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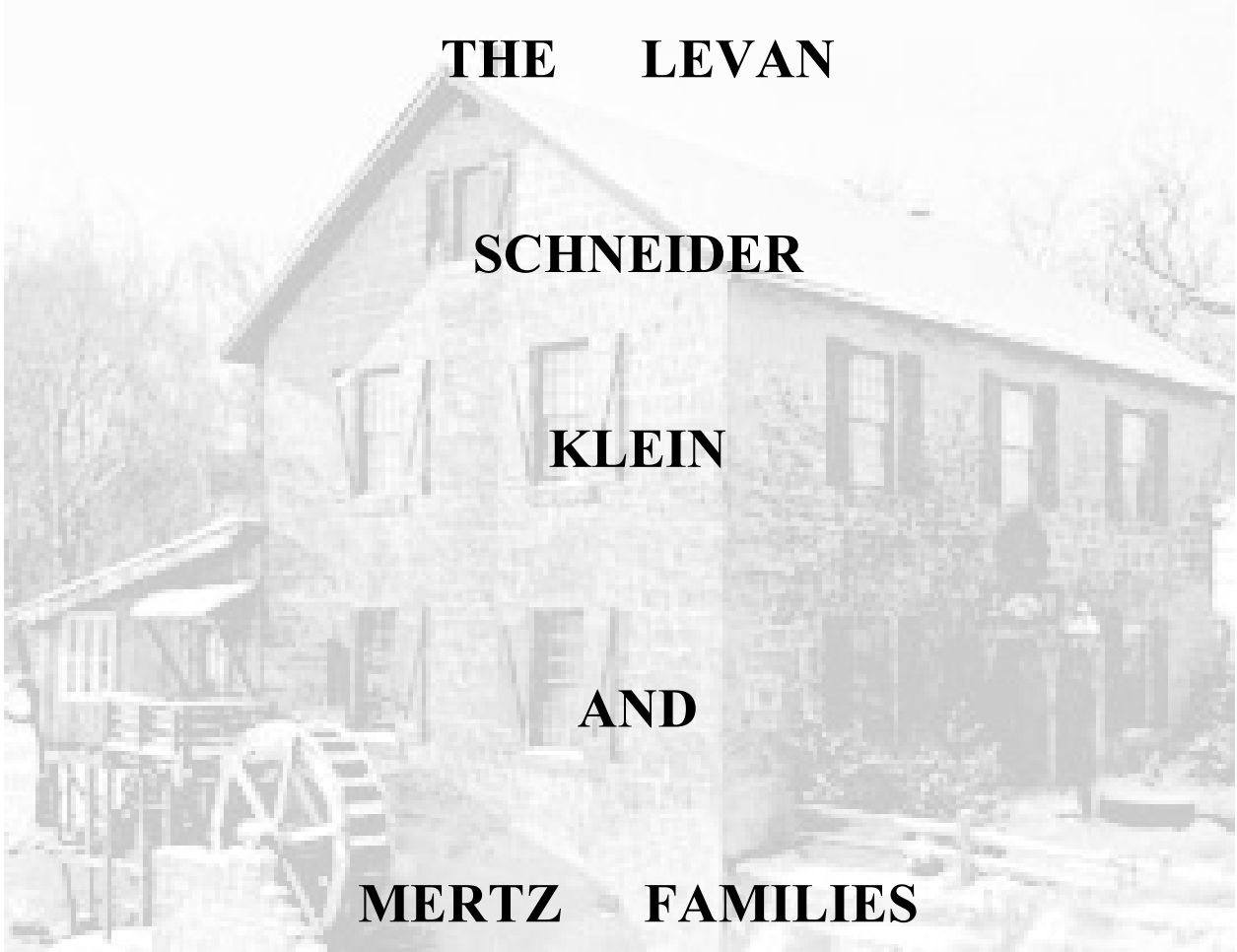
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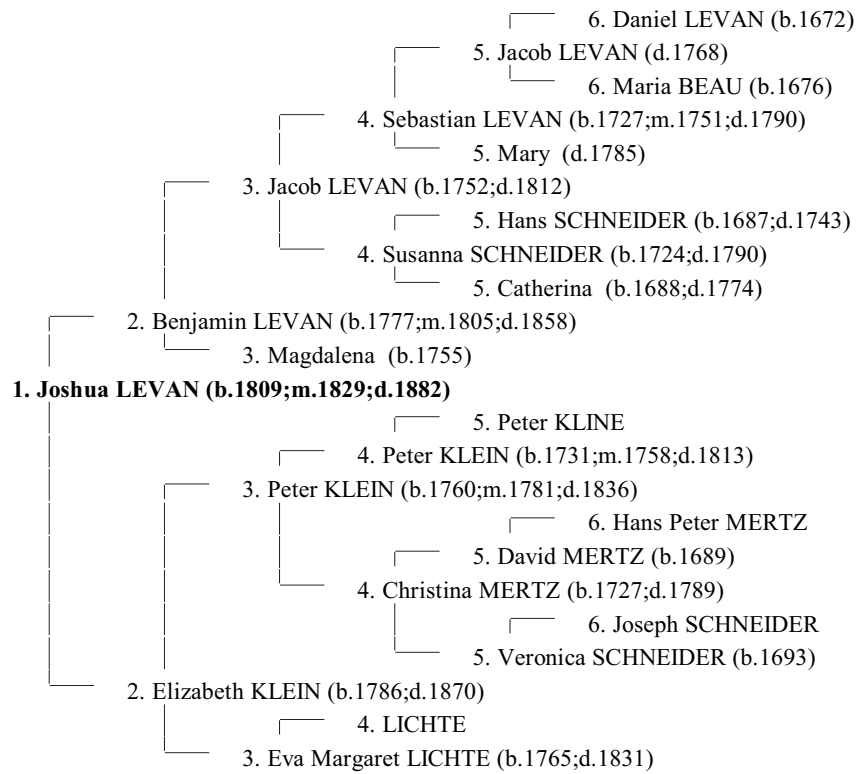
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Ancestors of Joshua LEVAN



Chapter 24

The LeVan Family

The LeVans are an old French family of Knights and Nobles, who originally came from Norway and Sweden. Several joined Norman Grand Duke William, the Conqueror and after the conquest of England returned to Normandie, (France.) The coat of arms borne is the shield of a lion. The crest is also a lion. The genius is a lion. The crown in the crest is that of one of the family who won the first prize in a tournament. (I was unable to obtain a picture of this coat of arms.) The name is not common in French records and in the Holland records it was spelt *Levant*. In United States the records are pretty consistent with the spelling of *LeVan*.

Most of the information on the early LeVan's comes from earlier histories, especially the works done by Reverend Warren Patten Coon in 1927, in the *LeVan Family*. This is the most complete history that I am aware of but it has its share of mistakes. Thank goodness for him and the information he was able to gather from the living descendants. Information that would have been lost over the ages. This book has long been out of print but I have a xerox copy.

The following is an excerpt from Reverend Coon's history and from *The Annals of the Oley Valley*, exactly as written:

The LeVans of Berks County Pennsylvania were Huguenots. Huguenots were French citizens who following the protests of Luther and Calvin and formed The Reformed Church of the great Reformation. From the beginning the Protestants of France had a rough road to travel. Thousands of Huguenots were killed and in 1676 solders were quartered upon the Huguenots who were compelled to support them. The privacy of the home was broken up, all valuables were taken, defenseless women ravished and all manner of horrors were perpetrated by the brutal solders. The new regulations on marriage created scandalous situations for Protestants and they were not legally married. The privileges of worship were so circumscribed that it was practically impossible to have public religious services. One by one the great Protestant churches were demolished. The LeVan family was among the 500,000 refugees who fled from France to Holland, probably after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. They were forbidden to emigrate, and if they did, their property was to be confiscated by the State. Where ever Huguenots emigrated, their indefatigable industry, their skill, honesty and intelligence made them invaluable assets to their adopted country. The LeVan's were from Picardy France and fled to Holland. More Huguenot refugees found an asylum in Holland than in any other country. Family tradition says they were manufacturers of brocade and taffeta in their native country, and that they were of considerable wealth. The same tradition states that the mother, Marie Beau wife of Daniel, thrifty and ingenious employed an odd but clever ruse to bring some of their wealth out of France. She made a dress of squares into which she sewed gold pieces. When they reached Holland they then affiliated themselves with the Amsterdam Refugee Church of the Walloons. This was learned from the baptismal records of this church, in which it appears that Abraham, son of Daniel LeVan, was baptized, May 20, 1698. The baptismal certificate survived and was handed down to LeVan descendants. Supposedly Daniel and Marie died in Holland. About 1715 four of their sons, Isaac, Jacob, Abraham and Joseph started out for America, the latter who died at sea. These were followed in 1727 by their brother Daniel, all of whom settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Abraham settled in Oley, Isaac in Exeter, Jacob, Daniel and Sister Anna Elizabeth in Maxatawny.

Research on the LeVan family has been very difficult, as it always is for early generations in the United States. Especially since I have not located any church records in Berks County to help identify the family. Jacob, son of the immigrant ancestor Daniel, gave five acres of land in 1750 for a church to be built. Up to that time services were probably held in his home. In 1759 part of this congregation left and organized De Long's church about two miles to the south. There are no known records. Maxatawny had suffered partly through bad ministers and for a long time they have had no minister at all. Finally in 1772 Rev Henry Helffrich began a Reform pastorate which lasted for almost forty years. About 1780 George Kutz laid out a town a short distance west of the church. In 1780 the Maxatawny Reformed and Lutherans made an agreement to build a union church in Kutztown. Rev Helffrich then called his congregation Kutztown. But no LeVan's in these records

Thanks to those who have preserved what history we do know. I have not been able to extend this LeVan line. Picardy, the place mentioned in all the LeVan histories, is really an area of France and does not pinpoint the

town where the LeVans resided. This will take some in depth studying. I have tried tracking down the family in Holland looking for births of the other children but the Walloon records were impossible to read and no other LeVan names seemed to be in the records. This lead me to believe that the children were born before they fled to Holland. I did not include all of the descendants of Daniel LeVan in this book, as that can be found in Rev. Patton Coon's book, *The LeVan Family*.

Note: information on extending the LeVan information is now available, look at Breaking News on web page.

Children of Daniel LeVan

Isaac

Isaac settled in Exeter Township and was probably the most prosperous of the four pioneer brothers, owning over 1,000 acres of land. In 1770 he removed to Reading where he died in 1783. Isaac along with a Conrad Weiser secured the original property for the congregation of the oldest Reformed Church in Reading. His son Daniel was a lawyer of considerable prominence, filling every political office in the county.

Jacob

Jacob settled at Eagle Point, Maxatawny Township. He was one of the first settlers and an extensive landowner. The present town of Kutztown is built on part of his estate. One hundred acres of land was granted to him in 1733, which he paid 15 pounds ten shillings. He erected the first gristmill in this section on Mill Creek, it probably was called Maxatawny Creek before eight mills were built upon it. Prior to this he opened a sawmill. They were the first mills in this area. The family resided in the front part of the mill until they built a massive mansion in 1740. On the inside lintel of the door leading into the great hall was carved 1740, the date of its erection. This building was razed in 1844. A road was built from LeVan's Mill to the King's Highway in Oley. This road is still visible.

I visited the area in the 1970's and was able to see the mill which is now a beautiful rock home and a historical monument. The home is occupied and not open to the public. The countryside surrounding the homestead has rolling hills and many trees. There probably was at one time a family cemetery, but there are no apparent tombstones left. Not having any stones to obtain dates and names for the first three generations in America, has left quite a blank in my research. I have a letter dated 1932 which states that the only stones in the little cemetery are of the Metzger family. The Metzger families were from the daughter of John, son of Sebastian. The letter also states that the owner of the mill sold her two small buck wheat stones. They flanked her drive way in Detroit, Michigan. She promised to will them to a second cousin by the name LeVan so the stones would be safe in the family.

The LeVan home was the stopping place for Moravaian missionaries. LeVan hospitality was famed far and wide. Under its roof, were entertained many noted men of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. Jacob was instrumental in organizing a volunteer company to protect the settlers. When the settlers first came into the Maxatawny region, the Indians were there in great numbers. The settlers were likely to be disturbed by roaming Indians, so the volunteers guarded the settlers so they "*could plant their crops and repair their fences.*"



Front of LeVan home/mill



Back of LeVan home/mill

Jacob was one of the first judges of the county in the years 1752-1762. His will written in 1766 and probated 12 March 1768, does not list his wife or children by name except his son Sebastian and “trusting and loving” son-in-law Valentine Brobst. His son Sebastian received the two hundred acres which was the land sold to Jacob in 1743 and situated in Maxatawny.

In deed Book Six, 1770, in settlement of Jacob’s will, is listed the children and their married names:

1. Sebastian LeVan of Maxatawny Township
2. Jacob LeVan of Maxatawny Township
3. Valentine Probst/Brobst of Albany Township, Innholder, and his wife Catherine
4. George Adam Schneider of Upper Dublin Township in Philadelphia County, Blacksmith and his wife Elizabeth
5. Charles Newdorff of Maxatawny Township and his wife Susannah
6. Peter Yoder of Oley Township and his wife Eve
7. Jacob Hottenstein late of Richmond Township deceased and his wife Mary now Mary Hill the wife of Frederick Hill
8. Catherine Hottenstein of Richmond Township, Spinster, Mary Hottenstein of same place, spinster, Plantina of same place, spinster and Susannah Hottenstein of same place spinster being the children of Jacob Hottenstein

We do not know the maiden name of his wife, this is the subject of ongoing research. Her will written July 25, 1783 and probated in 1785, exactly as written:

I Mary LeVan of Maxatawny Township, widow....my son-in-law Peter Yoder be satisfied for my board during the time of my abode with him. I give to my eldest son Sebastian the sum of 5 shillings and to my granddaughters namely Elizabeth, Christiannah, Susannah and Mary Newdorff, my bed and bedding to be equally divided among them. I give to my four daughters namely Catherine Probst, Mary Hill, Susannah Newdorff, and Eve Yoder all my effect remaining, bond, notes with a mortgage and judgement on Charles Newdorff to be equally divided among them. I ordain my well beloved sons-in-laws Frederick Hill and Peter Yoder executors. Mary X (her mark)

Their son Jacob served as First Lieutenant with the militia of Berks County in the 2nd Battalion, 4th Company in 1777. He was a blacksmith. He received two hundred and ninety acres, part of a tract of land owned by his father Jacob. Part of this tract was reserved for the children of his sister, Susannah Newdorff and part of it reserved for a meeting House or schoolhouse.

Daniel

Daniel followed his brothers in 1727, embarking on the ship *William and Sara* from Holland. Daniel signed the declaration on September 21, 1727 and settled in Maxatawny not far from his brother Jacob. He enlarged his original homestead and in 1765 doubled it’s size and set up business as a proprietor of what is said to be the oldest hostelry in Berks County. Their home was known as *LeVan's Tavern* and under its roof, was entertained many notables of that period. In 1775 the first defenders of the nation marched to Cambridge over the road that passes in front of the LeVan tavern. In the *Diary of John Adams*, he mentions stopping over night at the LeVan Tavern. Daniel willed it to his son Daniel and in 1788 it came into the possession of Susanna LeVan Kemp, who operated it for fifty-two years. It was later known as the Kemp's Inn.

Abraham

The baptism certificate for Abraham was registered in the *Book of Baptisms of the Walloon Church of Amsterdam, Holland*. His Father’s name is spelt *Levent*. Witnesses were Abraham Fabre and Susane Levent. He immigrated with his brothers and lived a quiet agricultural life in the beautiful Oley Valley a few miles from Reading, Pennsylvania. The stone homestead that he built around 1740 is still standing. This pioneer lies buried with several generations of his descendants in the private cemetery a few hundred feet from the old homestead. I personally visited this homestead and cemetery in 1993. The cemetery is overrun with brambles and tombstones are in very poor shape. The home is still standing as stated above and probably does not look much different then it did in 1740.



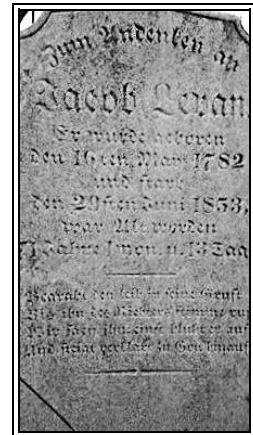
Abraham's home in Oley



LeVan Cemetery overgrown and in poor condition



LeVan Cemetery on Abraham's property



Grandson of Abraham one of the few readable stones

Sebastian Son of Jacob

Sebastian, the eldest son of Jacob, succeeded his father both on the old homestead and in public affairs. He also was a miller, like his father. He was elected a member of the Berks County Committee of Observation in 1774. From this Committee he was chosen a delegate to the Provincial Convention in 1775 and served until 1777 in the 7th Battalion with the rank of Colonel. He later served later in the State Assembly during 1779-80. He and his wife Susanna were widely known for their hospitality and kindness.

Deed Book 16 Page 147-149, dated October 24, 1781:

Sebastian and wife Susanna sold to his son Jacob for five shillings, some of the land that Sebastian received from his father Jacob's will. This land consisting of twenty-seven acres, contained the grist mill and the saw mill. He also received fifty-five acres being the land that Jacob the father of Sebastian received by warrant in 1751. He also received sixty-six acres being part of land that Jacob, the father of Sebastian received by warrant in 1750.

Sebastian died in 1790 intestate (without a will) but his estate was not settled until 1794. Letters of administration were granted September 8, 1794 to his eldest son Jacob, the widow Susannah having renounced (gave up her right to be administrator of the will).

