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#### THE COVER

A recent view of the Münchhof in Friedelsheim, Germany, shows the various buildings now on this Palatinate farm. Earlier structures there were built as a castle by the nobility. It has been leased or owned continuously by Mennonites since 1665. The large building (lower right) is the Mennonite Church, built in 1830, and to its left, the pastor's residence. The taller square tower adjacent the pastor's residence is the only standing structure from the old castle. The water (top right) is the remains of a moat which surrounded the castle. Friedelsheim is noted (p.10) in the first article in this issue, a translation of the 1671 list of Swiss Mennonite refugees in the Palatinate, as the residence of some of the refugees.

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A careful translation of a document in the Amsterdam Mennonite Archives reveals an inspiring story of mutual aid in its many personal details.

# Swiss Anabaptist Refugees from Canton Bern in the German Palatinate in 1671

by Charles Whitmer

First they came by land, nearly 70 of them, and then 62 by ship, and shortly thereafter another 60, then 108, and 30, then 40, and finally another 60, all together 430 persons, but we have probably not counted all of them, so that we believe that no less than 450 souls have come. These are spread among their brethren throughout the land about 12 miles around.

Among them are elderly who must walk with canes, 70, 80, and even 90 years old. They are very poorly dressed, and they have not brought much more, since they had to take up and leave immediately. They are especially lacking in beds, so that we don't know how we will protect them from the cold.

We have been feeding them up to now. There are members among us putting up and feeding 6, 7, 8, or 9 souls, such that many have little in the way of cheese, butter, and other food remaining. I have in my house Georg Leichter (their foremost minister), who was sick for 14 days, as well as an old woman over 80, who spends nearly the whole day in bed, also a man and a woman, and a young man and a girl of 16, all of whom also share my table.

It is now high time to find places to lease and to purchase, so that they, with their children, will have something to do and earn their living; speaking of which, these people have begun to search, wishing to have their own houses and land, but they cannot take on a lease because they don't have the means. Even so, we have been busy trying to help them in some situations, and have already taken on one place above Heidelberg.

These people also need household equipment, horses, carts, plows and such, cows, etc. And then they will need to wait  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years before they can see the fruits of their labor, and through it all they will need food and necessities of life.

Thus begins a letter dated October 17, 1671, from Valentin Hütwohl, a Mennonite minister in the German Palatinate.¹ This letter was received by the Mennonite congregation in Amsterdam, who had excerpts from it copied, by hand, and distributed to 33 other congregations.² Jacob Everling, from Obersülzen, also wrote a letter on November 2, 1671³: "... There are many crippled and lame among them. They carry their bundles on their backs and their children in their arms. Some of them are taking it well, others have tears flowing over their cheeks, especially the elderly, stripped of their possessions, who in their old age must wander in poverty and in a foreign land."

These letters describe the situation of about 700 Mennonite refugees from Canton Bern, Switzerland. They

were taken in by Swiss-origin Mennonites who had themselves moved to the Palatinate from Canton Zurich from 1651 to 1670. In contrast to the dry phrase, "fled persecution in Switzerland," which one hears so often when researching the genealogy of early Pennsylvania Mennonites, these letters vividly show the horror of their situation, and should bring to mind the obvious parallels with recent events in Kosovo and other contemporary scenes of religious and political upheaval.

#### **Rising Pressure**

The arrival of the refugees was not completely unexpected. Since 1527 many mandates against the *Täufer*, as the Anabaptists were often known in Switzerland, had been issued in Bern. Despite the efforts of the clergy and the Bern authorities, the Anabaptist movement continued to grow. In September 1670 another Bernese mandate was issued, requiring that all Anabaptists either renounce their faith and join the state church, or lose their property and be exiled. Bounties were offered for capturing Anabaptists who did not leave willingly. Large fines were levied on those who housed them or allowed Anabaptist meetings on their property. The authorities pursued this mandate vigorously, determined to wipe out the Anabaptists once and for all.4

Secular authorities captured some Anabaptists and took them to the border. There they released them and forced them to take a vow that they would not return to Bern. Many did return, and then they were dealt with more severely. Some were publicly flogged and again taken to the border. If they returned again, they were branded.

Already in April 1671, stories of imprisonment, torture, branding, and banishment had reached the Palatinate. Jacob Everling reported what he had heard from refugees<sup>5</sup>: "And they also flogged a Minister of the Word, and then took him as far as Burgundy; there they branded him and then let him loose among the French. Because he couldn't speak with anyone, he had to wander nearly three days with his burnt body, before his wounds

The document AA-1196 lists, among others, the household of Ulrich Witmer (p.10, no. 85), a likely ancestor of the author.

could be bound and he could begin to heal, such that, when he was undressed so that his wounds could be bandaged, the pus ran down his back, as was told to me by a brother who helped with the bandaging."

In May six men were chained and sold as slaves for the galley ships between Milan and Malta. One of these men was the father of nine children. According to Delbert Gratz "The names of those who were sent at this time have never been established definitely, but it appears that two of them were the brothers Hans and Melchior Lötscher from Latterbach." The refugee list that follows this introduction names all six galley slaves.

As the months passed and the persecutions continued, it became clear to the Anabaptists of Bern that they had no choice but to leave their homeland. The small stream of refugees became a torrent in October 1671, and the Zurich brethren were no longer able to support them all.

#### **Refugee Lists**

The letters from Valentin Hütwohl and Jacob Everling, among others, were pleas for aid to the Dutch Mennonite Commission for Foreign Needs. The commission requested that lists be drawn up of all the refugees, so that they could determine how much aid was needed.

The Palatinate was divided into three regions for the purpose of making the lists. Valentin Hütwohl and Georg Lichti spent four days canvassing the area "Between Brem and Bingen," and referred to the area as "Amt Alzey." Today this area would be described as bounded by the Pfrimm River on the south, the Rhine River on the east and north, and extending as far west as Bingen. Their list, which included the names and ages of the head of the household and his wife, the number of children they had and their age ranges, and any assets they brought, was written in German and sent to the Netherlands. It was received in Amsterdam on January 7, 1672. Since Mennonite congregations throughout the Netherlands would participate in providing aid, they translated the list into Dutch and copies were printed for distribution.

It seems that only one printed version remains, which can be found as document AA-1248 in the Amsterdam Archives. It is a shame that the original letter was lost, as the transcriber of the list was not terribly careful in many cases; it is obvious that the letters 'u' and 'n' are often confused. The names of wives were also omitted. Document AA-1248 is well known, and extractions from it have been published by Ernst Müller, Delbert Gratz, and Richard Warren Davis, though the information is not always complete.

The second region comprised the area east of the Rhine and south of Heidelberg. This region was referred to as "Above the Rhine," "Above Heidelberg," or "Amt Hilsbach." This list contained the same household details as the first list.

The third region consisted of the area west of the Rhine, south of the Pfrimm, extending as far west as Kaiserslautern. This was referred to as "Below the Rhine" or "Amt Darmstein." This list contained the same information as the others, except that no accounting of assets was made.

Jacob Everling sent the lists for these two regions and the city of Mannheim, along with a cover letter and a statistical summary, to the Netherlands on January 4, 1672. As with the letter of Valentin Hütwohl, it was translated into Dutch and copies were printed and distributed. Unfortunately for us, the list of names was not transcribed for this purpose. Document AA-1249 contains the cover letter and summary statistics, with a statement between the two noting that there was a list of names. In this case, too, the original letter seems to have been lost.

In Jacob Everling's summary he counted 643 refugees in all three regions; specifically, 144 in households in Amt Darmstein, 250 in households in Amt Hilsbach, 19 widows and single persons, 4 women who left their husbands and children, 11 persons in Mannheim, and 215 persons in households on Valentin Hütwohl's list from Amt Alzey. For those households where assets were counted, he calculated that they had just under eight guilders per person.

#### Aid is Sent

In Leiden, Holland, the ministers of the Mennonite congregation held weekly meetings, usually on a Thursday, and kept records of them. On January 14, 1672, they noted that they had received a letter from the ministers in Amsterdam, telling them of the situation in the Palatinate, where about 100 households of Bernese Swiss had arrived and had been taken into homes. They resolved to read this letter on the following Sunday and Monday from the pulpit, and that a collection would be taken at the end of the month. All over the Netherlands, congregations collected donations and sent thousands of guilders in aid to their Swiss brothers and sisters in faith.

#### **Accounting Books**

While searching through the accounting records of the Amsterdam Mennonite congregation in the Amsterdam Archives, I came across document AA-1196, which specifies in detail how more than 10,000 guilders in aid were distributed. Letters copied into the booklet show that this was done before April 1672. The document is in the form of a manuscript accounting book; it consists of pages of letter-sized paper, pierced along the center with string for a binding, and folded to make a booklet. The handwriting is neat and well-preserved.

In the following translation I have attempted to retain the information and format as much as possible. Italic page numbers indicate page breaks in the original booklet. There are subtotals and totals on each page.

This booklet is a treasure for the historian and genealogist because not only does it list in detail the aid given to each of 146 households, it also repeats much of the household description from the original lists. This makes it a fair replacement for the lost lists.

The booklet seems to be a compilation of the accounting from the three regions of the Palatinate as the level of detail for Alzey is different. There are also a few possible errors, such as dropped letters, which could occur in a copied document.

It is not possible to get an exact count of refugees from the list, since it is often not clear exactly how many children are in the household. I have estimated the numbers in a minimum-maximum range and show the results below compared to Everling's count.

The coverage seems very good in the regions of Darmstein and Hilsbach; if the counts in AA-1196 are higher than those of Everling, it is probably because more refugees arrived between January and April. The cover-

age is weakest in Alzey, but luckily that area is also covered by AA-1248.

Amt	min	max	Everling
Darmstein	182	238	144
excluding Fischbach	82	112	n/a
Fischbach	100	126	n/a
Hilsbach	256	303	250
Mannheim	13	14	11
Alzey	60	94	215

I am certainly not the first person to see this booklet, probably not even in the last decade. In fact, in an encyclopedia entry for the village "Dühren", document AA-1196 is referenced. Apparently, Ira D. Landis also translated portions of it in an article titled "Leaving Their First Homeland", which was found by Richard W. Davis at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and used by Davis as the source for his first of three lists of 1671 refugees. As even though the document was familiar to some researchers, its existence was never widely known and its contents not accurately translated.

Two other accounting booklets are in the Amsterdam Archives—AA-1198 and AA-1199. They are undated and contain fewer household details than AA-1196, but they do provide many more names, presumably added as more refugees arrived. I hope to translate and publish these lists in the future.

#### **Cross Referencing with other Lists**

To help correlate the households in the list published here and that of document AA-1248, I have put a notation after each name that I have identified from the other list, or elsewhere in the same list. When I need to refer to the list published here I use 'a', and to refer to the list of AA-1248 I use 'b'. For example, in household 136 below you will find "Christian Winger (a/115) (b/70)", which means that not only do I believe that he is the Christian Winger from AA-1248, but I also believe that he is the same person mentioned in household 115 of this list. Document AA-1196 (p. 20) contains lists of names not organized in households; I refer to those as (a/p20).

#### Money

The accounting is done in guilders, and the monetary symbol is f. The term "Reichsdaler", or its abbreviation "Rd", is often used for a monetary unit of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  guilders. The guilder can be subdivided into 20 stuivers, abbreviated "st". These terms are still in common usage in the Netherlands today.

At least two families arrived with money from other southern countries, one with ducats and another with kroner. I do not yet know the equivalence of these with guilders.

#### **Price List**

It might be difficult to assign a present U.S. dollar value to the guilder of that time, but the list does provide the prices of many items. Some of the entries also provide a breakdown of the cost. For example, to make a set of man's clothing, four sheets are purchased at 2 guilders per sheet, then a tailor must be paid f4-6 (4 guilders and 6 stuivers) to make the clothing. Later entries simply list the price of a set of man's clothing at f12-6.

I list here the common prices in guilders and stuivers.

mattress + pillow 25 - 0	comforter 15 - 0
blanket 6 - 0	bed sheets 4 - 0
horse 50 - 0	cow 25 - 0
pig 5 - 0	cart 30 - 0
wagon 55 - 0	man's clothing 12 - 6
jacket 8 - 0	man's slacks 5 - 0
woman's clothing 11 - 17	children's clothing 5 - 0
shirt 1 - 16	child's shirt 1 - 5
pair of shoes 2 - 0 to 2 - 10	

#### **Dutch Spelling and Pronunciation**

The spelling in the document may look strange to those unfamiliar with Dutch. The most common difference from German spelling is the diphthong 'oe', which a German would write and pronounce as 'u'. Thus 'Thoers' becomes 'Thurs', and 'Oele' would be a nickname for 'Ulrich'. The Dutch 'g' is a very rough sound, not at all like an English 'g', and somewhat harder than a German 'ch'. Thus 'Ulrig' is really 'Ulrich', and 'Burgie' would be 'Burchi' or 'Burcki'.

You might note that there is no umlaut 'u' in any name on the list. It was the style of writing at the time to place a mark over every 'u', so it is not possible to distinguish 'u' from 'ü'. Sometimes 'ö' does appear, but spelling is rarely consistent and often varies on a single page. The letter 'y' in the text is really the Dutch letter 'ij', which represents a sound much like the English word 'eye'. The diphthong 'ey' can usually be replaced with 'ei' to get a proper German spelling. And so 'Eygeberger' becomes 'Eicheberger'.

#### **Spelling Variations**

There are many ways that variations in spellings of names can arise. A person canvassing an area, reflecting what he heard, first wrote the names; his spelling may not correspond to the way the name was spelled in Bern. The list was copied at least once, and a scribe could easily have made a mistake. And lastly, I tried as best I could to read the handwriting, but I had to guess in several cases. As a result, one should be willing to accept wide variations in spelling when reading this list. As an example of variations that can occur; all of the following represent the same family name, and sometimes two variations occur on sequential lines: "Löcher", "Lotcher", "Loscher", "Loscher", "Loscher", "Loscher", "Loscher", "Lotcher", "Lotcher".

The text below contains the names as spelled in AA-1196, but footnotes show the names as they appear in the *Mennonite Encyclopedia* or *Palatinate Mennonite Census Lists*, or as I suspect they might be better recognized. Note that when I add a footnote, for example, to the name Eegekker saying "Probably Eichacher", I am not saying that I have proof of a connection between the two.

#### Place Names

Wherever possible, I have identified the villages or estates where the refugees settled, citing locations on modern German maps. In many cases it seems that the place names have been lost over the years. I have tried to provide information about the present political regions in which the village is located; hopefully that will help researchers locate archival records. I have used the abbreviations 'lk' for Landkreis, 'bzk' for Regierungsbezirk, 'R-P' for Rheinland-Pfalz, and 'B-W' for Baden-Württemberg.

The list is organized by geographic region, which

helps distinguish villages with common names from those in other regions. Within each region, however, there seems to be no order to the listing, with households of various villages intermixed. The list contains four geographical areas, in the following order. (Note that the area "below the Rhine", from the discussion above, has been divided into two parts here.)

1) "Above the Rhine", as described earlier. The Immelhäuser Hof is centrally located here.

2) "Below the Rhine", consisting of villages west of the Rhine and south of the Pfrimm, but east of the Haardt mountains. This includes Friedelsheim, Gerolsheim, Dirmstein, and others.

3) Near Kaiserslautern (west of the Haardt mountains), which includes the Fischbacher Hof. For some reason, Wachenheim an der Haardt is listed with these, though it would seem to belong in the above group.

4) "Between Brem and Bingen". Unfortunately, the compilers of this area described most households' locations only as "in and around the Ibersheimer Hof".

#### **Translation Notes**

A major concern of this document is the delivery of beds to the refugees. In the lists of items provided, two words, "onderbedt" and just "bedt", are used to designate a mattress, which always costs f25. Three different words are used to denote a bed covering that costs f15: "dekbedt" (10 times), "bovenbedt" (17 times), and "overbedt" (2 times). Examination of the detailed accounting pages reveals that the counts of these are lumped together and that it takes 8½ pounds of feathers to make each one, the same amount of feathers that go into a mattress. I conclude that this is what is known in Germany as a "feather bed", and I translate all three words to the English "comforter".

In the several letters that appear in the booklet, the Dutch word "bedt" and the German "Bett" are used in an ambiguous way that could mean either mattress or comforter. One example (p. 30, AA-1196) sounds strange in present-day English: "according to our records 67 beds, namely 54 mattresses and 13 comforters, must be delivered . . ." In several cases a "deken" was provided, and this cost only f6. I have translated this as a "blanket", though it might have been a quilt.

Some people in the document are referred to as "boven", meaning "above". It is clear from the context that this means in Switzerland.

About some family members left behind in Switzerland it is said, "they go to the church". I take this to mean that they attended the Swiss Reformed Church and were therefore not Anabaptist. It is possible, of course, that such persons had Anabaptist leanings but were not willing to risk the persecution involved with making their beliefs more publicly known.

Many people are described as being in, or not in, the "gemeinte", which would normally mean "community" or "congregation". I have consistently translated this as "in the congregation", or "not in the congregation". The context makes it clear that "in the congregation" is what we would now describe as "is a Mennonite", a term not used at the time.

I have translated "saaikorn" to "seed corn", even though they undoubtedly refer to wheat and not maize, because it flows better in English. "Wheat for sowing" is not as compact. I also use phrases such as "2 men's clothing" for compactness, when I obviously mean "2 sets of men's clothing".

Sentences in the booklet often run together, and are sometimes ambiguous. I have tried to preserve that ambiguity rather than force my interpretation.

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#### Translation of AA-1196

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Specification of those things that we, Frans Beuns, Johannes Andriez, D° Johannes Backer, 15 and Antony Rooleeuw, who were sent to the Pfalz by the ministers of the Waterland and Flemish united Mennonite community in Amsterdam, found needed by the Swiss Brethren, who were driven from their homeland and fled into the Pfalz. Starting from Immelhauser Hoff, 16

1. **Peter Fredrick** in Eychtersem<sup>17</sup>, age 66, with a wife of the same age, and must be supported.

1 mattress and pillow	f	25
2 pair bed sheets of 22@ linen 1½ wide at about 8½ st	•	
1½ wide at about 8½ st	"	9 – 7–
1 man's clothing 4@sheets at 2 f	"	8
making cost and such		4 -6-
stockings and shoes for the wife	"	3
household costs for Rd 2		5
		<b></b> " 54–13

2. **Ully Seiler**<sup>18</sup> (a/p20) at Itlingen<sup>19</sup> 1½ hours from there, has 12 children of which the oldest is 19. His father, age 72, lives with them.

1 cow	f	25
toward a plow	. /,	5
5 mattresses and pillows		100
7 pair sheets		28 - 1-
15 pair shoes small and large		25
1 clothing for him		12 -6-
1 ditto for the wife	. "	11 -17-
7 children's clothing	. "	20
8 man's and woman's shirts	. "	14 - 9-
12 children's shirts 80 @ a 8½ st	."	34
65 Malder <sup>20</sup> rye at 2 f to June '73	. "	130
for seed corn	. "	13 -15-
		" 419– 8–
		f 474– 1–

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#### Boneshauser Hoff<sup>21</sup>

3. Hans Hornich and Magdelena Wirtz, his wife, have 3 children, the oldest 15 years.

2 mattresses <i>f</i>	50
1 comforter"	15
2 bed sheets"	4 -13-
1 cow"	25
2 kettles"	5

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This is the first page of document AA-1196, which begins "Specification of those things that we . . . found needed by the Swiss Brethren who were driven from their homeland . . . ". The households of Peter Fredrick and Ulrich Seiler are listed with details of the aid that they received from the Dutch.

