserving records of births and marriages. The Mennonites believe that record keeping was the family's responsibility and so there were no organized church records. Family bibles were one of the main sources for recording family information, but unfortunately these have been lost with time. Most of the records that are available from Pennsylvania are court records, which were used consistently for proof. Early county histories have been valuable in gaining some understanding of our people. Census records are great but have little value until 1850.

You can always find discrepancy in dates because of calendar changes. Prior to September, 1752 the American colonies were still using the Julian calendar, which began its year on March 25. Much of the rest of the world had switched to the Gregorian calendar, which began its year on January 1. I wrote most dates just as I found them in the records, rather than convert them to the present day calendar.

To receive the lessons we need to review in our easy age, we need only to go to the Lancaster valley or read the early history of the settlers. The Hershbergers and a host of others stand ready to teach us, if we but visit their homesteads or stand by their graves in their little private burial plots.....and ponder!

## Coat of Arms



This probably is not a registered coat of arms but drawn from information in archives. We have no proof that it was associated with our family. But is of general interest. Arms description:

Gold, a stag attaching in natural color upon a green mount with 3 hills. The crest is described as Three ostrich feathers one silver between two of red.

There was no motto recorded with the Hershberger coat of arms. Family mottos believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times.



## Chapter 2

### Jacob Hershberger 1695-1762

There is no record of our ancestor Jacob immigrating into the United States. In a history of Jackson County, Iowa, it says that members of the Hershberger family were members of William Penn's company at the time he made the treaty with the Indians. I searched the known records of Penn's Company and found that there is no mention of anyone named Hershberger. There are books that have compiled immigration records that are available for that time period, with some going as early as the 1600's. But basically we are dealing with records that start in 1727. Why isn't Jacob showing up in these records? The major reason is that the name probably was spelt so differently that we cannot prove it is our Jacob. Not only were the names originally written down incorrectly, but then those original records were transcribed. So we are dealing with two possible errors. I feel quite confident that he came over sometime between the years 1732- 1734. Some possibilities in the immigration records are, *John Heerburger* on May 15, 1732 and on September 30, 1732, a *John Heneburger* came to America from the Palatine.

The earliest known record of Jacob Hershberger is in 1734. Jacob of Lancaster County was naturalized as an English Subject. This was common practice because the right of voting was restricted to the native English subjects during 1729-1784. They had to be 21 years of age, freeholders with fifty acres of land, or those who possessed fifty pounds sterling, who had been a resident of the province for two years. So that narrows down the date that Jacob could have come into the country. An act was passed in 1740, provided a way for any foreigner who had lived in a British territory for seven years to obtain the same rights as natural born Englishman, by appearing before a Chief Judge of the colony in which he resided and taking an oath of allegiance to the British Crown (or an affirmation in the case of dissenters such as Mennonites.) In addition, the petitioner was required to take the Lord's supper within three months after appearing in court. I think this was difficult for the immigrants who had escaped here for religious freedom.

That record is followed up with a land record for Jacob on November 19, 1736, recorded in the Philadelphia deeds, Book G2, page 204 in 1739. Jacob paid one hundred twenty-three pounds fifteen shillings for 275 acres to John White. John White was a merchant and land speculator from Philadelphia whom in 1733 had been granted a warrant for 1,647 acres in the northeast section of Lancaster County by the Penn brothers. Jacob's name is spelt *Haisbarger* in this record. We know this is our Jacob because this land transaction is repeated in every deed that Jacob deeded to his sons.

The land description follows, exactly as written:

Begining at a Post at a Corner of Jacob Graff's Land thence North forty Degrees West by the Land of Adam Gouldney three hundred and seventy Perches to a Post thence West by South One hundred and twenty perches to a Post thence South Forty degrees East by the Land of Jacob Hayne One hundred and Seventy Perches to a Hickery thence South twenty two degrees East by the same land One hundred and twenty pches to a Hickery by Cocalico Creek then down the same on the several courses One hundred pshes to a Walnut Tree thence East North East by the land of the said Jacob Graff One hundred and sixty five pches to the place of Begining Containing Two hundred and Seventy five Acres and the usual Allowance for Roads—Together with all the Woods Meadows Ways Waters Water courses. [The description of the land changed over the years with the change of ownership of the bordering land and change in the natural markers.]

Further land records of Jacob occur in 1748, when Maria Katharina Ensmonger sold 200 acres to him on September 7, 1748, for 300 pounds. An additional patent was issued to him for 117 acres in Cocalico Township on April 9, 1751, name spelt *Haisberger*. He also received a warrant for 20 acres on November 1, 1754 in Cocalico Township.

Land was acquired in the early times in the following manner: The prospective settler applied to Penn or an agent for a specified number of acres situated at a specified place. Then a warrant was issued and dated and sent to the surveyor general's office to have a survey made. If the warrantee did not take title, then his successor paid a sum of fifteen pounds per 100 acres and a patent was issued. Land in Pennsylvania was not

held in full ownership. There were two types of men who bought land in Pennsylvania, land speculators and land owners who wanted to make a living on the land by settling and farming it, such as Jacob Hershberger.

Jacob's land was situated in Cocalico Township which is one of the northeastern townships of Lancaster County, and is bounded on the northeast by Berks County. It was divided in 1838 into East and West Cocalico and the township of Ephrata. It is said the name Cocalico is a corruption of an Indian word which means a cave or den of serpents, and that an abundance of these reptiles along the creek of that name suggested its title. The surface is hilly and the soil is very fertile. The Cocalico Creek traverses the entire length of the township. The principal highway was the Lancaster and Reading road. This road was laid out many years prior to the Revolution. The city of Lancaster was called Hickory-town before it was laid out in 1732. The name of Lancaster was given to the town by a John Wright in honor of his hometown in Lancashire England. Lancaster County is a beautiful place with green rolling hills.

It is known that Jacob built a sawmill upon Cocalico Creek and a few miles upstream from the present site of the town of Ephrata. Mills had already been erected in Lancaster County before 1729, but they were some distance from Jacob's land. This land was deeded to his son Joseph with the brothers having one-third share of the mill. The mill then passed through several hands. A gristmill was added in 1799. In 1856, Phillip Stauffer owned the property and called it the Wabash Mill. The mill and dam no longer stand.

By 1750 probably one third of the inhabitants of Pennsylvania were German and Swiss. Almost all of them were farmers, hard working, honest, and intensely religious. William Penn was determined to make his province a place where religious freedom prevailed. To achieve this end a law was enacted proclaiming that there should be no established church in Pennsylvania. Ninety percent of the German and Swiss people considered themselves to be Lutheran and Reformed. From the very beginning, the ties between the Lutherans and reformed were numerous and close. Perhaps the strongest tie binding them resulted from the many marriages in which one spouse was Lutheran and the other was Reformed. German pioneers in many settlements organized separate and distinct congregations, after which they built one church which customarily each congregation used on alternate Sundays. These buildings were called union churches. More than half of the congregations in Pennsylvania in 1793 worshiped in union churches. They thrived in their religious freedom after centuries of persecution.

The governor of Pennsylvania in 1738 said:

This province has been for some years the asylum of the distressed Protestants of the Palatinate and other parts of Germany and I believe it maybe truthfully said that the present flourishing condition of it is a great measure owing to the industry of those people. It is not altogether the fertility of the soil but the number and industry of the people that makes a country flourish.

It is not known what church the Hershbergers were affiliated with. There were many Mennonites in this area, but there is no proof that this was the religious beliefs of our Hershbergers. None of these early records have any reference to Hershbergers. Most of the early churches in the Cocalico area were serviced by traveling ministers who went from one church to another to preach and record marriages or Christenings.

Peter Miller was a traveling minister who served more than one congregation and was instrumental in establishing the following churches that were located near the Hershberger family:

- Muddy Creek Church located in Cocalico, started 1733 by Rev. Stoeber. It was a union church of both Lutheran and Reformed congregations. The first church was already standing in 1743 and a second church was probably built about 1761. Registers were started about 1743. Records are mostly unreadable.
- Cocalico Reform Church in 1735 had a log church and in May 1735 communion was administered to sixty persons. There are no surviving registers of this church other than the one began in 1766. It was never a union church. It was in Muddy Creek and Reyer's church in 1779. The Cocalico Swamp Reformed Church in Cocalico started in 1754. A union was formed with the Lutheran in 1806. Rev John Waldschmidt, was the first pastor of this church.
- Reyer's or White Oaks was a reformed congregation located in Elizabeth Township. Called Reyer's after the man who deeded the property to the church. From this deed in 1747 we find that a church was already standing, but there is no evidence to indicate how much earlier it had been built. Rev. Waldschmidt served

also as a pastor to this church after it was established in 1730's by Peter Miller. The first register disappeared many years ago.

The entire community was highly moral, extremely sociable and lived and acted a brotherly life ever ready to help any friend in sickness or distress. History written about a Jacob Hershberger who moved to Ohio states: Hershbergers like many people in Lancaster area were plain people or Dunkers [religion that believed in baptism by immersion]. They did not sell liquor in the Inn they owned in Ohio.

Jacob probably ventured with his wagon and horse into the woods, where he unloaded and put up a rude hut of logs. The home was built near a spring because every settler wanted a supply of fresh water and a place to cool his food. It was very common to first provide large and substantial accommodations for their horses and cattle, before they expended very much money in building a house for themselves.

There is no knowledge of Jacob's wife, other then her first name was Catharina. There is a rumor that she was the second wife of Jacob, being the Maria Catharine Ensmonger, that sold land to Jacob in 1748. This has not been proven and I do not believe it to be the case. Actually there is very little information concerning this early family. They spent their remaining years in the neighborhood of his original land purchase.

Catharina's time and energies, were no doubt spent raising eight children, as it was no small task for a colonial mother. Their dress was simple. They made their own clothing mostly from their own homegrown hemp and wool, that they spun and wove themselves. Even on visits with neighbors the women brought their mending and knitting with them. The furniture in the early home was very crude, with every article being made by the settlers. Jacob spent his week in hard and arduous labor. He grew wheat and had a large orchard. The children while growing up helped with the work on the farms, relieving their parents of some daily tasks of providing food, clothing and shelter. To fear God and love to work were the first lessons taught to their children. By the time of his death Jacob's efforts had paid off as he appeared to have acquired quite a bit of property. German farmers lived frugally, using little meat. They boiled Sauerkraut with a piece of pork and served it with potatoes.

In a letter written in 1736 to Switzerland, life in Pennsylvania was described as follows, exactly as written:

It is exceedingly cold here in winter and in summer it very much warmer than in Switzerland, so that many people faint from the heat. Here we have to live pretty poorly as to meat and drink. Bread is very coarse. Besides bread, corn, buckwheat and potatoes are our food. They do consume large quantities of vegetables particularly turnips, onions and cabbage, the last of which they make into sauerkraut. The people live scattered far from one another. The neighbors must often go for a whole hour through bush and woods before coming together. The German farm may be distinguished from the farms of other citizens: by the superior size of their barns and the plain but compact construction of their dwellings, the height of their enclosure, the extent of their orchards, the fertility of their fields, the luxuriance of their meadows, the giant strength of their cattle and by the general appearance of plenty and prosperity of all that belongs to them.

A lot is learned about Jacob and his family from his will. His name was spelt *Horseberger* with Sr. written after it. Will written in 1761 and probated in December 1762 (exact spelling and punctuation, notice the lack of punctuation):

I Jacob Herseberger Senior of Cocallico Township Being weak in body but perfectly sound in mind and memory.....To my beloved wife Catharina besides one third of my moveable Estate I give the new house for her residence during her natural life nothing therein excepted and no man shall molest her therein, I give her one moiety [meaning half or part] of my linnen and she shall take what she pleaseth and she shall have that treasure of my stoferoom wherein I put my cloaths [?] Item my son Isaac shall furnish her every Year with the following Goods.....fufficient firewood ten Bushels of Wheat delivered in her room granted so as she shall want it ten Gallons of brandy and two Barrels of cyder....further my son Abraham shall pay unto her every year the sum of six pounds.....and my son Isaac the same sum during her natural life..... I ordain that Abraham & Isaac shall divide among themselves the Plantation on two equal shares my son Isaac shall have that part of the plantation wherein all my Buildings are and my son Abraham shall have the other moiety each of them shall have one moiety of the orchard and applepress with the house belonging to it shall be common between them but if they cannot agree one shall pay to the other a reasonable price for his right...my son Isaac is to pay five hundred seventy pounds for my plantation and Abraham to pay for his share four hundred and twenty five

pounds. They shall not be able to sell said premises while my wife is alive and my other sons shall have preferences before strangers....my son Joseph shall have free use of Sixty apple trees standing on the upper part of my orchard the Long way for ten years.....and my three Sons Joseph Abraham and Isaac shall have an equal right to the saw mill standing upon the Land now sold to my son Joseph and also the repairing of said mill shall be common and my son John shall have the right to saw thereon what is necessary for him provided he work with a wagon and four Horses every year at the said Dam two days and also that he shall have Liberty to Water the Meadow out of said Dam but these shall cease with said son John death.....my two Executors shall sign and Execute a good Bill of Sale for an Improvement located on Swarata Creek in Lebanon Township to my sons Jacob and Christen....the Land shall be divided among them in equal shares..... I give and bequest to the poor of our Congregation, five pounds....Further I ordained my burying place be laid out for our family on the land to be deeded to my Son Isaac which shall be a square and shall contain on each side four perches [a measure of area equal to 30 1/4 square yards] and shall be fenced in by charges taken out of my estate....Further my wife shall have one third part of my garden for her use during her life and shall have the Liberty to take apples for her use as much as she will.....Jacob Hershberger

Jacob's will does not name any daughters although we know from subsequent deeds, his daughters were Christina, Anna, Susanna and Catharine. Deed Book L, lists all of Jacob's children. They received from their father Jacob's executors, the sum of One Hundred and sixty-four pounds eight shillings and one farthing each. We also learn that by 1782, sons, John and Joseph, and his wife Catherine had died. I found that Jacob's daughters could not write their names and the sons wrote their names in German. The fact that the sons could write their names tells us that this family valued education. Pennsylvania passed an ordinance in 1683 requiring that parents had to see that their sons could read and write, but the law was not strictly enforced.

The spouses of the daughters were guardians of their wives' inheritance because women did not own possessions in colonial days. Following is a deed dated April 20, 1764 by Catharine, Jacob's wife, exactly as written:

[This is a typed deed, so obvious transcribed from original clerk's copy, hence the misspelled last name] I, Catharine Harshbarger, widow and relict of Jacob Harshbarger, late of Cocalico Township in the County of Lancaster, Yeoman. Whereas the said Jacob in and by his last Will and Testament bearing Date the Third Day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two did give and bequeath unto me besides one third part of his moveable Estate Sundry Articles....and Whereas I have agreed with the Children and Devictees of the said Jacob Harshbarger to accept and take the Sum of One Hundred and Ten Pounds Lawful money of Pennsylvania for and in lieu of my third and other claims of and in the personal Estate of my said late Husband, Deceased.....I have released to them my whole Right in and to the Personal Estate of My sd. Late Husband, Deceased.

Jacob's land was probably the first Hershberger burial ground. This cemetery later became the burial ground for the Withers family. The cemetery is now found in the middle of a plowed field, on the Earl Martin farm on Wabash Road in Ephrata. It is surrounded by a rock wall and very over grown. Martin Hershberger used to take care of the cemetery and gave me some pictures of how it used to look. The earliest readable grave is in German and is for Heinrich, my ancestor, and grandson of Jacob. When I last visited it in 1989, most of the stones were worn, knocked over and buried in the ground. Very few Hershberger stones have survived. I am sure this is the burial place for our Jacob and his family and that it is the burial plot mentioned in Jacob's will. The Lancaster Mennonite Society has a list of stones in this cemetery, taken in 1961 at a time when it was in better condition. Following is the list of Hershbergers buried in this cemetery:

	<u>BORN</u>			<u>DIED</u>			
Daniel	August	5	1828	April	12	1900	
Catherina	February	10	1829	September	19	1895	Wife of Daniel
Samuel	October	26	1793	November	27	1871	
Catharine	November	1	1850	March	10	1857	Daughter of Jacob
Samuel	December	25	1860	September	16	1874	
Catharine	September	28	1860	March	18	1871	
Samuel C.	September	10	1824	February	9	1852	

Henry	April	3	1759	February	5	1828	
Magdalena	February	27	1760	September	4	1840	Wife
Infant			1823				
Jacob	October	8	1827	June	1	1828	Son of Jacob & Maria
Catharine	Illegible						
Abraham	April	1	1814	March	21	184?	Son of Henry & Catharine
Magdalena	June	10	1837	January		1865	Daughter of Samuel & Catharine and wife of Quincy Coover

I found a Martha H. born June 11, 1793-?, Wife of Samuel, that wasn't on the list.

Although Jacob did not live to see the birth of a free nation, his sons were actively involved in the Revolutionary War. The following is a list from the Pennsylvania Archives of Hershbergers involved in gaining our freedom from England.

John	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion	1784
Henry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	1792
John	5 <sup>th</sup> Class 9 <sup>th</sup> Bat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Company	1782
John	6 <sup>th</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bat Cocalico Township	1781
Isaac	7 <sup>th</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bat	1781
Henry	6 <sup>th</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bat Cocalico Township	1783
David	8 <sup>th</sup> Class	
Abraham	6 <sup>th</sup> Class	
Christian	8 <sup>th</sup> Class 9 <sup>th</sup> Bat Private	1781-1782

### Children of Jacob Hershberger

Deed Book FF Page 86 dated March 10, 1776 (exact spelling):

Christian Hershberger of the County of Lancaster, Jacob Hershberger of the County of Chester, Jacob Erb executor of the last will and testament of John Hershberger late of the County of Lancaster, Abraham Hershberger of County of Lancaster, Isaac Hershberger of the same County, Daniel Reser of the same County and Christina his wife, and Jacob Hoover and Ann his wife, being children of Jacob Hershberger deceased. Whereas the said Jacob in his lifetime having sold unto his son Joseph Hershberger a certain tract of land situated in Cocalico Township containing about one hundred and forty eight acres and the said Joseph was indebted to his father in the sum of three hundred and twenty five pounds. Whereas the said Jacob the Father in and by his last will bearing date the 3 day of November 1762 ordered the said Joseph paid then a good deed be given for the said land. The above named children acknowledge to have received of and from Abraham Bare the administrator of the estate of Magdalen Hershberger the widow and relict of the said Joseph Hershberger deceased. They remised released and forever quit claimed.

#### **Isaac**

Isaac's death date is the probate date September 5, 1793. His will was written in German and not recorded. It does list his wife and children. He sold the land he got from his father, to an Abraham Graff in 1784. Isaac is listed in several deeds in settlement of his father's estate.

#### **Christian**

Christian settled in Lebanon Township. No will is found for him and nothing much is known about his life. His wife's name is from a written history, giving her name as Mary Stouffer. This branch of the family changed their name to Harshbarger.

## Joseph

Joseph died intestate leaving two sons and two daughters. Guardians were appointed over Barbara, a minor daughter, Joseph a minor, Salome and David the eldest son. In 1783, in Deed Book CC Page 251, the land left by father Joseph could not be divided among the children without spoiling the whole, so David was to pay eight hundred twenty-one pounds to the other children. In Deed Book GG, they are listed as grandchildren of Jacob Hershberger, deceased.

## Christina

Christina resided in Lebanon Township and nothing else is known about her family.

## Anne

Her birth was calculated from the age on a tombstone in Bassler Cemetery, Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Proof of her relationship is from Deeds.

## Abraham

Abraham lived on the original plantation. His name is in several deeds in settlement of his father's estate. In Deed book CC, 1784, Abraham sold this plantation to a Ludwick Weaver. Abraham died intestate (no will) in 1828. There is no proof that his first wife was Ursula Shanower. We know from deed records that his wife's first name was Ursula. Her last name is just rumor and my assumption, because in 1749, his father Jacob had been appointed guardian for Ursula and her brother John minor children of John Shanower. I found a second marriage for Abraham and it said he was a widower so Ursula must have died. Also in a Deed of 1784, it said his wife's name was Sarah, which matches the second marriage record.

## Jacob

Jacob lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania. His relationship to Jacob was proven from a deed dated 1781:

Jacob Hershberger of West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, deceased has received from Isaac Hershberger and in account and settlement made by the executors of the last will & testament of Jacob Hershberger (Father to the said two Hershbergers aforesaid).

Jacob's will written March 8, 1782 and probated June 1782, exactly as written:

I Jacob Herchbarger of the Township of Westfallowfield and county of Chester Farmer..... Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as Tuching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life: I give Divse and Dispose of In the following mannar and Form.....Item I give unto my well beloved Daughter Moly Herchbarger the Intrest of Seventy pounds to be yearly paid During her Single Life and if She Should mary I do allow the she shall be paid fifty pounds of the above Seventy and the Intrest Shall cease But if she should Live Single and become Helpless then I do alow that the principal shall be given for her suport before her Death. Then I do allow fifty pounds of the above Seventy to be Equally Devided Betwen my four sons Jacob Samuel John and Hendry and the Remaining Twenty pounds I do alow to be paid to my grand Daughter Hester Daughter to my Daughter Molly and I do will to my Daughter Molly forty pounds of Swingled flax for her own use and also I do alow the Linsey web now at the weavers to be given to my Daughter Molly and Hester my Grand Daughter. Item: I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Catherine Conrad wife to Joseph Conrad the sum of thirty Seven pounds five shillings.....I alow the Bond that I have Against Joseph Conrad to be given up to him as satisfaction for any A compts he may have against me.....Item: I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Brown wife to James Brown the just sum of fifty pounds.....Item: I give and Bequeth unto my well beloved son John Herchbarger the just sum of one Hundred and Sixty pounds..... to be paid when he is at the age of Twenty one.....I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved son Hendry Herchbarger the just sum of one Hundred and sixty pound to be paid when he shall be at the age of twenty one.....and alow that my son John and Hendry be put to Treads [?] as Soon as is convenient and that they be schoold by the esepence of their master....Item I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved son Jacob Herchbarger the plantation that I now Live on with two Acres of Medow ground of the Lower plantation to be mesured of by my Ececutors where it will Best be answer under the water corse above the Barn unto him and his Heirs with my own watch and Ten pounds in cash.....Item: I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved son Samuel Herchbarger the Lower Plantation with the Privelege of taking the water out of the uper Plantation which is willed to my son Jacob and to raise the water if it should

be nessascery by a Dam.....with one Silver Watch and all the other half of my Personanal Estate....and paying the one half of all Legaues as this my will Doth require and the remainder of my flax and wool and what hemp is not sold I do order and alow to be spun and wove and drest at the Escpence of my son Jacob and Samuel.

The son Jacob and his family are all buried in West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Although no tombstone exist for Jacob or his wife. Other stones are getting difficult to read.

Jacob's son, John was an undertaker who introduced a four wheel hearse with body shaped like coffin used until present day type Hearses. Found in the *History of Chester County, Pennsylvania P 397*. John and Margaret were in the register of communicants in 1813 in the Octararo Presbyterian Church register. He was a member the masonic Lodge.



Octararo Church



John Hershberger  
tombstone

### Susanna

Susanna's relationship is from deed book O5, dated 1829 in settlement of her Brother Abraham's estate. It also lists her husband's name as Isaac Keiser of Juniatta, Perry County, Pennsylvania.

### Catharine

Proof that Catharine is the daughter of Jacob Hershberger and husband's name is from deed book O5, dated 1829 in settlement of Abraham's estate. Says she is the late Catherine Hershberger and sister of Abraham.

My plans are for this not to be the final chapter in the history of Jacob our immigrant ancestor. There will be ongoing research concerning his place of origin and his ancestors. My hope is that some other relatives will come forth and be able to share some light on this subject.

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## The Descendants of Jacob Hershberger

1. **Jacob<sup>1</sup> HERSHBERGER** was born about 1695. Jacob died 30 November 1762 in Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married **Marie Catherine<sup>1</sup>**.

They had 10 children:

- + 2. M i. **Christian HERSHBERGER**, born 1723, died 1810.
- + 3. M ii. **John HERSHBERGER**, died 6 November 1765.
- + 4. M iii. **Joseph HERSHBERGER**, died 1770.
- + 5. M iv. **Jacob HERSHBERGER**, died 8 March 1782.
- + 6. M v. **Abraham HERSHBERGER**, died February 1828.
- + 7. M vi. **Isaac HERSHBERGER**, died 5 September 1793.
- 8. F vii. **Christine HERSHBERGER**. She married **Daniel RESSOR**, about 1784 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup>
- 9. F viii. **Ann HERSHBERGER**, born 3 October 1735 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Jacob HUBER<sup>3</sup>** about 1856 in Pennsylvania. Jacob died after 1787 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Ann died 8 October 1822 in Manheim, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 87<sup>4</sup>, and was buried in Bassler Cemetery, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.<sup>5</sup>

- + 10. F ix. **Susanna HERSHBERGER**, born 1737, died after 1829.  
 + 11. F x. **Catharine HERSHBERGER**, died after 1829.

**2. Christian<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>6,7,8</sup>** (1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 1723. Christian died 1810 in Annville Township., Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at the age of 87. He married **Mary STOUFFER<sup>9</sup>**. She was the daughter of Jacob STOUFFER and Magdalena.

They had 10 children:

12. F i. **Catharina HERSHBERGER**. She married **Johann Adolph PANN** 25 October 1785 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>10</sup>.  
 + 13. M ii. **Abraham HERSHBERGER**, died 1818.  
 14. M iii. **Christian HERSHBERGER**.  
 15. M iv. **Jacob HERSHBERGER**.  
 16. M v. **John HERSHBERGER**.  
 17. M vi. **Samuel HERSHBERGER**, born 1775.  
 18. M vii. **Henry HERSHBERGER**.  
 19. F viii. **Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**.  
 20. F ix. **Anamary HERSHBERGER**.  
 21. F x. **Anna HERSHBERGER**.

**13. Abraham<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born in Annville Township Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Abraham died 1818 in Centre County, Pennsylvania. He married **Veronica HELM** 1797. She was born 4 September 1779. She was the daughter of Conrad HELM and Barbara MULLER. Veronica died 5 December 1857 in Potter Township, Centre, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78.

They had 8 children:

22. M i. **Samuel HARSHBARGER**, born 3 March 1798.  
 + 23. M ii. **John HARSHBARGER**, born 16 November 1799, died 1865.  
 + 24. M iii. **Jacob HARSHBARGER**, born 31 January 1802.  
 25. M iv. **David HARSHBARGER**, born 15 February 1804.  
 26. F v. **Maria HARSHBARGER**, born 15 August 1806.  
 27. F vi. **Maria Catherine HARSHBARGER**, born 18 October 1807 in Potter Township, Centre, Pennsylvania, died 29 January 1899 in Bellefonte, Centre, Pennsylvania, at the age of 91.  
 28. M vii. **Abraham HARSHBARGER**, born 12 December 1810.  
 29. M viii. **Joseph HARSHBARGER**, born 14 December 1812.

**23. John<sup>4</sup> HARSHBARGER** (13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 November 1799. John died 1865 in Centre County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 65. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 1 child:

- + 30. M i. **John HERSHBERGER, Jr.**, died 1916.

**30. John<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER, Jr.** (23.John<sup>4</sup>, 13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). John, Jr. died 1916 in Iowa. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 1 child:

- + 31. M i. **Edward HARSHBERGER**, died 1963.

**31. Edward<sup>6</sup> HARSHBERGER** (30.John, Jr.<sup>5</sup>, 23.John<sup>4</sup>, 13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Edward died 1963 in North Dakota. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 1 child:

32. F i. **Dorothy HARSHBERGER**, born 1919 in North Dakota.

**24. Jacob<sup>4</sup> HARSHBARGER** (13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 31 January 1802. He married **Hannah PALMER** 19 November 1822 in Centre County, Pennsylvania. She was born 12 September 1799. She was the daughter of Budd PALMER and Sarah. Hannah died 25 January 1864 in Jackson Township., Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, at the age of 64.



They had 6 children:

- 33. M i. **Abraham HARSHBARGER**, born 14 September 1823, died 10 January 1847, age of 23.
- + 34. M ii. **Budd HARSHBARGER**, born 7 May 1826.
- 35. M iii. **David W. HARSHBARGER**, born 1829.
- 36. F iv. **Sarah HARSHBARGER**, born July 1832.
- 37. F v. **Mary HARSHBARGER**, born 27 June 1835, died in childhood 30 June 1843, at the age of 8.
- 38. M vi. **William H. HARSHBARGER**, born 24 April 1838.

**34. Budd<sup>5</sup> HARSHBARGER** (24.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 May 1826 in Potter Township., Centre, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Martha CURWIN** 29 August 1848. She was born 3 October 1825. She was the daughter of Stephen CURWIN and Margret. Martha died 26 January 1884 in Manor Hill, Huntington, Pennsylvania, at the age of 58.

They had 9 children:

- + 39. M i. **Jacob Steven HARSHBARGER**, born 4 November 1849, died 1916.
- 40. M ii. **Horatio C HARSHBARGER**, born 11 October 1851.
- 41. M iii. **Joshua Potter HARSHBARGER**, born 5 May 1854.
- 42. F iv. **Mary Agnes HARSHBARGER**, born 20 June 1856.
- 43. M v. **William W HARSHBARGER**, born 15 June 1858.
- 44. M vi. **George W HARSHBARGER**, born 28 July 1861 in Manor Hill, Huntington, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 23 August 1861 in Manor Hill, Huntington, Pennsylvania.
- + 45. M vii. **Winfield HARSHBARGER**, born 28 July 1861, died 15 October 1938.
- 46. M viii. **Henry L HARSHBARGER**, born 17 January 1863.
- 47. M ix. **James Floyd HARSHBARGER**, born 9 August 1865.

Budd married (2) **Anna Maria CURWIN** 2 February 1886 in Manor Hill, Huntington, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Margret. Anna died 7 February 1911 in Manor Hill, Huntington, Pennsylvania.

Anna also married (1) William DEARMITT.

**39. Jacob Steven<sup>6</sup> HARSHBARGER** (34.Budd<sup>5</sup>, 24.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 November 1849 in Centre County, Pennsylvania. Jacob died 1916, at the age of 66. He married **Susanna Almira FRY** 2 July 1874 in McVeytown, Pennsylvania. She was born 17 April 1852 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Susanna died 2 January 1921, at the age of 68.

They had 7 children:

- 48. M i. **Irvin Floyd HARSHBARGER**, born 2 May 1875.
- 49. F ii. **Martha Jane HARSHBARGER**, born 26 April 1877, died in childhood 9 June 1880, at the age of 3.
- 50. M iii. **Harry F. HARSHBARGER**, born 26 December 1881.
- 51. F iv. **Eva May HARSHBARGER**, born 2 January 1883.
- 52. M v. **Birton H. HARSHBARGER**, born 28 April 1885. He married **Rosella LORENZ**.
- 53. M vi. **George Budd HARSHBARGER**, born 27 May 1886.
- 54. M vii. **Roy B. HARSHBARGER**, born 4 January 1889.

**45. Winfield<sup>6</sup> HARSHBARGER** (34.Budd<sup>5</sup>, 24.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 July 1861 in Manor Hill, Huntington, Pennsylvania. Winfield died 15 October 1938 in McVeytown, Pennsylvania, at the age of 77. He married **Ida Cora MYERS** 24 February 1887. She was born 30 October 1863. Ida died 13 December 1942 in McVeytown, Pennsylvania, at the age of 79.

They had 3 children:

- + 55. F i. **Mabel HARSHBARGER**, born 19 October 1887, died 5 July 1950.
- 56. F ii. **Esther Annie HARSHBARGER**, born 6 February 1890 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania.
- 57. M iii. **Samuel Archie HARSHBARGER**, born 22 August 1893 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania.

**55. Mabel<sup>7</sup> HARSHBARGER** (45.Winfield<sup>6</sup>, 34.Budd<sup>5</sup>, 24.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 13.Abraham<sup>3</sup>, 2.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 October 1887 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Mabel died 5 July 1950 in Oliver Township, Mifflin, Pennsylvania, at the age of 62. She married **Lloyd SWIGART** 25 December 1907 in Oliver Township, Mifflin County,

Pennsylvania. He was born 16 August 1884 in Oliver Township, Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Lloyd died 15 December 1952 in Oliver Township, Mifflin, Pennsylvania, at the age of 68.