Sebastian's Administration, exactly as written:

I, Jacob LeVan Eldest son of Sebastian LeVan late of Maxatawny Township Berks County, Pennsylvania, as my father died intestate about thirteen years since, and left alone three children to wit your petitioner John LeVan, who is since dead, and left six children to wit Daniel, Susannah intermarried to Jacob Metzger, John, Catharine, Charles and Peter, the three last named are yet minors and Mary intermarried with John Mattern, and that the intestate died seized in his[?] As of fee of and in two tracts of land, the one situated in the Township aforesaid containing seven acres, adjoining lands of Nicholas Kurtz, John LeVan, your petitioner and other. Also four acres of meadows ground in the aforesaid township, adjoining lands of your petitioner and David Groff. Praying the court to award an inquest to make partition of the said two tracts of land to and among the children and representatives of the said Intestate.

It is not known where Sebastian is buried. If on the family land then the tombstone no longer exists.

What we do now know is Sebastian was born in Hockenheim Germany. See Breaking News on web page.

Jacob Son of Sebastian

Jacob, the eldest son of Sebastian was born most probably on the original homestead at Eagle Point. He was listed in the tax list of 1773 as a single freeman so his marriage took place sometime after that. Written histories says he was married to Mary Winck. A history of the Reed family has Maria Winck married to a Jacob LeVan but this Jacob LeVan moved to Somerset County, Pennsylvania and is buried there. In Jacob's will he says his wife's name is Magdalena. Her maiden name is not known and will involve continued research.

Jacob's will, was originally written in German but has since been translated, exactly as written:

To my wife Magdalena the house where at present Abraham Brunner lives and the calf's pasture which lyes between John LeVan and Nicholas Kurtz. Which my beloved wife Magdalena shall have all the described tract of land, house and what is build thereon in her possession as long as she lives.....Bequest two beds with bedding, the small walnut wing table, two chairs, the reel, her spinning wheel, one tea kettle, one dripping pan, two irons potts, one cow, one heaffer; and after the crops and saw mills and the personal property is all sold and made into money..... I bequeath unto my beloved wife Magdalena two hundred pounds gold or silver for her own. So shall likewise my sons George and Jacob have one hundred pounds and the remainder shall be equally divided among my five children in equal shares to wit; Maria Brunner, Elizabeth Keck, Susanna Klein, George and Jacob LeVan excepting my son Benjamin gets nothing as he has received his hereditary share in my lifetime.

Deed Book 35 Page 327, 1813, exactly as written:

Magdalena and Benjamin LeVan executors of the Late Jacob LeVan for the sum of four hundred pounds paid by George LeVan, miller did confirm unto the said George all the certain tract of land being in Maxatawny Township in the county of Berks containing forty three acres. It being the same tract of land Sebastian LeVan , dated October 27, 1731 in Book A vol 16 Page 149, did confirm unto Jacob LeVan who before his death made his last will and testament and order and direct that his lands be sold by public venue. [This land and other land were later sold in 1816 by George and his wife Maria for 3150 pounds to Joseph Siegfried. This included a grist and saw mill.]

Benjamin Son of Jacob

Even less is known about Benjamin, son of Jacob. He was probably born on the original homestead. His marriage to Elizabeth was performed by Rev. Helffinch. Peter Klein's will dated 1826 says, "My daughter Elizabeth intermarried to Benjamin LeVan."

Deed dated 1810, exactly as written:

Jacob and wife Magdalene sold to Benjamin for seventeen hundred pounds gold or silver, the grist mill and piece of tract of land situated and being in Maxatawny Township, county of Berks. Containing twenty eight acres this being the same tract of land by patent granted to Sebastian LeVan on the 3 Oct 1783 in patent Book Number 2 page 162. This was sold to above named Jacob in Book A page 150 21, May 1794.[So I assume that he was also a miller.]

Deed dated September 14, 1829, exactly as written:

Between Benjamin LeVan and his wife Elizabeth and Catherine Siegfried spinster. In 1825 Benjamin had brought some land from the estate of late William Siegfried. It was said at this time that if the said tract of land shall hereafter be divided the Tavern shall be allotted to the said Catherine together with so much of the land. The said Catherine paid nine hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty cents for the half part of one hundred and sixty- three acres situated in Maxatawny Township. Appearing before me Henry Heist Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace personal came the above named Benjamin LeVan and Elizabeth his wife and the said Elizabeth being by me in due form of law examined separate and apart from her said husband and the full contents of the above deed being by me first made known to her, she the said Elizabeth upon such separate examination as aforesaid declared that she did voluntarily and of her own free will and accord seal and as her act and deed deliver the said deed without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband.

His tombstone lies in the cemetery of the Lutheran congregation, St. Johns Church, Kutztown, Berks County, Pennsylvania. (There is both a Lutheran and Reformed church called St. Johns in Kutztown.) The stone is written in German and gives his wife's name. I assume that Elizabeth was also buried there but no stone could be found. His will is also written in German and has not been transcribed.



St. Johns Church, Kutztown



Benjamin LeVan
Tombstone

Joshua Son of Benjamin

There is something special in my heart for Joshua, son of Benjamin. Maybe it is because framed on my wall is the foot stone from Joshua's grave. (More on this later in chapter.)

In *Biographical sketches of Iowa, 1879*, exactly as written:

Retired miller, of Washingtonville, post office Bellevue was born in Maxatawny Township, Berks County Pennsylvania; came to Jackson County. in May 1851; came first to Jackson Township. remaining in Bellevue awhile; went from Bellevue to Brush Creek and engaged in milling; ran a mill on shares and succeeded in getting a first class reputation for the mill with which he was connected, customers coming from a long distance; remaining in that mill nine years; then went to farming and was in that business from spring until fall; then came to the farm upon which he now lives and where he has made his home, but has been actively engaged in the milling business during the time. Mr. Levan has never cared for public office; was once elected Trustee of his town but refused to serve. He is connected with the German Reformed Church and in politics is a Republican. Have had nine children, four boys and five girls, six of the children are still living, three boys and three girls--Charity, Joshua D., Benjamin, Francis, Emma and Mary; of those dead one was named Almire, and the other two were not named. The children that are living are all married and one of them Frank was in the war of the rebellion, a member of the 31st I.V.I. Co. K enlisted July 6 1862; was discharged July 3, 1865; was in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Miss/Arkansas Past, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson Mississippi. Resaea New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain and Lovejoy Station Georgia.

Letter written 1929, by Edith LeVan Flint daughter of Francis,(I have a copy) exact as written:

Joshua married Rebecca Derr in Allentown, Pennsylvania and to them were born seven children. The family migrated between 1846-50 in Iowa. When they reached the Mississippi there was waterpower enough for the descendant of generations of millers, and they settled in Jackson County Iowa, homesteading 1000 acres near what is now Andrew. Grandfather built the first gristmill in that part of Iowa. Other pioneer families moved nearer the mill and the settlement was named Springbrook. They are all buried in a half acre plot given them by Federal grant and therefore safe forever. In my garden in Detroit I have lilies carried from this cemetery which Joshua and Rebecca brought with them in their covered wagon, together with the first melodeon ever brought across the Mississippi River. Also among their possessions was a minnie ball picked up by a grandfather at Valley Forge. I have in my possession the Begurts und Tauf-Schein [baptism certificate that was elaborately decorated] of the child Joshua. The oldest son Joshua D. stayed at home and helped his father with the mill while my own father Francis enlisted at the beginning of the Civil War and served the full four years. He was too young to carry a musket and served the first two yrs. as a musician. Following the war he and his brother Ben went to Utah and Montana and freighted between Butte and Helena for six years. Joshua has one living child, a Mrs. Sam Yousee, Heatridge, Denver Colorado. I spent the summer last season in the Ute Pass

and drove in to Denver to call on her. She is very ancient, small, dark and shows the French strain. A bit of the recluse. Still plays the piano and sings. Would tell me nothing of the family history, not even her own age. She captivated me, although she wouldn't even give me the names of some of Charitys children living in Denver. She seemed to be at outs with them and kept saying to me, on your fathers side you come of Good Stock. Oh, she was priceless. At one time they were very wealthy in the Gold Rush but are now very poor and overly sensitive and proud. It seems to be a Huguenot trait.

Joshua's daughter Mary married Samuel Yousse and they moved to Colby Kansas. Probably why John Shirk Hershberger and his wife Emma moved there. Samuel was formerly from Nebraska where he was engaged in the stock business. He was a stock holder in the National Bank and had seven quarters of deeded land in the county. He was owner of the O.K. livery barn and several daily stage routes.



Yousse Livery Stable

Joshua's will written October 13, 1877 and probated June 6, 1882, exactly as written:

I give and bequeath to each of my children as follows: To my daughter Charity intermarried with William Paup and my sons Joshua D. LeVan, Benjamin LeVan and Francis LeVan and my daughter Emma intermarried with John Hershberger and my daughter Mary intermarried with Samuel Yousse, each the undivided one seventh of all my real and personal estate.....I give and bequeath to the children of my daughter Elmira now deceased who was intermarried with Harrison Paup 1/7 to be divided among them.. No part shall be paid to any of them until they arrive at the age of 21 year or get married, provided they do not get married before they are 18 years of age. But under no circumstances shall any of the amount to the father of said children viz Harrison Paup, it being my express desire that said Harrison Paup shall never hold or receive any of said children's moneys received from my estate but any debt due me by said Harrison Paup shall be taken out of the share given to said Elmira's children.

Joshua's estate settled at \$5249.30 with each child receiving \$749. It was interesting that in the inventory appraisement, there were a lot of promissory notes outstanding, mostly to his children. Charity Paup \$350, Francis \$376.40, Benjamin \$396.43, Emma \$200 and Joshua D. \$321.25. Personal affects were one horse \$20, set blacksmiths tools \$7, chest 75 cents, pair of mill scales \$2 and cash on hand \$635.

Joshua's Obituary, exactly as written:

He was born in Berks County, Penn. In 1800 and died in Washington Township, in this county, February 10, 1882. He was married in early life to Miss Rebecca Derr, who died in 1877. He came with his family to this county in 1851 and located near Bellevue, and engaged in the milling business, until 1857 when he emigrated to Kansas, but did not remain in that country long owing to the pro-slavery, and border ruffianism that was then raging in that distracted and bleeding territory. He returned to this county, and settled at Slabtown, where he resumed the milling business and where he lived until the day of his death. The old settlers of Washington, Bellevue and Jackson townships turned out in large numbers to attend the funeral. The funeral services were conducted by the Methodist minister from Preston, who at the grave thanked the people of the bereaved family for the respect shown the deceased. Mr. Levan was the father of seven children, three boys and four girls, all of whom are still living. Mr. Levan was a straight forward, honorable man, kind and generous to a fault, but a lion when aroused to a sense of wrong or injustice. He was anti-slavery to the core all his life and a great union man and republican during the dark days of the war. He lived a long and useful life and his death is greatly mourned by his relatives and regretted by his neighbors.

His wife Rebecca, obituary is unobtainable because the page of the newspaper that it appeared on was torn. I contacted the newspaper office and they looked at the original and it was also torn. A great genealogy loss. What does appear is the following:

Mrs. Rebecca LeVan, wife of Joshua LeVan, died at her residence in Washington Township last Friday, of lung fever.[This could have been Tuberculosis.]

When I visited this area of Iowa it was very disappointing, there were not any remains of what might have been LeVan history. I was able to locate the area of Old Springbrook (it is no longer a town) about a mile from Springbrook. Nothing is left of it, even the church is no longer standing.

The cemetery that was behind the church is now located in a farmer's field. The cemetery was in great disarray, with stones plowed up and piled all around. A bull dozer stood near by. It didn't help that it was pouring rain. In the middle stood the tombstone of the LeVans, it is very large and four-sided. Rebecca on one side and Joshua on the other. At one time there appeared to have been some ornament on top, now only another broken stone lies on top. I felt so sad that all this was going to disappear, so that is how I ended up with the foot stone of Joshua. I contacted the Iowa Historical Society and complained about the desecration of this cemetery. They got back to me and said it would be straightened out. Last year I again visited this area and checked up on the cemetery. Although it is now surrounded by a fence (to keep out the cows) it is in worse shape then before. Even the large LeVan stone has been torn apart. The county has a program where families can go in and clean up a cemetery and replace the stones. Wouldn't that be a great project?

An area approximately two and one half miles south of the main street of Old Springbrook was known as Slabtown, located in Washington Township. No one knows why it was called Slabtown. There was actually a town site laid out, but, I don't think there were any stores or businesses of any type. Just a saw mill and a school. From deeds I found that Joshua owned most of the lots, at one time or another. I guess he had hopes of it growing into a town. There are no signs of the town at the present time. During pioneer days in Old Springbrook there were nine homes, a Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, a store, post office and a saloon. The Methodist Church was later converted into a blacksmith shop. The cemetery is about one forth of a mile west. No sign of Joshua's mill exists today. From the history of J.D. LeVan (this is the son named Joshua) it said that Joshua's mill was called Fountain Mills. Brush Creek flowed near Joshua's property and hosted several mills in the early 1800's. Now it is nothing but a very small stream meandering through cow pastures.



Village of Springbrook



Joshua LeVan tombstone (picture taken in the rain)

The Descendants of Benjamin LeVan

1. Benjamin¹ LEVAN was born 16 September 1777 in Berks County, Pennsylvania¹. He was the son of Jacob LEVAN and Magdalena. Benjamin died 16 August 1858 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 80^{2,3}. He married **Elizabeth KLEIN⁴** 23 June 1805 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania⁵. She was born 17 November 1786 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁶. She was the daughter of Peter KLEIN and Eva Margaret LICHTER. Elizabeth died 11 January 1870 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 83⁷.

They had 11 children:

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| 2. | M | i. | Jacob LEVAN , born about 1807 in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married Magdalena _____. |
| + 3. | M | ii. | Joshua LEVAN , born 4 August 1809, died 10 February 1882. |
| + 4. | M | iii. | George LEVAN , born about 1810. |
| + 5. | M | iv. | Daniel Kline LEVAN , born about 1812. |
| 6. | F | v. | Harriet LEVAN , born about 1814 in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. |
| + 7. | F | vi. | Anna LEVAN . |
| 8. | F | vii. | Catherine LEVAN , born 31 December 1817 in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania ⁸ . |
| + 9. | M | viii. | William Kline LEVAN , born 15 April 1820, died 15 September 1902. |
| + 10. | M | ix. | Heinrich LEVAN , born 1 October 1824, died 26 August 1854. |
| 11. | M | x. | Donil B. LEVAN , born 10 May 1825 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania ⁹ . |
| 12. | M | xi. | George Jackson LEVAN , born 4 July 1827 in Berks County, Pennsylvania ¹⁰ . |

3. Joshua² LEVAN^{11,12} (1. Benjamin¹) was born 4 August 1809 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania¹³. Joshua died 10 February 1882 in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 72¹⁴, and was buried in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa. He married **Rebecca DERR** 1 November 1829 in Berks County, Pennsylvania¹⁵. She was born 22 November 1809 in Grimville, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania¹⁶. She was the daughter of Jacob DERR and Maria Christina WESTEN. Rebecca died 9 February 1877 in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 67¹⁷, and was buried in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa. (See Chapter 30)

They had 9 children:

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| + 13. | F | i. | Charity Anna LEVAN , born 17 April 1831. |
| + 14. | M | ii. | Joshua D. LEVAN , born 8 May 1834, died 22 January 1920. |
| + 15. | M | iii. | Benjamin LEVAN , born 2 April 1837. |
| + 16. | F | iv. | Elmira LEVAN , born 27 June 1841, died 19 February 1873. |
| + 17. | M | v. | Francis LEVAN , born 18 August 1844, died 2 June 1897. |
| | F | vi. | Emma LEVAN , born 24 November 1847 ¹⁸ , died 18 December 1888. |
| + 18. | F | vii. | Mary LEVAN , born 17 February 1852. |
| 19. | M | viii. | Child LEVAN , died before 1879 in Jackson, Iowa. |
| 20. | F | ix. | Child LEVAN , died before 1879. |

13. Charity Anna³ LEVAN¹⁹ (3. Joshua², 1. Benjamin¹) was born 17 April 1831 in Berks County, Pennsylvania²⁰. She married **William PAUP²¹** about 1856 in Iowa²². He was born October 1837 in Pennsylvania²³. He was the son of Daniel PAUP, Sr. and Lydia CLARK.

They had 4 children:

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| 21. | M | i. | Joshua PAUP , born about 1858 in Jackson County, Iowa ²⁴ . |
| 22. | F | ii. | Minnie PAUP , born about 1859 in Jackson County, Iowa ²⁵ . |
| 23. | M | iii. | Arthur PAUP , born May 1869 in Iowa ²⁶ . |
| 24. | M | iv. | Ira PAUP , born May 1869 in Iowa ²⁷ , died in Nebraska. |

14. Joshua D.³ LEVAN²⁸ (3. Joshua², 1. Benjamin¹) was born 8 May 1834 in Berks, Pennsylvania²⁹, and was christened in Weissenburg, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. Joshua died 22 January 1920 in Hurstville, Iowa, at the age of 85³⁰, and was buried in Buckhorn Cemetery, Iowa. He married **Sarilda E. WOOD³¹** 17 November 1857 in Jackson County, Iowa³². She was born about 1835 in Illinois³³. Sarilda died about 1917 in Anamosa, Jackson, Iowa.