1 pan and weaving equipment" 710-	1 mattress <i>f</i> 25
" 107 – 3–	2 children's clothing8
4. <b>Ulli Tzolvinger</b> age 38 years, has not yet settled anywhere, his wife and 2 children are still in Switzerland.	" 33 Hirsletter Hoff
1 clothing for him" 12 – 6–	
Bockhoff <sup>22</sup>	14. <b>Rauf Pinkele</b> age about 60, his wife <b>Anna Rotte</b> the same. Two children here, a daughter of about 20 years,
5. Bendich Baumgarte <sup>23</sup> age 56 years, his wife Babbi	Margriet.
Hauter. They have 5 children, 2 still in Switzerland. He	8 man's and woman's shirtsf 14-10-
has recently been in prison and was also imprisoned for	2 mattresses, each at <i>f</i> 25" 50
1½ years 10 years ago.	3 pair sheets" 14
2 mattresses	f 347-4-
2 comforters	page 4
3 children's clothing	15. Wilti Winger age 31, his wife Margriet
3 shirts	Maurhoffer, age 28.
3 pair children's shoes" 4	S .
for equipment in the kitchen" 10	1 clothing for him
" 138 -··-	1 clothing for the wife" 11–17–
6. Peter Schuyrman age 67 years, his wife, age 66	1 shirt for ditto
years, is still in Switzerland and not yet in the congrega-	1 mattress
tion.	12 bed sheets" 4–14–
clothing for the man	" 59–5–
	at Hoffen <sup>31</sup>
Daschbach <sup>24</sup>	
7. Jacob Muller age 58 years.	16. <b>Joost Klukke</b> <sup>32</sup> age 36, and his wife <b>Anna Neukommet</b> <sup>33</sup> (b/26), age 29, have 5 children.
3 sheets f 7	2 mattresses and 1 comforter
1 mattress and pillow	1 shirt for him
money for the household" 10	1 cow
	" 92-··-
•	17. Christin Schenck at Odlitshoven <sup>34</sup> , age about 38.
page 3	His wife <b>Barbara Schenk</b> , age 29. They have purchased a
8. Hans Berger age 44, lives at Rye <sup>25</sup> with Michiel	house, where they now live.
Meyer, <sup>26</sup> a Zuricher who is a relative.	
1 clothing for him f 12–6–	18. Michel Schenck (b/50) age 32, his wife Anna Stoffol35 age 28. They have 4 children
1 mattress and pillow	Stoffel <sup>35</sup> , age 28. They have 4 children.
" 37– 6–	1 mattress
Daschbach <sup>24</sup> as above	19. Benedict Jou at Itlingen <sup>19</sup> , age 26, wife and one
9. Peter Mosser age 57, has a fracture [or perhaps a	child. He hopes that he will be able to support himself. If
hernial and is sick. When he is well he can support him	he comes up short, he will be offered help again. He has
hernia] and is sick. When he is well he can support him- self. <sup>27</sup>	purchased a place to live.
	20. <b>Benedict Brang</b> at the Brouwhof, age about 35,
1 mattress and such	and his wife Catarina Steinman, age 25, have 4 children,
10. Nicolas Heiler (b/52) in Brouwhof. The wife and	1 with them and 3 in Switzerland.
children are in Switzerland and are not coming.	21. Melcher Bauman at Stricherberg <sup>36</sup> , age about 35,
1 clothingf 12–6–	and his wife <b>Anna Honsicher</b> , about the same age, have 1
2 shirts" 3–12–	child of 7 years. He is still in Switzerland with his mother.
" 15–18–	He is a linen weaver and is considering coming. <sup>37</sup>
at Micheveldt <sup>29</sup>	1 mattress and 2 sheets
11 Poter Cutt ago 11 wages his wife Rarbara Crahar	22. Hans <sup>38</sup> Christian Neukommet <sup>33</sup> (b/28) lives at
11. Peter Gutt age 41 years, his wife Barbara Graber,	
37 years. They have 7 children, the youngest 8 weeks, the	Holve. <sup>39</sup> Age about 40, his wife <b>Anna Hekeyse</b> . They have
oldest 14 years.	7 children.
3 mattresses and 1 comforter	3 mattresses
4 children's clothing	23. Christian Hans Neukommet (b/29) lives at
for tools" 7–10– " 117–10–	Holve. <sup>39</sup> Age about 27, his wife <b>Elsge Burgie</b> , age 26. They
	have 2 children.
12. Hans Ulrig Fretz age 41, and his wife Lysbet	1 mattress
Lanner, age 39, have 1 child, age 4 years.	f 305-19-
1 mattress	page 5
at Turne <sup>30</sup>	24. Hans Schultz lives in Rohrbach <sup>40</sup> , age about 60,
13. Ulrig Witmer age 40, his wife Barbari Ebbe, age	and his wife <b>Babbe Schingler</b> , age about 43, have 5 chil-
28. They have 3 children, the youngest 6 weeks old, the	dren, 4 with them and one, age 20, in Switzerland. Two are
oldest, 3 years.	adopted.41
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2 large mattresses	<b>Barbe Tzurig,</b> age 42. They have 5 children, the oldest 19, the youngest $1\frac{1}{2}$ years.
25. Christen Keuman lives in Durnich <sup>42</sup> , age 29, and	40. <b>Benedict Wisler</b> lives in Erstatt <sup>49</sup> , age 44, his wife
his wife <b>Magdelena Cheller</b> , age 27, have 3 children; 1	Margreet Haas, about 42. They have 8 children, the oldest
with them, which is nearly 1 year old.  1 woman's clothing with	20, the youngest 6 years. They have 15 Malder of fruit; when they have consumed that, and if they are in need,
making	then they have been promised more.
1 mattress	4 mattresses and 2 comforters f 130
"36-17-	1 jacket
26. <b>Hans Quelzy</b> lives in Zitlingen <sup>43</sup> , age 29 years, his wife <b>Babbe Forrey</b> , about the same age. Box maker. They	money for household expenses" 25
have 3 children, the youngest 1 year, the oldest 6 years.	
1 mattress	page 7
27. Bendict Keuner age 50, his wife Barbe Tragsel,	41. <b>Hendrik Vonck</b> <sup>50</sup> lives in Eschbach <sup>51</sup> , age about 57,
age 39. They have 3 children, the oldest 14, the youngest 4 years.	his wife <b>Magdalene Pitzge</b> , over 40. He is the man who was flogged and branded. They have 6 children (4 with
1 mattress f 25	them, of which the oldest is 17 and the youngest 5 years).
3 children's clothing" 10	3 mattresses <i>f</i> 75
28 Criston Spredon lives in Pitlingen, a veidove ago 53	1 man's and 1 woman's clothing" 24-6-
28. <b>Grietge Snyder</b> lives in Ritlingen, a widow, age 53, has 2 sons, one age 22, the other 16. The first is married	4 children's clothing" 30
and a linen worker, the other a farmer.	1 cow" 25 for food and seed corn" 100
1 mattress	8 shirts man's and woman's" 14-10-
	<del></del> " 268–16–
29. <b>Trine Bohetner</b> widow, age 67, must live from handouts.	42. Jochem Wertmuller (a/p20)
1 mattress f 25	1 jacket" 8 43. <b>Ully Löche</b> r an elder in Lingentahler Hof <sup>52</sup> , age
clothing" 12	about 30, his wife <b>Anna Altzhaus</b> , age 45. 3 children, the
30. <b>Lysbet Aschelman</b> single, about 25 years old, lives	oldest 14, the youngest 4 years.
in Strisberg. She will consider coming to Holland.	for food 16 and
31. Lysbet and Ursel Herdaeker ages 32 and 37, both	seedcorn 4 Malder
single and sisters of a slave.44 They have left behind some	44. Peter Stauffert <sup>35</sup> in Lingentahler Hoff <sup>52</sup> , age 40, his
property. They live in Birckehoff.45	wife Maria Leeman, age 30. 6 children, the youngest ½
f 235–7– page 6	year, the oldest 15 years.
32. <b>Hans Webber</b> lives in Rohrbach <sup>40</sup> age about 54	2 mattresses and 1 comforter
years, has left his wife and child. He is a carpenter and can	" 74- 8-
support himself.	45. Michiel Meubel in Darschbach <sup>24</sup> , age about 28,
33. Vrunich Rieck lives in Birckehoff <sup>45</sup> , a strong single	Barbara Obma, age about 20.  1 mattress" 25
woman, age 23. She is considering coming to Holland.  34. <b>Hans Oetz</b> lives in Turne <sup>30</sup> , a shoemaker, age 52,	46. <b>Daniel Opman</b> in Darschbach, <sup>24</sup> age about 50,
his wife Maria Teuffel, age 72, can get along reasonably	Barbara Wingert his wife. They have 2 children.
well.	1 mattress f 25
35. Nicolas Ausburger (a/p20) about 30, Hans	1 jacket for him" 8 "33
Lokkebahr (a/p20), 35 years. Both are single <sup>46</sup> .	47. Thoers Abi <sup>53</sup> (a/p20) in Ehrstadt, <sup>49</sup> age about 60,
36. <b>Magdaleen Neglee</b> lives in Birckehof <sup>45</sup> , a widow, about 50 years old. <b>Babbi Mengel</b> , single woman, 30	his wife Margriet Steiner, age 62. They have 4 children,
years.	married. They still have 50 Rd.
1 mattress for the latter <i>f</i> 25 1 pair shoes 2 1 " 27	48. Andries Abi <sup>54</sup> also lives there, age 40, his wife
	<b>Lysbet Pladt,</b> about the same age. They have 8 children, the oldest 18, the youngest 1 year.
37. <b>Anna Wider</b> lives in Zintzem <sup>47</sup> , age about 62, left her husband and 3 sons who go to the church.	4 mattresses f 100
1 mattress and 1 comforter	4 pair sheets" 18–16–
38. Willem Zeddig <sup>48</sup> lives in Honnickerhoff, age	for food
about 37, his wife Frenig Mehr, about 30. They have 6	
children of which 1 is in Switzerland.	page 8 49. Hans Reyst and Barbari Goets his wife, each
2 mattresses and 1 comforter	about 34 years old, have no children. He works for daily
39. Uller Swartz lives with the above, age 52, his wife	wages.

1 mattress and 2 sheetsf 29-14-	His younger brother lives with them and runs the house-
50. Ulrig Muller age about 50, his wife Anna	hold.
Honsicher, age 49. They have 3 children, left 2 in	1 mattress and comforter 40
Switzerland. They had 3 horses and Rd 70 to help if they	1 set clothing
have needs.	for food" 50 " 102- 6-
51. <b>Peter Mossel</b> <sup>55</sup> in Schrekkehof <sup>56</sup> , age about 35, his	Eleberg <sup>63</sup>
wife <b>Elsbet</b> , about 30. They have 3 children. He has been in prison, and has brought 30 Rd.	
1 mattress and 1 comforter	62. N. N. [anonymous] a young man who married a widow who had 2 children. They are not in the congrega-
52. Nicolas Silleberger age about 28, his wife Stina,	tion because she gave birth to a child only months <sup>64</sup>
about 26. They have 6 children and brought 6 Rd.	after they were married. Even so, they let themselves be
4 mattresses and 2 comforters	persecuted [as Mennonites] and wish to rejoin the congre-
5 shirts for her and 2 children" 9	gation.
clothing	f 231-4-
2 pots and 2 kettles	page 10
to the Governor of Heidelberg there are still debts	TA711-65
" 474	Wagebach <sup>65</sup>
53. Stina <sup>57</sup> [Silleberger] in Schrekkenhof <sup>56</sup> living	63. Hans Witwer age about 23, Anna his wife,
with the above. An old woman who has left her husband	about 20. They have 2 children and one more with her par-
and son, who attend the church in Switzerland. She can	ents in Switzerland. They can manage.
do spinning for food when she is healthy, otherwise she	Nidenstein <sup>66</sup>
will get 6½ Rd for the year.	64. Christe Mosema <sup>67</sup> about 30 years and his wife
1 mattress	Babbe the same age, 3 children. They have her mother
Alleren	with them who is an old woman who left her husband
54. Peter Cuintzi <sup>58</sup> age about 35, and his wife	who goes to the church and is rich. The friends don't yet
Margariet, about 30. Both have been in prison. They have	know what the husband will give her. She has another daughter in Switzerland who is a member of the congre-
5 or 6 children. They brought 40 Kroners.	gation and who came [to the Pfalz], but was taken back by
55. Peter Brang age about 40, also has been in prison.	her husband, who goes to the church, in the hope that he
Magdaleen his wife, age 36 or 37. They have 8 children, all	can keep her quiet.
of whom stayed in Switzerland, and some of whom	Manheim <sup>68</sup>
attend the church. Some are also young. He has not seen his children since he got out of prison.	"where the Swiss brethren bought a house for Rd 230"
	65. Daniel Wingert <sup>69</sup> 36 years, his wife Susanna
1 mattress	Smidt about 31 years old. They need a loom, but first they
page 9	will go to Switzerland to get his sister and 1 small boy
56. Peter Aschlema <sup>59</sup> has an old father with him,	towards April. The mother is named Urse at the Iberzen
David Aschlema, and does not need support.	Hoff <sup>70</sup> , a widow. The daughter <b>Catrin.</b> <sup>71</sup>
57. Hans [Aschlema] has 3 daughters; two live	66. <b>Abraham Rinoldt</b> (a/p28) <sup>72</sup> knife maker, his wife
with him, and one works as a maid at Schrekkehof. <sup>56</sup>	is often sickly.
2 mattresses	1 mattress
1 comforter 15—— they have no clothing and such " 65——	for ivory" 20–16–
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Immelhauser Hoff <sup>16</sup>	67. Christens Herr 30 years, Grietgen Lötscher, 28,
58. Christe Walte (a/p20) age about 30, is often ill.	have [missing text] of which 1 is in Switzerland. They
clothing	have one bed made of chaff and one blanket
	1 mattress and 1 blanket
59. <b>Daniel Snyder</b> age about 46, a widower, has 5	68. Hans Herr about 20, Elsbet Lotcher his wife, 22
children of which 2 are in the Pfalz. They are two grown daughters who are in the congregation and can get along.	years. No children. These people can feed themselves
One works for <b>Jacob Gutt</b> , the other is married. <sup>60</sup>	from their linen weaving.
1 jacket for him	page 11
Bauwalde <sup>61</sup>	69. <b>Barbara Issel</b> age 66 years – single woman
60. <b>Ulrig von Hoben</b> age about 30, has a wife and 5	clothing
children. They are pitifully dressed.  1 mattress and comforter	70. Anna Lötcher about 29 and Salome Lotcher about
	20 years, they are inclined to go to Holland if others will
Zimmerhoff <sup>62</sup>	go with them.
61. <b>Ulli Wenger</b> age about 30, has the falling sickness.	
61. <b>Ulli Wenger</b> age about 30, has the falling sickness. He has a wife, about the same age, and 4 small children.	2 clothing

71. Catrina <sup>73</sup> age 10 years. Needs wool and linen,	" 189– 6–
unless her uncle brings something from Switzerland.	79. Hans Snyder age 80 years. He has a daughter
clothing	Freny , about 30 years old, who can take care of her-
	self, and 7 ducats. If more is needed, they will ask.
Gerlesheim <sup>74</sup>	80. Elisabeth Hoddel widow, age 60 years, has left 4
72 Hans Royal halter 75 (h/2) 65 and his wife Anna	children in Switzerland who go to the church.
72. Hans Borckholter <sup>75</sup> (b/2) 65 and his wife Anna	clothingf 12
Witmer, 55 years old, who was 17 years old when she	2 shirts
married. These parents eat with their children <sup>76</sup> and sleep	
on straw. <sup>77</sup>	" 15–12– f 637–10–
1 comforter and 1 mattressf 40	
73. Hans Eichter (b/19) age 35 and his wife Elsbet	page 13
	81. Babbe Ringelbacher (b/36) age in the 30's. She
<b>Borcholter</b> (b/2) <sup>79</sup> 33 years, they have 5 children the old-	left her husband and 2 children who go to the church.
est 13 the youngest 1 year old.	clothingf 12
2 clothing	2 shirts, mattress and comforter" 40
outer clothing for the children" 25	" 52
7 shirts for her and the children" 10-16-	
1 mattress for the children	Frensheym <sup>92</sup>
1 mattress and 1 blanket" 31	82. Peter Root age 32, his wife Anna Ruysscher <sup>93</sup>
" 156– 2–	about 30 years, have a mother Frommiek Eekohher <sup>94</sup> of 72
74. Hans Borcholter <sup>80</sup> the younger, age 28 years, was	
in prison for 1½ years. His wife and children are ready to	years, have 4 children, the oldest 9 years.
	2 mattresses <i>f</i> 50
follow him. He will farm together with the above family.	1 cow" 25
They have 30 <i>Malder</i> of fruit.	some clothing for 4 children" 18
2 cows needed" 50	1 mother's clothing" 12
75. Hans Snyder <sup>81</sup> (b/68) about 30 years, Anna	2 sheets4-14-
<b>Borcholter</b> $(b/2)^{79}$ the same age, they have 3 children from	2 shirts" 3-12-
ages 7 to 1 year. They have 4 <i>Malder</i> barley, 1 M spelt, 82 1	" 113- 6-
	83. Christe Friddere age 38 and his wife Anna
M oats.	
2 sets clothingf 24–6–	Schoemacher, 37 years. They have 8 children, the oldest
2 mattresses for her and him	18 years. With the clothes they have, they can manage
1 plow <i>f</i> 12–1 cart <i>f</i> 30–	until autumn.
1 pair shoes" 1–10–	3 mattresses and comfortersf 120
	3 pair sheets" 13-12-
f 388–6–	20 shirts for wife, man
page 12	and children" 30-8-
• -	" 164-··-
Darmstein <sup>83</sup>	84. Berent Rohr age about 62 and his wife Margriet
76. Christiaen Stoffer <sup>84</sup> (b/40) age 90, his wife	Muller, 52 years, have 3 children of which one is married.
Asmath Fredrick 70 years. Daniel (b/43), Ulli (b/41),	
Christiaen Stoffer, the latter 65 years old, the wife Babbi	for needs" 100
	85. Oele Witmer <sup>95</sup> (b/34) age 54, his wife Elsbet
Galli 43 years, wife Babbi Stauffer 41 years, Margriet	<b>Flukliger,</b> 44 years, 6 children. They have clothing to last
Antony (b/24) 50 years.85 They live together and have	them until autumn.
altogether 21 children, of whom many were left in	3 mattresses <i>f</i> 75
Switzerland. <sup>86</sup> They said they have debts to repay, and	3 pair sheets" 10-16-
cows and tools to buy, and would manage with Rd 100	" 85-16-
f 250	" 85-16- f 515- 2-
Fredelsheim <sup>87</sup>	
rredeisneim <sup>o</sup>	page 14
77. Christe Hiers <sup>88</sup> 89 age 45 and Anna Rehs, his wife,	Vischbacher Hoff <sup>96</sup>
49 years. They have 3 children still in Switzerland.	86. <b>Jorig Leicht</b> <sup>97</sup> (b/1) age 59 years, single. Preacher.
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1 mattress	87. <b>Joost Engel</b> age 40, <b>Anne Lurten</b> in her 70's. They
clothing for both	have no children.
2 sheets	1 cowf 25
2 shirts	man's and woman's clothing" 24- 6-
debt for acquired land" 125	" 49- 6-
" 182–12–	88. Hans Eegekker94 age 44, his wife Margriet Blase
78. Joost Eberzol <sup>90</sup> age 32, Babbi Joost his wife 25	
years, 3 children of which one is still in Switzerland and	34 years. They have just arrived and have 3 children.
the oldest is 9 years.	1 mattress <i>f</i> 25
*	clothing for him and the daughter." 24- 6-
2 mattresses	1 cow
1 man's and 1 woman's clothing" 24-6-	" 74- 6-
debt for "fruit on the land"91" 60	89. Christe Muller and his wife Babbe Root each 42
1 wagon" 55	years old, have 8 children.

4 mattresses" 100	1 mattress for 2 children
90. <b>Christe Steiner</b> age 32, <b>Catrin Kryntze</b> his wife 29 years. They have 3 children.	102. <b>Hans Lehnhee</b> r is worn out, over 50 years old and has been in prison. <b>Babbe Henne</b> his wife, 40 years.
1 mattress" 25	1 mattress 25
91. Christe Roling age 52, his wife Anna Muller 50	2 man's clothing for
years. They have 8 children, 6 with them, of which the old-	him and the son" 24-12-
est is 20 years.	same for his wife" 12
2 mattresses <i>f</i> 50	for needs for H. Lehnheer" 50
2 blankets	
clothing for her and 6 children" 100 1 cow <i>f</i> 25- a pig <i>f</i> 5" 30	page 16
1 plow	
" 204	103. <b>Peter Weis</b> age 40 years, single.
92. Goret Tentzeler 37 years old, has been in prison.	104. Christe Weis age about 30 years, his wife Babbi
His wife Elsbet Eberzol. They have 2 children in	Sneider 20 years.
Switzerland.	1 mattress
1 mattress <i>f</i> 25	" 37- 6-
2 shirts" 3-12-	105. Stiene Weis age 36 years, her husband is on the
2 sheets	galley, his name is <b>Michiel Sterrey</b> (a/p20). 3 children, 2
pants and stockings	left behind, the youngest with her is 1 year old. She stays
	with her brother.
93. <b>Melchior Reineman</b> (b/6) <sup>98</sup> age 40, his wife <b>Stiene</b>	1 mattress f 25 1 shirt 2f" 27
<b>Ruesse</b> <sup>93</sup> also nearly 40 years. They have 7 children of which the oldest is 15 years. They have her mother with	106. Christen Altzhaus age 42 years, Anni Tzouck 50
them who had been in prison.	years. 5 children, the oldest 18 years, are still in
3 mattresses f 75-:	Switzerland, where the husband has recently gone.
3 blankets f 18f 93 f 583- 2-	1 mattress <i>f</i> 25
f 583- 2-	1 cow
page 15	1 calt
94. Ulli Muller (a/p20?) age 30 years, his wife	to the wife for needs
Christine Schendeler, they have 3 children.	107. <b>Isaac Hirse</b> <sup>102</sup> over 30 years, <b>Elsbet Tzuller</b> about
money for corn to plant	40 years. They have 4 children. He has gone to
and to eat" 55	Switzerland to get his wife and children.
95. <b>Margriet Reiler</b> (b/7?) age 75 years	108. <b>Anna Hirse</b> a single woman. Age 24 years, is
96. Hans Muener age 27 years, Frenne Ruyscher	lame.
about 40 years.	1 mattress and 1 comforterf 40
97. Freny Ruffenach age about 31, her mother goes to	4 bedsheets" 9- 8-
the church in Switzerland.	clothing" 12
1 mattress and 1 comforter" 40	" 61- 8-
98. Babe Neukommet <sup>33</sup> (b/17) age 32 years, still a sin-	Waartenberg <sup>103</sup>
gle woman.	109. Hans Eyman (b/65) about 48 years. Left his wife
99. Hans Lassenekker about 50 years, Babbe Meyer,	and his children, 5 in number. He has been in prison.
his wife, a little older and hopelessly worn out.	1 clothingf 12-6-
1 mattress <i>f</i> 25	2 shirts
clothing" 12-6-	and if the wife comes, who is not yet in the congregation
cow" 25 " 62- 6-	1 cow
	1 cart
Sembach <sup>99</sup>	
100. Abraham Bundel a preacher and linen weaver	•
about 45 years old, Freny Jonge his wife about 38 years	page 17
and pregnant. They have 3 children, the oldest 13, the	110. Ulli Liman age 43 years, his wife Freni
youngest 2½ years.	Wittebach 35 years. They are expecting something to
2 mattresses	come from Switzerland to provide their food, otherwise they will come up short.
clothing for 3 children	111. Peter Ulliman age 50 years, Elsbet Bomgarten 47
for 5 shirts" 8	years. They have 5 children, the oldest 15, the youngest 2
for their needs" 93	years old.
	1 mattress and 1 comforter
101. Hans Gyger <sup>100</sup> about 39 years, his wife Margriet	- ALMANDO MARA Z COMMONANTA MARINA AV
<b>Kaufman</b> age 30 years, was in prison. <sup>101</sup> They have 2 chil-	Asbach <sup>104</sup>
dren, the oldest 6 years.	
1 clothing for him <i>f</i> 12- 6-	112. <b>Ulli Jerrig</b> age about 60, his wife <b>Elsbet Mulle</b> r 55

years. They have 8 children, of which they have left behind 4.

3 mattresses <i>f</i> 75	
2 comforters" 30	
3 sheets	
	" 112- 1-

113. **Ulli Wimesdorf** age 57 years. **Magdalena Swegler** 58 years. They have 2 children, the oldest 15, the youngest 12 years.

1 mattress and 1 comforter	.f 40	
1 clothing	." 12- 6-	
2 children's clothing	." 24	
shoes		
1 cow	." 25	
money for the household, etc	." 20	
,		" 123-16-

114. **Hans Jong** age 60, his wife **Margriet Swahr** nearly 57 years.

115. Christe Winger<sup>105</sup> (b/70) (a/136) age over 70, his daughter Babbe Winger 50 years old.

2 mattresses and 2 comforters	f 80	
clothing for each	" 24- 6-	
4 shirts	" 7- 4-	
6 sheets	" 14- 2-	
stockings and shoes and food	" 74- 8-	
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		f 475-17-

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#### at Wacherom on the Haar<sup>106</sup>

116. **Ulli Eycher**<sup>107</sup> (b/10) age 33 years, his wife **Babbe Ruysscher** 18 years. They have been married 1 year. They have an old mother with them.

1 mattress ...... *f* 25 ----

117. **Adam Borgholter**<sup>109</sup> (b/4) over 60 years,<sup>80</sup> his wife **Magdaleen Eger**<sup>107</sup> also so old. They have 5 children, the oldest 28 years.

118. **Hans Ruysscher**<sup>110</sup> (b/22) 36 years old, his wife **Freni Ruysscher**<sup>93</sup> 20 years. They have 1 child.

1 mattress	f 25	
2 sheets		
	f 129-14-	

[Accounting of the foregoing, with a total of *f*7051-1-given out.]

The accounting shown above has been done in the presence of, and with the agreement of, **Jacob Eberling** and **Valentyn Huetwoldt**, and at their request we left them with copies of it (but without information other than the names of the persons in need), and thus Eberling said that he knew of enough means to accomplish everything, or very nearly everything.

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So we have promised them, moreover, that we would take it upon ourselves to supply all the beds specified above, in such a way, that we will buy them in the best way and at whatever place that we see fit. They accepted this with gratitude saying (more or less in this manner) that the goods and money left over would be used to provide for the needs of the further refugees expected from Switzerland and the Alsace.

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Names of the brethren imprisoned on the Galley<sup>111</sup>

Hans Lohtscher;<sup>112</sup>

Melcher Lohtscher;

Hans Winger, said to have 9 children;

**Peter Herdeicher**, 1 child (a/31);

Jork Frederick, 3 children;

Michiel Sterrie, 3 children (a/105).

All come from the State of Bern.

Names of the Swiss, who on our request left the Palatinate to go to Holland, are:

Nicolas Heiler (b/52) (a/10)

[Nicolas] Ausburger (a/35)

Hans Lokkebeur (a/35)

Christe Welt (a/58)

Table west (a/30)

Jochem Wertmuller (a/42)

Hans Wertmuller

Christiaen Eschbacher

**Ulli Stauffert** (b/57)

Names of the "Ministers of the word" above the Rhine:

${ m altz^{113}}$	Jacob Gutt
a-	Ulrich Zeyller <sup>18</sup> (a/2)
n <sup>114</sup>	Thurs Abi (a/47)
n	Ulrich Muller (a/94?)
n	Peter Gutt (a/11?)
a	Vicent Meyer
a ·	Ooswaldt Bahr
a	Hans Bechtel
a	Christiaen Bechtel his father

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Specification of the needs of the Brethren and Sisters recently driven out of Switzerland, who are staying in and around the Ibersen Hoff in the Pfalz<sup>115</sup>, and have temporarily been taken in by the Brethren from Zurich who live in the Hof.