They had 3 children:

- 58. M i. **Living SWIGART**. He married **Living SOLOUFF**. She was the daughter of Earl SULOUFF and Annie SPIGELMYER.
- 59. M ii. **Living SWIGART**. He married **Mattie SHOWALTER**. She was born 20 November 1901 in Dale Enterprise Virginia. She was the daughter of Reuben SWOPE and Verdie MILLER. Mattie died 6 May 1979 in Bridgewater Virginia, at the age of 77.
- 60. M iii. **Clair SWIGART**, born 15 April 1917. He married **Living GOSS**. Clair died 1967, at the age of 49.

**4. Joseph<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>11</sup>** (1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Joseph died 1770 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married **Magdalene BEAR<sup>12</sup>** about 1761 in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Jacob BEAR and Sarah. Magdalene died after 1776 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from Lancaster County Deed. FHL #21394. Book CC Page 254. Lived in Green Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

They had 4 children:

- 61. M i. **David HERSHBERGER**, born about 1762 in Pennsylvania. He married **Susanna<sup>13</sup>**. <sup>14,15</sup>
- 62. M ii. **Joseph HERSHBERGER**, born about 1764 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married **Rosina**. <sup>16</sup>
- + 63. F iii. **Barbara HERSHBERGER**, born about 1768 in Pennsylvania.
- 64. F iv. **Salome HERSHBERGER**, born about 1770 in Pennsylvania. She married **Solomon MAYER<sup>17</sup>**.

**63. Barbara<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (4.Joseph<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1768 in Pennsylvania. She married (1) **David GROVE<sup>18</sup>**.

They had 1 child:

- + 65. M i. **David GROVE**, died 1799.
- Barbara married (2) **David MARTIN** after 1783 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>19</sup>.

**65. David<sup>4</sup> GROVE<sup>20</sup>** (63.Barbara<sup>3</sup>, 4.Joseph<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). David died 1799 in Lampter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>21</sup>. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 4 children:

- 66. M i. **John GROVE**.
- + 67. F ii. **Elizabeth GROVE**.
- 68. F iii. **Barbara GROVE**, died in Earl Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- 69. M iv. **David GROVE**.

**67. Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> GROVE<sup>22</sup>** (65.David<sup>4</sup>, 63.Barbara<sup>3</sup>, 4.Joseph<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Elizabeth died in Leacock Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **Jacob JOHNS, Jr.** Jacob, Jr. died 10 December 1808 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>23</sup>.

They had 5 children:

- 70. M i. **Paul JOHNS**.
- 71. M ii. **John JOHNS**.
- 72. M iii. **Samuel JOHNS**.
- 73. F iv. **Charlotte JOHNS**.
- 74. F v. **Elizabeth JOHNS**.

**5. Jacob<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>24</sup>** (1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Jacob died 8 March 1782 in West Fallowfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Chester County, Pennsylvania. His spouse has not been identified. Information from Chester County, Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #20846.

They had 7 children:

- + 75. M i. **John HERSHBERGER**, born 7 June 1768, died 28 May 1853.
- + 76. F ii. **Molly HERSHBERGER**.
- 77. F iii. **Catherine HERSHBERGER**. She married **Joseph CONRAD** 6 June 1769 in Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

78. F iv. **Mary HERSHBERGER**. She married **James BROWN** before 1782 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.
79. M v. **Jacob HERSHBERGER**.
- + 80. M vi. **Samuel HERSHBERGER**, died 12 January 1790.
81. M vii. **Henry HERSHBERGER**.

**75. John<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>25</sup>** (5.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 June 1768 in Chester, Pennsylvania<sup>26</sup>. John died 28 May 1853 in W. Fallowfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, at the age of 84<sup>27</sup>, and was buried in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. He married **Margaret HOPE**. She was born 9 June 1774 in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Richard HOPE and Elizabeth WILSON. Margaret died 10 June 1825 in Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania, at the age of 51. Information from tombstone and Chester County will of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #20846..

They had 6 children:

82. F i. **Martha HERSHBERGER**, born 11 November 1795 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married **Joseph B. SCHOLFIELD** about 1826 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Martha died 11 June 1861 in Pennsylvania, at the age of 65.
83. F ii. **Jane HERSHBERGER**, born 26 September 1802 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, died 8 September 1828 in West Fallowfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, at the age of 26. Information from Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania.
84. F iii. **Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born 6 March 1804 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married **Andrew WRIGHT** in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth died 18 February 1884 in Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania, at the age of 79, and was buried in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone.
- + 85. M iv. **Samuel HERSHBERGER**, died 24 August 1877.
- + 86. M v. **Joseph Wilson HERSHBERGER**, died 4 March 1873.
87. F vi. **Margaret HERSHBERGER**, born 20 February 1812 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married **Robert CUNNINGHAM** about 1848 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Margaret died 24 January 1864 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 51.

**85. Samuel<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (75.John<sup>3</sup>, 5.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born in West Fallowfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. Samuel died 24 August 1877 in Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. He married **Martha COCHRAN** 26 April 1823 in Chester County, Pennsylvania<sup>28</sup>. She was born 25 November 1794/1795 in Pennsylvania. Martha died 6 November 1861 in Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania, at the age of 67, and was buried in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone.

They had 2 children:

88. F i. **Margaret Ellen HERSHBERGER**, christened 9 May 1831 in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania Information from Octoraro Church, Chester, Pennsylvania.
89. M ii. **Edwin HERSHBERGER**, born 13 April 1832 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 15 January 1834 in Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone.

**86. Joseph Wilson<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (75.John<sup>3</sup>, 5.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Joseph died 4 March 1873 in Highland Township, Chester, Pennsylvania. He married **Pamela LESLIE** 29 September 1831 in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. She was born 8 August 1805 in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Benjamin LESLIE and Rebakah CHURCHMAN. Pamela died 22 September 1849 in Reedsville, Muffin, Pennsylvania, at the age of 44<sup>29</sup>, and was buried in Stonehill Church, Reedsville, Muffin, Pennsylvania. Information from Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania.

They had 4 children:

- + 90. F i. **Margaret Hope HERSHBERGER**, born 31 August 1834, died 27 May 1915.
91. F ii. **Rebecca J. HERSHBERGER**, born 21 May 1836 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married **Lewis FOULK**. Rebecca died 21 October 1872 in Parksburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 36, and was buried in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone.
92. M iii. **John HERSHBERGER**, born 1 September 1838 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, died 28 December 1916 in Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78, and was buried in Octoraro Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone. Married Henrietta, who died Fogg Manor 4 Jan 1917.

93. F iv. **Maria Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born 4 April 1840 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, died 22 August 1867 in Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania, age of 27, and was buried in Octararo Church, Parksburg, Chester, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone .

**90. Margaret Hope<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (86.Joseph<sup>4</sup>, 75.John<sup>3</sup>, 5.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 31 August 1834 in Cochranville, Chester, Pennsylvania. Margaret died 27 May 1915 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the age of 80. She married **Samuel Stevenson McWILLIAMS**. He was born 23 December 1832 in McWilliamstown, Chester, Pennsylvania. Samuel died 26 April 1873 in Penn Township, Chester, Pennsylvania, at the age of 40.

They had 7 children:

94. F i. **Annetta McWILLIAMS**, born 15 March 1857 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.  
 95. F ii. **Pamela L. McWILLIAMS**, born 14 October 1858 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.  
 96. M iii. **James Porter McWILLIAMS**, born 29 September 1861 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.  
 97. M iv. **Joseph Wilson McWILLIAMS**, born 10 July 1863 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.  
 98. F v. **Margaret Fisler McWILLIAMS**, born 20 October 1865 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.  
 99. M vi. **Samuel McWILLIAMS**, born 19 March 1869 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.  
 100. M vii. **John Hershberger McWILLIAMS**, born 23 June 1871 in Elkview, Chester, Pennsylvania.  
 He married **Elsie Belle HANEY**. John died 21 October 1927 in Swarthmore, Delaware, Pennsylvania, at the age of 56.

The above family was taken off the internet at Ancestry.com.

**76. Molly<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (5.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) She was not married. Information from Chester County Will of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #20846.

She had 1 child:

101. F i. **Hester Hershberger**

**80. Samuel<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (5.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Samuel died 12 January 1790 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Ruth FUTHEY**. Chester County, Pennsylvania. Information from Will of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #20846.

They had 2 children:

- + 102. F i. **Anne HERSHBERGER**.  
 103. M ii. **Samuel HERSHBERGER**.

Samuel married (2) **Margaret**.

**102. Anne<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (80.Samuel<sup>3</sup>, 5.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). She married **Samuel DALE**.

They had 3 children:

104. F i. **Jane DALE**.  
 105. F ii. **Ann DALE**.  
 106. F iii. **Ruth DALE**.

**6. Abraham<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>30,31,32</sup>** (1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Abraham died February 1828 in Pennsylvania<sup>33</sup>. He married (1) **Ursula SHANOWER<sup>34</sup>** in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ SHANOWER and Ursula.

They had 3 children:

107. F i. **Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born in Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.  
 108. F ii. **Christina HERSHBERGER**, born in Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **Jacob GELSINGER** 7 October 1794 in Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>35</sup>.  
 109. M iii. **John HERSHBERGER**, born in Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Abraham married (2) **Sarah<sup>36</sup>**.

**7. Isaac<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>37,38</sup>** (1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Isaac died 5 September 1793 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>39</sup>. He married **Barbara**. Barbara died 6 June 1811 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>40</sup>.

They had 3 children:

110. M i. **John HERSHBERGER** John died 23 February 1813 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>41</sup>. <sup>42</sup>  
 + 111. F ii. **Susanna HERSHBERGER**, born 4 April 1765, died 13 March 1841.

112. F iii. **Margaret HERSHBERGER**, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **David HETTENHEIMER** 22 August 1790 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>43</sup>.

**111. Susanna<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (7.Isaac<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 April 1765 in Pennsylvania. Susanna died 13 March 1841 in Guilford Township, Franklin, Pennsylvania, at the age of 75<sup>44</sup>, and was buried in White Church Cemetery, Guilford Township, Franklin, Pennsylvania. She married **Jacob ZENT** 3 May 1785 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>45</sup>. Jacob died 13 November 1844 in Guilford Township, Franklin, Pennsylvania<sup>46,47</sup>, and was buried in White Church Cemetery, Guilford, Franklin, Pennsylvania. Information from George Garner of Ohio.

They had 9 children:

113. M i. **Samuel H. ZENT**, born 9 February 1791 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, died 2 March 1855, at the age of 64.
114. F ii. **Susanna ZENT**.
115. F iii. **Elizabeth ZENT**, born 6 March 1795 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Samuel COOVER** 13 January 1813 in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth died 14 June 1842 in Williams County, Ohio, at the age of 47.
- + 116. M iv. **John ZENT**, died 11 June 1833.
117. F v. **Catherine ZENT**, died 1844.
118. F vi. **Sarah ZENT**.
119. F vii. **Polly ZENT**.
120. F viii. **Mary ZENT**.
121. F ix. **Nancy ZENT**.

**116. John<sup>4</sup> ZENT<sup>48</sup>** (111.Susanna<sup>3</sup>, 7.Isaac<sup>2</sup>, 1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). John died 11 June 1833. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 2 children:

122. M i. **Jacob ZENT**.
123. F ii. **Susanna ZENT**.

**10. Susanna<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER** (1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 1737 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Susanna died after 1829 in Juniatta, Perry, Pennsylvania. She married **Isaac KEISER<sup>49</sup>**. Isaac died after 1829 in Juniatta, Perry, Pennsylvania.

They had 1 child:

124. M i. **John KEISER**.

**11. Catharine<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER** (1.Jacob<sup>1</sup>). Catharine died after 1829 in Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>50</sup>. She married **Philip ALBERT**.

They had 6 children:

125. M i. **Philip ALBERT**.
126. F ii. **Catharine ALBERT**. She married **Michael HEICHEL**.
127. F iii. **Leah ALBERT**.
128. F iv. **Rachel ALBERT**. She married **Peter COPEE**.
129. F v. **Sarah ALBERT**.
130. M vi. **Solomon ALBERT**.

## Endnotes For Chapter 2

1. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #21354.
2. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 78-79.
3. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book FF Page 86.
4. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Tombstone Bassler Cemetery.
5. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book FF Page 86.
6. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book FF Page 86.
7. Deed of Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 79.

8. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #21354. Bk A Page 251.
9. Orphan Court Records of Lancaster County Pennsylvania.
10. Records of Rev. Walschmidt. Pennsylvania Archives Series 6 Vol VI. Name spelt Hertzberger.
11. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #21354. Book A Page 251.
12. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob Bear. Book L Vol 1 Page 18. Daughter Mary wife of Joseph Hershberger.
13. Deed of Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book X Vol 3 Page 317.
14. Lancaster County Deed. FHL #21394. Book CC Page 254. Lived in Green Township, Franklin County.
15. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 78-79. Grandchildren of Jacob.
16. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 78-79.
17. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 80-81.
18. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 78-79.
19. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book T3 Page 699. List Husband's name.
20. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book BB Page 166. David gave 2 tract of land to son David in Earl Twp.
21. Deed of Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book K Vol 3 Page 552. David died intestate leaving 4 children. Lists Children.
22. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book 3L Page 535. Gives spouses of the girls.
23. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob Johns Jr. FHL #21358. Page 526. Gives wife and children's names.
24. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 77-82. Gives relationships.
25. Heathcote. History of Chester County Pennsylvania. FHL #6044878. Page 397.
26. Chester County, Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #20846.
27. Death Certificate Chester County Pennsylvania. Copy in my possession.
28. Fogg Manor Church Register Chester County Pennsylvania.
29. Mifflin County Pennsylvania. Tombstone Stonehill Cemetery.
30. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book FF Page 86.
31. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #21354. Book A Page 251.
32. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book GG Page 82.
33. Lancaster County Administration Record. Book D Vol 1 Page 170. John Hershberger Administrator.
34. Lancaster County Deed. FHL #21394. Book 3 P 98. Lived in Green Township, Franklin County. Parents names.
35. Pastor Records of Rev. John Waldschmidt Cocalico Vol I & II 1752-1786. FHL # 844565.
36. Deed of Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book CC Page 143 Land given by his father's will. Book M page 78 Nov 1766.
37. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book GG.
38. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #21354. Book A Page 251.
39. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will of Isaac Hershberger. FHL #21354. Book F Vol ! Page 482. German not recorded.
40. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Barbara Hershberger. FHL #21358. Book L Vol 1 Page 147.
41. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of John Hershberger. FHL #21354. Book L Vol 1 Page 102.
42. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Barbara Hershberger. FHL #21358. Book L Vol 1 Page 147.
43. Records of Rev. Waldschmidt. Pennsylvania Archives Series 6 Vol VI. Name spelt Hertzberger.
44. Guilford Township, Franklin, Pennsylvania. Tombstone White Church Cemetery.
45. Records of Rev. Waldschmidt. Pennsylvania Archives Series 6 Vol VI. Name spelt Hertzberger. Gives parents names.
46. Guilford Township, Franklin, Pennsylvania. Tombstone White Church Cemetery.
47. Guilford Twp. Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob Zent. Book E Page 1033-104. Children and their spouses.
48. Guilford Twp. Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob Zent. Book E Page 1033-104. Children and their spouses.
49. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book 0 VOL 5 P 106.
50. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Book Vol 5 Page 107. Says Catharine is sister of Abraham. Lists all names of children and husband.



Hershberger Cemetery in the 1950's



Cemetery in the 1960's Mostly poison ivy



Cemetery in 1987. Pictures taken off video. Almost hidden by the trees and bushes



Also from Video



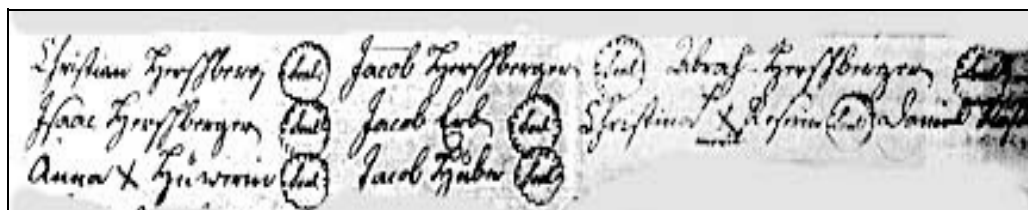
These four stones represent the kind found in the cemetery.



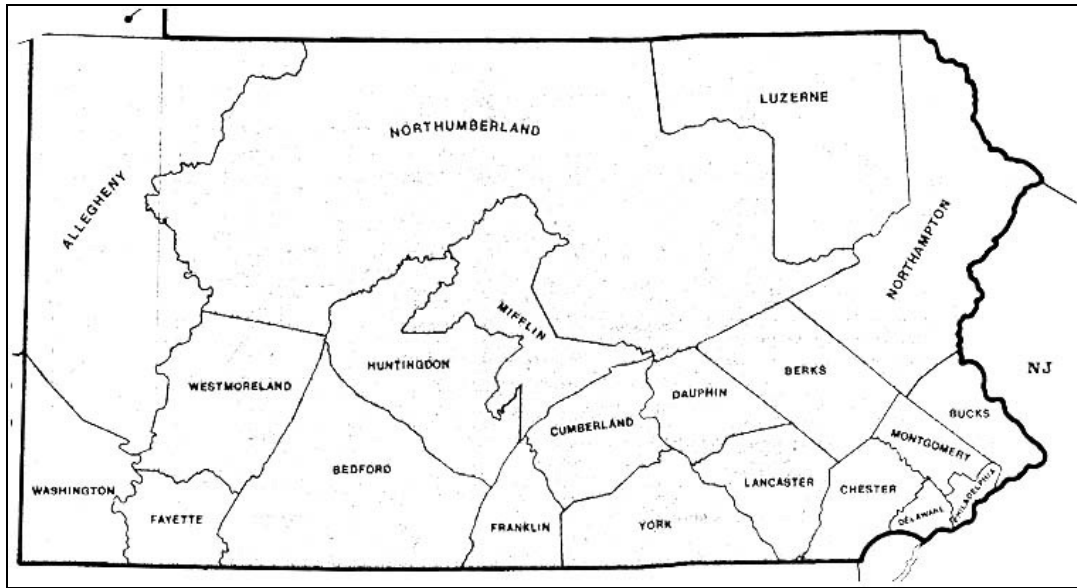
Daniel Hershbeger whose descendants took care of the cemetery



Wife of Daniel.



Jacob's Children: Christian, Isaac, Anna Huber, Jacob, Jacob Erb, Jacob Huber (Anna's husband), Abraham, Christina Ressor and Daniel Ressor.



Pennsylvania in 1790



Map dated 1864 but show location of original Hershberger homestead. John is John of Ephrata Chapter 6 and Samuel is son of Heinrich Chapter 4



## Chapter 3

### John Hershberger 1725-1765

Very little is known about John's life. Someone else researched the name Barbara Martin as his wife and I have yet to, prove or disprove, this connection.

John, one of the older sons of Jacob, was deeded the sawmill in 1761 (exact spelling):

Dated 12 November 1761 between Jacob Hershberger Senior of the Township of Cocalico and Catharina his wife and John Harsberger of the sons of the said Jacob Hearsberger.[Notice the variety of spellings of the name.] In consideration of the natural love and affection they have and bear to the said John Harsberger and for his advancement in the world as of the sum of five shillings paid by said John and by these presents do and each of them doth give grant unto the said John all that certain tract of land containing one hundred fifty acres being part of a certain tract of land containing 200 acres sold to Jacob by Catharina Ensminger dated 1748.

Most information about John is obtained from his will probated November 6, 1765. His name was spelt *Horsebarger* (exact spelling):

It is my will that all my lands shall be divided between my two sons John and Henry by four arbitrators indifferently chosen between my two sons and my executors in two equal parts both according to quantity & quality. John shall have that mosety [?] which joins to the public road and Henry that part where I now live. The land shall be divided when my eldest son John is arrived to twenty one years. Further ordain, that my beloved wife shall have all the use and income benefit of all my lands so long until my eldest son is arrived to his age for which she shall be bound to educate all my orphans, but if my orphans should be neglected by her then my executors shall be to provide for their education and that upon my wifes expences after my eldest son is majoren wife shall have one third part of all the income of my land and her residence during her being a widow but when she marriedth again she shall receive fifty pounds out of my estate for her dower.....The above mentioned arbitrators shall value said my land at the time when my eldest son is majoren the value thereof, my wifes dower being first deducted shall be divided into four equal parts among my four children and my eldest son John shall have five pounds more then any of the others and besides this he shall have no prerogative before the others. My two sons when they take possession of my land shall pay each of my daughter their share of the land in money according to the value of land. My executors shall take good care that my wife not destroy the timber on my land but that she keep every thing in good order.

Orphan court records list the daughters as Barbara and Anna. This record shows Anna choosing Isaac Hershberger (probably her uncle) on March 7, 1780 as her guardian. The record states she is more than fourteen years old. By June 1782, she is married to Joseph Carpenter and names him as her guardian. John and Barbara did not live to reach the age of twenty-one. In the 1771 tax list, "widow Hershberger 100 acres no horses or cows."

Will of wife Barbara dated 1 February 1810 and probated 2 June 1811 (exact spelling):

I give and bequeath unto my son John all my certain plantation or share of the house lott wherein I now live. I further give and bequeath unto my said son all my household good, beds, chests, tables, drawer, stove, cloathing, kitchen furniture I further give all the money, bonds, notes in my possession. I appoint my son John Hershberger to be the executor.

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### The Descendants of John Hershberger

3. John<sup>1</sup> **HERSHBERGER**<sup>1,2</sup>. He was the son of Jacob **HERSHBERGER** and Marie Catherine. John died 6 November 1765 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>3</sup>. He married **Barbara MARTIN**<sup>4</sup> about 1750 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was born February 1730 in Biegelhof, Kraichgau, Germany<sup>5</sup>. She was the daughter of Hans Heinrich **MARTIN** and Anna **OBERHOLTZER**. Barbara died after 1765 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

They had 4 children:

131. F            i. **Barbara HERSHBERGER**, born about 1754 in Cocalico Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania, died before 1823 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>6</sup>.

132. F ii. **Ann HERSHBERGER**, born about 1756 in Cocalico Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **Joseph CARPENTER**<sup>7,8</sup> 2 April 1782 in Earl Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>9, 10</sup>
- + 133. M iii. **Heinrich HERSHBERGER**, born 3 April 1759, died 5 February 1828.
134. M iv. **John HERSHBERGER**, born 15 October 1765 in Cocalico Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>11</sup>, died before 1823 in Cocalico Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>12</sup>.

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## The Martin Family

### Barbara Daughter of Hans Heinrich Martin Married John Hershberger ?

I have not included the descendants because I am not sure this is a correct link.

In the Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage 3 July ,1987 by Jason Martin:

In 1728 Hans Heinrich, at age 27 with his wife Anna Oberholtzer age 28 rented a farm in the Kraichgau region of the Palatinate not far from the town of Biegelhof. During the winter of 1730-31 he had a fire in which he lost all of his crops. So he immigrated with his pregnant wife and 3 small children, 1 son and 2 small Daughters. He already had a brother David and Jacob in Pennsylvania. In the 1731 ship passenger list kids.

## Endnotes for Chapter 3

1. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book FF Page 86.
2. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Jacob Hershberger. FHL #21354. Book A Page 251.
3. Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of John Hershberger. FHL #21354. Book B Page 516.
4. Michael Anthony. I do not know what proof he had for this information, as I have been unable to contact him.
5. Martin Family Bible. Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage Magazine July 1987.
6. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book B Vol.5 Page 5. Died in minority without issue.
7. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book B Vol 5 Page 5.
8. Deed of Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Page 609. Book X. Husband Joseph Carpenter.
9. Records of Rev. Waldschmidt. Pennsylvania Archives Series 6 Vol VI. Name spelt Hertzberger.
10. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Will John Hershberger. FHL #21366. Book B Page 516.
11. Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. IGI.
12. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book B VOL 5 P 5. John died in minority without issue.

## Chapter 4

### Heinrich Hershberger 1759-1828

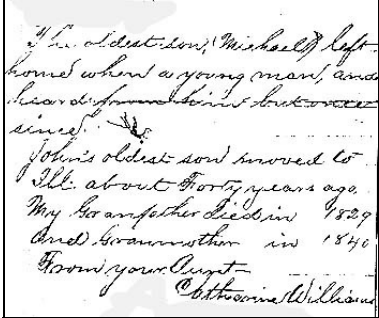
The only surviving son of John was Heinrich born April 3, 1759. He was only six years old when his father passed away. One can only imagine what it must have been like for him growing up.

The next thing that is known about Heinrich is his marriage. It's interesting that Rev. Waldschmidt was a visiting minister to the Muddy Creek Church which I mentioned earlier as being near the Hershberger property. It is also interesting that they were married in this church because the church record does not include any earlier Hershbergers, and Magdalena was obviously of Mennonite decent.

Marriage record, 1781 (exact spelling):

Heinrich Hershberger, son of the deceased Johannes Hershberger, and Magdalena daughter of the deceased Michael Schenck married May 15, 1781 by Rev. John Waldschmidt of the Cocalico Reform Church.

I have a copy of a transcript from the Holy Bible in which Heinrich and his spouse Magdalena kept a record of their family. It lists eleven children but by the date of probate there are only eight listed. In a deed of 1840 there were seven children still living. From a letter written by his granddaughter, Catherine Williams in 1901. she said that the oldest son, Michael left home when he was a young man and was never heard from again. The others I am assuming died young.



The oldest son, Michael, left home when a young man, and has not been heard from since. John's oldest son moved to Ill. about forty years ago. My Grandfather died in 1829 and Grandmother in 1840. From your Aunt Catherine Williams

Henry (as he was listed in most records) apparently lived on the same land deeded to his father John from Jacob Hershberger in 1761.

In Deed Book 5B, 1823 this land was deeded over to Henry's sons Samuel and Jacob (exact spelling):

Whereas Jacob Hershberger and Catharine his wife in and by a certain indenture bearing date the twelfth day of Nov. In the year 1761 did grant and confirm unto John Hershberger a certain tract of land in Cocalico Township containing one hundred and fifty acres and the said John Hershberger being so seized thereof died first having made his last will and testament in writing wherein and whereby amongst other things he did order and direct that the said tract of land should be divided and appraised to and for his two sons John and Henry. Whereas the said John and Barbara two of the children of the said John Hershberger deceased died in their minority and said Henry and Ann his sister became only heirs at law of the said tract of land.

Henry bought back land that belonged originally to his grandfather. Part of the land that Abraham sold and also part of 154 acres owned by Isaac. Abraham and Isaac being sons of Jacob.

Heinrich served in the War of the Revolution in the Lancaster County Militia 1780-1784. There are *Daughters of the American Revolution* papers available concerning this service.

We learn more of Henry and his eight children from his will written January 6, 1828 and probated on March 12, 1828 (exact spelling):

Being old and sick in body but of sound mind and memory and understanding blessed be God for the same. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Magdalene as much of my household and kitchen furniture, beds, linnen and any other articles whatsoever she may want and take thereof for her use. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Magdalene, my dwelling house stable and about ten acres whereon I now live located in Ephrata. Also if she should remarry, all income shall cease and after her death be divided among his five sons. To my son Samuel the eight acres of mountain land in Cocalico Township at the sale of thirty dollars an acre to be paid on one year after my decease. To my son Christian all that plantation and tract of land in Cocalico Township, provided he pay the sum of eight thousand four hundred and twenty-two dollars. If Christian did not want the plantation then John had the right, if not then son Samuel. [John was the eldest Son. Christian went to Ohio and John then owned the original land.] To my daughter Ann late the wife of Peter Brubacker the one equal third part of a bond I have of the said Peter for the sum of five hundred and twenty-five pounds, the remaining two thirds parts I give to the children of the said Peter deceased. And the bonds I have of my sons-in-law John Vandersaal and John Keller is my will that nothing shall be demanded for them. And equal part of the sums due to me on the bonds I have of my sons Samuel and Jacob, so that they shall only pay one equal part thereof.

Magdalene's will, written 1835 and probated 1840, exactly as written:

Widow, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory and understanding (blessed be God for the same) and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life..... I give and bequeath unto my son Christian the sum of twenty dollars for a claim he made against me for rails and wood. I give and bequeath unto to son Henry the sum of one hundred dollars if so much shall be left after my deceased. And the residue remainder of estate what so ever it may be I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna, widow and relict of Peter Brubaker deceased all of which I give unto her as a small recompense for the trouble she has with me in attending and nursing me in my long indisposition and sickness. My son John, Samuel, and Jacob Hershberger and my son in law John Miller are hereby excluded as Legatee to my small estate for certain advantages they had in the estate of their Father Henry Hershberger decd. Magdalena X (her mark)

Her dwelling house and ten acres were sold in 1841 for \$2180.

Heinrich and Magdalena are buried in the Hershberger cemetery previously mentioned. Only Heinrich's stone remains, written in German it is old, worn and lies upon the ground half buried:

Heinrich Hershberger 3 April 1759 gestorben [born] 5 Feb. 1828.

His son Samuel and his family are buried along side of him. There is no sign of Magdalena's tombstone.

## Children of Heinrich Hershberger

### **Elizabeth**

Her husband and children are listed in the Miscellaneous book of Lancaster County, dated 1840:

John, Daniel, Jacob, Michael, Elizabeth, Henry and Mary minor children of John Keller. Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Henry Hershberger, died since the writing of her father's will.

### **Jacob**

History written by the Hershbergers in Ohio (exact spelling):

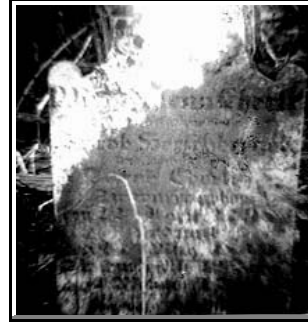
The year when the Hershberger family came to America and from what part of Germany or Switzerland they came is not known. Jacob, however was born in Reamstown, Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1796. He married Magdelene Eberly, who died in 1840. She is buried in Lebanon Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Thirteen Children were born to this union. The Hershbergers, like many people in the Lancaster area, were Plain People or Dunkers. Jacob engaged in various businesses. AT one time he had a grist mill; he also bought horses and took them to Philadelphia to sell. When he and his son, Jacob E. came to Crawford County, Ohio, they purchased and ran an inn on the Columbus-Sandusky Pike about five miles north of Bucyrus, near where the Brokensword United Methodist Church now stands. That business did not last long as travelers demanded liquor and the Hershbergers did not wish to sell liquor. Farming eventually became the chief occupation of the Hershbergers in Ohio. Jacob E. Hershberger came to Crawford County with his father. When he first came in Ohio, he helped his father in his inn and farmed. To the inn Catherine Guinther came to work as a housekeeper. Jacob E. and Catherine were attracted to each other and in 1864 were married. After this marriage he purchased a 120 acre farm which was several miles south and west of the inn. There they reared their family. Catherine was a Methodist; but not until their oldest daughter, Mary Ann, was thirteen years old and interested in joining a church, did Jacob sever his connection with the Dunker church and become a member of the Brokensword Methodist Church along with his daughter. By his request, they were baptized by immersion in the Brokensword Creek. Jacob made a success of farming. He raised fine cattle and sheep. After a number of years, he bought a neighboring 120 acre farm to add to his original farm. He built the bank barn, which is till used, on the home farm and made a two-story house of the story and a half house that was there when he brought his bride to his farm. Of the six children born to Jacob and Catherine, Sarah was the only one who had children. Karl died in infancy. George was killed at age 25 while hickory-nutting with his brother Reuben. A dead limb from a tree fell on him breaking his neck. Five years later, Clara died of typhoid fever at the age of sixteen. Four weeks later the father, Jacob E., also succumbed to typhoid fever. The spring following Jacob's death his widow, Mary Ann and son Reuben moved to 510 E. Charles Street in Bucyrus. Sarah and her husband, Albert Meck, bought and moved to the Hershberger homestead. Reuben made his home with his mother until her death in 1916. For a number of years, Reuben managed the second Hershberger farm which he had bought when his father died. After selling his farm, he bought wool for a time and later was a part time clerk in the Bucyrus hotels where he lived. He was a Mason and a Shriner. All of the Hershberger family, except

Mary Ann and Sarah, are buried in the Moffit Cemetery. Mary Ann is buried in Los Angles and Sarah in Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus, Ohio.