They had 4 children:

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| + 25. | F | i. | Ella M. LEVAN , born March 1859, died 1935. |
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26. M ii. **Lincoln LEVAN**, born 5 May 1862 in Jackson County, Iowa³⁴, died in childhood 5 March 1873 in Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 10³⁵, and was buried in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa.
27. M iii. **Franklin LEVAN**, born 6 January 1868 in Jackson County, Iowa³⁶, died in childhood 2 February 1873 in Jackson County, Iowa, at the age of 5³⁷, and was buried in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa.
28. M iv. **William LEVAN**, born about 1875 in Jackson County, Iowa³⁸.

25. **Ella M.⁴ LEVAN** (14.Joshua³, 3.Joshua², 1.Benjamin¹) was born March 1859 in Iowa³⁹. Ella died 1935 in Buckhorn, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 75⁴⁰. She married **George GOODENOW** 5 June 1878 in J.D. House, Jackson, Iowa⁴¹. He was born 26 February 1858 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa^{42,43}. George died 5 January 1936 in Buckhorn, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 77⁴⁴.

They had 2 children:

29. F i. **May E. GOODENOW**, born December 1878 in Iowa⁴⁵.
30. M ii. **Fred B. GOODENOW**, born March 1881 in Iowa⁴⁶.

15. **Benjamin³ LEVAN⁴⁷** (3.Joshua², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 2 April 1837 in Pennsylvania⁴⁸, and was christened 18 June 1837 by Rev. Herman in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁴⁹. He married **Mary STAMBAUGH** 5 March 1874 in Bellevue, Jackson, Iowa⁵⁰. She was born about 1846 in Pennsylvania⁵¹.

They had 2 children:

31. M i. **Edgar LEVAN**, born about 1877 in Iowa⁵².
32. F ii. **Bessie LEVAN**, born June 1879 in Iowa⁵³.

16. **Elmira³ LEVAN** (3.Joshua², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 27 June 1841 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁵⁴. Elmira died 19 February 1873 in Jackson County, Iowa, at the age of 31⁵⁵, and was buried in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa. She married **Harrison PAUP⁵⁶**. He was born about 1838 in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Daniel PAUP, Sr. and Lydia CLARK. Harrison died after 1910.

They had 3 children:

33. M i. **Charles PAUP**, born about 1865 in Iowa.
34. F ii. **Emma PAUP**, born about 1868 in Iowa.
35. M iii. **Albert PAUP**, born about 1872 in Iowa.

17. **Francis³ LEVAN⁵⁷** (3.Joshua², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 18 August 1844 in Allentown, Montgomery, Pennsylvania⁵⁸, and was christened 28 December 1844 by Rev. Herman, in Allentown, Montgomery, Pennsylvania. Francis died 2 June 1897 in Wichita, Kansas, at the age of 52⁵⁹, and was buried in Wichita, Kansas. He married **Emma CUBBAGE** 28 June 1876 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa⁶⁰. She was born 1 May 1850 in Galena, Illinois. She was the daughter of William P. CUBBAGE and Elizabeth. Emma died 30 October 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, at the age of 77⁶¹, and was buried in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa.

They had 2 children:

36. M i. **Orville Cabbage LEVAN**, born 26 November 1878 in Jackson County, Iowa. He married **Maude SMITH** 20 July in Lawrence, Kansas.
- + 37. F ii. **Edith Ann Rebecca LEVAN**, born 7 August 1881/1882.

37. **Edith Ann Rebecca⁴ LEVAN** (17.Francis³, 3.Joshua², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 7 August 1881/1882 in Jackson County, Iowa. She married **Louis J. FLINT** 31 October 1906 in Lawrence, Kansas.

They had 2 children:

38. M i. **Son FLINT**, died in Infant.
39. M ii. **Louis Joseph FLINT, Jr.**, born 29 April 1908 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

18. **Mary³ LEVAN** (3.Joshua², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 17 February 1852 in Jackson, Iowa⁶². She married **Samuel YOUSEE⁶³** 27 June 1871 in Bellevue, Jackson, Iowa⁶⁴. He was born May 1847 in Missouri⁶⁵. Samuel died after 1900. Information from 1900 Census of Teller County Colorado. FHL #1240130.

They had 5 children:

40. M i. **Bert YOUSEE**, born about 1876 in Iowa
41. F ii. **Clara YOUSEE**, born February 1877 in Iowa.
42. F iii. **Perl YOUSEE**, born about 1879 in Iowa.

43. M iv. **Lansing YOUSEE**, born December 1885 in Nebraska.
 44. M v. **Fred YOUSEE**, born November 1887 in Colby, Thomas, Kansas, died after 1900.

4. **George² LEVAN** (1.Benjamin¹) was born about 1810 in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Adeline DONMOYER** about 1867 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

They had 1 child:

- + 45. F i. **Ella M. LEVAN**, born about 1868, died 1924.

45. **Ella M.³ LEVAN** (4.George², 1.Benjamin¹) was born about 1868 in Eagle Pt, Berks, Pennsylvania. Ella died 1924. Her spouse has not been identified.

They had 1 child:

46. M i. **Earl SUNDAY**, born 1900.

5. **Daniel Kline² LEVAN** (1.Benjamin¹) was born about 1812 in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Mary Magdalena LEVAN⁶⁶** 17 September 1837 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁶⁷. She was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Jacob L. LEVAN and Hannah WANAMAKER.

They had 4 children:

47. M i. **Allen LEVAN**, born about 1838 in Berks, Pennsylvania.
 48. F ii. **Margaret LEVAN**, born about 1840 in Berks, Pennsylvania.
 49. F iii. **Sarah LEVAN**, born about 1842 in Berks, Pennsylvania.
 50. M iv. **William LEVAN**, born about 1847 in Berks, Pennsylvania.

7. **Anna² LEVAN** (1.Benjamin¹) was born in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. She married **Benjamin Samuel ANTRIM**. He was born 12 October 1800 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. He was the son of John ANTRIM. Benjamin died 30 June 1858 in Danville, Pennsylvania, at the age of 57.

They had 10 children:

51. M i. **Daniel L. ANTRIM**, born 17 May 1825 in Pennsylvania.
 52. M ii. **Hiram ANTRIM**, born 7 July 1827 in Pennsylvania.
 53. M iii. **Samuel ANTRIM**, born 11 November 1828 in Pennsylvania.
 54. M iv. **William L. ANTRIM**, born 9 May 1832 in Pennsylvania.
 55. F v. **Harriet ANTRIM**, born 15 September 1834 in Pennsylvania.
 56. M vi. **Benjamin F. ANTRIM**, born 7 March 1837 in Pennsylvania.
 57. F vii. **Mandilious ANTRIM**, born 29 July 1839 in Pennsylvania.
 58. F viii. **Anna ANTRIM**, born 14 June 1841 in Pennsylvania.
 59. M ix. **Jefferson ANTRIM**, born 21 September 1848 in Pennsylvania.
 60. M x. **Allen ANTRIM**, born 21 May 1848 in Pennsylvania.

9. **William Kline² LEVAN** (1.Benjamin¹) was born 15 April 1820 in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. William died 15 September 1902 in Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, at the age of 82⁶⁸, and was buried in Zion's Luth, Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. He married **S. Helena SCHMOYER** 16 April 1843 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 14 December 1824 in Berks, Pennsylvania. S. Helena died 12 July 1890 in Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, at the age of 65, and was buried in Zion's Lutheran Church, Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

They had 8 children:

61. M i. **Joseph LEVAN**, born about 1843 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Kate FEGLEY**.
 + 62. M ii. **William Styles LEVAN**, born 8 February 1846 in Berks, Pennsylvania, died 16 March 1921.
 63. F iii. **Emma LEVAN**, born about 1849 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She married **Charles E. WENNER**.
 + 64. F iv. **Sarah Helena LEVAN**, born 6 October 1850 in Berks, Pennsylvania, died 22 August 1908.
 + 65. F v. **Caroline LEVAN**, born about 1851 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
 66. F vi. **Hannah LEVAN**, born about 1853 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She married **Daniel SCHAEFFER**.
 67. F vii. **Almeda LEVAN**, born about 1855 in Berks Pennsylvania. She married **Jacob KUTZ**.
 68. F viii. **Rose A. LEVAN**, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She married **Morris R. BOYER** 16 May 1891 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Martin BOYER and Hettie BOYER. Morris died in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Rose died 1891.

62. William Styles³ LEVAN (9.William², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 8 February 1846 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. William died 16 March 1921 in Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, at the age of 75. He married (1) **Sallie Amanda KEISER**. She was born 5 September 1839 in Pennsylvania. Sallie died 2 April 1887 in Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, at the age of 47, and was buried in Zion's Lutheran Cemetery.

They had 3 children:

- 69. F i. **Sally H. LEVAN**, born 29 June 1869 in Pennsylvania, died in infancy 27 August 1870 in Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Zion's Lutheran Cemetery.
- 70. M ii. **Harry W. LEVAN**, died in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 71. F iii. **Amelia Estella A. KEISER**, died 10 March 1881 in Lower Macungie, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Zion's Lutheran Cemetery.

64. Sarah Helena³ LEVAN (9.William², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 6 October 1850 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Sarah died 22 August 1908, at the age of 57. She married **Percival Henry WESCOE**. He was born 6 November 1847. Percival died 17 May 1904, at the age of 56.

They had 1 child:

- + 72. F i. **Florence Mae WESCOE**, born 20 May 1885, died April 1961.

72. Florence Mae⁴ WESCOE (64.Sarah³, 9.William², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 20 May 1885. Florence died April 1961, age 75. She married **Robert William FLUCK** 30 April 1904. He was born 12 April 1885. Robert died 21 April 1961, age of 76.

They had 1 child:

- + 73. F i. **Alma Marie FLUCK**, born 13 May 1916.

73. Alma Marie⁵ FLUCK (72.Florence⁴, 64.Sarah³, 9.William², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 13 May 1916. She married **Kenneth Fox SECHLER** 14 July 1936. He was born 16 June 1911. Kenneth died 23 May 1969, at the age of 57.

They had 1 child:

- 74. F i. **Alma Marie SECHLER**, born 24 August 1941. She married **Henry Robert SCHENCK, Jr.** 3 August 1963. He was born 27 June 1941.

65. Caroline³ LEVAN (9.William², 1.Benjamin¹) was born about 1851 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She married **Harrison REBER**.

They had 5 children:

- 75. M i. **William Henry REBER**.
- 76. M ii. **John REBER**.
- 77. M iii. **Morris REBER**, died in World War.
- 78. M iv. **Harry REBER**.
- 79. F v. **Harry Faust Mary REBER**.

10. Heinrich² LEVAN (1.Benjamin¹) was born 1 October 1824 in Greenwich Township, Berks, Pennsylvania⁶⁹. Heinrich died 26 August 1854, at the age of 29. He married **Elizabeth BORTZ** 27 August 1843 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁷⁰. She was born 1830. She was the daughter of Solomon BORTZ. Elizabeth died 1919, age of 89.

They had 3 children:

- 80. F i. **Elizabeth LEVAN**.
- 81. F ii. **Martha Jane LEVAN**.
- + 82. M iii. **Charles Garian LEVAN**, born 18 January 1850, died 28 March 1941.

Elizabeth also married (2) Adam SCHEIRER after 1854.

82. Charles Garian³ LEVAN (10.Heinrich², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 18 January 1850 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Charles died 28 March 1941 in Cook County, Illinois, at the age of 91, and was buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois. He married **Amanda Margaretha GEORGE** 3 July 1873 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. She was born 19 June 1852 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Jacob GEORGE and Catherine MUSSELMAN. Amanda died 13 February 1920 in Cook County, Illinois, at the age of 67.

They had 5 children:

83. F i. **Florence Georgia LEVAN**, born 16 January 1874 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. She married **Elmer Ellsworth DEVOL** 15 October 1892 in Cook County, Illinois. He was born 20 September 1872 in Cook County, Illinois. Florence died 8 June 1950 in Cook County, Illinois, at the age of 76.
- + 84. F ii. **Irene Alice LEVAN**, born 4 April 1876, died 17 May 1936.
- + 85. M iii. **Harvey James LEVAN**, born 25 July 1878, died 8 December 1937.
- + 86. F iv. **Carrie Mabel LEVAN**, born 28 January 1882, died 24 December 1930/1939.
- + 87. M v. **Clarence Henry LEVAN**, born 8 January 1885, died 21 July 1955.

84. Irene Alice⁴ LEVAN (82.Charles³, 10.Heinrich², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 4 April 1876 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Irene died 17 May 1936, at the age of 60. She married (1) **Paul MARKSHAUSEN**. Irene married (2) **Tim DENEEN**.

They had 3 children:

88. F i. **Evelyn DENEEN**, died February 1980/1989.
89. F ii. **Francis DENEEN**.
90. M iii. **Raymond DENEEN**, died June 1980/1989.

85. Harvey James⁴ LEVAN (82.Charles³, 10.Heinrich², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 25 July 1878 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Harvey died 8 December 1937, at the age of 59. He married **Elizabeth**.

They had 3 children:

91. F i. **Gertrude LEVAN**.
92. M ii. **Harry LEVAN**.
93. M iii. **Robert LEVAN**.

86. Carrie Mabel⁴ LEVAN (82.Charles³, 10.Heinrich², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 28 January 1882 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Carrie died 24 December 1930/1939, at the age of 48. She married **Henry JENSEN**.

They had 3 children:

94. M i. **Nathaniel JENSEN**.
95. M ii. **Richard JENSEN**.
96. M iii. **Verna May JENSEN**.

87. Clarence Henry⁴ LEVAN (82.Charles³, 10.Heinrich², 1.Benjamin¹) was born 8 January 1885 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Clarence died 21 July 1955, at the age of 70. He married **Marguerite RING** 19 September 1903. She was born 2 March 1888. Marguerite died 22 April 1955, at the age of 67.

They had 3 children:

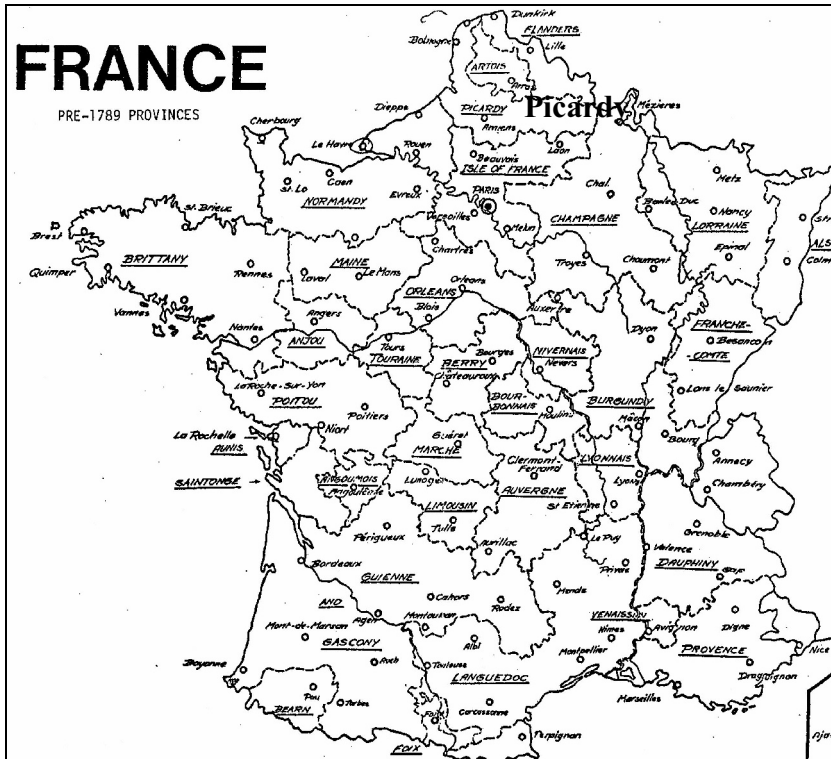
97. M i. **Elliott Wilton LEVAN**, born 27 October 1904 in Cook County, Illinois. He married **Norma Eva**. She was born 9 July 1911.
98. M ii. **John Maynard LEVAN**, born 11 March 1909 in Cook County, Illinois. He married **Esther Kathryn HARDMAN** 3 September 1938. She was born 1 May 1912 in Adams County, Illinois. Esther died 1980/1989, at the age of 67.
99. F iii. **Ruth Mertie LEVAN**, born 1 October 1921 in Cook County, Illinois. She married **Kenneth KALBERG** 10 August 1940/1949. He was born 9 September 1920/1929 in Cook County, Illinois.

The above information came from Clifford J. Ocheltree.