119. **Hans Root**<sup>116</sup> (b/67) and **Anna Muller** his wife, each over 40 years. They have 5 children in Switzerland, the youngest 5, the oldest 12 years.

3 mattresses <i>f</i> 75	
2 comforters" 30	
1 man's and 1 woman's clothing" 24-6-	
2 cows and 1 horse" 100	
for plow and cart" 75	
seed and food corn, when he	
finds a place to live <sup>117</sup> "	
1	" 304- 6-

120. Ulrig Kuner<sup>118</sup> (b/47) age 63 and Anne Neuhaus his wife 55 years. They have 6 children in Switzerland and 1 married in the Pfalz.

1 mattress	f'	25
4 shirts		
1 pants for him	"	5

121. **Benedict Kuner** age 30, **Anne Sonner** his wife 33 years. They have 1 child. When they find a place to settle [they will receive the following]

0-	
1 horse, plow, cart and 20 Rd tools " 175	
1 mattress" 25	
	" 237-

122. Wolfgang Neukommet<sup>33</sup> age about 50, Elsbet

Stauffer 52 years. They have 4 children.	2 sheets" 4-14-
3 mattresses <i>f</i> 75	1 clothing" 12
3 sheets	food" 25
6 pair shirts" 21-12-	" 70- 6-
man's and woman's clothing" 24- 6-	133. Barbara Burchi (b/63) age 60 years. Left her hus-
clothing for 4 children" 25- 2-	band and 2 children. Another 2 children are with her, 1
" 153	son who is married and a daughter who sews linen.
	1 mattress
page 23	2 sheets" 4-14-
	1 clothing" 12
123. Barbara Lehman (b/45) age 76 years. Has left	" 41-14-
behind her husband and children, except for two married	
daughters who have come along.	134. Barber Rubenach a widow, age 71 years.
1 mattress <i>f</i> 25	1 mattress <i>f</i> 25
2 sheets" 4-14-	2 sheets
" 29-14-	2 shirts
124. <b>Peter Baumgarten</b> (b/73) age 73 years. He has 2	1 clothing
children in Switzerland who go to the church.	food" 25
1 mattress and 1 comforterf 40	"70-6-
2 shirts	135. Christe Tzolvinger age 36 years. He has an
1 clothing for the man" 12-6-	injured leg.
for food	1 mattress <i>f</i> 25
" 80-18-	4 sheets <i>f</i> 9-8-
125. Hans Muller (b/60) about 80 years.	2 shirts $f$ 3-12
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1 clothing" 12-6-
1 mattress	for food" 25
4 sheets	" 75- 6-
2 shirts	136. Christen Winger <sup>105</sup> (b/70) (a/115) age 75 years.
food	His daughter Babbe Winger who lives with him, age 52,
	left 7 children in Switzerland.
126. Michiel Muller (b/56) age 31, Barbara Wittrig	2 mattresses <i>f</i> 50
his wife who has been in prison, 55 years old.	4 sheets <i>f</i> 9-8-
1 mattress	2 shirts <i>f</i> 3-12" 13
4 sheets9- 8-	each 1 clothing
5 shirts	food for both
	1000 TOT DOLD
" 117-14-	food for both
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2 sheets" 4-14-
" 29-14-
_,
142. Hans van Koudem (b/14?) about 50 years old,
left his wife and children.
1 clothingf 12-6-
2 shirts" 3-12-
" 15-18-
143. Ursel <sup>121</sup> a widow of 50 years. 2 children of 10
and 14 years.
1 mattress £ 25
2 sheets
2 shirts
4 children's shirts" 5
food
" 88- 6-
144. Michiel Oxelring <sup>122</sup> (b/3?) age 50 years. Has 2
daughters.
1 mattress £ 25
food

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145. Christen Ummel<sup>124</sup> (b/5) age 43, Ursula **Baumgarten** his wife 49 years. They have 5 children, the oldest 20, the youngest 7 years.

) )	
2 mattresses 1 comforterf 65	
2 shirts" 3-12-	
5 children's shirts" 8	
1 man's and 1 woman's	
clothing	
clothing for 5 children	
2 cows	
1 horse <i>f</i> 50- a cart <i>f</i> 55" 105	
1 plow <i>f</i> 20- two pigs <i>f</i> 10" 30	
corn for seed and bread until	
the harvest of 1673 Rd 45" 112- 2-	
****	f 439

146. Michiel Kaufman and Anna Eyman his wife each about 60 years old, have 5 children the oldest over 20 the youngest 7 years.

3 mattresses <i>f</i> 75	
2 comforters" 30	
4 sheets	
6 shirts" 10-16-	
1 man's and 1 woman's clothing" 24-6-	
clothing for 5 children" 40	
2 horses" 100	
1 cow <i>f</i> 25- and 2 pigs <i>f</i> 10" 35	
food and seed corn" 112	
" 436-10-	
f 874-10-	

[The sum of costs from the preceding five pages comes to *f*2907-6-]

This specification was put together in the manner prescribed by Frans Beuns, Johannes Andriesz, Do Johannes Bacher and Antony Rooleeu, but in the presence of neither Jacob Eberling nor Valentyn Huetwohl. We have written a letter to **Eberling** from the **Ibersen Hof**, dated April of 1672, that we will fulfill these needs, etc.

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Detailed calculations with Hans Löcher and Hans Cunrad Ekley preachers at the Ibersen Hoff concerning the aid listed above follows.

[Calculations concerning the cost of materials and labor to have 22 mattresses and comforters made, plus 42 shirts, plus other clothing, amounting to f713-12.]

Here follows the needs excluding beds and clothing from above.

Hans Root f175- Benedict Kuner f175- total	f 350
Peter Baumgarten f25- Hans Muller f25	″ 50
Trine Dantzeler f25- Anna Stauffer f25	″ 50-··-
Leny Krob f25- Barbara Rubenach f25	″ 50-··-
Christen Tzolvinger f25- Christen Winger f50	″ 75
Staffer Sleuchter f25- Froni Kombel f25	″ 50 <del>-</del> ··-
Elsbet Eigeberger f25- Barber Pulman f25	″ 50
Ursel <i>f</i> 50- Christen Ummel <i>f</i> 297-2	" 3 <del>4</del> 7- 2-
Michel Oxelring f62-10- Michiel Kaufman f247	" 309-10-
	331-12-
total f2	045- 4-

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[More bed cost calculations. An additional 115 mattresses and pillows plus 30 comforters, in total. Materials, including hemp and feathers, and labor costs, come to *f*1160]

> ----- "1160-··total f3205- 4-

[Money was received in Frankfurt on April 6, less ½% exchange fees, resulting in f3375. f3000 was given to Hans Löscher and Hans Cunrad Ekley. The remaining funds were used to purchase sheets, feathers, and f70 worth of tools for Abraham Reinholdt of Manheym, except for f85-17 retained.]

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Dear friends and beloved brothers in Christ,

This letter is to inform you of the activities of the Commission for Beds for the Swiss Brethren, whom we have taken in, and the following is the case. We have brought here, from the Ibersen Hoff, Hans Loscher and Hans Coenrad, who upon hearing of our buying beds and such, judged that it would be best that the mattress casings would be spun and woven by the Swiss brethren themselves, also because they would then have them before the winter. We liked this idea, as they would prefer to keep the profits for themselves instead of paying others for the service. We therefore applied it, not only to the beds here at the Ibersen Hoff, but also to the beds we have ordered above and below the Rhine, and at the Vischbacher Hoff, and we have given them money from here to accomplish this. We request from you that you give them a hand in this, so that everyone on our list can have their beds; just as these friends here have helped their people with flax and hemp, so should you confer with these friends so that all the other friends will be taken care of, either by giving out the money that we are now giving to Jacob Gutt and others, and to help him with advice, or otherwise as required. We would like to hear that good progress is being made.

In Frankfurt, Anno 1672, 6th April

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[The following was in German.]

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Note for Hans Löcher and Hans Cunrad Eglei about those matters they made available for the help of the others, using the said money, be it in cash or in beds, depending on what they requested.

Firstly, according to our records 67 beds, namely 54 mattresses and 13 comforters, must be delivered above the Rhine, where **Jacob Gutt** and **Ulrig Muller** are, and thereabout, following the list also given to **Jacob Eberling**.

Next, twenty seven beds, namely 15 mattresses and 12 comforters, must be delivered to Manheim and below the Rhine to Gerlesheim, Darmstein, Fredelsheym, Frensheim, and thereabout.

Thirdly, according to our records 49 beds, or a few

more, must be delivered to the Visbacher Hof and thereabout, according to the records that **Jacob Eberling** has.

Lastly, we are adding that if the brothers, using the said money, should not be able to manage the things specified or other possible troubles, which may require more resources than estimated, or whatever may occur, they should let us know and we will find a way to fulfill such demand.

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#### **Notes**

<sup>1</sup>The Pfalz, a region of Germany often called the Palatinate in English, straddles the Rhine River south from Mainz to Karlsruhe. The region contains parts of what are now the German states of Rheinland-Pfalz and Baden-Württemberg.

<sup>2</sup>One working copy and one distributed copy of the letter still exist and can be found in the Amsterdam Municipal Archive (Gemeentearchief Amsterdam, Amsteldijk 67, Postbus 51140, 1007 EC Amsterdam). The call number for this document is A565/1406, but I will refer to documents from the Mennonite Collection at the Amsterdam Archives with the prefix AA; this document would be AA-1406.

<sup>3</sup>Ernst Müller, Geschichte der Bernischen Täufer (Frauenfeld: J. Huber,

<sup>4</sup>See Delbert L. Gratz, Bernese Anabaptists and their American Descendants (Goshen, Ind.: Mennonite Historical Society, 1953), pp. 30-

 $^5$ Müller, Geschichte, p. 195.

<sup>6</sup>*Ibid*, p. 196.

<sup>7</sup>Gratz, Bernese Anabaptists, p. 36.

<sup>8</sup>See the list on page 20 of document AA-1196 translated below.

<sup>9</sup>Müller, Geschichte, pp. 200-204.

<sup>10</sup>Gratz, Bernese Anabaptists, p. 191. He shows only the name of the head of household.

<sup>11</sup>Richard Warren Davis, Emigrants, Refugees, and Prisoners, vol. I ( Provo, Utah: 1995), pp. 10-14. I will abbreviate references to Davis' works below, making this: "Davis I:10-14". Volume II was published in 1997, volume III in 1999. Many of the families listed in this article are discussed

<sup>12</sup>Leiden Municipal Archives, Kleyn Inventaris #14, No. 1-2. "Notulen van de Vlaamsche Doopsgezinde Gemeente te Leiden, 1661-

<sup>13</sup>Mennonite Encyclopedia, vol. II, pp. 106-107; source abbreviated below as: "ME II:106-107". The ME has entries for many of the common North American Mennonite and Amish surnames mentioned in this article, and some of those entries refer to persons who lived in Europe in the 1600s

 $^{14}\mathrm{Private}$  communication with Richard W. Davis, Provo, Utah. His first list is to be found in Davis I:9-10.

15See "Bakker, Johannes", ME I:215

<sup>16</sup>Immelhäuser Hof, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 3.5

km SSW of Sinsheim. See "Immelhausen", ME III:13.

<sup>17</sup>Eichtersheim, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 7.5 km WSW of Sinsheim.

<sup>18</sup>Ulrich Seiler, a minister, was mentioned in the Oct. 17, 1671, letter of Valentin Hütwohl as a man having a family of 16 to feed, counting his father and mother. Seiler himself also wrote a letter to the Dutch Mennonites on Jan. 1, 1672, pointing out that supporting all the refugees much longer was beyond the resources of brethren in the Palatinate who had taken them into their homes. The letter was signed by Ullie Seiler and Jorge Lichte, and witnessed by Jacob Eberling (AA-1407)

<sup>19</sup>Ittlingen, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 7.5 km SE of Sinsheim.

See "Ittlingen", ME III:56.

20 The Malder or Malter is a unit of measure, abbreviated as 'M', whose exact definition varied according to location and time period and could be anywhere between 1 and 7 hectoliters (hl). In Friedelsheim at the time a malder was 1.28 hl. (See: Friedrich August Pietzsch, Friedelsheim, ein Winzerdorf mit Grosser Vergangenheit, Gemeinde Friedelsheim, 1976, p. 153). In Baden and Switzerland it was probably close to 1.5 hl, which in English units would be a little over 4 bushels. See Fritz Verdenhalven, Alte Mess- und Waehrungssysteme aus dem deutschen Sprachgebiet (Neustadt an der Aisch: Verlag Degener & Co., 1993 ISBN 3-7686-1036-5.

<sup>21</sup>Bonartshäuserhof?, (lk Karlsruhe, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 6 km

WNW of Bretten. This is rather far from other places on the list.

<sup>22</sup>Bockschaft, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 8.5 km SE of

<sup>23</sup>This is Benedict Baumgärtner of Dürsrütti, near Langnau im Emmental. See "Baumgärtner, Uli", ME I:250.

<sup>24</sup>Daisbach, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 4.5 km N of Sinsheim.

<sup>25</sup>Reihen, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 5 km SE of Sinsheim.

<sup>26</sup>According to church records of Hilsbach, Michael Mejer, Anabaptist of Reyhen, was buried on Aug. 15, 1676; he died at age 60. See Annette Kunselman Burgert, Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America, Vol 1: The Northern Kraichgau (Breinigsville, Pa.: the Pennsylvania German Society, 1983), p.424.

<sup>27</sup>The original Dutch is: "als gesondt is kan syn kost winnen". The translation given in Davis I:10 and I:261, "he and his son are breadwin-

ners", is incorrect.

<sup>28</sup>Rauhof?, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 5 km E of Sinsheim, 1.5 km S of Adersbach.

<sup>29</sup>Michelfeld, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 7.5 km WSW of Sinsheim, just SE of Eichtersheim.

30Dühren, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 3 km WSW of Sinsheim. See "Dühren", ME II:106-107.

31 Hoffenheim?, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 3.5 km NW of Sinsheim. Or Hofen?, 7.5 km SE of Brackenheim.

32Probably Glücki.

33Probably Newcomer.

34Adelshofen, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 11.5 km S of Sinsheim (3 km NNW of Eppingen).

35Probably Stauffer.

<sup>36</sup>Streichenberg, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 3 km NE of

Eppingen. See "Streichenberg", ME IV:645.

37This is an ambiguous sentence. The Dutch is: "[Melcher Bauman and Anna Honsicher] hebben 1 kind van 7 jaar is noch boven met syn moeder hy is een Linnewever soude sich bedencken om af te komen". Since there is no punctuation, I cannot tell if the father or the child is still "up" in Switzerland with his mother.

38In household 22, the name Hans is crossed out and Christian is

written above it, as if a mistake were corrected. Vice versa for household

 $^{39}\mbox{This}$  is not clearly written. It could also be "Hoeve" (Hoffen?) or

<sup>40</sup>Rohrbach, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 2 km E of Sinsheim. But this could also be Rohrbach, 3 km S of Heidelberg, or Rohrbach, 3.5 km W of Eppingen.

<sup>41</sup>The Dutch is "2 van d'andre stam".

<sup>42</sup>Perhaps Dühren again? See footnote 30.

<sup>43</sup>Züttlingen?, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 14.5 km ESE of

<sup>44</sup>These must be sisters of Peter Herdeicher, a slave on the galley.

<sup>45</sup>Birkenauerhof, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 3.5 km S of Sinsheim. See "Dühren", ME II:106-107. Or Birkenhöfe?, 6.5 km ESE of

<sup>46</sup>These two men soon moved to Holland. It seems that the Dutch tried to convince the young and single men and women to come to

<sup>47</sup>Sinsheim, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W).

<sup>48</sup>Wilhelm Zedig was living in Dilsberg (3 km ENE of Neckargemund) in 1685. See Guth and Mast, Palatinate Mennonite Census Lists, 1664-1793 (Elverson, Pa.: Masthof Press, 1987), p. 15, henceforth,

simply Guth and Mast.

<sup>49</sup>Ehrstädt, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 7.5 km E of

<sup>50</sup>See "Funk", ME II:420-421.

<sup>51</sup>Eschelbach, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 7 km W of

52Lingental, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 2.5 km ENE Leimen.

53Thurs Eby, or Durs Aebi, banished from Trachselwald in 1670. See "Eby", ME II:137-138.

<sup>54</sup>Probably Eby.

<sup>55</sup>Probably Moser.

<sup>56</sup>Schreckhof, (Neckar-Odenwald-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 3 km WNW of Mosbach.

<sup>57</sup>An ellipsis, three dots, in the original document seems to indicate not that the name is unknown, but that it has been mentioned earlier. Hence, this could be Stina Silleberger. An unknown name is indicated by "N.N.", for the Latin Nomen Nescio. Also see (a/62).

<sup>58</sup>He may be the Peter Küntzi of Buchholderberg, Switzerland, who leased a mill in Diemerstein, near Fischbach, on July 9, 1687. See "Fischbach", ME II:331-332. He may also be the Peter Kuentzi living in Eppstein in 1685. See Guth and Mast, p. 14.

<sup>59</sup>Probably Eshleman.

60Is she perhaps the wife of Christe Weis (a/104)?

61Bauernwald?, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 13 km E of Sinsheim. Perhaps they were staying at the Geflügelhof, at the west end of the Wald. This is very near to Eulenbergerhof (see note 63) and Wagenbach (see note 65).

<sup>62</sup>Zimmerhof, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 18 km E of Sinsheim.

63Eulenbergerhof, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 11 km E of Sinsheim (between Ober- and Untergimpern).

<sup>64</sup>Space was left in the text and not filled in.

65Wagenbach, (lk Heilbronn, bzk Stuttgart, B-W), 13 km E of Sinsheim (2 km NNE of Obergimpern).

66Neidenstein, (Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W), 7 km N of Sinsheim.

<sup>67</sup>Probably Mosiman or Musselman.

<sup>68</sup>Mannheim, (Stadtkreis Mannheim, bzk Karlsruhe, B-W). See "Mannheim", ME III:469-471.

<sup>69</sup>He may have been living at Bammental in 1685. See Guth and Mast,

p. 15.

70 Ibersheim, (Kreisfreie Stadt Worms, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P),

"The shale "ME III-1"  $10.5\ km$  NNE of Worms. See "Ibersheim", ME III:1.

<sup>71</sup>Although the text is not clear about whose mother and whose daughter these are, compare (a/143) and (a/71).  $^{72}$ He was also reimbursed f70 for tools that he purchased in

Frankfurt (p. 28 of document).

<sup>73</sup>Perhaps she is the daughter of the sister that Daniel Wingert (a/65) will bring from Switzerland.

<sup>74</sup>Gerolsheim, (lk Bad Dürkheim, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 9.5

km NE of Bad Dürkheim. 75See "Burkholder", ME I:475-476, and "Burkholder, Hans (1)", ME

<sup>76</sup>These are the three married children listed below.

77The original is: "dese ouders syn by de kinderen in de kost, slapen op stroo". The translation given in Davis I:9, which reads "they sleep with their children on straw in the loft", is incorrect.

<sup>78</sup>Probably Eicher.

79Elsbet and Anna are the "two daughters listed with their husbands"

80From 1682 to 1699, a Hans Burkholder was listed as a hereditary tenant of the Münchhof in Friedelsheim. That could be either Hans Borcholter (a/74) or perhaps a son of Adam Borgholder (a/117). (cf. notes 89, 90, 95). Also see "Burkholder, Hans (2)", ME I:477.

81Probably Schneider.

82Spelt, a species of grain related to wheat.

83Dirmstein, (lk Bad Dürkheim, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 10 km NNE of Bad Dürkheim. See "Dirmstein", ME II:68.

84See "Stauffer", ME IV:619-620.

85At least two stories hinted at in AA-1248 have happy endings. When that list was made, Ulli Stauffert (b/41) was at Ibersheim and had left his wife and six children. Now the wife, Babbi Stauffer, is with him. Margarieta Antony (b/24) was reported to be at Oberflörsheim, having left her husband and seven children. Now the husband, Christiaen Stoffer is with her. We do not know how many children finally came from Switzerland.

86The original is: "dese wonen by malkandren en hebben te samen 21 kinderen, waer van een groot gedeelte noch in Zwitzerlandt hebben gelaten." The translation given in Davis I:10, which reads "All these living together, having 21 children. Have left large possessions in Switzerland." is incorrect.

87Friedelsheim, (lk Bad Dürkheim, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 4km ESE of Bad Dürkheim. A Mennonite congregation still exists there and the present church is located on the site of the Münchhof, which was first leased to Mennonites from Zurich in March 1665.

88Probably Hershey.

<sup>89</sup>Christian Hirschi was listed as a hereditary tenant of the Münchhof in Friedelsheim in a lease dated June 26, 1672. Further revisions of the lease in 1682, 1699, and 1708, 1715, and 1737, also included a Christian Hirshi, but later ones were certainly referring to either a child or grandchild. The final Christian Hirshi turned over his part of the lease to Christian Lichti in 1739. See Pietzsch, Friedelsheim, pp. 176ff. Christian Hirsch was listed as a resident of Friedelsheim in 1685. (Guth and Mast,

 $^{90}\!\mathrm{Probably}$  Ebersole. Jost Erbsaal was listed as a hereditary tenant of the Münchhof in Friedelsheim in 1682. (cf. notes 80, 89, 95) In 1699 Jost and Benz Ebersohl were listed and described as brothers; these are probably his children. In addition, in 1677, a Jost Eber Sholl took out a 9-year lease on another property in Friedelsheim. Pietzsch, Friedelsheim, p. 70. Jost Ebersol is listed as a resident of the Monsheim estate in 1685 according to Guth and Mast (p.14), but this is probably a transcription error as both he and the other two residents listed there were at Münchhof.

<sup>91</sup>Perhaps they took over land with harvestable produce.

92Freinsheim, (lk Bad Dürkheim, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 5 km NE of Bad Dürkheim.

<sup>93</sup>Probably Risser or Reusser.

94Probably Eichacher.

95Ulrich Witmer is located here in Freinsheim, which is only about 8 km north of Friedelsheim. In 1682 an Ulrich Weydmann was listed as a hereditary tenant of the Münchhof in Friedelsheim; from 1699 to 1708, Christian Witmer was listed, probably a son of Ulrich. (Pietzsch, p 70.) This is possibly also the Ulrich Willem reported living in Friedelsheim in 1685. (Guth and Mast, p. 14.) It seems likely that Ulrich is the grandfather of the Hans Witmer that immigrated to Manor Twp in 1717: Phillip E. Bedient, "Descendants of John and Catherine Witmer of Manor Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania", Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage 11:4 (Oct 1988): 13-23, and would therefore be an ancestor of the author.

96Fischbach, (Kaiserslautern, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 12 km E of Kaiserslautern.

<sup>97</sup>George Lichti or Liechti, a preacher who, with Valentin Hütwohl, visited the various settlements in late 1671 to make the lists that led to this aid being given. See "Lichti", ME III:335-336, and "Lichti, George", ME III:336.