Jacob's wife, Magdalene, is buried in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. The cemetery is in the middle of a farmer's field that was plowed up and all the stones thrown in a pile. I found her stone in the pile and it was still readable. Pictures were taken back in the 1960's.



Cemetery in Lebanon  
County



Magdalena's  
tombstone.

### **Anna**

Anna was the widow of Peter Brubaker of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, at the time of her father's death. Samuel, John and Jacob Hershberger, her brothers, were appointed guardians of her children who were under fourteen years old. She lived with, and took care of her mother after the death of Heinrich. She was the only child who could not sign her name.

### **Susanna**

Susanna lived in Southampton Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania at the time of the settlement of her farther's will. She then moved to Stark County, Ohio where she remarried.

### **Christian**

Deed Book A5 Page 194, dated March 7, 1832, exactly as written:

Christian Hershberger of Stark County the state of Ohio one of the legatees named in the last will and testament of Henry Hershberger late of Cocalico Township in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania yeoman [free citizen] deceased and also the same Christian Harshbarger attorney in fact of Henry Harshbarger of Stark County in the state of Ohio aforesaid another of the sons of the said Henry Harshbarger aforesaid deceased.....the said Christian Harshbarger.....do hereby acknowledge I have this day received of and from John Harshbarger and Samuel Harshbarger executor of the testament and last will of the said Henry Hershberger deceased....that is to say the said Christian Harshbarger for himself the sum of one hundred forty seven dollars and fifty eight & a quarter cents....Henry Harshbarger the like sum.

### **Henry**

A History of Jesse Hershberger, son of Henry, in *Canton and Stark County Ohio History* (exact spelling):

The Hershberger family is of sterling German origin, but has been established on American soil since the colonial epoch in our national history, the original American progenitors having located in Pennsylvania, the old Keystone state of the Union, with whose annals the name has thus been identified for several generations. Eli Hershberger was born on the parental homestead in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio being one of the seven children of Jesse and Elizabeth (Dewalt) Hershberger, while all but one of the children are still living, Charles having passed away in infancy; The six surviving are here named in order of birth: Simon, who is engaged in the sawmilling business in Nimishillen Township, Henry, who is a resident of the same township, and a carpenter by vocation; Laura, who is the wife of John Zuber, also a resident of that township; Sarah, who is the wife of Isaiah Fockler, of Canton; and Eli reared under the beneficent influences of a good home, though

it was humble in character, and he waxed strong in mind and body while assisting in the work of the homestead far, his educational advantages being such as were afforded in the common schools of the locality and period. He early manifested marked ambition and self reliance, and gave evidence of marked business acumen. Jesse Hershberger, father of the children, is likewise a native of Stark County, having been born in Osnaburg Township about the year 1832, and being a son of Henry and Elizabeth Hershberger, who were natives of Pennsylvania, immigrating to Stark County in the early pioneer epoch. Grandfather Hershberger took up a tract of government land in Osnaburg Township, where he established his home in a primitive log cabin and forthwith initiated the task of clearing his land from the native timber and rendering it eligible for cultivation, and there both he and his wife remained until their deaths. Jesse Hershberger was reared to manhood on the homestead farm and amidst the labors and scenes of the pioneer days. After his marriage he removed to Plain Township, where he continued agricultural pursuits for about a score of years, after which he purchased his present farm of sixty acres, in Nimishillen Township, where he has since made his home, being one of the honored pioneer citizens of the county. He is a Republican in Politics, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Progressive Brethren Church.

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### The Descendants of Heinrich Hershberger

**133. Heinrich<sup>1</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>1</sup>** was born 3 April 1759 in Cocalico Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was the son of John HERSHBERGER and Barbara MARTIN. Heinrich died 5 February 1828 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 68<sup>2,3</sup>, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married **Magdalene SCHENCK** 15 May 1781 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>4</sup>. She was born 27 February 1760 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Michael SCHENCK and Elizabeth. Magdalene died 14 September 1840 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 80<sup>5</sup>, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones.

They had 11 children:

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| 135.   | M | i.    | <b>Michael HERSHBERGER</b> , born 1 May 1782 in Cocalico Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania <sup>6</sup> .                |
| + 136. | F | ii.   | <b>Susanna HERSHBERGER</b> , born 3 August 1783, died 7 October 1854.   |
| + 137. | M | iii.  | <b>John HERSHBERGER</b> , born 24 December 1785, died 5 March 1864.   |
|        | F | iv.   | <b>Elizabeth HERSHBERGER</b> , born 26 September 1787, died 22 November 1833.   |
| + 138. | F | v.    | <b>Anna HERSHBERGER</b> , born 4 October 1789.  |
| + 139. | M | vi.   | <b>Henry HERSHBERGER</b> , born 3 October 1791, died 28 June 1858.  |
| + 140. | M | vii.  | <b>Samuel HERSHBERGER</b> , born 26 October 1793, died 27 November 1871.  |
| + 141. | M | viii. | <b>Jacob HERSHBERGER</b> , born 3 September 1796, died 21 August 1882.  |
| 142.   | M | ix.   | <b>Isaac HERSHBERGER</b> , born 2 September 1798 in W. Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.                                 |
| 143.   | F | x.    | <b>Sarah HERSHBERGER</b> , born 29 January 1801 in W. Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married <b>John MILLER</b> . |
| + 144. | M | xi.   | <b>Christian HERSHBERGER</b> , born 3 October 1802, died 5 May 1852.  |

**136. Susanna<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER** (133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 August 1783 in Cocalico Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>7</sup>. Susanna died 7 October 1854 in Adam County, Indiana, at the age of 71. She married (1) **John VANDERSAAL<sup>8</sup>** about 1806 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was born 18 January 1780 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Henry VANDERSAAL and Elizabeth SHILLING. John died 28 November 1826 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 46<sup>9</sup>.

They had 5 children:

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| 145. | F | i. | <b>Mary VANDERSAAL</b> , born 11 January 1807 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married <b>Samuel KENEGY</b> (See number 150) 7 October 1824 in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Joshua KENEGY, Sr.. |
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146. F ii. **Elizabeth VANDERSAAL**, born 25 April 1809 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Rev. John HAMILTON** 28 September 1828 in Pennsylvania. John was born 24 May 1803 in Sondersberg, Pennsylvania. He died 25 Oct 1889 Browning Missouri. Elizabeth died 14 September 1846, at the age of 37.
147. M iii. **Jacob VANDERSAAL**, born 10 October 1810 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married **Maria COOVER** 20 August 1831 in Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Jacob died 23 October 1863 in Shippensburg, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, at the age of 53.
148. F iv. **Lydia VANDERSAAL**, born 5 March 1812 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **John GISH** 26 April 1831 in Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Lydia died 7 April 1850 in Shippensburg, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, at the age of 38.
149. F v. **Susanna VANDERSAAL**, born 5 August 1818 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Louis MILLER** 2 March 1837 in Rochester, Olmstead, Minnesota.
- Susanna had 1 stepchild:
150. M vi. **Samuel KENEGY**. He was the biological son of Joshua KENEGY, Sr... He married **Mary VANDERSAAL (See number 145)** 7 October 1824 in Pennsylvania. She was born 11 January 1807 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of John VANDERSAAL and Susanna HERSHBERGER.

Above information from Rev. Samuel Heinecke. *Genealogy of Adam Heinecke*. FHL # 962782. Page 37.

Susanna married (2) **Joshua KENEGY, Sr.** after 1826. He was born about 1786. Joshua, Sr. died 29 April 1843 in Adams County, Indiana.

Information from Catharine Williams. Letter from Catharine Williams. Granddaughter of Jacob.

**138. Anna<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>10,11</sup>** (133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 October 1789 in W. Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **Peter BRUBAKER<sup>12</sup>** about 1814 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He was born 8 March 1791 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Daniel BRUBAKER and Elizabeth STAUFFER. Peter died 8 August 1827 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 36<sup>13</sup>, and was buried in Brubaker Farm, Buffalo Springs, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

They had 9 children:

151. F i. **Mary Polly BRUBAKER**, born 5 March 1815 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. She married **George HACKER** about 1835 in Pennsylvania. He was born 15 September 1810 in Pennsylvania. George died 7 June 1872 in Pennsylvania, at the age of 61.
152. M ii. **Joseph BRUBAKER**, born 14 April 1816 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, died 15 October 1839 in Ohio, at the age of 23.
153. M iii. **Daniel BRUBAKER**, born 9 July 1817 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He married **Elizabeth KINDIG** about 1840 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. She was born 10 March 1825 in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth died 13 January 1894 in Pennsylvania, at the age of 68. Daniel died 31 March 1898 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 80.
154. F iv. **Sarah BRUBAKER**, born 9 November 1818 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. She married **Peter HEFFLY** in Pennsylvania. Sarah died 16 August 1894, at the age of 75.
155. M v. **Peter H. BRUBAKER**, born 9 January 1820 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He married **Elizabeth BUCKWALTER** about 1850 in Pennsylvania. She was born 8 March 1830 in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth died 24 February 1907 in Pennsylvania, at the age of 76. Peter died 18 December 1902, at the age of 82.
156. M vi. **Henry BRUBAKER**, born 25 July 1821 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He married **Mary KINNEY**. Henry died 9 September 1892, at the age of 71.
157. F vii. **Elizabeth BRUBAKER**, born 3 February 1823 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. She married **Peter DOHNER<sup>14,15</sup>** about 1854 in Pennsylvania. He was born 10 April 1832 in Pennsylvania. Peter died 17 May 1859 in Pennsylvania, at the age of 27.
158. F viii. **Magdalena BRUBAKER**, born 22 August 1824 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. She married **Moses BREIDENSTINE** about 1856 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He was born 27 January 1807 in Pennsylvania. Moses died 19 February 1869 in Pennsylvania, at the age of 62. Magdalena died 15 April 1900, at the age of 75.
159. F ix. **Susanna BRUBAKER**, born 29 September 1826 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Lebanon County Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Brubaker. FHL #21506. Book A Page 565.

139. **Henry<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>16,17</sup>** (133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 October 1791 in W. Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>18</sup>. Henry died 28 June 1858 in Osnaburg Township, Stark, Ohio, at the age of 66, and was buried in Glen Cemetery, Osnaburg Township, Stark, Ohio. He married **Anna**. She was born 31 January 1799 in Pennsylvania. Anna died 5 December 1882 in Osnaburg Township, Stark, Ohio, at the age of 83, and was buried in Glen Cemetery, Osnaburg Township, Stark, Ohio. Information from tombstones.

They had 6 children:

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| 160. | F | i.   | <b>Catharine HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1833 in Ohio.   |
| 161. | M | ii.  | <b>Jacob HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1834 in Ohio. He married <b>Rachel HARMON</b> 31 January 1858 in Stark County, Ohio.                  |
| 162. | F | iii. | <b>Elizabeth HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1835 in Ohio  |
| 163. | F | iv.  | <b>Susan HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1838 in Ohio.   |
| 164. | F | v.   | <b>Rebecca HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1840 in Ohio. She married <b>Lewis SMITH</b> 22 November 1863 in Stark County, Ohio <sup>19</sup> . |
| 165. | M | vi.  | <b>Jesse HERSHBERGER</b> , born Osnaburg, Stark, Ohio. He married <b>Elizabeth DEWALT</b> . They had 6 children. (See history page 23)      |

Information from 1850 Census of Stark County Ohio. FHL #444723.

140. **Samuel<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>20,21</sup>** (133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 October 1793 in W. Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>22</sup>. Samuel died 27 November 1871 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone. He married **Catherine S. EBERLY**. She was born 26 January 1800 in Pennsylvania<sup>23</sup>. She was the daughter of Jacob H. EBERLY and Anna N. SHIRK. Catherine died 18 March 1874 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 74, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from 1850 Census Cocalico, Lancaster County Pennsylvania. FHL #444757.

They had 9 children:

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| 166.   | M | i.    | <b>John HERSHBERGER</b> , born 4 February 1820 in Pennsylvania, died 25 July 1838 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 18.   |
| 167.   | M | ii.   | <b>Samuel C. HERSHBERGER</b> , born 10 September 1824 in Pennsylvania, died 1 February 1852 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 27, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone. |
| + 168. | M | iii.  | <b>Daniel HERSHBERGER</b> , born 5 August 1826, died 12 April 1900.  |
| 169.   | F | iv.   | <b>Rebecca HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1833 in Pennsylvania.  |
| + 170. | F | v.    | <b>Magdalena HERSHBERGER</b> , born 10 June 1837, died 5 January 1865.   |
| 171.   | M | vi.   | <b>Moses HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1840 in Pennsylvania.  |
| 172.   | F | vii.  | <b>Elizabeth HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1844 in Pennsylvania.  |
| 173.   | F | viii. | <b>Leah E. HERSHBERGER</b> , born about 1846 in Pennsylvania.  |
| 174.   | F | ix.   | <b>Catharine E. HERSHBERGER</b> .  |

168. **Daniel<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>24</sup>** (140.Samuel<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 August 1826 in Pennsylvania. Daniel died 12 April 1900 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married **Catherine FLICKINGER** 24 September 1853 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was born 10 February 1829 in Earl Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Samuel FLICKINGER and Sarah SNYDER. Catherine died 9 September 1895 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 66, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones.

They had 1 child:

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| 175. | M | i. | <b>Martin HERSHBERGER</b> , born 1865 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married <b>Magdalene HURST</b> . Martin died 1946 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 81, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. |
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170. **Magdalena<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (140.Samuel<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 June 1837 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Magdalena died 5 January 1865 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 27, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone. She married **Quincy COOVER<sup>25,26</sup>** 8 March 1855 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>27</sup>. He was born 10 January 1836 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Joel COOVER and Elizabeth. Quincy died 5 January 1864 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, age of 28. Information from tombstones.



They had 1 child:

176. M i. **John COOVER.**

**141. Jacob<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>28,29</sup>** (133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 September 1796 in W. Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>30</sup>. Jacob died 21 August 1882 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 85, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township., Crawford County, Ohio. He married **Magdalena EBERLY** about 1819 in Pennsylvania<sup>31</sup>. She was born 22 April 1798 in Durlach, Clay Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>32</sup>. She was the daughter of Jacob H. EBERLY and Anna N. SHIRK. Magdalena died 24 May 1840 in Prescott, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at the age of 42, and was buried in Prescott, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones.

They had 13 children:

- + 177. F i. **Lydia HERSHBERGER**, born 13 May 1820, died 11 February 1898.
- + 178. M ii. **Michael HERSHBERGER**, born 25 March 1821, died 1873.
- + 179. F iii. **Susanna HERSHBERGER**, born 16 October 1822, died 5 October 1871.
- + 180. M iv. **Henry HERSHBERGER**, born 14 February 1824, died 1890.
- 181. M v. **John HERSHBERGER**, born 30 November 1825/1826 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>33</sup>, died 21 June 1853 in Lebanon Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at the age of 27.
- 182. M vi. **Jacob HERSHBERGER**, born 8 October 1827 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 1828 in Pennsylvania.
- 183. F vii. **Catherine HERSHBERGER**, born 8 January 1829 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married \_\_\_\_\_ **WILLIAMS** about 1860 in Ohio. Catherine died 1922 in Nebraska, age of 92.
- 184. F viii. **Leah HERSHBERGER**, born 28 November 1830 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **John Christian SCHIEBER**. He was born 1828. John died 1903 in Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 75, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery. Leah died 31 October 1909 in Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 78, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio.
- + 185. M ix. **Jacob E. HERSHBERGER**, born 13 February 1832, died 17 October 1897.
- 186. F x. **Magdalene HERSHBERGER**, born 23 May 1834 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, died in childhood 13 December 1843 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 9, and was buried in Prescott Cemetery, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
- 187. M xi. **Samuel HERSHBERGER**, born 1 August 1836 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married **Elizabeth SCHALL**. Elizabeth died in Ohio, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery. Samuel died 18 March 1873 in Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 36, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio.
- + 188. F xii. **Anna HERSHBERGER**, born 1 July 1838.
- 189. F xiii. **Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born 24 May 1840 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. She married (1) **Jacob Henry SCHNEIDER**. He was born 5 April 1838. Jacob died 11 March 1868 in Polk Township, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 29, and was buried in Zoar Cemetery, Polk Township, Crawford, Ohio. Elizabeth married (2) **John SCHNEIDER**.

Information from Catherine Williams, granddaughter of Jacob

**177. Lydia<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 May 1820 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Lydia died 11 February 1898 in Holmes Township, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 77, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township., Crawford, Ohio. She married **Christopher SCHIEBER** 31 August 1848 in Crawford County, Ohio. He was born 4 March 1820 in Stuttgart, Wurttemberg, Germany. He was the son of John Gottlieb SCHIEBER and Christina Magdalena BROSE. Christopher died 21 December 1888 in Holmes Township, Crawford, Ohio, age of 68, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township., Crawford, Ohio. Information from tombstones and from Everitt Smith of South Bend Indiana..

They had 4 children:

- + 190. M i. **Jacob SCHIEBER**, born 13 December 1849, died 11 October 1925.
- + 191. M ii. **John SCHIEBER**, born 16 January 1852.
- 192. F iii. **Mattie SCHIEBER**, born 7 July 1854 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio.
- 193. F iv. **Priscalla SCHIEBER**, born 8 August 1855 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio, died in childhood 23 September 1860 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 5, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield, Crawford, Ohio. Information from tombstone.

**190. Jacob<sup>4</sup> SCHIEBER** (177.Lydia<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 December 1849 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio. Jacob died 11 October 1925 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 75, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Crawford, Ohio. Information from tombstone. He married **Elizabeth KNAPPENBERGER** 24 January 1877 in Crawford County, Ohio. She was born 24 February 1854 in Liberty Township, Crawford, Ohio. Elizabeth died 19 May 1932 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 78, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus, Stark, Ohio. Information from Everitt Smith of South Bend Indiana.

They had 4 children:

- + 194. F        i.    **Ella SCHIEBER**, born 5 December 1877, died 3 October 1956.
- + 195. F        ii.   **Emma R SCHIEBER**, born 15 September 1880, died 26 February 1963.
- + 196. F        iii.   **Amelia M. SCHIEBER**, born 2 April 1885.
- + 197. F        iv.   **Pearl Louise SCHIEBER**, born 5 May 1889.

**194. Ella<sup>5</sup> SCHIEBER** (190.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 177.Lydia<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 December 1877 in Liberty Township., Crawford, Ohio. Ella died 3 October 1956 in Bucyrus, Stark, Ohio, at the age of 78, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Crawford, Ohio. She married **John Jacob NEFF** 15 June 1898 in Crawford County, Ohio. He was born 7 January 1875 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio. John died 21 April 1952 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 77, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Crawford, Ohio. Information from tombstones.

They had 3 children:

- 198. M        i.    **Waldo J NEFF**.
- 199. M        ii.   **Emmett J NEFF**.
- 200. F        iii.   **Helen NEFF**.

**195. Emma R<sup>5</sup> SCHIEBER** (190.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 177.Lydia<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 September 1880 in Liberty Township., Crawford, Ohio. Emma died 26 February 1963 in Liberty Township, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 82, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus, Stark, Ohio. She married **Edward J. CRALL** 1902 in Liberty Township, Crawford, Ohio He was born 16 November 1877 in Liberty Township, Crawford, Ohio. Edward died June 1960 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 82. Information from Lucretia Marks of Springs, Texas.

They had 4 children:

- 201. F        i.    **Harry CRALL**.
- 202. M        ii.   **Richard CRALL**.
- 203. F        iii.   **Loise CRALL**.
- 204. F        iv.   **Barbara CRALL**.

**196. Amelia M.<sup>5</sup> SCHIEBER** (190.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 177.Lydia<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 April 1885 in Liberty Township, Crawford, Ohio. Amelia died in Bucyrus, Stark, Ohio, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus, Stark, Ohio. She married **Walter R. BEALL** 14 September 1915 in Crawford County, Ohio. He was born 7 November 1887 in Crawford County, Ohio. Walter died 10 January 1959 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, age of 71. Information from Lucretia Marks of Springs, Texas.

They had 4 children:

- 205. M        i.    **John BEALL**.
- 206. M        ii.   **William BEALL**.
- 207. M        iii.   **George BEALL**.
- 208. F        iv.   **Elizabeth BEALL**.

**197. Pearl Louise<sup>5</sup> SCHIEBER** (190.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 177.Lydia<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 May 1889 in Liberty Township., Crawford, Ohio. Pearl died in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus, Stark, Ohio. She married **Herbert Dewit CALDWELL** 10 August 1914 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. He was born 15 February 1890 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. Herbert died in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio.

They had 2 children:

- 209. F        i.    **Mary Elizabeth CALDWELL**, born 30 December 1915 in Liberty Twp, Crawford, Ohio.
- 210. M        ii.   **Thomas CALDWELL**, born 21 December 1918 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. He married **Eloise**.

**191. John<sup>4</sup> SCHIEBER** (177.Lydia<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 January 1852 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio. He married **Caroline KLINK** 24 December 1874 in Crawford County, Ohio. She was born 4 March 1852 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio Information from Everitt Smith of South Bend Indiana.

They had 10 children:

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| 211. | M | i.    | <b>Jay Henry SCHIEBER</b> , born 1875 in Liberty Township, Crawford, Ohio, died 1922, at the age of 47. |
| 212. | M | ii.   | <b>Charles Edwin SCHIEBER</b> .   |
| 213. | F | iii.  | <b>Anna SCHIEBER</b> .  |
| 214. | M | iv.   | <b>Albert SCHIEBER</b> .  |
| 215. | F | v.    | <b>Cora SCHIEBER</b> .  |
| 216. | M | vi.   | <b>Vern W SCHIEBER</b> .  |
| 217. | M | vii.  | <b>Walter J. SCHIEBER</b> .   |
| 218. | F | viii. | <b>Myrtle SCHIEBER</b> .  |
| 219. | M | ix.   | <b>Irwin W. SCHIEBER</b> .  |
| 220. | F | x.    | <b>Mary SCHIEBER</b> .  |

**178. Michael<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 March 1821 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>34</sup>. Michael died 1873 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 51. He married **Sarah BUCHER** about 1845 in Crawford, Ohio. She was born about 1824 in Pennsylvania<sup>35</sup>. She was the daughter of Benedict BUCHER and Maria DOHNER.

They had 5 children:

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| 221. | M | i.   | <b>John D. HERSHBERGER</b> .   |
| 222. | M | ii.  | <b>Jacob HERSHBERGER</b> .     |
| 223. | F | iii. | <b>Mary HERSHBERGER</b> .      |
| 224. | F | iv.  | <b>Annie E. HERSHBERGER</b> .  |
| 225. | F | v.   | <b>Sallie R. HERSHBERGER</b> . |

**179. Susanna<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 October 1822 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>36</sup>. Susanna died 5 October 1871 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 49, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio. She married **John Frederick SCHALL**<sup>37</sup> 5 January 1851 in Crawford County, Ohio<sup>38</sup>. He was born 16 February 1826 in Wurttemberg, Germany. John died 25 May 1893 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 67, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio.

They had 8 children:

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| 226. | M | i.    | <b>Samuel SCHALL</b> .  |
| 227. | M | ii.   | <b>John SCHALL</b> , born 18 April 1862, died in childhood 2 August 1865 in Crawford County, Ohio, age of 3, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio.               |
| 228. | M | iii.  | <b>Daniel SCHALL</b> , born 23 August 1863, died in childhood 2 August 1865 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 2, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio.     |
| 229. | F | iv.   | <b>Martha SCHALL</b> , born 9 November 1865, died in childhood 13 November 1871 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 6, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio. |
| 230. | M | v.    | <b>Aaron SCHALL</b> , born about 1866.  |
| 231. | M | vi.   | <b>John SCHALL</b> , born about 1867.   |
| 232. | F | vii.  | <b>Ellen SCHALL</b> , born 17 January 1868, died in childhood 11 November 1871 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 3, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery, Chatfield Township, Crawford, Ohio.  |
| 233. | F | viii. | <b>Rebecca SCHALL</b> .   |

All family information from tombstones.

**180. Henry<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 February 1824 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>39</sup>. Henry died 1890 in Illinois, at the age of 65. He married **Catherine SNAVELY**<sup>40</sup> February 1848 in Crawford County, Ohio. She was born February 1828 in Schaefferstown, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Catherine died 14 April 1906 in Salem, Illinois, at the age of 78, and was buried in Eastlawn Cemetery, Salem, Illinois.

They had 9 children:

- + 234. M i. **Jacob HERSHBERGER**, born 21 March 1849, died 23 March 1933.
- + 235. M ii. **Samuel HERSHBERGER**, born 28 December 1850/1851, died 5 November 1879.
- + 236. F iii. **Mary HERSHBERGER**, born 26 February 1853.
- + 237. F iv. **Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born 17 October 1854, died July 1919.
- + 238. F v. **Anna HERSHBERGER**, born 13 September 1856, died 10 April 1910.
- + 239. F vi. **Sarah HERSHBERGER**, born 15 October 1858.
- + 240. M vii. **John W. HERSHBERGER**, born 1 June 1861, died 13 May 1942.
- + 241. M viii. **Henry W. HERSHBERGER**, born 8 July 1863.
- + 242. M ix. **David HERSHBERGER**, born 20 October 1865.

Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

**234. Jacob<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 March 1849 in Crawford County, Ohio. Jacob died 23 March 1933 in Decatur, Illinois, at the age of 84. He married **Louisa SHANAFELT** 25 January 1871/1872 in Salem, Illinois. She was born 12 October 1851 in Marion County, Illinois. Louisa died 23 September 1930 in Woodland, Michigan, at the age of 78, and was buried in Salem, Illinois.

They had 2 children:

- + 243. F i. **Cora F. HERSHBERGER**, born 13 December 1873, died 1966.
- 244. M ii. **Milton Arthur HERSHBERGER**, born 5 August 1880 in Salem, Illinois

**243. Cora F<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (234.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 December 1873 in Salem, Illinois. Cora died 1966, at the age of 92. She married **Oscar O. FLANIGAN**.

They had 1 child:

- + 245. M i. **Mullenix FLANIGAN**.

**245. Mullenix<sup>6</sup> FLANIGAN** (243.Cora<sup>5</sup>, 234.Jacob<sup>4</sup>, 180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>). He married **Ogle HARPER**.

They had 1 child:

- 246. F i. **Ruth FLANIGAN**.

**235. Samuel<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 December 1850/1851 in Crawford County, Ohio. Samuel died 5 November 1879, at the age of 28. He married **Elizabeth WATTERS**.

They had 1 child:

- 247. F i. **May HERSHBERGER**

**236. Mary<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 February 1853 in Crawford County, Ohio. She married **John SCHANAFELT** December 1874 in Crawford County, Ohio. He was born 1849. John died 20 September 1900, at the age of 51.

They had 3 children:

- 248. F i. **Belle SCHANAFELT**, born 11 August 1880.
- 249. F ii. **Lulu SCHANAFELT**, born 28 January 1884.
- 250. M iii. **John SCHANAFELT**, born 2 December 1887, died 25 May 1912, at the age of 24.

**237. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 October 1854 in Crawford County, Ohio. Elizabeth died July 1919, at the age of 64. She married **William J. MARTIN** 11 December 1884 in Crawford County, Ohio. He was born January 1859. William died August 1948, at the age of 89.

They had 4 children:

- 251. F i. **Minnie MARTIN**, born 3 October 1886.
- 252. M ii. **Claude MARTIN**, born 1 May 1888 in Ohio, died in childhood 17 January 1895 .
- 253. M iii. **William Franklin MARTIN**, born 1890 in Ohio, died in infancy 1891.
- 254. F iv. **Nellie Zada MARTIN**, born 14 August 1892 in Ohio.

**238. Anna<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 September 1856 in Crawford County, Ohio. Anna died 10 April 1910, at the age of 53. She married **Samuel SCHANAFELT** 25 December 1878 in Ohio.

They had 3 children:

- 255. F i. **Carrie SCHANAFELT**, born 5 October 1879 in Ohio.
- 256. F ii. **Lillie SCHANAFELT**.

257. M iii. **Elston SCHANAFELT**, born 30 July 1887 in Ohio.

**239. Sarah<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 October 1858 in Crawford County, Ohio. She married **George W. COURSON** 25 November 1880 in Ohio. Information from Kay Shariff.

They had 1 child:

258. F i. **Edna COURSON**.

**240. John W.<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 June 1861 in Crawford County, Ohio. John died 13 May 1942 in Clarksville, Michigan, at the age of 80, and was buried in Clarksville Cemetery, Clarksville, Michigan. He married **Sallie HANNA** 29 December 1897 in Salem, Illinois. She was born 13 September 1870 in Salem, Illinois. Sallie died February 1953 in Clarksville, Michigan, at the age of 82, and was buried in Clarksville Cemetery, Clarksville, Michigan. Information from Kay Shariff.

They had 3 children:

259. F i. **Lovell Mae HERSHBERGER**, born 18 March 1901 in Salem, Illinois.

260. F ii. **Mildred Lucille HERSHBERGER**, born 13 August 1903 in Salem, Illinois, died 27 February 1965 in Clarksville, Michigan, at the age of 61, and was buried in Clarksville Cemetery, Clarksville, Michigan.

261. M iii. **Howard Lee HERSHBERGER**, born 31 August 1907 in Salem, Illinois.

**241. Henry W.<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 July 1863 in Crawford County, , Ohio. He married **Nancy F. DICKENS** 24 December 1884 in Crawford County, Ohio. She was born 14 August 1864. Nancy died 10 August 1947, at the age of 83. Information from Kay Shariff.

They had 4 children:

262. F i. **Maude HERSHBERGER**, born 2 August 1886.

263. F ii. **Jennie Linn HERSHBERGER**, born 29 July 1893.

264. F iii. **Ola HERSHBERGER**, born 1 March 1898 in Ohio.

265. F iv. **Lola HERSHBERGER**, born 1 March 1898 in Ohio.

**242. David<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (180.Henry<sup>3</sup>, 141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 October 1865 in Crawford County, Ohio. He married **Lydia S. DICKENS** 31 December 1888 in Salem, Illinois. She was born 6 December 1867. Lydia died 24 December 1930 in Woodland, Michigan, at the age of 63, and was buried in Salem, Illinois.

They had 5 children:

266. M i. **Walter Earle HERSHBERGER**, born 2 October 1889 in Salem, Illinois.

267. M ii. **Leland HERSHBERGER**, born 1891 in Salem, Illinois, died in infancy 10 April 1892 in Salem, Illinois.

268. F iii. **Lottie Marie HERSHBERGER**, born 14 January 1894 in Salem, Illinois, died April 1970 in Paragould, Arkansas, at the age of 76.

269. M iv. **David Loren HERSHBERGER**, born 8 April 1896 in Salem, Illinois.

270. M v. **Ralph Henry HERSHBERGER**, born 19 October 1901 in Salem, Illinois.

**185. Jacob E.<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 February 1832 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>41</sup>. Jacob died 17 October 1897 in Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 65, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery. He married **Catherine GUNTER** 15 December 1864 in Crawford County, Ohio. She was born 16 September 1839. Catherine died 14 January 1916 in Holmes, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 76, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery.

They had 6 children:

271. F i. **Mary Ann HERSHBERGER**, born 7 January 1866 in Crawford County, Ohio. She married **Rev. John E. GUETHER** February 1905. John died in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. Mary died November 1930 in California, at the age of 64.

272. M ii. **George Abraham HERSHBERGER**, born 30 March 1867 in Crawford County, Ohio, died 3 October 1891 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 24, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery.