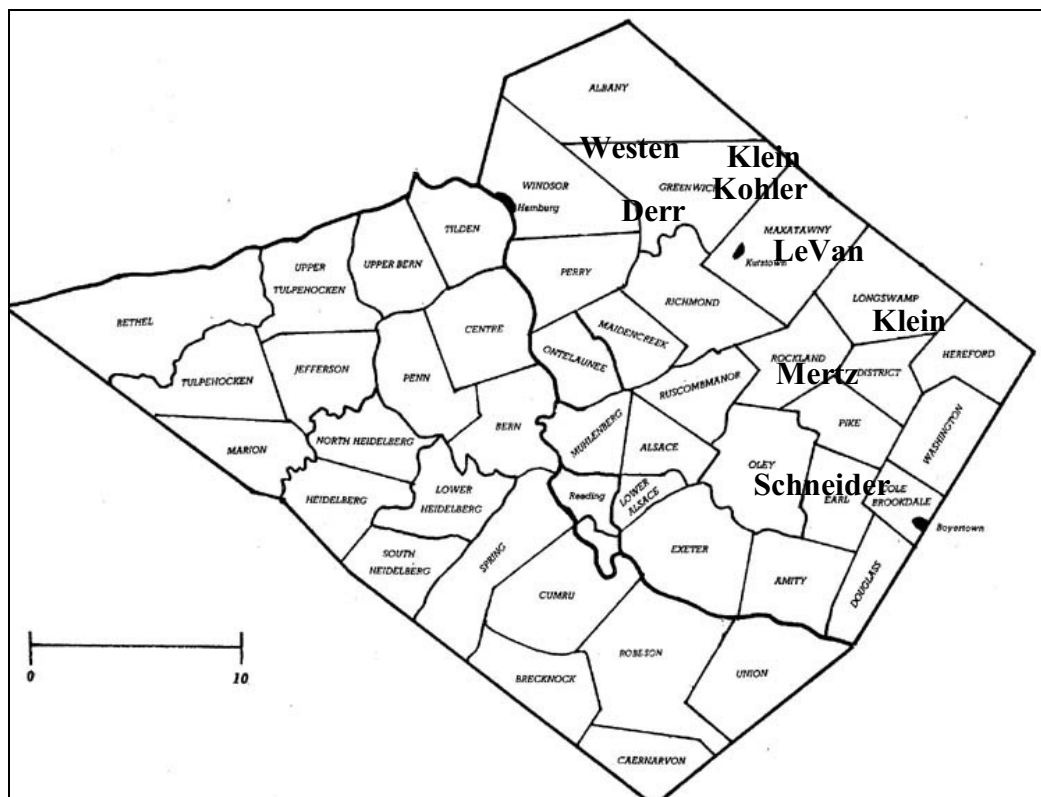
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11. Letter of Edith LeVan Flint. Gives all family names and dates.
12. 1860 Census Jackson Twp. Jackson County, Iowa. FHL #803326.
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18. Register of Rev. Herman of Berks Pennsylvania. FHL #940446.
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Picardy France where the LeVan Family lived



Township map of Berks County Pennsylvania

Chapter 25

Ancestors of Emma LeVan

Emma Daughter of Joshua LeVan Married to John Shirk Hershberger (See Chapter 8)

GENERATION NO. 1

1. **Emma**¹ **LEVAN** was born 24 November 1847 in Norristown, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, and was christened 11 June 1849 in Norristown, Montgomery, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of **2. Joshua LEVAN** and Rebecca DERR. Emma died 18 December 1888 in Colby, Thomas, Kansas, at the age of 41, and was buried in Colby, Thomas, Kansas. She married **John Shirk HERSHBERGER** 17 October 1869 in Baldwin, Jackson, Iowa. (See Chapter 8)

GENERATION NO. 2

2. **Joshua**² **LEVAN** (1.Emma¹) was born 4 August 1809 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. He was the son of **4. Benjamin LEVAN** and Elizabeth KLEIN. Joshua died 10 February 1882 in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa, at the age of 72, and was buried in Springbrook, Jackson, Iowa. He married **Rebecca DERR** 1 November 1829 in Berks, Pennsylvania. (See Chapter 30)

GENERATION NO. 3

4. **Benjamin**³ **LEVAN** (2.Joshua², 1.Emma¹) was born 16 September 1777 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was the son of **8. Jacob LEVAN** and **9. Magdalena**. Benjamin died 16 August 1858 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Elizabeth KLEIN** 23 June 1805 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania. (See Chapter 27)

GENERATION NO. 4

8. **Jacob**⁴ **LEVAN** (4.Benjamin³, 2.Joshua², 1.Emma¹) was born about 1752 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was the son of **16. Sebastian LEVAN** and **17. Susanna SCHNEIDER**. Jacob died 1812 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **9. Magdalena**.⁴ she was born about 1755 in Pennsylvania.

They had 6 children:

4. M i. **Benjamin LEVAN**, born 16 September 1777, died 16 August 1858.
F ii. **Elizabeth LEVAN**, born 5 July 1782 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. She married **George KECK**. He was born 19 August 1776. He was the son of Barbara BLANK. George died 4 April 1822 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 45. Elizabeth died 22 May 1864, at the age of 81.
- M iii. **George LEVAN**, born 16 October 1791 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Maria LEVAN**⁷ 5 August 1810 in Rev Helffich, Berks, Pennsylvania². George married (2) **Christiana WUNDERLICH**³ 15 January 1832 in Berks, Pennsylvania⁴. George died 18 August 1845 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 53⁵, and was buried in Egypt Church, Berks County, Pennsylvania.⁶
- M iv. **Jacob L. LEVAN**, born 3 June 1794 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania⁷. He married **Hannah WANAMAKER**⁸ 7 March 1833 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. They had 2 children. Jacob died 18 September 1848 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 54⁹, and was buried in St. Johns Union, Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania.¹⁰
- F v. **Maria LEVAN**. She married _____ **BRUNNER**.
- F vi. **Susanna LEVAN**. She married **Michael KLEIN** 8 November 1810 in Berks, Pennsylvania¹¹.

 GENERATION NO. 5

16. Sebastian⁵ LEVAN^{12,13} (8.Jacob⁴, 4.Benjamin³, 2.Joshua², 1.Emma¹) was born 17 March 1727. He was the son of **32. Jacob LEVAN** and **33. Mary**. Sebastian died 22 December 1790 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 63¹⁴. He married **17. Susanna SCHNEIDER^{15,16}** 8 May 1751 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania¹⁷.

17. Susanna⁵ SCHNEIDER was born 1724 in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of **34. Hans SCHNEIDER** and **35. Catherina**. Susanna died 1790 in Pennsylvania, at the age of 66. (See Chapter 26)

They had 8 children:

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| 8. | M | i. | Jacob LEVAN , born about 1752, died 1812. |
| | F | ii. | Mary LEVAN , born 1764. She married (1) John MATTERN . They had 1 child. Mary married (2) Dr. SCHEDLA . Mary died 25 November 1842 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78 ¹⁸ . |
| | M | iii. | Daniel LEVAN . |
| | F | iv. | Catharine LEVAN . |
| | M | v. | Charles LEVAN . |
| | M | vi. | Peter LEVAN . |
| | F | vii. | Susanna LEVAN , born about 1778 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She married Jacob METZGER 19 October 1796 by Rev Helffrich, in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania ¹⁹ . They had 3 children. Susanna died 15 November 1832 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania ²⁰ . |
| | M | viii. | John LEVAN . He married Anna Rosina KOHLER . They had 6 children. Anna was born 26 February 1755 in Richmond Township, Berks, Pennsylvania ²¹ , and was christened 23 March 1755 in Richmond Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Johannes KOHLER and Anna Maria HAFFA. Anna died by 1801, at the age of 46 ²² . John died 30 December 1801 in Berks, Pennsylvania ^{23,24} (See Chapter 33) |

 GENERATION NO. 6

32. Jacob⁶ LEVAN²⁵ (16.Sebastian⁵, 8.Jacob⁴, 4.Benjamin³, 2.Joshua², 1.Emma¹). He was the son of **64. Daniel LEVAN** and **65. Maria BEAU**. Jacob died 1768 in Eagle Point, Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania^{26,27}. He married **33. Mary**. Mary died January 1785 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania²⁸.

They had 7 children:

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| 16. | M | i. | Sebastian LEVAN , born 17 March 1727, died 22 December 1790. |
| | F | ii. | Anna Maria LEVAN , born 1732 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She married (1) Jacob HOTTENSTEIN 13 April 1750 in Berks, Pennsylvania ²⁹ . They had 5 children. Jacob died before 1766 in Berks, Pennsylvania. Anna married (2) Frederick HILL in Berks, Pennsylvania. They had 2 children. Frederick died 1794 in Richmond, Berks, Pennsylvania ³⁰ . Anna died after 1794. |
| | M | iii. | Jacob LEVAN, Jr. , born 1736 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania ³¹ . He married Catherine LEVAN 1763 in Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania. They had 4 children. Catherine was born 1747 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Daniel LEVAN and Susanna SIEGFRIED. Catherine also married (2) Philip GEEHR. He was born in Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Catherine died 29 March 1824 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 77 ³² . Jacob, Jr. died 1778 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 42 ^{33,34} , and was buried in David LeVan Farm, Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. |
| | F | iv. | Catherine LEVAN . She married Valentine BROBST . They had 7 children. Catherine died 1775. LeVan History |
| | F | v. | Elizabeth LEVAN . She married George Adam SCHNEIDER . They had 1 child. Elizabeth died before 1771 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. LeVan History |
| | F | vi. | Susanna LEVAN She married Charles NEUDORFF . They had 4 children. LeVan History. |
| | F | vii. | Eve LEVAN . She married Peter YODER 7 December 1762 in Berks County, Pennsylvania ³⁵ . They had 3 children. Eve died 1819 in Reading, Berks., Pennsylvania. |

 GENERATION NO. 7

64. Daniel⁷ LEVAN³⁶ (32.Jacob⁶, 16.Sebastian⁵, 8.Jacob⁴, 4.Benjamin³, 2.Joshua², 1.Emma¹) was born about 1672 in Picardy, France. Daniel died in Amsterdam, Holland. He married **65. Maria BEAU³⁷**.

65. Maria⁷ BEAU was born about 1676 in Picardy, France. Maria died in Amsterdam, Holland.

They had 6 children:

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| | M | i. | Isaac LEVAN . He married Mary Margaret³⁸ . They had 6 children. Mary died before 1786 in Exeter, Berks, Pennsylvania. Isaac died 7 April 1783 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania ³⁹ . |
| 32. | M | ii. | Jacob LEVAN , died 1768. |
| | M | iii. | Joseph LEVAN , died 1729 in Ocean. ⁴⁰ |
| | M | iv. | Daniel LEVAN , born in France. He married Susanna SIEGFRIED . They had 16 children. Susanna was born in Germany. She was the daughter of Johannes SIEGFRIED and Elizabeth. Susanna died 1778 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. Daniel died 5 July 1777 in Pennsylvania. |
| | F | v. | Anna Elizabeth LEVAN . She married Sebastian ZIMMERMAN 1733 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania ⁴¹ . They had 10 children. Sebastian died 1776 ⁴² . Anna died before 1782 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. |
| | M | vi. | Abraham LEVAN , born 20 September 1698 in Amsterdam, New Holland, Netherlands. He married Catherine WEIMAR about 1724 in Berks, Pennsylvania. They had 7 children. Catherine was born 22 February 1706 in Europe. She was the daughter of _____ WEIMAR and Maria DE HARCOURT. Catherine died 29 September 1768 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 62, and was buried in Family Homestead, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. Abraham died 21 April 1779 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 80 ⁴³ , and was buried in Family Homestead, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. |

Endnotes for Chapter 25

1. Lehigh and Berks Counties, Pennsylvania. Rev Joseph Dubbs Church Records. FHL #1750734. Gives a history of George, birth and death dates, marriage date, wives names, number of children with each wife.
2. Rev. Helffrich Records. FHL #132094.
3. Lehigh and Berks Counties, Pennsylvania. Rev Joseph Dubbs Church Records. FHL #1750734.
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5. Lehigh and Berks Counties, Pennsylvania. Rev Joseph Dubbs Church Records. FHL #1750734. Gives a history of George, birth and death dates, marriage date, wives names, number of children with each wife.
6. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob LeVan. FHL #20724. Book A Page 605. Written in German Translation in Book D page 110.
7. Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania. Tombstone St. John Cemetery.
8. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
9. Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania. Tombstone St. John Cemetery.
10. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob LeVan. FHL #20724. Book A Page 605. Written in German Translation in Book D page 110.
11. Rev. Helffrich Records. FHL #132094.
12. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093. Page 12.
13. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. FHL #020735. Vol 2.
14. Rev. Helffrich Records. FHL #132094.
15. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania. Will of Hans Schneider. FHL #21721. Book G Page 65 No. 39.
16. Deed Berks County Pennsylvania. FHL #020765. Book 5 Page 259. Proves Who is Susanna's father.
17. Rev. Helffrich Records. FHL #132094.
18. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
19. Rev. Helffrich Records. FHL #132094.
20. Deaths from the Berks and Schuylkill Journal.
21. Richmond Twp., Berks Pennsylvania. Zion Moselem Church Records. FHL #506404.
22. Berks County Pennsylvania Orphan Court. Vol 18 Page 263.
23. Berks County Pennsylvania Administration Records. Book 6 Page 30.
24. Berks County Pennsylvania Orphan Court. Vol 18 Page 263.
25. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
26. Deed Berks County Pennsylvania. FHL #020765. Book 6. Gives list of children and their spouses.
27. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob LeVan. FHL #20724.
28. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Mary Levan. Book B Page 134.
29. Richmond Twp., Berks Pennsylvania. Zion Moselem Church Records. FHL #506404.
30. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Frederick Hill. FHL #20724. Book B Page 351.
31. Berks County, Pennsylvania. Tombstone David LeVan Farm.
32. Berks County, Pennsylvania. Tombstone David LeVan Farm.
33. Berks County, Pennsylvania. Tombstone David LeVan Farm.
34. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Jacob LeVan. Lists his wife Catharine and three sons and a daughter.
35. Pennsylvania Marriages.
36. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
37. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
38. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
39. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
40. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
41. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
42. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
43. LeVan Graveyard in Oley Berks Pennsylvania.

Chapter 26

The Schneider Family

Susanna Daughter of Hans Schneider Married Sebastian LeVan (See Chapter 24)

The name was also spelt *Snyder* or *Snider*. The name means *tailor*. Johannes lived in Oley Township, which is just over the hill from Eagle Point. This family has no history written as far as I know and the family has been elusive in my research. As usual there were many Schneiders in the county of Berks. No church records have been found for this family. The Lutherans said in 1755, "Oley has always been the haunt of the widest and most unruly peoples and sects and despise preachers and churches." The Reform congregation dates from 1736 but it wasn't long before it was noted that the people of Oley "should be let alone until their desire for true and regular ministers becomes greater." Between 1747 and 1793 they were not known to have a regular pastor. The earliest register for the Oley church begins in 1763.

In *Colonial and Revolutionary Families*, it says that Hans Schneider was born in the Palatinate, Germany in 1708 and settled soon after his arrival in the good ship *Harle* at the port of Philadelphia, September 1, 1736. (There was a Hans that immigrated that day.) This information is incorrect as we know, Hans received a patent in Philadelphia County in 1729 for 200 acres in or near Oley. He also received an additional 149 acres over and above the original warrant in 1734. He had another patent for 125 acres in 1736. Oley was at this time part of Philadelphia County and not Berks. The name is spelt *Snyder* in these records. Unfortunately we have no clues as to where he might have immigrated from. I have not done much research on his children. Will written July 18, 1743 and probated September 5, 1743, exactly as written:

I John Snider of Oley in the County of Philadelphia.....calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die.....Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give and bequeath unto Catharina my dearly beloved wife eight pounds in gold money for her own use. To live during her life in that house where I now live. In case she could not agree with my oldest son then he is to give her yearly fifteen bushels of good weath [wheat], a tubb of butter of sixty pounds or to give and find a cow which she pleases, meat fifty pounds beef and fifty pounds of pork, to sow a half acre for her upon his plantation. I give to my well beloved son Johan Jacob Snider my plantation and land.....My Son Heinrich shall have his part in money or moveables equal with his broders [brothers]. I give and devise unto my son Peter my other plantation and land. I give unto my two daughters Barbara and Susanna equal parts in money or moveables. That all my land them two plantation consisting of four hundred and seventy five acres of land shall be divided in two equal parts. Do order and will that my wife Cathrina shall have so much liberty in the Orchard for her use as she has occasion for. His mark X

I have visited the original Schneider homestead where the home still stands. It has been made into a duplex and is quite run down. No Schneider family lives there now. The family cemetery is located in back of the home and is surrounded by a rock wall. The pioneer ancestor Hans is buried there along with his wife and some of their children.



Schneider Cemetery in the middle of a farmer's field



Cemetery is in poor conditions



Catharine Schneider tombstone



Back of Johannes Schneider's tombstone



Johannes Schneider tombstone

The Descendants of Hans Schneider

1. **Hans¹ SCHNEIDER** was born December 1687 in Germany⁴⁴. Hans died 19 July 1743 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 55^{45,46}, and was buried in Snyder Fam. Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Catherina⁴⁷** _____. She was born 1688. Catherina died 27 March 1774 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 86⁴⁸, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 5 children:

- 2. M i. **Heinrich SCHNEIDER**, born 1721 in Pennsylvania, died 1762 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 41⁴⁹, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.^{50,51}
- + 3. M ii. **John Jacob SCHNEIDER**, died 28 May 1784.
- + 4. M iii. **Peter SCHNEIDER**, born March 1723, died 27 October 1796.
- F iv. **Susanna SCHNEIDER**, born 1724, died 1790. Married Sebastian LeVan. (See Chapter 24)
- + 5. F v. **Barbara SCHNEIDER**, born October 1727, died 8 June 1788.

3. **John Jacob² SCHNEIDER**^{52,53} (1.Hans¹) was born in Pennsylvania. John died 28 May 1784 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. His wife's name is unreadable on the tombstone. She was born 1718. Unknown died 16 October 1785, at the age of 67⁵⁴, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 2 children:

- 6. M i. **Daniel SCHNEIDER**, born 27 August 1749 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁵⁵. He married **Barbara SCHENKEL** in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 1750. Barbara died 5 April 1823 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73⁵⁶, and was buried in Snyder Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. Daniel died 21 May 1804 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 54⁵⁷, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- + 7. F ii. **Susannah SCHNEIDER**, died after 1786.

7. **Susannah³ SCHNEIDER** (3.John², 1.Hans¹). Susannah died after 1786. She married **Isaac LEVAN** in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was born about 1731 in Berks, Pennsylvania⁵⁸. He was the son of Abraham LEVAN and Catherine WEIMAR.