<sup>98</sup>List (b/6) has "Melchior Breinman - age 40, the wife 35, 7 children, the oldest 15, the youngest ½." Davis I:99, reports: Melchior Brenneman, b. ca. 1631, married to Christina Reusser, living in Fischbach in 1686. Given the coincidence of the ages, the wife's name, the children, and the place they lived, I conclude that the scribe of this list, AA-1196, dropped

99Sembach, (Kaiserslautern, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 10.5 km NE of Kaiserslautern.

100Perhaps he is the Hans Geiger living in Freinsheim in 1685 with his wife and 5 children. Guth and Mast (p.15) list his name as "Bryger", but according to Harold S. Bender, ed., "Palatinate Census Lists, 1664-1774, I", Mennonite Quarterly Review 14 (Jan. 1940): 15, the name was Geiger.

101 It is not clear who was in prison, Hans or Margriet.

102 Isaak Hirsch (probably Hershey) was living in Gönnheim in 1685. See Guth and Mast, p. 14.

<sup>103</sup>Wartenberg, (Donnersbergkreis (Kirchheimbolanden), bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 11.5 km NE of Kaiserslautern.

104 Aschbacherhof, (Kaiserslautern, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 6 km SSW of Kaiserslautern.

<sup>105</sup>Since they appear twice in this document, it would seem that Christe and Babbe Winger must have relocated between the times that the list at Aschbacherhof and the list at Ibersheimer Hof were made.

<sup>106</sup>Wachenheim (an der Haardt), (lk Bad Dürkheim, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 2.5 km SSE of Bad Dürkheim.

<sup>107</sup>Probably Eicher.

<sup>108</sup>He was living at "Osthof bei Wachenheim" in 1685. See Guth and Mast, p. 14.

<sup>109</sup>Probably Burkhalter.

<sup>110</sup>He might be the Hans Rüsser (probably Risser or Reusser) mentioned in "Risser", ME IV:340-341. <sup>111</sup>See "Galleys", ME II:437.

112 Hans and Melchior Lötscher were sentenced on Mar. 16,1671 to be sent to the galley. See "Lötscher", ME III:400.

<sup>113</sup>elder

 $^{114}\mathrm{I}$  do not know what the 'n' means.

<sup>115</sup>This part of the list would seem to cover the region that was canvassed in Jan. 1672, "between Brem and Bingen", to create the list in AA-1248. There is no detail given about precise locations for households 119 to 144, so it seems likely that they would have been widely scattered around the Ibersheimer Hof, and not all residing in the Hof itself.

<sup>116</sup>Probably Roth.

<sup>117</sup>No cost was written after this.

<sup>118</sup>Ulrich and Benedict Kiener. Benedict is the son of Ulrich. The child of Benedict and Anne was 24 hours old when the list of AA-1248 was made in mid-December.

 $^{119}$ This name appears here and then later in this document in a summary. Both times it is clearly written, once as 'Kumbel', once as 'Kombel'. The 1672 transcriber of the AA-1248 list saw it as 'Knobel'.

<sup>120</sup>Probably Elisabeth Eicheberger.

<sup>121</sup>Mother of (a/65) Daniel Wingert, or possibly Susan Smidt? Could she be a sister to Hans van Koudem?

 $^{122}$ Though the name has been changed somewhat, this could be the Michiel Ossebeen of list AA-1248.

<sup>123</sup>Dienheim by Oppenheim, (lk Mainz-Bingen, bzk Rheinhessen-Pfalz, R-P), 22.5 km N of Worms.

<sup>124</sup>Possibly the Christen Hummel living in Friedelsheim in 1685. See Guth and Mast, p. 14.

In conjunction with a museum exhibit, new information has been discovered which helps distinguish between decorated woodenware made by Joseph Lehn and other woodworkers.

## Joseph Lehn and Lehnware: Nineteenth Century Woodworker in Elizabeth Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

by Donald M. Herr

Lehnware is a term for paint-decorated woodenware made and painted by Joseph Lehn and others in northeastern Lancaster County in the second half of the nineteenth century. This distinctive group of woodenware is characterized by a repetition of the position of decorative colors, background colors, style of decoration, and designs. Differences in the quality and style of decoration as well as the existence of signed pieces by other makers suggest that Lehn and others made the gaily-painted woodenware so sought after by folk art collectors today. Tulip poplar was the wood used most frequently in cups and saffron boxes made by Lehn. The majority of his chests were made of pine. White oak was his favored wood for making barrels and buckets. The tradition of decorating woodenware in this style continues to the present day.

Much new information has been uncovered recently. This includes documentary sources, the discovery of signed pieces by previously-unknown makers, the publication of Lehn's daybook, and his signature on documents in which he did not use his middle name. Also, the presence of motifs on birth certificates made by Henry Lehn, son of Joseph Lehn, are similar to those found on the style of painted woodenware called Lehnware.

#### Joseph Lehn

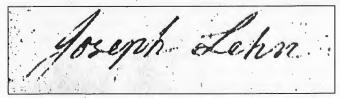
Joseph Lehn (Jan. 6, 1798-Sept. 16, 1892) was the son of Abraham and Mary Lane (Lehn) of Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.¹ His father, Abraham (Aug. 21, 1765- Dec. 2, 1800)² wrote his will on March 7, 1800. It was witnessed by Isaac Long and signed by George Ross, the latter a prominent Lancastrian and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Abraham bequeathed to his wife Mary the customary household furniture, including three bedsteads, the kitchen dresser, a table, and a stove. He also left her a cow, a horse, and annual supplies of meat and grains. His brothers Michael and John were to be given deeds and bonds, and his plantation was to be "divided into three equal shares to and between my three children yet living." He named his "Friends and neighbors Christian Hostetter and Benjamin

Royer and my Brother John Lane to be the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament."<sup>3</sup> His will was probated on December 27, 1800, shortly after his death.

Subsequent civil records in 1810 tell us that the judges appointed "Charles Rudy of Warwick township, guardian over the estates of Joseph Lane and Cornelius Lane, minor children of Abraham Lane late of Manheim township deceased, coming to them from Mary late of Manheim township deceased." Joseph's older brother Henry, above age 14, chose his uncle Michael Lane as his guardian.



Joseph Lehn (Jan. 6, 1798-Sept. 16, 1892), the woodworker, lived just south of Clay, near the Hammer Creek Mennonite Church, Elizabeth Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania



Signature of Joseph Lehn on the inventory (Oct. 13, 1837) of his father-in-law, Daniel Erb.

A Lane/Lehn Mennonite meetinghouse was present near Joseph Lehn's home.<sup>6</sup> It is no longer in existence. His father's will was witnessed by Isaac Long. The Isaac Long barn, near Landis Valley, had been the site of a historic revival meeting in 1767 at which Mennonite Bishop Martin Boehm and German Reformed Minister Philip W. Otterbein founded what later became known as the United Brethren Church.<sup>7</sup> Joseph Lehn may have been a member of the United Brethren Church.<sup>8</sup>

Henry Lehn of Manheim Township and Joseph and Cornelius Lehn of Elizabeth Township, sons of Abraham Lehn deceased, sold for \$3,000 each the 140-acre property that they had inherited to their uncle Michael Lehn on a deed recorded May 25, 1822.9

Joseph Lehn's mother married Daniel Erb (Apr. 8,1760-Sept. 29,1837), a widower with four children. <sup>10</sup> Joseph married his step-sister Elisabeth Erb (July 25, 1792-Aug. 19, 1865), the eldest of the children. The marriage of Joseph Lane and Elisabeth Erb is recorded on April 4, 1817, in records of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. <sup>11</sup> They lived near the village of Clay, Elizabeth Township, on land Elisabeth had inherited. Joseph was a trustee of his father-in-law's estate. <sup>12</sup> They built a brick home near the Hammer Creek Mennonite Church in 1849. Joseph was said to have been a man of small stature. <sup>13</sup>

Joseph and Elisabeth Lehn had four children: Catherine (1818-after 1900), who married John B. Graybill; Jonas (1821-Aug. 30, 1877), who married Luzetta Furlow; Henry (Mar. 26,1823-June 26, 1862), who never married, and Joseph, Jr. (Apr. 15, 1829-Sept. 14, 1854), who also never married. Henry may have inherited some of his father's artistic talents, for he made birth certificates for himself and his younger brother that included the strawberry and pomegranate motifs frequently used on woodenware by his father. 15

On the 1847 to 1854 tax lists of Elizabeth Township Joseph Lehn is listed as a farmer. He is listed as a farmer, age 52, in the 1850 census. Residing with him in 1850 was his wife, Elisabeth, 56, his sons Jonas, 29, Henry, 27, Joseph, Jr., 21, and his step-brother, Daniel Erb, 51, with the notation "idiot." Joseph is listed as an "aged man" or "old man" in subsequent tax lists. 16 Joseph Lehn is listed in the 1860 census as a cooper, with real estate valued at \$4,000 and a personal estate at \$100. His household included his wife, his step-brother, and his son Henry Lehn, whose occupation was "music teacher." Ten years later he is again listed as a cooper. Residing in the same household are Catherine Kreiter, listed as a housekeeper, and his step-brother, Daniel Erb, listed as a boarder with the notation "idiotic." Joseph's son Henry and his wife Elisabeth died in 1862 and 1865, respectively.

Mennonite Bishop Jacob N. Brubacher mentioned Lehn and his work in the *Herald of Truth*, a national Mennonite publication. "I visited our dear old Bro. Joseph Lehn, near Brunnerville, Lancaster County. He is now ninety years old. It is quite a pleasure to talk with him. He seems to enjoy spiritual conversation. His memory is very good. He repeats poetry and passages of Scripture quite



Birth certificate of Henry (Henrich) Lehn, son of Joseph Lehn. Henry Lehn made this fraktur for himself. It is signed "Made by Henry Lehn, 1845." Note the images of strawberries at the bottom.

readily....He is daily employed in making boxes, buckets, etc., which he finished so very tastefully, that but few can equal....Brother Lehn is in every respect a remarkable man."<sup>17</sup> In his diary Bishop Brubacher recorded visiting Joseph Lehn on February 3 and August 13, 1889.<sup>18</sup>

In his will dated the "13th day of April, A.D. 1892," Joseph Lehn gave his real estate to his grandson, Joseph Graybill, and did "bequeath unto the Trustees of the Hammer Creek Mennonite Church. . . . the sum of two hundred dollars," the interest to be used to "keep the graves and tombstones cleaned and keep the same in a neat and clean condition." Because of his advanced age and his blindness, he signed his will with his mark, an "X," five months before his death.

Lehn's obituary is recorded in the *Herald of Truth*: "Lehn.- Sept. 16, 1892, near Hammer Creek meetinghouse, of old age and diarrhoea, Bro. Joseph Lehn, aged 94 years, 8 months and 9 days." His death notice in the *Ephrata Review* notes, "He was blind during the past year."

Joseph Lehn did not sign his middle name (his mother's maiden name, Long) on any of the deeds, wills, and correspondence surveyed by the author. Only in his daybook did he use his middle initial "L."

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## Joseph Lehn and Lehnware: Nineteenth Century Woodworker in Elizabeth Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Donald M. Herr



Seed chest attributed to Joseph Lehn, Height 13". Private Collection







Thread Holder attributed to Joseph Lehn, Height 6 1/2".
Private Collection.

Cup or Goblet attributed to Joseph Lehn, Height 5". Collection of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.





Buckets attributed to Joseph Lehn, Left: Height 7", Right: Height 9 5/8". Private Collection





Cup and Saucer by Joseph Lehn, Cup Height 1 3/4", Saucer Height 1 1/4". Paper label on bottom of saucer: "Made by Joseph Lehn in his 91 year September 29, 1889." Private Collection.

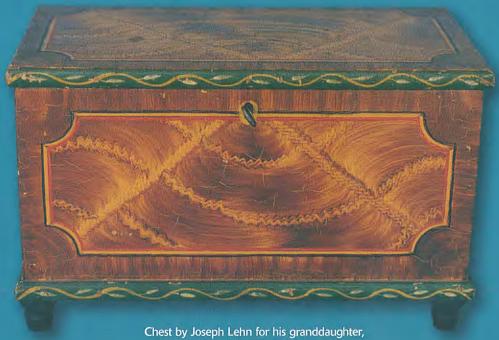


Sugar Bucket or Stand attributed to Joseph Lehn, Height 8 3/8". Private Collection.



Chest by Joseph Lehn, Height 7 1/4". Pencil inscription inside: "Made by Joseph Lehn for Mary Brubaker," grandmother of present owner.

Collection of Herma Losensky.



Chest by Joseph Lehn for his granddaughter, Maria Greybill, 1858, Height 6 1/2". Collection of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.



Saffron Cup or Box attributed to Joseph Lehn, Height 4 1/2".
Private Collection.

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#### Decoration

Lehn colored most of the cups and saffron boxes in a repeated sequence. The base or edge of the foot was dark blue, followed by a green stripe, red stem, green stripe, salmon bowl and red border. The lids were green,

then salmon, with the finials always painted dark blue. He frequently used a salmon background for the outside of the cup or bowl. Background colors of yellow, blue, and blue-green are found less often. He frequently used strawberry, pomegranate, and floral motifs, sometimes with the addition of decals. An undulating border that suggests the pussy willow was

used extensively. The rims of tulipshaped cups lack decorative bands.

A fine yellow or cream line on the front, top, and sides of chests, seed chests, sewing boxes, buckets, harvest buckets, sugar stands, candle boxes, and other objects was a popular decorative motif.



Label on lined paper applied to the bottom of a cup. "Made by Joseph Lehn in his 91 year Jan 1 1889." Paper labels bear dates from the last years of his life.

#### **Forms**

The recent publication of Joseph L. Lehn's daybook, with entries from 1856 to 1876, gives us some insight into the forms that he made during those years. His activity as a cooper is noticeable. Included in the daybook entries are barrels, little barrels, little water barrels, three-gallon barrels, barrel bucks and spigots, salt boxes, buckets, bucket bails, butter tubs, chests, little chests, dipper buckets, a dish-washing bench, a dry sink, harvest water buckets, sugar buckets, water kegs, water buckets, water bucket lids, small buckets, small water buckets, tubs, tall tubs, tall water tubs, a waiter (tray), and water barrels. He repaired buckets, butter churns, tubs, chairs, turned chair feet, bedsteads, yarn winders, and spools. He recorded that he painted tubs, buckets, chairs, butter churns, harvest buckets, desks, a table, and an umbrella.22 The daybook does not mention the many turned saffron boxes and the vari-



Sewing box, miniature barrel, and harvest water bucket attributed to Joseph Lehn.

ous sizes of cups ascribed to Lehn. (The term saffron box, rather than saffron cup, was used as early as 1941, just forty-nine years after Lehn's death.)<sup>23</sup> Perhaps he made cups and saffron boxes between 1876 and the time of his death in 1892. Turned pieces with paper labels, made a few years before his death, have survived. They date from 1887 through December 29, 1890.

- 1. Barrels: Several small barrels with handles, or water kegs, have been attributed to Joseph Lehn. They are about eleven inches long, painted red-orange in color, and have black metal bands that sometimes have an undulating pussy willow decoration. Miniature two-part barrels, approximately four inches high, were painted red (less commonly blue), and have been found bearing paper labels indicating that some were made by Lehn in his final years. White oak was the favored wood used for making barrels and buckets.
- 2. Buckets: These were grained with a red-orange color over a yellow ground. The interiors were painted cream-white. Buckets (plate 2) have been found measuring from six to nearly twelve inches in height. Metal bands, accented by yellow lines, were painted black and decorated with an undulating line and a repetitive floral motif suggesting the pussy willow. Sugar buckets (plate 3), sometimes called sugar stands, were painted similarly and had lids with porcelain, wood or brass finials. Harvest water buckets, as Lehn called them in his daybook, have survived in fine paint, though others show signs of usage. The staves of sugar buckets were usually



Cups attributed to Joseph Lehn vary in height from 1½ inches to 5 inches.

Chests for seeds or spices attributed to Joseph Lehn, the culmination of his artistry, have been found with six, twelve, and twenty drawers.



Cups and saucers vary from 1% inches to 3½ inches in diameter. The largest one here is labeled "Made by Joseph Lehn . . . in 1888,"



Saffron boxes with straight sides are attributed to Joseph Lehn. The images of strawberry, pomegranate, and undulating pussy willow were used repeatedly.

Chests for seeds or spices having a desk lid with drawers in multiples of five, seven, and nine have been attributed to Joseph Lehn. The fine line decoration around the drawers, lid, front, and sides are also found on other chests by Lehn.

made of oak.<sup>24</sup> Pine was frequently used for the bottom of the sugar buckets.

- 3. Small chests: Customarily constructed of pine and painted with pomegranate and/or strawberry motifs, Joseph Lehn's small chests (plates 3,4) usually had parallel yellow or cream decorative lines on the front, top, and sides. Chests that he made for his grandchildren are of nailed construction. He made most of his chests, seed chests, and sewing boxes with both dovetailed and nailed construction. Many chests were decorated with decals of flowers, female heads, animals, or scenes on the front, top, and ends of the chests. Chests with decals usually had dovetailed construction. They vary in size from 8½ inches to 13½ inches in width, the smaller size being found less frequently.
- 4. Sewing chests: These chests, approximately eleven inches wide and seven inches high, were constructed and decorated similarly to chests with decals, and they always had decals. A compartmented, removable tray held pincushions and other sewing needs.
- 5. Seed or spice chests: Found in three sizes, containing six, twelve, and twenty drawers, these chests (plate 1) range from 13 to 18 ¾ inches in height. The only surviving six-drawer seed chest known to the author was used for seed storage. Its drawers are labeled "Glessner Seed, Excelsior Seed, and Havana Seed." These are varieties of tobacco grown in Lancaster County in the last quarter of the nineteenth century.<sup>25</sup>
- 6. Tall seed or spice chests: Having a desk-lid form and with drawers in multiples of five, seven, and nine, these have been found with the typical yellow or cream line decoration often found on boxes and chests attributed to Lehn. They are about 25¾ inches high. The tall chests with desk-lids appear to be stylistically related to yellow grain-decorated chests that have been attributed to John Boyer, who lived a few miles away in Brickerville.
- 7. Cups: These ranged in many sizes, from 1½ to 5 inches in height. Cups (plate 2) are not listed in Lehn's daybook, which has entries to 1876. They likely were made after 1876 and into his later years. He died in 1892. Cups, cups and saucers, and saffron boxes that have paper labels affixed to their bottoms bear dates from the last few years of his life. An example reads, "Made by Joseph Lehn in his 91 year Jan. 1, 1889." Decals were frequently applied. Writers have arbitrarily attempted to describe the various sizes of cups as miniature cups, pill cups, salt cellars, master salts, egg cups, footed cups, tulip-shaped cups, pedestaled cups, and goblets. Tulip poplar was the wood most frequently used for Lehn's cups and saffron boxes.<sup>26</sup> He used maple less frequently.<sup>27</sup>
- 8. Cups and saucers: Made in many sizes, these ranged from 1% inches in width to 3% inches in length. Occasionally, they bear labels. The smallest cups and saucers (plate 3) may have been used as toys.
- 9. Saffron boxes: These articles, or saffron cups (plate 4) as they are sometimes called, are not listed in Lehn's daybook. Such lidded containers are occasionally found with paper labels and the dates of the last few years of his





Chest inscribed "S.B.S./Think of me/1884/Work of Peter Stauffer" inside of lid, probably for Peter Stauffer's daughter, Susan Burkholder Stauffer. The chest has the typical decoration, color, and construction as other chests previously attributed to Joseph Lehn.

career. Saffron boxes and cups, approximately five inches high, exhibit the same decorative sequence of colors previously described. Decals were occasionally applied to the lids and bodies of saffron boxes.

10. Other forms: In his daybook, Lehn recorded repairing chairs and turning chair feet. A miniature chair (plate 3) with a salmon-painted background is similar in color to saffron boxes and cups and has decals that have been found on other forms made by Lehn. A set of six full size-plank bottom-chairs has survived, with a history of being made and painted by Joseph Lehn.28 A few candle boxes with fine decorative lines relate to motifs found on seed chests, sewing chests, and miniature chests that were likely made by Lehn.29 A footstool with pomegranate floral decorations, similar to those found on chests made by Lehn has survived. An extremely rare thread holder (plate 2), accommodating four spools and having four openings in the side through which the thread may be drawn, was probably made by Lehn. A line-decorated wooden egg, perhaps for darning, was made in the Lehn tradition. A game board with decals and line decoration may have been made by Lehn.

Other objects said to have been made by Joseph Lehn are pincushions, a play cart for his grandchildren, melodeons, violins, canes, penny banks, toys,<sup>30</sup> and a birdhouse.<sup>31</sup>

#### Other Makers

Peter Stauffer (Jan. 27, 1831-Jan. 19, 1905), the son of Benjamin Stauffer and Nancy Landis, owned land adjoining that of Joseph Lehn.<sup>32</sup> On one of his miniature blanket chests, Peter painted on the interior of the lid "S.B.S./Think of me./1884/Work of Peter Stauffer." He had a daughter, Susan Burkholder Stauffer (Feb. 17, 1862-Nov. 13, 1922), and the initials presumably are hers. The chest has the pomegranate decoration, background color, and construction typical of chests previously attributed to Joseph Lehn. Chests of similar form and decoration have survived with pencil inscriptions of Peter's younger brothers, Jacob L. Stauffer and Adam L. Stauffer. Peter, Jacob, and Adam are buried in the Hammer Creek Mennonite Cemetery. Another related chest is inscribed in pencil "Lizzie L. Landis 1871," and what appears to be "One dollar and three quartery," perhaps the cost of the chest.

A newspaper article of the time mentioned that a neighbor, Harvey Rock, recalled "furnishing the motive power for Lehn's hand lathe when he was ten years old." His wife "found that the painting on the Lehn pieces was done mostly by a chair decorator in Ephrata, William Heilich [sic], and later John Sechrist."33 William Carl Heilig (Jan. 18, 1833-Feb. 14, 1897), was a chairmaker in nearby Ephrata.34 The 1884 Lancaster City and County Directory lists "Heilig, W.C., chair manufacturer, Ephrata," and the 1886 directory lists "Heilig, William C., chair mfr., Ephrata."35 The floral decoration on a decorated plankbottom chair signed "Wm. C. Heilig Ephrata" is similar to the decorations on a few chests, cups, cups and saucers, and saffron boxes done in the Lehnware tradition. The floral decoration includes three yellow anthers and is of a less refined hand than those attributed to Joseph Lehn.

A sugar bucket or stand exists, painted in the traditional manner as those attributed to Lehn. However, inscribed in the decorative paint on the outside bottom is "Mfgt by / J H Sechrist / Mar 7, 1889."36 The question remains as to whether Sechrist was the decorator or was the decorator and the maker. A search for J.H. Sechrist and variant spellings was made. A likely candidate was John Sechrist, a salesman at Clay, listed in the 1884 Lancaster City and County Directory. The 1890 Lancaster City and County Directory lists a John Sechrist, laborer, who lived nearby in the town of Durlach.37 Other makers of Lehnware include John B. Bucher (1860-1942), son of Jonas W. and Anna (Bollinger) Bucher of Warwick Township, who was ordained a minister at Hammer Creek Mennonite Church on September 1, 1892.38 He would have been well acquainted with Joseph Lehn. Bucher made and sold saffron boxes. He usually stamped his pieces with the initials JBB and the date; one such saffron box was dated 1936. His turnings and paint decoration were inspired by, but are distinctly different from, those ascribed to Lehn. Mennonite Bishop Jacob Nissley Brubacher (1838-1913) learned to turn from Lehn but preferred to shellac his work rather than decorate it with paint. He signed his pieces with his initials "JNB" and dated them in the last few years of his life.<sup>39</sup>

Through the years many craftsmen made and decorated cups and saffron boxes in the Lehnware tradition. Robert F. Lausch (Oct. 18, 1911-Jan. 19, 1988) of Ephrata decorated cups and saffron boxes in the 1960s through the 1980s. He carved his initials "RL" onto the bottoms of his pieces. They were turned by his son, R. Drew Lausch. 40 John Royer Dierwechter (Mar. 23, 1910-Apr. 24, 1996) of Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania., stamped or painted his initials "J.R.D." on the bottom of his cups and saffron boxes and on the lids of his chests. Dierwechter included the date, 1976, on one occasion. His daughters, Esther, Grace, and Naomi, continue the tradition of decorating woodenware to this day. Eleanor Sherk (July 1, 1914-May 30, 1997) painted saffron boxes from the 1950s to the 1990s that were turned by Arthur Shupp of Denver, Pennsylvania.41 June Elizabeth Gottshall (b. Oct. 17, 1920) of Reinholds, Pennsylvania, also painted cups and saffron boxes that were turned by Shupp.42 She frequently



Saffron box or cup (ca. 1875) with paint decoration attributed to William Carl Heilig, chair manufacturer, of Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The paint decoration on this piece is similar to that on chairs marked by Heilig.