273. M iii. **Reuben Henry HERSHBERGER**, born 2 December 1869 in Crawford, Ohio, died 20 August 1952 in Crawford County, Ohio, at the age of 82, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery.<sup>42</sup>

274. M iv. **Karl HERSHBERGER**, born 19 July 1871 in Crawford county, Ohio, died in infancy 3 December 1872 in Crawford, Ohio, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery.
275. F v. **Sara Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born 13 January 1876 in Crawford County, Ohio Sara died 10 January 1963 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 87, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery.
276. F vi. **Clara Barbara HERSHBERGER**, born 8 February 1881 in Crawford County, Ohio, died 18 September 1897 in Crawford, Ohio, at the age of 16, and was buried in Moffit Cemetery.<sup>43</sup>

**188. Anna<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (141.Jacob<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 July 1838 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania<sup>44</sup>. Anna died in Spencerville, Ohio. She married **David SCHINDOLLAR**. He was born February 1842 in Delaware County, Ohio. David died 1 March 1920 in Spencerville, Ohio, at the age of 78.

They had 2 children:

277. M i. **Henry SCHINDOLLAR**, born May 1869 in Ohio.
278. M ii. **Albert SCHINDOLLAR**, born September 1872 in Ohio.

**144. Christian<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>45</sup>** (133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 October 1802 in W. Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>46</sup>. Christian died 5 May 1852 in Osanburg Township, Stark, Ohio, age of 49, and was buried in Glen Cemetery, Osanburg Township, Stark, Ohio. Information from tombstone. He married **Catharine ERB<sup>47</sup>** 21 July 1829 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was born 23 December 1806 in W. Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Catharine died 8 August 1869 in Stark County, Ohio, age of 62. Information from Lucretia Marks.

They had 8 children:

- + 279. M i. **Martin HERSHBERGER**, born 21 April 1830, died 3 August 1878.
- + 280. M ii. **Jeremiah HERSHBERGER**, born 1 September 1834, died 1904.
281. F iii. **Sarah HERSHBERGER**, born 1835 in Stark County, Ohio. She married **Jacob WALKER** 19 June 1853 in German Lutheran Church, Stark, Ohio. Sarah died 27 August 1927 in Paris Township, Stark, Ohio, at the age of 92.
282. M iv. **David HERSHBERGER**, born 1838 in Ohio, died in infancy 1839.
283. F v. **Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born 1840 in Ohio, died in childhood 1842, at the age of 2.
284. M vi. **Isaac HERSHBERGER**, born 1842 in Stark County, Ohio, died 17 May 1862 in Tennessee, at the age of 20
- + 285. M vii. **Eli HERSHBERGER**, born 1847.
286. M viii. **Henry Christian HERSHBERGER**, born 1852 in Stark County, Ohio.

**279. Martin<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 April 1830 in Stark County, Ohio. Martin died 3 August 1878 in Milwood, Kosciusko, Indiana, at the age of 48. He married **Eliza DERR** 11 April 1854 in Stark County, Ohio. She was born 1835. Eliza died 1901, age of 66. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 7 children:

287. F i. **Almira HERSHBERGER**, born 1855 in Ohio, died in infancy 1855.
- + 288. M ii. **Oliver Perry HERSHBERGER**, born 1856, died 1918.
- + 289. M iii. **Cyrus Lincoln HERSHBERGER**, born 1860.
- + 290. M iv. **John Franklin HERSHBERGER**, born 1862, died 1948.
- + 291. F v. **Mary Catherine HERSHBERGER**, born 1868.
- + 292. M vi. **Edwin Howard HERSHBERGER**, born 1870.
293. M vii. **William Henry HERSHBERGER**, born 1873 in Ohio.

**288. Oliver Perry<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1856 in Ohio. Oliver died 1918, at the age of 62. He married **Lydia Ann ANDERS**. She was born 1858. Lydia died 1939, at the age of 81.

They had 5 children:

- + 294. M i. **Marian Lee HERSHBERGER**, born 1877, died 1947.
- + 295. M ii. **Harvey Allen HERSHBERGER**, born 1878.
- + 296. M iii. **Clem Conrad HERSHBERGER**, born 1881.
- + 297. F iv. **Nora HERSHBERGER**, born 1883.
- + 298. F v. **Cora Agnes HERSHBERGER**, born 1885.

**294. Marian Lee<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (288.Oliver<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1877 in Ohio. Marian died 1947, at the age of 70. He married **Catherine Ross SUTER**. She was born 1881. Catherine died 1941, at the age of 60. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 4 children:

- 299. F i. **Flossie Lucille HERSHBERGER**, born 1899, died 1958, at the age of 59.
- 300. M ii. **Welcome Raymond HERSHBERGER**, born 1902.
- 301. M iii. **Orville Leonard HERSHBERGER**, born 1905.
- 302. F iv. **Kathryn Leah HERSHBERGER**.

**295. Harvey Allen<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (288.Oliver<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1878 in Ohio. He married **Ruby Maude McGOWAN**. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 3 children:

- 303. M i. **Edwin HERSHBERGER**, born 1901, died in infancy 1901.
- 304. F ii. **Gladys Estelle HERSHBERGER**, born 1902.
- 305. F iii. **Florence E. HERSHBERGER**, born 1903.

**296. Clem Conrad<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (288.Oliver<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1881 in Ohio. He married **Harriet Etta SCHLOSSER**. She was born 1884. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 2 children:

- 306. M i. **Harold Albert HERSHBERGER**, born 1907, died in infancy 1907.
- 307. M ii. **James Evan HERSHBERGER**, born 1916.

**297. Nora<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (288.Oliver<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1883 in Ohio. She married **Jacob LEEPER**. He was born 1874. Jacob died 1965, at the age of 91.

They had 1 child:

- + 308. M i. **Richard Russel LEEPER**, born 1908.

**308. Richard Russel<sup>6</sup> LEEPER** (297.Nora<sup>5</sup>, 288.Oliver<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1908. He married **Violet Estelle NEHER**. She was born 1910. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 2 children:

- 309. M i. **Marvin LEEPER**, born 1932, died 1946, at the age of 14.
- 310. M ii. **Herbert Lee LEEPER**.

**298. Cora Agnes<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (288.Oliver<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1885 in Ohio. She married **Jesse Monroe PARKER**. He was born 1880. Jesse died 1958, at the age of 78.

They had 3 children:

- 311. F i. **Blanch Luella PARKER**.
- 312. M ii. **Ernest Oliver PARKER**, born 1907.
- 313. F iii. **Bernice Alberta PARKER**, born 1922.

**289. Cyrus Lincoln<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1860 in Ohio. He married **Pauline BURCHER**. She was born 1861. Pauline died 1936, at the age of 75.

They had 6 children:

- 314. F i. **Nellie Rae HERSHBERGER**, born 1884, died 1966, at the age of 82.
- + 315. M ii. **Cyrus Frank HERSHBERGER**, born 1886, died 1957.
- 316. M iii. **Van Schuyler HERSHBERGER**, born 1888, died 1940, at the age of 52.
- + 317. M iv. **Martin Hollis HERSHBERGER**.
- + 318. M v. **John Gurley HERSHBERGER**, born 1891, died 1958.
- + 319. M vi. **Charles D. HERSHBERGER**, born 1902, died 1970.

**315. Cyrus Frank<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (289.Cyrus<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1886. Cyrus died 1957, at the age of 71. He married **Ina ANDREW**. She was born 1886. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 2 children:

- 320. F i. **Marjorie HERSHBERGER**.
- 321. M ii. **Francis HERSHBERGER**.

317. **Martin Hollis<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (289.Cyrus<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>). He married **Juliette Renee Elsie DESNOUSES**. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 1 child:

322. F i. **Suzanne Nellie HERSHBERGER**.

318. **John Gurley<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (289.Cyrus<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1891. John died 1958, at the age of 67. He married **Vena Lee HYDER**. She was born 1898.

They had 4 children:

323. F i. **Vene Mae HERSHBERGER**, born 1924.  
 324. F ii. **Phyllis Ann HERSHBERGER**, born 1934.  
 325. F iii. **Sonia Rae HERSHBERGER**, born 1937.  
 326. F iv. **Sara Jean HERSHBERGER**, born 1939.

319. **Charles D.<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (289.Cyrus<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1902. Charles died 1970, at the age of 68. He married **Nettie Covington WAILES**. She was born 1902.

They had 1 child:

327. M i. **Charles Eugene HERSHBERGER**, born 1929.

290. **John Franklin<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1862 in Ohio. John died 1948, at the age of 86. He married **Frances Ann BOLLINGER**. She was born 1868. Frances died 1921, at the age of 53. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 11 children:

+ 328. M i. **James Arthur HERSHBERGER**.  
 + 329. F ii. **Maude Lee HERSHBERGER**, born 1886, died 1951.  
 + 330. F iii. **Lela Blanch HERSHBERGER**, born 1888, died 1919.  
 331. F iv. **Clara Ellen HERSHBERGER**, born 1889, died in infancy 1890.  
 + 332. F v. **Mabel May HERSHBERGER**, born 1891, died 1983.  
 + 333. F vi. **Oprha Ray HERSHBERGER**, born 1892, died 1982.  
 + 334. F vii. **Golia Faye HERSHBERGER**, born 1894, died 1978.  
 + 335. M viii. **Charles Winfield HERSHBERGER**, born 1897, died 1962.  
 + 336. M ix. **Fred Franklin HERSHBERGER**, born 1899, died 1973.  
 + 337. F x. **Grace Nately HERSHBERGER**, born 1901, died 1928.  
 338. M xi. **Theodore Warren HERSHBERGER**, born 1904, died in childhood 1907, at the age of 3.

328. **James Arthur<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>). He married **Aurel Ethel McQUEN**. She was born 1892. Aurel died 1974, at the age of 82. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 5 children:

339. M i. **Marvin Floyd HERSHBERGER**.  
 340. M ii. **Carl Kessler HERSHBERGER**, born 1913.  
 341. F iii. **Dorothy Marie HERSHBERGER**, born 1916.  
 342. F iv. **Harriet May HERSHBERGER**, born 1919.  
 343. F v. **Rose Ann HERSHBERGER**, born 1922.

329. **Maude Lee<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1886. Maude died 1951, at the age of 65. She married **John Henry RIECHERT**. He was born 1879. John died 1949, at the age of 70.

They had 5 children:

344. F i. **Frances Opal RIECHERT**, born 1909.  
 345. F ii. **Margarette Elizabeth RIECHERT**, born 1911.  
 346. M iii. **Carl Frederick RIECHERT**, born 1915, died 1976, at the age of 61.  
 347. F iv. **Martha Goldia RIECHERT**, born 1917.  
 348. F v. **Mary Madgaline RIECHERT**, born 1923.

330. **Lela Blanch<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1888. Lela died 1919, at the age of 31. She married **Harry WITHAM**. He was born 1886. Harry died 1967, at the age of 81.



They had 7 children:

- 349. M i. **Hiley Ernest WITHAM**, born 1906, died 1921, at the age of 15.
- 350. M ii. **James Arthur WITHAM**, born 1907, died 1959, at the age of 52.
- 351. M iii. **Thomas Franklin WITHAM**, born 1910.
- 352. M iv. **Richard Wallace WITHAM**, born 1914.
- 353. F v. **Ethel May WITHAM**, born 1916.
- 354. F vi. **Mary Elizabeth WITHAM**, born 1918.
- 355. F vii. **Edith Marie WITHAM**, born 1912.

**332. Mabel May<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1891. Mabel died 1983, at the age of 92. She married **William KARBACH**. He was born 1892. William died 1977, at the age of 85.

They had 1 child:

- 356. M i. **Norman Curtis KARBACH**, born 1924, died 1974, at the age of 50.

**333. Oprha Ray<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1892. Oprha died 1982, at the age of 90. She married **Henry Francis REICHERT**. He was born 1887. Henry died 1972, at the age of 85. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 5 children:

- 357. F i. **Helen Ellen REICHERT**, born 1918.
- 358. M ii. **James Henry REICHERT**, born 1920, died 1949, at the age of 29.
- 359. F iii. **Mary Alice REICHERT**, born 1922.
- 360. F iv. **Elizabeth Ann REICHERT**, born 1924, died 1961, at the age of 37.
- 361. M v. **George Franklin REICHERT**, born 1928.

**334. Golia Faye<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1894. Golia died 1978, at the age of 84. She married **Arthur Raymond BROCK**. He was born 1897. Arthur died 1973, at the age of 76. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 3 children:

- 362. M i. **Dale Eugene BROCK**, born 1921.
- 363. F ii. **Betty Louise BROCK**, born 1925.
- 364. M iii. **Carl Frederick BROCK**, born 1928.

**335. Charles Winfield<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1897. Charles died 1962, at the age of 65. He married **Alma Marie STEINMAN**. She was born 1896. Alma died 1972, at the age of 76. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 4 children:

- 365. F i. **Kathryn Anne HERSHBERGER**, born 1917.
- 366. F ii. **Frances Marie HERSHBERGER**, born 1919.
- 367. F iii. **Eleanor Pearl HERSHBERGER**, born 1925, died 1994, at the age of 69.
- 368. M iv. **Mack Eugene HERSHBERGER**, born 1928.

**336. Fred Franklin<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1899. Fred died 1973, at the age of 74. He married (1) **Cartha L. CLEVELAND**. She was born 1900.

They had 5 children:

- 369. M i. **John Luther HERSHBERGER**, born 1920, died 1996, at the age of 76.
- 370. F ii. **Lamora Frances HERSHBERGER**.
- 371. M iii. **Joel Morgan HERSHBERGER**, born 1924.
- 372. F iv. **June Maxine HERSHBERGER**, born 1927.
- 373. F v. **Lorena Mae HERSHBERGER**, born 1930.

Fred married (2) **Hertha HALL**. She was born 1896. Hertha died 1975, at the age of 79.

**337. Grace Nately<sup>5</sup> HERSHBERGER** (290.John<sup>4</sup>, 279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1901. Grace died 1928, at the age of 27. She married **Elmer Alexander MILLER**. He was born 1898. Elmer died 1973, at the age of 75. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 3 children:

- 374. M i. **Paul Elmer MILLER**, born 1923.
- 375. F ii. **Eileen Grace MILLER**, born 1925.
- 376. M iii. **Dale Julious MILLER**, born 1928.

**291. Mary Catherine<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1868. She married **Lawrence Daniel HAMMAN**. He was born 1865. Lawrence died 1931, at the age of 66.

They had 9 children:

- 377. M i. **Floyd HAMMAN**, born 1887, died 1954, at the age of 67.
- 378. M ii. **Murice L. HAMMAN**, born 1889, died 1910, at the age of 21.
- 379. F iii. **Ruth Edna HAMMAN**, born 1891, died 1965, at the age of 74.
- 380. F iv. **Florence May HAMMAN**, born 1893.
- 381. F v. **Jessie May HAMMAN**, born 1895.
- 382. F vi. **Cecile Gertrude HAMMAN**, born 1897.
- 383. M vii. **Victor True HAMMAN**, born 1899.
- 384. F viii. **Lady Mable HAMMAN**, born 1904.
- 385. M ix. **Forest D. HAMMAN**, born 1906, died in childhood 1908, at the age of 2.

**292. Edwin Howard<sup>4</sup> HERSHBERGER** (279.Martin<sup>3</sup>, 144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1870 in Ohio. He married **Mary WYMAN**. Information from Lucretia Marks Spring Texas.

They had 8 children:

- 386. F i. **Margaret HERSHBERGER**, born 1893.
- 387. F ii. **Clara HERSHBERGER**, born 1895.
- 388. F iii. **Trella HERSHBERGER**, born 1896.
- 389. F iv. **Virginia HERSHBERGER**, born 1898.
- 390. F v. **Louise HERSHBERGER**, born 1900.
- 391. M vi. **Joseph HERSHBERGER**, born 1903.
- 392. F vii. **Nettie HERSHBERGER**, born 1906.
- 393. F viii. **Julie HERSHBERGER**, born 1911.

**280. Jeremiah<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 September 1834 in Stark County, Ohio. Jeremiah died 1904 in Stark County, Ohio, at the age of 69. He married **Harriet SHEARER** 7 April 1853 in German Lutheran Church, Stark, Ohio. She was born 1834. Harriet died 1917, at the age of 83.

They had 2 children:

- 394. M i. **Adam HERSHBERGER**, born 1866.
- 395. M ii. **Calvin HERSHBERGER**, born 1857 in Ohio.

**285. El<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (144.Christian<sup>2</sup>, 133.Heinrich<sup>1</sup>) was born 1847 in Ohio. He married **Mary SNYDER**.

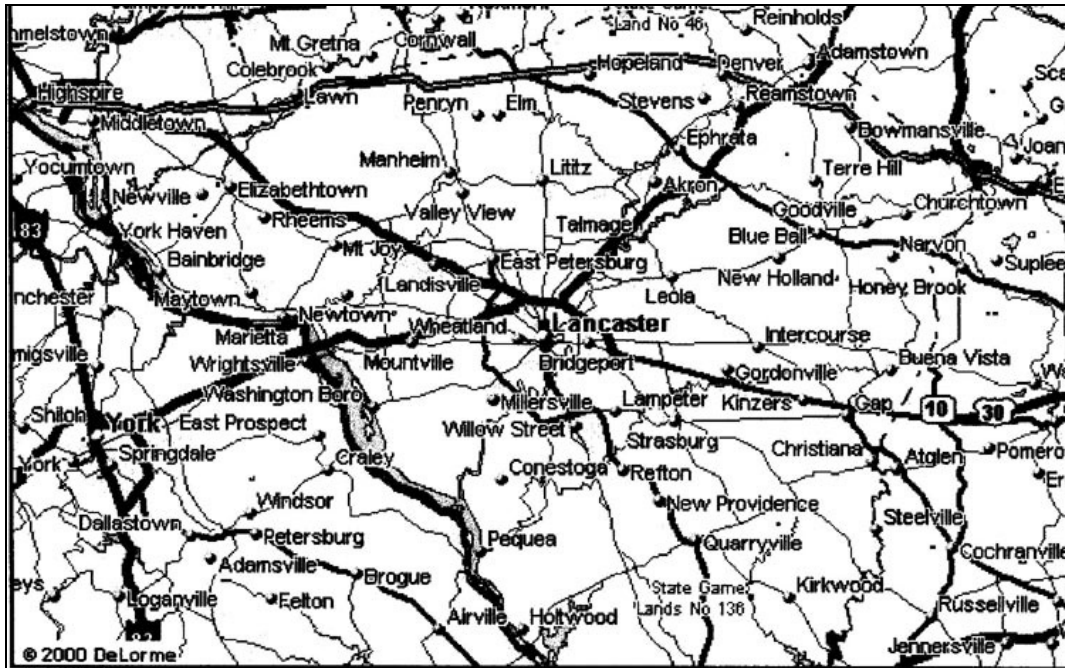
They had 2 children:

- 396. F i. **Susan Ellen HERSHBERGER**, born 1870 in Ohio.
- 397. M ii. **Henry George HERSHBERGER**, born 1875 in Ohio.

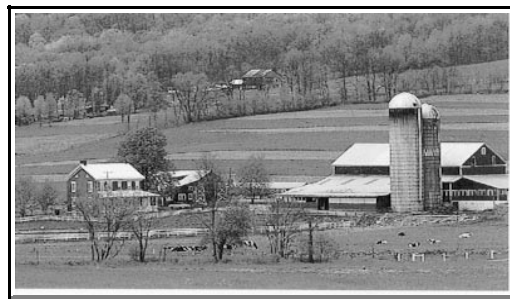
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Scenes from around Lancaster County Pennsylvania



## Chapter 5

### Michael Schenck

#### Magdalena Daughter of Michael Schenck married to Heinrich Hershberger (See Chapter 4)

Schenck ancestors were living in Switzerland more than 300 years ago. Several Schenck families accepted the Anabaptists creed in Bern, Switzerland. Many were then prompted to immigrate to southern Germany and then on into Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They reportedly arrived in Pennsylvania in 1710. This name had many spellings. Our Michael used the Swiss spelling of *Schenck* although there are many court records that will show other spellings such as *Shank and Shenk*.

Michael Schenck was a Mennonite Minister from Warwick Township. Very little is known about him because of his Mennonite faith (The Mennonite Church did not keep registers of births and marriages.) Also there were many Michael Schencks in the area in this time period. Michael is probably descended from the Michael Schenck who lived at Ibersheimer Hof, Germany in 1672. Some confusion arises because there was a Michael Schenck who was also a Mennonite Minister from Lancaster County, who moved to Center County, and died in 1816. Michael was a popular name and at least a half dozen Michael were living in the county prior to the Revolutionary War.

Several sources list the following Michaels:

- Michael Shank of Providence Township who is said to have arrived here in 1720 and died 1745.
- John Schenck, father of a Michael who emigrated about 1740 from Switzerland to Manor Township and died in 1765. A history on this Michael by Clayton Shank has been written.
- Michael who arrived in 1710 and is descended from the Michael Schenck who lived at Ibersheimer Hof Germany in 1672. This was found in *Palatine Ancestors* page 46.
- Michael lived in Lancaster County in 1709.
- Michael arrived in the Swiss colony in 1715.
- Michael getting a warrant 1717 Conestoga Township.
- Michael naturalized in 1729.
- Michael Sr. and Michael Jr. on assessment list of 1718 and 1724-25.

I was not able to prove if any of the above are related to our Michael. Very few records exist concerning a Michael of Warwick Township, and no burial place has been located. Most probably he was buried on the family homestead without a proper marker.

I was able to narrow the search down to the correct Michael with guardianship records of Michael's children:

September 7, 1784, Guardian of Magdalena, daughter of Michael deceased, now wife of Henry Hershberger to audit accounts.

Michael's (name spelt Shank) will, was probated December 24, 1763 and was written shortly before his death, exactly as written:

I Michael Shank of Warwick Township.....considering that I have no durable residence here & that we are here Ordained to die one am resolved now to make my last will and Testament in the following manner viz First, I ordain and it is my will that the Sum of three hundred & Six pounds and fifty Shillings which sum I have lent unto my Son Michael Shank to be paid to and divided equally among all my Children himself included ..... Further I ordain and ? Plantation & Land with all the buildings & improvements therein to my Son Martin by my disposal shall be his Property.....Further I give and devise unto my Son Johannes a piece or Tract of Land joining to the Lands of my Son, Martin.....Further I ordain that my son Johannes shall have no right neither to sell or Rent out the aforesaid Tract and in case he will move from it the said Land shall revert unto my Son

Martin.....and shall further pay my Son Johannes for all his Labour done upon said Premises....Further I bequeath to the children of my wife Anna deceased that is to say to my three sons, Michael, Martin and Johannes and two Daughters Anna and Barbara the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds ....to my son in Law John Stauffer I bequeath one English Shilling Sterling and he or his Heirs shall have on further Right to my Estate forever. I bequeath to my daughter Magdalena the sum of two hundred Pounds due to me by Peter Weiland of Warwick Township and payable the eleventh Day of January 1763. Further I bequeath another Sum of Forty five pounds which is now in the custody of my Son in Law John Long and Shall be under his care until the said daughter doth want it And as my beloved wife Elizabeth I bequeath unto her the Sum of one hundred pounds due unto me by Henry Stegle...further I bequeath unto her the sum of one hundred pounds money aforesaid to be part to be part of my estate Further I bequeath unto her another Sum of Twenty pounds which doth concern the portion of my deceased daughter Elizabeth and if my daughter Magdalena should dye intestate and without issue the said my wife shall have from her portion the Sum of twenty pounds money further I give and devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth one moiety or half part of all my Personal Estate.....Nota from this one Moiety is further exempted a clock in my house, the stose in my stoserroom and all my books for all these Articles I hereby bequeath for the use of the Congregation of Menonists as long as the said my Bretherens meeting shall be in my house and after that time they shall be equally divided among my Children. Further I give unto my beloved wife for her better mentainance during the time of this her widowhood and no long the following Prividges which when she shall marry again shall cease viz, she shall have during that time the use of the old House, chamber and cellar and of a garden and Barn without molestation of any Body further she shall be Supplyd from that Plantation whereon my Son Martin doth Live now every year with four Barrels of Cyder if Cyder is Plenty that year if not it shall be done according to Equity further she shall have Liberty to make use of the Orchard on said place for herself and my Son or his shall further supply her every year with eight Gallons of aple brandy or such as is made of Rye, further my Son Martin shall give her every year during the said term fifteen Bushels of Wheat five Bushels of Rye, eight Bushels of Oats four Bushels of Barley three Bushels of Bookweat [Buckwheat] and she shall further have the free use of that Meadow which is situated above the Barn next to the Orchard, further my Son Martin Shall keep her two cows in the same Fence and Pasture as his and Said my Son Martin shall have her necessary firewood when made upon her charges. Further it is my Will that my Son John shall Supply my Beloved wife every year during the aforesaid Term with eleven Bushels of Wheat four Bushels of Ray seven Bushel of Oats six Bushels of Bookwheat and further each of the aforesaid my two Sons shall furnish her every year with five pounds of hetcheld Hamp [?] and each with a Bee hive Further I give to my Son John the free use of two Rows aple trees on my Plantation being the last rows in the Great Orchard.....near the water damn and that for the space of ten years after my death.....my wife Elizabeth with a good Riding horse as often as Necessity requires and further my two Sons Martin & John shall furnish her with Sufficient Turnops if they grow well.

There are few land records for Michael. The first one being recorded in 1750 when Michael Shank was issued a patent for 104 acres in Warwick Township along Cocalico Creek. He paid 16 pounds two shillings and four pence for the land.

Land records for Michael are as follows:

- A Michael Shank, was granted a warrant for two hundred and seventy-three acres in 1733, which was patented August 18, 1749.
- Thirty acres of this was later deeded with wife Maudlin to a Elizabeth Deerdorff. The deed states that this was part of the patent issued in 1749.
- In 1740 he was additionally deeded 94 acres.
- In 1750 Michael Shank was issued a patent for 104 acres in Warwick Township along the Cocalico Creek. He paid 16 pounds two shillings and four pence for the land. Both sons Martin and John receive some of these acres during Michael's lifetime.

His son John was called *John the Elder* because there was also his nephew who name was John the younger. In deed book H page 123, John the Elder, received 146 acres of his father's Elizabeth Township tract and settled in the north part, adjacent to the homestead. He also owned a tract in Heidelberg Township adjacent to his brother, Michael.

I know Michael's father was John because of a deed in Book K, dated September 26, 1748 (exact spelling and punctuation):

Between Christian Shank of the County of Lancaster Yeoman [free man] of the one Part and Michael Shank Brother to the said Christian Shank. Whereas the Honorable, John Penn, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn True and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in Chief of the Province aforesaid in and by their certain Letters Patent bearing date on the fourth Day of June 1734 did grant and confirm unto John Shank (Father of the Said Christian and Michael...All that Certain Tract of Land Situated lying and being in the County aforesaid ....containing one hundred and fifty Acres. And whereas the said John Shank deced on the Eleventh day of September 1744 did duly make and declare his Last Will and Testament and did bequeath unto his said Two Sons Christian Shank and Michael Shank all the above described Tract of Land. Christian Shank in consideration of the Sum of Eight Pounds paid by the Said Michael Shank....so that neither the Said Christian Shank or his Heirs shall or may Claim shall be forever debarred and Excluded by these presents.

I wish I knew more about Michael and maybe someday someone will be able to sort out all of the Lancaster Schencks. Then the ocean will be crossed to the family homeland.

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## The Descendants of Michael Schenck

**1. John<sup>1</sup> SCHENCK.** John died May 1744 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>1</sup>. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 2 children:

- + 2. M i. **Michael SCHENCK**, died 7 September 1763.
- 3. M ii. **Christian SCHENCK**.

**2. Michael<sup>2</sup> SCHENCK<sup>2</sup>** (1.John<sup>1</sup>). Michael died 7 September 1763 in Warwick, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>3</sup>. He married (1) **Anna** in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Anna died before 1763 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

They had 5 children:

- + 4. M i. **Michael SCHENCK**, born 1718, died May 1790.
- 5. M ii. **Johannes SCHENCK**, born 1722 in Conestoga, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married **Barbara**.
- 6. F iii. **Barbara SCHENCK**, born 1730 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **John LONG** before 1763 in Pennsylvania<sup>4</sup>.
- + 7. F iv. **Anna SCHENCK**.
- 8. M v. **Martin SCHENCK**, born 30 June 1737 in Warwick, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married **Anna**. Martin died 11 March 1813 in Clay, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 75<sup>5,6</sup>, and was buried in Steinmetz Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Michael married (2) **Elizabeth**.

They had 2 children:

- F vi. **Magdalene SCHENCK**, born 27 February 1760<sup>7</sup>, died 14 September 1840.
- 9. F vii. **Elizabeth SCHENCK**, died before 1763 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Michael married (3) **Maudlin**<sup>8</sup>.

**4. Michael<sup>3</sup> SCHENCK** (2.Michael<sup>2</sup>, 1.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 1718 in Conestoga, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Michael died May 1790 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at the age of 72<sup>9</sup>. He married **Anna KASEY**<sup>10</sup> before 1740 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

They had 3 children:

- + 10. M i. **John SCHENCK**, born 20 January 1740, died 10 April 1814.
- 11. F ii. **Ann SCHENCK**. She married **John MAYER**.
- 12. F iii. **Barbara SCHENCK**. She married **Rudy MAYER**.

**10. John<sup>4</sup> SCHENCK** (4.Michael<sup>3</sup>, 2.Michael<sup>2</sup>, 1.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 January 1740 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>11</sup>. John died 10 April 1814 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 74<sup>12,13</sup>, and was buried in Buffalo Springs, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Barbara HERSHEY**<sup>14</sup> 1760 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania<sup>15</sup>.

They had 5 children:

- 13. M i. **Michael SCHENCK**, died before 1791.

14. M ii. **Christian SCHENCK**, born 5 January 1767 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania<sup>16</sup>.
15. F iii. **Barbara SCHENCK**, born 5 December 1772 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania<sup>17</sup>.
16. M iv. **John SCHENCK**, born 16 October 1777 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania<sup>18</sup>.
17. M v. **Joseph SCHENCK**, born 12 October 1779 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania<sup>19</sup>.

John married (2) **Maria STOHLER**<sup>20</sup> 1791 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania<sup>21</sup>. She was born 9 May 1761. Maria died 1835 in Pa, at the age of 73.

They had 1 child:

18. M vi. **Michael SCHENCK**, born 26 June 1792 in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.<sup>22</sup>

7. **Anna**<sup>3</sup> **SCHENCK** (2.Michael<sup>2</sup>, 1.John<sup>1</sup>) was born in Warwick, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **John STOUFFER** in Pennsylvania<sup>23</sup>. He was born 6 August 1715 in Ibersheim, Germany. John died January 1767 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 51<sup>24</sup>.

They had 13 children:

19. F i. **Anna Barbara STOUFFER**, born August 1739 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married (1) **John HOSTETTER**. Anna married (2) **John EBERSOLE**.
20. F ii. **Elizabeth STOUFFER**, born 9 March 1741 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Jacob OBER**.
21. F iii. **Veronica STOUFFER**, born 31 July 1742 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Henry OBER**.
22. M iv. **Christian STOUFFER**, born 31 July 1744 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married **Veronica HOSTETTER**.
23. M v. **Jacob STOUFFER**, born 7 May 1745 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married **Elizabeth BRUBAKER**.
24. F vi. **Ann STOUFFER**, born 30 September 1746 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Michael LABER**.
- + 25. F vii. **Christina STOUFFER**, born 2 February 1748 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
26. F viii. **Catherine STOUFFER**, born 26 February 1750 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
27. F ix. **Eva STOUFFER**, born 12 April 1751 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Abraham EBERSOLE**.
28. M x. **John STOUFFER**, born 29 March 1754 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married **Ann**.
29. M xi. **Henry STOUFFER**, born 29 March 1754 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, died in infancy April 1754 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
30. F xii. **Marie STOUFFER**, born 1756 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Christian HAGEY**.
31. M xiii. **Michael STOUFFER**, born 18 December 1758 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Anna had 2 stepchildren:

32. F xiv. **Susan STOUFFER**. She was the biological daughter of John STOUFFER and Catherine.
33. F xv. **Magdalena STOUFFER**. She was the biological daughter of John STOUFFER and Catherine.

John also married (2) Catherine.