They had 3 children:

- 8. M i. **Daniel LEVAN**, born 16 February 1775 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He married **Hannah**. She was born 11 March 1772⁵⁹. Hannah died 7 June 1845 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73⁶⁰, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. Daniel died 28 April 1837 in Exeter, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 62⁶¹, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

9. F ii. **Susanna LEVAN.**
 10. F iii. **Catherine LEVAN.**

4. Peter² SCHNEIDER^{62,63} (1.Hans¹) was born March 1723 in Pennsylvania^{64,65}. Peter died 27 October 1796 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73^{66,67}, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Eva Apollonia YOUNG⁶⁸**. She was born 26 December 1721 in Berks, Pennsylvania⁶⁹. Eva died 25 April 1799 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 77⁷⁰, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 8 children:

- + 11. F i. **Barbara SCHNEIDER**, born 9 October 1745, died 12 January 1816.
 + 12. M ii. **Benjamin SCHNEIDER**, born 21 December 1748, died 26 October 1816.
 + 13. M iii. **Daniel SCHNEIDER**, born 8 October 1750, died 28 February 1817.
 + 14. M iv. **Peter SCHNEIDER, Jr.**, born 21 August 1752, died 15 December 1815.
 15. M v. **John SCHNEIDER.**
 16. F vi. **Catharine SCHNEIDER.** She married _____ **HILL.**
 17. M vii. **Jacob SCHNEIDER.**
 18. F viii. **Elizabeth SCHNEIDER.** She married _____ **FEGER.**

Information from Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider. FHL #20724. Book B Page 499.

11. Barbara³ SCHNEIDER (4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 9 October 1745 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Barbara died 12 January 1816 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 70⁷¹. She married **Frances RITTER**. He was born 26 August 1741 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. Frances died 24 July 1825 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 83⁷², and was buried in Ritter Graveyard.

They had 10 children:

19. M i. _____ **RITTER**, born 1 December 1768 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 1 December 1768 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania.
 20. M ii. **Frances RITTER**, born in Berks, Pennsylvania, died June 1810 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania.
 21. F iii. **Elizabeth RITTER**, born 17 May 1770 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, died 14 November 1848, at the age of 78.
 22. F iv. **Catharina RITTER**, born 8 November 1772 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 15 January 1773.
 23. M v. **Daniel RITTER**, born 16 November 1773 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 16 March 1775 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania.
 + 24. M vi. **Daniel RITTER**, born 19 February 1776, died 15 June 1853.
 25. M vii. **Johannes RITTER**, born 6 February 1779 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, died 24 November 1851 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 72.
 26. F viii. **Susanna RITTER**, born 23 August 1781 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania.
 27. M ix. **Jacob RITTER**, born 28 January 1783 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. died 23 March 1852, at the age of 69.
 28. F x. **Catharina RITTER**, born 23 February 1785 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania

Above Information from Benjamin and Lucy Ritter's Bible Record, now owned by Dr. Rederick Kessler Spies.

24. Daniel⁴ RITTER (11.Barbara³, 4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 19 February 1776 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania⁷³. Daniel died 15 June 1853 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 77⁷⁴, and was buried in Aulenbach Cemetery. He married **Susanna SCHNEIDER⁷⁵** 1 September 1809 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Benjamin SCHNEIDER and Ester HERBEIN. Susanna died 3 October 1875 in Exeter Township, Berks, Pennsylvania⁷⁶, and was buried in Aulenbach Cemetery.

They had 1 child:

29. F i. **Ester RITTER**, born June 1814 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died 9 December 1898 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 84.

12. Benjamin³ SCHNEIDER⁷⁷ (4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 21 December 1748 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania⁷⁸. Benjamin died 26 October 1816 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 67^{79,80}, and was buried in Snyder Fam. Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Ester HERBEIN** 21 March 1780 in Pennsylvania⁸¹. She was born

9 March 1759. She was the daughter of Peter HERBEIN and Margaret. Ester died 1797 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 37⁸², and was buried in Snyder Cemetery.

They had 8 children:

- + 30. M i. **Jacob H. SCHNEIDER**, born 24 July 1781, died 21 December 1844.
- 31. M ii. **Johannes SCHNEIDER**, born 27 March 1785 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania⁸³, died 12 August 1856 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 71⁸⁴, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.⁸⁵
- 32. M iii. **Peter SCHNEIDER**, died after 1816.
- + 33. M iv. **Gideon SCHNEIDER**.
- 34. M v. **Daniel SCHNEIDER**, died after 1816.
- 35. M vi. **David SCHNEIDER**, died after 1816.
- + 36. F vii. **Susanna SCHNEIDER**, died 3 October 1875.
- 37. F viii. **Elizabeth SCHNEIDER**, died after 1816.

Benjamin married (2) **Susannah WESZNER**. She was born 4 November 1773⁸⁶. Susannah died 1 June 1837 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, age of 63⁸⁷, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

- 30. Jacob H.⁴ SCHNEIDER⁸⁸** (12.Benjamin³, 4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 24 July 1781 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania⁸⁹. Jacob died 21 December 1844 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 63⁹⁰, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Barbara RITTER**. She was born 31 August 1787⁹¹. Barbara died 1 May 1813 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 25⁹², and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery.

They had 1 child:

- + 38. F i. **Sarah Anna SCHNEIDER**, born 18 January 1813, died 28 May 1838.

- 38. Sarah Anna⁵ SCHNEIDER** (30.Jacob⁴, 12.Benjamin³, 4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 18 January 1813 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁹³. Sarah died 28 May 1838 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 25⁹⁴, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery. She married **Augustus F. MILLER⁹⁵**.

They had 2 children:

- 39. M i. _____ **MILLER**, born 17 May 1838 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁹⁶, died in infancy 28 May 1838 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁹⁷, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 40. F ii. _____ **MILLER**.

- 33. Gideon⁴ SCHNEIDER⁹⁸** (12.Benjamin³, 4.Peter², 1.Hans¹). He married (1) **Sarah HERBEIN⁹⁹** 7 January 1827 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 23 October 1801. Sarah died 4 February 1833 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 31¹⁰⁰, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery.

They had 3 children:

- 41. F i. _____ **SCHNEIDER**, died, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery¹⁰¹.
- 42. F ii. _____ **SCHNEIDER**, born 17 April 1848 in Berks County, Pennsylvania¹⁰².
- 43. M iii. _____ **SCHNEIDER**, died, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania¹⁰³.

Gideon married (2) **Lucretta BERTOLET** 30 August 1835 in Berks County, Pennsylvania¹⁰⁴. She was born 18 March 1814 in Berks County, Pennsylvania¹⁰⁵. Lucretta died 22 May 1842 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, age 28¹⁰⁶.

They had 1 child:

- 44. M iv. _____ **SCHNEIDER**, died, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery¹⁰⁷.

- 13. Daniel³ SCHNEIDER¹⁰⁸** (4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 8 October 1750 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. Daniel died 28 February 1817 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 66, and was buried in Snyder Fam. Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 1 child:

- + 45. F i. **Ester SCHNEIDER**, born 1 August 1782, died 4 February 1819.

- 45. Ester⁴ SCHNEIDER** (13.Daniel³, 4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 1 August 1782 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Ester died 4 February 1819 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 36, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery. She married

Jacob GEEHR about 1803 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was born 10 July 1779. Jacob died 23 March 1853 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 3 children:

- 46. F i. **Catharine GEEHR**, born 8 April 1804 in Berks, Pennsylvania, died 10 May 1877 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 47. M ii. **Daniel GEEHR**, born 12 May 1806 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 27 August 1806 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 48. F iii. **Sara GEEHR**, born 16 January 1810 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 27 January 1810 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

Information from Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.

14. Peter³ SCHNEIDER, Jr.¹⁰⁹ (4.Peter², 1.Hans¹) was born 21 August 1752 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania¹¹⁰. Peter, Jr. died 15 December 1815 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 63^{111,112}, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Catharine YOUNG¹¹³**. She was born 2 August 1768¹¹⁴. Catharine died 15 November 1840 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 72¹¹⁵, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 9 children:

- + 49. M i. **Thomas SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania
- 50. M ii. **Jacob W. SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died after 1816.
- 51. M iii. **Samuel SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died after 1816.
- 52. M iv. **Peter SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died after 1816. ¹¹⁶
- 53. F v. **Elizabeth SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died after 1816.
- 54. F vi. **Maria SCHNEIDER**, born 15 January 1792 in Oley, Berks County, Pennsylvania¹¹⁷, died 18 November 1868 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 76¹¹⁸, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. ¹¹⁹
- 55. F vii. **Catharine SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died after 1816.
- 56. F viii. **Sarah SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died after 1816.
- 57. F ix. **Susanna SCHNEIDER**, born in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died after 1816.

49. Thomas⁴ SCHNEIDER¹²⁰ (14.Peter, Jr.³, 4.Peter², 1.Hans¹). He married **Hannah _____**.

They had 2 children:

- 58. F i. **Catherina SCHNEIDER**, born 28 October 1829 in Oley, Berks County, Pennsylvania¹²¹, died 7 February 1848 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 18¹²², and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery.
- 59. F ii. **Hannah SCHNEIDER**, born 29 August 1842 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania¹²³, died 21 January 1857 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 14¹²⁴, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery.

5. Barbara² SCHNEIDER^{125,126} (1.Hans¹) was born October 1727 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. Barbara died 8 June 1788 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 60¹²⁷, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. She married **Nicholas KEIM^{128,129,130}** about 1743 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was born 2 April 1719. He was the son of John Keim.. Nicholas died 23 July 1802 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 83¹³¹, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 2 children:

- + 60. F i. **Katherina KEIM**, born January 1747 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died 25 March 1773.
- + 61. M ii. **John KEIM**, born 6 July 1749 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died 10 February 1819.

60. Katherina³ KEIM (5.Barbara², 1.Hans¹) was born January 1747 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. Katherina died 25 March 1773 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 26, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. She married **Daniel MESSERSMITH** in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was born 25 June 1744. Daniel died 23 August 1820 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 2 children:

- 62. M i. **John MESSERSMITH**, born 30 July 1769 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, died 26 May 1831 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 61, and was buried in Snyder Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 63. F ii. **Susanna MESSERSMITH**, born 4 July 1771 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died 30 November 1789 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 18, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

61. John³ KEIM (5.Barbara², 1.Hans¹) was born 6 July 1749 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. John died 10 February 1819 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 69. He married **Susanna DEBENNEVILLE** 15 October 1771 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

They had 4 children:

- 64. M i. **Johann KEIM**, born 20 February 1777 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 21 December 1777 in Berks County, Pennsylvania¹³², and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- + 65. M ii. **George Debenneville KEIM**, born 16 December 1778, died 20 August 1852.
- 66. F iii. **Catharina KEIM**, born 5 August 1781 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died in childhood 5 January 1784 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 2, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 67. F iv. **Susanna KEIM**, born 15 February 1788 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died in childhood 24 July 1790 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 2, and was buried in Snyder Family Cemetery, Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania.

65. George Debenneville⁴ KEIM (61.John³, 5.Barbara², 1.Hans¹) was born 16 December 1778 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania. George died 20 August 1852 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73. He married **Mary MAY** 4 February 1799 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was born 6 February 1781 in Pottsgrove, Montgomery, Pennsylvania. Mary died 4 December 1854 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73.

They had 1 child:

- 68. M i. **John KEIM**, born 29 October 1799 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, died 15 July 1855 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the age of 55.

Endnotes for Chapter 26

1. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
2. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania. Will of Hans Schneider. FHL #21721. Book 39.
3. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Book 39.
4. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania. Will of Hans Schneider. FHL #21721. Book 39.
5. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
6. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
7. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. FHL #020735. Vol 2.
8. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania. Will of Hans Schneider. FHL #21721. Book 39.
9. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. FHL #020735. Vol 2.
10. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania. Will of Hans Schneider. FHL #21721. Book 39.
11. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Name unreadable says wife of Jacob age 67 yrs 3 mos.
12. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
13. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Age 73 yrs.
14. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
15. Rev Warren Patten Coon. The LeVan Family. FHL #605093.
16. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
17. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
18. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
19. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. FHL #020735. Vol 2.
20. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania. Will of Hans Schneider. FHL #21721. Book 39.
21. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
22. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider. FHL #20724. Book B Page 499.
23. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider. FHL #20724. Book B Page 499.
24. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Book B Page 499.
25. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. gives maiden name.
26. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
27. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
28. Exeter Twp., Berks, Pennsylvania. Tombstone Ritter Cemetery.
29. Exeter Twp., Berks, Pennsylvania. Tombstone Ritter Cemetery.
30. Lisa Swinford.
31. Exeter Twp., Berks, Pennsylvania. Tombstone Aulenbach Cemetery.
32. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Benjamin Schneider. FHL #20725. Book O Page 168.
33. Exeter Twp., Berks, Pennsylvania. Tombstone Aulenbach Cemetery.
34. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider. FHL #20724. Book B Page 499.
35. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
36. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Benjamin Schneider. FHL #20725. Book O Page 168.
37. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Book O Page 168.
38. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Wife of Benjamin married March 21 1780.
39. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
40. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
41. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
42. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Benjamin Schneider. FHL #20725. Book O Page 168.
43. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
44. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
45. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Benjamin Schneider. FHL #20725. Book O Page 168.
- 46-48. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
49. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Gives Maiden name.

50. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
51. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
52. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
- 53-Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Was 11 days old died with mother.
54. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
55. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will and Probate Papers of Benjamin Schneider. FHL #20725. Book O Page 168.
56. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Wife of Gideon.
57. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
58. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. No Dates.
59. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. No death date.
60. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
61. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
62. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
63. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Wife of Gideon married 30 Aug 18335.
64. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. No dates.
- 65-66. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider. FHL #20724. Book B Page 499.
- 67-68. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
69. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider Jr. FHL #20724. Book O Page 168.
70. Oley Berks County Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Gives maiden name.
71. Oley Berks County Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
72. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
73. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider Jr. FHL #20724. Book O Page 168.
74. Berks County Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
75. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Daughter of Peter Schneider and Catherine age 76 yrs and 10 months.
76. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider Jr. FHL #20724. Book O Page 168.
77. Berks County Pennsylvania. Will of Peter Schneider Jr. FHL #20724. Book O Page 168.
78. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
79. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Daughter of Thomas and Hannah Snyder.
80. Oley Berks County Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
81. Oley Berks County Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Daughter of Thomas and Hannah Schneider. Age 14 yrs 5 months and 1 day.
82. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. FHL #020735. Vol 2.
83. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania. Will of Hans Schneider. FHL #21721. Book 39.
84. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery.
85. Crawford. Colonial Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania. 1950. FHL 974.8 D2c. Page 496
86. Keim and Allied Families. FHL #847762. Page 81-82
87. Deed Lancaster County Pennsylvania. FHL #020735. Vol 2.
88. Reading Adler Newspaper Berks County Pennsylvania.
89. Oley Berks Pennsylvania. Tombstone Snyder Family Cemetery. Children of Johann and Susanna.

Chapter 27

The Klein Family

Elizabeth Daughter of Peter Klein Married Benjamin LeVan (See Chapter 24)

The name Klein means small and is also found spelled *Kline*. This spelling was often used within the same family or referring to the same person. Peter immigrated in 1749.

Peter the immigrant's wife, Christina was first married to Theobalt Dewalt Klein who immigrated in 1744. He died as a young man with young children. Christina then married our Peter Klein. Many researchers felt these two were brothers and both are listed in the tax lists of Longswamp Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1754. But there has never been any proof of this relationship and as you will see in the following history the family of Peter says there was no relationship between these two Kleins. Research again was very difficult as there was more than one Peter within this area. In fact many researchers have combined our Peter with a Peter Klein who with his wife Margaret, settled in Weisenberg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

The proof that the wife of Dewalt Klein is our Christina came from a deed recorded March 8, 1776 in Vol 16, Page 211:

Children of Dewalt Klein of Longswamp paid money by Peter Klein of Longswamp intermarried with their mother widow of Dewalt Kline deceased. The children assigned all the estate right title interest of plantation and tract of land situated in Longswamp Township (now in the full and peaceable possession of the said Peter Kline.)

Peter and his family, including the children of Dewalt, lived on the plantation of Dewalt Klein in Longswamp adjoining land of Nicholas Mertz and Peter Mertz. Peter and Christina were sponsors to Nicolaus Mertz in 1777 in the Longswamp church records.

Peter had no will, just an administration record dated June 14, 1817:

Administration granted to Jacob Klein, son of Peter Klein late of Maxatawny Township, deceased. Peter Klein the oldest son not appearing after being requested.

Peter and his wife Christina were members of the Longswamp Reform Church in Long swamp and both are buried there. The first register of this Reformed church was begun on December 6, 1762 by Jacob Weymer, not yet a Reformed pastor but still a parochial schoolmaster. He recorded that the members of the Reformed congregation at the place called Longswamp resolved to build a church. This account says nothing about when the congregation was organized; it testifies only that it was in existence in 1748. In 1753 Nicholas Mertz obtained a warrant for twenty-five acres for the use of a church and burying ground. A second church was built in 1791. In 1852 Longswamp became a full union Church and now called United Church of Christ. It is located one mile east of Merztown along the Alburtis Road.

Peter Klein the Son of Peter the Immigrant

Peter's wife Eva Margaretha Lichte parents have not been identified. The name is also spelt *Lichty*, *Lighty*, *Leighty*, *Liechty* and *Leichti*. The name probably came from Switzerland and was found in the Palatinate area after 1671 and also in Holland, the two places that Swiss emigrated.