Saffron box (left) and cup (second from left) made and painted by John Royer Dierwechter (1910-1996), and saffron boxes (third from left) made by Arthur Shupp and painted by Eleanor Sherk (1914-1997). June E. Gottshall also painted saffron boxes (right) from the 1970's to the 1990's. These twentieth-century pieces made in southeastern Pennsylvania exemplify the Lehnware tradition.

marked her pieces with her initials and the year that they were made on the bottoms or the inside of the lids. They date from the 1970s to the 1990s. On one she painted "JEG 96" on the inside of the lid.

#### Conclusion

Lehnware, a distinctive group of paint-decorated woodenware, was made by Joseph Lehn and others in Lancaster County in the second half of the nineteenth century and remains highly-valued by collectors today. The discovery of signed pieces by other craftspeople makes it clear that many made the decorative styles and designs and used the repetition of paint colors and forms that have become known as Lehnware. The tradition has been continued to the present day.

<sup>1</sup>Mary's birth surname was Lang (Long), as stated on her gravestone at Hammer Creek Mennonite Cem., Elizabeth Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.: "Maria Erb, nee Lang, born July 2, 1766, died May 10, 1832, Sixty five years, ten months, eight days."

<sup>2</sup>Gravestone Inscription, Lehn Cem., Manheim Twp., Lancaster Co.,

Pa., east side of Kissel Hill Rd., as read by author.

<sup>3</sup>Will Y-2-415, Lancaster County Archives, Lancaster, Pa.

<sup>4</sup>Miscellaneous Book 1808-13, p. 193, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>6</sup>The Lehn/Lane Mennonite Meetinghouse was located on the east side of Kissel Hill Rd. Michael Lane gave land for the school in 1813: Deed 6-585, Lancaster County Archives. Joshua Scott, "Map of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania," (Lancaster, Pa.: n.p., 1824) shows a "Mennonist" meetinghouse at this location.

<sup>7</sup>Earl L. Poole, "Joseph Lehn, Driven to Design," The American German Review (Oct. 1948): 12.

8Genealogical Card File, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.

<sup>9</sup>Deed GG-2-517, Lancaster County Archives. <sup>10</sup>Will R-1-406, Lancaster County Archives

<sup>11</sup>"Protocoll der Heiligen Dreieinigsheits Kirch zu Lancaster," Book 4, p. 397, unpublished copy of records of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Also in "Early Marriage Records, 1731 to 1850, of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania," (Lancaster, Pa.: Donegal Chapter of the

Daughters of the American Revolution, 1950), Book 4, p. 85.

12 Estate Inventories RG-30-00-0133, Box 36, Folder 7, 1837, Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa. The inventory of Daniel Erb (taken Oct. 11, 1837) was signed on Oct. 13, 1837, by executors Joseph

Lehn and Samuel Eberly.

<sup>13</sup>Gary P. Bell, "A Study of Joseph Lehn and his Painted

Woodenware," M.E. thesis, Millersville State College, Jan. 1967, p. 5. Personal interview by Bell of Joseph Lehn Kreider (great-grandson of Joseph Lehn) of Bethel, Pa., Aug. 22, 1966. See also Gary Bell, "Joseph Lehn-Woodturner," Community Historians 6: 6 (Dec. 1967): 25-49.

<sup>14</sup>Gravestone Inscription, Hammer Creek Mennonite Cem., shows Henry Lehn (d. June 26, 1862) death, not June 20, as previously pub-

lished.

<sup>15</sup>Donald A. Shelley, The Fraktur Writings of Illuminated Manuscripts of the Pennsylvania Germans, Vol. 23 (Allentown: Pennsylvania German Folklore Society, 1958-59), fig. 221.

<sup>16</sup>Tax Lists of Elizabeth Township, Lancaster County Historical

<sup>17</sup>Herald of Truth, Feb. 1, 1888, pp. 41-42. <sup>18</sup>Diary of Bishop Jacob N. Brubacher, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

<sup>19</sup>Will J-2-568, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>20</sup>Herald of Truth, Oct. 1, 1892, p. 302. His gravestone at Hammer Creek Mennonite Cem. has ten days, not nine days.

<sup>21</sup>Ephrata [Pa.] Review, Sept. 23, 1892.

<sup>22</sup>Clarence E. Spohn, ed., and Cynthia Marquet, co-editor, "Joseph Long Lehn's Daybook (1856-1876) and His Painted Woodenware," Journal of the Historical Society of Cocalico Valley 24 (1999): 1-48. Alan G. Keyser translated the daybook.

<sup>23</sup>The [Lancaster, Pa.] Sunday News, Dec. 28, 1941.

<sup>24</sup>Wood identified to author by Kenneth March, a cooper, on Dec. 21,

<sup>25</sup>Interview by author of John Yocum, Dec. 12, 2000.

<sup>26</sup>Wood indentified by R. Drew Lausch, a chairmaker and turner, Dec. 14, 2000.

<sup>27</sup>Beatrice B. Garvan, The Pennsylvania German Collection (Philadelphia: Philadelphia Museum of Art, 1982), pp. 16-17, 67.

<sup>28</sup>Collection of Heritage Center Museum of Lancaster County. Jonas Lehn, son of Joseph Lehn, married Luzetta Furlow (1829-July 29, 1915). The chairs descend from George and Elizabeth (Eberly) Furlow of Brickerville, Pa.

<sup>29</sup>Slide-lid pine candle box with pomegranate and parallel fine-line decoration. Private Collection.

<sup>30</sup>The [Lancaster, Pa.] Sunday News, Sept. 18, 1932 and Dec. 28, 1941.

See also Poole, "Joseph Lehn," p. 13.

31Spohn and Marquet, "Joseph Long Lehn's Daybook," pp. xxxvi-vii. <sup>32</sup>Will J-2-568, Lancaster County Archives. See also New Historical Atlas of Lancaster County (Philadelphia: Everts and Stewart, 1875), p. 56. 33The [Lancaster, Pa.] Sunday News, Dec. 28, 1941.

34See Spohn and Marquet, "Joseph Long Lehn's Daybook," p. x, for

information on William Carl Heilig.

35Ferris Bros.' Lancaster City and County Directory, 1884 (Wilmington,

Del.: Ferris Bros. Publishers and Printers, 1886), pp. 607, 659.

<sup>36</sup>Walter E. Simmons II, "Lehn or Sechrist?," Ohio Antiques Review (Aug. 1984): 4, has a report of the Curator of Metals, Department of Decorative Arts, Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich., which notes the sugar bucket in their collection.

<sup>37</sup>Ferris Bros.' Lancaster City and County Directory, 1884, p. 780. J.E. Williams, Williams' Lancaster City and County Directory for 1890. . (Lancaster: Author, 1890), p. 191, lists a James H. Seachrist, grocer, and a John Sechrist, insurance agent, both in Lancaster. Lancaster County Directory (York and Lancaster: R.L. Polk and Co. Pub., 1909), p. 663, lists a John H. Sechrist, broom-maker, in Stevens. A J. Seachrist lived behind the post office in Millersville, Pa., according to the 1875 atlas: see note 32.

<sup>38</sup>Hammer Creek Mennonite Church, 1819-1913-1990 [Lititz, Pa.:

Hammer Creek Mennonite Church, 1990], pp. 40-41,

<sup>39</sup>Information from Walter L. Bomberger, Jr., great-grandson of Jacob N. Brubacher, Dec. 5, 2000.

<sup>40</sup>Information from R. Drew Lausch, Dec. 12, 2000

<sup>41</sup>Information from Richard Sherk, son of Eleanor Sherk, Nov. 29,

<sup>42</sup>Information from June E. Gottshall, Dec. 22, 2000. □

The author corrects an attribution of parentage which stood in error since 1888. He lists some Mennonite ancestors and Brethren descendants of a resident of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

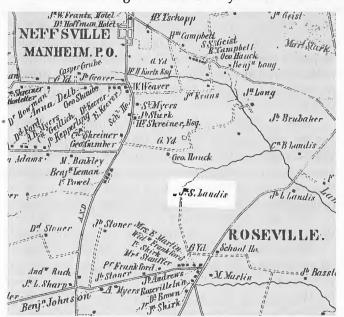
## Ancestors and Descendants of "Hill" John Landis (1779-1858) of Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

by Emmert F. Bittinger

In 1888 D. B. Landis, the well-known genealogist, wrote *The Landis Family of Lancaster County.*<sup>1</sup> Although it remains an essential source, additional research has rendered it a partial account. It contains an early and extensive listing of the family of "Hill" John Landis (1779-1858), who lived southeast of "Fiddlers' Green," now Neffsville, Manheim Township. Because the farm (recently occupied by the Roy Erb family at the end of Kreider Avenue) is south of a small hill, the name "Hill" John Landis came into local usage.

Unfortunately D. B. Landis mistakenly named the father of "Hill" John Landis as John, but he gave no dates of birth or death. However, I intend to show in this article that his father was Henry Landis (1751-1791). D. B. Landis was also unable to trace "Hill" John Landis to the immigrant ancestor, something we now are able to do.

D.B. Landis did give the name Mary Erb as the wife of



The 1864 altas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, shows an area of Manheim Township and the house of John S. Landis (J12b42). This is the farm of his father, "Hill" John Landis (J12b4), whose ancestors and descendants are traced in this article.

this supposed John Landis, and also named four of the siblings of "Hill" John Landis,<sup>2</sup> three sons and one daughter. Subsequent research shows that these sons were named accurately, but two daughters were missing from this list. Nancy also was known by the name Anna, a common occurrence in that time period. Crucial civil records (discussed below) which D.B. Landis apparently did not recognize provide this important information, including names of the three daughters of Henry Landis (1751-1791).

In 1983 and 1984 two articles appeared which identified a Henry Landis and wife Mary Erb and named their children.3 Having been involved in researching the "Hill" John Landis family, the writer immediately recognized that the names of the children of Henry Landis and Mary Erb matched almost perfectly with the names of the children of the couple that D.B. Landis designated as John Landis and Mary Erb. The two articles state that Henry Landis (Mar. 4, 1751-Jan. 4, 1791) and Mary Erb were married on March 16, 1771. She was the daughter of Jacob Erb and Magdalena Schrantz. (After the death of Henry Landis, she married Christian Haas or Hess.). He was the son of Henry Landis, minister at Hammer Creek Mennonite Church,4 born about 1700 in Switzerland, and Veronica Groff, daughter of Hans Groff of Groffdale. Henry and Veronica lived in Warwick Township, on the Hammer Creek just west of the Cocalico Creek, and later moved to Manheim Township.

#### **Two Lists**

Concerning the children of Mary Erb and her husband, the writer compared the Best/Slabaugh list with the Landis list. The Best/Slabaugh list of seven children (father Henry) was Elizabeth (m. George Sherttel), Mary (m. Henry Kalbach), Henry, John, Anna, David, and Abraham. The D.B. Landis list of five children (father John) was John, Henry (m. Mary Wolf), David, Abraham (m. Mary Meyers), and Nancy (m. Mr. Lichty). The reader will note their similarity. The sons are identical, but D.B. Landis omits two daughters and gives the nickname Nancy in place of Anna. Are these, in fact, the same fami-

ly? How could this be proved or disproved?

We began to examine primary sources and study research and publications on these families. First, we searched for two persons named Mary Erb for that time period with husbands Henry and John. After consulting Erb genealogies and genealogists, we found only one Mary Erb—married to Henry Landis—and no Mary Erb married to a John Landis.<sup>5</sup>

Second, we examined the birth dates of the children provided in the two lists. Fortunately, D.B. Landis gave a birthdate for the man he called John Landis as April 18, 1779. No birthdates or spouse's names were provided in the Best/Slabaugh list, but we obtained records from the Miscellaneous Books/Orphans' Court which gave approximate birthdates for the children of Henry Landis (1751-1791).6 Elizabeth, Mary, and Henry were over 14 on June 27, 1792, i.e. born before 1778. On January 2, 1793, the court appointed Benjamin Landis, a neighbor, as guardian of John Landis, who was under 14—a date consistent with the birthdate for "Hill" John given by D.B. Landis.7 The reader will note that these approximate birthdates fit well with a marriage date of 1771 (given by Best and Slabaugh) and the birthdate of 1779 (given by D.B. Landis). The two lists both refer to children born in the period from 1772 to 1791.

It is highly improbable that two persons named Mary (Erb) Landis would bear four sons of the same names in the same township in the same time period, each with a son John born in 1779. We conclude that there was only one such couple—Henry Landis and Mary Erb.

Thirdly, we researched the wife of "Hill" John Landis, given by D.B. Landis as Margaretta Snavely. Best and Slabaugh did not give a name of the wife. "Hill" John Landis was assigned a guardian named Benjamin Landis (1756-1811), a close neighbor and relative, son of Benjamin Landis (1730-1787) and Ann Snavely. Benjamin and Ann sold land to Henry Landis (b. ca. 1700) and Veronica Groff, grandparents of the children who were assigned guardians. Since the elder Benjamin Landis had married a great-aunt of the young John Landis, he was being attached by guardianship to a Landis family with close ties to Snavely families. Thus, he probably would have had opportunity to learn to know and marry Margaret Snavely.

Fourthly, the intestate papers of Henry Landis (1751-1791) were examined. An inquest was held on January 20, 1800, in which the heirs were named, the seven legatees with their guardians. On April 16, 1800, Henry Landis, son of the deceased Henry Landis, was ordered to sell 300 acres and pay the shares to the children and widow. On April 10, 1801, when John Landis had reached age 21, Henry transferred 60 acres by deed to his brother as share of his father's estate. The court document lists the "widow named Maria and seven children namely, Henry his eldest son, John, David, Abraham, Elizabeth married to George Shartel, Mary then married to Henry Kalbach, and Ann, to and among whom the same [land] descended..." In later deeds we learn that Anna married John

Lichty/Light of Dauphin County. Thus, we have primary sources which name the children of Henry Landis and Mary Erb, including who is shown to be "Hill" John Landis (b. 1779).

Additional evidence is the deed<sup>13</sup> which transferred land to "Hill" John Landis. It also names Jacob Stoner as the husband of Elizabeth Landis, sister of "Hill" John Landis. D.B. Landis had noted that this Elizabeth was the grandchild of Mary Erb and John [sic] Landis, thus proving that he inadvertently was connecting Elizabeth to Henry Landis and Mary Erb.

This deed follows in the page sequence another deed in which "Hill" John Landis recorded his purchase of land in 1801 from his eldest brother Henry. Other deeds involved in the estate of Henry Landis (d. 1791) name many of the spouses of the children whom D.B. Landis includes in his 1888 genealogy, thus again showing that the D.B. Landis list and the Best/Slabaugh list comprise the same siblings, the children of Henry Landis (d. 1791) and Mary Erb.

#### Outline

The following outline incorporates the newly discovered information on the ancestry of "Hill" John Landis (J12b4). His descendants are too numerous to include in entirety and researchers will find other descendants in the 1888 genealogy by D.B. Landis. Also, the descendants of Henry Landis (J12) and Veronica Groff have been listed elsewhere. This will assist persons to make necessary changes in their records. Because the writer is primarily interested in Brethren families and in the lines of his wife, Esther Landis (see J12b44616), those branches will receive more contemporary treatment.

The numbering system will follow that used in the article published by the present writer in October 1993, "John 'Hannesli' Landis, Jr., and wife Anna Good"<sup>15</sup> of Earl Township, Lancaster County. In that article, the wife of John Landis, Jr. (1695-1771) is given as Anna Good rather than Anna Negley, thus correcting an oft-printed but now well-recognized error, first discovered by Jane E. Best.<sup>16</sup>

John M. Slabaugh reasonably speculates that Henry Landis, who married Veronica Groff, was a brother of John Landis, Jr. (1695-1771) and that both were sons of John Landis, Sr., immigrant, of Earl Township. Richard Warren Davis also assigns Henry Landis, Sr., as a son of John Landis, Sr. of Earl Township. 17 John, Sr., undoubtedly was a Mennonite, though his son John, Jr., joined the Ephrata Cloister under the leadership of Conrad Beissel.

The descent of John Landis, Sr. (1664-1727) designated as J1 below, has been attempted by several genealogists, including Jane Best and S. Michael Wilcox. Since the Wilcox work stands latest in time and received input from Best regarding this family, we will follow his analysis of the very difficult mass of European data regarding John's descent.

The parents of John Landis, Sr. (J1) are believed to have been LS125 Hans Heinrich Landis and wife Barbara

Bueler, an Anabaptist couple married February 14, 1643, at Hirzel, Canton Zurich, Switzerland. Hans Heinrich had attended the Steinsfurt meeting in 1661 in Germany and was living in Bockshaft in 1665.

The grandparents were LS12 Hans Landis (baptized Dec. 31, 1581 at Horgen) and wife Elsbeth Ertzinger (baptized Oct. 16, 1593, at Egg), an Anabaptist couple. While imprisoned in Oetenbach in Zurich in 1637, he wrote letters to his family.19 Elsbeth was a daughter of Uli Ertzinger, age 42 in 1633. The great-grandfather LS1 Hans Landis (b. ca. 1544) was executed on September 30, 1614, the famous Anabaptist martyr. He married by 1580 Barbara Hochstrasser and then by 1582 Margaretha Hochstrasser (b. ca. 1554); the latter was imprisoned in February 1615 in Zurich.<sup>20</sup> The parents of LS1 were Hans Landis (b. ca. 1521) and Katharine Schinz (b. ca. 1524).

The numbering will begin with the first immigrant of this family to come to Pennsylvania, namely, John Landis, Sr. of Earl Township, Lancaster County. "Hill" John Landis is J12b4.

#### Landis Martyr's Hymn\*

metered by Martin E. Ressler

This lovely hymn I here display, I gave my time both night and day to sing anew this story; About a man of pious fame, Hans Landis was his given name, My goal, to show God's glory.

In sixteen fourteen was the date When Hans had faced his final fate, In Zurich this befalling. He gave his life by martyr's death, Confessed and taught with his last breath Christ's Word, all men still calling.

Here note this pious Christian's thought, Who stood and all the people taught the Word of God by preaching; Confirmed his faith by noble deed, He finished then his work of need, True victory he was teaching!

\*Here are three of 46 verses of this ancient martyr hymn, written to honor the martyr Hans Landis (LS1) (1544-1614), Mennonite minister of Switzerland. It is still in the Ausbund hymnal (no. 32) and sung today on occasion in Amish and Mennonite worship services. The hymn has been translated and published as Landis German Song (Morgantown, Pa.: Masthof Press, 1998), pp. 1-42.

J1 John Landis, Sr., b. 1664, Germany or Switzerland; d. Dec. 2, 1727, Earl Twp.; Mennonite.

J11 John Landis, Ĵr., b. 1695, Germany or Switzerland; d. 1771, Earl Twp.; chosen by Conrad Beissel as lay minister at Ephrata Cloister but left the Cloister later to join the Conestoga Brethren.

m. Anna Good, ca. 1704-1779; with husband joined the Conestoga Brethren but returned to Cloister in 1771 when husband died.21

J111 May Anna Landis, ca. 1723-Jan. 30, 1802

m. Christian Graybill, 1719-Jan. 16, 1787

**I112 Rebecca Landis** 

m. Martin Bear, ca. 1716-ca. 1792; after wife's d., he m.(2) Freany .

J113 Sarah Ann Landis

m.(1) Michael Wenger, Aug. 1, 1741-1774 m.(2) Christian Oberholtzer, d. York Co., 1823

J114 Anna Landis

m. Christopher (Christian) Royer; son of Emich Royer, a Brethren.

J115 Daughter, mother of Jacob Kreider; mentioned as a grandson in will of John Landis (J1).22

J12? Henry Landis, ca. 1700-Nov. 1760; Mennonite minister of Hammer Creek near his residence in Warwick Twp; later purchased 282 acres from Benjamin and Anna (Snavely) Landis and other lands in Manheim Twp., where son Henry Landis lived near Neffsville.<sup>23</sup> The land of Benjamin Landis was part of a patent obtained by John Jacob Snavely, and Benjamin was married to a granddaughter of John Jacob Snavely of Manheim Twp.

m.(1) ca. 1728 or 29, Veronica Groff; d. ca. 1752-53; 11 ch.24

m.(2) Mary Shelly

J121 Mary Landis, d. after Aug. 9, 1788

m. Michael Shenk, b. ca. 1730; d. 1790, Heidelberg Twp., now Lebanon Co.

**I122 Frena Landis**, b. ca. 1732

m. John Schrantz, d. 1811, Warwick Twp.

J123 Anna Landis, 1734-1791

m. John Doner/Downer, b. 1726; d. 1803, Lebanon Co.

I124 Christina Landis, d. after 1779 m. Peter Good, d. after 1779

J125 Barbara Landis

m. Arnold Becker, d. 1791

J126 Susanna Landis, b. 1736

m. John Hess, d. 1778, Warwick Twp.

J127 Elizabeth Landis, Oct. 9, 1743-Dec. 12, 1781 m. Abraham Hershey, b. 1740; d. 1811, Manheim Twp.

J128 Magdalena Landis, d. 1798

m. Abraham Doner/Downer, 1732-1789

J129 Margaret Landis, ca. 1743-1805

m. Jan. 7, 1769, Jacob Alter; b. 1742; d. 1815.

J12a Catherine Landis, b. 1747

m. Benjamin Hershey, 1741-1807

J12b Henry Landis, Jr., Mar. 4, 1751-Jan. 4, 1791

m. Mar. 16, 1771, Mary Erb; b. ca. 1753; d. ca. by Apr. 3, 1818; dau. of Jacob Erb and Magdalena Schrantz; Mary m.(2) Christian Haas<sup>25</sup> and lived in Manheim Twp. at the southern edge of Neffsville at the end of Kreider Ave.26

J12b1 Elizabeth Landis, b. ca. 1772; d. by Oct. 4, 1803.27

m. George Shartal, Berks Co.

J12b2 Mary Landis, b. ca. 1774

m. Nov. 11, 1795, Henry Kalbach; d. by Apr. 3, 1832;<sup>28</sup> son of Adam Kalbach and Anna Maria Spang.