25. **Christina**<sup>4</sup> **STOUFFER** (7.Ann<sup>3</sup>, 2.Michael<sup>2</sup>, 1.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 February 1748 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Isaac ESHLEMAN**.

They had 1 child:

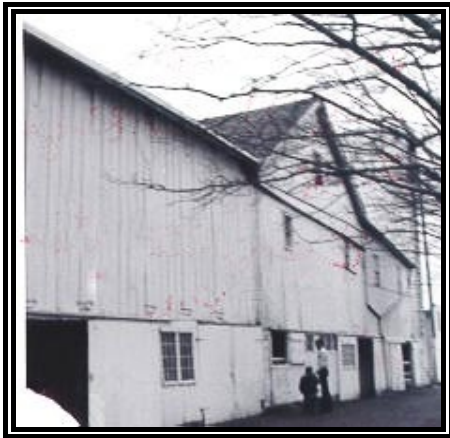
34. M i. **Isaac ESHLEMAN**.



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- 9.** Lebanon County Pennsylvania. Will of Michael Shank. Book F Vol 1 Page 229.
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- 12.** Shenk Family File.
- 13.** Lebanon County Pennsylvania. Will of John Shenk. FHL #21354. Book A Page 36.
- 14.** Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage. Jan 1987. Page 15 & 16.
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- 20.** Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage. Jan 1987. Page 15 & 16.
- 21.** Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage. Jan 1987. Page 15.
- 22.** Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage. Jan 1987. Page 15.
- 23.** Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will of Michael Schenck. FHL #21355.
- 24.** Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of John Stauffer. Book Y Vol 2 Page 565.



Barn is located on John Hershberger homestead and is old and could be the original



Home located on John Hershberger homestead. Rock foundation was dated 1802 but house has been rebuilt

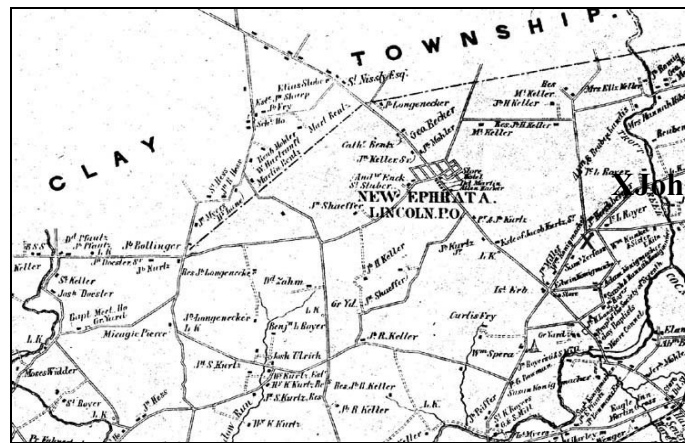


These pictures are owned by the Allens in Iowa from the old Hershberger home. I am pretty sure that they are pictures of John and Mary Hershberger but they were not labeled. They are photographs of the real pictures and so of poor quality.

## Chapter 6

### John Hershberger 1785-1864

John was born on the family farm. He was the oldest son at home because the eldest brother Michael left home at an early age. It is surprising that the family plantation was willed to his brother Christian instead of John. John was given the chance to have it if Christian did not want it. From deeds we learned that his brother Samuel ended up with some of the land. On a land map dated 1864 the area of the original patent is owned by a Jacob Hershberger, and a Samuel Hershberger who owned two tracts. Although John's will dated 1861 says he owned eighty acres in East Cocalico, adjoining the land of Samuel Hershberger and John Mohler. (See map in chapter 2.) John actually lived in Ephrata Township, on the opposite side of Cocalico Creek near a little town called Lincoln. I located this homestead from land records.



X John Hershberger

X marks the John Hershberger home. Notice the Keller name in surrounding area

The greatest clue to John and his family came from wills and deeds.

John's will was written in 1861 and probated in 1864 (exact spelling):

I John Hershberger, being advanced in years and weak in bodily health but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding.....I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary one hundred dollar.....and all my household furniture and kitchen utensil, books, wearing apparel, meats and provision and all the goods and chattels in and about the house and yard on the premises where we at present reside and also all the farming implements, horse, cows, hogs, poultry, grain feed fodder straw.....and all growing crops of every description on the premises.....during her widowhood the annual interest rate of five percent on the principal sum of one thousand dollars which I charge to remain a lien on my farm in East Cocalico containing 80 acres more or less here.....direct to be paid to my wife annually on or before the first day of April in each year during her widowhood and after directed to be sold.....Also for her widowhood for her widow seat the use occupation rents incomes and profits of all that tenement and place of residence on which we now reside containing about ten acres.....Also the right to cut take and remove from my tract of timberland containing eight acres as much wood timber posts and rails as my be necessary required for her firewood and for making and repairing the building and fences on the premises.....All of which as aforesaid I give in place and stead of her dower or what she as my widow would bey law be entitled to out of my whole estate. I direct that described lands and real estate to be sold after the decease or marriage of my said wife.....After my decease to sell all my other real estate lands and tenements whatsoever and wheresoever I may have and own. It being to wit A steam mill property near Bucyrus in Crawford County in the state of Ohio. A plantation of land containing eighty acres more or less in East Cocalico Township adjoining lands of Samuel Hershberger, John Mohler and others.[See map on page 20.] Also a tract of timberland containing ten acres adjoining lands of Samuel Keller and others and another tract of timber land containing twelve acres more or less adjoining land of John Royer and others I direct to be sold.....Equal distribution including advancements and indebtedness among my children and grand children in six like equal shares and one share thereof to be held in trust for the support and maintenance of

my son Jacob K. Hershberger and his wife Susanna.....and all my lands and tenements and real estate which I own at the time of my decease in the state of Iowa being four several tracts or parcels of Land 360 acres in trust and for the use and purpose of supporting and maintaining my said son Jacob K. Hershberger. For my express will and intention is to provide for my said son a support and maintenance for him during his life out of the clear income of my real estate in the state of Iowa.....and to protect the land from becoming liable for any debts by my said son or for any debts they may hereafter contract. And that neither my said son or his wife cannot jointly or separately make any contract which in any wise will encumber or deprive them of getting from time to time the products or incomes of said land. Which said real estate I value at the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars which I direct to be charge and deducted from the one sixth share for my said son Jacob K. Hershberger. And after the decease of both my said son and his wife I give and devise all said lands and real estate in the state of Iowa to the children and heirs of said Jacob K. Hershberger. One sixth share there of deducting advancements to which I have made to my son Henry Hershberger deceased and also deducting the amount of indebtedness on bonds and notes which I hold against my said deceased son and also deducting the amount of loss of said steam mill property, what it will sell for less then what I paid for it if any remains I give and bequeath the same to his children. One sixth share I give to my daughter Lydia wife of Benjamin Hoover. One other sixth share I give to my daughter Sarah wife of Michael Hoover and another sixth share I give to my daughter Susanna wife of Benjamin Schwilley. One other like Sixth share there of I give to my daughter Leah Hershberger. I make constitute and appoint my son in law Benjamin Schwilley and my neighbor Peter Martin surveyor to be the executors of my last will and testament on this fourth day of August 1861.

John's codicil (changes made to original will) to his will dated 2 January 1864 (exact spelling):

Whereas since the making of my said last will and testament I have sold several deeds of conveyances and assignments conveyed all my lands and real estate and premises which I had at anytime owned in the state of Iowa. I do revoke and annul all the provisions in my last will and testament whatsoever in any wise relating to all my estate in said state of Iowa. I do revoke my appointment of Benjamin Schwilley as one of my two executors and in his place and stead I do make constitute and appoint my daughter Leah Hershberger to be the executive of my said last will and testament. Whereof I the said John Hershberger have made my cross mark to my name written by Samuel Nissley for me at my express direction in my presence to this present writing. (I not being able to write my name by reason of a nervous affection in my arm and hand.)

I have a copy of a letter dated, April 5, 1864, written by Leah to her brother, Jacob in Iowa telling him about his father's death (exact spelling):

For these few lines I won't blame you for I have received your kind and welcome letter, which was dated March 13 1864. Now, dear brother, we did not expect the time when you paid your visit that father had to leave us so soon. I must tell you that it made a great change to us and we feel very lonesome and great deal of trouble. A telegram told you about his death now I will inform you about his sickness. He was not confined to bed excepting the last day. About 2 o'clock in the morning he said to mother that she shall give him some pills that he did not feel very well in his stomach and so she gave him two of his pills which he regularly used and then at 5 o'clock in the morning he got severe pain in his stomach and so he grew worse and worse. He could not lay in bed. We had to take him up now and then, for the pain was so severe So it kept on to about half past 1 o'clock in the afternoon and the pain subsided. He then lay quiet and still and spoke no more, but drank water to the last, and so he stayed until 20 minutes past 8 in the evening, when he drew his last breath. He died so easy without moving, that we would not have been aware of his death if we had not been watching closely. We did all for him that we could, but it was all in vain. We went for the Doctor early in the morning and he was here for the most part of the day and he said it was the Colic. He was attended by a large funeral on Kellers Graveyard, he is buried by the side of your son, David. He told us this one time that he wanted to be buried there The text Mr. Rinhold did the preaching. His text was from Revelations chapter 14 commencing at the 13th verse if you wish to read it. On the same evening of his burial the will was read by Peter Martin in the presence of all the children, except you. I was wishing that you were here at the time. And on the 19 March, the appraisement took place. Personal property, which amounted to \$8,848.50. And further we are all well, as usual, except mother who still has some of her cough, yet. Henry is still with us and he stays here, yet, for this time.

Mary, John's wife's, will (exact spelling):

I Mary Hershberger, widow of John Hershberger, decd, late of Ephrata Township.....As to such Estate as it hath pleased God to witness me with I disperse of the same as follows viz: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Leah K. Zerfass wife of William R. Zerfass, out of the first monies of my Estate, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars.....I thereafter order and desire that the remainder of my estate be divided as follows; viz: I give and Bequeath one sixth of said remainder of my estate to each of my children: to my oldest daughter, Lydia Hoover, wife of Benjamin Hoover, my next oldest daughter's children, Ephraim, Isaac, Solomon, Levi and Mary, my grandchildren and children of my deceased daughter Sally to my next oldest child, my son, Jacob K. Hershberger, to my grandchildren, Jacob B., Mary, Henry, and John; children of my deceased son Henry

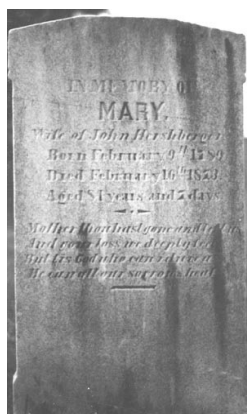
H. Hershberger, to my next oldest child my daughter Susanna, wife of Benjamin Schwilly, and to my youngest child and daughter Leah K. Zerfass. Dated the 17 of July 1872. Mary Hershberger X (her mark)

John and Mary's tombstones were difficult to locate, as they were not located in the old Hershberger cemetery or in any local cemeteries surrounding where they lived. At this time in my research I did not have access to the above letter that states he was buried in Keller Cemetery. It was only after researching some information on their daughter Leah and her husband, that I found that Leah and her husband were buried in a Keller family cemetery in Springville, Pennsylvania. What a great experience to also find that Leah's mother and father were also buried there. This lead to the great clue that John's wife Mary's maiden name was Keller. The Cemetery is located in the middle of a field, upon a slight hill, on the old Keller homestead, and includes many Kellers and their descendants.



Mary's stone has the following inscription:

Mother thou hast gone and left us, and your loss we deeply feel, but las God who can endear [?] us, he can all our sorrows heal.



## The Descendants of John Hershberger

137. **John<sup>1</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>1,2</sup>** was born 24 December 1785 in West Cocalico, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>3</sup>. He was the son of Heinrich HERSHBERGER and Magdalene SCHENCK. John died 5 March 1864 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78<sup>4</sup>, and was buried in Keller Cemetery., Springville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone. He married **Mary KELLER<sup>5,6</sup>** about 1808 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was born 9 February 1789 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>7</sup>. She was the daughter of Jacob KELLER and Barbara HUBER. Mary died 16 February 1873 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 84<sup>8</sup>, and was buried in Keller Cemetery., Springville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone.

They had 6 children:

- + 398. F i. **Lydia HERSHBERGER**, born 19 August 1809, died 12 March 1889.
- + 399. F ii. **Sarah HERSHBERGER**, born 29 September 1811, died 25 May 1869.
- + 400. M iii. **Jacob Keller HERSHBERGER**, born 1 February 1814, died 20 February 1873.
- + 401. M iv. **Henry Keller HERSHBERGER**, born about 1816, died bet 1850-1860.

402. F v. **Susanna HERSHBERGER**, born 1818 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married **Benjamin SCHWILLEY**<sup>9</sup>. Susanna died in Dupage County, Illinois.<sup>10,11</sup>
- + 403. F vi. **Leah Keller HERSHBERGER**, born 27 February 1821, died 29 December 1900.

**398. Lydia<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER**<sup>12,13</sup> (137.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 August 1809 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Lydia died 12 March 1889 in Derry Township, Dauphin, Pennsylvania, at the age of 79, and was buried in Huber Cemetery, Derry Township, Dauphin, Pennsylvania<sup>14</sup>. She married **Benjamin HOOVER**<sup>15,16</sup> about 1828 in Pennsylvania. He was born 29 August 1805 in Pennsylvania. Benjamin died 25 October 1877 in Derry Township, Dauphin, Pennsylvania, at the age of 72, and was buried in Huber Cemetery, Derry Township, Dauphin, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones.

They had 6 children:

404. F i. **Leah HOOVER**, born about 1829 in Pennsylvania<sup>17</sup>.
405. F ii. **Sarah HOOVER**, born about 1832 in Pennsylvania<sup>18</sup>.
406. F iii. **Mary HOOVER**, born about 1835 in Pennsylvania<sup>19</sup>.
407. F iv. **Susan HOOVER**, born about 1838 in Pennsylvania.
408. M v. **Isaac HOOVER**, born about 1842 in Pennsylvania.
409. M vi. **Eli HOOVER**, born about 1848 in Pennsylvania<sup>20</sup>.

**399. Sarah<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER**<sup>21,22</sup> (137.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 September 1811 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Sarah died 25 May 1869 in Mt. Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 57, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt. Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **Michael HOOVER**<sup>23</sup> 19 March 1835 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>24</sup>. He was born 23 November 1803 in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Michael HOOVER and Catharine. Michael died 14 January 1893 in E. Donegal Township., Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 89, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones and will Bk K2 page 96.

They had 6 children:

410. M i. **Ephraim HOOVER**, born 21 November 1836 in Pennsylvania, died 26 October 1882 in Mt. Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 45, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone.
- + 411. M ii. **Isaac H. HOOVER**, born 4 July 1838, died 1 May 1892.
412. F iii. **Mary HOOVER**, born about 1841 in Pennsylvania.<sup>25</sup> Married James P. Watson
413. F iv. **Sarah HOOVER**, born 30 January 1845 in Pennsylvania, died in infancy 25 December 1845 in Pennsylvania, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.<sup>26</sup>
414. M v. **Solomon HOOVER**, born about 1846 in Pennsylvania..
415. M vi. **Levi HOOVER**, born 16 September 1849 in Pennsylvania, died 25 February 1910 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 60<sup>27</sup>, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.<sup>28</sup> Information from tombstone.



**411. Isaac H.<sup>3</sup> HOOVER**<sup>29,30</sup> (399.Sarah<sup>2</sup>, 137.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 July 1838 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Isaac died 1 May 1892 in Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 53, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married **Anna** about 1870 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was born 17 June 1845 in Pennsylvania. Anna died 18 October 1900 in Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 55, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones.

They had 4 children:

416. F i. **Alice E. HOOVER**, born 20 January 1871 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, died in childhood 29 June 1879 in Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 8, and was buried in Kraybill Cemetery, Mt Joy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
417. M ii. **Theodore HOOVER**, born about 1875 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
418. F iii. **Anna May HOOVER**, born about 1877 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. b. June 12 1877, buried Kraybill cemetery.
419. M iv. **Harvey HOOVER**, born about 1880 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

**401. Henry Keller<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER**<sup>31,32</sup> (137.John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1816 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Henry died between 1850-1860. He married **Catharine BEGGUR**<sup>33</sup> about 1840 in Pennsylvania. She was born 20 June

1812 in Pennsylvania. Catharine died 29 September 1876 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 64<sup>34,35</sup>, and was buried in Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones.

They had 6 children:

- + 420. F i. **Mary HERSHBERGER**, born about 1842.
- 421. M ii. **Abraham HERSHBERGER**, born 1 February 1845 in Pennsylvania, died in childhood 21 March 1849 in Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 4, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- 422. F iii. **Infant HERSHBERGER**, born 16 February 1847 in Pennsylvania, died in infancy 27 February 1847 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Hershberger Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- 423. M iv. **Henry B. HERSHBERGER**, born 6 June 1849 in Pennsylvania, died 21 December 1880 in Lincoln, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 31, and was buried in Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.<sup>36,37</sup> Information from tombstone
- 424. M v. **John B. HERSHBERGER**.<sup>38</sup>
- 425. M vi. **Jacob HERSHBERGER**.<sup>39</sup>



Mary Hershberger



Jacob B. Hershberger

**420. Mary<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** B. 1 Mar 1842, D. 16 Oct 1913 (401.Henry<sup>2</sup>, 137.John<sup>1</sup>) in Pennsylvania<sup>40</sup>. She married **Aaron EITNER**<sup>41,42</sup> B. 11 Jan 1834, D. 27 Mar 1922 in Pennsylvania. He was born about 1835 in Pennsylvania.

They had 2 children:

- 426. F i. **Elmira EITNER**, born about 1858 in Pennsylvania.
- 427. F ii. **Isabella EITNER**, born about 1859 in Pennsylvania.

**403. Leah Keller<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER**<sup>43,44</sup> (137.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 February 1821 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>45</sup>. Leah died 29 December 1900 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 79<sup>46</sup>, and was buried in Keller Cemetery., Springville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married **William K. ZERFASS**<sup>47</sup> after 1864 in Pennsylvania. He was born 15 June 1831 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Samuel ZERFASS and Elizabeth ROYER. William died 7 August 1907 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 76<sup>48</sup>, and was buried in Keller Cemetery, Springville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstones.



They had 1 child:

- 428. M i. **Infant ZERFASS**, born 13 October 1883 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 22 October 1883 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Cloister Cemetery, Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information from tombstone.

The originals of the above pictures are in the possession of Stanley Allen of Olin, Iowa.

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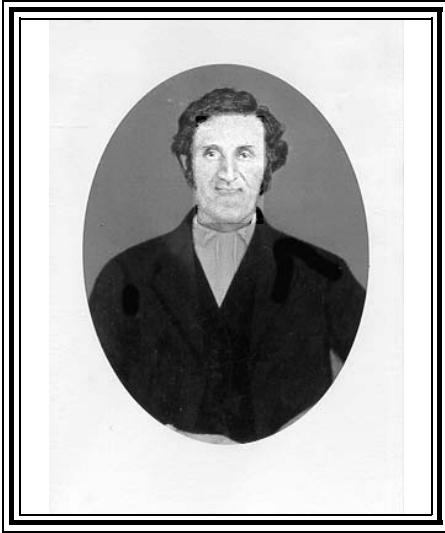
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2. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Will of Heinrich Hershberger. Book D Vol 1 Page 166.
3. Catharine Williams. Letter from Catharine Williams. Granddaughter of Jacob.

4. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Will John Hershberger FHL #21366. Book Y Vol 1 Page 119.
5. Jacob B. Keller. Genealogy of the Keller Family in America. 1899.
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24. Marriage 1816-1849 of Rev. Pauli. Berks Schwylkill Journal Marriages.
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41. Deed Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Book P VOL 10 P 371-372.
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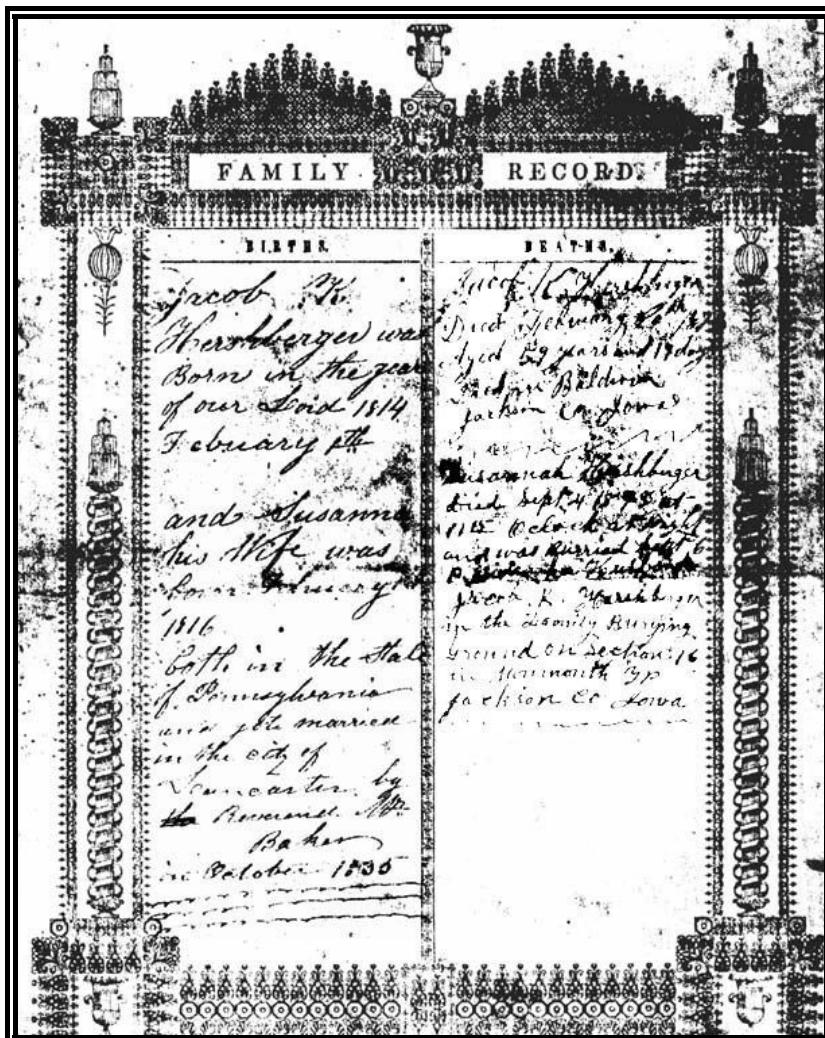


## Chapter 7

### Jacob Keller Hershberger 1814-1873

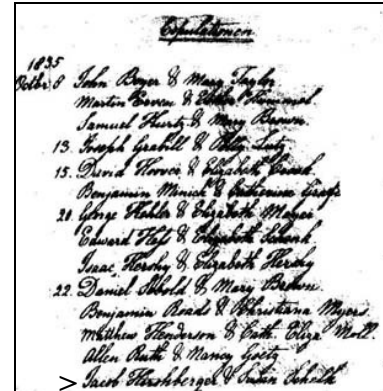


Jacob was born just after the war of 1812 when the country was still in a period of unrest and new growth. All dates for Jacob, Susannah and their children come from a family bible. I have seen this bible when it was kept in the original home of Jacob and Susannah in Baldwin Iowa. It is now in the possession of Stanley Allen of Olin, Iowa, grandson of Abraham Hershberger, Jacob's son. I have copies of the pages containing family information. These copies were made in the 1960's so are not the best copies.



## Record of their marriage in the Trinity Church in Lancaster:

Jacob married Susannah Shirk in 1835 in the Lancaster Trinity Church by Rev. Baker. [This was a surprise as Susannah's ancestors were Mennonites. No other Hershbergers are in this church record.] Her name was spelt *Shelk*.



## History of Jackson County Iowa, exactly as written:

The Hershberger family has been identified with America since colonial days. Some of the names having been members of William Penn's company at the time, he made the treaty with the Indians. John Hershberger the grandfather of Abraham Hershberger was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Jacob K. Hershberger, his son born Feb 1, 1814. In 1844 he went to Camden, Illinois, where he built a mill, and the next year returned to the east to get his wife and children. In 1846 in the hope of profiting by the opportunities afforded by the prairies of Iowa, he put his household effects upon a wagon and with his family, came to Jackson County. He entered forty acres of land. Susannah Shirk was the first white woman to come to Monmouth, Iowa. Jacob worked in a mill at Bellevue but later returned to farming. He was too old to enlist during the Civil war so he went to Savannah and dressed wounds. He reached Savannah a week after a battle and in one day from sunup he dressed the wounds of 114 soldiers some of whom had been shot five times. As this task was undertaken upon his own responsibility, it shows the character of the man, who sought this means of expressing his loyalty to the Union. The following morning he went to Pittsburg Landing, where he met some acquaintances, and being taken ill was sent home. Another act of importance which he performed was the breaking up of a gang of counterfeiters, who were engaged in their nefarious business on a portion of his land. Of strong physique he was very fond of hunting and was acknowledged as an excellent marksman, for it was no unusual achievement for him to bring down a deer on the run, and on one occasion he brought down two on the run with one shot. In politics he was a whig and later a republican, and he always took an active interest in the affairs of Monmouth Township, having held most of the local offices. He was a member of the county board, represented Jackson County in the general assembly in 1856, and was invested with the powers of notary public. In religion he was faithful to the teachings of the Evangelical church in which he had been reared. He was, in truth, one of the exemplary men of the community, temperate in all his habits and for ten years prior to his death never used, tea, coffee, tobacco nor intoxicating drinks. He was a man devoted to the public welfare and generous in his support of every worthy measure. He had come to Jackson County in pioneer days, and this locality was the better for having lived herein, not only for the work he accomplished toward developing the country, but also by reason of his influence. In Pennsylvania Jacob K. Hershberger married Miss Susanna Shirk, who like himself was a native of the Keystone state She survived him about twenty-one years, her death occurring in 1893 and was laid to rest in the family lot on section 16, Monmouth Township. Unto them were born five sons.

Jacob first moved west with authorization to purchase land for his father. This is a legal paper signed with his father for the sum of \$700:

Authorizing me for him and in his name and for his use, to enter and purchase land, and tenant and such stock and farming utensils as will be needed to improve, cultivate and farm such land. So brought for the absolute use and benefit of my said father. Such land or real estate to be brought in the state of Illinois, Iowa or in that part of the Western country.



Jacob lived in Baldwin, Monmouth Township, Jackson County, Iowa. Baldwin is located in the center of Monmouth Township. It was given the name of Baldwin when the railroad was built in 1871 in honor of Edward Baldwin. He platted most of the present town site in 1871. It had the usual business houses of the period. A hardware store, drug store, lumber dealer, stock dealer, livery stable, wagon shops and

a hotel. Monmouth was the post office and established in 1855. It was on the daily coach route between the river and the town of Anamosa. Monmouth is surrounded by most excellent country.

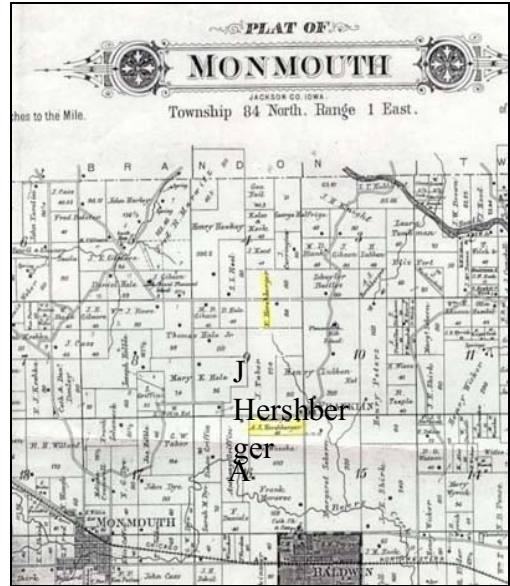
The homestead has rolling hills and some pine trees. The house is kind of an L shape and has a long porch on the front of it, and is built on a hill, so that in the back it drops another level. This is the rock basement area that was the original part of the house. Behind this is the icehouse with a stream running through it. Jacob worked hard on the land and by the time of his death he owned six hundred acres.



View of Hershberger farm



Ice house in back of home. A stream ran through it to keep food cool



Location of Hershberger Home



Back of Hershberger house showing original stone house

Jacob once took a raft down the Mississippi River to Texas and brought back a herd of mustangs. He also worked in a mill in Bellevue and walked home on weekends, about 50 miles. He was also a 32-degree mason.

I have a transcript of a letter that Leah wrote to Jacob in 1868 (It was transcribed from a tape so I do not have the original.) Punctuation and spelling I have added but not the sentence structure:

Dear Beloved Brother: By this few lines you will see that I have got a good deal of trouble this while ago, mother has got a very severe spell. It is now seven weeks that she took sick and five weeks she was confined to bed by a sore hand. Her right hand was swollen from the fingers up to the shoulder point. She had dreadful pain for three weeks time and did not sleep hardly any and neither did I. Now she can come to the table again but she could not use her hand and she could not dress herself or help herself to the table. But she has no pains anymore only her hand quite stiff. Got all right again.[?] We know the doctor said it is what they call the gout now. Brother you might think that I have got a bit of trouble. I have got a hard summer and we have got no boy this summer and only a girl fifteen years of age and so I have to tend to everything. I'm almost wore out sometime because I'm not well and could not stand this hard work anymore and so it comes hard on me. Now Brother I will bear this all patiently if I only would be loose of the trouble between me and about your money. I made up my mind hat I will get loose of it if possible. I can't see any other way as to be able to be

a trustee to be appointed now. I want you to recommend a man that you wish to have or that you are satisfied with Then I will try to get him which I hope then the court will discourage me then I will get loose of it because it is too trouble something I don't want to have this money in hand all the time and be responsible for it and so I would like it very much if somebody else could have it in hand. That could tend to it better than what I could and understand more of it. What I do not for this I want a trustee appointed to that. I got loose of it because it is not my wish that Father made his will so God bless me. I did not know how his will was made not till after his death then the will was read as soon as the will was read I felt sorry for I have told Father once that this was long ago that if I were to be him I would make it so that each of the children could get their money in their own care then he says to me I shall mind my own business and after that I did not say a word. You know he got his own way. You and I can alter it if I could I willingly would. Now Brother you have mentioned in your letter that if the letter you had wrote to me will be sufficient for the recent for that interest I think answers well enough another thing you have mentioned in your letter that 174 dollars interest you got deposited in the bank. The boys may use it if they chose if that would be agreeable to me. Dear Brother that money belongs to you can do with it what you please. I have nothing to say and so I wish you could have it all in your own hand then this trouble would not be. And another thing which troubles me so much when you write to me you mentioned in your letter about Father's will that you have not been treated as a brother or sister or child. It makes me feel quite sick sometimes when I study over it. I hope you do not think it was my fault Father made his will so you do please let me know. Now I will come to a close for this time my dear if I could speak to you I would know a great deal more. So much of your sister Leah Hershberger Now my Brother write to me as soon as possible.

#### Jacob's will (exact spelling):

In the name of God, Amen, I Jacob K. Hershberger, of Monmouth Township, Jackson County, State of Iowa, Farmer, being mindful of my immortality, made this 17 day of Nov, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following: First, I desire to be decently and honorably buried. Second, I desire that my beloved wife shall have her home on this old homestead, where we now reside, during her life and now be maintained of the income, thereof, if she survives me. Third, I give and bequest unto my son, John S. Hershberger the north half of the NE sec 16 Township 84, W of the Principal of the Meridian containing 80 acres more or less, according to the general survey with all the appendages belongs there too. Forth, I give and bequest, Abraham S. Hershberger the south half of the NE qtr of sec 16, township 84, N of range 1 E of 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian containing 80 acres more or less according to general survey with 4 acres NW corner of the same section as above described with all the appendages belonging there too. Fifth, I further desire that after my death and the death of my wife this property as already bequested to my sons John and Abraham, shall be their to have and to hold or their legal heirs for ever, but no sooner. After both of our deaths, I and Susanna, all property there belonging to me real or personal shall be equally divided between my three sons, Jacob S. Hershberger, John S. Hershberger, and Abraham S. Hershberger but is to say that I now own or hereafter own, except the NE, go with the 4 acres out of the NW, already bequeathed to my two sons John S., Abraham Hershberger.