There was a Jacob Lichty who immigrated in 1750 and settled in Caenarvon Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. But only three of his sons have been identified. They were born in the same time period as our Margaretha but no proof. Jacob's father has been identified as Henry. There was a Marx or Mark Lichty/Leitchley who served in the Revolutionary War in 1778 and lived in Longswamp Township. He is too young to be her father but I am assuming that he could very well be her brother. Maybe they both immigrated together while the parents remained in the old country. The Jacob of Lancaster could very well be a brother. There was a Peter Leichte in 1740 of Philadelphia County. Further research needs to be done.



Peter's signature on ship's list. He only put his initials. Is that all he could write.?

Peter Klein served in the Revolutionary War and applied for a pension in 1833 (exact spelling):

Claim allowed, aged seventy-four. Resident of applicant, Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania and enlistment Longswamp Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Enlisted 1776 and served six months as private under Captain Jacob Mauser troops call the flying camp. The said camp marched from the Daniel LeVan Tavern through Bethlehem, Easton, Trenton, Amboy, New York, Long Island, White Plains and Kings Bridge. He returned to his home and was shortly after drafted in the militia and attached to Captain James Crause where he served for two months. He first marched to Philadelphia from thence to Newton where he remained until sent home. After his return he was again drafted and attached to Captain George Knappenberger in which he served two months. They assembled in Allentown and marched to Wentz's in Montgomery County and then to White Marsh where he remained until sent home. After his return he was once more drafted and attached to Captain George Bieber, where he served two months and marched from Longswamp through Sunbury up to Jenkins Fort on the North Branch of the Susquehanna where he remained until sent home. He engaged in battles of Long Island and White Plains. [It was the usual practice to be called for two months and then be sent home.]

Death Notice:

Tuesday December 13, 1836: Died on the 27 November 1836 in Greenwich Township Colonel Peter Klein, 76 years, 9 months and 12 days.

Will Book 7, Page 408, 1836, exactly as written:

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Peter Kline Jun. All my real personal and mixed estate. It is my will that each of my daughters shall have eight hundred dollars and whereas I have already given to my daughter Christina intermarried with John LeVan two hundred dollars I direct that my daughter Elizabeth intermarried to Benjamin LeVan shall have two hundred dollars.----For my son George I have provided a maintenance out of my land sold to my son Peter situated in Albany Township, Berks County which I considered more conducive to his welfare than any other. I bequeath to my beloved wife Margaretha during her widowhood to her sole use two beds, beddings, bedsteads full and complete, to be choosen and selected by her, a kitchen dresser, a beurau, a stove & pipe, shovel and tounge, a brass kittle and other house and kitchen furniture to the value of thirty dollars. The value to be decided upon by two neighbors and if they can't agree upon its value, she shall be provided with all and every such utensil which has made necessary to make life easy and comfortable and which is in use among decent and well living families.----If it happens that my wife can or will not board with my son Peter then she shall have the joint use of this house, garden, celer, springhouse and stabling and a house build to her use on a suitable site., she shall have a cow and the calf & calves thereof, each kept and pastured. My wife shall have at her desire a horse, waggon and gears fit and suitable for her to ride whenever she chooses, or a horse, side saddle whenever she prefers the same. I nominate and appoint my son Peter Kline to be the executor.

Peter and his wife Margaretha were members of the Dunkel Church in Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania and are both buried there. The Reformed congregation in Greenwich Township was already organized in 1744. On August 30, 1748 Sebastian Graaf obtained a warrant for twenty-five acres, "adjoining John Dunkill at Maiden Creek...In trust for the use of the Reformed German Church Congregation there." Dunkel had been a Elder in the Falkner Swamp congregation and it was his name that was given to the new church. There is evidence that a Lutheran congregation worshiped in Dunkel's church from the registry of Daniel Schumacher. It was also known as the New Jerusalem Union Church. This church is now abandoned and boarded up but the cemetery is still kept up. It is located two miles east of Virginville.



Tombstones covered in flour to make them readable



Dunkel Church



Eva Margaretha
tombstone



Dunkel Church Cemetery



Peter Klein tombstone

Following is a copy of a history of the Klein family written by Peter Kline the 5th in 1859.

Biography of the Klines Family
 Kline & Kline to the 5th

Hitherto in tracing the lives of the Klines, we shall be carried back to the scenes of the Revolution, for the first came upon the soil of America before that eventful period. Thus coming into a wilderness two days journey from the port of his landing he with his Company had to encounter many disagreeable difficulties with the savages who were at that time in hostility with the whites; on account of being previously driven from their places of abode. In the year 1749, Peter a son of Peter Kline of Nassau, Zwöbrucken, Post. prof. adjoining France and Switzerland, in Bavaria emigrated to America, and landed at Philadelphia after his arrival, he agreed with his Company to go on a northern tour in search of some convenient places to make good their living. Consequently they came and settled in Longwamp Township at that time Maccungie, Philadelphia County now Berks, State or then Province of Pennsylvania, in a beautiful scenery

on lands presently occupied by a Nation People
 in whose meadow are Nut-Bushes, three
 Hickory trees spreading their boughs over
 the noted place of destination. A
 place where he together with the Mills
 family erected the first hut for
 shelter for German Pilgrims on the soil of
 America. In passing the list of Passengers returned
 from Longwamp, in the Office at Philadelphia
 we find that Peter was in the year 1736.
 Returned at such, several years afterwards
 his brother John arrived, and lived with
 him for a short time, and on account of
 his wife, being an Irish, a poor kind descent
 disord. however arose, he went on a short
 journey and settled, as was supposed, in work
 Carolina, from whom nothing was
 since learned of his being yet there or
 his descendants, if any. Peter the Brother
 of John and the subject of this notice
 remained at the first place of abode,
 He was born in Europe on the 1st day
 of April, in the year 1688-1731.
 In person he was nearly six feet in
 height straight build and erect, his

his amiability of Character and purity of
 morals have secured the profound respect
 and esteem of all that knew him.
 He was kind and social and manners
 pleasing. His early education was extremely
 limited the little opportunity afforded
 him in his school-boy days by little
 advantages for acquiring a literature beyond
 the mere rudiments of a good Latin.
 Education, Experience and self-discipline
 were the means of which he had to rely in
 respect to social intercourse. He by
 industry and frugality became able
 to purchase and improve a tract of
 Land (lying in Longwamp as before said)
 and recited on said tract with his
 son Adam came on a day when he disposed
 it off to him accepting besides a few shillings
 down a story. Through out a long life
 he was a true Republican, with a zeal
 earnestly devoted to labor for the welfare
 of his descendants, for good Causes
 he accepted the yoke of Slavery but
 before the close of the Nineteenth Century,
 he had to renounce the institution.

was allotted them by the British Government.
 He was a zealous spectator of the times
 when the Boston Port-bill and Coercive
 Acts arrived at Boston; also when the
 notorious Stamp-bill passed the British
 Council in the year 1764, and other
 acts of like import. The passage of
 such acts was at times a matter of
 deep concern, and likewise would be
 on ordinary occasions at the present.
 He joined the liberal Friends gathering
 with Mrs. Christina Mart, a widow,
 who was previously married with a third
 (but no relation to her) with whom she
 had several children, David and others.
 She was born in Europe the 27th day of
 December A.D. 1727; she was a bold
 and resolute woman, she belonged to the
 German reformed Church to that point
 she being adhered, as related, on one
 occasion as their son Peter to her came
 to the age that he should be admitted as a member
 of the Church, she, with her strong and
 bold expressions, manifested the man-
 ner that their son Peter and his mother should

should become members of the German reformed
 Church, the knowers had to speed to save
 distinction in the family, since that time
 the Friends belong to said faith.
 She died in Massachusetts township the 8th
 day of August Anno-Domini 1789.
 at the age of 61 years 7 months & 10 days
 leaving behind five children four sons and
 one daughter, named Peter the third,
 Jacob, Philip William, and Magdalena.
 The Peter the second (commencing with her
 who died in Europe) died his son in acqui-
 sand as far as his means afforded season-
 ally resided alternately lived with her
 when on an occasion he lived with
 his son William in Massachusetts (Newbury)
 he became severely ill of the dropsy
 and after a short illness died, leaving
 his sons and daughter to remain
 their left. He departed this on the 7th day
 of June Anno-Domini 1813, at the
 advanced age of 82 years 2 months & 8 days.
 He lies interred in the grave yard
 at the old Longwamp Church to
 which place Peter his grand son

Age 76 y 2 m 2 d. He was married to Elizabeth Altendorfer Aug 6th AD 1809. She died Oct. 15th AD 1848 aged 53 y 5 m 5 d. They were blessed with eleven children: ~~John~~ ^{John} William, Charles, & Perry, Anna Margaretta, Buffina, ~~Anna~~ ^{Elizabeth}, Elizabeth, Mary & Catharine. ~~and~~ ^{then} Peter 4th was married a second time Mar. 14th AD 1847 to Widow Sarah Sapanan his first-wife left 8 or 9 children, He is buried at the Gravel Church in Greenwich Township Berks Co. Pa. were his remains lie in Peace. Peter the 5th was born June 3rd AD 1820 in Greenwich Township in a place now called Helmsville and was married to Sarah District of Albany. Township Berks Co Pa June 1st AD 1844. She was born Nov 19/21 ^{in the same place} and they were blessed with eleven children two sons & nine and 9 years elapsed of the ~~...~~ also held the Post Office at Helmsville nearly 39 years.

Taken of his wife) & was a the remains of his to be buried - and afterwards erected to his memory two white markers which he purchased and set in honor as a token of the deceased. Peter the third of the S. B. Klein, was a soldier through the Revolution war. He passed through many hardships, battles &c without having but one mark at the war with a sword, He was born Feb. 15th AD 1760 in Longmanf Township Berks County Pa. and afterwards lived in Maxatawny Township, & then moved in Greenwich a place now called Helmsville, He was married to Eve Margaretta Lichty June 11th 1781 and he died Nov. 27th 1836 his age was 76 y 9 m & 12 days, His wife (Eve Margaretta) was born Jan'y 21st 1765. Died May 9th 1831 age 66 y 3 m & 18 days. Both buried at the Gravel Church in peace. They were blessed with four children namely two sons & two daughters viz Peter the 4th George, Elizabeth & Christiana. Peter the 4th was born Aug 16th AD 1784. Died Oct. 18th AD 1860 age

The Descendants of Peter Klein

1. **Peter¹ KLINE¹** was born in Germany. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 2 children:

- + 2. M i. **Peter KLEIN**, born 1 April 1731, died 9 June 1813.
- 3. M ii. **John KLINE**.²

2. **Peter² KLEIN³** (1.Peter¹) was born 1 April 1731 in Nassau, Zweybrucken, Germany⁴. Peter died 9 June 1813 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 82⁵, and was buried in Longswamp Church Cemetery. He married **Christina MERTZ** 1 November 1758 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 27 December 1727 in Alsace, Germany. She was the daughter of David MERTZ and Veronica SCHNEIDER. Christina died 8 August 1789 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 61. (See Chapter 28)

They had 5 children:

- + 4. M i. **Peter KLEIN**, born 13 February 1760, died 27 November 1836.
- + 5. M ii. **Jacob KLEIN**, born about 1762.
- 6. M iii. **Philip KLEIN**.
- 7. M iv. **Adam KLEIN**.
- 8. F v. **Magdalena KLEIN**.

Peter had 4 stepchildren:

- + 9. M vi. **Nicholas KLEIN**, born about 1750, died after 1776.
 - 10. F vii. **Margaretha KLEIN**, born April 1751 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was the biological daughter of Theobald Dewald KLEIN and Christina MERTZ. She married **George REBER⁶** about 1770 in Berks, Pennsylvania. George died about 1824 in Berks, Pennsylvania. Margaretha died 22 January 1837 in Berks, Pennsylvania, age of 85.
 - + 11. M viii. **David KLEIN**, born 14 December 1754, died 8 April 1821.
 - 12. F ix. **Catherine KLEIN**, born 1755 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was the biological daughter of Theobald Dewald KLEIN and Christina MERTZ, died after 1776 in Berks, Pennsylvania.
- Christina also married (1) Theobald Dewald KLEIN in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was born about 1725. Theobald died 1755 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

4. **Peter³ KLEIN⁷** (2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 13 February 1760 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania. Peter died 27 November 1836 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 76^{8,9}, and was buried in Dunkel Church, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Eva Margaret LICHTE** 1 November 1781 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 21 January 1765 in Berks, Pennsylvania. Her parents have not been identified.. Eva died 9 May 1831 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 66.

They had 4 children:

- + 13. F i. **Christina KLEIN**, born 11 December 1782, died 19 June 1840.
- + 14. M ii. **Peter KLEIN**, born 16 August 1784, died 18 October 1860.
- F iii. **Elizabeth KLEIN**, born 17 November 1786¹⁰, died 11 January 1870. Married Benjamin LeVan. (See Chapter 21)
- + 15. M iv. **George KLEIN**, died after 1836.

13. **Christina⁴ KLEIN¹¹** (4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 11 December 1782 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania¹². Christina died 19 June 1840 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 57. She married **John LEVAN** about 1803 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was born 7 September 1784 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. John died 4 June 1837 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 52.

They had 9 children:

- 16. M i. **Solomon LEVAN**, born about 1806 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died before 1829 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 17. M ii. **John Kline LEVAN**, born 7 September 1804 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Catherine SEIDEL** about 1830 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 11 July 1804 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. Catherine died 29 March 1847 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 42. John married (2) **Anna Maria YOUNG** in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born September 1840 in Berks, Pennsylvania. Anna died after 1924 in Berks, Pennsylvania. John died 12 April 1878 in

- Pricetown, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73, and was buried in Ruscombmanor Church, Pricetown, Berks, Pennsylvania.
18. F iii. **Elizabeth LEVAN**, born 2 August 1810 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She married **David METZGER** 9 October 1834 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was born January 1811 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. David died 4 September 1864 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, at the age of 53, and was buried in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth died 12 October 1884 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
19. M iv. **Peter K. LEVAN**, born 12 October 1812 in Berks, Pennsylvania Peter died 2 June 1887 in Lingleston, Dauphin, Pennsylvania, at the age of 74.
20. F v. **Annie LEVAN**, born about 1814 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She married **Levi REBER** 12 October 1831 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She died in Newcastle, Pennsylvania.
21. M vi. **Chauncey LEVAN**, born about 1816, died 15 April 1876 in Richmond Township, Berks, Pennsylvania. He was single.
22. F vii. **Margaret LEVAN**, born about 1818 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
23. M viii. **Samuel LEVAN**, born about 1822 in Berks, Pennsylvania, died in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
24. M ix. **George LEVAN**, born November 1820 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Margretta Bitler YODER** 9 November 1845 in Oley, Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 20 February 1820. She was the daughter of David YODER. Margretta died 30 March 1900 in Rdg., Pennsylvania, at the age of 80. George died 4 November 1880 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 60.

14. Peter⁴ KLEIN¹³ (4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 16 August 1784 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania¹⁴. Peter died 18 October 1860 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 76¹⁵, and was buried in Dunkel Church, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Elizabeth ALTENDERFER** 6 August 1809 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was born 30 May 1791 in New Hanover, Montgomery, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Michael ALTENDERFER and Anna M. SCHWEINHARDT. Elizabeth died 15 October 1944 in Klinesville, Berks, Pennsylvania. Information from Peter Kline History.

They had 11 children:

25. M i. **John KLEIN**.
- + 26. F ii. **Anna Margaret KLEIN**, born 22 March 1811, died 17 September 1888.
27. M iii. **William KLEIN**.
28. M iv. **Perry KLEIN**.
29. F v. **Ruffina KLEIN**.
- + 30. M vi. **Peter Altenderfer KLEIN**, born 3 June 1820, died 3 July 1887.
- + 31. M vii. **Charles Altenderfer KLEIN**, born 1 April 1832, died 9 December 1912.
32. F viii. **Anna Margaretha KLEIN**.
33. F ix. **Elizabeth KLEIN**.
34. F x. **Mary KLEIN**.
35. F xi. **Catharine KLEIN**.

Peter married (2) **Solome ALTENDERFER**. She was born 18 March 1805. She was the daughter of Michael ALTENDERFER and Anna M. SCHWEINHARDT. Solome died 22 March 1878 in Berks, Pennsylvania, age 73. Solome also married (2) John SASSAMAN.

26. Anna Margaret⁵ KLEIN (14.Peter⁴, 4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 22 March 1811 in Klinesville, Berks, Pennsylvania. Anna died 17 September 1888 in Krumsville, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 77. She married **Henry Pfeiffer DIETRICH¹⁶** 29 December 1832 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was born 26 October 1811 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania. Henry died 10 August 1857 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 45.

They had 2 children:

36. F i. **Anna Maria DIETRICH**, born 1834 in Berks, Pennsylvania.
37. M ii. **Charles Henry DIETRICH**, born 16 July 1838 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Susan M. GRIM¹⁷** 18 March 1916 in Pennsylvania. She was born 20 October 1845. Charles died 2 December 1918 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, age of 80.¹⁸

30. Peter Altenderfer⁵ KLEIN¹⁹ (14.Peter⁴, 4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 3 June 1820 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania²⁰. Peter died 3 July 1887 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 67²¹, and was buried in

Dunkel Church, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Sarah DIETRICH**²² 1 August 1844 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania²³. She was born 19 November 1821 in Albany, Berks, Pennsylvania. Sarah died 8 March 1890 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania²⁴, and was buried in Dunkel Church, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 10 children:

- 38. F i. **Harriet KLINE**, born 10 August 1844 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 39. F ii. **Mary Margarette KLINE**, born 27 December 1845 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 11 February 1846 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Dunkel Church, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 40. F iii. **Esther KLINE**, born 20 June 1847 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 41. F iv. **Sarah Ann KLEIN**, born 18 February 1849 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- + 42. M v. **Dallas KLINE**, born 17 October 1850, died 20 December 1920.
- 43. F vi. **Anna Christina KLINE**, born 4 March 1855 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 44. F vii. **Isabella KLINE**, born 23 April 1857 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 20 May 1857 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 45. F viii. **Mary Margaret KLEIN**, born 17 December 1858 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- 46. F ix. **Emma KLINE**, born 30 August 1862 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 18 October 1862 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania²⁵, and was buried in Dunkel Church, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.²⁶
- 47. M x. **Peter KLINE**, born 10 October 1863 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, died in infancy 8 November 1863 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania²⁷, and was buried in Dunkel Church, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.