**J12b21 Henry Kalbach**, Aug. 14, 1796-May 19, 1805

**J12b22 Peter Kalbach**, Dec. 29, 1798-Oct. 5, 1802

J12b23 Adam Kalbach, May 15, 1800-Apr. 13, 1801

J12b24 Michael Kalbach, Oct. 15, 1802-Feb. 15, 1852

m. Catharine Painter, 1811-1882

J12b25 Daniel Kalbach, b. Aug. 4, 1805

m. Catharine Gardner

J12b26 John Kalbach, b. Jan. 21, 1809

J12b27 David Kalbach, b. Apr. 11, 1812

**J12b3 Henry Landis**, b. ca. 1778; d. ca. 1824, Clark Co., Ohio. m. June 13, 1799, Maria Wolf; d. age 55.

J12b4 "Hill" John Landis, Apr. 18, 1779-Jan. 23, 1858

m. May 20, 1800, Margaretta Snavely; b. Aug. 19, 1783; d. Aug. 24, 1855; dau. of John Snavely and Elizabeth Barr; John and Margaretta lived at southern edge of Neffsville at the end of Kreider Avenue in Manheim Twp. on his father's farm which lay at the south side of a hill, hence the name "Hill" John.29

J12b41 Elizabeth Snavely Landis, b. Dec. 7, 1801

m. Jacob Stoner, farmer; lived along the Lancaster to Lititz road in Manheim Twp.; had 10 ch.: Anna (Ephrata), Emanuel, Jacob, Eliza, John (East Petersburg), Isaac (Lincoln), David (Neffsville), Abraham (Roseville), Daniel (Colerain Twp.), and Maria.

J12b42 John Snavely Landis, June 2, 1803-Mar. 31, 1871

m.(1) Aug. 18, 1825, \_\_\_\_\_ Heise; son Jacob of m.(1).

m.(2) Aug. 18, 1830, Anna Frankfort

J12b421 Jacob Heise Landis, b. June 22, 1827; carpenter.

m.(1) Elizabeth Kuhns, d. Nov. 26, 1850; no ch.

m.(2) Laura V. Staley; moved to Dayton, Ohio, in 1862 where they stayed.

J12b422 Henry Frankfort Landis, b. Nov. 4, 1831

m. Anna Kreiner; lived in Manheim Twp.; 13 ch.

J12b423 Elizabeth Landis, b. Nov. 30, 1833

m. Cyrus Kitch, blacksmith of Lancaster Co.; 6 ch.

J12b424 Mary Landis, b. July 18, 1837

m. Samuel White, a molder of Lancaster Co.; moved to Mo.;

J12b425 Daniel Landis, b. Dec. 6, 1840; canal boatman at Havre de Grace, Md.

m.(1) Elizabeth Hoffman of Neffsville, d. with 1 ch.

m.(2) Anna \_\_\_\_\_, d. with no. ch.

m.(3) Anna Leeds; d. with 2 ch.: Walter and Nettie.

m.(4) Mary Ribbie, no ch.

J12b426 Hettie Landis, b. Mar. 20, 1842

m. Elijah Frame, Neffsville; 1 son.

J12b427 Susanna Landis, b. Dec. 6, 1846

m.(1) Albert Shissler of Lampeter, Lancaster Co.; d. during Civil War.

m.(2) Henry Bigot, 2 ch.

J12b428 John Landis, b. Jan. 2, 1851; bricklayer in Lancaster city. m. Sarah Ann Kuhns; 4 ch.

J12b429 Sarah Ann Landis, b. and d. Apr. 7, 1854

J12b43 Mary Landis, b. May 2, 1804

m. Feb. 26, 1826, Jacob Grossman; b. Sept. 4, 1804; lived near New Haven, Warwick Twp. and had 10 or 11 ch.: John (Warwick Twp.), Jacob (deceased), George (Lancaster), Henry (Plymouth, Ind.), Margaret (near Plymouth, Ind.), Andrew (deceased), David (went west), Levi (Chester Co.), Catharine (Rohrerstown), and Daniel (Plymouth, Ind.).

J12b44 David Landis, b. Sept. 6, 1805, Manheim Twp.; d. Dec. 25, 1863; 9 surviving ch. b. in Manheim Twp.; bu. with wife at Landis Valley Mennonite Cem., Lancaster Co.

m. Anna Frick, Aug. 28, 1808-June 23, 1885; dau. of John.

J12b441 Eliza Landis, b. Jan. 28, 1829

m. Oct. 5, 1857, George Y. Shreiner; lived in Lititz; 8 ch.

J12b442 Mary Landis, Oct. 28, 1830-Apr. 21, 1842

J12b443 Ephriam Landis, b. Jan. 10, 1833; d. age 53, Wadsworth, Medina Co., Ohio; cabinet maker who lived on father's farm at Petersburg, East Hempfield Twp., before moving to Ohio.

m. Sarah Weaver; 6 ch.

J12b444 David Landis, b. July 4, 1835; carpenter; to Marietta, Pa., in 1887.

m. Mary Ressler, b. Aug. 27, 1837; 2 ch.

**J12b445 John Landis**, b. Sept. 30, 1837; worked on father's farm until 1868 when he moved to Elizabeth Twp., then to West Donegal Twp.

m. Sept. 13, 1859, Magdalena Keller; b. Dec. 6, 1839; dau. of Frederick of Penn Twp.; 11 ch.

J12b446 Abraham F. Landis, Dec. 7, 1839-Dec. 30, 1908;<sup>30</sup> after 10 years in Warwick Twp., moved in 1870 to Route 494 near Cearfoss, Washington Co. Md.; farmer; bu. Reiff Mennonite Cem.

m. Oct. 2, 1860, Sarah H. Brubaker; b. Nov. 13, 1840; d. May 28, 1906; dau. of David and Elizabeth (Hess) Brubaker,

Warwick Twp.; 5 ch.

J12b4461 David B. Landis, b. Dec. 24, 1862; d. Feb. 25, 1901;<sup>31</sup> farmer and minister at Reiff Mennonite Church;

m.(1) Ellen Belle St. Clair, July 14, 1870-Apr. 5, 1893; 3 ch.

m.(2) Mar. 6, 1894, Amelia Heer Mosemann; b. Dec. 11, 1872, Lititz, Pa.; d. Dec. 28, 1942.

Ch. of J12b4461 David B. Landis and m.(1) Ellen B. St. Clair J12b44611 Edgar S. Landis, b. Dec. 24, 1889; Brethren minister.

m. Grace Kriner, Lemasters, Franklin Co., Pa.; ch: Martin, Mabel (m. Robert Izner), Bertha (m. Jim Winsor), Elva (single), Roy (m. Ruth Metcalf), William (m. Miriam Fritz), Ruth (m. Earl Martin), Elmer (d. young), Mary (m. Burnell Rice), Carrie (m. Dale Martin), Dorothy (m. Charles Long).

J12b44612 Bessie S. Landis, b. Dec. 31, 1890

m. Martin Horst

J12b44613 Benjamin S. Landis, Mar. 30, 1892-Aug. 18, 1892
 Ch. of J12b4461 David B. Landis and m.(2) Amelia Mosemann
 J12b44614 Abram M. Landis, Dec. 24, 1894-Nov. 15, 1904; bu. Halifax, Va.

**J12b44615 Maria M. Landis,** Feb. 18, 1896-Nov. 11, 1909; bu. Halifax, Va.

J12b44616 Harvey M. Landis, b. Mar. 29, 1897, Hagerstown, Md.; d. Feb. 13, 1970; bu. New Carlisle, Ohio.; Brethren minister in Fla., Va., Ind.

m.(1) Nov. 26, 1921, Ethel Mae Zimmerman; b. Jan. 18, 1897;d. Oct. 15, 1933; 6 ch.: Dale, Kenneth, Esther (m. Emmert Bittinger), Bertha Drew, Dorothy Albert, Glen.

m.(2) Mar. 17, 1937, Hannah Lois Lauver; b.Oct. 25, 1900;d.Dec. 10, 1974.

**J12b44617 Elmer M. Landis**, June 21, 1899-Feb. 3, 1971; physician; bu. Phoenix, Ariz.

m. July 29, 1925, Violet E. Martin; b. Aug. 12, 1902; d. Feb. 3, 1971; ch.: Martin S. (m. Nancy Jean Hall), Walter W. (m. Martha Lou Laubscher), Marilyn Joyce (m. Rodney E. Sippy).

J12b44618 David R. Landis, b. June 22, 1901; d. Sept. 3, 1959, Flint, Mich.; Church of the Brethren minister.

m. Aug. 29, 1921, Mildred B. Coblentz, b.July 12, 1904; d. Apr. 23, 1956; ch: Miriam L.(m. Paul E. Dailey), Richard E. (m. Jean M. McKee), Virginia (m. John C. Kinsey), Ann Marie (m. J. L. Howe), Barbara Sue (m. Robert Clouse).

Spouse of J12b4461 David B. Landis; after d. of David, Amelia Mosemann moved to Lancaster Co. and m.(2) Nov. 19, 1905, David H. Kurtz; b. Jan. 9, 1868; d. Nov. 9, 1935, by whom she had Amelia R. Kurtz (m. Fred Detwiler), Sara Elizabeth Kurtz (m. Vernon Detwiler), John Moseman Kurtz (m. Ruth E. Hartzler then Genevieve S. Horst then Susie Elizabeth Hostetler), James N. Kurtz, (m. Ann R. Hostetler); David and Amelia bu. Holly Grove Mennonite Cem., Somerset Co., Md.

J12b4462 Samuel Landis, Apr. 21, 1871-May 7, 1871

J12b4463 John Landis (twin of Samuel), d. at b.

J12b4464 Anna Landis, May 12, 1872-June 28, 1895; d. of fall from tree.

m. Dec. 24, 1889, Andrew C. Strite; b. Dec. 22, 1866; d. Feb. 12, 1950, member of Miller Mennonite Church, Leitersburg, Md.

**J12b4465 Lizzie Landis,** Aug. 8, 1877-June 21, 1949

m. Sept. 7, 1897, Andrew C. Strite; b. Dec. 22, 1866; d. Feb. 12, 1950, member of Miller Mennonite Church, Leitersburg, parents of Rev. Cyrus L. Strite, Brethren minister in Washington Co., Md., and great-grandparents of James L. Strite who is active in Landis and Strite genealogy.

J12b447 Samuel Landis, May 3, 1842-Oct. 21, 1865; single and lived with parents at Neffsville, Lancaster Co.

J12b448 Fanny Landis, b. Oct. 1, 1844; d. Aug. 24, 1865, age 20. m. Jacob Kurtz of near Ephrata, Pa.; lived on his father's farm a year or so when they separated, and she returned to her parents where she died.

J12b449 Margaret Landis, b. Feb. 27, 1848; no ch.

m. 1867, Christian M. Hess; b. June 26, 1847; son of Samuel of Manheim Twp.; farmed near Neffsville, Lancaster

J12b45 Margaret Landis, b. June 18, 1807

m. Dec. 26, 1826, Daniel Geib; b. Sept. 12, 1805; d. June 2, 1848; farmed ca. 1 1/2 miles east of Oregon, Manheim Twp.; after his death, Margaret returned to the home of her parents; their ch. were David (b. Mar. 12, 1828), John (b. Dec. 17, 1830), Anna (b. May 1, 1832), Samuel (b. Oct. 12, 1834), and Margaret (b. Jan. 10, 1837).

J12b46 Anna "Nancy" Landis, b. Dec. 4, 1807/8?

m.(1) Peter Grube, d. in Ohio; ch.: Margaret (b. Nov. 14, 1828; m. Philip Pontius of Martial Co., Ind.), Elizabeth (m. Isaiah Snyder, Summit Co., Ind.), Leah (b. Mar. 8, 1833), David (b. May 4, 1838), Peter (b. May 12, 1840).

m.(2) Joshua "Josiah" Snyder; ch.: John (b. 1843), Anna (b. Nov. 10, 1844), an infant son, deceased; lived in Summit

Co., Ohio.32

J12b47 Jacob Landis, Feb. 18, 1810-Mar. 3, 1874

m. Sept. 28, 1830, Mary A. Miller; b. Dec. 10, 1811; moved to Richland Co., Ohio, and settled near Shelby in 1837; faithful minister in the Church of the Brethren for 35 years; 10 ch.

J12b471 Mary Ann Landis, b. Dec. 11, 1831

m. Aug. 28, 1851, Jacob Kunkleman, Shelby, Ohio; 13 ch.: Lucina (b. May 31, 1852), Mary C. (b. Oct. 9, 1853), Amanda E. (b. Jan. 2, 1855), John W. (b. Oct. 23, 1856), Maggie A. (b. Feb. 7, 1858), Benjamin F. (b. Oct. 6, 1959), Rebecca J. (b. July 4, 1861), Daniel I. (b. Feb. 26, 1863), Isaac (b. Mar. 4, 1865), Rocceline E. (b. Nov. 23, 1866), Oliver U. (b. Jan. 27, 1869), Edith A. (b. May 2, 1871), Leah A. (b. Feb. 15, 1874); moved to Allen Co., Ohio, in Apr. 1864.

J12b472 Leah Landis, b. Apr. 23, 1833

m. Feb. 10, 1853, John Stover; b. May 23, 1823; farmers in Richland Co., Ohio; 5 ch.: Mary (b. Feb. 16, 1854), Nancy (b. Mar. 31, 1857), Elizabeth (b. Nov. 20, 1859), Henry (b. Nov. 14, 1862), Edwin J. (b. Jan. 9, 1865).

J12b473 John M. Landis, b. Nov. 16, 1837

m. Dec. 28, 1857, Mary A. Finicle; b. Mar. 16, 1839; farmers; ch.: David D., Warie L., Orville F., and Lester J.

J12b474 Jacob M. Landis, b. Dec. 29, 1839; d. Nov. 1862 in the 64th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

J12b475 Isaac M. Landis, b. Oct. 9, 1842

m. Dec. 22, 1864, Ellen Finicle; 2 ch. by 1888: Carrie E. and Zuleika O.

J12b476 Margaret Landis, b. July 16, 1845

m. Dec. 26, 1862, William S. McDowell; b. Aug. 7, 1934; 6 ch.: Irma, Orles, Trella, Elvina, Edna, and Effe.

J12b477 Catharine Landis, b. Dec. 12, 1850

m. Nov. 19, 1868, Thomas A. Cline; b. Jan. 29, 1849; farmed at Warsaw, Ind.; 9 ch. b. at different places: Dora B., Trella, infant son, Marion L., Albert B., Urey L., Frankie D., Carl C., and infant son.

J12b478 David M. Landis, Aug. 21, 1856-Sept. 25, 1856

**J12b48 Henry S. Landis,** b. Manheim Twp., June 28, 1811; d. Mar. 27, 1883.

m. Feb. 23, 1832, Susan Miller; b. May 3, 1811; 13 ch.; lived at Petersburg, Lancaster Co.

J12b481 Margaret Landis, b. Sept. 11, 1833

m. 1850, John Christ; d. 1879.

J12b482 Susanna Landis, Sept. 10, 1835-Sept. 25, 1854

J12b483 Mary Landis, b. July 19, 1837

m. Dec. 5, 1861, Daniel Roether; b. June 28, 1825, Ephrata Twp.; 9 ch.: Elizabeth, John L., Henry, William, Sarah, Anna, Emma, Rufus, Lillie.

J12b484 John M. Landis, b. Jan. 8, 1839



Abraham F. Landis (J12b446: 1839-1908) and his wife Sarah H. Brubaker (1840-1906) were buried in the Reiff Mennonite Cemetery, Washington County, Maryland.

m. 1887, Mary A. Buch; b. Oct. 2, 1847, Manheim Twp., Lancaster Co.; 9 ch.: Florence, Elmer, Scott, Clara, Nora, John, Lizzie, Gabriel, Martin.

**J12b485 Henry M. Landis,** b. July 5, 1840 **J12b486 Anna M. Landis,** b. Oct. 25, 1841

m. Abraham R. Young, b. Feb. 15, 1841; mason of East Petersburg; 8 ch.: Sarah, Martha, Mary, Katie, Landis, Lizzie, Abraham, Earl.

J12b487 David Landis, b. Dec. 4, 1842, farmer.

m. Rebecca D. Lupold, b. Mar. 8, 1858; 4 ch., including Anna, Phares, and David.

J12b488 Elizabeth, Oct. 20, 1844-May 7, 1884

m. Samuel Bemesderfer of East Petersburg, Lancaster Co.

J12b489 Sarah M. Landis, Aug. 21, 1846-Mar. 18, 1878

m. Hiram D. Bishop, Apr. 16, 1844-Apr. 25, 1879; no. ch.

J12b48a Martia M. Landis, June 2, 1848-Aug. 2, 1868

m. H. W. Graybill of East Petersburg; 1 ch.: Cora (b. July 14, 1868)

**J12b48b Jacob M. Landis**, b. Nov. 7, 1850; single. **J12b48c Daniel Landis**, b. Jan. 20, 1852; laborer.

m. Anna Forice, b. Nov. 22, 1863; 3 ch.: Harvey F., Albert F., and Willie F.

J12b48d Isaac M. Landis, b. Aug. 10, 1855; lived East Petersburg, Pa. m. Feb. 16, 1882, Lizzie Dussinger; b. May 30, 1860; no

**J12b49 Leah Landis**, b. Feb. 27, 1813, near Neffsville; d. Dec. 18, 1878; 6 ch.

m. Jan. 12, 1836, Daniel Grube; b. Nov. 27, 1812; d. Dec. 28, 1863; shortly after marriage, they moved to Ohio, and ca. 1840 to Marion Twp., Allen Co., Ind., where they farmed and d.; allowed free use of their home for worship by the Church of God.

I12b491 Israel Grube, b. Dec. 1, 1836, Warsaw, Ind.

J12b492 Lavinia Grube, b. July 13, 1839, deceased

J12b493 Sarah Ann Grube, b. June 26, 1842

J12b494 Daniel Grube, b. Sept. 19, 1844; single.

J12b495 John Grube, b. Jan. 26, 1847; single.

J12b496 Margaret Grube, b. Oct. 25, 1850

J12b4a Magdalena S. Landis, Apr. 8, 1814-Aug. 27, 1814

J12b4b Susanna S. Landis, b. Sept. 14, 1815; 4 ch.

m. Mar. 13, 1838, John Burkholder; b. Aug. 24, 1814; lived Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co.

J12b4b1 Sarah Burkholder, b. July 23, 1841

J12b4b2 Gabriel Burkholder, b. July 27, 1843, deceased J12b4b3 Isaac Burkholder, b. Sept. 18, 1846, deceased

J12b4b4 Magdalena Burkholder

J12b5 Anna "Nancy" Landis, b. ca. 1781

m. John Light/Lichty, Jr., lived in Lower Paxton Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa., but by 1831 in Franklin Twp., Richland Co., Ohio

J12b6 David Landis, lived in Philadelphia.<sup>33</sup> J12b7 Abraham Landis, 1788-Mar. 33, 1867

m. Mary Meyer, Sept. 14, 1790-Aug. 3, 1861 34

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup>D·B. Landis, *The Landis Family of Lancaster County* (Lancaster, Pa.: Author, 1888), p. 53ff. Because my wife is descended from "Hill" John Landis, I have researched his ancestry for many years. Within the last few years, significant progress has been made.

<sup>2</sup>D·B. Landis gives the birthdate of "Hill" John Landis as April 18,

1779, an important clue to his identity.

<sup>3</sup>Jane Evans Best, "Germantown Links to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Families," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 6 (Oct. 1983): 18-33, and John M. Slabaugh, "Henry Landis of Warwick and Manheim Townships, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 7 (Oct. 1984): 19-23.

<sup>4</sup>Ira D. Landis, "Hans Groffs Aplenty," Mennonite Research Journal 14

(July 1973): 29.

<sup>5</sup>Those seeking to test this hypothesis will need to discover a second Mary Erb of the 1750-1771 time period who married a "John" Landis, show a different land location for Henry Landis, Jr. and wife Mary Erb, and show a record for such a John Landis—all quite improbable.

<sup>6</sup>Miscellaneous Book/Orphans' Court Book 1791-1796, Sept. 25, 1792, p. 80; June 27, 1792, p. 68; Jan. 2, 1793, p. 114; Book 1796-1801, Apr. 16, 1800, p. 325—all Lancaster County Archives, Lancaster, Pa. Elizabeth chose Abraham Hershey, husband of her Aunt Elizabeth, as guardian and Mary chose Henry Landis, son of her neighbor Benjamin, "of the same township as guardian." Henry chose Jacob Erb, his grandfather of Warwick Twp. Other guardianships included Anna who chose Christian Erb, likely her uncle, David who chose John Hess of Warwick Twp., Abraham who chose Christian Hess of Salisbury Twp., likely his uncle or step-father.

<sup>7</sup>This Henry Landis (1744-1825), a son of Benjamin Jr., married Maria Brubaker. They had a son John (1775-1851), a Mennonite minister with a wife, Ann Kreider.

<sup>8</sup>Ira D. Landis, The Landis Family Book, Section 1 (Lititz, Pa.: Author,

1950), p. 1

Deed D-1-75 [dated Dec. 20, 1753], Lancaster County Archives, notes 216 acres (located at 2201 Oregon Pike) 3/4 mile northeast of Roseville. Identified by John Slabaugh, this land appears to have been the residence of Henry and Veronica (Groff) Landis; it was sold back to Benjamin's son Benjamin by Henry Landis, son, who was acting as executor of his father Henry's estate in 1808. See Slabaugh,"Henry Landis . . ," note 7, p. 20. Henry and Veronica obtained additional land containing 198 acres from the parents of Mary Shelly, the second wife of Henry Landis, Sr.; this was located at the southern edge of Neffsville where son "Hill" John Landis lived. This land was transferred in 1761 by Deed G-1-17 to widow Mary (Shelly) Landis after Henry's death in 1760: See Slabaugh, p. 20, note 8. In 1801, after "Hill" John Landis had reached the age of 21, he received from his brother, Henry Landis, executor, title to his land legacy in two parts, 60 acres and 140 acres: Deed T-5-304. One of these tracts was located on the Lititz Pike, and corresponds to the location of the land on Kreider Ave., Neffsville.

<sup>10</sup>Miscellaneous Book/Orphans' Court Book 1796-1801 [Jan. 20, 1800], p. 279, Lancaster County Archives.

of, p. 277, Lancaster County Archives.

11Deed T-5-304, Lancaster County Archives.

12Deed U-5-255, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>13</sup>Deed T-5-308 [dated Apr. 2, 1827], Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>14</sup>Ira D. Landis, "The Pennsylvania Landis Pioneers," Mennonite Research Journal 11 (Apr., July, Oct. 1970): 13, 21, 26, 40, and "Hans Groffs Aplenty," Mennonite Research Journal 14 (July, 1973): 29; Jane E. Best, "Germantown Links to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Families," Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage 6 (Oct. 1983): 28, and John M. Slabaugh, "Henry Landis of Warwick and Manheim Townships, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania," Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage 7 (Oct. 1984): 19-24. The present writer relied heavily upon the Slabaugh article for the children of Henry and Veronica Landis and their spouses, and expresses his gratitude to Mr. Slabaugh for his helpfulness.

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15Emmert F. Bittinger, "John "Hannesli" Landis, Jr., and Wife Anna Good," Mennonite Family History 11 (Oct. 1993): 148-151.

<sup>16</sup>Jane E. Best and Howard C. Francis, "Six Good Families of Early

Lancaster County," Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage 12 (July 1989): 15.

<sup>17</sup>Richard Warren Davis, "Swiss and German Mennonite Immigrants from the Palatinate, 1704-1717," Mennonite Family History 13 (Jan. 1994): 15

<sup>18</sup>Jane Best, "Swiss Origins of Groff, Hess, Weber, Landis, and Oberholtzer Families," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 13 (Apr. 1990): 9-25 and S. Michael Wilcox, "Landis Families of Canton Zurich, Switzerland," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 18 (Jan. 1995): 13-18.

<sup>19</sup>Roland M. Wagner and S. Michael Wilcox, "Two Letters from 1637 by Hans Landis, Swiss Anabaptist Prisoner," *Pennsylvania Mennonite* 

Heritage 18 (July 1995): 9-14.