The Hershbergers are buried in Pence Graveyard in Baldwin located on Highway 64. They are buried off a road that winds through the cemetery and sits on top of the hill. Jacob's stone has a Mason sign on it and Susannah's says *Mother* with carved clasped hands. Susannah and Jacob were moved over from the old homestead, where they were originally buried.

I have visited Jacob and Susannah's graves, have sat in the chair Jacob sat in and walked in the cool of the icehouse he built. They are my family and I feel that I know them personally.



Pence Cemetery in Baldwin  
Iowa



Jacob K  
Hershberger



Susanna wife of  
Jacob K.  
Hershberger

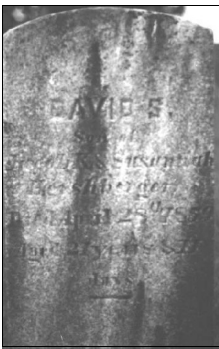
### Children of Jacob K. Hershberger

#### JACOB

The first son Jacob went to California for the gold rush and was later murdered for his gold. One family story said he was only twelve years old when he left home. The family bible states:

Jacob was murdered in California in August in his cabin on Poney Creek, Riney County, California, by four worthless white men and a half-breed Indian for some gold nuggets. His body was never found.

#### DAVID



Jacob's son, David was a sickly boy and was left in the care of his grandparents when his family moved to Iowa. He was only seven when he was separated from his parents. There was no medical help in Iowa so he lived out his 21 years in Pennsylvania. He is buried beside his grandparents in the Keller Cemetery.

From a letter dated, December 31, 1863, signed by J. K. Hershberger (exact spelling):

Also for doctor bill and funeral and tombstone expenses paid for my son David who died at his house 1 May 1859, \$69.49. Funeral expenses paid for the coffin \$10.00. Fifteen pounds of sugar, 9 cents per pound is \$1.35. Five pound of coffee, 16 cents per pound is 80 cents. Eight yards of muslin and so forth for the shroud, \$3.13. For making shroud, \$1.00. For attending at the funeral, three days, 50 cents per day, \$1.50. For making the grave, each one day, each 75 cents per day, charge is \$2.25. Ice, 50 cents. Wheat, 63 pounds, 5 ½ cents per pound, \$3.46. 3 ½ bushel of oats is 50 cents per bushel, \$1.75. Tombstone \$8.25.

#### ISAAC

Letter written by Isaac, dated 5 Sept 1862 (transcribed from a tape, so not original spelling):

Camp Strong, Beloved Father: By this you will see that I am still well. Some of the boys are not very well, they have nearly all got the quick step. [Dysentery] I have not got it yet. We have got plenty to eat and drink and we have got bread, potatoes and rice, bacon, beef, coffee, tea and sugar and we have good houses. The house is about 50 feet long and 20 feet wide and w have a good place to sleep and behind our resting place stands our furniture house and behind that we have a ditch dug and there cooking is done and in front of all about 200 yards stands the printing office for the quick steppers and when the wind comes that way it has a sweet scent. We have a baker on this ground and a barber and a [?], and river ½ mile off. Our camp is two miles south of Musquite. They tell that it is on a island, it is a nice green level place, our reg is now full and there is another regiment on the ground. There is our company to come into it then it will be full too. We have the praise of all

the other companies and the reg. The Lieutenant Colonel came out the other day and he said he has seen 40,000 together but never one like this company. In the camp opposite of us, our regiment I mean, there was a man died with delirium. The effects of whiskey. The water we have here is very soft and makes a fellow the dysentery and I got myself a pint of whiskey. So, if you hear any reports of me you may know that it is for. I will not use it unnecessarily, surely not. Tell me how mother's eye is and let me know if there is any drafting going on up there. El Byum is our colonel and I will send you some grape seed, some of a very big kind. So no more at present. Write soon and I will answer.

Isaac was killed in the Civil War. I have an application for pension, exactly as written, from his mother, Susanna, that states, :

I am the mother of Isaac Hershberger, who enlisted in the U. S. Service on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1862, and who died while in battle at Champion Hill, May 16 1863. I have no property of any kind whatever and no one is legally bound for my support. I am 75 years old and not able to help myself and also in very feeble health. I have always maintained myself by doing house work until within late years. I do not receive the necessaries of life and am in destitute circumstances. I therefore ask, that on account of my weakened health, old age and destitute circumstances, that my claim may be made special for which I will be thankful. [This I do not understand because she lived with son Abraham. She did not receive this pension.]

Signed affidavit by a soldier, exactly as written:

I enlisted in the same company with soldier to wit Co I 24<sup>th</sup> Iowa Inf. Vols and we messed together, and while at Champion Hill Miss., soldier was instantly killed by a minnie ball which hit him in the neck. As soon as the battle was over I found him and put him in shape, so he would look in natural form. I saw him when he was put in the trench and buried. Isaac Hershberger was a brave soldier and one worthy of praise.

## Abraham

Abraham, the youngest, is the son who stayed on the homestead and farmed it until his death. He had planned to go to Colorado with his brother John but when his father died he stayed behind to take care of the farm.

From a History of Jackson County, Iowa we learn the following (exact spelling):.

Abraham was three months old when in 1846 his parents came to Iowa by wagon was seven years old when he assisted in breaking the fields of the farm, and since that time he has been continuously engaged in cultivating the rich soil of this county. A large measure of success has attended his efforts and he is now one of the extensive landowners of Monmouth Township. He grew up amid pioneer surrounding and participated in the work of those early days, for even as a child of seven he drove seven yoke of oxen to break the sod with a twenty-two inch plow. The hazel brush then was frequently fifteen feet high and many a shoot was as large as a man's leg. There were few educational advantages at that time and because of the press of other work he went to school only on rainy days. Later he managed to attend the Northwestern College at Plainfield Illinois for fourteen weeks. He has spent his entire life in Monmouth Township, except for the two and one half years that he was in South Dakota where he had 200 acres. February 1875 he married Miss Emeline Rockstraw and they became parents of ten children. In politics Mr. Hershberger is a republican and has held many of the minor township offices. Having enjoyed little schooling, he has always been a staunch friend of educational interests and was the first man in Jackson County to urge consolidating the school districts. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, the Sons of Temperance, the Good Templars, the Modern Woodmen of American and others, while his religious adherence is given to the Evangelical church. He was converted at Plainfield, Illinois and has since had a deep and abiding faith, the tenor of his life evincing the practical value of his religion. He was a large man, Abe has known many hardships and has spent many hours in exhausting toil, but labor brings it own reward and he is not without his share. He has always lived in accordance with a high standard of upright and honorable manhood.

Newspaper article in the Jackson Sentinel 1974, exactly as written:

Eighty years ago in 1894, Abe Hershberger and George Gordon met on Wednesday afternoon and greeted each other with a friendly grip. In fact, Abe's cordially gave a real western grip. At this, Gordon waxed wrath and walked away and kept talking, declaring that Abe had broken his finger. One word led to another, Gordon struck Hershberger Result, Gordon arrested, taken before Judge Railston and fined \$5.00 in cost.

Abraham kept a big garden and had bee hives. He also raised cattle and hogs and grew hay. In 1963 I visited his son Abraham [Abe] who still lived and farmed the homestead. Abe was single and so after his death in 1975, the entire family heritage was given up for auction including the original homestead. This was a sad time for the Hershbergers, as descendants will no longer see many wonderful items. I remember all the old furniture, including a leather love seat and an old Victoria record player. (The player is now in the possession of Bill Allen of Dewitt, Iowa.) There were many pictures in beautiful albums, most of which were not labeled. Sadly none of Abe's sons married and so the Hershberger name is no longer seen in this branch of the family.



Abe and wife Emeline in front of Hershberger home



Abraham



Abe son of Abraham. Last Hershberger to live on the homestead.

### The Descendants of Jacob Keller Hershberger

**400. Jacob Keller<sup>1</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>1</sup>** was born 1 February 1814 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>2</sup>. He was the son of John HERSHBERGER and Mary KELLER. Jacob died 20 February 1873 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 59<sup>3,4</sup>, and was buried in Pence Cemetery, Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa. He married **Susanna SHIRK<sup>5</sup>** October 1835 in Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>6</sup>. She was born 2 March 1816 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>7</sup>. She was the daughter of David SHIRK and Anna KURTZ. Susanna died 4 September 1893 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 77<sup>8,9</sup>, and was buried in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa.

They had 5 children:

- 429. M i. **Jacob HERSHBERGER**, born 22 January 1837 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>10</sup>, died 18 August 1900 in California, at the age of 63<sup>11</sup>.
- 430. M ii. **David Shirk HERSHBERGER**, born 17 March 1838 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>12</sup>, died 26 April 1859 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 21<sup>13</sup>, and was buried in Keller Cemetery, Springville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- + 431. M iii. **John Shirk HERSHBERGER**, born 5 August 1840, died 23 January 1922.
- 432. M iv. **Isaac HERSHBERGER**, born 22 July 1842 in Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania<sup>14</sup>, died 16 May 1863 in Champion Hill, Mississippi, at the age of 20<sup>15</sup>.
- + 433. M v. **Abraham Shirk HERSHBERGER**, born 5 March 1846, died 9 June 1922.

**433. Abraham Shirk<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>16</sup>** (400.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 March 1846 in Mitau, Camden, Illinois<sup>17,18</sup>. Abraham died 9 June 1922 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 76<sup>19,20,21</sup>, and was buried in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa. He married **Emeline ROCKSTRAW** 21 February 1875 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa. She was born 10 November 1856 in Monticello, Jones, Iowa. She was the daughter of John ROCKSTRAW and Anna YOUSSE. Emeline died 15 March 1945 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 88, and was buried in Pence, Jackson, Iowa.

They had 10 children:



434. M i. **Thomas Eli HERSHBERGER**, born 11 May 1876 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa, died 12 June 1901 in Monmouth Township, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 25<sup>22,23</sup>.
435. F ii. **Hattie HERSHBERGER**, born 5 January 1878 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa, died in infancy 17 September 1878 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa<sup>24</sup>, and was buried in Pence Cemetery Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa..
436. M iii. **William Henry HERSHBERGER**, born 11 September 1879 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa<sup>25</sup>, died 1959 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 79<sup>26</sup>, and was buried in Pence Cemetery.
437. M iv. **Jacob Harry HERSHBERGER**, born 11 November 1881 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa<sup>27</sup>, died 30 November 1951 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 70<sup>28</sup>, and was buried in Pence Cemetery.
- + 438. F v. **Emma HERSHBERGER**, born 5 November 1883, died 10 December 1961.
- + 439. F vi. **Leah Matilda HERSHBERGER**, born 15 November 1885, died 8 August 1939.
440. M vii. **Leroy HERSHBERGER**, born 11 January 1888 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa, died 12 May 1923 in Great Falls, Cascade, Montana, at the age of 35, and was buried in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa. <sup>29</sup>
- + 441. F viii. **Elizabeth HERSHBERGER**, born 21 August 1890, died 5 March 1953.
442. M ix. **Abraham R. HERSHBERGER**, born 17 January 1893 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa, died 12 January 1975 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 82. <sup>30</sup>
443. M x. **Charles HERSHBERGER**, born 15 August 1897 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa, died 28 February 1987 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa, age of 89. <sup>31</sup>

**438. Emma<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (433.Abraham<sup>2</sup>, 400.Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 November 1883 in Watertown, Codington, South Dakota<sup>32</sup>. Emma died 10 December 1961 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 78<sup>33</sup>, and was buried in Pence Cemetery. She married **Austin Theodore ALLEN** 16 June 1908 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa. He was born 11 April 1885 in Hale Township., Jones, Iowa. He was the son of John F. W. ALLEN and Elvaetta FIRST. Austin died 16 November 1977 in Olin, Jones, Iowa, at the age of 92.

They had 7 children:

- + 444. M i. **John Abraham ALLEN**, born 26 August 1909, died 28 July 1979.
- + 445. M ii. **Theodore ALLEN**, born 7 August 1911, died 23 September 1991.
- + 446. F iii. **Leah Elizabeth ALLEN**, born 15 April 1913, died 14 June 1974.
- + 447. M iv. **Austin Stanley ALLEN**, born 12 June.
- + 448. F v. **Verna ALLEN**, born 14 April.
- + 449. M vi. **Jacob Hershberger ALLEN**, born 7 January.
450. M vii. **Robert Leroy ALLEN**, born 13 October 1930 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa, died 17 August 1988 in Monmouth, Jackson, Iowa.



Stanley Allen and wife Erma, Ted Allen and wife Dorothy.

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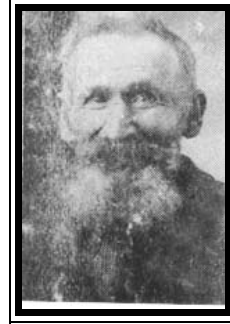
## Chapter 8

### John Shirk Hershberger 1840-1922

John Shirk is the most colorful ancestor we have, as he lived quite the life. He was born on the family farm in Pennsylvania. We know from other records that the *S* stands for Shirk, his mother's maiden name.



In a family album  
now lost



Taken just before  
his death

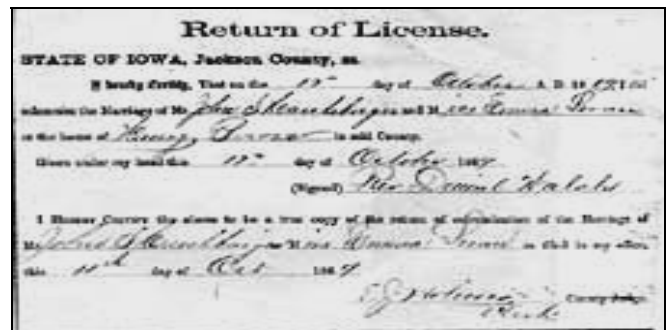
The family Bible states as follows:

The third child born the 5th day of August 1840 and named him John S. Hershberger born in Pennsylvania.

From Biography of son Samuel (copy in my possession):

John Shirk Hershberger moved to Iowa with his family mother and father who settled on a piece of land near Fremont, Iowa, whose name was changed to Baldwin, Jackson County, Iowa. John Shirk when a boy helped clear this farm which is still or now owned by his brothers boys in Iowa. In 1859 when John was 19 years old he crossed the plains with an outfit of ox teams to the California Gold fields and in 1861 enlisted in the cavalry and was discharged at the end of the Civil War with an honorable discharge. After returning back home to Iowa he married and settled on 80 acres, a farm one mile north of Baldwin, Iowa which his father gave him. On this farm I and my brother and sister; Samuel, Wilbur and Charity Hershberger were born.

Reverend Daniel Walsh performed the marriage on October 17, 1869 for John S. and Emma LeVan at the house of Henry Power in Jackson County State of Iowa.



Biographical Sketches of Jackson County, Iowa:

In the spring of 1859 he went by overland route to California and engaged in mining. Nothing is known about those years in California. In September 1861 he enlisted in Company A, of the 2nd California Volunteers Calvary was engaged in protecting the frontier from the Indians and was in several engagements with the Indians. He was discharged in the winter of 1865 and in the spring returned home to the farm in Baldwin, Iowa. He was a Republican in Politics.

I have his pension papers, which he applied for in Salida, Colorado in 1912 at age seventy-one years. His description was given as follows: 5 foot, 6 ½ inches, complexion dark, colors of eyes black and color of hair dark. His occupation was a farmer. It says he was discharged February 1, 1866 at Camp Union, California.

He states his places of residences were as follows:

After my discharge I went to Jackson County, Iowa there twenty years, then to Coffey County, Iowa, there five years then to Cripple Creek County. There ten years and then came to Chaffee County, Colorado.

His medical record stated that on December 21-24 1861, he was treated for a contusion and on May 6, 1865, treated for syphilis. In September, 1862 he is listed as having extra duty building quarters. In July 1863 absent on detached service to escort Indians to Tejon Reservation.

Letter from John to brother Abe exactly as written (I have just a copy of this letter):

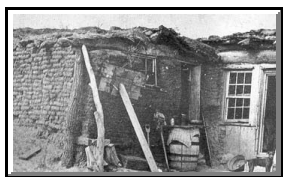
Camp Armon Sacramento Calif 26<sup>th</sup> 1865 A.D. Dear Brother Abe by this you will see that I am still alive and kicking and I hope this will find you the same and well. I received your letter dated Oct the 12<sup>th</sup> and I read it with grate pleasure But I have had non from father for 8 months or [?] I tell you Abe they have mustered out all the troops only the second [?] And they say that they are goin to keep them till thare time is out so I can not tell when I will be at home until my time is out The wether is nise here now But we have had plenty of rain for the past But it has quit and the wether is nise and warm tell my yousee that I send my Best Respect You spoke about her being a nise girl thare is plenty of nise and to make love to any of them at the present would be all in vane I would not dispoint one now not for a fortune [?] To love them But now I got over that But I like to see them a rouning in case of a merginsy [?] I was a Stonish to here that Miss Kinsey got mared She was onle a little girl when I left home gad what will become of this world yet alas I my be at home in a few years. Yet five my best Respects to all my inquiring friends So I will come to a close before long it will be hard work to get Jake to come home but no more if Miss Yousee sends her potagraph to me I will send her some [end of letter is missing.]

His grandson John says he was a happy man, never mad at anyone. John wore a beard and had a long nose and used glasses to read. The Hershberger boys were known to be whiskey drinkers, even though Jacob was known to be a tea totaller.

After he was married, he went to the Dakotas and staked the Home Stake Mine, which obviously didn't work out as he was later back in Iowa. His son Samuel says John did some placer mining in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, so obviously the gold fever was already in his blood.

From the history written by his son Samuel, exactly as written:

In 1881 John S. sold this farm with his wife and children moved to western Iowa near West Side in Crawford County, Iowa. John S. bought the Armstrong farm on the Boyer River of 390 Acres for \$10,000 and went into the cattle business. It was wild grassland covered with wild prairie chickens. In 1885 he went broke and lost his farm, leaving him \$5000 in debt. He took the Iowa exemption law that was \$2,500, loaded a bund of work horses and cattle and farm implements at Manning Iowa on the Milwaukee rail road and shipped to O'Berlin in Northwestern Kansas the end of the R. Road 55 miles east of Colby Kansas and filed for a homestead seven miles north of Colby, Thomas County, Iowa. Leaving my Mother & Brother and sister with relitaves in Iowa. One man was only allowed to one car so I was put under the wagon box in the car till we arrived at Oberlin Kansas. There we unloaded the car, while he had some business in Oberlin me and a man by the name of Black started on our 50 mile drive with the few cows and two horses, a few days after the wagon & a few house hold goods was brought over by a homesteader. He was issued a homestead on the, 30 July, 1889, for 160 acres in Thomas County Kansas at \$1.25 per acre. The family later came by train from Iowa. My father brought a few young cattle at \$10 a head and broke up the ground and got it planted to corn for winter feed and built a sod house. We had to get water from Sappy Creek three miles North of their place until 1887 when they had dug a well 150 feet deep, which Samuel had to remove the dirt by a tripod and wheel and bucket and rope. They soon had a windmill to pull water from the well. These were strenuous days for them, no school no doctors, no railroad and a few scattered homesteaders. In 1886 a blizzard struck and they lost cows and horses. From this experience, we managed to live, through the drouth strucken hot winds, & blizzards of western Kansas one blessing of meat was the Kansas jack rabbit. During the five long years we lived in Kansas, the western part of Kansas became settled up homesteaders and the Rock Island R.R. came into Colby which changed things considerable.



Dug Out House



Home Stead in  
Kansas

Charity remembered the Indians shooting at their wagon and the family hiding under the mattress. When Emma died from peritonitis [this is an inflammation of the lining of the abdominal cavity, now days associated with ruptured appendix] in 1888, it dissolved the family. The homestead was mortgaged to meet funeral and other expenses. Her death certificate said she died at NW 9-7-33 Rovohl Township, Colby, Kansas.

From Samuel's history, exactly as written:

My sister was sent out to my uncle's in Iowa and me and my brother struck out in the world on our own. My father went to work on the Rock Island Railroad building it into Colby.

Emma's obituary, exactly as written:

Wife Emma died Tuesday Dec 18, 1888 at her home, five miles northeast of Colby. The deceased lady was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1847. She moved to Jackson County, Iowa, in 1851 with her parents. She leaves surviving her husband and three children. She was the sister of Mrs. Samuel Yousee of this city and leaves another sister and brother at West Side Iowa. Her remains were interred in Beulah Cemetery on Wednesday amid a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Cause of her death was Peritonitis. Samuel was nineteen years of age, Wilbur age fourteen years, and Charity age eleven years.

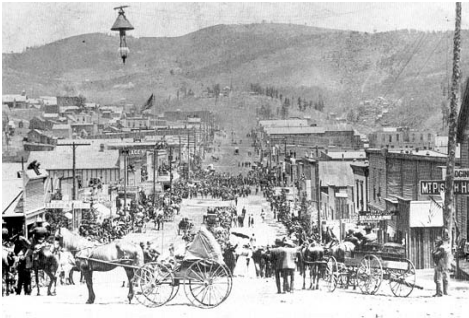
After her death, there was a guardian record administrated by John S. Hershberger, exactly as written:

Cash on hand two hundred dollars, Paid to Charity fifteen dollars, Paid Charity one pair shoes, two dollars and ninety-five cent. Interest received in 1890, twelve dollars. In 1891, Cash paid out for trip and clothes for daughter Charity to Baldwin, Iowa, forty dollars. Cash for Wilbur at school twelve dollars. Cash for carfare from Baldwin Iowa for Samuel in 1892, twenty dollars his father had given him. Cash for carfare for Wilbur and through loss of ticket thirty dollars. March 24, 1892, cash for tickets for Wilbur and Samuel to Colorado Springs and to Cripple Creek. [I am assuming that carfare means train ticket.]

From Samuel's history, exactly as written:

In 1891 there was a report of a big gold strike near Pikes Peak Colorado so John headed there with sons Samuel and Wilbur. Charity later joined them. In the spring of 1892 John has located the following mines: The Miami Placer, The Bell of the Valley Placer, The Colby Placer, The Golden Eagle, The Copper Head, and a interest in Pikes Peak Placer. In the great mining boom of 1892-1896 John and his two boys made and handled over \$100,000 in sales of lots and mining property. John invested in real estate and built eight residences some for rental at the cost of \$20,000. The first gold shipped out of the camp was from the Miami Placer.

Cripple Creek got its name because the original family that homesteaded there had several accidents while living there. First their valued calf stepped in a prairie dog hole and broke its leg then the husband while chopping wood cut his foot and while trying to shingle the roof the son fell off and injured his back. After all of this and more Cripple Creek became a permanent name. Gold was discovered in May of 1878 by Robert Womack. No one believed him so the boom didn't start until 1891. The first gold shipment was made in 1891 from the Gold King Mine. This stimulated other prospectors and soon the district was overflowing with gold seekers from all over the country. In one square mile of area there was at one time 475 operating mines. Progress wasn't long in coming to the Cripple Creek district. Some \$200,000 was taken out of the ground in 1891. By 1893 it had reached almost \$3 million, and by 1899 almost \$59 Million. As a rip-roaring district of more than 55,000 persons it was for a few years the world's greatest mining district. The gold brought stores, lumber yards, hotels, restaurants, saloons and people of every profession. At one time the mining district had about 100 saloons, 80 doctors, 91 lawyers and 14 newspapers. In May of 1892 the streets of Cripple Creek were brightly lighted with arc lights powered by the first electricity. The shacks put up for homes were one-room affairs, made with newspaper-covered walls and old tents to insulate the ceiling. The average rent was about \$15 a month. Two big fires in less than a week in April 1896 burned most of the business district and left 5,000 persons homeless. The first fire started when a bartender stopped by to see his girl friend, got in a fight and overturned a gasoline stove. The second fire started on the following Wednesday when hot grease was spilled at the Portland Hotel. I have a book called *The First 100 Years*, that is full of photographs, a few I have included. I visited this ghost town in the 1970's when it was first starting to be revived. Now it is grown and is known for its gambling.



Cripple Creek 1893



Cripple Creek Fire 1896

Samuel's history says this about Cripple Creek:

Had one of the most immoral street I ever saw. On Bennett Avenue was filled with some 10,000 people who played night and day gambling was wide open with rolett, fano and every other device with gold and silver piled on every table. And in every gambling house and dance halls somebody was killed or shot every night. Most of these cases were common occurrences on Myers Ave.

In 1897, after the boom of Cripple Creek, John moved to a mining area called Whitehorn (also known as Manoa) in Chaffee County, Colorado. Whitehorn, Manoa, and Cameron, located northeast of Salida were booming in 1904. Mines in this area were producing large amounts of hematite (an iron ore), as well as some gold, silver and copper.



What the area looked like in the 1970's.



This was found in one of Grandpa's scrapbooks.

In the book *History of Chaffee County*, exactly as written:

Other mining efforts in the area included the Hershberger tunnel, started in 1897, by John Hershberger, an old timer from Cripple Creek. The tunnel was purchased by MK Gold Company. This company had the first tunnel in the district and even had a telephone. Miners liked it in the long, narrow park with its spring and felt they were in paradise—hence, Paradise Camp. However miners changed the name to Manoa and explained to newcomers they thought it was an Indian word meaning Mountain of Gold. The town was one of the later additions to the Ute Trail area and was in a nearly central spot to service other population areas which were booming. Quote from Whitehorn News: “We have the best water supply in the Cameron Mountain District. The spring that supplies us with water comes out of the mountain 350 feet away and when our reservoir is completed we will have a water system capable of supplying a town of 10,000 inhabitants and the largest mill in the state for the treatment of ores.” J. Hershberger completed his house in Manoa Camp by July 14 1899 and then came up with the grandiose idea of making a game preserve around his Hershberger Tunnel, claims to help promote mine stock sales. Hershberger, who drove most of the tunnel alone, took time off and built a corral for his deer and eagles. He eventually included elk and other wild animals which he fed during the winters to keep them around the place. The feed bill helped contribute to his eventual mining demise because



it took more to feed the animals than it cost to enlarge his hole in the ground. Despite grand ideas Manoa never graduated from a tent city. Most of the residents were content to live year after year in canvas tents placed atop low aspen log cribbing bases with wooden floors. Most of the permanent buildings were stores and a few of them were constructed on skids so they could be dragged away if the town died. In 1904 the population was 25. A year later, population was static. Sam Hershberger listed himself as a blacksmith. By 1908, there was no more Manoa. It remains on maps today as a general area entitled 'Manoa Springs' and is noted more for the water source than for the town which once sprawled comfortably on the grassy meadow.

The Hershberger Tunnel was driven 900 feet at a cost of \$38,000. They were heading for Cameron Mountain where the surface showed fine prospect of gold. I have a copy of two letters that John wrote to his brother Abe. Originals are in the possession of Bill Allen. Following are excerpts from these letters, exactly as written:

January 28, 1904

Dear Brother A. S. H. Glad to here from you and was sorry to here that the measles have taken proshin of your family. But if they got over them probly it will be all the better for them it probly wont be like me have them when they are forty or fifty years old like I did Just got back from Kansas sold about one thousand dollars worth of stock and was orderd home now if the gurls want some stock as fur as a good investment I would say it is in this co and why because we have got one hundred acers of minrial land and have the machinery on and it is a good one it cost 6000 dollars and the tunnel is in 450 feet now and three big vains cut all redy and we now that we will cut fourteen vains in our tunnel. Brother I just say I have 300,000 shares of my own and Sam has one hundred thousand and Wilbur has one hundred thousand in the Bank of Salida for safe keeping ow if I though it was not a safe in vestment I would sell it at 25 cts and let it go but I want dollar for dollar for it and when the mine pass a dividend I want just what it calls for 5.00 or 10 dollers I will take my chances now. We are only working one shift at the drills Sam and Wilbur and we [?????] .....they are rite just keep them and you will be all rite. John S. Hershberger

April 13, 1904

Dear brother Abe this leaves all well and hartly hoping this will reach you the same and famly. Received check of sixty dollars caling for one hundred shars of the M. K. Gold mining stock which I send you and I will send you 18 shares more and you can tell the oner to pay you the money.....Keep poken it at them and dont stop if you do they will think you have no faith in you business. We are driving the tunnel rite a long and if our frend in old Iowa dont go back on us to soon ye will soon get thare and commence paying them thare money back. We have the niset kind of wether here and have hardly had any winter this year so good. By your Brother John S. Hershberger

They finally ran out of money and had to close down the tunnel. Whitehorn boomed with it's nine or ten saloons and contained a wild bunch of people. I visited the place once known as Whitehorn on Cameron Mountain where nothing stands today. It is located on the top of the beautiful mountains above Salida, Colorado. I was able to locate the collapsed tunnel of the Hershberger mine. John lived here alone after the boys and their families left the area. I am not sure if there were still others living in the town. He raised potatoes and then would haul them down into town.



John in his potato patch

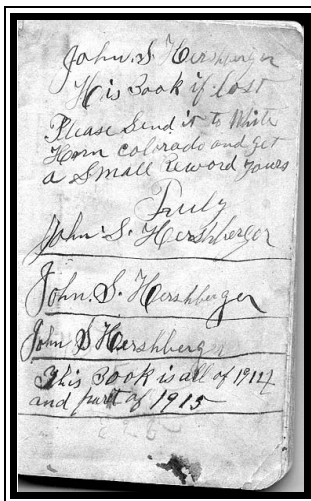


John outside his cabin

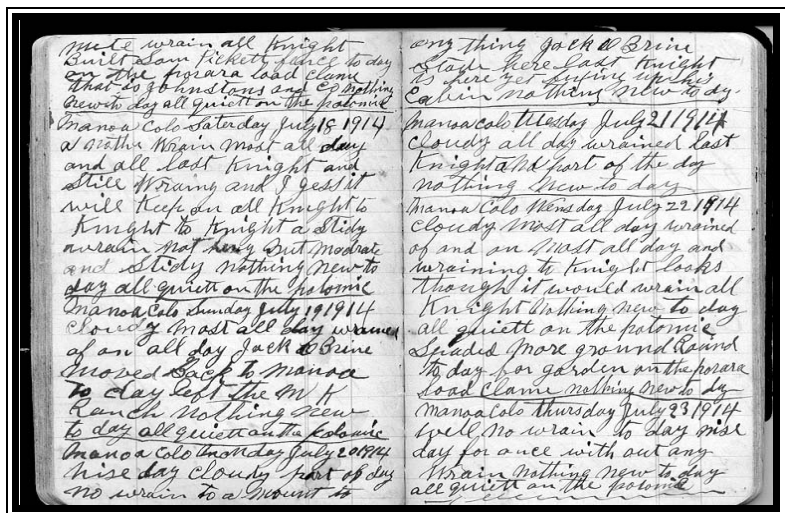
I have a letter written by John to his son Samuel, dated April 10, 1919. Following is an excerpt exactly as he wrote it:

I am awful bad of cant hardly get a round to do my cooking the rhumatism is so bad and my back so bad when I set down a short time I cant hardly get up with out my cruches I have yoused my crutches for 3 year or over the old sholdiers want to go to the Soldiers Home but I don't want to go there Times are awful tuff and hard here at present this has been a tuff winter cold 20 degrees below on old Camron. I think after this war Christ will come and see us and then the fire and brimstone will finish up the balance. Bill is working in Cripple Creek they are all well I think he will be back after school is out thare about July Well Sam Miller has got us all out of the tunnel all the stock holders now probably he will sell the property and some one elce will buy it and we have lost all we have put in it if you know any body that has any stock in it out thare tell them about it They beet me out of 25,000 thousand dollars So I am out a gain but I don't beleave they will get red of me yet for a while as long as I hold that claim in front of the tunnel I will have a home while I live if it is on Camron Mountain 9000 feet above see level I can rase all the spuds I want to eat and find ones and big ones to And a fine garden I can rase all the vegtables I want everything but cabage. Well Sam I guess I better quit or your will think I am riting my will. So goodby from your Farther.