Information from Peter Kline History

42. Dallas⁶ KLINE (30.Peter⁵, 14.Peter⁴, 4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 17 October 1850 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania. Dallas died 20 December 1920 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 70. He married **Louisa HILL** 10 April 1880 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born in Ruscombmanor, Berks, Pennsylvania. Louisa died 29 September 1927 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania. Information from Peter Kline History

They had 3 children:

- + 48. F i. **Jennie May KLINE**.
- 49. F ii. **Emma Louisa KLINE**, born 1886 in Berks, Pennsylvania, died 21 October 1909, e age 23.
- 50. F iii. _____ **KLINE**.

48. Jennie May⁷ KLINE (42.Dallas⁶, 30.Peter⁵, 14.Peter⁴, 4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹). She married (1) **Walter N. LUTZ** 14 June 1906 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Information from Peter Kline History

They had 1 child:

- + 51. M i. **Russell Miles KLINE**, born 6 October 1907.
Jennie married (2) **William T. CROSSON** 19 October 1929 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, he was born in England.

51. Russell Miles⁸ KLINE (48.Jennie⁷, 42.Dallas⁶, 30.Peter⁵, 14.Peter⁴, 4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 6 October 1907 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Edna SHALTERS** 30 March 1929 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 1 child:

- 52. M i. **Russell Miles KLINE**, born 2 April 1932 in Berks, Pennsylvania.

31. Charles Altenderfer⁵ KLEIN (14.Peter⁴, 4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 1 April 1832 in Berks, Pennsylvania. Charles died 9 December 1912 in Colorado, at the age of 80. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 1 child:

- 53. F i. **Lenora KLINE**, born in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania.

15. George⁴ KLEIN²⁸ (4.Peter³, 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹). George died after 1836 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He married **Anna Maria ?**.

They had 1 child:

- 54. F i. **Hanna KLEIN**, born 29 September 1795 in Amityville, Berks, Pennsylvania²⁹.

5. Jacob³ KLEIN (2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born about 1762 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He married **Elizabeth ?**.

They had 5 children:

- 55. F i. **Catherine KLEIN**, born 6 July 1788 in Pike Twp., Berks, Pennsylvania³⁰.

- 56. M ii. **Jacob KLEIN**, born 13 October 1790 in Pike Twp., Berks, Pennsylvania³¹.
- 57. M iii. **George KLEIN**, born 22 September 1792 in Pike Township., Berks, Pennsylvania³².
- 58. M iv. **Reuben KLEIN**, born 2 December 1800 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania³³.
- 59. F v. **Catherine KLEIN**, born 15 February 1803 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania³⁴.

9. **Nicholas³ KLEIN** (stepchild of 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born about 1750 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was the biological son of Theobald Dewald KLEIN and Christina MERTZ. Nicholas died after 1776 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He married **Elisabetha** ? about 1774 in Pennsylvania.

They had 1 child:

- 60. F i. **Elisabetha KLEIN**, born 14 April 1775 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania³⁵, christened 5 June 1775.

11. **David³ KLEIN** (stepchild of 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 14 December 1754 in Berks, Pennsylvania. He was the biological son of Theobald Dewald KLEIN and Christina MERTZ. David died 8 April 1821 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 66. He married **Catherine REBER** 1777 in Berks, Pennsylvania. She was born 25 April 1760. She was the daughter of Michel REBER. Catherine died 28 February 1838 in Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 77, and was buried in St. Johns Cemetery, Kutztown, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 7 children:

- + 61. M i. **David KLEIN**, born 1781.
- 62. F ii. **Christina KLEIN**, born 9 October 1782 in Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 19 January 1783 in New Bethel, Greenwich, Berks, Pennsylvania³⁶.
- + 63. M iii. **Benjamin KLEIN**, born 3 June 1784 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 64. F iv. **Leah KLEIN**, born 1786 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 65. M v. **Gidion KLEIN**, born 27 August 1787 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 66. F vi. **Catherine KLEIN**, born 1799 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- + 67. M vii. **Jonathan KLEIN**, christened 4 October 1801 New Bethel Church, died 3 July 1874.

61. **David⁴ KLEIN** (11.David³, stepchild of 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 1781. He married **Magdalena**.

They had 3 children:

- 68. F i. **Maria Magdalena KLEIN**, born 4 February 1799 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania³⁷, christened 25 March 1799.
- 69. M ii. **Johannes KLEIN**, born 23 January 1801 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania³⁸, christened 8 March 1801.
- 70. M iii. **David KLEIN**, born 27 February 1803 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania³⁹.

63. **Benjamin⁴ KLEIN** (11.David³, stepchild of 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was born 3 June 1784 in Bethel Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and was christened 14 December 1784 in St. Pauls, Bethel Township, Lebanon, Pennsylvania⁴⁰. He married **Hannah**.

They had 1 child:

- 71. M i. **Reuben KLEIN**, born 8 January 1814 in Maxatawny, Berks, Pennsylvania⁴¹.

67. **Jonathan⁴ KLEIN** (11.David³, stepchild of 2.Peter², 1.Peter¹) was christened 4 October 1801 in Berks County, Pennsylvania⁴². Jonathan died 3 July 1874 in Dryville, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania⁴³, and was buried in Metz Church, New Jerusalem, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Maria GUNTHER** 9 October 1825 in Pennsylvania. She was born 25 January 1804. Maria died 24 June 1868, at the age of 64.

They had 8 children:

- 72. M i. **David KLEIN**.
- 73. M ii. **Charles KLEIN**.
- 74. M iii. **Jonathan KLEIN**.
- 75. F iv. **Sara Ann KLEIN**.
- 76. M v. **William KLEIN**.
- 77. F vi. **Mary Ann KLEIN**.
- 78. M vii. **James KLEIN**.
- 79. M viii. **Jacob KLEIN**.

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NOTE.

We have the epaulets worn by Peter the 4th
 when Colonel by Jennie Kline, Ephraim
 and Micham. T. Ephraim.

Peter the 4th was elected two terms to the
 Legislature of Berks Co, and Post Master of
 the Klinesville P.O, and also Justice of
 the Peace of Greenbush Township for many
 years, He was Colonel of the 1st Battalion
 1st Regiment - 2^d Brigade Pennsylvania Militia
 Nottingham & Hamburg Battalions & held other
 office of Trust,

More notes from Kline history

Chapter 28

The Mertz Family

Maria Christina Daughter of David Mertz Married Peter Klein (See Chapter 27)

My first clue to Christina's parentage came from a book entitled *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Norther Alsace to America* by Annette Burgert. This author has done considerable research in connecting Pennsylvania Germans to their homelands. Annette Burgert started with immigration records and then connected them with Pennsylvania and German records, an amazing feat.

Our ancestor David Mertz immigrated on the *Richard and Elizabeth* in 1733, age forty-four. He arrived with his wife Veronica age forty, Johannes Nicholas age eighteen, Johannes Peter age thirteen and three quarter, and Christina age three and three quarters. Allegiance to Great Britain was taken by David Mertz age forty-four and Nicholas age eighteen. His son John Nicholas Mertz was naturalized in Philadelphia County, April 5, 1743. (This means becoming a British subject.)

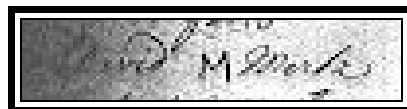
I was able to research the Diedendorf Reformed Church parish registers to further the data on this family. They actually lived in the village of Hangviller. I assume, the age difference in the children, means that there were other children who had died. Although the records of Diedendorf did not confirm this. Also the oldest child Nicholas is not listed in the church records so this family must have come from another parish. One source says David was born in Switzerland.

This area between Germany and France changed hands frequently throughout history, sometimes being governed by France and sometimes governed by Germany. Many of the Swiss emigrants fled to this area which is also call, Alsace Lorraine. Alsace was a country divided into numerous small domains. Diedendorf is located in the northernmost part of Alsace that borders on Germany. Today the region is located in the northern part of the Department of Bas-Rhin in France. The area is approximately forty miles northwest of the city of Strasbourg.

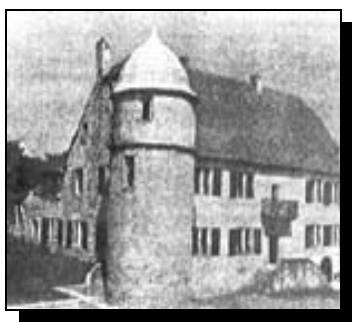
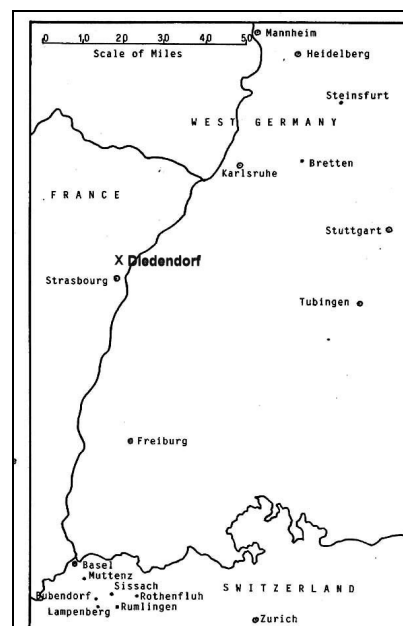
Diedendorf was a reformed parish where the records start in 1698.

Diedendorf was one of seven villages that were founded by the Huguenots in 1559. Louis XIV issued a new edict that stated reformed people should convert to Catholicism, this edict also threatened the death penalty to those who attempted emigration. After the defeat of Louis

XIV in 1697 many reformed Swiss families came into the area to repopulate. They appear in large numbers in the reformed parish records at Diedendorf.



David's signature from ship passenger lists



House in Diedendorf



Street of Diedendorf

There was quite an immigration of Mertz families into Pennsylvania and so connecting all the Mertz names is quite difficult.

Tax list for Longswamp for 1779 lists:

Peter, Peter Jr. a weaver, Philip a wheelwright, John a blacksmith, Peter and Henry

David's brother Johannes married a daughter of Melchior Haffa so these families are closely intertwined, both families coming to Berks County.

David's brother Henry, also came to Berks County settling in Rockland Township, naturalized on September 8, 1765. (This means becoming a British subject.) He immigrated in 1733. In 1747 he gave three quarters of an acre of his land to the Lutherans of the area to build a church. A church register was begun about 1749 with the first six entries recording the baptisms of the children of Henry. The church was called the 'Mertz Church' for many years. David's family does not seem to be recorded in this church even though there are many Mertz descendants found in these records. Nothing is known about David's life once he came to America.



I have not researched this family further in Berks County. Burial places and other descendants need to be found.

The Descendants of Hans Peter Mertz

1. **Hans Peter¹ MERTZ** was born in Stockenhausen, Wurttemberg, Germany. Died before 1749. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 4 children:

- + 2. M i. **David MERTZ**, born 1689.
- + 3. M ii. **Johannes MERTZ**, died 1773.
- + 4. F iii. **Anna Margaretha MERTZ**, born 1701.
- + 5. M iv. **Johannes Heinrich MERTZ**.

2. **David² MERTZ** (1.Hans¹) was born 1689 in Germany¹. He married **Veronica SCHNEIDER**. She was born 1693 in Germany². She was the daughter of Joseph SCHNEIDER. (See Chapter 29)

They had 3 children:

- 6. M i. **Johannes Nicholas MERTZ**, born about 1715. ³Married **Margaret**_____ and had 11 children. (I have the children's names but they were somehow not included here.)
- + 7. M ii. **Johan Peter MERTZ**, christened 20 September 1722, died 7 August 1787.
- F iii. **Christina MERTZ**, born 27 December 1727, died 8 August 1789 Married Peter Klein. (See Chapter 27)

7. **Johan Peter³ MERTZ** (2.David², 1.Hans¹) was born in Alsace, Germany⁴, and was christened 20 September 1722 in Hangviller, Alsace, Germany⁵. Johan died 7 August 1787 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania⁶. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 4 children:

- + 8. M i. **Nicholas MERTZ**, born 1748, died 1787.
- 9. M ii. **John MERTZ**.
- 10. M iii. **Peter MERTZ**.
- 11. M iv. **Philip MERTZ**.

8. **Nicholas⁴ MERTZ** (7.Johan³, 2.David², 1.Hans¹) was born 1748 in Berks, Pennsylvania. Nicholas died 1787, at the age of 39. He married **Catharine**_____. Information from Longswamp Church records, Berks, Pennsylvania #20350.

They had 4 children:

- 12. F i. **Mary Magdalena MERTZ**.
- 13. M ii. **Isaac MERTZ**, born 10 March 1777 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- + 14. M iii. **Abraham MERTZ**, born 3 February 1780.

15. M iv. **Jacob MERTZ**, born 3 March 1782 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania.
Information from Longswamp Church records, Berks, Pennsylvania #20350.

14. **Abraham⁵ MERTZ** (8.Nicholas⁴, 7.Johan³, 2.David², 1.Hans¹) was born 3 February 1780 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania, and was christened 26 March 1780 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Catherine**.

They had 2 children:

16. M i. **Jacob MERTZ**, born 21 June 1799 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 19 September 1802 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania.

17. F ii. **Anna MERTZ**, born 4 June 1802 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 19 September 1802 in Longswamp, Berks, Pennsylvania.

Information from Longswamp Church records, Berks, Pennsylvania #20350.

3. **Johannes² MERTZ** (1.Hans¹) was born in Stockhausen, Wurttemberg, Germany. Johannes died 1773 in Berks, Pennsylvania⁷. He married **Juliana Rosina HAFFA** 24 May 1756 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania⁸. She was born 17 November 1735 in Aldingen, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany⁹. She was the daughter of Johannes Melchior HAFFA and Maria HESSLER. (See Chapter 35) Juliana died 27 December 1825 in Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania, at the age of 90¹⁰, and was buried in Trinity Lutheran. Information from Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania. Mertz Church or Dryville. FHL #1421958.

They had 5 children:

18. M i. **Johannes MERTZ**, christened 31 July 1757 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.

19. F ii. **Anna Maria MERTZ**, born 2 December 1760 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 22 March 1761 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.

20. F iii. **Maria Salome MERTZ**, christened 24 May 1763 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.

21. M iv. **Melchior MERTZ**, born 11 April 1765 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 26 May 1765 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.

22. M v. **Peter MERTZ**, born 1769 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, died 1833, at the age of 64.

4. **Anna Margaretha² MERTZ** (1.Hans¹) was born 1701 in Hangviller, Alsace, Germany¹¹. Anna died in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania. She married **Abraham VAUTRIN** 19 March 1723 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. He was christened 11 July 1700 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. He was the son of Abraham VAUTRIN and Catharina BRODT. Abraham died 28 November 1752 in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

They had 8 children:

23. M i. **Johannes Peter VAUTRIN**, christened 5 March 1724 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany, died in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

+ 24. F ii. **Anna Margaretha VAUTRIN**, christened 20 October 1725, died 8 October 1763.

25. F iii. **Maria Magdalena VAUTRIN**, christened 16 March 1728 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany, died in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

26. F iv. **Anna Elisabetha VAUTRIN**, christened 29 June 1730 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

27. M v. **Johannes Jacob VAUTRIN**, christened 3 August 1732 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

28. M vi. **Johann Wilhelm VAUTRIN**, born about 1735 in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

29. F vii. **Anna Barbara VAUTRIN**, christened 22 March 1739 in Egypt Reform, Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

30. M viii. **Abraham VAUTRIN**, born about 1745 in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

24. **Anna Margaretha³ VAUTRIN** (4.Anna², 1.Hans¹) was christened 20 October 1725 in Hirschland, Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany¹². Anna died 8 October 1763 in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania¹³. She married **Johannes SCHNEIDER** (See Chapter 29) in Pennsylvania. He was born in Germany, and was christened 14 August 1718 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany¹⁴. He was the son of Hans Ulrich SCHNEIDER and Anna Catharina ROHR. Johannes died 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Lehigh, Pennsylvania¹⁵.

They had 5 children:

31. F i. **Eva SCHNEIDER**.

32. F ii. **Sarah SCHNEIDER**, born 16 August 1752 in North Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania¹⁶, died in childhood 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania, at the age of 11.