<sup>20</sup>Wilcox, "Landis Families," pp. 14, 15.

<sup>21</sup>Bittinger, "John `Hannesli' Landis, Jr., and Wife Anna Good," pp. 148-151.

<sup>22</sup>Slabaugh, "Henry Landis," p. 19; Will C-1-215 [probate Dec. 11, 1779], Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>23</sup>Deed D-5-346, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>24</sup>Gratitude is extended to John M. Slabaugh for this list of children of Henry and Veronica. His 1984 article lists the grandchildren and much additional information which is not needed for the general purpose of the present article but which is valuable for any descendant.

<sup>25</sup>The name of Christian Haas, second husband of Mary Erb, is given

with this spelling in Deed U-5-255, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>26</sup>This list with spouses is taken from Orphans' Court records and deeds in the Lancaster County Archives (previously cited); the order is based on the described ages listed there and from D. B. Landis, *The Landis Families of Lancaster County*, pp. 52-63, where the children and many additional descendants are described.

<sup>2</sup>/Elizabeth's early death by Oct. 4, 1803 without issue is noted in Deed Q-3-130, which transferred her legacy from George Shartel to John

Light and Henry Kalbach.

<sup>28</sup>His death was noted in Deed U-5-257, Lancaster County Archives. <sup>29</sup>D. B. Landis, *Landis Families*, p. 52ff, gives an extensive discussion of the descendants of this family. The reader is advised to consult this source. The present writer will trace down only the identified Brethren lines and his wife's line.

<sup>30</sup>Will K-324 [written Feb. 18, 1897 and probated Jan. 5, 1909],

Washington County Archives, Hagerstown, Md.

<sup>31</sup>The obituary of David (*Herald of Truth*, Mar. 15, 1901, p. 94) states that he died of pneumonia and that he was ill only one week: "His young wife, six children, parents, and one sister survive him. He, being married twice, leaves two children without father or mother in this world. The bereaved widow needs the sympathies and aid of friends. Services at Reiff's Mennonite M. H. conducted by . . . Christian Strite in English and Henry Bear in German from James 4:14."

<sup>32"</sup>Hill" John's daughter who married Peter Grube and Josiah Snyder is called Nancy in two deeds: Deed X-8-319, which is the April 3, 1860 settlement of "Hill" John's estate, and Deed Z-8-237. D. B. Landis had given her name as Anna. Nancy was probably the familiar variant of

<sup>33</sup>Deed U-5-257, Lancaster County Archives.

34Genealogical Card File, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa., contains contradictory information regarding Abraham Landis, including two different sets of birth and death dates. Mrs. Helen Coburg of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1974 provided information that Abraham had gone to Ohio by 1805 and had m.(1) Dec. 11, 1810, Mary Miller and m.(2) June 24, 1823, Maria Mayer. She notes seven children of Abraham listed in the records of the Trinity Lutheran Church "Vol. 4, p. 71." Because Deed U-5-257 (Lancaster County Archives) names Abraham, one of the legatees of "Hill" John Landis, along with David Landis and Mary Kalbach (widow), as all three living in Philadelphia on April 3, 1832, the present writer has decided that the Abraham in Ohio was a different person. There is also a card listing Abraham Landis (1788-Mar. 3, 1867), buried at Landis Valley Cem., Lancaster Co., Pa. Ira D. Landis, "Landis Valley Cemetery," Mennonite Research Journal 7 (July 1966): 36, records the gravestone and birth and death dates given above. The writer has not been able to determine if the burial stone of wife Mary Mayer is located in that same cemetery.  $\square$ 

# Readers' Ancestry

Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage issues periodically feature a member of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society who has traced his or her ancestry at least six generations.



Beth Ann (Lineaweaver) Lehman (no.1)

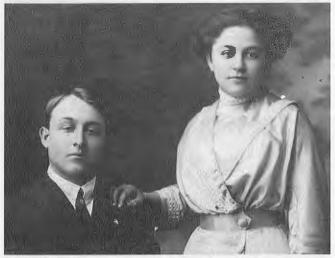
Beth Ann (Lineaweaver) Lehman was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Cedar Crest High School, Lebanon (1981), Penn State University, University Park (1985) and Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania (1993). From 1986 to 1997 she taught in the high school of Lebanon Christian Academy, Lebanon. She is now a homemaker with two chil-

dren. Since 1994 she has researched her family history with her husband. They attend Lebanon Valley Bible Church and reside at 527 East Maple Street, Annville, PA 17003 and also can be reached by e-mail at: isanbeto@hotmail.com.

- 1. LINEAWEAVER, Beth Ann, b. Jan. 17, 1963, Lebanon, Pa.; m. July 30, 1994, Thomas R. Lehman.
- 2. LINEAWEAVER, Harold Kenneth, b. Oct. 17, 1933, Lebanon, Pa.; m. Apr. 21, 1962, Doris Eleanor Stouffer.
- 3. **STOUFFER**, Doris Eleanor, b. Jan. 5, 1941, Lebanon, Pa.
- 4. LINEAWEAVER, Robert Joseph, b. May 19, 1886, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Oct. 8, 1952, Lebanon, Pa.; bu. Cornwall Cem., Cornwall, Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. Jan. 4, 1912, Nettie Earline Haag.
- 5. **HAAG**, Nettie Earline, b. July 26, 1894, West Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Dec. 27, 1977, Lebanon, Pa.; bu. Cornwall Cem.
- 6. **STOUFFER**, Frank Henry, b. Jan. 11, 1917, Enola, Cumberland Co., Pa.; d. July 19, 1997, S. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Mt. Lebanon Cem., Lebanon, Pa.; m. Jan. 15, 1938, Violet Mae Leisey.



Harold K. Lineaweaver (no. 2) and Doris E. Stauffer (no. 3)



Robert Lineaweaver (no. 4) and Nettie Earline Haag (no. 5)

- 7. LEISEY, Violet Mae, b. Feb. 24, 1919, Reinoehlsville, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. July 19, 1997, S. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Mt. Lebanon Cem.
- 8. LINEAWEAVER, Joseph Witmer, b. Dec. 22, 1859, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Aug. 26, 1943; bu. Quentin Cem., W. Cornwall Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. Nov. 5, 1881, Ellen Weiss.
- 9. WEISS, Ellen, b. Apr. 9, 1865, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Aug. 29, 1949, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Cornwall Cem.
- 10. **HAAG**, David, b. Mar. 27, 1851, Berks Co., Pa.; d. Nov. 16, 1918, West Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Ebenezer Cem., N. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. Mary Alice Daniel.
- 11. **DANIEL**, Mary Alice, b. Mar. 28, 1859, Berks Co., Pa.; d. Feb. 19, 1931, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Ebenezer Cem.; m.(2) July 3, 1920, Henry F. Long.
- 12. **STOUFFER**, Howard Oliver, b. Feb. 20, 1891, Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.; d. Jan. 16, 1940, Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa.; bu. Kochenderfer Cem., N.



Frank Stouffer (no. 6) and Violet Leisey (no. 7)



Joseph Lineaweaver (no. 8) with his children (left to right): John, Esther, Mary



Ellen Weiss (no. 9)

Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. Mar. 8, 1912, Mary Ethel Brunstetter.

13. **BRUNSTETTER**, Mary Ethel, b. Apr. 22, 1888, Lightstreet, Columbia Co., Pa.; d. Sept. 23, 1980, Cornwall, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Kochenderfer Cem.

14. **LEISEY**, Elias Levi, b. Dec. 10, 1898, N. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; d.



David Haag (no. 10) and Mary Alice Daniel (no. 11)

June 6, 1951, Lebanon, Pa.; bu. Kochenderfer Cem.; m.(1) Apr. 20, 1918, Bertha Mae Zeigler; m.(2) Apr. 19, 1924, Annie M. Honafius.

15. **ZEIGLER**, Bertha Mae, b. Apr. 9, 1899, N. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Apr. 19, 1975, Lebanon, Pa.; bu. Ebenezer Cem.; m.(2) Aug. 5, 1921, Adam Klepper.

16. LINEAWEAVER, George Stohler, b. Feb. 5, 1824, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Mar. 3, 1898, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Mt. Lebanon Cem., Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. Dec. 10, 1850, Mary Anna Witmer.

17. **WITMER**, Mary Anna, b. Aug. 19, 1823, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Sep. 7, 1891, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Mt. Lebanon Cem.

18. **WEISS**, Daniel, b. Aug. 15, 1826, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. Nov. 15, 1889, Lebanon, Co., Pa.; bu. Rexmont, Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. Jan. 22, 1852, Sarah Liveringhouse.

19. LIVERINGHOUSE, Sarah, b. Sept. 19, 1833, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Feb. 21, 1913, Rexmont, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Rexmont.

20. HAAG, David Haag, b. Aug. 21, 1825, Berks, Co., Pa.; d. Feb. 26, 1854, Jefferson Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; bu. St. Thomas Cem., Bernville, Berks Co., Pa.; m. Apr. 28, 1849, Rachel Hartman.

21. **HARTMAN**, Rachel, b. ca. 1828; d. Aug. 28, 1884, Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; m.(2) Cyrus Clemens.



Left to right (standing): Howard Stouffer (no. 12), Elizabeth Matter (no. 25); (seated) Emma Maurer (no. 51), Howard Stouffer (brother of no. 6).

22. **DANIEL**, Jesse, b. Feb. 24, 1822, Berks Co., Pa.; d. Apr. 12, 1885, Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; bu. Trinity Church Cem., Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.; m. Jan. 19, 1844, Henrietta Schell.

23. SCHELL, Henrietta, b. Feb. 11, 1822, Berks Co., Pa.; d. Apr. 24, 1899, Berks Co., Pa.; bu. Trinity Church Cem.



Mary Brunstetter (no. 13), wearing her wedding dress which she made.

24. STOUFFER, Frank, b. Jan. 2, 1871, Harrisburg, Pa.; d. Apr. 18, 1936, Marysville, Perry Co., Pa.; bu. Lykens Cem., Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.; m.(1) Jan. 24, 1889, Elizabeth E. Matter; m.(2) Nov. 25, 1926, Hannah Rebecca Shoop.

25. MATTER, Elizabeth E., b. Mar. 21, 1868, Dauphin Co., Pa.; d. Apr. 28, 1926, Cumberland Co., Pa.; bu. Lykens Cem.

26. **BRUNSTETTER**, Charles Henry, b. Sept. 18, 1857, Orangeville,

Columbia Co., Pa.; d. Mar. 10, 1936, Easton, Pa.; bu. Easton Cem., Easton, Pa.; m. Mar. 29, 1883, Fannie Jane Kline.

27. **KLINE**, Fannie Jane, b. May 20, 1864, Millville, Columbia Co., Pa.; d. May 13, 1942, Woodbridge, N.J.; bu. Easton Cem.

28. LEISEY, George Henry, b. Apr. 22, 1877, Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; d. Feb. 9, 1960, Lebanon, Pa.; bu. Kochenderfer Cem.; m.(1) Jan. 29, 1898, Mary L. Hummel; m.(2) Apr. 9, 1932, Annie Bryson; m.(3) Dec. 30,



Elias Leisey (no. 14) and Annie Honafius



George Stohler Lineaweaver (no. 16)

1939, Charity Fisher.

29. **HUMMEL**, Mary L., b. Sept. 7, 1876; d. Sept. 2, 1931, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Kochenderfer Cem.

30. **ZEIGLER**, Joseph, b. Aug. 20, 1853; d. Nov. 28, 1917, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Ebenezer Cem.; m. Sarah Border.

31. **BORDER**, Sarah, b. Apr. 1855; d. Aug. 22, 1929, Lebanon, Pa.; bu. Ebenezer

Cem.; m.(2) Sept. 4, 1920, William W. Forry.

32. LINEAWEAVER, Peter, b. Dec. 13, 1794; d. Apr. 10, 1857, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Mt. Lebanon Cem.; m. Jan. 9, 1820, Lydia Stohler. Peter Lineaweaver; Peter Lineaweaver (1768-1830) and Barbara \_\_\_\_\_; Jacob Lineaweaver.

33. STOHLER, Lydia, b. Apr. 26, 1803; d. Nov. 8, 1873, S. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Mt. Lebanon Cem.

34. WITMER, Peter, b. Sept. 16, 1787, Lebanon Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa.; d. July 28, 1854, Cornwall Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Witmer Farm Cem., W. Cornwall Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. March 12, 1812, Mary Yorty. Peter Witmer; Peter Witmer (1760-1828) and Anna Smith (1760-1835); Peter Witmer (ca. 1708-1795) and Anna Catharine Bachman.

35. **YORTY**, Mary, b. Jan. 28/29, 1789; d. Nov. 7, 1872; bu. Witmer Farm Cem. Mary Yorty; John Yorty.

36. WEISS, \_\_\_\_\_

38. LIVERINGHOUSE, Jacob, b. May 14, 1809; d. Dec. 4, 1891, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Bucher Cem., S. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; m. April 2, 1831, Maria Siechrist. Jacob Liveringhouse; Frederick Liveringshaus (b. 1788) and Christine Dautrich; Christopher Liveringshaus.



Frank Stouffer (no. 24, standing left) and Elizabeth Matter (no. 25, seated left).

39. **SIECHRIST**, Maria.

40. HAAG, David, b. Feb. 5, 1795, Bern Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; d. Jan. 31, 1864, Bethel Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; bu. Salem Cem., Bethel Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; m.(1) Catharine Backenstos; m.(2) Sarah Haag; m.(3) Anna Maria Greim. David Haag; John Nicholas Haak (1757-1826) and Sara Brecht (1768-1834); Johan Nicolas Haack (1733-1797) and Anna Maria Radebach (1732-1796); Johan Georg Haack (d. 1786) and Appolonia \_\_\_\_\_\_.

41. HAAG, Sarah, b. Sept. 21, 1803, Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; d. Sept. 11, 1834, bu. Old Northkill Cem., Bernville, Berks Co., Pa. Sarah Haag; Johannes Haak (1761-1819) and Christina Beier (1769-1843); Johan Nicolas Haack (1733-1797) and Anna Maria Radebach (1732-1796); See no. 40.

42. **HARTMAN**, Daniel M., d. 1858, Bethel Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; m. Catharine.

43. \_\_\_\_\_, Catharine, b. ca. 1789; d. 1863, Bethel Twp., Berks Co., Pa.



George Leisey (no. 28) and Mary Hummel (no. 29)

- 44. DANIEL, Andrew, b. Sept. 14, 1797, Mahanoy Twp., Northumberland Co., Pa.; d. Oct. 12, 1880, Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; bu. Trinity Church Cem.; m. Catharine Reber. Andrew Daniel; Henry Daniel (1754-1841) and Maria Magdalena Miller (1763-1823); Adam Daniel (1717-1777) and Barbara Kleist; Henry Daniel (b. 1675) and Magdalena Kleist; Jean Daniel (b. 1625) and Margaret Martin.
- 45. **REBER**, Catharine, b. Feb. 11, 1800; d. April 3, 1893, Berks Co., Pa.; bu. Trinity Church Cem. Catharine Reber; Jacob Reber (1760-1843) and Susanna Shade (1762-1844).
- 46. SCHELL, Peter, b. ca. 1783, Berks Co., Pa.; d. ca. 1841, Bethel Twp., Berks Co., Pa.; m. Eva Reed. Peter Schell; Peter Schell (1746-1797) and Mary Ann Wolf (1751-1812); Martin Schell (ca. 1715/20-1755) and Margreta Elizabetha
- 47. **REED**, Eva, b. Nov. 21, 1784, Berks Co., Pa.; d. Aug. 25, 1865, Berks Co., Pa. Eva Reed; Jacob Rieth (1751-1824) and Christina Berkheimer (d. 1845); Leonhard Rieth (1723-1803) and Elisabeth Knoll (1729-1797); Johann Leonhardt Rieth (ca. 1691-1747) and Anna Elisabeth Catharina \_\_\_\_\_; Johann Georg Rieth (ca.1652-ca. 1709) and Anna Catharina \_\_\_\_\_; Hans Riedt and Margaretha
- 48. **STOUFFER**, William W., b. ca. 1827, Berks Co., Pa.; d. Jan. 31, 1873, Harrisburg, Pa.; bu. Harrisburg Cem., Dauphin Co., Pa.; m.(1) Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_; m.(2) Sept. 9, 1855, Susanna Elizabeth Kunkleman.
- 49. KUNKLEMAN, Susanna Elizabeth, b. July 18, 1832, Berks Co., Pa.; d. Nov. 15, 1904, Harrisburg, Pa.; bu. Camp Hill Cem., Camp Hill, Cumberland Co., Pa. Susanna Elizabeth Kunkleman; John Kunkleman and Elizabeth
- 50. MATTER, Jacob, b. June 13, 1845, Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.; d. Sept. 15, 1917, Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.; bu. Lykens Cem., Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.; m. Jan. 21, 1866, Emma Elizabeth Maurer. Jacob Matter; Joseph Matter (1814-1857) and Anna Mary Yerges (1815-1893); John Jacob Matter (1790-1824) and Sarah Fisher (1789-1838); Johannes Matter (1755/59-1832) and Elizabeth Bergner (1762-1853); Johannes Matter (1732-1802) and Anna Barbara Arnhold; Johannes Matter (1692-1736) and Christina Keiser (1697-1741); Diebold Matter (1647/48-1728) and Margaretha Kueffer (1656-1726); Hans Matter (ca. 1614-1681) and Catharina (1616-1698).
- 51. **MAURER**, Emma Elizabeth, b. Dec. 21, 1847, Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; d. July 10, 1935, Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.; bu. Lykens Cem. Emma Elizabeth Maurer; Philip Maurer (b. ca. 1810) and Elizabeth Meyers (b. ca. 1812).
- 52. **BRUNSTETTER**, Jesse, b. Mar. 8, 1817; d. Nov. 22, 1888, Orange Twp., Columbia Co., Pa.; m. Emily Asenath Parker. Jesse Brunstetter; Solomon Brandstetter (1788-1862) and Maria \_\_\_\_\_ (1783-1862); John Jacob Brandstedter (b. 1748) and Maria Margaret Blos; Jacob Brandstaetter and Anna Magdalena Spitelmajer.
  - 53. PARKER, Emily Asenath, b. June 12, 1824,

- Hardwick, N.J.; d. July 22, 1905, Millville, Columbia Co., Pa. Emily Asenath Parker; Thomas Parker (1786-ca. 1866) and Mary Moore; Thomas Parker (ca. 1745-1806) and Susanna Lundy; Humphrey Parker and Tamer \_\_\_\_\_.
- 54. KLINE, Isaac, b. Mar. 31, 1840, Mt. Pleasant Twp., Columbia Co., Pa.; d. Feb. 23, 1926, Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa.; bu. St. Peter Cem., Columbia Co., Pa.; m. Aug. 13, 1863, Sarah Kitchen. Isaac Kline; Harman Kline (1778-1851) and Sarah Fox (1799-1848); Harman Kline (1760-1832) and Diana Robbins (1764-1838); Abraham Kline (1735-1828) and Charity Ann Kramer (1741-1824); Herman Kline (d. 1787).
- 55. **KITCHEN**, Sarah, b. Nov. 1, 1841, Millville, Columbia Co., Pa.; d. Dec. 23, 1922, Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa.; bu. St. Peter Cem. Sarah Kitchen; Henry Kitchen (1801-1863) and Elizabeth DeMott (1807-1853).
- 56. LEISEY, Levi, b. Feb. 23, 1835, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. Nov. 2, 1901, Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Old Union Cem., Myerstown; m. Oct. 6, 1859, Mary Ann Marshall. Levi Leisey; Peter Leisey (1802-1859) and Lydia Mellinger (1808-1892); Joseph Leise (1754-1826) and Sophia Snyder.
- 57. MARSHALL, Mary Ann, b. 1838; d. Jan. 4, 1916, Reinoehlsville, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Old Union Cem. Mary Ann Marshall; John Marshall (1794-1855) and Catharine (Laush?); Conrad Marshall (1769-1823) and Catharine Fernstler; Dietrich Marshall (1738-1814) and Julianna Hatt (1745-1822); Dietrich Marshall (d. 1784).
- 58. HUMMEL, Elias, b. Sept. 11, 1852; d. Oct. 9, 1920, Reinoehlsville, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Kimmerling Cem., N. Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; m.(1) Nov. 13, 1875, Eliza Fortna; m.(2) Amelia Oxenreider. Elias Hummel; William Hummel (1818-1891) and Catherine Fike (1820-1886); Samuel Hummel (1797-1885) and Maria Zehr (1798-1881).
- 59. FORTNA, Eliza, b. Feb. 10, 1848; d. July 12/13, 1889, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Kimmerling Cem. Eliza Fortna; Henry Fortna (1814-1883) and Eliza Kleiser (1820-1853); David Fortna (1769-1845) and Anna Maria Loeb (1777-1845); Johann Wendel Fortney (ca. 1736-ca. 1816) and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_\_; Johann David Fortney (1706-1780) and Elisabeth Catharina Britzius (1714-1774); Jonas Fortinet (1677-ca. 1750s) and Susanne Rosina Spohn (b. 1685); Jonas Fortineux (ca. 1650s-ca. 1702-09) and Sara Menton (ca. 1647-1715).
- 60. **ZEIGLER**, John, b. Apr. 16, 1830; d. Sept. 5, 1905, Lebanon Co., Pa.; bu. Quentin Cem., W. Cornwall Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; m.(1) Elizabeth Hartman; m.(2) Leah \_\_\_\_\_\_. John Zeigler; Philip Ziegler and \_\_\_\_\_\_. Rifine; John Ziegler (b. 1758) and Mary Stohler; Philip Ziegler (1734-1803) and Regina Requel (1730-1824).
- 61. **HARTMAN**, Elizabeth, b. 1824, d. 1877. Elizabeth Hartman; John Hartman (1788-1862) and Anna Maria Ream (1789-1863).
  - 62. BORDER, George.
  - 63. **BOESHORE**, Lydia. □

# **Tips**

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ERISMAN/DENLINGER: The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an 1881 English Bible. A loose sheet was two 1880 certificates of membership in the Reformed Church in Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa., for Frederick and Hettie Erisman.

Frederick Erisman, Jan. 3, 1821-May 28, 1909

m. Sept. 7, 1846, Hetty Ann Delinger (by Rev. Jacob Glassner); b. Feb. 10, 1830; d. Feb. 4, 1908

1. John D., Nov. 25, 1846-Aug. 1929

2. George D., Apr. 9, 1849-Mar. 1, 1933

3. Emma D., Dec. 13, 1853-Aug. 13, 19\_

4. Harry D., Apr. 25, 1856-May 1, 1922

5. Franklin D., Mar. 12, 1859-Oct. 18, 1877

6. Abraham D., Dec. 10, 1862-Mar. 29, 1864

7. Elmer D., June 19, 1865-June 18, 1944

8. Fanny D., May 6, 1868-Aug. 8, 1878

9. Maggie D., Sept. 7, 1872-Dec. 13, 1931

HALDEMAN: The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an 1828 Bible in German. Milton Haldeman (410 Hahnstown Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522) states that Daniel Haldeman was born in Chester Co, Pa., moved to Lancaster Co. ca. 1812, and died in Upper Leacock Twp.