I am fortunate enough to have a diary of John's. It is a small, black leather diary which was given to me by his grandson John. If other books survived, I do not know. It tells a story of a lonely man on top of his mountain. It was not hard to envision John with his mine and his potatoes, alone in a place that never would be anything more than John's dream.



Diary 1915



John lived for a few years after this letter but had to move down from Whitehorn to Salida. Grandson, John remembered going over to his house and helping him after school.

John's obituary exactly as written (Salida Colorado newspaper):

Another old settler and old soldier has answered the roll call and joined the forces on the other shore. He passed away on January 23 rd in the hospital where he was taken as a last resort. Mr. Hershberger has been ill for the past six weeks, was confined to his bed at the home of his son, Wilbur Hershberger at 903 I street. He was suffering from kidney and bladder trouble brought on by old age, as he was past 81 years. He had led a very active life until the last five or six years when he had been so badly crippled from rheumatism as to make the use of crutches necessary. He with his father were among the largest cattle shippers in western Iowa. Mr. Hershberger came to Cripple Creek in 1891 and it was he who located what is known as the cripple creek Placers, and was he who shipped the first placer gold from Cripple Creek to the Denver Mint. He later mined the Whitehorn district and created the Hershberger tunnel in that section. He leaves to mourn his loss, three children, Wilbur of Salida, Samuel and Charity H. Morris of Boise Idaho. He also leaves twelve grandchildren.

The funeral services were held from the Stewart Undertaking Parlors at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Rev Forde

preaching a fine discourse on the value of the old soldier. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. Mr. Hershberger was a highly respected member of the community and will be missed from his old haunts.

### Children of John Shirk Hershberger

#### **WILBUR**

Wilbur, who was also known as Bill, was a happy-go-lucky boy. He spent his early life mining and then became a quarry worker. He went back to Cripple Creek in 1916 where he worked for the Crescent Mine but later came back to Salida. After his marriage broke up he moved to Oregon and bought a farm. He didn't stay long, however and ended up selling everything and came back to Salida. He died at the age of sixty-two in Salida Colorado, of Carcinoma of the Stomach.

Following is a letter from Wilbur written to his brother Sam in 1936, exactly as written (in my possession):

Dear Brother:

Your letter received good to hear you are o.k. I can't seem to get on my feet just right some days I feel o.k. and some days I feel all in so it is a fifty fifty with me everything about the same around here we are having awful high winds this spring but no snow in Salida as to yet I hope the weather gets settled by the middle of April as I want to get away from here about that time but as long as the weather is so uncertain I don't care to pull out but a couple of weeks can make a lot of changes things are kind of slowing up around here as I can notice the last couple of weeks well I guess I will come in by the way of wells, Nevada when I leave here I guess the road in that way is pretty good isn't it you might let me know if you can is there any good fishing streams in Nevada where we are going as you know we sure got to catch a few fish and have some recreation along with all this mining buisness which we are going to put over but one thing old boy if we can get a hold of something that has merrit I think we have a darn good show to do some buisness I will have a lot to talk over with you when I get out there to twin falls so just sit easy and saw wood Sam do you know of a cheap filling station for sale about to thousand dollars cash with some cabbins I have a friend here that is looking for something of that kind well Sam I am like you in one regard I think the only thing that will help the poor people of this country is the Townson act but I have very little faith in them ever putting it over as capitol is to strong and they are all such big crooks that they would go to any length to kill it before they would let a poor man get anything to help him they will put out a lot of propaganda and as they own all the papers they will make the people believe anything as Bill Rogers said all he knew was what he read in the papers so as I see it we have a vote comming but any time we put an honest man in he becomes a crook or they take him for a ride so he turns crook so I can't see where we gain anything that way capital has got a strangle hold on this country and they aim to keep tightening it until they have the last drop of blood they used to tell you what to do now they tell you to do it and see that you do capitilism is the cause of all the crooks in the country and nothing else. They usualy force a man to be a crook or starve we know that as long as a man can get it he won't starve and still they wonder why so much crime and they know all the time why but they are all the time trying to tell the poor down trodden race that it is this and that what is the matter sometimes the worm will turn ?? Your brother W F Hershberger

Letter to Sam dated May 11, 1935 Salida, Colorado, exactly as written:

Dear Brother: your letter received and glad to hear from you. I just got down from the hills will go back tomorrow or next day we are all well and everything seams to be running along here same as usual I have a few more orders of granite to get out before decoration day have quite a lot of granite sold but colections are mighty slow but they are good and will come along later.....well Sam I will inclose a five dollar bill which might help you some all I can spare now.

Letter to Samuel from his nephew John Hershberger, Salida Colorado, dated November 1, 1936 , exactly as written:

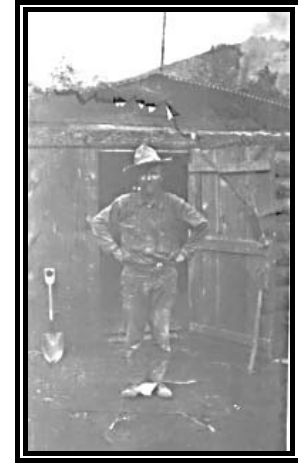
Dear Uncle Sam: Just a few lines Bill isn't able to write and asked me to. Bill is getting worse all the time now. Is getting weaker and weaker. He says he hopes you strike it rich and if you do send down the funeral expences to him.



**Figure 69** Samuel & Wilbur



**Figure 70** Wilbur



**Figure 71** Wilbur mining in Cripple Creek

## CHARITY

Charity married and divorced a man while living in Cripple Creek, Colorado. She also had a baby that died of Pneumonia. She later married William Roy Morris, a mining engineer, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sometime later the two of them moved to Boise, Idaho. She was a beautiful woman 5' 4-5" with dark eyes. She was musical, played the steel guitar and also did beautiful handiwork. She died at age sixty-one and is buried in Boise Idaho.

In a letter to Samuel LeVan from his daughter Lynda, dated June 21, 1937 (Lynda was living with Charity in Boise while she went to school), exactly as written:

Dearest Daddy: Will write a few lines as we buried Aunty Chat yesterday. You mustn't take it hard daddy as God knows best. It seems cruel but, someday will all understand. She died Friday morning didn't seem to be sick went upstairs to the bathroom about half hour Clara walked into the bedroom and she was gone. They had three doctors and called the fire dept. pulameter, but it was too late. Had a lovely funeral. The LDS conducted it. She looked so peaceful and so young. And loads of beautiful flowers. They buried her in Morris Hill Cemetery. The finest in Boise. Uncle Roy and kids all took it hard. I was the only relative here. So brace up daddy and don't take it hard as she wouldn't want you to.

Charity's Obituary, exactly as written (Boise Idaho newspaper):

Mrs. Charity Hershberger Morris died Friday at the family home, 412 North Second Street. Mrs. Morris was born in Iowa January 2, 1876 and for the past 28 years had resided in Boise. She was a member of the Methodist church. She is survived by her husband, William R. Morris; five children, Robert, Raymond, Clara, Emma and William R. Morris Jr.; all of Boise: one brother, Samuel L. Hershberger of Buhl and a niece, Mrs. Ella Brennahan, wife of Leo N. Breanahan of Boise. The body is at the Summers Funeral home and the funeral arrangements will be announced.



Bob, Charity, Bill, Ray, Clara, Roy,  
Emma Morris



Charity and William Roy  
Morris



Charity and her  
handicrafts



Charity



William Roy Morris



Bill Jr, Charity

## The Descendants of John Shirk Hershberger

**431. John Shirk<sup>1</sup> HERSHBERGER** was born 5 August 1840 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania<sup>1</sup>. He was the son of Jacob Keller HERSHBERGER and Susanna SHIRK. John died 23 January 1922 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado, at the age of 81<sup>2,3,4</sup>, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Salida, Chaffee, Colorado. He married **Emma LEVAN** 17 October 1869 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa<sup>5</sup>. (See Chapter 24)

They had 3 children:

- + 501. M i. **Samuel LeVan HERSHBERGER**, born 7 November 1870, died 7 June 1963.
- + 502. M ii. **Wilbur Fisk HERSHBERGER**, born 6 August 1874, died 21 November 1936.
- + 503. F iii. **Charity HERSHBERGER**, born 12 January 1876, died 18 June 1937.

**502. Wilbur Fisk<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER** (431.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 6 August 1874 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa. Wilbur died 21 November 1936 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado, at the age of 62, and was buried in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado. He married **Birdie Luella MOFFAT** 15 May 1902 in Cripple Creek, Teller, Colorado; they divorced<sup>6</sup>. She was born 12 March 1884 in Buena Vista, Chaffee, Colorado. She was the daughter of Robert MOFFAT and Anna. Birdie died after 1974.

They had 2 children:

- + 504. M i. **John Earl HERSHBERGER**, born 15 July 1903, died February 1984.
- 505. F ii. **Irene HERSHBERGER**, born 29 October 1904 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado. She married **Virgil EDWARDS** about 1922 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado. Irene died 25 April 1980 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado, at the age of 75.

Birdie also married (2) Orren GOODENOUGH 12 September 1963 in Colorado. Orren died 2 September 1963 in Colorado.

**504. John Earl<sup>3</sup> HERSHBERGER** (502.Wilbur<sup>2</sup>, 431.John<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 July 1903 in Cripple Creek, Teller Co, Colorado. John died February 1984 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado, at the age of 80<sup>7</sup>. He married **Ellen Elizabeth THOMAS** 29 October 1935 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado. She was born 7 August 1907 in Nedderland, Colorado. She was the daughter of Charles Henry THOMAS and Katharine CARROL. Ellen died 27 September 1996 in Salida, Teller, Colorado, at the age of 89<sup>8</sup>.

John had 2 stepchildren:

- + 506. F i. **Wilda WILSON**,
- + 507. F ii. **Cena WILSON**,

Ellen also married (1) Earl WILSON 1926 in Colorado.



Birdie Moffat  
1973



John Hershberger and  
wife Ellen

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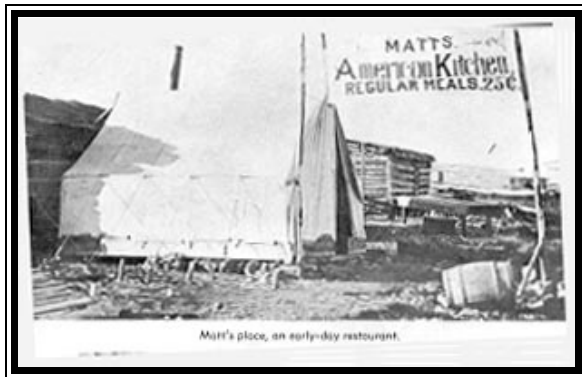
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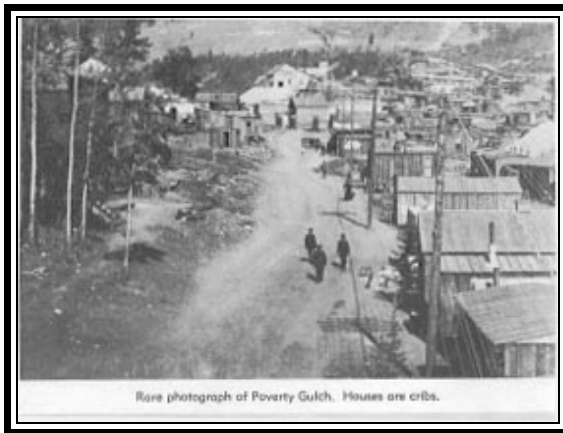
1. Hershberger Family Bible.
2. Death Certificate State of Colorado. Copy in my possession.
3. Obit from Salida Newspaper. Copy in my possession.
4. Tombstone from Salida Colorado.
5. Marriage Certificate of Iowa.
6. Marriage Certificate from Teller County Colorado.
7. Social Security Death Index.
8. Cena Troutman of Salida Colorado.



Early Cripple Creek



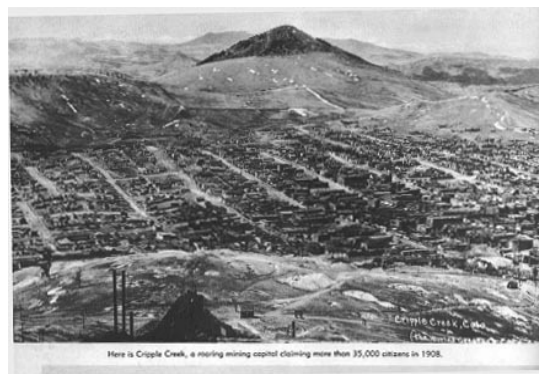
View of hillside of mines of Cripple Creek



View of Poverty Gulch, houses and cribs in Cripple Creek



View of Cripple Creek after the fire



About 1908, Pikes Peak in background

## Chapter 9

### Samuel LeVan Hershberger 1870-1963



I have decided to use Samuel LeVan Hershberger's own words for this part of the history. I can think of no better way to write his life story than to use his own words to describe his life. Actually, he wrote his history several times throughout his life. I've included pages from several of these histories that tell different stories, so it doesn't all roll together smoothly. Also they are just copies of the originals, made years ago, and are not necessarily the best copies, the originals were in the possession of Lynda Warren.

M.S.S

Subject From youth to old age.

In youth your mind is for a bright future, for later age the future slips  
fade as time & tide goes on.

I was born in Iowa Nov 7th 1870 on a  
farm, which my father owned near  
Baldwin, I attended school there  
here is where my experience in farm  
work began as a boy, in raising hogs  
& cattle, I learned to walk behind a  
plow, also to plant corn and to  
finish the corn when up too high  
also before school hours my  
brother had 14 cows to milk and  
several other chores.

My mother took our own bread  
with care of the milk & churning of  
milk for butter  
my father took care of his stock in  
feeding them, also looked after the  
hogs that he was feeding for sale  
about 1/2 min also a half a dozen  
would be butchered for winter food  
all that meat was smoked in a smoke  
house the fat rendered out for lard  
the cracklins made into soap for  
our winter use, the soap was made  
by putting our stove ashes into a box  
of paper tins, with a small  
drough at the bottom for the drip from  
the ashes into a bucket, water was  
poured on the ashes this drip was  
called lye in making the soap

(2)  
 our 5 acres of orchard furnished  
 our Apples, our drinkin' cider, our  
 maza for winter, our fire place  
 furnished plenty of heat with a  
 Wood shed full of heat with a  
 Maple & Oak, I sawed wood of  
 also a fine place for us & our  
 neighbors children to congregate  
 evenings in the winter to congregate  
 Crack Wall & Hickory nuts to eat Pop corn  
 Iron plenty in the timber which  
 Our school days was a happy time  
 our main books was a happy time  
 & Rays Arithmetic was Maguttys Teachers  
 Spelling Schrolls, We attended  
 traveled in winter, Fitzbary debates  
 In Summer in Carriages & sleds  
 and some drove teams & wagons,  
 Corn was 30¢ a bushel of Oats,  
 75¢ Eggs 20¢ a dozen flour 50¢ a bushel  
 of overhauled \$100, a pair  
 you could buy a good Milch Cow for  
 \$200 Wages for a good farm hand  
 was generally by years contract  
 from \$100 to \$180 a month board  
 & washing.

(3)  
 After my days in the farm  
 my father sold out & moved to  
 Western Iowa. I am now eleven  
 years old we settled on the Boyer  
 River in Crawford, Co. on a farm  
 my father bought known as the  
 Remstrong farm, this was then  
 being settled up by farmers from  
 east of the Missouri River land  
 was selling at \$2.50 per acre look  
 of well grass land covered with  
 wild prairie chickens,  
 My father went into the buying  
 & fledging cattle, during this period  
 of five years he went broke, took  
 the auction laws, then took the best  
 team he had and started for  
 the West in 1874 landed for  
 home stand in Western Kansas a  
 known as Thomas, a near a new  
 town called Colby near a new  
 Buffalo grass hot winds & blizzard  
 in winter, he filed a home ahead  
 right-billed a good house,  
 and returned back to Iowa,  
 The location down to Iowa  
 Bank in Denison, Iowa after the  
 \$100 thousand dollar purchase



(17)  
 A Bliggard struck us the cattle  
 was all kind inside of the walls as we  
 was just being ready to put a corn  
 fodder hay on over 2x6 stringers  
 over the top the shed filled up and the  
 cows & horses went with the Bliggard  
 so the misfortune was our loss.  
 All stock began to death that winter  
 for people who had no shelter.  
 Our money was growing short  
 and a big flour & sugar & lard  
 of the and 3/4 pile of cow stripes back  
 meat was to winter on beef  
 The Antelope the same as Jack Rabbit  
 Also the Buffalo were very scarce  
 skulls laid along the Buffle  
 Wall over,  
 so as 1857 - my father got a team  
 on time pay ment.  
 so my plow along trying to raise  
 a crop far food, our corn does  
 bear than the previous year  
 our garden got to make water  
 potatoes all went to waste

(18)  
 Early in the Spring in arrival my father  
 his horse sleds flying in 160 acres we got  
 up a small and horse to land. Also  
 had to have water for family use & for  
 our stock, as my brother had to drive  
 my cattle some miles to a Creek called  
 Rappah Creek, in Thomas, Co. Kansas,  
 My father got a man who had just  
 come in to County with a drilling  
 out fit he came & starting to drill  
 & got down 150 feet and the Auger  
 quick sand and lost the Auger  
 so had to give up the well, so he  
 hired a horse who dug wells  
 at a man came for to get out  
 up a Trip. out. with a rope & pulley.  
 I used a horse he had to pull into  
 dirt from the well this man dug the  
 well to the Auger which we got out  
 more struck sheet water which  
 never went dry, we had to get crifling  
 two by six & 8x10 feet to put in  
 the well for his protection. we hauled  
 our domestic water from Rappah creek  
 before we got our well dug.  
 From this experience, we managed to  
 live, through the drought struck in hot  
 winds, & Bliggards of Western Kansas  
 one blessing of meat was the Kansas  
 Jack Rabbit & Cow chips,  
 During the few long years we lived  
 in Kansas, the west part of Kansas  
 became settled up homesteads  
 and the Rock Island R.R. came into

ss. In the spring of 1872 all  
 mining property he located  
 was located in my name.  
 All in the Cripple Mining district  
 The Miami Placer 20 acres  
 An interest in Pikes Peak Placer  
 The Bell of the Valley Placer  
 Near the West 15 acres of the  
 City of Cripple Creek.  
 The Colby Placer now known  
 as the Newman Addition to  
 Tripole Creek.  
 The Golden Eagle Mining Claim  
 The Copper Regd Mining Claim  
 The Miama Placer Claim was  
 named after my mother  
 Emma Hershberger  
 on this ground some \$50,000  
 was taken out by men  
 with hand Rockers who  
 we leased to on 10% Royalty  
 The Bell of the Valley Placer  
 we sold for around \$25,000  
 The Newman Addition to  
 Cripple Creek sold to  
 Walter Newman for around  
 \$10,000

Our family lost in 1855 our mother  
 died and was buried in a lonely  
 spot near Colby Kansas  
 which broke our family up my  
 sister went to my uncles in Iowa  
 My brother to Minnesota my  
 My father mortgaged his  
 Homestead for \$7000 being a  
 Civil War Veteran to had got his  
 discharge from the Government  
 who paid all his debts and in  
 1891 a report of a Gold Strike  
 by Robert Womack, By a cow  
 at Cripple Creek, now known  
 Iowa, My father had went to  
 for Colorado to the Kansas  
 Gold strike mortgaging me in Iowa  
 he struck Placer gold at the  
 foot of Miama place, in which  
 the Miama place, in which  
 he just \$1000 taken out was  
 shipped to E.E. Burlington in Denver  
 Co from the Cripple Creek Mining Dist  
 of 91 the year of reported strike in Iowa  
 he had staked me in on his Placer  
 + Wood claims ~~at Cripple Creek~~  
 E Spear Co Colorado ~~at Cripple Creek~~  
 with Cripple Creek the County seat

In 1897 my father moved  
 camp of Cripple Creek to a  
 mining rush called Whitehorn  
 in Chaffee Co. and located the  
 Hershberger Tunnel in my name  
 Later we incorporated  
 through our Iowa bunch of men  
 called the M. H. Gold Mining Co.  
 This Tunnel was done for a  
 at a cost of \$38,000 with  
 Geo. Taylor air drills we was  
 headed for Cameron Mt. under  
 the surface showed fine  
 prospects of Gold values  
 finally the Company run  
 out of money and could not  
 sell any more stock closed  
 down so we received nothing  
 in this venture.  
 Whitehorn finally blowed up  
 with its 9 or 10 shafts and  
 contained a wild bunch  
 of some 50 murders, a County  
 Election Election my Deputy  
 Sheriff of Whitehorn I  
 refused to serve, for reason  
 I would be killed or they  
 kill some body or toward  
 my job is a tough go getter

Samuel LeVan met and married his wife, Fannie Francis McIntosh in Cripple Creek, Colorado.



**Figure 95** Fannie  
 McIntosh



**Figure 93** Fannie and Samuel



**Figure 96** Fannie and  
 Samuel about 1950's

When I became older and became interested in the hobby of gold mining, my heart was again turned to Samuel as I searched out his mining claims. I admire his tenacity in following his dream all those years, in the search for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Although I know from talking with others that this dream put a lot of hardship on family members. My Dad would talk about his early years in Salmon, Idaho, when his mother was left to keep the family together as his dad climbed yet another mountain.

Yet through all of this they were a very close and loving family.

Letter to John Samuel from his sister Edyth in 1945, exactly as written:

Well, Sam I hope time passes fast and I hope God will bring you back to us as I know Mom and Dad are just waiting for the day, so are the rest of us. You know Sam we all love one another and we would fight to the last minute for each other.

In a letter from Fannie's stepsister, Mina, exactly as written:

Sister Fannie always had a nice garden and worked so hard. I always liked to be with her and the good eats, boiled dinners. Were down and almost out but always had eats. Samy was a handsome baby. All Fannies's children had lovely curly heads.

In a letter dated June 16, 1937 from Fannie, his wife, exactly as written:

Ben comes down every night to see if I am alright. Ben says he couldn't chop wood with the broken axe you left here so he will bring his ax down and chop me some. Loving you Mother

Grandma always signed her letters with the word Mispah, I do not know why or what it means.

As I came upon old letters and mining claims I realized that Samuel was a respected person in his field. A man by the name of F. L. Ream backed a lot of his claims. I think his knowledge was respected as his name also appeared on other people's claims.

I have tried to follow in his footsteps to the many places that his dream took him. From the ghost town of Cripple Creek, Colorado to the dry desert of Nevada, I visualized him with the pick upon his back. His claims lay abandoned, some worthwhile, others just a hole in the ground.

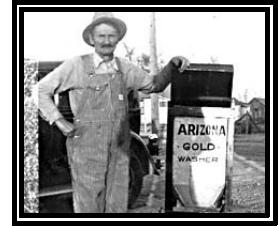
Most of the Cripple Creek claims lay on the opposite side of the town where the big mines were located. A sign of his misfortune? Although from stories, I think they made a lot of money but it just got spent on another claim until they had enough claims that didn't work and the fortune was used up. Most of the claims were in John, Sam, and Wilbur's names. (Read more about this in Samuel's history.)

In one of his diaries of 1941, exactly as written:

Me & F. L. Ream of Salida Colo spent \$12,000 on a lease on Gold Hill in Cripple Creek mng district. We had assays as \$3000 done 200 ft of development but failed to tap the main ore shoot so abandoned the leases. We made about \$75,000 in our deals but lost it in 3 years in reactionery investments, as happens in mining booms of early days.



Written on bac "Cabin in West Cripple Creek 1891. First cabin built by John and Sam Hershberger known as the Colby Placer named after Colby, Kansas. Sam is 3<sup>rd</sup> from left



**Figure 97** Samuel with mining equipment



**Figure 99** Left to Right– Harry Road, (Fannie's step brother), Fannie, Samuel, Kate, John and Ben. Notice the geraniums growing in the window



They went from Cripple Creek to Whitehorn where they dug the Hershberger tunnel. The tunnel was made to try to find a gold vein. The first vein was found at 300 feet but the big vein was never found. "Tunnel bore at a cost of \$32,000 promoted by C.F. Miller with eastern captial. We did not strike it so this failed."

Samuel's diary entry, exactly as written:

December 1 1903: The works of the Hershberger started 1 whissle blown on property of the MK Gold Mng Co on Cameron Mountain. 1<sup>st</sup> whissle in Cameron District.

Received of MKGMC Co \$81 for labor in said co tunnel as a miner for the month of Sept 1903

Samuel's brother, Wilbur sold 1000 shares of his stock in the mine and made his father, John mad. Some English and German investors got \$300 a piece out of it. The hole is still there but has collapsed. Wilbur's son John took me there, years ago, I would love to go back and spend more time, as this is also the place where John Shirk Hershberger spent his latter years. John told me that Sam was a good blacksmith and that John learned to weld from him.

They lived a while in Salida where John Samuel was born. They lost two children there, one source says from Typhoid Fever when they drank out of a well. Another source said Mina died from scarlet fever.



Hershberger Tunnel, Picture was in Grandpa's scrapbook



House in Salida



John, Samuel, Fannie, Kate, Ben, Elmyra, Mina. Enlarged view of them in front of house

In 1911 they left Salida and went by wagon to Idaho. I assume because of the mining. The following is a few pages that exist of a diary written on a small notebook that Fannie kept of their journey, exactly as written. I only have a copy of it, the original was in the possession of Lynda Warren:

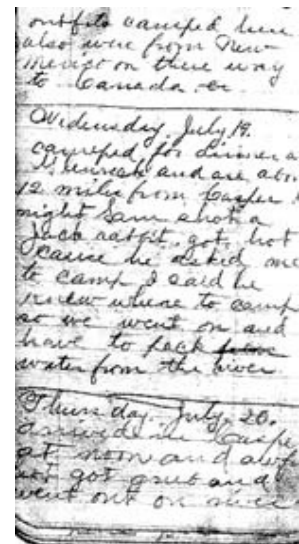
[no date on this first page] one would never be liver grown if they ride over some of these Wyoming roads.

July 16 Sunday: I wanted to rest on Sundays but the boys wanted to go on so we got to the Elkhorn Creek and are about 20 miles from Douglas boys caught 20 fishes.

Monday July 17: Arrived at Douglas and camped on the river. Sam & I went up town. It is a regular cattle town and looks tough to me.

Tuesday July 18: got a bill of grub and left Douglas went through or by old fort Fetterman were a big Indian fight was fought. Went about 18 miles and boys caught fish for supper.

Wednesday July 19: camped for dinner at Glenrock and are about 123 miles from



outfit camped here also were from New Mexico on there way to Canada or

Casper tonight Sam shot a jack rabbit. Got hot cause he asked me to camp I said he knew where to camp so we went on have to pack water from the river.

Thursday July 20: arrived in Casper at noon and awful hot got grub and went out on river to camp. Going to rest the team a couple of days.

Friday July 21: done a big washing today and baking bread on the other campers stove. boy have caught a fine mess of fish. guess we will stay one day more here yet. I have not went up town yet but if it isn't any better than Douglas I won't miss much.

Sat. July 22: Sam, Kate and I went to town and walked sand ankle deep. Casper is quite a town went into a hardware store my how that merchant went on against the unions. I bet he is a hard one to deal with lots of work here and money and lots of fighting big oil strike out 15 mi from town and are piping it into town also a abestos mine out from town. had a goverment inspector after the horses to inspect them. 50 cents a piece. Ben caught a big pike killed a big snake at our camp. Ironed and gave the children a bath.

Sunday July 28: We went about 18 mi today and camped early to have water boys shot 8 rabbits wind blew and was cold. Sam got supper.

Monday July 24: started early and made 25 miles to Powder River awful poor water and 60 miles to Shoshoni. Made Hamburg from Rabbits and it was fine.

Tuesday July 25: got to Poison Creek and camped with two men from Canada advised us not to go to Canada unless to raise stock.

Wednesday: camped just out of Powder River but water is awful.

Thursday July 27: got to Shoshoni and went out ½ mi to camp. met Neut Campbell my he is a monster weighs over 300. [He is Fannie's step-sister Mina's first husband]

Friday July 28: Arrived at Mina's thought we would surprise them but not they were looking for us. Riverton was a nice place and Dick has surely got a fine garden.

Sat. July 29: Washed and ironed some. [not sure this is same date as it starts on next page with no date, but is followed by Aug 14. So big gap in date] is a Mormon town but they are good hearted one woman gave us milk and a mess of potatoes.

Monday Aug 14: Started about 8 o'clock to get to Ashton. Got to town about 10 o'clock. It quite a town. done our trading with a fellow by the name of Jake Harshberger had to have the horse Jim shod on both his front feet. cost us one dollar. had a fearful headache. Drove out 3 miles to camp on river this is a fine grain country and groceries a real cheap flour is \$2.15 a hundred.

Tuesday Aug 15: Left about 8:30. went as far as Spring Creek and camped at 2:30.

Wednesday Aug 16: started early and got on wrong road went about 8 miles out of our way. got back on right road and camped a mile beyond Sand Creek.

Thursday Aug 17: travelled till 2 o'clock to get a cross a stretch of 15 miles to water over a lava road and mightly rough went on 6 miles to camp on Camas Creek boys got 3 sage hens.

Friday Aug 18: got about 3/4 mi out from Spencer and camped. boys went hunting but got nothing.

Sat. Aug 19: went on into Spencer got grub and went 16 mi to the Medicine Lodge Creek. Ben left shot gun Harry walked back after it. [Harry was Fannie's step brother and he evidently traveled with them] met some campers from Montanna mining there told us to follow them to Creek went on in and they were nice people. had us turn our horses into their hay stack till Monday a.m. and gave us vegetables.

Sunday Aug 20: layed over today to rest horse. Greens and Palmers are fine people.

Monday Aug 21: Left Medicine Lodge Creek. Greens gave us a sack of potatoes and turnips. Sam gave him \$2 for the horses feed. camped on hot water creek for dinner Harry went in to buy hay for horses and the old lady asked him why in hell didn't he put his horses in the barn like other people. camped at Reno's ranch.

Tuesday Aug 22: travelled 28 mi and camped on birch creek. boys caught fish for supper. Ben asked little girl what kind of fish they were she told liver bulls. Ben laughed like mad an old freighter wanted to trade us out of old Dick.

Wed. Aug 23: Went on up Birch Creek and camped about ten o'clock on Creek so I could wash as all clothes are dirty washed and bathed the three children. Sam got a fine mess of fish and Harry to a sage hen. Wind came up in afternoon and was cold.

Thurs. Aug 24: Started and got into Gilmore about 3 o'clock a small mining town but good ore.

Friday Aug 25: Laid around all day. Sam and Harry went up to mines on hill

Sat Aug 26: Washed and Baked Bread and went up town. Sam got a sign to paint for the Butcher for \$ 6.00 too cheap.

Sun. Aug 27: Laid around all day and read felt worse than if I had worked. Sam about finished his sign and it looks fine for rough lumber was all he could get.

Mon. Aug 28: Sam finished his sign and put it up washed and bathed the children.

Tuesday Aug 28: left Gilmore and got into Leadore but it is very quiet here. went out on creek and camped. was lucky to find lot of hay along the road.

Wednesday Aug 30: Sam went to town to see if there is any show for work. Harry and Ben went after grub. Kate and Baby was sick last night. [baby was John Samuel] We have decided to go back to Boise, Idaho.

Thurs. Aug 31: started back to Gilmore and arrived about 5 o'clock camped about a mile below town.

Friday Sept 1: boys went to see if they could get work but didn't. moved up on hill in trees where it is cool.

Sat Sept 2: Washed and baked bread it is cold and looks like rain. Ben & Sam went prospecting. Harry went to mine told him to come back again.

Sun. Sept 3: Still here and 2 months today since we left Denver. Kate is sick again. patched stocking and it rained all afternoon. We all looked like frozen monkeys.

Monday Sept 4: Labor Day. big celebration at Leadore but not many went down from here. I guess they would rather get drunk. We decided to go down to Boise although I think Sam wants to stay here. but it is to high I think. Washed some and went to town. Sam and I walked up on the hill in evening. Mrs. Fisher and a neighbor lady were over a few minutes.