33. F iii. **Magdalena SCHNEIDER**.

34. F iv. **Dorothea SCHNEIDER** Dorothea died 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.
35. F v. **Susanna SCHNEIDER**, christened 12 April 1763 in Egypt Reform, North Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania, died 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

5. Johannes Heinrich² MERTZ (1.Hans¹). He married **Anna Maria ROSSMAN**.

They had 9 children:

- + 36. M i. **John Philip MERTZ**, born 14 October 1738 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania..
37. M ii. **John William MERTZ**, born 7 October 1739 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 25 October 1739 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania
38. M iii. **John Jacob MERTZ**, born 18 August 1741 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 30 August 1741 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania
39. F iv. **Maria Catharine MERTZ**, born 20 August 1743 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 29 August 1743 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania
40. F v. **Anna Rosina MERTZ**, born 10 May 1745 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 20 May 1745 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.
41. F vi. **Eva Catharine MERTZ**, born 17 March 1747 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 23 March 1747 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania
42. M vii. **Henry MERTZ**, born 29 September 1749 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, christened 1 January 1750 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.
- + 43. M viii. **George Heinrich MERTZ**, born 5 September 1755.
44. F ix. **Maria Elizabetha MERTZ**, christened 14 August 1757 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.

Information from Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania. Mertz Church or Dryville. FHL #1421958.

36. John Philip³ MERTZ (5.Johannes², 1.Hans¹) was born 14 October 1738 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, and was christened 25 November 1738 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Catherine QUIER** 29 May 1764 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 7 children:

45. F i. **Catharine MERTZ**, born 2 April 1765 in Rockland Township Berks, Pennsylvania.
46. F ii. **Maria Elis. MERTZ**, born 12 August 1766 in Rockland Township Berks, Pennsylvania.
47. F iii. **Anna Maria MERTZ**, born 26 August 1769 in Rockland Berks, Pennsylvania.
48. M iv. **Johan Jacob MERTZ**, christened 3 February 1771 in Rockland . Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Maria Elizabetha MEYER**.
49. M v. **Philips Heinrich MERTZ**, christened 15 November 1772 in Rockland Berks, Pennsylvania.
50. F vi. **Christina MERTZ**, christened 26 June 1776 in Rockland Berks, Pennsylvania.
51. F vii. **Esther MERTZ**, christened 16 March 1777 in Rockland Berks, Pennsylvania.

Information Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania. Mertz Church or Dryville. FHL #1421958.

43. George Heinrich³ MERTZ (5.John², 1.Hans¹) was born 5 September 1755 in Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania, and was christened 12 September 1755 in Mertz Church, Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married **Eve Barbara GRUTH**.

They had 1 child:

- + 52. M i. **Henry George MERTZ**, born 21 July 1782, Rockland Township, Berks, Pennsylvania died 11 March 1844.

Information from Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah International Genealogical Index, extraction of Mertz Church.

52. Henry George⁴ MERTZ (43.George³, 5.John², 1.Hans¹) was born 21 July 1782 in Rockland Twp. Berks, Pennsylvania. Henry died 11 March 1844, at the age of 61. He married **Hannah DORNEY**. Information from Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah International Genealogical Index.

They had 13 children:

- + 53. M i. **Charles MERTZ**, born 1803.
54. M ii. **David MERTZ**, born about 1805 in Dorneysville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.
- + 55. F iii. **Solomon MERTZ**, born about 1807.

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| 56. | F | iv. | Anna Maria MERTZ , born 18 February 1811 in Rockland Township. Berks, Pennsylvania, died 11 March 1884, at the age of 73. |
| 57. | F | v. | William MERTZ , born about 1812 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| + 58. | M | vi. | Elias MERTZ , born about 1813. |
| + 59. | M | vii. | Edward MERTZ , born about 1814. |
| 60. | F | viii. | Sarah MERTZ , born about 1815 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 61. | F | ix. | Catharine MERTZ , born about 1817 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 62. | F | x. | Mary MERTZ , born about 1821 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 63. | M | xi. | Frank MERTZ , born about 1823 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 64. | F | xii. | Leah MERTZ , born about 1827 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 65. | F | xiii. | Rebecca MERTZ , born about 1830 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |

53. Charles⁵ MERTZ (52.Henry⁴, 43.George³, 5.John², 1.Hans¹) was born 1803 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. He married **Salome STEININGER**. Information from Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah International Genealogical Index.

They had 7 children:

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| 66. | F | i. | Leah MERTZ , born about 1829 in Cedarville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 67. | M | ii. | Tilghman MERTZ , born about 1831 in Cedarville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 68. | M | iii. | Solomon MERTZ , born about 1833 in Cedarville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 69. | M | iv. | Edward W. MERTZ , born 19 September 1835 in Cedarville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 70. | F | v. | Rebecca MERTZ , born about 1837 in Cedarville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 71. | F | vi. | Carolina MERTZ , born about 1839 in Cedarville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 72. | M | vii. | Llewellyn MERTZ , born 26 December 1848 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |

55. Solomon⁵ MERTZ (52.Henry⁴, 43.George³, 5.John², 1.Hans¹) was born about 1807 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. She married **Lucy Ann BUTZ**. Information from Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah International Genealogical Index.

They had 3 children:

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| 73. | F | i. | Mary A. BUTZ , born about 1838 in Pennsylvania. |
| 74. | M | ii. | Frank BUTZ , born about 1840 in Pennsylvania. |
| 75. | M | iii. | William H. BUTZ , born 5 February 1841 in Pennsylvania. |

58. Elias⁵ MERTZ (52.Henry⁴, 43.George³, 5.John², 1.Hans¹) was born about 1813 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. He married **Sophie BORTZ**. Information from Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah International Genealogical Index.

They had 7 children:

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| 76. | F | i. | Alice MERTZ , born about 1841 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 77. | F | ii. | Amanda MERTZ , born about 1843 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 78. | M | iii. | Lewis H. MERTZ , born about 1847 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 79. | F | iv. | Angelina M. MERTZ , born about 1849 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 80. | F | v. | Emma MERTZ , born 13 April 1855 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 81. | M | vi. | James E. MERTZ , born about 1856 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |
| 82. | F | vii. | Ella MERTZ , born about 1857 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. |

59. Edward⁵ MERTZ (52.Henry⁴, 43.George³, 5.John², 1.Hans¹) was born about 1814 in Dorneyville, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. He married **Carolina ROMIG**. Information from Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah International Genealogical Index.

They had 1 child:

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| 83. | F | i. | Lillie MERTZ , born about 1860 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. |
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Endnotes for Chapter 28

1. Elsass-Lothringen Germany. Diedendorf Reformed Church Records 1698-1793. FHL #742362.
2. Elsass-Lothringen Germany. Diedendorf Reformed Church Records 1698-1793. FHL #742362.
3. Burgert. 18th Century Immigrants from Northern Alsace to America. He was 18 Yrs old listed with David.
4. Elsass-Lothringen Germany. Diedendorf Reformed Church Records 1698-1793. FHL #742362.
5. Elsass-Lothringen Germany. Diedendorf Reformed Church Records 1698-1793. FHL #742362.
6. Berks County Pennsylvania Administration Records. Page 396. List Children.
7. Berks County Pennsylvania Administration Records. Book 3 Page 99.
8. Rockland, Berks, Pennsylvania. Mertz Church or Dryville. FHL #1421958.
9. Aldingen, Wurttemberg, Germany Parish Church Record. FHL #1659309.
10. Rev. Strassburger. Trinity Reform Church, Pottstown, Montgomery, Pennsylvania.
11. Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. IGI.
12. Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany Parish church records. FHL #742362.
13. Burgert. 18th Century Immigrants from Northern Alsace to America.
14. Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany Parish church records. FHL #742362.
15. Burgert. 18th Century Immigrants from Northern Alsace to America. Page 444.
16. Burgert. 18th Century Immigrants from Northern Alsace to America.

The Joseph Schneider Family

Veronica Daughter of Joseph Schneider Married David Mertz (See Chapter 28)

Veronica Schneider family was part of the Swiss emigrants who came into the Diedendorf parish. Her father Joseph came from Switzerland to the Alsace Lorraine area.

In the records of Saarwerden, county office for Kirberg, France, dated October 18, 1764 is a contemporary table of descendants of Joseph Schneider of Diedendorf. I would love to get my hands on this record but have been unable to find a copy of it:

Joseph was originally from Melchnau, Bern. Veronica Schneider, wife of David Mertz, was a daughter of Joseph Schneider. David Mertz of Hangweiler and wife Veronica have moved to the new Land with three children, Hans Nickel, Hans Peter and Christina.

I was not able to find any dates for Joseph or any mention of his wife. The assumption is she was already deceased when the family emigrated to that area. His children seem to already be of marriageable age.

Veronica's brother, Johannes Schneider, immigrated to America in 1738 coming to Whitehall, Northampton County Pennsylvania. Another brother, Ulrich, a linen weaver and his wife and five children also immigrated to America.

Ulrich's son Johannes met with tragedy after their arrival in America. From a Letter dated 1763:

They went to Hans Schneider's and the Marks plantations and found both houses on fire, and a horse tied to the bushes. They also found said Schneider, his wife and three children, dead in the field, the man and woman scalped; and on going further, they found two others wounded, one of whom was scalped.

Orphan Court Petition, dated 1765 (exact spelling):

Petition from Nicholas Marks Brother-in-law to Magdalena and Dorothy Schneider daughters of John Schneider deceased, both being minors. The petition states that on the 8 October 1763, the said John Schneider, his wife and three children were most cruelly murdered by the Indians, at their dwelling house in Whitehall Township, one of the children was taken captive, the two girls named above were wounded, one scalped and left for dead. Magdalena has happily recovered; but the other, Dorothy, is still in a languishing condition. The petitioner requests financial assistance.

The records for Melchnau, Switzerland have not been microfilmed yet so further research on Joseph and his family will have to wait.

The Descendants of Joseph Schneider

84. Joseph¹ SCHNEIDER was born in Melchnau, Bern, Switzerland. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 8 children:

- + 85. M i. **Hans Ulrich SCHNEIDER**, born 20 September 1669, died 23 February 1743.
- + 86. F ii. **Anna SCHNEIDER**.
- + 87. F iii. **Veronica SCHNEIDER**, born 1693.
- + 88. F iv. **Anna Maria SCHNEIDER**.
- + 89. F v. **Barbara SCHNEIDER**.
- 90. F vi. **Anna Catharina SCHNEIDER**. She married **Martin BRAUND** before 1702 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- + 91. F vii. **Margaretha SCHNEIDER**.
- 92. M viii. **Johannes SCHNEIDER**. He married **Anna Amalia HOFMANN** on 15 November 1704 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. Immigrated 1738.

85. Hans Ulrich² SCHNEIDER (84.Joseph¹) was born 20 September 1669 in Melchnau, Bern, Switzerland. Hans died 23 February 1743 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany, at the age of 73¹. He married **Anna Catharina ROHR** 13 September 1701 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. She was

born 3 March 1678. She was the daughter of Peter ROHR. Anna died 13 March 1744 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany, at the age of 66.

They had 13 children:

- + 93. M i. **Johannes Nicolaus SCHNEIDER**, christened 10 April 1703 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany
- 94. F ii. **Christine SCHNEIDER**, christened 13 September 1705 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- + 95. M iii. **Josephus SCHNEIDER**, christened 12 January 1707, died July 1766 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- + 96. M iv. **Otto Johann SCHNEIDER**, christened 9 December 1708 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 97. M v. **Christian SCHNEIDER**, christened 12 December 1711 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 98. F vi. **Judith Maria SCHNEIDER**, born 8 January 1713 ,christened 13 February 1713 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 99. F vii. **Margaretha SCHNEIDER**, christened 14 January 1714 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 100. M viii. **Johann Fridrich SCHNEIDER**, christened 8 September 1715 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. He married **Anna Maria** about 1740 in Pennsylvania. He immigrated 1738.
- + 101. M ix. **Johannes SCHNEIDER**, christened 14 August 1718, died 8 October 1763.
- 102. F x. **Maria Magdalena SCHNEIDER**, christened 11 May 1721 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 103. F xi. **Anna Ottilia SCHNEIDER**, christened 5 November 1724 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 104. F xii. **Maria Esther SCHNEIDER**, christened 18 December 1727 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- + 105. M xiii. **Johann Daniel SCHNEIDER**, christened 1 March 1731, died 1778 Diedendorf, Alsace Germany.

93. Johannes Nicolaus³ SCHNEIDER (85.Hans², 84.Joseph¹) was christened 10 April 1703 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. Johannes died in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania. He married **Eva MARTZLUFF** 10 September 1720 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. She was the daughter of Adam MARTZLUFF.

They had 8 children:

- 106. M i. **Stephanus SCHNEIDER**, born 31 August 1725 in Rauweiler, Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 107. F ii. **Maria Margaretha SCHNEIDER**, born 2 November 1727 in Rauweiler, Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
- 108. M iii. **Johann Nicklaus SCHNEIDER**, born in Rauweiler, Alsace, Germany, christened 20 January 1730 in Rauweiler, Alsace, Germany.
- 109. F iv. **Maria Susanna SCHNEIDER**, born 1732 in Rauweiler, Alsace, Germany, christened 6 July 1732 in Rauweiler, Alsace, Germany.

110. F v. **Maria Magdalena SCHNEIDER**, born 1737 in Rauweiler, Alsace, Germany, christened 8 February 1737 in Rauweiler, Alsace, Germany.
111. F vi. **Maria Barbara SCHNEIDER**, born 1740 in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania, christened 23 September 1740 in Egypt Reform, Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.
112. F vii. **Julianna Catharina SCHNEIDER**, born 1 May 1742 in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania, christened 8 September 1743 in Egypt Reform, Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.
113. M viii. **Peter SCHNEIDER**, born 13 August 1744 in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania, christened 13 December 1744 in Egypt Reform, Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

95. Josephus³ SCHNEIDER (85.Hans², 84.Joseph¹) was born in Germany, and was christened 12 January 1707 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. Josephus died July 1766 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. He married **Ursula Margaretha FRANTZ** 14 November 1732 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. She was born 2 December 1713 in Germany. Ursula died 7 November 1764 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany, at the age of 50.

They had 2 children:

114. F i. **Catharina SCHNEIDER**. She married **Peter HAURY** 16 April 1771 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
115. F ii. **Charlotta SCHNEIDER**. She married **Johan PHILIPP** 9 March 1772 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

96. Otto Johann³ SCHNEIDER (85.Hans², 84.Joseph¹) was born in Germany, and was christened 9 December 1708 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. His spouse has not been identified.

They had 1 child:

116. F i. **Dorothea SCHNEIDER**. She married **Michael KUNTZ** 7 February 1758 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

101. Johannes³ SCHNEIDER (85.Hans², 84.Joseph¹) was born in Germany, and was christened 14 August 1718 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. Johannes died 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Lehigh, Pennsylvania². He married **Anna Margaretha VAUTRIN (WOTRING)** in Pennsylvania. She died 8 October 1763.

They had 5 Children:

- F i. **Eva SCHNEIDER**, died 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.
- F ii. **Sarah SCHNEIDER**, born 16 August 1752 North Whitehall, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. She died 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.
- F iii. **Magdalena SCHNEIDER**.
- F iv. **Dorothea SCHNEIDER**.
- F v. **Susanna SCHNEIDER**, died 8 October 1763 in North Whitehall, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

105. Johann Daniel³ SCHNEIDER (85.Hans², 84.Joseph¹) was born in Germany, and was christened 1 March 1731 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. Johann died 1778 in Whitehall, Northampton,

Pennsylvania³, and was buried in Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania. His spouse has not been identified..

They had 1 child:

117. F i. **Maria Barbel SCHNEIDER**, christened 5 October 1755 in Egypt Reform, North Whitehall, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

86. Anna² SCHNEIDER (84.Joseph¹). She married (1) **Jacob REICHARDT** 13 January 1705 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. Jacob died before 1720.

Anna married (2) **Johannes SCHEURER** 30 September 1719 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

They had 2 children:

118. F i. **Veronica SCHEURER**, christened 1 November 1703 in Weyer, Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
119. M ii. **Johann Jacob SCHEURER**, born 31 August 1722 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

Johannes also married (1) Veronica SCHUCK 6 February 1703 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. Veronica died 1719.

87. Veronica² SCHNEIDER (84.Joseph¹) was born 1693 in Germany. She married **David MERTZ** (See Chapter 28). He was born 1689 in Germany. He was the son of Hans Peter MERTZ.

88. Anna Maria² SCHNEIDER (84.Joseph¹). Anna died in Tulpehocken, Berks, Pennsylvania. She married **Jacob LEDERMAN** about 1728 in Rauweiler, Alsace, Germany. He was christened 21 August 1707 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany. He was the son of Hans Ulrich LEDERMAN and Elisabeth FOURNIER or FORNY. Jacob died August 1762 in Tulpehocken, Berks, Pennsylvania.

They had 3 children:

120. M i. **Joh. Peter LEDERMAN**, christened 14 August 1729 in Rauwiller, Alsace, Germany, died 1801 in Tulpehocken, Berks, Pennsylvania.
121. M ii. **Joh. David LEDERMAN**, christened 6 January 1731 in Rauwiller, Alsace, Germany.
122. F iii. **Anna Maria LEDERMAN**, christened 24 November 1737 in Rauwiller, Germany.

89. Barbara² SCHNEIDER (84.Joseph¹). She married **Jacob CARLE** about 1701 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

They had 2 children:

123. F i. **Anna Elizabeth CARLE**, christened 25 March 1702 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.
124. M ii. **Hans Jacob CARLE**, christened 18 May 1704 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

91. Margaretha² SCHNEIDER (84.Joseph¹). She married **Baltsasar FRANTZ** about 1702 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

They had 1 child:

125. M i. **Hans Michael FRANTZ**, christened 11 November 1703 in Diedendorf, Alsace, Germany.

Information of Diedendorf Germany is from Elsass-Lothringen Germany. Diedendorf Reformed Church Records 1698-1793. FHL #742362.

Endnotes for Chapter 29

1. Burgert. 18th Century Immigrants from Northern Alsace to America. PAGE 443.
2. Burgert. 18th Century Immigrants from Northern Alsace to America. Page 444.
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