Daniel Haldeman, d. Mar. 11, 1856, age 51.11.22

m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_, d. Mar. 30, 1886, age 76.4

1. Samuel, b. Mar. 8, 1830

2. Maryann, b. Jan. 10, 1832

3. Henry, Apr. 2, 1833-June 12, 1906

4. Fiana, b. June 30, 1835

5. Rebecca, b. Mar. 27, 1837

6 Catherine, b. Oct. 16, 1839

7. Jacob, Jan. 28, 1842-Aug. 30, 1917

8. Sarah, Aug. 27, 1844-Apr. 1917

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gable

9. Christina, b. June 14, 1847

10. Clementine, b. Aug. 8, 1849

11. John, Sept. 13, 1853-Feb. 4, 1883

12. Anna, b. Mar. 27, 1856

13. David, b. Mar. 9, 1857

GINGERICH/FUNK: The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an undated English Bible. The Bible was presented to Lydia Funk by her grandparents, Joseph and Lydia Smith in 1884.

Moses Gingerich; of Ebenezer, Lebanon Co., Pa.; b. Oct. 5, 1840 m. May 16, 1891, Lydia Funk, at Annville, Pa., by Rev. John Stamm; Lydia from Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Pa.; b. Sept. 16, 1856

1. Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1900

HERR/BRUBACHER: The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an 1805 German Bible published in Reading. The Genealogical Card File indi-

cates that these persons lived in Lancaster Co., Pa., and that parents of Martin Herr were Benjamin Herr and Hannah Withers.

Martin Herr, b. July 18, 1800; son of "father"; d. Sept. 23, 1840, at age 69.11.14; son of "mother"; d. July 5, 1831, at age 51.3.7. m. Feb. 19, 1824, Maria Brubacher; b. Feb. 25, 1806.

1. Elizabeth, Aug. 22, 1825-July 14, 1831

2. Susan, b. Sept. 6, 1827

3. Hannah, b. Oct. 27, 1829

4. Mary Ann, b. Apr. 28, 1832

5. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 4, 1834

6. Fronica, June 11, 1837-July 19, 1838

7. Magdalena, b. May 31, 1839

8. Martin, b. Nov. 8, 1841

9. Abraham, b. Aug. 21, 1845

**KENDIG/STEHMAN:** The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an undated English Bible. Abraham S. Kendig, b. Dec. 31, 1859-Apr. 29, 1936

m. Nov. 29, 1888, Hettie Witmer Stehman, in Lancaster, Pa.; b. Apr. 6, 1865; d. Oct. 4, 1941

1. Son, b. and d. Jan. 23, 1890

2. Annie S., July 3, 1892-Oct. 5, 1962

m. Ira K. Mann

3. Cora S., Oct. 7, 1894-Nov. 18, 1994

m. Mr. Hershey

4. Myra S., Mar. 21, 1896-Dec 22, 1990

m. Mr. Lehman

**LEFEVRE/HARTMAN:** The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an 1827 English Bible. The Bible also has entries (not included) for the children of Jacob Witmer and Sarah Lefevre, most likely made many years after those births.

George Lefevre, Apr. 22, 1771-Dec. 16, 1847

m. Apr. 25, 1796, Susannah Hartman; b. Mar. 18, 1774; d. Feb. 11, 1872

1. Nancy, b. Apr. 26, 1797

2. Sarah, b. Feb. 15, 1799

[m. Jacob Witmer]

3. Abraham, b. July 6, 1803

4. George, Nov. 15, 1810-Apr. 22, 1852

5. Christian, b. Jan. 24, 1813

**MANN/KAUFFMAN:** The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an undated English Bible. See related **KENDIG** entry above.

1 George Washington Seitz Mann, Feb. 22, 1861-Aug. 27, 1950 m. June 24, 1883, Annie Hoover Kauffman, at Millersville, Pa., by Rev. Abraham B. Markley; b. Oct. 26, 1862; d.

Aug. 28, 1945

11 Ira K. Mann, Dec. 19, 1883-May 8, 1937

m. Nov. 29, 1917, Annie S. Kendig, at Millersville, by Rev. D. H. Lehman; b. July 3, 1892; d. Oct. 5, 1962; dau. of Abraham S. Kendig and Hettie W. Stehman

111 Esther K. Mann, Oct. 31, 1918-May 27, 1919

112 Edith K. Mann, Feb. 24, 1921

113 Helen K. Mann, b. Sept. 20, 1922

114 Anna K. Mann, b. Nov. 21, 1923

115 George K. Mann, Mar. 22, 1925-Nov. 18, 1994

116 Cora K. Mann, b. Aug. 20, 1926

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117 Martha K. Mann, b. Dec. 17, 1929 118 Kathryn Mae Mann, b. May 8, 1932 12 Amelia K., July 27, 1887-Oct. 26, 1912 13 Benjamin K., Dec. 3, 1890-Nov. 1, 1961

**WALLACE:** The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an 1824 English Bible.

James Wallace, d. Oct. 4, 1864, at age 80.6.19

m. Aug. 28, 1821, Mary \_

- 1. Martha Ann, b. Sept. 28, 1822
- 2. Margaret, b. Oct. 2, 1824
- 3. Sarah, b. Oct. 6, 1826
- 4. Mary, b. Mar. 25, 1829
- 5. William, b. May 19, 1831
- 6. Dau., b. Nov. 4, 1833
- 7. Emily, b. Apr. 30, 1836; d. Sept. 23, 1863, at age 27.5.7. m. Mar. 3, 1863, Henry A. Bitner
- 8. Lydia, b. Apr. 13, 1839

m. Dec. 31, 1863, Emanuel Burkholder

9. James Reynolds, b. Jan. 2, 1842

m. Dec. 13, 1864, Adaline Cressler

10. Laura, b. May 11, 1845

11. George Washington, b. Apr. 18, 1848, d. May 29, 1862, as soldier.

**ZELL/HAND:** The following information was abstracted from a photocopy at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society of an undated English Bible. The bracketed information was obtained from a copy of a newspaper obituary found loose in the Bible.

Edwin Morrison Zell

m. Oct. 8, 1863, Abi Hand [b. Sept. 1828; d.Mar. 20, 1883, Little Britain Twp. Lancaster Co., Pa.]; m. by Rev. Robert Alexander

- 1. Dora, b. and d. June 11, 1868
- 2. Edwin, b. July 26, 18\_\_

## Queries

Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage will publish members' historical and genealogical queries free of charge, as space permits. Genealogical queries must include a name, a date, and a location. Send materials to Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602-1499.

HALDEMAN: What were the children's names of Catharine Haldeman (Mar. 20, 1793-Nov. 15, 1866), dau. of Christopher and Catharine Haldeman? She m. Jacob Snyder, son of Peter and Mary (Longnecker) Snyder. She is bu. Kraybill Mennonite Cem., Lancaster Co., Pa.

Milton S. Haldeman 410 Hahnstown Road Ephrata, PA 17522

LONG/BROWN: I seek information on Edith Irene Long (b. 1880) who m. Mar. 26, 1902, in Lancaster, J. Willis Brown (b. 1879). They had three ch.: Harold, George, and Gladys. Edith was living in Lancaster in 1960.

William R. Long, Sr. 3110 Whitemarsh Circle Farmers Branch, TX 75234

MARTIN: What is the birthdate, immigration date, bu. location, names of parents, and other information regarding William Martin (b. Cork, Ireland; d. Jan. 18, 1824, Hinkletown, Earl Twp., Lancaster, Co., Pa.)? His wife was Nancy Burkholder and ch.: Isaac B. (1822-1910) and Mary (1824-1919).

Ray Martin 1169 Lydia Lane Fallbrook, CA 92028-1622

MEYER/MOYERS/MEIER: Was there a connection to the Pennsylvania counties of Lancaster and York for Peter Moyers who had a land grant (Nov. 10, 1757) in Augusta Co. on the South Branch of the Potomac (Va./W.Va.)? He lived in Highland Co., Va., Pendeleton Co., W.Va., and Page Co., Va. His ch. were Polly, Martin, Peter, Jr., Philip, Jacob, Mary, Lewis, Sr., George, Charlotte. Allied families were Huffman and Judy/Tschudi. A Henry Myers, son of Jacob of York Co. (Will 1-79) also lived on the South Branch as early as 1757. A Peter Moyer signed a Confessions of Faith at Dordrecht, Holland, in 1632. He may be connected to Martin Meyer (b. 1658, Kirchdorf, Aargau, Switzerland).

Grace R. Smith 5520 18th Road, North Arlington, VA 22205-3001

MORRISSEY: Was Stephen Morrissey (1792-1852) of Saratoga Co., New York, son of William Morrissey (m. 1791, Catherine Long, at Rock of Cashel, Ireland)?

Richard Morrissey 28656 Murrieta Road Sun City, CA 92586

**PIFER:** I seek information on Eileen Pifer (b. 1926), dau. of Glen Ilyus Pifer and Jule Goldman, on Anna Jean Pifer (b. 1921) and Majorie Pifer (b. 1926), daus. of Harry C. and Rose (Baker) Pifer.

Doris E. (Herr) Olson 20396 State Line Avenue Asbury, MO 64832-9148

**SUDER:** I seek information on ancestors of Susan R. Suder (b. Mar. 17, 1904, Conemaugh Twp., Cambria Co., Pa.), dau. of Charles H. Suder (Dec. 23, 1873-Mar. 27, 1975) and Tensie Melissa Noon (Dec. 9, 1876-July 17, 1908). Tensie's mother was Susan Amelia Cover (June 23, 1847-Oct. 15, 1910), dau. of Samuel Cover and Frances Broover Skeen.

Tracy Karrer 4375 Raleigh Avenue #204 Alexandria, VA 22304

#### **Book Reviews**

"They Harry the Good People Out of the Land:" Essays on the Persecution, Survival and Flourishing of Anabaptists and Mennonites, by John S. Oyer. Edited by John D. Roth. Goshen, Indiana: Mennonite Historical Society, 2000. xix + 331 pages. \$12.00.

At the time of John Oyer's death in 1998 in Goshen, Indiana, he had completed many of the essays that appear in this volume. Oyer's friends and colleagues under the leadership of John Roth carried through the final editing of the remainder of the essays, and James Stayer provided the introduction (pp. xiii-xix) to this fitting tribute to a man who had become the dean of ecumenical Mennonite scholarship. Although I was not privileged to have known Oyer personally, I did have the good fortune once to receive his gracious and critical response to my presentation of Luther's theological anthropology. 1 Oyer's critical commitment to the best elements of his own Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition coupled with his thorough familiarity with the primary sources of the sixteenth-century Reformations enabled his empathetic critiques of other traditions. His critical but irenical spirit is evident from his first major academic work, Lutheran Reformers Against the Anabaptists (1964), through his twenty-five years as editor of Mennonite Quarterly Review.

The volume consists of five parts. In Part I, "Anabaptist Beginnings," three essays focus on the condemnations and persecutions of sixteenth-century Anabaptists and their development of an "underground church." Part II, "From Anabaptists to Mennonites," traces the course of the Mennonite tradition into the eighteenth century. Those interested in Oyer's discussion of van Braght's famous martyrology, Martyrs' Mirror, and its illustrator, Jan Luyken (chs. 5-6), may wish to pursue the theme in the recent study by Brad Gregory, Salvation at Stake.2 Chapter 7 analyses a lengthy (692 pages!) and tedious Swiss Reformed polemic against the Mennonites of Bern with the perspective that polemics can also provide credible source material. Part III, "Contemporary Themes," consists of three interesting chapters on Amish theology (or lack thereof), the significance of Menno Simons, and a fascinating detective story of the recovery of a number of the original copper plates etched by Luyken for the Martyrs' Mirror. Part IV, "Personal Essays," recounts Oyer's experience as a conscientious objector during World War II, and his reflection, "Why I Am a Mennonite."

Part V, "The Anabaptists in Esslingen," a mini-monograph of some 130 pages, describes and analyses this south German Anabaptist community from its origins in 1527 to the beginning of the Thirty Years' War in 1618. As Stayer mentions, this "extraordinarily thorough analysis" is, for historians, the "most important piece in this collection" (p. xiii). The volume concludes with a bibliography of Oyer's writings.

The potpourri of subjects in this collection precludes remarks on individual chapters. What is of interest to this Lutheran reviewer is Oyer's frequent highlighting of the perennial tension among the Reformation communities between justification and sanctification. For the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition, the Lutheran deficit is perceived as an exclusive focus upon justification at the expense of a new Christian life of discipleship. Luther's emphasis that salvation is received not achieved, especially when polemically formulated as in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians ("We can be saved without love . . ., but not without pure doctrine and faith."),3 is at best a puzzle and at worst a scandal for those communities that emphasize "rules for daily living" (p. 54), "purity of life" and morality (p. 87). Oyer's sympathies and commitments are obviously with the latter, but he is also sensitive to a "semi-Pelagian direction" (p. 121) attendant upon an understanding of salvation in terms of "obedience to the commands of God as given and exemplified . . . in the Sermon on the Mount" (p. 122).

Oyer's views on these tensions are expressed in his reflections on his appropriation of his Mennonite tradition. "I began life as a 'good' boy. . . . Later I came to realize the seriousness of my Christian problem: how can a 'good' boy become a Christian? I began to understand the shape of the problem when I studied the teachings of Paul, its size when I studied the insights of Luther" (p. 181). I think that precisely because Oyer was faithful to his own tradition, he did not exempt it from his critical biblical perspectives, while celebrating it as well as elements of other traditions as witnesses to the gospel.

<sup>1</sup>See John S. Oyer, "Luther and the Anabaptists on simul iustus et peccator and the New Creature" in Luther's Ecumenical Significance: An Interconfessional Consultation, edited by Peter Manns and Harding Meyer in collaboration with Carter Lindberg and Harry McSorley (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984), pp. 215-21. Only the German version of Oyer's response is listed in the bibliography of his writings included in the volume under review.

<sup>2</sup>Brad S. Gregory, Salvation at Stake: Christian Martyrdom in Early Modern Europe (Cambridge, Ma.: Harvard University Press, 1999).

<sup>3</sup>Luther's Works (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1964), vol. 27, p. 41.

—Carter Lindberg, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

Beyond Philadelphia: The American Revolution in the Pennsylvania Hinterland, edited by John B. Frantz and William Pencak (University Park, Pa.: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1999), xxv + 273 pages.

Published accounts of the American Revolution long emphasized political issues or concentrated on events in Philadelphia. A group of Penn State historians set out to remedy the situation with a series of nine essays on the effect the Revolution had beyond Philadelphia. The editors proposed covering the level of participation of those "who supported and who opposed the war," and the impact of the Revolution on social, economic and political life. County and township studies permit a level of analysis deeper than study on a broader scale; contributors

used tax lists and church records in determining the socioeconomic, ethnic, and religious background of Revolutionary leaders. They identify a determined minority who acted decisively, imposing their will on a disorganized majority.

Summing up his insightful chapter on Bucks County, Owen S. Ireland wrote: "In this county's internal revolution of 1776, one ethnic-religious-based elite displaced another ethnic-religious-based elite. The violent vanquished the peaceful, 'the few' triumphed over 'the many,' and untold numbers suffered in a war fought ostensibly to protect liberty from tyranny" (p. 45).

Rosemary Warden found confirmation in Chester County for Ireland's case for "ethnic and religious identity as the crucial indicator of support for the [Pennsylvania] constitution of 1776" (p. 208). Her essay is a case study of the success of Scots-Irish Presbyterians in replacing Quaker political leaders and the political opposition created by their program.: "In Chester County the test oath and the attempts of the militia to deny non-Associators voting rights were grievances shared by more than half the population" (p. 20).

Since ethnic and religious identity is recognized in every essay as determinative for political choices, it demands a more thorough treatment. Karen Guenther's chapter successfully presents a fully-nuanced picture of the religious mosaic in Berks County and the response of Amish, Quakers, Mennonites and others to demands for military service. Eugene Slaski understands the ambiguous position of Lehigh Valley Moravians and the unequivocal support given the Revolution by German Reformed folk. Rosemary Warden and Owen Ireland acknowledge the differences among Quakers in their essays on Bucks and Chester counties, but the situation of Mennonites "and other German sectarians" is unexplored. Ireland's observation that Lutherans "remained ambivalent, cautious, and on the sidelines as long as possible" (p.44) needs elaboration.

Although several contributors to *Beyond Philadelphia* find that a majority did not support the Revolution, the composition and motivation of this group is less closely analyzed. Since "non-associators" (who failed to enlist in the voluntary military associations prior to passage of the Militia Act in 1777) and "non-jurors" (who neglected to take the oath of allegiance prescribed by the Test Act also in 1777) are categories in every township's tax lists, this is not an impossible task. Such analysis, even of a sampling of townships in each county, would help refine a category which in some essays includes "Quakers, pacifist Germans, active and passive loyalists, and Anti-Constitutionalists" or "Quakers, pacifists, loyalists and feisty individuals" who oppose the wartime measures of the new elite (pp. 20, 33).

The sheer numbers of the disaffected require explanation. In his essay on York County, for example, Paul Doutrich noted: "In Yorktown, only one quarter of the eligible voters took the [1777 test] oath; throughout the rest of the county, less than 20 percent confirmed the pledge"

(p. 102). The motives of four of every five York Countians deserve the same attention as those of the small minority who pledged allegiance to the new government.

History, even revisionist history, is written by the victors or at least by those who want to identify with the winning side. Nineteenth-century county historians, on whom some of these essayists excessively rely, found few dissenters from the Patriot cause within their bounds. Even some recent county histories fall into this bias, such as the one which has the misleading statement that "although 4,821 [Lehigh] valley residents took the oath, among the fifty-nine who refused a majority were Mennonites or Moravians" (p. 61). In fact, under the Test Act of 1777 only "suspicious persons" brought "into open court" could "refuse" the oath; the very large numbers taxed in every county as "non-jurors" did not take what was in fact a voluntary oath and accepted the consequences.

Active Loyalists get short shrift in *Beyond Philadelphia*. Col. William Rankin and Rev. Daniel Batwell "wisely left" York County. Efforts by Batwell and others to rally backcountry Loyalists within Cumberland County are presented as unverified claims by the protagonists. Tim Blessing went further in his ground-breaking essay on the Upper Juniata Valley, finding "evidence that 'loyalist' populations did exist, with their centers in the more recently settled regions." Ireland and Warden acknowledge "a significant number of active loyalists" in Bucks and Chester counties.

Failure to include Lancaster County and the rural townships of Philadelphia County that became Montgomery County in 1784 is unfortunate. One finds a few careless errors. Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe, not Robert Simcoe (p. 39), commanded the Queen's Rangers (and afterwards served as Governor of Upper Canada). Few Irish names (p. 69) are found on the registers of the Catholic parish at Goshenhoppen (now Bally); like other Berks County churches, it was primarily German-speaking.

The editors provide an introductory chapter on "Pennsylvania and Its Three Revolutions" and an afterword setting "Pennsylvania's Revolutions in Their Broader Contexts." A reviewer can agree with William Pencak's closing summation: "Our book on Pennsylvania supports an interpretation of an American Revolution that varied greatly from place to place and re-created itself afresh as it went along" and that consequently "the historiography of the Revolution also requires an ongoing process of examination and readjustment" (p. 198).

Beyond Philadelphia is an admirable retelling of the different histories of the Revolution in Pennsylvania in an accessible style. It also reflects the latest scholarship and an inevitable starting point for the next generation of academic scholars and local history enthusiasts.

—Richard K. MacMaster, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

The Hammer Rings Hope: Photos and Stories from Fifty Years of Mennonite Disaster Service, by Lowell Detweiler. Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2000. 184 pages. Hardbound. \$20.00.

Mennonites have become known as a people who respond in the name Christ to disasters. Every North American Mennonite has probably heard of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and either has participated or knows someone who has participated in an MDS response. So an amply-illustrated book with many color photographs on its history should have several kinds of utility, surely another Mennonite expectation! Lowell Detweiler spent 12 years as MDS Director and two years preparing this book. Peter J. Dyck, who wrote the forward, and a number of other Mennonite leaders are quoted either briefly or at length in the narrative.

Detweiler tells the story of MDS by compiling interesting pieces on specific MDS responses and how both participants' and victims' lives have been influenced. The narrative begins with the tornado that hit Hesston, Kansas, in 1990 and features the family of Kirk and Jean Alliman, then president of Hesston College, whose home was destroyed. It is a moving story about suffering and caring in the same Mennonite community that was the birthplace of MDS about 40 years earlier. Other stories include the first MDS (then called MSO/Mennonite Service Organization) response, a flood in Witchita, Kansas. John Diller of Hesston, Kansas, served as the first coordinator. Major responses chronicled in the book include the Palm Sunday tornadoes (1965), hurricanes Agnes (1972) and Andrew (1992), and the Red River floods (1997) in the Dakotas and southern Manitoba.

This broad story line is interspersed with chapters on organizational origins and development. In the late 1940s young veterans of Civilian Public Service (CPS) reflected in their Sunday school classes on their role in the post-war setting. When circumstances called for help, they acted on their belief that service to the broader society was as relevant in a time of peace as in an earlier time of war, when such service was obligatory rather than voluntary. It is implicitly clear that the roots of MDS reached into the ferment of the CPS experience for spiritual, social, intellectual, and organizational nourishment.

The key to the development of MDS occurred when local, regional and national Mennonite leaders recognized and nurtured the organizing potential in local disaster responses without smothering them. Capable local people initiated these responses among their neighbors and fellow church members in a context that already valued unpaid service. Detweiler traces how larger Mennonite structures such as Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), with headquarters in Akron, Pennsylvania, provided broader organizing and governance assistance. In order to protect the broader structures as well as to empower local and regional initiatives, MDS and MCC have fashioned a fluid and mutually supportive relationship over the years. The valuable role that MDS has played both in the life of the church and for communities in need is a strong argument that this relationship with MCC took the right turns.

The organizational development of MDS has evolved into a regional and local system of volunteers. They use modern electronic and communication technologies to

track disasters, communicate where and when workers are needed, and manage the disaster response. One telling illustration (p. 143) shows older volunteers in a computer class as a part of MDS leadership training. Church youth groups also bring a vital presence to many MDS projects. This story of MDS reaching into congregational life may contain lessons for both other congregations and church structures.

As with much writing by Mennonites about Mennonites, one finds a tendency to downplay or totally ignore public policy and its implications. One sidebar describes how the U.S. tries to control flooding by constructing massive river levees, while Canada builds ring dykes around properties that need protection (p. 89). By identifying the difference in public policy, analysis is implied but not presented. The book also describes MDSrelated efforts to help victims deal with official agencies and the household and business implications of having their lives so seriously interrupted by disasters. However, who suffers how much from disasters is very much influenced by public policy decisions in advance of actual disasters. Such a book on direct service to people in need may not be the appropriate forum for such a discussion, but that discussion should have a relevant forum somewhere. Just as Mennonites expect their financial resources to be used wisely, their resource of influence, enhanced by the work of MDS, should also be used to positively impact the same people whom their direct assistance helps.

This volume has many stories about people who have suffered in disasters and people who have been helped. The reader hears stories of responses where MDS volunteers worked with racial and other minorities, intentionally focusing on the poorest victims least likely to be served. The strongest stories describe relationships built in the experience of helping others. Many MDS responses have fostered new relationships between traditional white Germanic-origin Mennonites offering help to people from minority groups whose lives have been wounded by disaster. MDS workers often experienced growth and fulfillment which they did not know they either needed or could have hoped to gain. With Saint Francis, MDS volunteers learn that it is in giving that we receive.

This book can serve to initiate conversation with friends and other visitors about who Mennonites are and what they do in the world. For those who have participated in MDS responses, the book recognizes their efforts either directly or indirectly and thereby offers an opportunity to recall and relate their experiences. Numerous stories could be used as examples in sermons or other presentations. The book has numerous photographs, many brief sidebar stories, and understandable timeline charts (pp. 176-180) which show the significant responses by region, state, and province. I sense that the book was written primarily to edify people already committed to and practicing the ideals of MDS. It serves this purpose well.

—Joseph A. Sprunger, Metuchen, New Jersey

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