Tuesday Sept 5: Are sitting here in the rain waiting for Sam to get the horse shod. guess we won't get started today. The blacksmith is as slow as seven year itch.

Wed. Sept 6: left Gilmore cold and rainy arrived at Birch Creek and raining tonight.

Thursday Sept 7: Well we have located a place at last on Birch Creek and have quite a good prospect 160 acres and \$35 to start on. but where theres a will there is a way.

Setp 8: Boys went to Nicolia to see game warden. [end of diary]

As far as I know Sam took up farming only once in his life, and that was in Birch Creek, Idaho. Which is located between Idaho Falls and Salmon, Idaho, it wasn't really a town, just a creek, a pretty little place. He took out a homestead on December 21, 1911, which consisted of 360 acres next to the Barzee family. They turned out to be Grandpa's downfall, because Barzee had the water rights to the land. Though some legal battle he wasn't able to keep the homestead and he ended up selling out for \$1,400. Obviously farming did not take up all his time as he and Ben worked in a lot of the mines in the Nicola, Idaho area.

Samuel's diary states:

January 2, 1912: Summons served on me at Gilmore Ida on Birch Creek Litigation Reno Vs all People on said creek as to water supply.

October 5, 1912: Finished my log house on Birch Creek 24x20.

December 7, 1912: Went to work at Mackey Idaho in the mines, got hurt in January, went to the Daisy Black Mine in Feb 7 1913 worked 42 shifts and came home with team. I made from Oct 1, 1911 up to August 31, 1912 mining shifts \$250.00 after paying board.

May, 1913: Ben got permit to stay out of school and help me till July 1<sup>st</sup> 1913. Put in garden on Birch Creek.

December 25, 1913: My family and children and Harry [Roads] was home at our Ranch on Birch Creek in Lehim Co State of Idaho. Had a good xmas Dinner 6 ducks and other delicacies.

March, 1914: Fred & Harry [Roads] came back from Salmon City. Fred helped me put in 10 acres grain on Birch Creek.

April 11, 1914: Dance on Birch Creek got paid \$5 for playing.

May 20, 1914: Assessor at my place, assessed one horse \$100, cow \$40, calf \$15, buggy \$10, wagon \$15, assessed valuation and poor tax amounted to \$6.56.

May, 1917: Sold my cows to Barzees \$120.00





Two things I remember the most about Samuel, was his fiddle playing and his painting. He loved to paint and a few of his paintings survived. He would do a lot of sign painting to earn money. I loved to hear him play the fiddle except when he wanted me to accompanying him on the piano. He would sing along with his fiddle, one of the songs being, 'I had a little pony, his name was dapple grey'. He used to play a lot for the dances when he was younger.

In a newspaper article in the *Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho April 10, 1962:

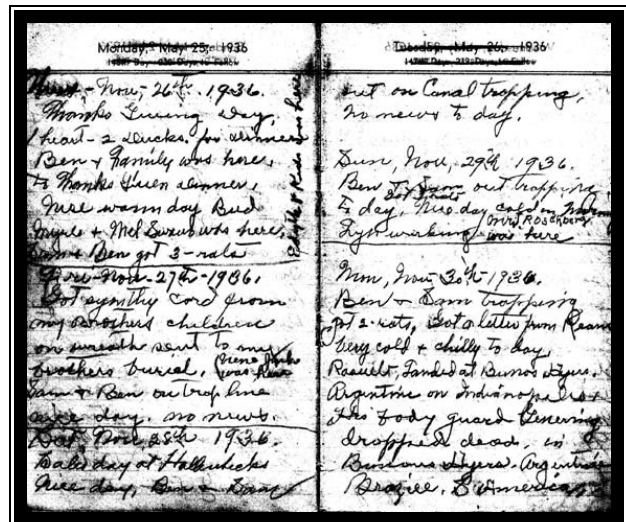
**OLD STRADIVARIUS GOOD FOR SOME LIVELY TUNES**

Samuel L. Hershberger, still plays some lively tunes on his Stradivarius violin, an instrument he picked up in a second hand store about fifteen years ago for \$10. He said it was "all to pieces," but he could discern the make and knew he could repair it. It is the seventh violin that he has owned. His mother was a musician and taught him the fundamentals of the violin, but his father said, "I never saw a fiddler that amounted to anything," so Sam had to do his practicing in the barn. Sam played for old-time dances at Cripple Creek and tells of one occasion when opposing factions were feuding' but trouble was averted by drawing a chalk line down the center of the hall. With each group keeping on their side of the line, dancing continued until morning. Sam learned sign painting by watching men of that trade. Having a natural talent for painting, he has done some landscapes. At one time he sent \$40 for a correspondence course in cartooning, only to have the sponsors go out of business. He reads large print without glasses, and he went big game hunting last fall. Only two of the nine children survive, a son John, living in Twin Falls, and Mrs. Warren. He has 17 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. The rolling stone adage is applicable in Sam's case but he has had a colored and varied life. He is writing his memoirs. It should be accurate as, he has kept a diary. As the Chinese proverb says, "The palest ink is better than the most retentive memory."

He was always interested in the public affair and always knew what was going on in the world. This was especially true in a couple of Samuel's diaries, dated in the 1940's that my Dad had. One can get a blow by blow account of the happening of World War II by reading them.

Samuel's diary entry June 4, 1945, exactly as written:

The Japs report they will send suicide balloons into the U.S. soon one already fell in U.S. no jap with it so far. The great complication now with all the trouble is to ajust all nations to a peace settlement, also to whip Japan. This old world is surly in one hell of a deal on all factions and fronts.



Much sorrow accompanied Samuel and Fannie's life, especially in rearing their children. Of the nine children born to them only two survived to old age. My Dad John Samuel, and his younger sister Lynda. Those that did not die young, did not live to see their children grown.

From a letter Grandpa wrote to my Dad in 1945, exactly as written:

Everybody now has loots of trouble wherever you look.  
And what is to be no body can help, and when you return  
this old world will go on just the same. As we Pilgrims  
journey down the dusty road of time to come to the cross  
roads of Eternity which all of us must travel.

Samuel and Fannie, lived across the alley from my family in his latter years in a house next to my Aunt Lynda's. When she moved to Irwin, Idaho they lived in her house. I was able to spend a lot of time with them. I remember he walked to town a lot and all the old timers knew him. He would walk to town to get his Social Security check and when he came home he had candy for all the grandchildren. It would always be orange marshmallow peanuts and orange slices. It fascinated me that he could eat peas off of his knife. After Fannie died in 1955 he eventually moved up to Irwin with Aunt Lynda and I missed him. He died of cancer of the abdomen while I was on my honeymoon. His last words to me before we left were that he wished he could have a shivery for me. I miss him and am glad I was able to dedicate this book to him.

From the thoughts of other family members:

Connie Jacobson says: Grandpa was a very stanch man, always checking on the news and the business of the world. He wrote in a diary every day on happenings of the world and family until his death. He was a kind person, a miner and lived his religion. My memory of Grandma and Grandpa is when I was sixteen years old and lived with them to take care of them and go to school in Twin Falls. It was great experience and I will treasure those years forever.

Darlene Murphy says: I sent a good share of my time with Grandma and Grandpa before my mother died when I was twelve. Grandma would take me to the Methodist church on Sunday. We would walk at least two miles each way. She bought my brother Don and I a Bible on our twelfth birthday. She made us learn the 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm, 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the Ten Commandments. Grandma would never play cards on Sunday. She would never let anyone sew on Sunday either. She said if we did we would have to pick the stitches out with our nose. She would take me to get groceries at Safeway. We would bring them home in a wagon, she would pull and I would push. She could take a pound of hamburger and feed nine or ten people with it. She would extend it with crackers, oatmeal or bread. So there was always enough. After she died Grandpa would buy stew meat and instead of cooking the meat first, he would dump everything together and cook them and the vegetables would be very well done. Grandpa liked to sit in an old chair out in the yard. He had an old cat that would sit by him and he would smoke his pipe and just think. He would often talk about Cripple Creek, Colorado and his mining days.

#### Grandpa's Motto:

My struggling soul may never win the prize it covets so  
I may not reach the gates of paradise, at sunset glow:  
But I have faith that in the ages blue at set of sun,  
I shall be judged by what I've tried to do,  
not what I've done.

Samuel LeVan Hershberger's Obituary :

Samuel LeVan Hershberger paid last honor. Grave side services for Samuel LeVan Hershberger 93 were held Monday afternoon at Sunset Memorial Park. The Rev. Wesley Skinner officiating. Pall Bearers were James McManigal, Roger Jacobson, Phillip Cullinan, Car Crooks, Donald Chadd, Duane Hankins.



**Figure 114** Probably taken in Birch Creek, Idaho. Kate, Ben holding John Samuel, Elmyra, Edyth



## Children of Samuel LeVan Hershberger

### **Benjamin**

Ben was a companion to his father, seems like he was always by his side. He was like a father to my Dad and my Dad always looked up to Ben. It about broke my Dad's heart when he couldn't come home from the war for Ben's funeral.

Ben lived his early married years in Twin Falls and then moved to Oregon for work in the pear orchards. The family was always excited when he came back to visit. He had major problems with his teeth and came back to Twin Falls to have them removed. One of Grandma's letters said the dentist took a chisel to get them out. I assume he had a major infection because he was so sick. All this did not help with the problems he was experiencing. It seems as if sometimes he had the weight of the world upon his shoulders. He loved his children very much and I know he would have never done anything to hurt them.

After their father's death, Carl and Jim lived in lived on ranches near Elkton, Oregon when attending school. They were good in sports and the this was a better opportunity for them. Albert served aboard an air craft carrier in the Pacific in World War II.

Newspaper article in 1952 (Grandpa had this stuck in one of his scrapbooks):

#### **CARL HERSHBERGER ADDS TO ATHLETIC LAURELS**

Deserving of special mention in the first round of Douglas County "b" League baseball play over the weekend was the stellar performance of Carl Hershberger. Adding to his laurels as a all around athlete from Elkton High School. Hershberger pitched his Elks to a 4-2 victory at Glendale Friday. Besides allowing only six hits, the senior hurler gave up his first walk in 14 innings of pitching. But more important he won his own game with two home runs. The only such performance in the county this years.

Carl joined the air force for four years and then moved down to Blue Lake California where his Mom, sister Elsie and brothers Albert and Jim were living. Their Mom had a restaurant in Blue Lake.

After Ben's death. Grandpa and Grandma tried to keep in contact over the years with this family, but contact was lost. What a great lost to not have known these cousins. Ben's children and grandchildren have dispersed across the nation and contact has been lost with daughter Elsie. In the last few years I have been able to make contact with this family again and even to visit with Ben's sons Jim and Carl. What a delightful family they are and we had a great visit. I saw some pictures of Grandma and Grandpa that I had never seen before. Jim has since died.

Ben was drafted for World War I while they lived in Salmon Idaho. "My son Ben was in 1<sup>st</sup> world war in France, in Muse Aragome, he was in Co. B combating Engineer and mustered out at close of 1918."

Letter written Sept 9, 1942 from Talent Oregon, exactly as written:

Dear Father: I received your letter yesterday and as it is raining today, and we are hear in the house, will try and answer the same. This is the first rain here, since I came back here. Weill dad I will send you the sketch as that fellow told me, it may be there and it may not be. You go to Gungo and from there up to Humbaugh ranch you go up the creek from their ranch, there is supposed to be a old road leading up the right hand canyon to the old mine. Now Dad unless the man has money, I wouldn't go out there and waste your time. Take it easy and look on the bright side of life, it is very dark at its best. Well Etta is going to write to Mother and will tell you what little new there is here. So will close hoping all are well as we are here. Your Son Ben

Post Card from Ben to sister Lynda, November 9, 1944, exactly as written:

I received your letter today, bless your heart, sister. The parting of the ways has come. Tell my dear good mother and father good cheer. My heart is so heavy tonight I can hardly bear it. Please do not blame Etta. I love them all as I know you would. No one will hear from me till I have made a man of myself. Ben



Ben in World War I

Newspaper article January 2, 1945:

Funeral services for Benjamin F. Hershberger 48 former Twin Falls resident, his life ended at Medford Oregon will be held in that Oregon city on Wednesday. Hershberger was an overseas veteran of World War I and member of the American Legion at Medford have been requested by the Twin Falls Post of which he was a member to conduct the funeral. Before he left Twin Falls two years ago Hershberger made his home at 214 Van Buren Street. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hershberger 538 Fourth St. West.

Letter from Grandma to son Sam, 1945, exactly as written:

I just can't get over losing Ben. I knew when he was home for the 7 weeks he was not long for this world. He was so thin and full of poison. But he is at rest and with our loved ones. Albert is a fine boy, they say he is like you. Genevieve took care of Edyth children while Lynda and Edyth went up to Medford to bury him. Could not ship him costs was so much.



**Figure 116** Albert, Etta and Elsie



**Figure 118** Albert, Jim and Elsie



**Figure 117** John Samuel and brother Ben

## Elmyra

Elmyra lived in Salt Lake, Utah area while her husband, Ed worked in the U.S. Mine in Bingham Canyon. After Elmyra's death, the two children went to live with their Aunt May Cullinan, their dad's sister. Ed remarried and the children went back to live with their Dad and his new wife. When Ed died the children again, ended up with Aunt May and then finally being raised by grandparents, Samuel and Fannie Hershberger.

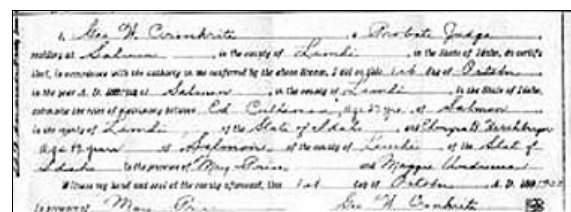
In letter from Lynda to her dad, dated June 21, 1937, when she was going to school in Boise:

Brother said Aunt May brought Bud and sister to Twin. Poor little devils. Maybe its best. So want to be home to help.

Samuel's Diary:

January 1, 1941: We are trying to raise and school 2 grand children of our daughter Myra Cullinan who both parents are dead. They both died in Utah.

Philip graduated from high school and was drafted July 1943. He was in the Air Force, served in Miami Florida studying to fly a bomber. In 1944 he got a certified disability discharge when an oxygen tank exploded and he



**Figure 119** Marriage License of Elmyra and Ed Cullinan



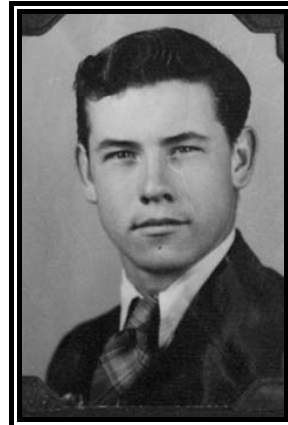
was injured. He kept the family supplied with fish, ducks, pheasants and deer. Leona work in the dime store and then married and raised her family in Twin Falls.

Letter from Grandma to her son, Sam, dated November 23, 1945, exactly as written:

Bud is fine fell yesterday and hurt his elbow had xray taken but not broken only water had run out and made it look bad. Will be off work a few days. He is sure changed and sure good to Dad & I. Bud still likes to hunt. Got 18 ducks yesterday. We have the meat boxes filled up and are saving venison steak for you.



**Figure 121** Leona



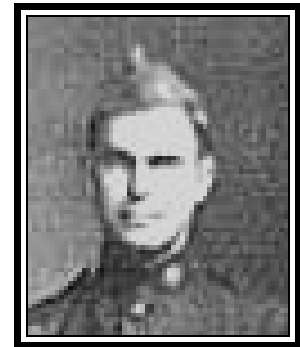
**Figure 122** Philip



**Figure 123** Elmyra and Brother Ben



**Figure 120** Elymra as a young woman



**Figure 124** Ed Cullinan in World War I

## Edyth

I can tell from her pictures that she must have been a person full of life but yet had such tragedies. Life was pretty rough for her in her first marriage. From a letter she wrote in Baker Oregon, no year, exactly as written:

Dear Folks: This is Friday night and I am so terrible lonsome excuse paper but I havent any so will write on the back of yours. Don and Darlene is up on chairs bothering me rubbing my face and saying mama mama. Hobert has been gone 5 nights. Sure miss him wish I had you folks near. I am trying to sew some little blocks together for the kids a quilt. I am sure glad Hobert is working I was out of ever thing. We have been getting our groceries at the relief. Hobert wouldn't let me tell this before so I am now. He said I could after he went to work. He is [?] So I have enough to run me till he sends me some money the 26 if he does I have never got the kids a bed yet but want to as soon as I can. Yes little Don still sleeps with me. Darlene does now.....(rest of letter is missing.)

Edyth pretty much raised her twins, Donald and Darlene by herself with the help of Grandma, after her first husband left them. She remarried John Terpo and after having another daughter, Judy she developed cancer of the ovaries. This was a hard time for the whole family as she spent a lot of time at the hospital in Bosie, Idaho. Edyth was such a pretty young woman and had finally found some happiness in her second marriage. With three great children to raise, it was a sorrow to have her leave this earthly life so early. Grandpa's diaries of 1945 tell of her suffering with cancer, but as always the family was there for her.



**Figure 125** Grandma with twins, Darlene and Donald



**Figure 126** Darlene, Donald, John, Judy and Edyth

Samuel's diary 1945, exactly as written:

Edith is about the same between life and death with cancer, she is at Lyndas. Her husband John Terpo had to sell his home to pay dr bills for \$2,000. Edith still frail and at Lyndas a possible chance of life yet. We live in hope for her anyway. Edith life is slowly ebing out May God prepare her way and for her little children, in a better world to come, may God provide her way. Amen Edith transfered to the Twin Falls Hospital in a very bad condition.

Edyth's Obituary, exactly as written:

Mrs. Edyth Terpo age 37, 283 Washington Street died at 8:30 AM Monday at Twin Falls Hospital. She was born January 17, 1908 at Salida Colorado. And has been a resident of Twin Falls since 1923 coming from Salmon Idaho. Survivors include her husband John Terpo, her parents Mr. And Mrs. Samuel Hershberger all of Twin Falls. Twin daughter and son by former marriage Donald and Darlene Chadd and a daughter Judy Kay Terpo all of Twin Falls and brother John Hershberger in the army, enroute home from the Phillipines and a sister Linda Warren of Twin Falls. The body rests at the White Mortuary pending Funeral Arrangements.

Letter from Grandma to son, Sam, dated November 23, 1945, exactly as written:

Well I will add a few lines as Dad is writing you. We are all pretty well worked up over the way the Red Cross has done in getting you home in fact they told us you were on your way home why we didn't write so you will

know how it is. I suppose Genevieve wrote you of Edyth passing away on the 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. We held her till the 5 of Nov thinking you would get .home don't feel bad son as she was ready to go. It was terrible to see her suffer so and Lynda was so brave and took care of her and gave hypos till the last few days. But she went easy son and we want you to bear up and remember her as she was. Just 9 months to the day that Ben died. John was wonderful through it all. Sold his home & paid everything. Laid her away as she wanted had a nice funeral wonderful Flowers. Lynda adopted Donald & Darlene and John pays her for taking of Judy.



Ben and Edyth



Edyth, Elmyra and John Samuel



Edyth



Edyth

**Lynda**

Aunt Lynn (as everyone called her) lived across the alley from me in my childhood and was an important part of my life. She was a great help in researching this book. She would let me go through all of Grandpa's papers and scrapbooks. I only wish I had more time to be with her and ask her questions. She is greatly missed by all.



Lynda as a girl on Elm Street



Lynda and her brother John Samuel



Lynda

She loved to retell the story about when I was a small child and ran away from home to her house. My Mom helped me pack my suitcase and I went across the alley. I think I stayed a week. Aunt Lynn loved to tell the story of how she worked me to death so I would want to go home. My Mom finally came and took me home.

Lynda used to pick vegetables and fruit when she was ten years old. She complained about her brother Sam sitting around while she worked. She went to the Wiszor Institute in Boise, Idaho and lived while she was there, with her Aunt Charity.

Her first husband was killed in World War II. She remarried Uncle Bob whom I grew up with. He was a welder by profession and they moved to Irwin, Idaho when the Palisade Dam was being built. They stayed there when the dam was finished and Lynda lived out her life there.

Letter to Grandpa from son-in-law Elmer (Bob, as he was called was her first husband), dated April 26 1944 from Camp Fanning, Texas, exactly as written:

No news here only nite problems and a hell of a lot of work. Sam I want to thank you until better paid for the work you are doing on the place I certainly appreciate it too. hear regular from Sam & Ben and I am pretty good shape only my back hurts yet from the fall I had. Well Sam no news hope to see you right soon and tell mother hello too. As Ever yours



Elmer Lightfoot



Newspaper article, 1944:

Pvt. Elmer E. Lightfoot, husband of Mrs. Lynda H. Lightfoot, 402 Jackson street, has been missing in Belgium since Sept. 6 according to telegram to his wife from the war department. There were no further details given.

Newspaper article, 1944:

Pvt. Elmer E. Lightfoot, previously reported missing was killed Sept. 6, 1944 in Belgium, according to a telegram received by his wife, Lynda Lightfoot. Lightfoot is survived by his wife, two children, Collean and Sharon; his mother, Mrs. Tessie Lightfoot; two sisters, Mrs. Alta Ritchie, all of the The Dalles, Ore; Mrs Leta Reynolds, Carlton, Ore; and a brother R. E. Lightfoot, Twin Falls.

Letter from a soldier that was Elmer's buddy, exactly as written:

Him and Elmer were taken prisoner. A guy that was standing by Bob [Elmer] started to run and they shot him and Bob. The soldier said Bob lived about 15 minutes. He tried to say something but couldn't.

Grandma said; "Lynn sure took it hard. She still had so much hope that Bob was coming back. She talks so despondent."

Elmer is buried in

Letter dated 1944 to Genevieve (Sam's wife), from Edyth, exactly as written:

I hope our dear brother and your husband will come back safe. I don't believe God would take two out of our family. Poor Lynda you know she loved Bob for what all she went through it is pitiful to be around her. His picture and his caps are where he hung them before he left.

Letter from Grandma to son, Sam (my dad's name was John Samuel but he was always called Sam), dated November 23, 1945:

We all like Lynda's [new] husband he worships Lynda getting along fine with the children Donald and Darlene are quite a help think she will have Judy too she is looking fine.



Lynda and Bob Warren



Lynda and daughters  
Connie and Sharon

From Lynda's daughter Connie Jacobson:

She was a very loving, unselfish and giving person. She spent most of her life raising children. She raised some of her brothers and sisters children and three of her own. She never had a life of her own, trying to keep the family together. She got coal off of the coal car and what was laying on the ground to have heat when it was cold and scraped up beans after they were thrashed at the bean house for soup. Picked chickens for fifteen cents a piece to earn a few dollars. Later in Life she baby sat all the little ones in Irwin Idaho and was known as 'Grandma Warren' to most.

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### The Descendants of Samuel LeVan Hershberger

**501. Samuel LeVan<sup>1</sup> HERSHBERGER<sup>1</sup>** was born 7 November 1870 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa<sup>2</sup>. He was the son of John Shirk HERSHBERGER and Emma LEVAN. Samuel died 7 June 1963 in Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the age of 92<sup>3</sup>, and was buried in Sunset Memorial, Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho. He married **Fannie Francis MCINTOSH** 18 December 1895 in Cripple Creek, Teller, Colorado. She was born 7 May 1876 in Clyde, Cloud, Kansas. She was the daughter of James MCINTOSH and Kate MCCREA. Fannie died 12 May 1955 in Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the age of 79, and was buried in Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho.

They had 9 children:

- + 547. M i. **Benjamin Frank HERSHBERGER**, born 8 October 1896, died 28 December 1944.
- 548. F ii. **Kate LeVan HERSHBERGER**, born 22 September 1898 in Cripple Creek, Teller, Colorado, died 9 November 1911 in Birch Creek, Lemhi, Idaho, at the age of 13, and was buried in Birch Creek, Idaho.
- 549. F iii. **Mina Gertrude HERSHBERGER**, born 27 June 1901 in Manoa, Chaffee, Colorado, died in childhood May 1910 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado, at the age of 8.
- + 550. F iv. **Elmyra Blanche HERSHBERGER**, born 22 November 1903, died 2 November 1928.
- 551. F v. **Leona Grace HERSHBERGER**, born 15 April 1905 in Manoa, Chaffee, Colorado, died in infancy 8 October 1906 in Manoa, Chaffee, Colorado.
- + 552. F vi. **Edyth Iola HERSHBERGER**, born 19 January 1907, died 29 October 1945.
- + 553. M vii. **John Samuel HERSHBERGER**, born 11 October 1910, died 29 October 1984.
- + 554. F viii. **Lynda Francis HERSHBERGER**, born 17 March 1915, died 23 March 1996.
- 555. M ix. **Charles LeVan HERSHBERGER**, born 24 April 1921 in Salmon, Lemhi, Idaho, died in infancy 24 April 1921 in Salmon, Lemhi, Idaho.

**547. Benjamin Frank<sup>2</sup> HERSHBERGER** (501.Samuel<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 October 1896 in Cripple Creek, Teller, Colorado. Benjamin died 28 December 1944 in Medford, Jackson, Oregon, at the age of 48<sup>4</sup>, and was buried in Siskiyou Memorial, Medford, Jackson, Oregon. He married **Marietta Rosena BLUME** ( Etta ) in Idaho. She was born 17 July 1908 in Challis, Custer, Idaho. She was the daughter of Albert BLUME and Mamie BOTTRUFT. Marietta died 7 December 1979 in Arcata, Humbolt, California, at the age of 71<sup>5</sup>, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Arcata, Humbolt, California.

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Samuel's Journeys



Samuel



Samuel, John Samuel and Ben



Samuel LeVan Hershberger



Grandkids, Leona holding Barbara, Philip holding Connie, Ben's children ?, Donald and Darlene



Fannie, Samuel, John Samuel, Lynda, Rodney (Fannie's brother), Fred Road, Harry Road



Edyth, John Sam, Fannie, Samuel, Ben, Lynda



Lynda, Etta, Edyth and Genevieve (John Samuel's wife)

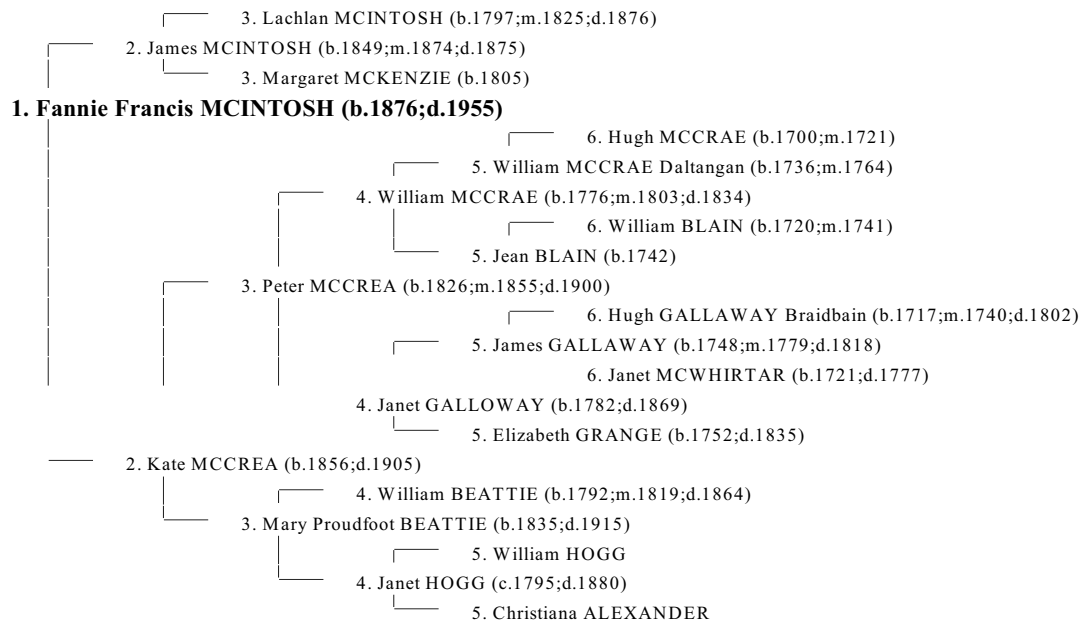


Grandpa, Wilbur, Lynda, Ben (don't know who he is holding), John Samuel. Front (unknown children probably Ben's), Grandma and Etta

**Endnotes for Chapter 9**

- 1.** Life story of Samuel LeVan Hershberger. copy in my possession.
- 2.** Life story of Samuel LeVan Hershberger. copy in my possession.
- 3.** Death certificate and tombstone in Twin Falls Idaho.
- 4.** Death Certificate of Oregon.
- 5.** Arcata, Humbolt, California. Tombstone Greenwood Cemetery.

## Fannie Francis McIntosh

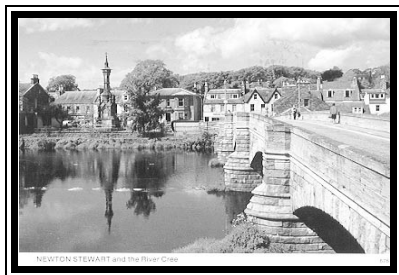


Because of the size of this book I have had to change my plans and not include the history and ancestry of Fannie Francis McIntosh Hershberger. I must save this chapter for another book as I have collected a large amount of information on the McCrea family.

Fannie's father James McIntosh died before Fannie was born. Her mother Kate then married a boarder of their named Frank Road. He was considerably older then Kate but was a loving father to all of the children they had. Frank's real name was Ableson and he was from Sweden. I have been able to trace his ancestry back into the 1600's but have no information about why Frank changed his name to Road (Roads) when he came into the United States.

I have tried to extend the McIntosh pedigree but with little success. Several years ago I was in contact with a direct descendant of this McIntosh family. She claimed to have boxes of information and she kept promising to share it with me but alas it never happened and I have been unable to make contact with her in the last few years. I assume she has died. One can only hope that these boxes of information have found their way into the hands of someone who cares. She did give me the two pictures I have of James and his sister.

Kate's maiden name was McCrea and I have researched this family back into Scotland in the early 1700's. It is spelt McCrae in Scottish records. Jim and I visited Scotland and even met a distance McCrea cousin. I have a special place in my heart for Scotland and I am sure it is because of this Scottish blood. We walked the cemeteries and visited the McCrea family home. Someday this story will be written.



Newton Stewart near the  
McCrea home



McCrea house in Minnigaff,  
Scotland. Present day version



Scottish Highlands where the McIntoshes lived. The hillsides are covered in heather in the summer



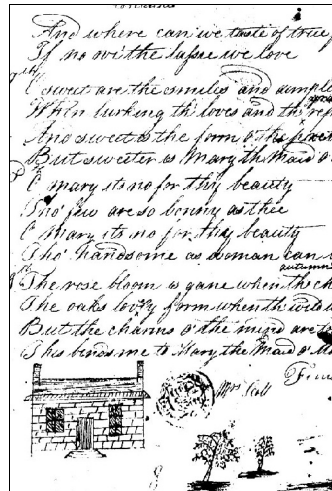
James and Louisa McIntosh. This picture is an old tintype in poor shape



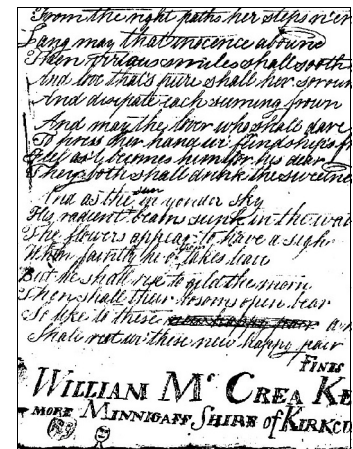
James McIntosh as a young man. This picture is painted on glass and the image is much worn



Figure 155 McCrea tombstones in Minnigaff Scotland



These two images are from a booklet of Scottish poems and ballads written by Peter's father William



The booklet was in the possession of Jack McCrea of Atlanta Georgia in 1985



Peter McCrea and children



Peter McCrea, Kate's father



Kate McCrea



Frank Road



**Chapter 11**

**John Samuel Hershberger 1910-1984**

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